LIGHT PLANT PETITION FAILS

Falls 600 Signatures Short of Number Required to Place It on Ballot—Kellaher Threatens to Mandamus City Auditor.

City Auditor Barbur's deputies last night completed the work of checking over the Kellaher petition for a municipal light plant and found it be be 600 signatures short of the number required by law to secure it a place on the ballot. The auditor considered only registered voters in making his count.

Mr. Kellaher said this morning, when informed of the result of the auditor's work, that his petition would go "before the people all right." It was signed by 3,400 people, he says, and he is positive that out of that number there were 2,500 legal voters. The mere fact that some of the signers are not registered, he declares, will make no difference. He contends that a man is a legal voter if his vote can be sworn in on election day.

He said he would see that the auditor placed the petition on the ballot and hinted that he would mandamus the official if Mr. Barbur persists in refusing to do it.

The city auditor repeated this morning a statement that he has made several times before, when he asserted that he would not place any initiative petition on the ballot if he finds that there are not enough registered voters among the signers. If he should order any such measure put upon the ballot, its opponents would have a right to enjoin him, so whichever step he takes there will be complications that he thinks the courts must settle.

The Kellaher petition provides for an amendment to the charter by which an electric power and light commission of three is elected by the people and a bond issue of $2,000,000 authorized for the purpose of installing a municipal plant.

The men to form the first commission are Dan McAllen, W. L. Morgan and C. A. Bigelow, leading business men and property owners of the east side. Their terms of office are to be two, four and six years respectively, and thereafter each commissioner elected is to hold office for six years and one is to be elected every two years.

BEGIN SURVEY NEXT WEEK

Promoters of Portland to Butte Electric Road Announce Their Plans.

Field work will be commenced on the proposed Portland, Baker City & Butte electric railway next week, C. D. Charles, financial manager of the road, has contracted with an engineering firm to start two crews on the survey from Portland to the Deschutes Monday morning. Two additional crews will be placed in the Central Oregon territory within a few days. It is estimated that the survey from Portland to the Deschutes will be completed within two months.

The surveyors will run a line from Portland southeast through Clackamas county and the Warmspring Indian reservation to a point on the Deschutes opposite the mouth of Trout creek. The distance is 107 miles and the road is said to have some of the best passes through the mountains between Willamette and Deschutes valleys.

Government permission has been secured for a period of five years, to build the proposed electric railroad through the Warmspring reservation, this permission having been obtained before the articles of incorporation were filed in order to insure secrecy for the plans of the promoters of the line.

The articles of incorporation state that from the Deschutes the road will run east and north to Burnt Ranch in Wheeler county, east and southeast from there through Wheeler and Grant counties to Baker City, Or.

The plans of the Portland, Baker City & Butte to build into the John Day, and the fact that surveys are to begin at once, assumes especial interest because of the announcement that the Sumpter Valley railroad, which runs from Baker City west to Austin, in Grant county, is to extend the present season to Prairie City, Canyon City and the John Day country. A subscription of $30,000 has been made by John Day ranchers to assure the construction of the road through the valley at once.

The activity of both the proposed Portland-Baker City-Butte line and the Sumpter Valley road would suggest the probability that there will be an east and west line across Oregon, closely following the old Dalles Military road some time before Harriman can get busy on the east and west road that he has often said he thought of building.

The promoters of both roads are meeting with the active opposition of the Harriman interests and every step of the way is being contested by Harriman representatives. So far, however, the Sumpter valley line has prospered and the promoters of the Portland-Baker City electric state that they are in the fight to stay and expect to have construction work begun before next fall.

HEARING ORDERED ON THE WOOL RATES

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., April 24.—In addition to the notice sent out the other day to the railroad companies, that a reduction in interstate rates on wool must be made or a complaint to the interstate commerce commission will be made, the commission today issued a notice of hearing to be held to determine the reasonableness of interstate rates on wool and wool waste, now enforced by the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Southern Pacific. The hearing will be held at Salem Thursday, May 13.

The rate complained of is designated in the tariffs as western classification, at No. 45. The matter has been taken up on the commission's own motion after an investigation that has decided the members as to the advisability of carrying on further examination of the wool rates.

INTRODUCES ANOTHER BUILDING ORDINANCE

D. L. Williams introduced another building ordinance through the health and police committee yesterday morning. The committee sent it to the council without recommendation. The ordinance provides for an amendment to the code whereby only one stairway may be required from the second story of a certain class of apartment houses to the ground floor.

JUDGE HUNT COMING HERE

Montana Jurist to Hear New Trial Motion in Hall Case.

United States District Judge William Hunt of Montana will reach Portland April 29 to hear the arguments in a motion for a new trial in the John H. Hall land fencing case. Tracy C. Becker, representing the United States, will also reach Portland in time to be present at the argument and present the cause of the government in the absence of Francis J. Heney, who prosecuted the case at its first trial.

Word has been received in the city that Judge Hunt will be in Portland on the date indicated, and will open court here April 30. He will hear the motion for a new trial in the Hall case either that day or the following day, May 1. John H. Hall, the defendant, will be represented by Judge Webster, who will argue the motion for a new trial on behalf of Mr. Hall.

The John H. Hall case was the last of the Heney land fraud cases to be tried in the federal court. In it Mr. Hall was charged, together with W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks and a number of other defendants, with having entered into a conspiracy to suborn perjury by inducing people to swear falsely to land entry affidavits in the Wheeler county district. All of the defendants, except Mr. Hall, went over to the side of the government and testified for Heney during the course of the trial.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and from this verdict the defendant appealed, making a motion for a new trial on the ground of error on the part of Judge Hunt, the presiding judge, and on the ground that evidence was admitted which should not have been allowed before the jury as well as evidence excluded which had been offered by the defense, which should have been permitted to go.

Judge Hunt, following the argument of the motion here, will go to San Francisco, to sit on the circuit bench in the sessions of the United States circuit court of appeals there.

FANS NUISANCE SAY MERCHANTS

Petition Mayor to Prevent Crowds Gathering Around the Bulletin Boards.

A petition to Mayor Lane and the executive board dated April 13 and filed with the city auditor today asks that arrangements be made with the police department to prevent baseball fans from congregating around Schiller's cigar store on Sixth and Washington streets. The document is signed by the following merchants whose establishments are in tha vicinity: Phillips Shoe Co., Vegetarian cafe, Blumauer Photo Supply Co., G. Frank Moffett, Portland Trunk company.

Complaint is made that all last summer the crowds of diamond enthusiasts blocked the sidewalk and street in front of Schiller's to watch the bulletin boards during the progress of baseball games and thus caused serious injury to the business of the petitioners by driving customers to the other side of the street.

Following is the concluding statement made by the signers of the complaint:

"We would therefore respectfully ask you to have such measures taken by the police force as to keep this corner in decent condition during the coming baseball season so that the collection of mobs on the corner, the use of profane language, loud talking and betting, which sends decent pedestrians to the other side of the street and as far away as they can get from our places of business, may this season be avoided."

JOE DAY ET AL GET FIRST BLOOD

Court Sustains Demurrer to City's Answer in ex-Detectives' Case.

Sustaining the demurrer of the plaintiffs to the answer of Chief Gritzmacher to their complaint, Judge Gantenbein in the circuit court has sustained the contention that the police chief had no authority to reduce Joseph Day, L. G. Carpenter, F. F. Snow and Joseph Resing from the rank of detectives to ordinary patrolmen.

This ruling is made in the case brought by the detectives to restrain the chief from forcing them into the ranks after they were restored to duty by the decision of the circuit court. It is based on the fact that Day and the others took the civil service examination as detectives and were appointed before the reclassification of officers in 1905.

Judge Gantenbein intimated that officers who have been appointed as detectives since the reclassification do not stand in the same position as the four detectives who were restored to their positions after being discharged by Mayor Lane. The later appointees may be put in uniform and placed on patrol duty at the pleasure of the chief, although they took the examination for detectives.

MARION JAIL INMATE TRIES TO END LIFE

Salem, Or., April 24.—Steffen Auer, a German, attempted to commit suicide last night, in the Marion county jail by hanging himself from the door of his cell with a nine foot bed sheet. Auer had been adjudged insane during the afternoon by County Judge Bushey. He was brought to the county seat from Mount Angel. After the attempt at suicide Auer was committed to the asylum.

FORECASTER PREDICTS SHOWERS TONIGHT

District Forecaster Beals of the weather bureau stated this morning that the rainfall for the month of April is now 1.80 inches short of the normal for the month and fully seven inches short for the season beginning September 1.

Rain is predicted for tonight, but the indications are not very strong and the showers may pass to the northward instead. The cool weather is steadily increasing the prospects for high water when warmer weather sets in, and District Forecaster Beals says he would not be surprised to see the Willamette reach the level of Front street in June.

SAYS HUSBAND SLAPPED HER

Mrs. M. F. Donahae Asks Divorce—C. H. Bruce Also Sues.

Alleging that he frequently struck, beat and slapped her, Alma P. Donahae has sued for divorce from M. F. Donahae, to whom she was married in Baker City in May, 1903. She says that he brutally kicked her on April 14 of this year.

Mrs. Donahae states that her husband owns real estate worth $15,000, consisting of lots in Ladd's addition and Walnut Park. She asks for one-third of the real property, alimony of $100 per month for herself, $50 per month for the support of their five year old child, for $300 suit money, for an injunction restraining Donahae from disposing of any of his property, a restraining order preventing his visiting her, and the custody of the child.

Complaining that she cursed him and told him she would rather die than live in the same house with him, C. H. Bruce has begun suit for separation from Dora Ann Bruce. He also charges that she deserted him in February, 1908. They were married in Portland in November, 1903.

Bertha Rieg has sued for divorce from J. M. Rieg. They were married in Portland in June, 1903, and she charges that he left her in July, 1906.

SELECTS ROOMS FOR ROSE SHOW

Local Society Will Make Exhibit This Year in California Building.

After spending most of yesterday morning examining available rooms for the annual Rose Show, Mrs. John W. Minto, president of the Portland Rose society, and the advisory board of the society yesterday afternoon selected the California building at the fair grounds as the place for holding the show next June. Both Mrs. Minto and the members of the board are greatly elated over securing the building, as it will be very easy to decorate, and owing to its shape will be very handsome when decorated. The contract was signed yesterday afternoon.

The California building is just back of the Forestry building at the fair grounds, and is built in the shape of a Greek cross. It is 200x200 feet in size and will have more display space than either the Oriental or Forestry buildings. Situated as it is near the Forestry, it is intended to have the Forestry building kept open as an added attraction.

DOUGLAS WILL ESCAPE PRISON

Is Convicted of Embezzling Only $25 From Thiels—May Go to Jail.

After 47 hours spent in deliberation, the jury in the case of W. E. Douglas late yesterday afternoon returned a verdict finding him guilty of embezzling $25 from the Thief detective agency, instead of $4498, as was charged. This means that he cannot be sentenced to the penitentiary, but may be fined and sent to jail from 30 days to one year. He has been in the county jail for seven months.

The finding of the verdict came within an hour after Judge Morrow had called the jury before him and urged it to arrive at some understanding. He called attention to the expense of the trial, to the time that Douglas has spent in jail, and to the fact that this was the second trial of an unusually long case.

Next Monday afternoon was fixed as the time for sentence. The trial consumed 11 days.

LOTAN SAYS HE WILL APPEAL

Deputy City Auditor Merely Awaits Proper Filing of Charges.

W. S. Lotan, the deputy auditor who was suspended by City Auditor Barbur for his connection with the mutilation of the excise board petition, announced this morning that he would appeal to the civil service commission for reinstatement as soon as charges have been properly filed against him.

The city auditor sent a copy of the charges to Secretary McIntosh of the commission, but neglected to serve one on Lotan. The law requires that the original charges must be served on the deposed official first and a duplicate of these sent to the civil service commission. Mr. Barbur will at once take steps to rectify his error.

In his letter to the civil service commission the auditor states that he suspended Lotan for admitting certain individuals into the city hall at night and permitting them to take public documents from the vaults and mutilate them.

BIG PORT GAMBLE MILL SHUTS DOWN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Port Townsend, Wash., April 24.—The Port Gamble sawmill of the Puget Mill company today closed down for an indefinite period because of inactivity in the lumber market. This is the first shut down of the plant since it was built, 56 years ago. The operations of the company have been identified with the pioneer developments of Puget sound. Its plant at Port Gamble grew from the modest and crude equipment of early times to one of the largest on the Pacific coast.

Stolen.

From The Journal office, Fifth and Yamhill streets, a National bicycle, No. 643560. Bicycle is six months old, has dark blue frame, blue striped rims, good tires, narrow coaster brake, extension handlebars, bell and toolbag without any tools in it. Wheel was stolen from The Journal office between 5 and 6 o'clock on Friday evening, April 16. Five dollars reward will be given for any information leading to location of wheel or thief. Address Journal office, or phone Main 7173 or A-6051.

Even a blind man could pick out a good lot at Gregory Heights. See ad. on page 5.

STATE ANSWERS IN FINCH CASE

Contends Lawyer Was Clearly and Fairly Convicted of Murder.

That the state of Oregon "proved beyond peradventure of a doubt that James A. Finch was guilty of a cold-blooded, cowardly murder," is the final sentence of the brief prepared by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald for the perusal of the state supreme court in the appeal that is now pending.

The brief has been printed, and Jeffrey & Lenon, representing Finch, who is under sentence of death for killing Ralph B. Fisher last November, have 10 days in which to file a reply. Mr. Jeffrey this morning said he had not decided as to whether he would file a reply. The case will soon be ready for argument and submission to the higher tribunal.

Referring to the contention of the defendant's counsel that it is unconstitutional to take a man's life in Oregon because the object of the law is reformatory, the brief says:

"No authorities are cited by the appellant in favor of this contention, and we doubt that any court ever held such a doctrine. It has always been conceded that some persons and especially assassins are beyond reformation in this life, and it seems rather strange that it has taken 50 years to make the discovry that the punishment prescribed by the laws of Oregon for murder in the first degree is unconstitutional."

Attorneys Jeffrey and Lenon are handed a little hot shot on their argument that Finch did not have competent counsel to defend him when he was tried before Judge Bronaugh. Here it is:

"The record shows that the appellant is himself an attorney, and had other attorneys engaged with him in his defense. There is nothing in the record to show that these attorneys were incompetent, or that they were at all neglectful of the rights of the appellant. They have all been admitted to the bar by this court, and the presumption is that they have all the learning, skill and qualifications necessary.

"Furthermore, a comparison of the record made by counsel in the court below (referring to Lord, Piggott, Holcomb and Campbell with that of counsel in this court, will convince this court that the appellant was just as ably defended in the court below as he is in the court above."

INSURGENTS WIN BY THREE VOTES

Miss Mary V. Wilcox of Tennessee Recording Secretary of D. A. R.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 24.—Miss Mary V. Wilcox of Tennessee, of the so-called "insurgent" party, this afternoon was declared elected recording secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Wilcox polled 435 votes, three more than the number necessary to elect.

The tellers reported that no candidate for the position of corresponding secretary had received a majority of the votes cast, and another ballot will be required.

WALLACE CLAIMS ODD MONOPOLIES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wallace, Idaho, April 24.—Wallace, one of the richest little cities in the northwest, the metropolis of the rich Couer d'Alene mining district, enjoys a unique distinction in that there is no barbers' union here. The tonsorial artists say they can see no real reason for such an organization. The owners of the different shops pay from $5 to $10 per week more as a guarantee to the barbers than the scale of any union in the country. The hours are better, the shops opening later and closing earlier. The price of a hair cut is 50 cents in every shop in the city with one exception.

The boarding houses are also in a class by themselves. It is usual for the management of these places to be always looking for new boarders. At least two boarding houses in this city have a long waiting list of people who went to get the first chance to secure board.

There are plenty of rooms, several fine hotels and apartment houses having been built, but there are few people who have time to cook in this lively town in competition with the restaurants, which are among the best in the west. Hence the man who desires home cooking enters his name on the waiting list and awaits the action of the omnipotent boarding house mistress.

EDWARD FURNISS SUFFERS ACCIDENT

Edward Furniss, traveling freight agent of the Great Northern at Spokane, and well known in Portland, fell beneath the wheels of a freight train at Deer Park, Wash., yesterday and one foot was so badly crushed that it was amputated when the injured man reached spokane. Mr. Furniss attempted to board the caboose of a moving freight train at Deer Park so as to return to Spokane without having to wait for a passenger train. He missed his hold and one foot went under the wheels.

THRESHERMEN WILL MEET AT HILLSBORO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hillsboro, Or., April 24.—The Washington County Threshers' association will meet at the court house Saturday afternoon, May 1. The association numbers about 50 members. Its object is the improvement of threshing conditions generally. At Saturday's meeting the matter of better roads and stronger bridges will be considered.

Companies Incorporated.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., April 24.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of secretary of state as follows:

Protzman-Campbell Shoe company; principal office, Portland; capital stock, $25,000; incorporators, E. C. Protzman, N. Campbell, Charles V. Beede, E. L. Bayley and E. S. J. McAllister.

Mason Pennington & Co.; principal office, Tillamook; capital stock, $20,000; incorporators, Homer Mason, A. A. Pennington and H. T. Botts.

The Eugene Building & Loan association; principal office, Eugene; capital stock, $100,000; incorporators, R. Mc. Murphy, F. N. McAllister and John M. Williams.

Coos River Transportation company; principal office, Marshfield; capital, stock, $5000; incorporators, Paul Crooks, Thomas Goodale and James T. Hall.

Cooper Sandstone & Construction company; principal office; capital stock, $100,000; incorporators, A. H. Willet, W. H. H. Miller and David O'Neil.

New Notaries.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., April 24.—Notarial commissions have been issued to J. F. Shelton, Echo; Frank Cam, Biddle; A. Y. Anderson, Astoria; R. W. Pratt, Hood River, and M. J. MacMahon and H. M. Abbott, Portland.

INVENTS FENDER FOR STREETCARS

J. A. Horne Asks for Test of His Device in This City.

J. A. Horne, Inventor.

Many car fenders and devices for preventing accidents on street railways have been tried with varying success, but James A. Horne, an eastern inventor, now a resident of Oregon, is confident he has at last discovered the solution of the problem.

Mr. Horne has several inventions which he will demonstrate in Portland, among which probably the most important is the car fender. When in place on a streetcar it resembles a pair of scissors with the blades open and extending across the front of the car. The blades will be about two feet wide and well padded and will, when an obstruction on the track is encountered, close themselves and hold whatever comes within their jaws until the car is stopped.

The blades will be closed by a bar projecting a few feet in front of the car and near enough to the rail to strike any object which may be on the track.

This car fender is said to have been tried with success in the east and Mr. Horne today said he had received a promise from F. I. Fuller, vice president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, to give his invention a test on the streets of Portland. Associated with Mr. Horne and owning a third interest in his many inventions, is George A. Brownell, a well-known lawyer of Oregon City, who will pay the expenses of the necessary legal proceedings in connection with securing patents.

Another invention, designed to make travel through a mountainous country more agreeable, is a smoke guard, which is expected to prevent the smoke in tunnels from descending and entering car windows.

The smoke guard is a sheet-iron trough extending along the top of the tunnel and so shaped that it will catch and hold the smoke from the locomotive until after the passing of the train, when it will pass off through either end of the guard without descending into the tunnel.

Mr. Horne today demonstrated his theory with a small model and a cigarette. The miniature smoke guard was held in a horizontal position and the smoking cigarette placed beneath, when, by pressing the cigarette between the hands and forcing out puffs of smoke a fairly good representation of a locomotive passing through a tunnel equipped with the smoke guard was obtained. No smoke escaped at the sides but it flowed from both ends of the guard.

It is said Mr. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman system in Oregon, will test this new invention in one of the tunnels near Portland and Mr. Horne says if the demonstration is a success he has offers from the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads to buy his invention.

The Association of Automobile Manufacturers of New York is investigating an automobile wheel, invented by Mr. Horne, which, if practicable, will be a boon to all who own automobiles. The wheel is really a double wheel, one inside the other, and will have a spring between the two rims instead of the expensive hollow rubber tires now in use. The wheel will be in sections and any part that may become damaged may be taken out and repaired or replaced.

Last but not least is a bottle, invented by Horne, which, when once empty, it will be impossible to refill. This bottle would be of value to every manufacturer of bottled goods in the United States, so Mr. Horne states, and differs from other bottles of this kind in that it is composed wholly of glass, the rubber cork being the only other material used.

Real Estate Transfers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., April 24.—The following transfers of real estate were filed for record in the county auditor's office yesterday:

R. D. Miller to F. P. Miller, 2.5 acres, section 15, township 2 north, range 1 east; $375.

Ina E. Quinn to Charles Beers, part of block 61, East Vancouver; $475.

E. M. Rowley to R. S. Offley, lots 5 and 6, block 6, Rowley's Seventh addition; $1050.

F. L. Huston to J. O. Spires, 40 acres, section 19, township 3 north, range 3 east; $500.

American & General Mortgage & Investment company to Washington & Oregon Land Investment company, 20x660 feet, section 16, township 2 north, range 1 east; $1.

Nettie H. Stewart to J. A. Keaton, lot 11, 24.8 acres, Fourth Plain Homestead lots; $625.

Registered at Electric.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, April 24.—Those on register at the Electric Hotel: Mrs. E. Miller, Portland; Mrs. Wm. Munn, of Portland; George Hartvig, Newberg; Mrs. J. L. Harding, Portland; Mrs. A. V. Davis; M. M. Hunter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wright; E. C. Simmons, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Portland; J. I. Sharp, Scott's Mills; George Staben; C. E. Edmonds and wife, E. E. Magone, M. M. Kerk, Portland; G. S. Brown, Biddle; R. Fallan, Biddle; James A. Robeson, Montavilla, Or.; K. McFarland, H. C. McMullen, Delph.

Special Lodge Sermon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, April 24.—The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will attend services at the Congregational church, in a body, tomorrow evening, when Pastor Oakley will preach a sermon on "Fraternal Orders." The lodges will assemble at I. O. O. F. hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

BRIBE OF $200 WAS OFFERED

H. G. Wright, Foreman of Yee Gueng Jury, Tells Story in Detail.

According to statements made by H. G. Wright, foreman of the Yee Gueng jury, $200 is the sum he was offered as a bribe by Henry Dennison to hang the jury and prevent the conviction of Yee Gueng of murder.

Although Dennison was the man who named the amount, he says a man named Potter was the first to approach him. Potter came to his home one night after he had been accepted by both sides, but before he had been sworn as a juror. Potter told him they should not convict the poor Chinaman, and said there would be money in it if Wright would vote for acquittal.

Wright says he told Potter he did not want to talk about the case, and did not know that he would serve on the jury. Potter told him he was sure to serve and Wright finally told him to find out how much there was in it.

The next time the matter was mentioned, it appears, was after the jury was sworn. Then it was Dennison, according to Wright, who came to him in the hall during a recess and told him he could get $200 by voting for acquittal. He told Dennison that would not do, that it would take $1000 at least.

After this conversation with Dennison, Wright reported the matter to Judge Bronaugh and also to District Attorney Cameron. The latter had a plan for sending deputy sheriffs to Wright's home, inviting Dennison and Potter to come there, and then arresting them in the act of passing the money, in Heney style. But Wright objected to this, because the plan seemed to include his arrest, also. He did not want to be put in the position of an immunity lawbreaker, and he refused to carry on further negotiations.

The theory of the district attorney's office is that Potter and Dennison were acting for Chinese friends of Yee Gueng, and it is said that others may be involved in the case before the investigation to be made by the grand jury is completed. The attorneys for the defense are all men of high standing, and they are not suspected of having any part in the alleged bribery plot. The men engineering the deal were wise enough to keep all knowledge of it from the attorneys.

CASTRO RANTS AGAINST U. S.

Boosts Himself as Patriot and Knocks Uncle Sam as a Greedy Usurper.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, April 24.—Cipriano Castro, the Venezuelan dictator, deposed from the presidency of the South American republic through the intervention, he believes, of the United States, is here today. He regards himself as the victim of America and as a prisoner of war of France.

In an interview the former president commented sadly upon his own situation and bitterly inveighed against the United States. He said:

"I am a friend of the French people; we are of the same races. I am a victim of the United States, which has demanded that action be taken against me by the powers of Europe, whose interests in America I have defended against colossal invasion by the United States. Europe hasn't understood this, just as it hasn't understood the seizure by the United States of the Panama canal, but the day will come when Europe will regret. I have defended in America and at the conferences at The Hague the rights of the weak against the strong, but the powers abandoned me and betrayed me in this struggle.

"I had intended to remain in Martinique to regain my health but on April 10, I was served with an order of expulsion, compelling me, under pain of imprisonment, to leave the island within nine hours. I was sick in bed and unable to move, because the wound made by the Berlin surgeon had reopened.

"There was nothing I could do. I was taken on board the Versailles on a stretcher. Then two American cruisers followed the boat. Think of it. And I three quarters dead. It was on the demand of the United States that I was expelled from Martinique. I am a sacrificial victim. I no longer consider myself free. I am a prisoner of war of France, which has brought me here against my will. I am no longer a free agent. I abandon myself to destiny.

"One thing I affirm. I do not seek nor will I again seek the presidency of Venezuela. I will never reclaim that office. All I wish to do is to look after my private interests, to plant my crops. Having sacrificed my life to my country, having defended, as I have done, its dignity, honor and interests, I assure you I have been disillusioned by the unhappy people pledged to strife and disorder. All desire to serve my country is vain; all my effort useless; Venezuelans wish to be slaves.

"The United States has already taken Cuba and Panama, and the American government has now committed its first act against the socereignty of Venezuela."

MURDEROUS JAM AT THE BARGAIN COUNTER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, April 24.—Reserves of mounted police were summoned to preserve order and ambulances were called to remove the injured during a bargain sale rush on Williamsburg street today. Three thousand women, crowding, pulling hair, biting and kicking, were jammed into the doorway of the store at the hour of the sale. Several fainted and were trampled. After the arrival of the police it took nearly an hour to disperse the crowd. More than a dozen women were removed to the receiving hospitals.

SCHIVELY ON HAND FOR ARRAIGNMENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., April 24.—Schively arrived this morning to be arraigned under the indictment alleging perjury and embezzlement. The question of bond was continued to Monday. Three more indictments are to be served on Gordon this afternoon.

B. & O. SECURES FULL CONTROL OF C. H. & D.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cincinnati, April 24.—Governor Harmon announced today that the Baltimore & Ohio road had secured control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. Though the Baltimore & Ohio has not absorbed the smaller road, it will maintain absolute control of its policies.

Million Dollar Mining Suit.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Ogden, Utah, April 24.—Complaint starting a $1,000,000 action in the name of William R. Gray against the Skidoo Mines company, owned by E. A. R. Montgomery, was mailed to the United States circuit court at Los Angeles by Judge A. S. Horn today. The suit seeks to eject the defendant company from 16 claims it is alleged to be holding illegally. The claims are in the Wild Rose districts in Inyo county, Cal.

GILL'S METHODS ARE CONDEMNED

Police Judge Refuses to Convict Women Trapped by the Policeman.

Police Judge Van Zante this morning dismissed the case against Carmen Drifus, who was arrested by Patrolman J. G. Gill for conducting a disorderly house. The reason for the dismissal was given as insufficient evidence. Some time ago Officer Gill was instructed by Chief Gritzmacher to investigate moral conditions in the north end, which he did, resulting in several complaints being filed. Most of these have been dismissed because insufficient evidence was produced to warrant a conviction.

"There is no doubt but that the officer has gone the limit in this case," said Judge Van Zante from the bench. "He has been bringing in cases of this nature lately and in every case the evidence has been insufficient and in every case it has been shown that he entered these places of his own volition. Now I think the only thing to do in these cases is to give a jail sentence, instead of a fine, and then if they want to appeal it they may do so."

"I do not want to handle the case in event it is carried to the circuit court," interposed Deputy City Attorney Sullivan. "I myself have no sympathy with these cases and do not want to prosecute this case in the circuit court."

"I will dismiss this case," said Judge Van Zante. "Now when another case of this nature comes in I want it to be a strong one, one where the evidence will be sufficient and where there is absolute proof that the woman in the case herself solicited and gave cause for an arrest.

Immediately following the Drifus case, a case against Ada Wilson, a colored woman charged with conducting a disorderly house, was brought, with Gill as the officer making the arrest and this was dismissed almost without comment by the judge and with no attempt at cross-examining the witnesses.

RUSHLIGHT TO FIGHT PAVING

Refuses to Change Front on East Seventh Street Paving.

Councilman Rushlight voted against a petition for the paving of East Seventh street yesterday afternoon at the session of the street committee of the council. He declared that he had voted against the improvement and had sustained Mayor Lane's veto of the ordinance providing for it and that he could not change front.

The petition calls for the improvement of East Seventh street between Thompson and Klickitat streets with asphalt. As it was vetoed by the mayor the improvement was to have extended from Fremont to Tillamook. The changed petion cuts off about three blocks, one at the southern end of the improvement and two at the northern extremity, and by so doing cuts down the percentage of remonstrators from 67 per cent to less than 5 per cent.

The only property eliminated this time is that of the Irving Land company. The people who remonstrated in the first place are still vitally affected.

OBJECTS TO PRAISES OF DEAD HUSBAND

W. E. Hillier, in an answer and cross-complaint to his wife's suit for divorce, says Jeanette Hillier annoyed him by continually extolling the good qualities of her first husband and comparing him in an unpleasant light with No. 1.

Hillier is No. 3. He says his wife talked so much about No. 1 that he was made to feel that he was living in the presence of the dead. As to No. 2, Hillier says his wife annexed him through a matrimonial bureau, and that he "skipped out" with $2700 of her money, leaving her at a hotel with an unpaid board bill.

The complaining husband also accuses his wife of telling her friends that she intended to "get as much out of him" as she lost on No. 2. He alleges that for two years she did not get breakfast for him, and he charges her with unbecoming conduct. He denies having over $4000 worth of property in St. Johns, as his wife has alleged, and says his property is worth $3300, but is mortgaged for $3800.

MATERIAL TO BE PURCHASED HERE

Three of the La Grande business men who have been in Portland for several days past completing plans for a big irrigation reservoir to be erected at the juncture of Meadow and McCoy creeks, 16 miles from La Grande, will return home today. John F. Collier and one other of the party will remain in Portland most of next week. It is understood that they will buy part of the material for the work on the dam before they return to La Grande.

Mr. Collier is also busy with arrangements for the development league conference to be held in La Grande during the week ending April 28, at which time the permanent organization of the Grand Ronde Irrigation company will be completed, as was announced yesterday.

Members of the party are at the Hotel Oregon.

DIRECTOR OF CENSUS ORDERED TO RESIGN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 24.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel today demanded the resignation of Census Director North. The demand for North's resignation is alleged to be due to alleged infractions of the rules of procedure laid down for his department.

PERSONALS

P. H. Houlahan of Chicago, general manager of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western and the Chicago & Alton, was in Portland yesterday for a few hours. He came from the north and left for Chicago over the O. R. & N. Mr. Houlahan is regarded as being one of the ablest of the Harriman general managers, and was prominently mentioned in connection with the much talked of Harriman cabinet.

A. H. Campbell, traveling freight agent of the Canadian Pacific in Spokane, is in Portland today. Mr. Campbell said that a considerable increase in the business of the Canadian Pacific railroad and Spokane International with Portland is looked for in the coming season, because of the close traffic relations that have been made between the Canadian Pacific lines and the O. R. & N.

P. E. Snodgrass, cashier of the First National bank of Eugene, the largest bank in Oregon outside of Portland, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Snodgrass is serving his second term as head banker of the Woodmen of the World.

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