

## EXPERT CHARGES FIELDS' PROFIT ON COUNTY FUNDS

**Investigator Charges Clerk With Having Collected Interest Amounting to Big Sum on Deposits in Local Banks—Other Disclosures**

J. W. Ferguson has filed his report of work done by him in experting the books and accounts of County Clerk F. S. Fields. As a result of his work one case of apparent forgery of the name of Mr. Fields and the consequent disappearance of \$400 ball money from the municipal court under the administration of George J. Cameron is brought to light.

It is also shown that Mr. Fields carries an average of \$30,000 of county money on deposit in various banks of the city in his own name, the interest on which, at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, is collected for his own profit. This money is the unearned fees and litigation deposits. It is also shown that Mr. Fields has retained \$632, being one half of the naturalization and citizenship fees received, for his own use, citing as his authority the laws and regulations of the bureau of immigration and naturalization.

The report of the expert is exhaustive and goes into the conduct of the county clerk's office for the past seven years. During the time he has been dealing into the records of papers and in the conclusion of his report comments County Clerk Fields on the system which has been built up as the courteous treatment which has been extended to him in his work making the report asked for by the county court.

Under the synopsis of his report, Ferguson summarizes his findings. He takes up the subject of fees and litigation money and sets out that under the present system the plaintiffs in all actions are required to deposit a filing fee of \$10 and the defendants in case of answer or demurrer a fee of \$5. These sums are credited to the accounts and as they are earned are turned into the county treasury.

**Surplus Fees Retained.**  
The surplus or unearned fees, however, are retained by the county clerk on deposit under his own name until such time as they are earned, when they are paid back to the county. Mr. Ferguson holds that the present system, which necessitates a great amount of bookkeeping, could be improved by a flat fee system by which the fees would go directly to the county.

On July 7, 1907, there were unearned fees in the possession of the county clerk aggregating \$2,789.25. This sum continually increased until April 30, 1909, when the county clerk had in his possession \$19,299.50. The balance on hand from unearned litigation money amounted on July 1, 1907, to \$7,541.95. This sum increased until on April 30, 1909, it had reached the total of \$18,425.95.

It is my contention that this money should be deposited in his name as county clerk and the interest turned over to the county. I do not believe he should have the use of this money in any way to make profit for himself. I take the position that the county is responsible for the acts of its officers, and would have to make good any shortage that might occur and especially is this true as to unearned fees.

**Bail Bonds Forfeited.**  
The report then goes into the subject of bail bonds forfeited.

**INSIDERS DIVIDE STOCK IN PACIFICS**  
Manipulation, to Control Both, Points to Tip on Merger Dissolution.

## GREAT FRAUD IN GOTHAM CUSTOMS

**Several Importers and Big Transportation Concerns, Also High Officials, May Be Involved—Startling Disclosures Promised.**

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, May 22.—Frauds in the New York custom house threaten to create a far bigger scandal than has been heretofore hinted at, it was learned today at the treasury department.

Officials of the department believe the government's investigation will result in some decidedly startling disclosures. According to the report the investigation may involve several importers, transportation company inspectors and high customs officials.

**ADOPT LIFT DRAW PLANS**  
Bids for Construction of Madison Street Structure Will Be Opened Next Month; Members of Executive Board Bridge Committee Decide to Start Job.

**THREE CRUISERS OFF FOR PUGET SOUND**  
San Francisco, May 22.—Three cruisers of the second squadron of the Pacific fleet sailed for Puget sound today.

**TAKING TESTIMONY IN HASKELL CASE**  
Tulsa, Okla., May 22.—The special federal grand jury which is investigating the alleged town lot swindle, began taking testimony today in the Haskell, Turner case.

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS STRIKE TO REBUKE STUDENT'S REPROOF**  
Washington, May 22.—Grants Pass high school graduates are "on strike" with the result that class day exercises, which should have occurred last night, were called off.

# CHANGES DIVERSION OF INTEREST

### WATCHERS AT THE DELMONICO M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL'S

DISGUISED AS WOMAN AT M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL'S

THE REMARKABLE FACE OF "THE MAN OF MYSTERY," EDWARD F. GIRARD



#500.00. REWARD

—Photo by Dufresne, Special Artist.

Raffles Says He Cannot Hold Out Much Longer, but He Is Still Worth \$500 in Gold to Some One.

By Edward F. Girard, the Mysterious Mr. Raffles.

Now you think you're smart, don't you? Well, just for that I am going to hand it to you good today, and I'll bet a new hat that I get by every call I am scheduled to make today.

Yesterday seemed to be my Friday of bad luck, for when I started out in the morning a black cat looked crossed eyed at me, and I was "jiggered" all day.

Yesterday was my day to call for a new sitting for some photos at Dufresne's studio, 286 1/2 Washington street, yet I had an inkling of the fact that his showcases and entrance would be watched, so my good old scout "Bunny" went on in advance to pave the way and soon gave me the tip to "switch off"—and I "switched," and it was a good thing I did, for I know my scalp would have been taken. As I passed on the opposite side of the street I stood in a doorway and took a survey of the ground and recognized a gent in gray clothes standing in front of Dufresne's whom I have met on several of my calls and have seen him at the Grand theatre also—so as this was not an official call I passed it up. I then walked around to McAllen & McDonnell's big store, on the corner of Third and Morrison, and went all over the store to size matters up a bit and to get a good look at the pretty things and was not bothered, as I went through as if I were going to some particular part of the store.

Let me ask the young lady at the ribbon counter why she did not grab the young fellow who passed her carrying a neat package under his arm. Don't guess I looked good to you, did I? I gleaned all the information I wanted and then returned to the Perkins hotel and soon went to lunch.

Uses Female Disguise at Big Store.  
Shortly after 3 o'clock I made my appearance at the big store of McAllen & McDonnell, where the big sale is now going on, and with several other ladies I entered the front door and stood around for some few moments, looking for "Raffles"—but I had about as hard a time to catch myself as the rest of the sleuths. I was quite amused at the little lady with the pretty brown eyes whom I remember meeting at Swartland's—as she looked so de-

termined—but here is the second time I have given her the slip. As I walked around I elbowed my way to the center aisle and passed through to the linen department where I spoke to the genial sales manager, who, by the way struck me as being a real live member, as he certainly has shown that fact in putting on such a big bargain sale. I then turned to the right and ascended the stairs to the balcony, following the sign.

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## BEYONN GIVES OUT LIST OF APPOINTEES

**Crater Lake Road Commission and Other Offices Created by Last Legislature Will Be Filled by Governor Today.**

Governor Beynon will today make 30 appointments to the various positions created by the last legislature. The appointments include: Nine members of the conservation commission, four members of the state committee for the treatment of tuberculosis, seven members of the Crater Lake Highway commission, three members of the Linn County Fair association, three members of the Yamhill County Fair association, two for the Crook County association and a circuit judge for the Fifth judicial district.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)  
Salem, Or., May 22.—Governor Frank Beynon this morning announced the committee of the Crater Lake road commission, which, according to the commission, will include seven members, two from Klamath county, two from Jackson county and the remainder from the state at large. The commission will have entire charge of the expenditure of the federal authorities who will supervise the construction of the road.

**Other Appointments Made.**  
The governor also announced this morning the appointment for a term of years J. H. Gray and T. H. LaFollette, both of Crook county as members of the board of commissioners of the Oregon Central Oregon Agricultural society.

**KING MAKES NOBLE EAT DISH OF CROW**  
London, May 22.—That Lord Ronaldshay's apology for publicly calling the Countess of Granard, "a dummy" because of her nationality, was not a desire to wound her, but a desire to cure a disease of the king, is generally believed here.

According to the general belief, the Countess recently opened a bazaar organized by Ronaldshay's Liberal opponent, Ronaldshay is a unionist member of the House of Commons, was Miss Hornsby's division of Midsex. He was much irritated and his remark was thought to be the result of political jealousy.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, May 22.—A general secrecy is maintained by the directors of the United Dry Goods companies of New York, and no information of the object of the formation of the company, nor of the identity of its stockholders, was given out today. Papers of inquiry, however, were made at New York, by representatives of the United Dry Goods & Warehouse, of New York. Its capital stock is \$1,000,000.

**DRY GOODS TRUST OF \$51,000,000**  
"United Dry Goods Companies" Files Articles in Delaware.

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At a special meeting of the bridge committee of the executive board this morning general plans for the new Madison street bridge were adopted and Engineer E. E. Howard, who represents the firm of Waddell & Harrington, telegraphed his chiefs to prepare final plans and specifications for the structure. These will be submitted to the executive board next week and bids for the construction of the long viaduct can then be invited. These will be opened about June 15 and unless the voters of the city change the location to Market street at the election June 7, the actual work of building the bridge will be commenced under the supervision of Waddell & Harrington of Kansas City, who have been appointed by the city to supervise the construction.

The committee voted to have a lift draw instead of one of the bascule or swing type. This kind of draw was recommended by the engineers, by river pilots, ship captains and other interested people and can be installed for \$15,000 less cost than any other draw. The lift will clear the high water level of the river 135 feet and will have a clearance of 154 feet at the present stage of the water. It will be operated by electricity and can be raised and lowered in one minute. The opening permitted will be 235 feet wide and 200 feet with the current, thus giving plenty of room for the passage of all kinds of river craft.

The greatest width afforded by any of the draws now operated is 150 feet. Owing to the direction of the current the bridge passage has been difficult for the larger vessels. The new bridge draw will furnish plenty of space so that there will be no danger of collisions.

The bridge is to be 2165 feet long including approaches and 1385 feet over the water. Its extreme width will be 65 feet measured from the outer edges of the cantilevers. Railway tracks are to be constructed one on each side of the bridge directly over the cantilevers. The roadway for vehicles will be between the tracks and the sidewalks for pedestrians on the outside of the tracks.

The draw will have a normal clearance of 135 feet which is in excess of what is needed for the largest vessels that will be permitted to pass under it. In order to bring the sidewalks up to the desired grade it will be necessary to part of the exercises last night. His classmates sympathized with him and for a time it appeared as if there would be no graduation class.

The father of Ritchie has arrived here, and in conjunction with ex-Judge J. O. Booth, is today having a hearing of the case before District Attorney Mulkey. It is claimed by young Ritchie that the punishment given him was both severe and unwarranted.

Engages Studebaker Automobile and Promises to Do Some Clever Tricks That Will Further Mystify the Public. Rendezvous at Grand Theatre

**WHERE TO FIND RAFFLES TODAY**  
Raffles will visit the People's Market & Grocery Company, First and Taylor streets, between 1 and 3 p. m. today.

Between 3 and 5 o'clock today Mr. Raffles will visit at Lennon's, 309 Morrison. If identified going to or from this place by any person having a purchase slip from Lennon's for Saturday there will be given an additional reward of \$50 in gold; also the finest umbrella in the store.

Between 6 and 8 o'clock tonight he will visit at Masonic Temple Grocery, 380 Yamhill street, corner West Park. A good chance will be given to capture him at this store; also a barrel of the best flour will be given to any person identifying Mr. Raffles at this place.

At the Grand theatre between 8 and 10 o'clock tonight. Merchants desiring Mr. Raffles to visit their place of business may arrange to do so by telephone Main 7173, to the Raffles advertising manager.

Remember, if you have a card from the Jacobs-Stine Real Estate office when you capture Raffles you will get a lot in Argyle Park, free.

Watch Dufresne showcases for new pictures of Mr. Raffles every day.

**Where to Find Raffles Sunday**  
During the afternoon he will visit East St. Johns to look over the Spanton Company lots and look at the lot he has selected for some lucky person. See display ad on inside of paper giving particulars.

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**THE MIGHTY HUNTER WHO ACCOMPANIES ROOSEVELT**  
Frederic C. Selous, who guides the Roosevelt party in Africa, is the greatest nimrod of modern times. It was from the adventures of Selous that Rider Haggard gathered material for his stirring novel, "Allan Quartermain." The Sunday Morning Journal has obtained an article dealing with the life of this remarkable man, and it will appear in the Sunday Morning Journal tomorrow.

In addition to this speciality there will be:  
Owen Oliver has written a short story, entitled "On a Shipwreck," that is a clever bit of fiction.

"The Wallowa Country," is again described by a special Sunday Journal correspondent.

"The Story of Luxembourg," relates much of interest concerning this remarkable dual domain. Illustrated with half-tone engravings.

"The Portland Public School Page" brings out a lot of clever writings and drawings by Portland public school children.

"The Value of a Word," is a story of fortunes and honors won by a single affirmative.

"The Story of the American Wife of the Earl of Granard."

"The Grass for Cherries and Other Fashion Frocks."

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