BANK TELLER COMMITS SUICIDE

William Von Meyerinck of Union State Bank, San Francisco, Alleged Short in Accounts—Bank Closed by State Commissioner.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 17.—Discovery of a shortage in the accounts of William Von Meyerinck, until recently paying teller of the Union State bank at Third and Market streets, caused him to commit suicide by blowing out his brains with a revolver at his home at Larkspur last night, according to a statement made today by T. A. Bechtel, secretary and general manager of the institution.

Following the suicide of Von Meyerinck, State Banking Commissioner Alden Anderson closed the doors of the bank shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

"I have ordered the bank closed, because I deem it unwise to allow the officials to continue to do business at present," was the statement of Commissioner Anderson. "It appears from a casual examination of the affairs of the institution that the entire capital will be wiped out by the shortage. The depositors, whose claims are $140,000, seem likely to be paid in full when the assets shall be disposed of. This is only a surface view, however, and I can only say that the farther we have gone with the investigation the worse the bank's affairs appear to be tangled.

"No responsibility has yet been fixed on Von Meyerinck or any other individual. My opinion is that all of the men who have been in charge of the Union State bank and the Savings & Commercial bank are incompetent to conduct such a business. They have shown no fitness as bankers.

"The accounts of the Union State bank have been hopelessly interwoven with those of the present bank, the State Savings & Commercial. The Union State bank was never legally liquidated. Some of its documents are now in possession of the State Savings & Commercial. Only a very minute examination will enable us to determine just what the condition of accounts may be.

"My accountants went to the bank yesterday morning and took possession of the books and cash. They found discrepancies at once. The bank wrote up a statement for me, for the correctness of which I cannot vouch, showing itself in possession of $67,000 capital stock. This is State Savings & Commercial stock. Its deposits are all in small amounts. The bank officials say 75 per cent of the depositors owe money to the bank. My assistants will work steadily until the summary is completed. This will be done by Monday morning, I believe. Until then we will not know how serious the mismanagement has been."

Von Meyerinck was formerly cashier of the State Savings & Commercial bank at 1019 Fillmore street and when that institution recently consolidated with the Union State bank at Third and Market streets he was made paying teller. Two weeks ago he was discharged.

It is reported at Larkspur, Von Meyerinck's home, that he signed over to the bank all of his property recently. He was discharged when suspicion attached to him and a subsequent investigation of his accounts revealed a shortage. He was summoned yesterday to appear before the directors of the bank today, and it is thought he ended his life rather than face disgrace.

DOPE FIEND IS UNDER SUSPICION

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were the principals in this. A few minutes later the sound of the shot came from down the street.

Carlton was shaving when found in his room at noon today. At the intimation that he was wanted he turned pale and his razor shook in his fingers so that it seemed he would cut himself.

Wants Lawyer.

"I want a lawyer," was his first expression while being taken down street in an automobile. "I want a lawyer to get me out of this," he repeated.

"What do you want to get out of?"

"Out of this scrape."

"So you know, do you, that you are wanted for the shooting of Rae Brackett?" The question was squarely put.

"Well, but I didn't do it. I don't know anything about it. I never knew he had been shot until I came down town the next day and read it in the paper."

In this connection Mrs. Brown's son, Edward, who she claimed to be 17 years old, but who looks to be not more than 13, when seen today in the Beck building, where he works, that Carlton came early Wednesday morning into his mother's room and showed her the paper. "It's a shame to mix you up in this," the boy declares Carlton said at that time.

In the face of the statements made by Mrs. Jaymes and Mrs. Fitzgerald concerning Carlton's intimacy with Mrs. Brown, Carlton affirmed that they had never been more than friends, that he had never kissed her, and never had his arms around her. But his answers to questions touching upon the question of his relations with the woman were evasive and hesitant.

Carlton in figure is of medium weight and height. His appearance coincides closely with the description given by Mrs. Edward Ward of one of the men she saw in the shade of a tree across Yamhill street Wednesday night just after the shooting occurred. "I saw that man and the other who was either very short or much stooped run right out Yamhill street. I never saw them go past Seventeenth street. I've had a strong suspicion ever since that time that the man who shot Brackett came from the neighborhood of the house where Brackett called that night," Mrs. Ward said, yesterday.

Further statements by Mrs. Fitzgerald deepen the mystery that hangs over the house on the corner of Yamhill and Seventeenth streets. Mysterious goings and comings late at night are reported. Journal men watching the house Friday night saw some of these unexplainable things. At 11 o'clock the blind covering one of the windows which it now seems opens into Carlton's room was raised. A light was passed quickly before the window three times, then the blind was lowered again.

Any one passing the house was watched closely from within the rooms, yet no answer was made to strangers who knocked on the door. Mrs. Fitzgerald supplemented her statements relating to Carlton's relations with Mrs. Brown the assertion that other men had been in the habit of coming to see the woman, and that they stayed late. A little fellow, Wessel, who had been living with Mrs. Brown and her son, was sent away because he told of the things he had seen going on in the house and the intimate way in which Mrs. Brown entertained her visitors.

Officers of Stage Employes.

Springfield, Ohio, July 17.—John Keeley of Oakland, P. B. Cole of Portland, and Charles Malloy of Butte were today elected to the board of seven vice presidents of the International alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes, in session in this city. Washington, D. C., was chosen as the place for the next meet. The session adjourned after the election of officers.

GEORGE HUTCHIN PRAISES FAIR

Advises Portland People to Take Trip to Seattle Monday Next.

"All Portlanders who can should go to the A.-Y.-P. exposition for Portland day," says George L. Hutchin, manager of the Rose Festival association, who has recently returned from Seattle.

"The officials of the exposition are anxious for Portland to be well represented on the day set aside for their entertainment at the exposition, as they wish to show special attention to the people of the Rose City as a reciprocation of the kindly treatment received by the exposition officials at the Rose Festival.

"The people of Portland should go; they will not only have the pleasure of seeing one of the most beautiful expositions ever given, but they will also have the opportunity of viewing a city which, it must be admitted, is superior to ours in street improvement and illumination. It will do our people good to see this for themselves and will be an incentive to Portlanders to go ahead with this phase of improvement which seems to have been neglected here."

In speaking about the exposition itself, Mr. Hutchin, who is an authority on such matters, said:

"It is one of the most beautiful expositions I have ever seen. The grounds are laid out in ideal fashion. The buildings are painted buff—departing from conventional idea of white and very much easier for the eyes. The architecture is very handsome, indeed.

"The natural amphitheatre which will hold 20,000 people is a perfect place for convention assemblies or large concerts. The surrounding waters make it a very attractive spot for aquatic events. The 'pay streak' has many first class amusement attractions.

"In talking with Seattle people I gained that they were more than pleased with the fact that the sister city of Portland had sent so many representative people on Oregon day to their exposition, and a spirit of friendliness seems to exist generally.

"The officials of the exposition are very grateful to the Rose Festival and unhesitatingly state that the unusually large attendance at the exposition at this early date is largely due to the Portland Rose Festival, which took place during the second week the A.-Y.-P. had been open, and attracted many people from the east at that time, who took the opportunity to see both events on the same trip. This is one of the most important reasons for the success of the A.-Y.-P. exposition up to the present date."

JEFF TO START SOMETHING SOON

Misto Johnson Warned He'd Better Not Undertake the Defi Game.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, July 17.—James J. Jeffries, who arrived in this city today, declared that he would fight Jack Johnson at the close of his theatrical engagements and that he would name his own terms for the meeting. The Californian stated that he did not know whether or not the negro intended to issue a public challenge to him this afternoon, but stated that he had better try no defiance business."

"I'll do this thing up at the proper time. I'll fight Johnson and defeat him. He can't dictate to me, for I will do all the dictating in this affair. One thing is certain, the fellow had better not try the defiance game. That's all."

These were the words with which the undefeated champion dismissed the subject that is causing the fight fans unparallelled speculation and discussion.

Minneapolis, July 17.—It is rumored in sporting circles here that this city will be the scene of the final arrangements for the much heralded Jeffries-Johnson pugilistic battle. Friends of the Californian stated today that Jeffries would delay covering Johnson's $10,000 forfeit in Chicago, and that formality would be gone through with when he reached this city next week.

Reports that Jeffries has no intention of calling Johnson's money bluff are not credited by Jeffries' many friends here. They are confident that the boilermaker means business and are elated over the possibility of being in on the deal whereby the match will be made a certainty.

FIGHT GOSSIP FROM DOWN THE COAST

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 17.—Looks like that Charlie Lercari has picked a good card for this month and if he signs up all the bouts he has laid out, a treat is in store for the fans. For his main event he has chosen Lew Powell and Chick Hudson. They are to go 15 rounds, as are Jack Clifford and Kid Harrison. Charlie Reilly and Roscbe Taylor are expected to furnish the 10 round preliminary.

Powell and Hudson have distinctively different styles of fighting, one being a scientific boxer and the other a hard hitting, awkwardly clever fighter. Hudson showed well in his fight with Johnny Murphy, his one failing being a disinclination to follow up when he had an advantage, but he explains this by saying he broke his hand. Powell's easy win over Young Erne has instilled him with great confidence and his admirers look for a more aggressive battle on his part when he faces Hudson.

Clifford and Harrison are simon-pure sluggers and the boy that lands the first punch ought to win the fight.

Taylor has an old score to settle with Reilly, having lost the decision to him in his first try in the professional ranks.

LONGWORTH SAYS TAFT MEANS IT

Revision Talk Will Shave Rates, He Thinks—Agreement on the Wool List.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, July 17.—Congressman Nick Longworth, said today that President Taft's statement yesterday regarding tariff revision downward was made at the psychological moment and would result in the lowering of many schedules in the tariff bill now before congress. He said it was almost certain that free hides would result from the statement. Tawney of Minnesota and others echoed Longworth's sentiment.

The tariff conferees today reached an agreement on the wool schedule. Yarns valued at 30 cents a pound or less were reduced 5 per cent below the existing law. Woolтops, meaning the stage of manufacturing between scoured wool and yarn, were materially reduced. A specific rate will be made. The rest of the schedule remains the same as under the existing law.

DR. DAMMASCH IS APPOINTED TODAY

Health Board, Heeding Request of Dr. Wheeler, Gives Him Aid.

Dr. F. H. Dammasch was elected assistant health officer of the city at a meeting of the health board this morning. He takes the place of Dr. D. G. Parker, who is now on vacation, but stated before he left that he intended to resign on August 1.

Dr. C. H. Wheeler, the city health officer, this morning called attention to the large number of scarlet fever cases requiring observation and fumigation. He said that 139 cases were reported in May, 78 in June, and several this month, and none of the houses has yet been fumigated. He thought it imperative that he be given an assistant at once to relieve him of a portion of his work. Dr. Dammasch was thereupon elected.

A start was made toward the new garbage crematory by directing the auditor to advertise for bids for a 100 ton incinerator of at least two units, bids to be received up to and including August 20.

Bidders may furnish their own plans and specifications, but specifications framed by Superintendent Daggett of the crematory plant are on file at the city hall and several members of the board have warmly indorsed some of the conditions he has outlined. Mayor Simon said that it was desired to secure the best possible type of plant, and the board will make its selection after the bids are in. The estimated cost of a first class plant is $75,000.

Drs. Smith, Chipman and Wheeler were appointed by the mayor as a committee to look into the question of ambulance service for infectious diseases. The contract of the city with an undertaking firm for this service recently expired, and the mayor asked whether the city could conduct its own service at less or equal cost. Dr. Wheeler explained that it would require night and day drivers and night and day attendants, besides the cost of horses and feed. Mayor Simon was inclined to believe that the cost would be too great, but finally referred the matter to the committee to investigate.

As the work of repairing the garbage crematory is practically completed, it was voted to pay the contractor $4000 on the contract price of $5997.

MISSIONARY DAY HAS BIG CROWD

Many Offerings Follow Sermon and Experiences at Holiness Campmeeting.

Many persons gathered at the Holiness campmeeting on Friday, which had been set aside as missionary day.

Some persons were fearful that the introduction of a special feature would detract from the effectiveness of the main work of the meeting, but it did not.

The fields to which this association is directing its efforts chiefly are India, Africa, Alaska and Mexico. The forenoon service was given up to a consideration of the work in some of those fields from the standpoint of the local helpers.

Mrs. Emma G. Eaton of Portland was the principal speaker. In the afternoon two missionaries gave accounts of their own work and the people among whom they have been laboring for several years. Fred J. Smith of the work among the Maya Indians of Yucatan, and Mrs. Otha Thomas, the work among the Eskimos of Alaska.

The table offerings in cash and pledges, for these fields, durfng the day, amounted to upwards of $1500; including several articles of jewelry laid on the table; the total will probably reach $1600, more than twice the amount the association raised last year.

BRIDGE MAY YET BE TURNED DOWN

Mayor Simon Fears Structure Is Badly Built—Engineer Tests It.

Defects in the Twenty-eighth street bridge over Sullivan's gulch may yet result in its rejection by the executive board. It was turned down by the Lane administration, and the new regime is not now prepared to take the responsibility of accepting the work. Mayor Simon expresses fear that the work is poorly done.

City Engineer Morris will make no statement concerning the structure. He says that while the work is being carefully gone over he will have nothing to say. He has made one thorough inspection, but much checking up has yet to be done in the office and he said this morning that another field inspection may be necessary.

Meantime an outside expert will go over the structure and report to the bridge committee of the executive board. This is John L. Harrington of Kansas City, who is here to look after the building of the new Madison street bridge, his firm being the designers and consulting engineers.

Assistant City Engineer Hannam, who was discharged by the Lane administration and reinstated by the civil servoce commission, had supervision of the Twenty-eighth street bridge. He also looked after the construction of the Brooklyn sewer, another job that is under fire. This work is also to be further inspected by the city engineer and other experts, the mayor having determined that an extra inspection shall be made at the expense of the contractors to make sure that the work is in substantial compliance with the contract before acceptance. His present opinion of the work, unlike the east side bridge, is that it has been well done.

MISS RYAN DEFEATS MRS. A. FOUILHOUX

Miss Ryan succeeded in taking both tennis sets from Mrs. Fouilhoux this morning in the finals for the challenge round for the championship in the ladies' singles. She won the first match from Mrs. Fouilhoux, 6-3, but was taken ill. After a short rest she recovered and won the second set, 6-3. She meets Miss Hotchkiss for the championship this afternoon.

Goss and Wickersham won the doubles by defeating McAlpin and Knowlton, 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2. Previously the defeated pair had won from Shives and Rosenfeldt by a score of 7-5, 6-4 and 8-6.

Prominent Gresham Man Killed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Gresham, Or., July 17.—Charles Merrill, a prominent Democrat of Multnomah county, was killed here today in a runaway. He was 73 years of age. He leaves a family of seven children. Mr. Merrill was a delegate to the county convention from this place. He was county road supervisor for two years and served two years on the city council.

FIVE MILLION FOR LINE UP DESCHUTES

General Manager O'Brien Announces 18 Months Will See Trains Running on New Line, Unless Project Is Held Up.

Within the next 18 months $5,000,000 will have been expended in construction of the Deschutes branch of the Harriman system and trains will be tapping the rich country bordering on the high canyon, giving the line an easy water grade from the rich open country in the vicinity of Redmond, terminus of the proposed line, until further extension is deemed advisable.

J. P. O'Brien, vice president and manager of the Harriman lines of the northwest, stated this morning that the interior department has now done everything in its power to make possible the building of the road and the question of permanent right of way will be settled for good if no protests are filed with the department within 30 days. Mr. O'Brien feels satisfied that the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company will not delay construction or the railroad, as it will be of great advantage to its lands, and intimated having assurances that the irrigation company is very friendly toward the project.

"Through Twohy Brothers, contractors, the company will put every man to work that can be employed to advantage as soon ag we secure assurance that the project will not be held up," said Mr. O'Brien, "and trains should be running between Deschutes on the Columbia to Redmond, about 75 miles from Prineville, at the end of 18 months. Several hundred men are now at work on the first section of 40 miles and more will be added continually."

As yet Mr. O'Brien has received no official notice from the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company waiving its right to protest, but when he does, as it has been announced will be done, then the number of men employed on the grade will be increased to the limit.

"For a distance of 80 miles the road will run through a very deep canyon and construction work there will be difficult because of the inaccessibility of the land, but the remainder of the 170 mile distance will offer no obstacles," Mr. O'Brien explained.

POOR FARM TRACT CAUSE OF TANGLE

When the settlement of the Poor Farm dispute came up this morning, W. A. Spanton, one of the principals in the affair and who it is claimed is trying to get more than his share of the pool formed to take over the deed to the farm, failed to appear at the courthouse but sent word instead that he had transferred any and all rights which he had to the United States Trust company. This company was not represented. Lombard tendered a check for $30,000, to the court and offered to take the deed in Spanton's name.

Not content to wait for the decision of the county court, however, B. M. Lombard, Fred Jacobs and H. L. Suydam, who claim half of the share in the possession of Spanton have started suit in the circuit court to have Spanton declared the holder of their shares in the pool and to turn over to them deeds for the share which they claim belongs to them.

Spanton Organized Pool.

Spanton it is claimed by the other members of the combination organized a pool to take over the county Poor Farm. Lombard, Jacobs, Reynolds and Spanton put up $5000 which was given as a guarantee when the bid was entered for $154,530. Spanton it is claimed promised Suydam a half of his share for using his influence in swinging the deal. Spanton it is said has taken up the shares of the other three members himself, but this Mr. Spanton denies, saying it was a scheme that was never carried out, because of the refusal of Lombard and Jacobs to subscribe for the shares they claimed.

W. A. Spanton and H. R. Reynolds in discussing the tangle over the deal, contend that neither B. M. Lombard nor Jacobs have any legal rights in the deal, although they say they intend, in event the court holds with them, to allow both of the gentlemen to subscribe for a one fifth interest in the corporation, as originally planned.

Tell of the Deal.

As told by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Spanton this morning, the deal came about in the following manner. Spanton and Reynolds offered bids for the tract at $765 an acre. Lombard offered to buy the property for $700 an acre.

At the time the bids were opened, but before the award was made, Lombard asked the county commissioners to allow him to put in another bid. The court told him the he would not do this unless he presented at the same time a certified check for $5000.

Lombard did not do this, according to Mr. Reynolds, but sent for Reynolds and Spanton and showed them a bid he had prepared, which was accompanied by a check for $1000. Spanton and Reynolds told Lombard to go ahead and started to leave, says Mr. Reynolds, when they were called back by Lombard, who told them they would need assistance in financing the deal and that they had better let him in.

Lombard Shows Paper.

"Mr. Lombard then showed us a paper which he had drawn," said Mr. Reynolds, "and we looked at it and saw that it had no legal standing. Being anxiou to dispose of the matter we signed the paper.

"This paper provided that Reynolds should have one fifth of the interest in the tract, Spanton one fifth, Lombard one fifth, F. Jacobs one fifth, and D. E. Keasey one fifth. Lombard, Keasey and Jacobs were together on their bid, and Mr. Spanton and myself on ours. We were then to form a corporation to take over and handle the property.

"When the deal was made," continued Mr. Reynolds, "Lombard and Jacobs put up $1000 each, as provided between us, and Spanton and myself put up $1000 each. Keasey failed to put up his money and dropped out of the deal. I put up $1000 and took over his interest in the transaction, thus giving to Spanton and myself a three fifths interest in the tract.

Two Back Down.

"When Lombard and Jacobs discovered that they held but a two fifths interest in the deal, they refused to carry out their part of the agreement," continued Mr. Reynolds, "although Jacobs had already incorporated the Uplands Investment company to handle the tract. They are now contending that the county court should issue a deed to all five, and went before the court this morning to tender $35,000 and get the deed on those terms. The objection to that plan is that it might block the improvement of the property, which can only be done through a corporation."

DESERT CORPSE FOR LIVE ONES

Three Night Watchers Almost Capture Two Burglars at Gresham.

Leaving the corpse of a friend with whom they were sitting up for the night, Sam Townsend, William Hamlin and Percy Smith struck out on a chase after three real live men who were trying to commit burglary under the cover of darkness. They declare they would have made corpses of them had they not lost their trail in the timber after a most thrilling adventure.

The sensational incident occurred at Gresham, a thriving community about 14 miles east of Portland at 3 o'clock this morning and every inhabitant, including men, women and children there are today in a state of excitement over the case because a series of burglaries have been committed in the town recently and it has been concluded that than the present there would be no more suitable time to call a halt to such work.

Several armed men including the three above mentioned took up the hunt again after daylight and hope to return with prisoners before night. It is said they have promised to capture them dead or alive.

Townsend, Hamlin and Smith were sitting in the chapel of Carlson's undertaking establishment when they heard what they at first supposed was people going home, although the hour was late. Suspecting that perhaps all was not right, one of the watchers of the night stepped out on the sidewalk and there discovered three men seeking entrance into Lewis Shattuck's store. Telling his companions, they went quietly to the marshal, who equipped them with guns. But the burglars heard them coming and started on a run down through a canyon back of the store.

Townsend, who is a Spanish war veteran, immediately started in pursuit and fired four shots at the fleeing men. Townsend's companions took up the chase after the other two who, after separating from the man that struck out for the canyon, ran down one of the main streets. The chase covered a distance of fully two miles. But for the men getting under cover in the timber it is believed they would undoubtedly have been either killed or captured.

MARY SCHIELS IS GIVEN THE LIMIT

Woman Known as "Frenzied Finance Mary" Is Sentenced for Larceny.

Mary Schiels, alais Mrs. C. A. Copeland, and known to Portland police as "Frenzied Finance Mary,"—a title which she has won by numerous passing of forged checks, has broken her parole and today received an additional sentence of a year in the county jail. Yesterday the Schiels woman passed a forged check on R. J. Eders, a shoe dealer at 551 Williams avenue. The check was for $10. The charge of forgery was changed to one of larceny this morning and the woman pleaded guilty and was given the limit sentence of one year by Judge Bennett.

Time after time the Schiels woman has been in the toils, always escaping under one pretext or another. As she has pleaded guilty in this case there can be no appeal and she will duobtless remain in the county jail for the next year, if she does not go to the penetentiary.

A few months ago, on a charge of forgery, the woman was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary, but was released on parole. Now that she has broken her parole she may be sent to the penitentiary to serve the sentence imposed by Judge Bronaugh. This would take precedence over the lesser offence of larceny, although if she is sent to the penitentiary she will be required to serve the sentence imposed by Judge Bennett this morning, subsequent to the fulfillment of the former sentence.

13-YEAR-OLD GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE

Hazel Phillips, Lane Farmer's Daughter, Thinks Her Love Is Unrequited.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Cottage Grove, Or., July 17.—Hazel Phillips, the 13-year-old daughter of Robert Phillips, who resides about 10 miles from Cottage Grove, on Cedar creek, committed suicide late Thursday evening by shooting herself through the breast with a 25-30 Winchester rifle. The bullet passed entirely through her body. She died about midnight.

Some mystery is attached to the affair, but as near as can be learned from neighbors, the unfortunate young girl became infatuated with a neighbor boy, a few years her senior, and on account of her love being unrequited, ended her life.

The parents are well known and respected citizens of Lane county and have a host of friends. The funeral will be held today.

BANK CLEARANCES TAKE A BIG JUMP

There is no lull in business in Portland just now and no better indication of this can be found than the heavy increase in the clearings of the associated banks for the past week over those of a year ago.

The gain amounts to $2,408,678.07. The clearings this week were $8,626,858.12 and those of a year ago for the same period $6,218,180.05.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Frederick T. Chandler, accompanied by her two daughters and her son, Frederick, and Miss White, are at the Portland. Mrs. Chandler is the wife of the well known Philadelphian, and expects to remain here for several days.

Alexander D. Charlton, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific, returned Friday from a 10 days' business trip to Seattle, Tacoma and other Washington cities.

Mrs. W. H. Chickering and her daughter, Miss Martha Chickering, well known in Oakland and San Francisco society, are at present sojourning in Portland. They are staying at the Hotel Portland."

Gibbons to Dedicate Cathedral.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Baltimore, July 17.—Cardinal Gibbons will leave Baltimore August 1, going to Salt Lake city, where he will dedicate a new cathedral on August 17.

SAYS OFFICER BOTHERED HIM

Orator Boon Files Charges Against Patrolman Who Made the Arrest.

William Boon, a Socialist orator, who was arrested Thursday evening by Patrolman R. E. Burks on a charge of fighting, this morning preferred charges against Burks with Chief of Police Cox. Boon was discoursing at First and Madison streets when he was interrupted by C. Durkins, a drunken man, and trouble ensued at once, with the result that Patrolman Burks called the patrol wagon, and after placing Durkins under arrest went to the platform from which Boon was talking and collared him, and he was also arrested.

Learning that Boon was contemplating bringing charges against him, Patrolman Burks asked for a continuance yesterday, and secured two witnesses who this morning testified that after Durkins had interrupted the speaker with insulting remarks Boon knocked the man down and pummeled him. Durkins did not appear in court this morning, but forfeited bail, while Boon was dismissed, the court holding that he had plenty of provocation for his attack on the drunken man.

Following his dismissal Boon attempted to prefer charges against Officer Burks with Judge Bennett. When the Judge remarked "Durkins got what was coming to him," Boon jumped up and demanded, "What is coming to the officer"

"I do not know," stated Judge Bennett, "if you wish to prefer charges you may do so." Boon insisted that he wished to prefer charges at once, then and there, but he was referred by Judge Bennett to the chief of police. He accordingly visited Chief Cox and entered formal charges against the officer.

Patrolman Burks, who is an officer of especially good standing, does not regard as serious the charges made against him, in view of the testimony of the two witnesses, who swore that Boon had given Durkins a severe beating.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN DEAD; GAS JET OPEN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, July 17.—Mrs. Anna Schenkle, 42 years of age, and her two children, 7 and 11 years old, were found asphyxiated today in their home. It is thought the mother, while despondent over illness, killed the children and herself.

LUMBERMEN ARE GUESTS IN CITY

Eastern Capitalists Spend Enjoyable Time in Seeing Many New Sights.

Lumber manufacturers from all over the United States are today visiting the largest lumber manufacturing city in the world and they declare they are enjoying the visit immensely. As guests of the members of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association, they were taken through the city and shown the sights this morning as soon as they had rested up a few moments after their train ride from Tacoma, where they spent yesterday after having completed a strenuous but entertaining convention of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

Secretary Victor H. Beckman of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, escorted the party to Portland, arriving here this morning at 7 o'clock. At the depot they were met by the entertainment committee of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association and taken to the various hotels.

At 10:30 the committee and its guests went on an automobile drive, and after seeing the city were entertained at luncheon at the Commercial club, where they met a large number of Oregon's representative lumber manufacturers. The ladies of the entertainment committee, Mrs. L. J. Wentworth, chairman, wives and daughters.

Following is the personnel of the party:

R. G. Chisholm, wife and son, Minneapolis, Minn.; M. H. McCarthy and daughter, Dubuque, Iowa; J. M. Richards and daughter, Bemidji, Minn.; H. R. Woera and wife, Stillwater, Minn.; W. O. Landon, Wausau, Wis.; J. J. Lingle, Westboro, Wis.; William Irvine, wife and daughter Chippewa Falls, Wis.; A. L. Osborn, Oshkosh, Wis.; George E. Watson, New Orleans, La.; E. C. Posbrugh and wife, Norfolk, Va.; William B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.; W. C. Bowman and wife, Kansas City, Mo.; W. E. Guild and wife, Wiggins, Wis.; W. D. Harrigan and wife, Fulton, Ala.; Miss Gray, Fulton, Ala.; Raymond White and Miss Ruth White, Kansas City, Mo.; V. H. Beckman, Seattle, Wash.; Fred R. Fairchild, New Haven, Conn.; S. Gammill, Millville, Ark.; Fred H. Gilman and wife, Seattle, Wash.; George K. Smith and wife, St. Louis, Mo.; James C. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.; T. Deland Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; George K. Barclay, St. Louis, Mo.; J. Randall Williams Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; C. V. Edgard, Boulder, Colo.; J. C. Freeman, St. Louis, Mo.; R. A. Long and wife, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Long, Kansas City, Mo., and C. B. Sweet and wife, Kansas City, Mo.

The entertainment committee of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association was composed of W. B. Mackay, chairman, L. J. Wentworth, F. C. Knapp, G. B. McLeod, G. M. Cornwall and A. B. Wastell.

The party will separate here this evening and leave for their respective destinations.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING BABE

Also of Attempting to Poison Other Children—Alienation Suit.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Des Moines, July 17.—Mrs. William Oliphant of West Branch was arrested today charged with killing her baby girl, attempting to poison three other daughters and intending to commit suicide. A letter found in Mrs. Oliphant's purse read:

"I have nothing to live for now. My name is blackened. Bury us all by my little angel Gladys, for the other little ones will soon be with her."

The motive which is believed to have caused the woman's action is found in a suit recently begun by her husband against R. E. Scully, whom he charged with alienation of Mrs. Oliphant's affections. The suit is for $10,000.

Scully was a roomer at the Oliphant home.

New Notaries.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., July 17.—Notarial commissions have been issued to George W. Vogel, Rainier; P. A. Coppard, Oakland; E. C. Minor, Portland; H. E. Coolidge, La Grande; P. E. Phelps, Cornelius; William Wagner, Klamath Falls.

JACK LONDON ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Replies Vigorously to Frank Harris, Who Made Charge That Novelist Had Plagiarized Story—Explains Use of Clipping.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 17.—Admitting that he is a "sucker," Jack London resents the accusation that he is a plagiarist, and in a communication sent to friends in this city, made public today, he scores Frank Harris, the English journalist, who made the charge. The letter, which was written at Panama, says:

"Arriving at Panama from South America, after being four months away from newspapers and letters, I got in touch with my mail and found the usual charge of plagiarism awaiting me. Frank Harris, using the deadly parallel column, has published in 'Vanity Fair' an extract from an article written by him in 1901 and an extract from 'The Iron Heel,' published by me in 1909. Line by line, and paragraph by paragraph, he proves conclusively that I have lifted from him bodily fully a thousand words of his own composition. On the face of it, I should be hanged. That is the way we used to have of dealing with horsethieves in the wild west.

Quotes Harris.

"Frank Harris says: 'A great meeting was to be held at Westminster town hall for the promotion of public morality. The Bishop of London presided. * * * It occurred to me that it would be amusing to picture what would be the effect on the meeting if the Bishop of London had suddenly become a Christian. I wrote it all down.'

"Now, in 1901, I found Mr. Harris' composition published in an American paper. To it was affixed an introduction by an American journalist, in which he said that those quoted words of the Bishop of London had been taken from the one London publication that had the courage to print what the Bishop of London had actually said.

"Now, I had never heard of Mr. Harris. I did not know that the unknown English journalist had perpetrated a canard. I don't think the American journalist knew that Mr. Harris had perpetrated this canard. He took Mr. Harris' article in good faith and I certainly took it in good faith. I took what I saw in the newspaper as the quoted words of the bishop of London uttered on a public platform. I thought I had a human document, and it made such a striking impression on me that I filed it away for future use.

Resurrects Clipping.

"Years afterwards, in writing 'The Iron Heel,' I resurrected the clipping. And with much glee I used it word for word and again filed the clipping against the possibility of being charged in the future with having stretched realism and human probability. I smiled to myself at the thought that when such a charge was laid at my door, I would bring forth the clipping—the human document containing the publicly uttered words of the bishop of London. And, behold, it was a canard!

"Mr. Harris made a canard that fooled an American journalist, and that through the American journalist fooled me. Mr. Harris baited his hook and caught me. I was what we call a sucker. But Mr. Harris, instead of gaily crying 'sucker,' gravely cried 'thief!' I am afraid that Mr. Harris is a very precipitous and guileless young man, or else dreadfully desirous of getting free advertising."

MIMIC BATTLE FOR TOMORROW

Armies of Blue and Brown Will Strive Hard for Supremacy.

For the purpose of inspecting the Third infantry regiment, Oregon National guard, Major Robert Noble, U. S. A., arrived at Camp Benson this morning and immediately the 12 companies of guardsmen were found on the parade grounds and a rigid inspection of uniform and accouterment was made.

Early this afternoon the troops in camp were divided into two opposing forces known as the blue and the brown army, and the long march taken up which will lead the men to the scene of tomorrow's battle.

The brown army will have its base at Boring, 12 miles east of Clackamas and the blue will operate from Sellwood. The object of each of the opposing forces will be to secure and hold the Southern Pacific railway line.

The blue army consisting of the third battalion of the third regiment and the platoon of field artillery will be commanded by Major S. N. Dunbar, while Major J. L. May will command the brown army, composed of the regiment. The combat will really begin immediately upon the two forces leaving Camp Benson, but a clash of arms is not expected before early tomorrow morning. Then the crash of infantry and roar of artillery will continue until near noon when the combat will come to an end and the smoke begrimmed soldiers will take up their march back to camp.

Major Noble will act as umpire on the field of maneuvers and will be assisted by Captain King and Lieutenant Everington of the regular army.

General Charles F. Beebe visited Camp Benson yesterday afternoon and was honored with a regimental dress parade.

The six Portland companies will leave camp at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will reach their armory at about nightfall.

The eastern Oregon and Willamette valley companies will entrain at Clackamas during the afternoon and proceed by rail to their home stations. At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the Oregon City company will return by march to its home station.

Maggi to Go Back.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., July 17.—A requisition from Governor James N. Gillett of California for the return to Oakland for trial of Paul Maggi was honored by Governor Benson this morning. Maggi is wanted in California for seduction, the complainant being Florence E. Lundgren.

James Drew of the Oakland police department, the agent authorized to return Maggi to Oakland, left for Portland this afternoon, where his prisoner is under arrest.