SAY CAMERON USES OFFICE TO PROTECT

Sensational Affidavit Filed by R. F. Crittenden in Circuit Court Charges District Attorney With Misuse of Official Power.

Charges that District Attorney Cameron is using his official position to protect officers of the Lee-Bowdler company from prosecution for embezzlement are made in a sensational affidavit filed in the circuit court by R. F. Crittenden, president and general manager of the Port Orford Orchard tracts, which recently went down in a crash with the Lee-Bowdler company, which was acting as fiscal agent in handling the sale of orchard tracts at Port Orford.

On complaint of Crittenden, supported by affidavits made by himself and by F. C. Wallace, Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday afternoon issued bench warrants for the arrest of J. C. Lee, president of the Lee-Bowdler company, and Mrs. Lee who was treasurer of both the companies involved, charging them with embezzlement of $6000. They were arrested and gave bonds last night.

Judge Gatens acted as a committing magistrate and issued the warrants because of the charges made by Crittenden that District Attorney Cameron and Justice of the Peace Olsen had refused to allow him to swear to a complaint. He declares that he made various visits to the district attorney's office and was finally told by one of Cameron's assistants that they did not have legal proof to justify the making of arrests.

Cameron's Side Work.

Crittenden attributes this course of the district attorney to the fact that the latter is attorney for Julius Rosche, who has paid money to the Lee-Bowdler company on a contract for Port Orford lands. Rosche, like many others who had invested there, became alarmed and sought the district attorney. The latter went to see Lee and told him that he must make some settlement. He gave a bill of sale to the furniture of the office for $500.

District Attorney Cameron admits that he acted as attorney for Rosche, but says this had nothing to do with Lee's case. His version of the transaction with Rosche disagrees in several particulars from the account given by Chittenden's affidavit. He says that the amount was $500, and that the bill of sale was made directly to Rosche. But he admits that he went to Lee and told him that he must settle the claim of his client. The bill of sale was the result.

"I have no interest in protecting Lee," said the district attorney this morning. "He looks the same to me as any other man. I have not said that he would not be prosecuted. My remembrance is that Crittenden and Wallace called on me only once, and I then told them they should wait until the investigation of the books was completed. I understand that since that time they talked with Deputy Fitzgerald, who decided that they did not have evidence in hand to prosecute."

According to Crittenden, he made three futile visits to the district attorney in person. The first time, he says, was soon after June 15, when he discovered that large sums had been misappropriated by the Lees. He says the Lees denied satisfaction and refused to let him see the books. The district attorney then told him, he says, that he would have the Lees bring in their books and if anything were wrong a warrant would be issued. Three days later, he says, he again called on the district attorney, and Cameron refused to do anything or say what he would do.

Cameron's Half Holiday.

The next visit, according to the Crittenden affidavit, was on July 5, when he says he informed Cameron that the Lees had $600 on deposit in a local bank belonging to the Port Orford corporation, and he wanted a warrant to prevent their getting away with the money. He says Cameron remarked that he had worked all the day before, it was then noon, and he was going to take a half holiday, advising Crittenden to wait until the grand jury met.

The affidavit then proceeds:

That, again, on the 29th day of July, 1909, went to the office of the said district attorney, and again requested the arrest of the said Lees, but my request was refused by one of his deputies; that I have discovered that the said district attorney, George J. Cameron, is acting as attorney for one Julius Rosche, who had invested with the said Lee-Bowdler company $1000 as part payment on property to be purchased from the said Port Orford Orchard Tracts, and that the said Julius Rosche had become dissatisfied with the security for his investment, and the said district attorney, George J. Cameron, had obtained a bill of sale of the personal property of the said Lee-Bowdler company, said bill of sale being made out to one Hadley of Baker City, Or., and having been delivered to George J. Cameron to protect the $1000 invested by the said Julius Rosche, said Hadley being also one of the said Rosche's attorneys.

Protects From Prosecution.

"This deponent believes, and therefore says, that the said George J. Cameron is using his official position as district attorney of this district to protect the said J. C. Lee and M. T. Lee from criminal prosecution in order to further protect the interest of his said client, Julius Rosche."

The affidavit states that on the same day Crittenden called on Justice Olsen, who said that he would not "butt in" on the district attorney. By these refusals, he alleges, he has been prevented from having a square deal.

The affidavit by Wallace is that he was publicity agent for the Lee-Bowdler company until about June 1, when he was employed by Crittenden to assist in investigating the books of the Port Orford tracts. He says he secured a transcript of a portion of the books of the Lee-Bowdler company, and discovered a shortage of between $7000 and $8000.

Shortage Is Verified.

Subsequently he verified the shortage by a statement submitted by Mrs. Lee, Lee then being out of town. When Lee returned, he says, he refused to permit further investigation and secreted the books.

Three weeks later, according to this affidavit, Lee submitted a statement differing radically from the one furnished by his wife, but still showing on the face of it a shortage of about $16,000. Wallace also states that on two occasions he went with Crittenden to Cameron's office and heard the district attorney refuse to take action.

In the complaint filed by Crittenden, the Lees are charged with embezzling $6000. They will be given a preliminary hearing in the circuit court, which will take place before Judge Cleland next week. Crittenden and Wallace were arrested a few days ago on complaint of J. C. Lee, charging them with criminal libel because of letters written by them, some of which are in possession of the district attorney.

Charles Olvis Succumbs.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., July 31.—Charles Olvis, 48 years old, died here Friday. The deceased leaves two children. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the St. Mary's church.

RAIL RUMORS ENLIVEN VALLEY

Attorney General Crawford, After Tour of Deschutes, Says People Expect Much Good From Proposed Road —Water Users Pleased.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., July 31.—Grievances of settlers on the Deschutes irrigation project are slight, says Attorney General Crawford, who returned from an investigation into the conditions in the Deschutes valley last night. The land board had listened to considerable evidence in regard to the Deschutes Irrigation and Power company's difficulties, but it was for the most part corporation difficulties, brought about by a change in directorship and assignment of interests.

The entire land board, which consists of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state engineer and attorney general, had contemplated making the investigation, but as various matters detained the other members of the board only Mr. Crawford visited the project this week.

Landless Water and Waterless Land.

"Two main difficulties are being experienced by the settlers," says the attorney general. "Those who have more land than the water with which they are supplied with irrigate, and those who have not enough land for the amount of water they have at their disposal.

"It will be the endeavor of the board to bring about equilization of the water supply and force the company to make a more satisfactory distribution or make refunds to the settlers. Otherwise the conditions in the valley are very satisfactory."

A. M. Drake, former promotor of the irrigation project, is trying to compel the irrigation company to take its water from the river below Bend instead of from above that city, according to a contract which he says he has made with the corporation. This has caused the greatest trouble. Until this matter is settled the land board will continue to have its hands full. The construction of a new feed-canal would bring additional cost upon the irrigation company.

Attorney General Crawford says the rumors that Harriman and Hill are fighting for a right of way through the valley has enlivened things in the valley, and if such a railroad as is proposed is built, it will not only mean a great boon to the Deschutes valley but to the entire state.

ROBINSON WILL GET A HEARING

Bar Association Grants Judge Permission to Present Charges.

Hoquiam, Wash., July 31.—The State Bar association yesterday afternoon took action on the charges preferred by Judge J. W. Robinson of Olympia of the supreme court, against ex-Judge Root and Judge H. D. Crow by passing a resolution that within 60 days Judge Robinson file his charges with the grievance committee of the association, that the charges might be "either proved or forever silenced."

A resolution was also passed ordering the institution of disbarment proceedings against Milo A. Root of Seattle, ex-judge of the supreme court, who was forced to retire by reason of scandals attaching to his conduct on the bench.

Action in the case of Judge M. J. Gordon of Spokane, ex-counsel for the Great Northern, under indictment on a charge of embezzlement from the railroad, was deferred pending the outcome of the trial. Should conviction be secured disbarment proceedings will be instituted. Disbarment of DeWolfe will be withheld until the report of the legislative committee on his charges has been made.

The charges preferred by State Senator J. W. Bryan of Bremerton against Judge B. Yakey of the superior court of Kitsap county, in which Bryan charges that Yakey travels on a pass and that his expense accounts are irregular, were referred to the grievance committee for investigation.

Bellingham was chosen as the next place of meeting. C. C. Gose of Walla Walla, brother of Judge M. F. Gose of the supreme court, was elected president; C. Will Shaffer of Olympia was reelected secretary, and Arthur Remington of Olympia, treasurer.

C. E. Shepard of Seattle, W. V. Tanner of Olympia and Walter Christian of Tacoma were named by the president as delegates from the State Bar association to the next meeting of the National Bar association, which will be held in Detroit during the latter part of August.

In an interview just before leaving for his home in Tacoma yesterday DeWolfe said he would fight disbarment proceedings to the United States supreme court if necessary. DeWolfe had been discredited by the association in the matter of charges he had brought against members of the supreme court, having been in his turn charged by the association as unworthy longer to practice law.

The visiting lawyers will take a trip by boat to Cohasset Beach this afternoon, and all will assemble at a banquet at the Essex hotel at Cohasset tonight.

SICK WIFE SEEKS TO FIND MISSING HUSBAND

Chief of Police Cox is in receipt of a pathetic letter from Mrs. Wendel Z. Sanborn of Nashua, N. H., who is endeavoring to locate her husband, whom she thinks is on the coast. She says:

"Dear Sir:—I am trying to find my husband. It would seem like a godsend to find him before I die. I am sick with tuberculosis and the doctor says under this awful suspense I cannot live long, but I do hope and pray that I may see him again before I die. I have looked for him until my strength has given out, and now I don't know what to do, but I think if the description of him were put in the papers he may see it or some one may see him, as he is looking for work and went in that direction."

Then follows a description of the missing man, as follows: Aged 38, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, weight 175 pounds, dark brown curly hair, bald at the crown, brown mustache, large blue eyes, dimple on chin, a crooked little finger and both forearms tatooed.

Sparks Set Roof Afire.

Sparks from the chimney of the Home of Truth, a spiritualist organization of which Thaddeus M. Minard is the leader, set fire to the roof of the home at 382 Eleventh street this noon, causing $25 damage to that part of the building. The flames were extinguished with the use of chemicals.

CONSUMER LEFT WHERE HE WAS

He Mustn't Think Lumber Is to Be Any Cheaper, Says Mr. Hines.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, July 31.—That the consumer will not reap any benefit in the way of cheaper product as the result of the reduction of the lumber schedule, was the statement today of Edward Hines, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, just prior to his departure for Chicago.

"The reduction of the duty on lumber does not mean cheaper lumber, although that view is taken by many people not familiar with the true situation," said Mr. Hines. "Lumber passes through too many hands from the time it leaves the forest until it reaches the consumer, to make it possible for the latter to reap the benefit of the cuts in the Dingley tariff."

Mr. Hines said the lumber interests of the country would make no further effort in either house of congress to secure a higher tariff than that agreed upon by the conference committee.

"I am sure there will be a great revival in business, not only in the lumber industry, but in all others, now that the tariff promises soon to be disposed of," said Mr. Hines. "Nearly all lines of business have been working under handicaps while the tariff schedules have been under consideration."

SWEDISH DAY AT THE A.-Y.-P.

Delegations From Far and Near Pour In—Governor Johnson at Spokane.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, July 31.—Large delegations of visitors poured into the city today on special trains from Minnesota and from many cities in Washington to participate in the celebration of Swedish day at the exposition. Crowds also arrived during the forenoon from Portland, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco.

Preparations were complete for the reception of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, who was expected to reach the city on a special train over the Great Northern railroad. It was planned to meet the governor's train at the station with 30 automobiles. On the reception committee were Governor Hay, of Washington; Governor Glasscock, of West Virginia; Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and many other prominent persons. It was learned early today, however, that Governor Johnson would not arrive in time to take part in the Swedish day exercises.

The program for the celebration of the Swedish national day at the exposition consisted chiefly of musical features. A banquet will be given this evening in the Washington state building, which is expected to be attended by hundreds of Swedish citizens.

Spokane, Wash., July 31.—Governor John Johnson, of Minnesota, stopped here today on his way to the A.-Y.-P. exposition at Seattle and will continue his trip westward late tonight. He took an automobile trip about the city this morning and this afternoon went to Palouse in a special car. This evening he will be the guest of the Scandinavian Brotherhood at dinner.

Governor Johnson said he would be unable to speak at the irrigation congress here, as he will have to return east directly from Seattle on account of official matters.

AIRSHIP IN WAR NOT SO DREADFUL

United States Army Officer Claims He Has Invented a Destroyer.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, July 31.—Official circles are excited today over a statement made on high authority that an army officer at Fort Omaha, Neb., has invented an electric apparatus designed to destroy aerial war craft.

According to the statement the machine will project through the air a column of electricity of almost any desired force, and direct it at any desired object within a radius of several hundred yards.

DROWNED ONE YEAR AFTER WEDDING DAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., July 31.—One year from the hour she had become a bride, Mrs. Guy Hudgins of this city lay lifeless on the beach of Bellingham Bay. She was drowned while bathing with friends at the mouth of Squalicum creek. She was a leader in Bellingham social circles.

To celebrate the anniversary of their wedding it was planned to have a picnic supper on the beach, and while waiting for Mr. Hudgins to arrive from the city, Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs. William Thorp, Miss Bertha Crews and John Tripp went bathing.

The tide was running and the bathers ventured out too far. All were caught by the undertow. Tripp succeeded in rescuing Miss Crews and boatmen near by brought Mrs. Thorp to shore, unconscious and nearly dead. Mrs. Hudgins was carried far out by the undertow. Her body was recovered an hour after the accident.

MEETING OF CZAR AND FALLIERES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cherbourg, France, July 31.—The czar of Russia and President Fallieres of France exchanged visits today, following the arrival of the Russian fleet, escorting the imperial yacht Standart in the harbor. The first official function today will be a dinner on board the French cruiser Verite, on which the president is making his headquarters.

The booming of guns off the coast today announced the arrival of the Russian fleet. The czar, czarina and the children were aboard the Standart.

The French channel fleet received the royal visitors, the Verite, with Fallieres and other high officials of the government on board, lying near the shore.

PULLIAM FUNERAL TO BE HELD MONDAY

New York, July 31.—The funeral of Harry C. Pulliam will be held in Louisville, Ky., Monday next. George W. Cain, a brother-in-law, has arrived here from Nashville, Tenn., to take charge of the body.

He said Pulliam had been overtaxed, took his business too seriously, and of late had been anxious to get out of the baseball business.

COMPETITION SAYS SIMON MUST COME

Mayor Is Determined to Have Square Deal in Paying of Streets—Council Will Probably Cease to Block Him.

"The old order changeth"—even if the city charter relating to council resolutions for street improvements has to be construed differently from the way it has been under former administrations.

So says Mayor Simon.

"We must have competition on the part of paving companies, and we will have it," declared the mayor this morning.

"I understand that my plan of calling for bids for 'hard surface' pavements without specifying the particular kind of surface, was held by the council to be contrary to the methods of procedure provided for by the city charter, but I am having the charter carefully investigated on this point, and I think it will be found to permit of the scheme which I have proposed. I am quite sure that we shall have competition, anyway. I don't think the council will oppose something that is so evidently for the interests of taxpayers in general."

That the council will acquiesce with the mayor when the matter is again presented to that body at its next meeting, there is little doubt. George L. Baker, president of the council, stated this morning that he had no wish to block anything suggested by the mayor for the good of the city.

"All I want is to secure good streets and I am not particular what method is adopted to this end," he said this morning. "I am opposed, however, to the use of vitrified brick as a pavement. I don't think this kind of surface will stand up under the heavy traffic required of pavements in the business districts. If bids are called for hard surface without specifying the kind I think some restrictions should be made to prevent the likelihood of any poor material being selected."

Councilman Baker has been one of the principal adherents of the old regime and from his attitude today it is to be inferred that the majority of the council have decided to support the mayor's campaign for competition.

Those councilmen who have hitherto stood out against the change in the methods of starting improvement proceedings will find it easier to yield now in view of the fact that at the last meeting of the council enough streets were put through by the paving magnates to supply them with work for a long time to come.

BENEFIEL MUST PAY FOR WALL

Mayor Simon Decides That Cemetery Owner Must Protect Old Graves.

Wilson Benefiel, sole stockholder of the Northwest Cemetery association, must pay for the cost of building a retaining wall along East Stark street bordering the Lone Fir burial grounds if Mayor Simon can make him. The mayor and Benefiel, accompanied by Councilmen Lombard and Kubli and Superintendent Mische of the park department went out this morning in an automobile to view the scene of the street grading where a number of graves were uncovered recently and Mayor Simon became convinced that a retaining wall is necessary to prevent the further disturbance of graves.

The mayor told Mr. Benefiel that the city has already been put to enough expense by reason of having to bear the full cost of the improvement of East Stark street and that he would not consider an additional drain on the municipal treasury to pay any portion of the cost of the wall.

Benefiel said he thought that at least half the outlay necessary for the wall should be paid by the Masonic order, which has a burial site at Lone Fir. He said he would then be willing to pay for half of the remaining portion of the cost if the city would assume liability for the other half.

All the lots in the cemetery which were formerly owned by the association of which Benefiel is the majority stockholder, have long since been sold and the corporation has seemingly no assets. The mayor proposes, however, to make the stockholders who received the money for the lots, provide the wall for the protection of grave plots which they sold to the public.

CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST CHUN SIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, July 31.—A charge of murder was preferred today against Chun Sin, held since the killing of Elsie Sigel, the missionary whose body was found in a trunk in the room of Leon Ling, a Chinese who lived above Chun Sin's chop suey restaurant.

The warrant charging Chun Sin with the murder was issued on an affidavit signed by Yuan Yick Lam, an interpreter, who alleged that he was certain Chung assisted in packing the girl's body in the trunk.

Leon Ling, suspected of the murder, has been missing ever since the girl was killed.

TWO COLORED MEN KILLED BY MOB

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Opelousas, La., July 31.—Two colored men were taken from officers of the law near Grand Prairie last night and shot to death by a mob of 30 masked men. The mob quietly dispersed and left the bodies on the ground, where they were found today. One of the negroes was accused of wounding a white man and of committing a series of robberies. The other was charged with theft and with harboring his companion.

Old Man Killed by Car.

Sawtelle, Cal., July 31.—Tottering across the tracks of the Los Angeles Pacific Electric railroad near Palms City early today, Begnio Valenzuela, 72 years of age, was struck by a speeding Redondo car and almost instantly killed. Valenzuela was a pioneer resident of the section and had lived for half a century in Santa Monica canyon. He was a member of one of the Spanish families holding early Mexican grants in this vicinity.

Alva Doll New Notary.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., July 31.—Alva Doll of Marshfield has been appointed notary public.

$10,000 BLAZE AT PILOT ROCK

Origin of Midnight Fire Unknown—Members of City Council Are Victims.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., July 31.—Pilot Rock, located 17 miles south of Pendleton, on a branch line of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's line, sustained a $10,000 fire of mysterious origin about midnight last night. For a time the entire town was threatened. No wind was stirring or the loss would have been enormous. The bucket brigade, Pilot Rock's sole fire-fighting apparatus, subdued the flames after several hours' hard work.

The fire was discovered in the store building occupied by Kirk & Turner. The building, with its $6000 stock of goods, was destroyed. An old school house occupied by three families also burned. Other nearby buildings were badly scorched. During the progress of the first fire a second one was discovered some distance away in an inside room of the City hotel. This fire was kept under control.

Mr. Turner, of the Kirk & Turner company, and J. K. Smith, of the City hotel, were among the councilmen who about a week ago voted to eliminate a near-beer saloon in Pilot Rock. The near-beer saloon must go out of business Monday.

The fire loss is about half covered by insurance.

HOTEL MAN SAYS TOO MANY FEES

Complains That He Has to Pay for Howling Out Houses's Name.

Complaint has been made to the license department of the city auditor's office that hotel men operating 'buses to carry passengers to and from trains are forced to pay too many fees. One man called at the office this morning and stated that he had already paid a quarterly license fee of $1 for a hack driver's privilege and one of $5 for running a 'bus. He demurred at having to pay a runner's fee of $10 for merely calling forth the name of his hotel. He said he thought he should be exempt from the payment of this last named fee because of the fact that he was the proprietor of the hotel for which he acted as runner.

According to section 4 of city ordinance No. 14,053, however, this man is clearly obliged to take out the license. The section reads as follows: "In every case where more than one of the pursuits, employments or occupations for which a license is required shall be pursued or carried on in the same place by the same person at the same time, license must be taken out for each, according to the rates severally prescribed."

Section 26 of the same ordinance provides a quarterly fee of $10 for hotel runners and makes no exemption for the owners of hotels acting as their own runners.

The misapprehension of the hotel man was doubtless due to the fact that the following section of the ordinance, No. 27, relating to baggage drivers exempts the owners of baggage wagons from payment of a fee for soliciting.

TAFT'S YACHT TO THE RESCUE

Twenty-nine Persons From Capsized Boat Saved; Two Drowned.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Biddeford Pool, Me., July 31.—Search is being made today for the bodies of two men thought to have been drowned when a power boat capsized in the Saco river. Twenty-nine others, who were thrown into the water when the craft turned turtle, were rescued by President Taft's yacht Sylph. The accident occurred late yesterday as the boat was nearing the shore. The president's yacht rushed to the scene and succeeded in picking up all but two of the swamped party. No word has been received from these and it is feared they were drowned.

ENGLISH MILLIONS FOR MEXICAN MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, July 31.—John Hays Hammond, who has been in Mexico for several weeks, has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Santa Gertrudis mine, one of the old Pachuca group, according to an announcement made here today. He acted, it is reported, in behalf of the Camp Bird, Limited, of London, the purchase price being $9,000,000 (Mexican).

Denial has been made here that the Guggenheim interests have purchased the Rey Consolidated of Arizona, an immense low grade copper mine. It was rumored that the mine would be closed down after being taken over by the Guggenheims.

PERSONALS

P. J. Peckins, city ticket agent for the Chicago & Northwestern lines, accompanied by his wife, is visiting in Spokane.

Miss Helen McGorry and Miss Ada O'Brien, two young women from Cleveland who are making a tour of the continent unattended, are in Portland today. They will go from Portland to San Francisco.

J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines, will return from a trip to Ashland on the Southern Pacific, Monday.

Auto Accident Injures Two.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., July 31.—Because his automobile brake would not work, the machine, which carried O. M. Richmond and a party of four, went over a 30 foot grade, breaking a leg of one of the daughters of Mr. Richmond and an arm of Mrs. L. C. Preston of Huntington Beach, Cal. The party was going up a hill when the machine was stopped. The brake would not hold and before the engine could be put in motion the auto slid back over the bluff and to the bottom of the canyon.

Nuggets in the Macadam.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Grass Valley, Cal., July 31.—Dozens of goldseekers are picking up pieces of gold bearing quartz in the main streets of Grass Valley today. Several have been successful in gathering bits of gold this way and one man found a nugget worth $6. The rock was brought in from the dump of an old mine and is being used to macadamize the streets.

COMMERCIAL BONDS FOR NATION

Walter Moody Plans Countrywide Merger of Business Organizations—Says It Would Take Congress Out of Interests' Control.

Heading a movement for the national organization of commercial interests, Walter Moody, general manager of the Chicago Association of Commerce, came to Portland yesterday to enlist local commercial organizations in the plan.

"Signs of the times point to the fact that the world is at the dawn of the greatest era of industrial and commercial prosperity known in all history," said Mr. Moody at the Hotel Portland this morning. "The United States is to become the center of that tremendously accelerated business development. The purpose of a national organization will be preparation for such a condition of affairs. It would, briefly: Take business interests out of politics; place the control of commercial development in the hands of business men; insure the utilization of waterways, the most important question before the people today, bar none; harmonize industrial and commercial relations; give the United States the commercial supremacy of the world.

Would Stiffen Congress.

"Isolated commercial organizations," continued Mr. Moody, "control an estimated 70 per cent of the financial interests of the nation. With a national organization do you suppose that a little handful of men representing corporate interests could use members of our congress as mannikins to bend in any direction they please?

"The fear of the corporation would be taken from the people and the assurance that their interests would be cared for would take its place. We could dictate, practically, the appointment of our own secretary of commerce and labor. He would not, then, be a politician; he would be a business man, keen and alive to the necessities of his time.

"I said the problem of increasing the utility of waterways and increasing their number by means of canals was the greatest problem facing the nation, bar none. This is because freight rates unbased on water competition are exorbitant. The conditions existing in Europe where water transportation is speedy and cheap and popular, proves the truth of such a statement.

Will Mean Prosperity.

"When the farmer can ship his wheat for 11 cents a bushel less than now and put that 11 cents in his pocket rather than give it to the railroad, will it not add to his prosperity and prevent the concentration of wealth?

"The practical example Chicago furnishes is the canal between the lake and Joliet. Congress turned us down for an appropriation of $80,000,000, saying weakly that the prospective returns did not seem to justify the expenditure. We were angered, knowing as we did the returns were sure to come from a lessening of rates, so we passed through the legislature a special enactment bonding the state for $20,000,000, just for a beginning. That canal will soon be completed and its successful operation providing water transportation from the lakes to the gulf will insure the construction of others in points as strategic.

"The same problem of waterways development applies to this wonderful northwest. The completion of the Panama canal will give to the Pacific coast a splendid trade opportunity, which will mean the greatest known prosperity to all western business interests.

Want National Organization.

"Give us a national commercial organization and we will make sure that no more numbskulls are sent out from this country to represent our interests in other nations. We will have keen, self-reliant business men. Not long ago it became my duty to employ a man at an annual salary of $7500 to represent us in Buenos Ayres and to keep us posted on big trade opportunities. The proper sort of a consul would have made it unnecessary to spend this amount to have such representation.

"With such a national organization as I said, we could take our commercial interests out of politics. Congress would not dare continue its work for corporate interests, and we could get legislation that would keep the balance between capital and labor."

Is Visiting Cities.

Mr. Moody, accompanied by his wife, is visiting most of the cities in the Pacific northwest. His investigations prove to him, he declared this morning, that Portland is destined to be the trade metropolis of the west.

"And the city is a fairyland of beauty, such as I never saw before," he added. He was entertained at luncheon today at the Commercial club, where he met the leading business men of the city. His report to the Chicago Association of commerce will follow directly his return. The permanent national organization of commercial bodies will take place, probably, at a meeting to be held in November.

HENEY WILL RETURN TO CALHOUN CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 31.—Francis J. Heney, now in the north enjoying a vacation, will return to San Francisco within a few days and will take an active part in the prosecution of Patrick Calhoun, according to the statement of District Attorney Langdon, made this morning during the progress of Calhoun's second trial.

Since the jury disagreed at the last Calhoun trial Heney has been rusticating and has taken an automobile trip through California and Oregon.

From the beginning of Calhoun's second trial Langdon has been conducting the case, assisted by Assistant District Attorney O'Gara.

CHINATOWN CHINESE TIRED OF GUIDES' LIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, July 31.—Resenting the horrible tales told to tourists by white and yellow Chinatown guides, the local Chinese chamber of commerce will meet tonight to discuss plans to abolish the evil they aver is harming their business.

Not only do the merchants of Chinatown condemn the methods utilized by unscrupulous and untruthful guides to interest their slumming parties, because of the damage to business, but they claim that every Chinese, good or bad, is characterized as a highbinder or a vice steeped den habitue by the guides. Concerted action to stop the weird tales will probably be taken tonight.

SUMMERS DEFEATS BRITT IN NINTH

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, July 31.—In the ninth round of their fight here this afternoon Johnny Summers won over Jimmy Britt.

LOCAL FIRM IS LOW BIDDER FOR STEEL

County Commissioners Open Offers to Furnish Material for New Court House—Decision Will Be Made Next Wednesday.

New bids for structural steel for the new courthouse were opened in the county court this morning, previous bids having been rejected because all of the proposals were not on the same basis and it was difficult to tell which bid was best.

Apparently the Pacific Iron Works of this city has a fair lead over its competitors by bidding $33,714 for the steel, delivered, or $37,578 including the erection and riveting of the steel. The company offers to deliver the first material, so that work may commence, in three weeks from the time the contract is awarded, and to complete the delivery for every part of the building in 90 days.

The United Engineering & Construction company bid $39,897 for the contract, including erection and riveting, with final delivery in 16 weeks. This was the only bid by this company.

The Northwest Bridge company offers to furnish the steel, erect and rivet for $39,907, delivery to begin in four weeks and end in 16 weeks. For delivery of the steel, without erection, the firm bid $35,022.

The only eastern bidder, the Des Moines Bridge & Iron company, was distanced at the post. It bid $46,300 for the steel erected and riveted, and $40,000 for the steel delivered.

Gerrick & Gerrick of Seattle bid on the work of erecting the steel alone, theirs being the only bid received for this item exept in combination. Thy offer to erect the steel for $10.50 per ton.

The commissioners announced that they will act on the bids next Wednesday. In the meantime the architects, Whidden & Lewis, will check up the bids and report upon them. While the Pacific Iron Works would seem to have a downhill pull, the elements of price for extras, deductions and other details are to be considered, and the board wants to be sure that the successful bidder has no "joker" concealed, whoever he may be.

As soon as the contract for the steel is awarded, bids will be advertised for excavation of the basement, which will occupy all the space now used as a yard at the east front of the building. Bids will also be called for tearing away the front part of the old building, being the portion that projects beyond the main line of the present structure. From all indications the excavation will begin in about two weeks and the steel will begin to arrive before the first of September.

EXHIBIT HAS BEEN ENJOYED

Many People View Collection of Winchester Arms at Portland Hotel.

Scores of people have visited the Winchester Arms company's exhibit in the Portland hotel during the past three days, not only out of curiosity to see the exact duplicates of the guns being used by President Roosevelt and party in the African hunt, but to look over the big stock of models on display.

Captain A. F. Laudensack, who has charge of the exhibit, being assisted by H. S. Keyes, announced yesterday that owing to the necessity of catching the early night train for California, it would be necessary to close the exhibit at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Captain Laudensack, who is the champion rapid fire rifle shot of the world, never tires of explaining the repeating and automatic features of his guns. All the Winchester guns taken into the jungles by the Roosevelt party are automatic. The .405 caliber Winchester shoots six shots by merely pressing the trigger and as the slugs are thrown out by a specially prepared high powered explosive, it would take a gigantic animal to withstand the fire. There are three of these guns of .405 caliber. Two .22 caliber automatic and two 12 gauge shotguns complete the armament turned out by the Winchester people. The only foreign gun the president carries is a Holland arm, a present from the Dutch nobility.

President Roosevelt is the only hunter who ever carried American arms into the African jungles, but he is a devotee of the Winchester and is determined to give it a good trial. He was advised by his English friends that nothing but an English gun would drop an elephant or rhinoceros, but he has proven the reliability, of the American gun.

ELECTRIFICATION OVER SIERRAS POSTPONED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 31.—Julius Kruttschnitt of Chicago, Harriman's right hand man and director of operations and maintenance, today declared that the reported electrification of the Southern Pacific through the Sierras would probably be held in abeyance. He said, however, that the company had a commission of engineers under William Hood studying the subject.

"It is simply a proposition of dollars and cents," said Kruttschnitt. "It has been studied for some time but no stated time for the commission to report has been ordered, as the matter is not pressing.

"Electric traction is making rapid progress and if the company does some time decide to make the change it will have the benefit of all improvements being made in that direction."

Kruttschnitt is on a tour of inspection.

TAFT CAN'T ATTEND PORTOLA FESTIVAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 31.—Confirmation of the report that President Taft will not be a guest of San Francisco during the Portola celebration in October was received today in a telegram from Senator George Perkins at Washington to Mayor Edward Taylor of San Francisco. The telegram reads:

"Senator Flint and I personally presented your invitation to the president to be the guest of San Francisco at the coming Portola festival during the week of October 19. The president desires me to convey to you and those in charge of the celebration especial appreciation and thanks for your kind invitation. He regrets exceedingly that his engagements and itinerary will not permit his acceptance."