PORTLAND PUSH CLUBS ASK FOR BETTER SERVICE

In Complaint Filed With Railroad Commission Improvement Organizations Say Peninsula Cars Are Cold.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—Alleging unjust discrimination against St. Johns and the whole peninsula in favor of Mount Scott, Vancouver and Oregon City, Will G. Steel, on behalf of the Federated Push clubs of the peninsula, this morning filed a complaint with the railroad commission against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Mr. Steel is president of the Federated clubs, including ten organizations and representing, he says, 30,000 people.

The complaint recites that, whereas, the Mount Scott, Vancouver and Oregon City cars are provided with adequate heaters, patrons of the Portland street railway who live on the peninsula—that is, from St. Johns to Albina—were compelled to ride frequently in open cars during the recent cold weather and most of the time in cars without any sort of heating facilities. He asserts that as a result severe sickness has been suffered by many women and children due to the exposure in cold cars on the St. Johns and Kenilworth avenue line.

Mr. Steel also says that conductors are frequently made ill because of having to work for hours on a cold car. He says that some of the cars are well and adequately heated, but that all the new cars that have been recently put on the line are without heaters. Some cars equipped with heaters are old and out of repair and no effort, he says, seems to have ben made to repair them. He asks the railroad commission to make an investigation and see what can be done for suffering patrons and those who are compelled to operate the cars on the St. Johns run.

The organizations represented by Mr. Steel, who is president of the Peninsula Development league, include the following clubs, federated for the purpose of united effort: The St. Johns Commercial club, Arbor Lodge Improvement association, Meagley Junction Commercial club, North Albina Improvement association, Peninsula Improvement association, Piedmont Push club, University Park Board of Trade, Willamette Improvement association, Woodlawn Push club and Kenton Commercial club.

SHIPS ON ATLANTIC ARE IN TROUBLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boston, Dec. 27.—The belief is general here that the four-masted schooner Davis Palmer, which sailed from Newport News for Boston December 21, sank with all on board during the terrific Christmas day storm off the Massachusetts coast. The finding of wreckage off Miners' ledge, at the entrance to Boston harbor, among which was a box of signals bearing the Davis Palmer's name, makes men in shipping circles fear for the worst. Cabin door fittings and deck plankings such as were used in the construction of the vessel were also among the articles washed up.

The number aboard the vessel is unknown, but it is not believed any passengers shipped with the Palmer when it left Newport News last Tuesday.

Many vessels arrived here today, relieving the anxiety felt for their safety since the storm struck the coast, but the safety of the Cunarder Sylvia and the Warren liner Sachem, both from Liverpool, is questioned. The Arkansas and the Lexington, from Philadelphia, and the Ontario, from Norfolk, are still overdue.

FOR REST OF LIFE CAN'T DO HARD WORK

Transferred from the state circuit court of Coos county, suit for $10,000 damage brought by John Daugert against the Beaver Hill Coal company, which owns and operates properties in the western part of the state, was filed in United States circuit court today.

The action is transferred to the federal court by reason of the fact that principals reside in different states.

Daugert was a coal miner. With Louis Woznek, he was working in a gangway in the company's mine August 13, 1909. While driving through a ledge of sandstone the roof of the tunnel caved. Daugert's leg was broken, and he sustained internal injuries which he avers have incapacitated him for hard labor for life.

ONLY ONE CASE ON DOCKET LEFT OVER

Circuit Judge Gantenbein is hearing argument today on a motion for nonsuit in the damage case of W. E. Lindfors against the Columbia Concrete company.

This is the only case left over from the trial docket preceding the holidays, a vacation being intended for all the judges as well as the jurors. As most of the testimony had to be taken through an interpreter, the progress was unexpectedly slow, but Judge Gantenbein determined to hear the case through.

FUGITIVE DICTATOR AT MEXICAN PORT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Ex-President Zelaya of Nicaragua arrived here today on board the Mexican gunboat Guerrero. Zelaya's ex-minister of war accompanied him, as did four former officials under his regime. The deposed executive fled from his capitol at Managua by way of Corinto, last Friday night.

Lumbago

Stiff Neck and Sciatica

Are all forms of rheumatism, which depends on an acid condition of the blood resulting from defective action of the liver, kidneys and skin and affecting the muscles and joints, causing inflammation, stiffness and pain. For any form use

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which corrects the acid condition of the blood and effects permanent cures.

In liquid form or chocolated tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 Doses $1.

EDWARD BIRGE DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Lumberman Stricken With Heart Disease Without Warning.

Portland lumbermen were grieved to learn this morning of the sudden death last night at Centralia, Wash., of George Edward Birge, manager of the Lumber Manufacturers' Agency, Centralia, Wash. He passed away at 9:45 o'clock at his residence from an attack of heart failure. Mr. Birge was a robust man, apparently always in the best of health and in the prime of life. The news of his death came doubly surprising.

Mr. Birge was born at Horicon, Wis., December 30, 1855. In 1878, when 23 years of age, he went to Nebraska and remained there until 1899.

In that year he went to the Pacific coast and the following year, with D. Leitch, a former lumberman of Whitehall, Mich., organized the Birge & Leitch Lumber company and built a saw and planing mill, which they operated until the fall of 1899, when the mill was sold and the machinery moved. In January, 1900, with J. E. Williams, Mr. Birge organized the West Coast Lumber company, which operated principally as a wholesale lumber concern until January 1, 1904, when Mr. Birge retired from the company to take up the management of the Lumber Manufacturers' Agency.

Mr. Birge married April 4, 1882, at Clay Center, Neb., Elizabeth M. Thurber. They have two children, Jennie Mabel Birge, attending the university at San Jose, Cal., and a son 12 years of age, Lorenzo Dwyer Birge.

Mr. Birge has extensive business interests, being vice president and a director of the Walville Lumber company, which was organized last fall and succeeded the Walworth & Neville Manufacturing company at Walville, Wash. He was also a director and vice president of the United States National bank, is a stockholder in the Union Loan & Trust company, both at Centralia, Wash., and a stockholder in the Willapa Harbor State bank at Raymond, Wash., as well as president and director of the Brown Oyster company, at South Bend, Wash.

ALL READY FOR BIG STREETCAR MEETING

Everything is in readiness for the big streetcar meeting in Ringler's hall, corner Grand avenue and East Morrison street, Wednesday evening. Preparations have been made to seat over 1000 people, with standing room for several hundred more.

Governor Hughes of New York and former Mayor McClellan of New York City sent their views of the street railway commission plan being used in New York City to the committee in charge of the meeting, the letters reaching here this morning. Further data is coming by express from New York and will be here in time for the meeting. A communication is also being looked for from Jacksonville, Fla., where the municipal ownership plan is being used.

SEMBRICH GREATEST PRIMA DONNA TODAY

Of all the great prima donnas familiar to American theatre goers the favorite is Marcella Sembrich. The cause is primarily her wonderful beauty of voice, a coloratura soprano of remarkable purity and sweetness, exemplifying the rare bel canto of the Italians.

In character Sembrich is also an exception to the fashion that commonly prevails in grand opera circles, as her life has been the noblest illustration of high living in thought, action and art. For this reason New York recently honored her as never before have they honored a prima donna in the history of music, bestowing upon her a necklace of pearls and a watch and chain studded with precious stones, because, as ex-Mayor Seth Low said, on occasion of its presentation, "Both as a woman and an artist your influence has been so fine and your life so helpful. That is why your singing has brought unalloyed joy to multitudes."

Sembrich will give one concert in Portland January 6, under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman and the seats go on sale Monday, January 3, at the Sherman-Clay store.

LEGLESS BOBCATS NOT WORTH MUCH

Bobcat skins are worth more with the feet attached than the skin is worth, plus the bounty, with the feet detached. For this reason, the county of Multnomah has not been called upon to pay bounty under the law passed by the last legislature, and does not seem likely to spend any money in that behalf.

County Clerk Fields has recently prepared to write warrants for two or three slayers of wildcats killed in this county, but in each case the cat killer decided not to take the bounty when he learned that he would also have to part with the animal's feet. Under the law the bounty claimant must leave a five inch tip of each foot of the cat with the county clerk, but the skin with the feet attached is worth more than the $2.50 bounty.

STREETCAR CLIPS WHEEL FROM AUTO

An automobile belonging to the Studebaker Automobile company ran into a Twenty-third street car at noon today at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets. The chauffeur said that he was just about to stop his car when the rear wheels skidded, so that those in front were thrown across the track. Before the motorman of the streetcar, which was approaching from behind, could check his car, a front wheel was taken off the automobile.

GORDON WILL FILL M'LAURIN'S PLACE

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 27.—Governor Noel of Mississippi today appointed James Gordon of Okolona, Miss., to succeed the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin, who died suddenly at Brandon, Wednesday.

Gordon will fill the unexpired term of Senator McLaurin until the legislature names a new senator. Senator McLaurin's term at Washington would have terminated on March 4, 1913.

COURT'S OPINION HITS GOVERNMENT

Judge Bean's Decision May Affect Land All Over Country.

Deciding for the defendant in the civil action brought by the United States against Barney Gobbi, Federal Judge R. S. Bean today handed down an important opinion which may affect land cases all over the country.

In brief, the opinion was to the effect that the government could not recover the value of timber cut from public lands by homestead settlers, during their residence thereon, when afterward, and before action was commenced, title under the timber and stone act was acquired.

Gobbi first filed on government land as a homestead. On the property he cut and removed saw logs, valued at $1987. Later he relinquished title to the homestead, and took up the property as a timber claim, making final settlement. Action on the part of the government was not begun until after he had received final patents to the claim.

Judge Bean's opinion overruled a demurrer to the answer of the defendant, practically closing the case.

POSTOFFICE ORDERS ARE BEING FORGED

Warning merchants and business men of Portland to be on the lookout for forgers of money-orders, who are now operating over the Northwest, Postmaster John C. Young is sending out the following letter, received from Spokane, Wash., postal authorities, over the city:

"The postoffice at Ostrander, Wash., was burglarized July 13, 1909. Money order blank forms numbered 6252 to 6400 were stolen. These stolen orders are being forged and presented to merchants in payment of goods. The orders are usually made out for from $25 to $40 each. These orders are frequently cashed Saturday nights and when presented to postoffice by merchants for payment they are found to be forged. Party cashing them uses the name of L. W. Wyncoop and other different names, but right name is believed to be L. H. Peery.

"He is described as follows: age, about 35; height, 5 feet, 9 inches; weight, 155; medium build; dark brown hair; rather fair, or ruddy complexion; almost bald over forehead; rather thin features; upper front teeth gold crowned and broken; wears 6⅞ hat; coat, 37; shoes, 8. When last seen he wore a dark green suit with black and red stripes about two inches apart, and a tan shirt with black stripes; talks freely and probably carries a phonograph."

GOVERNOR BENSON IS BUSY THIS WEEK

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—Holiday week will be an extra busy one for Governor Frank Benson. His program for the week includes a banquet for every night for the remainder of the year, beginning with the celebration of the United Commercial Travelers at Portland tomorrow and ending with the Illihee club's annual affair at Salem Friday evening, New Year's eve.

Wednesday evening Governor Benson will review the Portland companies of the Oregon National Guard at their quarterly inspection, after which there will be a banquet in honor of General Maus, commandant at the Vancouver post. Thursday evening the governor will be the guest of the Traveling Men's Protective association, following which, Friday, he will be the guest of honor at the Illihee club's annual gathering at Salem. The Illihee club is Salem's chief social organization. The governor had planned a trip to eastern Oregon for the holidays, but the stress of other engagements has kept him at home.

BROKAW WANTS NO RECONCILIATION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Mineola, N. Y., Dec. 27.—W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire, who is defending a suit for divorce and alimony brought by his wife, Mary Blair Brokaw, today changed his mind again. He announced to the court from the stand that he did not want a reconciliation with his wife.

When pressed for a reason for his change of mind, Brokaw shrugged his shoulders and said:

"Oh, something I heard the other night."

He refused to say what it was.

Brokaw announced last Thursday that he would make it up with his wife if she would agree to make no more accusations against him regarding his alleged conduct with other women. Mrs. Brokaw answered next day with the statement that she did not care to go back to her husband.

WEATHER BUREAU TO PRINT NEW JOURNAL

Beginning early in the year, a new hydrographical journal will be published by the local weather bureau every month, and will cover river stages and discharges for this system, and, instead of publishing the monthly statistical matter for the state here, only that for Portland will be published in the future.

The department of agriculture at Washington is now issuing a new monthly publication, called the Climatological Service of the Weather Bureau, which comes in sections, each section being the report of a single district. The report for this district for July will be ready for distribution sometime this week.

GREAT CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR CHILDREN

Christmas day exercises and a Christmas tree are to be held at the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, corner of East Twenty-ninth and Flanders streets, tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Superintendent W. T. Gardner and the other attendants of the institution have arranged a short program, which will be given previous to the distribution of the many presents which the children have required. The public is invited to attend.

Much of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Mexico will be laid on dwarf-oak ties from Japan.

Albert M. Schuff, with the Oregon Conservatory of Music, who assisted The Journal Carriers' Band in their concert for the benefit of the Portland Commons.

MEN FROM CROOK ARE IN TROUBLE

Prominent Residents Charged by Government With Illegal Land Fencing.

United States District Attorney John McCourt will file, either today or tomorrow, criminal informations against five prominent residents of Crook county. Charges of fencing government land will be made against all. Until warrants are issued and subpoenas served, names of the men charged will not be given out.

LONG ROMANCE ENDS HERE IN MARRIAGE

Closing a romance of years, Miss Esther Russ, niece of Mr. and Mrs. M. Klingbied of 484 East Thirteenth street south, will be married to G. W. Caughran of Tacoma, Wash., one of the most prominent locating engineers in the west, tonight. Rev. D. L. Rader will perform the ceremony, which will take place at the Klingbied home.

Mr. Caughran and the bride to be were playmates in Tacoma 15 years ago, and the attachment which has existed for years grew into love. Mr. Caughran is employed by the Northern Pacific and for the last three months has had charge of a locating party running lines for the new Missoula-Pasco cutoff. Temporarily, Mr. Caughran and his bride will live in Grangeville, Idaho. Mr. Caughran is registered at the Hotel Portland.

FARMERS OPPOSE ASSEMBLY SCHEME

Dufur, Or., Dec. 27.—Ramsey Park grange has gone on record as unanimously opposed to the assembly-convention scheme. The resolution was introduced by Hon. W. H. H. Dufur, former member of the legislature, and a past master of Ramsey Park grange. A rising vote was called for, and every person in the large crowd present voted affirmatively. The sentiment against the assembly scheme is very strong, and is not only held by members of the grange, but is voiced by farmers generally in this vicinity.

The resolution declares the assembly to be a "departure from the spirit and letter, intent and purpose of the direct primary law," and recites that the state and local granges have at all times earnestly supported direct legislation and the direct primary law. It declares that the assembly scheme is antagonistic to the best interests of the state and says:

"Resolved, That Ramsey Park grange denounces the so-called assembly-convention scheme and appeals to all good citizens to unite with us in defeating the plans, purposes and aspirations of all those who would employ this method of securing a nomination, which we regard as a return to the old boss rule in politics, and as nullifying the usefulness of the direct primary law in Oregon and stultifying the intelligence of the electorate."

Sawdust Kills Power Plant Employe.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 27.—George Jacobson, an employe of the Electric Light & Power company, was smothered to death last night by fuel from a bin falling upon him. His absence was not noticed for some time. When an investigation was made his lifeless body was found. The coroner decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Jacobson had been in the employ of the company four years and was highly esteemed. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

The fuel was mostly sawdust mill refuse, kept in huge bins.

WHITESIDE SAYS RUA HANDLED HIM ROUGHLY

Charles Rua, bartender in a saloon at 83½ North Second street, was arrested Saturday evening, accused of assaulting J. M. Whiteside, living at the International hotel. Whiteside said that Rua threw him out of the saloon, kicked and beat him, and left him on the sidewalk. The case will be heard Wednesday in municipal court.

MINISTERS TALK ABOUT BROUGHER

Decide God Needs Him Worse in Los Angeles Than in Portland.

The Baptist ministers talked this morning about Dr. Brougher's going to Los Angeles. It was their generally expressed opinion that God wants the White Temple pastor in the city of the angels, rather than in Portland, and that he had better go. Rev. John Bentzein, assistant pastor at the White Temple, pointed conclusion to a general opinion when he said that he guessed the members of Dr. Bob Burdette's former flock would not have extended Dr. Brougher a second call had they not had some sort of assurance that such a call would be accepted if made.

At the same time Mr. Bentzein repeated an announcement made by Dr. Brougher yesterday that all he knew concerning a second call was from the newspapers, and a telegram he had received, and that nothing official had reached him yet. Rev. W. T. Jordan, pastor, resigned of the Central Baptist church, gave as the expression of the Baptist Ministers' alliance that when Dr. Brougher goes to Los Angeles he will carry with him the good will and kindly feelings of the ministers in Portland. Mr. Jordan was of the opinion, however, that it will be easier to find a man to take Dr. Brougher's place in Portland than it will for the Los Angeles Baptists to find a man to succeed Dr. Burdette, unless Dr. Brougher accepts their call. A suggestion on the part of Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the colored church, that a general prayer meeting be held to intercede for Dr. Brougher's remaining in Portland, was not adopted.

The ministers also had a good deal to say about the pangs of a poverty-stricken, aged minister, who can no longer serve a pulpit, and who is not served in his helplessness by the people to whom he has given his life. The discussion came about through the representation that no money had been provided for Rev. Charles Mattoon of McMinnville, the only aged preacher dependent for support on the Baptists of the state. One hundred letters sent to as many churches appealing for aid for the old man, whose son, his only support, was burned in his house, his last remaining property, were left unanswered, though each church could have provided for the old man a year by giving $2 from each congregation.

Looking back over the year, the pastors decided that it had been one of growth, but that it will be necessary to plan for more largely attended meetings and more generous collections during the year coming. One new church and some missions were started, and more are to come with the beginning of the year. Rev. A. B. Waltz presided over the session, held in the Y. M. C. A.

METHODISTS MOURN BISHOP GOODSELL

Memorial services for Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, who died December 5 in New York as a result of a delicate operation, were held this morning at Taylor-street Methodist Church by the Methodist ministers association.

A committee had been appointed to draft resolutions on the Bishop's death and these resolutions were read by Rev. Mr. Blake. As suggested in the resolutions Rev. T. W. Jeffries and Father Flynn led in prayer and an appropriate hymn was sung. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to personal reminiscences of the Bishop and delineation of his character by those who knew him best.

Bishop E. H. Hughes, of San Francisco, was present and made the first address in which he gave a splendid portrayal of the Bishop's character and told many delightful incidents of his life. His remarks were followed by those of Bishop C. W. Smith and his address in turn by those of Rev. Fletcher Homan, of Salem; Dr. Daniel Rader, editor of the Pacific Advocate; Rev. S. S. Salliger, of Vancouver, and Rev. W. B. Hollingshead.

Before the close of the meeting it was announced that the German Rodney avenue Methodist church will be dedicated next Sunday afternoon with the sermon by Bishop C. W. Smith.

LATE DEVELOPMENTS CONFIRM PURCHASE

Today's developments in the north Portland terminal purchase tend to confirm the story as first published in The Journal, last Wednesday, that the options were procured in the interest of the Hill roads, and that the deal means an enlargement of the terminal facilites of the North Bank and Northern Pacific lines.

The unwillingness of the local officials of the Hill lines to talk whenever the subject of new terminal grounds is mentioned, together with the refusal of the legal department of both roads to discuss the subject from any standpoint, leads many to believe that the deal is a Hill transaction.

Jerome B. Gossage, who negotiated with the property owners for the options, said when he left for Seattle last Thursday night that he intended to return to Portland this week. His return is anxiously awaited by those who gave options on their holdings, since considerable speculative talk has been indulged in as to whether the deal is to secure additional terminal facilities or is a private land speculation.

JUDGE INCLINES EAR TO DAUGHTER'S PLEAS

W. A. Pennycook, 474 East Davis street, who was accused of pouring hot tea down his wife's back Christmas day, was given a sentence of 20 days in municipal court this morning, but this was suspended during good behavior. His daughter interceded in his behalf, which saved him from going to the rockpile.

Weight Improvement.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—The St. Johns Lumber company acknowledges an improvement in weights given it by the Oregon Railway & Navigation company and Southern Pacific since the matter of incorrect weights was taken up with the railroad commission some time ago and sworn weighers later installed by the railroad company.

POINTED GUN AT WIFE AND BIT HER

These Are Allegations Made by Mrs. Tyler in Complaint for Divorce.

Levi Royal Tyler was so determined that his wife should not go to church that he flourished a shotgun in front of her and the neighbors who were accompanying her, according to the complaint of Mary Elizabeth Tyler, who is suing him for divorce in the circuit court. This incident happened at The Dalles in the summer of 1906, she says. She finally persuaded her husband to return to the house with the gun.

Mrs. Tyler tells of another time in Eugene, last summer, when Tyler and her brother went fishing. Knowing the uncertainties of fishermen, she could not tell when to prepare dinner. When they returned with fishermen's hunger, she asked hubby if a lunch would do, but he made no answer and went into another room to sulk. When she had the lunch ready, she says, she went in and tried to coax him out, but he kicked her.

Mrs. Tyler says her husband had a habit of pouting, and once when she tried to find out what was the matter he bit her face so hard that she wore the print of his teeth the remainder of the day. They were married in The Dalles in October, 1903 and their troubles began within six months. She asks permission to resume her former name, Mary Elizabeth Camp.

TWELVE-STORY BUILDING BY TRUST COMPANY

A 12 story, class A building, to be known as the Union Bank & Trust company building, is to be built on the northeast corner of Fourth and Washington streets by the Union Construction company, as soon as the lessees can secure possession of the property.

The Union Construction company is composed largely of the same men who go to make up the directorate of the Union Bank & Trust company. The construction company has leased the northeast corner of Fourth and Washington streets from Mrs. C. A. Trimble for a term of 50 years, agreeing to pay $1250 a month until the last five years of the lease, when they are to pay $2000 a month for the property.

The lease is subject to existing leases, and becomes effective September 1, 1910. The lease was negotiated by E. A. Lynds of the construction company. The building is to cost $300,000, and will be started as soon as possession can be had of the property.

ASKS DISMISSAL OF $50,000 SUIT

Attorneys Carey and Kerr, representing the Crystal Springs Sanitarium, defendant in a $50,000 damage suit now pending in the circuit court, brought by A. Ralph Hammer, an interne of that institution, today filed a motion to dismiss the suit against their client or at least to stay the action until a guardian could be appointed for Hammer. Hammer, they allege, is insane. He is suing for damages on the grounds that he was abused and mistreated in the Crystal Springs sanitarium and permanently injured.

In support of the motion filed this morning is given an affidavit signed by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state asylum for the insane at Salem. The affidavit alleges that Hammer is insane and in no conditon to transact business. He declares that any statement made by the complainant in his present condition would be unreliable.

Hammer was sent up to the asylum July 14, 1909 after examination by Dr. W. T. Williamson. Dr. Williamson declares Hammer is restless and unsafe to be at large.

HEIRS OF LEOPOLD COMPROMISE SUIT

London, Dec. 27.—It is reported today that a compromise has been reached whereby the daughters of the late King Leopold of Belgium will abandon the proposed suits against the king's will and will receive 40,000,000 francs ($8,000,000) instead of the 15,000,000 francs left them by the instrument.

Threats of contesting the suit were rumored to have been made following the announcement that Leopold had left the greater part of his property to the Baroness Vaughan, whom he married in Italy.

PERSONAL

W. M. Colvig, of the law firm of Colvig & Durham, of Medford, Oregon, is a guest at the Cornelius.

George W. Taylor, a capitalist of Medford, Or., is at the Cornelius today.

Captain C. T. Belcher, owner of the Collins Hot Springs, is a guest at the Cornelius.

J. B. Cartwright, a hotelman of Seaside, Or., is at the Imperial hotel.

J. K. McGregor, a fruit grower of Moser, Or., and wife are at the Imperial hotel.

R. M. Ham and wife, of Pendleton, are at the Imperial hotel.

L. K. Page, a capitalist of Salem, Or., and wife are at the Imperial hotel.

E. M. Peddicord, owner of the Peddicord Hotel, Spokane, Wash., is a guest at the Hotel Portland.

Albert Held, an architect of Spokane, Wash., is at the Hotel Portland.

Sam White, for many years one of the leading citizens, lawyers and Democrats of Baker City, is to become a Portland resident. Mr. White has been in Portland for several days and it has been learned that he intends to locate here permanently and practice law. It is understood that he is contemplating a partnership with one of the well known attorneys of the city. Mr. White has for years been the Democratic leader of eastern Oregon. For several terms he held the office of district attorney and has since been on the circuit bench. For a number of years he was chairman of the Democratic state central committee.

CAMERON PASSES BUCK TO JURY IN M'KEEN CASE

Could Find No Evidence for Indictment After Extradition and Much Expense by Multnomah County.

After the governors of two states and a committing magistrate had found that A. R. McKeen had committed the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses, the grand jury under the charge of District Attorney Cameron failed to find a cause for indictment. Attorney Seneca Fouts represented McKeen, and the entire affair has cost the county $106.

McKeen is still held in the county jail, and when released will be served with a warrant from Tillamook county, in which he is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Complaint was made to the district atorney's office by F. L. Hartman, grocer at 27 Union avenue, that McKeen had defrauded him of $75. He said that McKeen and family had received groceries, and tendered in payment a draft upon a brother-in-law for $75. The grocery bill was for $46. McKeen received $30 in cash from the draft, which later proved to be worthless.

A warrant was issued for McKeen, and he was arrested Thanksgiving day at Oakland. The matter was presented to the governors of Oregon and California, and the necessary requisition papers secured. Constable Lou Wagner went to California and brought back McKeen to this county, and the case was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Olson. That magistrate found sufficient evidence to hold the man to the grand jury.

When the matter was taken before the grand jury, Constable Wagner was not called to testify. McKeen had previously admitted that he and his brother-in-law had borrowed and lost small sums of money, but he drew the draft upon the brother-in-law thinking he would rustle the money some way. Hartman was before the grand jury a short time. When that body returned their finding to the circuit court, they gave a not true bill to the judge in the case of McKeen.

"It was all up to the grand jury," said District Attorney Cameron. "They had the evidence and acted upon their own will."

Hartman, the grocer, was called on the telephone, and told that part of the money he had lost by cashing the draft would be given him if he would call at the office of Attorney Fouts. No steps have been taken to return to the taxpayers of the county for the expense in bringing McKeen to Portland, which cost $106.

175,000 ACRES IN LAKE TO BE WATERED

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—Another big reclamation project for Oregon, including nearly 175,000 acres all told in Lake county, is announced by the desert land board. Application for withdrawal of the lands has been made through the Carey board, and a portion of the segregation, including about 97,000 acres will be reclaimed by contract under the Carey act. H. B. Millard, a capitalist of southern Oregon, has made the application for the withdrawals, the surveys having been made and maps prepared by E. C. Belknap, engineer. The other parties interested in the project have not been announced, and it is not known that any corporation has been formed.

The tract lies about 40 miles east of Lakeview, and includes the greater portion of Warner valley. The waters of Twenty Mile creek and Warner creek, the two largest streams that flow into Warner lake, are to be the source of the water supply. Other smaller streams flowing into the lake are to be utilized.

The principal operator, Mr. Millard, has made a guarantee deposit of over $2000 with the desert land board at Salem, so that the project is reasonably assured and development of the region where the tract lies should receive from it an appreciable boost.

DEATH OF MRS. MAY REAL BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

The grand jury is again investigating the death of Mrs. May Real, who was run over and killed by a mysterious auto one night last August, effort being made to connect Frank Rodman and Mrs. Hazel Maddux with the killing. Mrs. Maddux was found not guilty when tried on a former indictment, and the indictment returned some time ago against Frank Rodman was thrown out of court.

Witnesses examined by the jury today were Miss Ethel Noss and Mrs. Becker, who also appeared at the former investigation. The supposition is that it was Rodman's car that struck Mrs. Real and Mrs. Maddux is supposed to have been with him at the time. Mrs. Real was killed on the Linnton road.

Xmas Burglars Get Nothing.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 27.—While Edna Hawley, librarian of the State Law library at Salem, and Ruth Wright, a young secretary of the State Library commission, were absent during Christmas, burglars entered their home and ransacked the entire house. No money was taken and nothing of great value missed.

Vapo-Cresolene

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