

COURT DISMISSES SMITHSON, ATHLETE

Squabble Over Motor Boat and Acreage Ends in Victory for the Noted Hurdler.

The charge of larceny against Forrest C. Smithson, champion hurdler of the world, was dismissed this morning in municipal court. He was accused by David Lewis, real estate dealer, having deskroom at 83 Fifth street, of fraudulently taking a motorboat, which was involved in a real estate deal, in which Smithson was claimed to be "jobbed."

STREET IMPROVEMENTS COST CITY \$2,014,338

Growth in the improvement of streets as shown by the annual report of Deputy City Engineer J. R. Hanson for the year just ended was 14 per cent more than in the previous year.

Table with 4 columns: Miles, West side, East side, Cost (both sides). Rows include Asphalt, Sidewalk, Bituminous, and Hassam.

Engineer Hanson is in charge of the department of streets in the city engineer's office. His report was submitted to City Engineer Morris yesterday to be incorporated in that official in his annual report for 1909.

D. O. MILLS OURED BATTLESHIP IDAHO

The Late Multimillionaire Was Deeply Interested in Portland Enterprises—Lost, Won.

D. O. Mills, the multimillionaire, who recently died in San Francisco, was a large holder of the stock and bonds of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and at one time owned a controlling interest in the old Fifth street cable line, which afterwards bought out the Portland railway, at that time operating the Washington and Sixteenth street lines.

BATTLESHIP IDAHO STICKS IN SANDS

Aground on Pea Patch Shoal, Near Point Where Prairie Was Stranded.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—The battleship Idaho grounded today on Pea Patch shoal in the Delaware river while bound for Sandy Hook to assist the warships held in the sea there.

REPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE OVER 1908

Small Blaze in Hotel Seward Does Little Damage, but Excites Guests.

The total receipts of the year have been \$1,029,287.35, and the disbursements left a balance of approximately \$200,000, but as there are about \$1500 warrants outstanding to be paid out of this, the net cash on hand is not any more than enough to meet interest coupons and other minor items.

GUESTS AROUSED BY FIRE ALARM

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Fifteen hundred dollars' damage was done to the new Hotel Seward, corner of Tenth and Alder streets, by an early morning fire which drove scantly clad guests of the hotel into the street. The damage was confined to the barber shop, operated by H. C. Frederick, and the rear part of the lobby.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AGENT GIVES PLUMS

From the office of R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, was issued a circular this morning announcing the appointment of H. B. Lounsbury to the position of district freight agent, with headquarters at Portland, Vice C. A. Malheur, resigned.

COLONEL L. K. PAGE ANSWERS LAST CALL

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Canby, Or., Jan. 6.—Colonel L. K. Page, of Canby, Ore., most prominent and wealthiest citizen, died at his residence in this city at 2:30 o'clock this morning as the result of a complication resulting from Bright's disease and ptomaine poisoning.

JEWISH WOMEN LIKE CONSERVATION IDEA

The Council of Jewish Women met in an unusually interesting session yesterday in its hall in the Sellinger-Hirsch building. "Conservation" was the topic of the day and Joseph N. Teal, who is the chief paper, in the discussion of the subject that followed Dr. J. R. Wilson, principal of Portland academy; E. T. Allen, district forester of the United States forest service; and John C. Stevenson, district engineer, United States geological survey, spoke and gave some interesting insights.

REQUISITION FOR MRS. JOHNSON NOT GRANTED

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—At the hearing held yesterday at Salem, Or., attorneys for Mrs. Mary Johnson, wanted at Pendleton on a charge of forgery and could therefore not be taken from the hearing was had, decided not to grant the requisition until the alleged Pendleton affidavit was produced.

COMMISSIONERS LOOK FOR ROCK CRUSHER

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—The county commissioners of Clarke county went to Portland today in a body to inspect the rock crusher at Kelly Butte. They contemplate buying such a machine for Clarke county and will thoroughly investigate the different makes before making a selection.

WOMAN ONCE THIEF WILL SPREAD GOSPEL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Evelyn Romadka, the former wife of a Milwaukee millaire truck manufacturer, donated the garb of the Volunteers of America today. Mrs. Romadka will henceforth appear on the streets of Chicago in nightly meetings of the Volunteers.

MRS. JOHNSON'S FATHER APPEALS TO GOVERNOR

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Salem, Jan. 6.—The Mrs. Maude Johnson is suffering from an incurable malady that is sapping not only her strength, but her mentality, and that she is in nowise a fugitive from justice, the plea put up in her behalf by her father before Governor Benson this afternoon when the requisition for her extradition from Pendleton to Seattle had no lawyer, only her father appearing.

CLERK COOKE HELD AS WARRINER'S PAL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 6.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Edgar I. Cooke, formerly a clerk employed in the local offices of the Big Four railroad. Cooke was prominent in the trial of Charles Warriner for the embezzlement of \$443,000 of the company's funds. Prosecutor Hunt charges him with receiving stolen goods.

SOLDIER ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—Charles M. Smith, member of J. S. company, Vancouver, was arrested on a charge of stealing a bicycle from in front of the Paul Becker tailor shop on West Sixth street. Smith is alleged to have sold the wheel to Charles Moss for \$5. Yesterday he was induced to come to the Moss store on the pretext of looking over the wheel. On his arrival he was placed under arrest by Officer Gilmore. He will be given a hearing today.

TAFT ASKED TO AID STEEL TRUST FIGHTERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 6.—The American Federation of Labor today invited President Taft to enter the fight in conducting against the United States Steel corporation. A committee of the federation, headed by President Samuel Gompers, presented the president with a lengthy letter charging the steel trust with breaking the laws, and demanding its punishment. The president promised to investigate the charges.

Women of Woodcraft to Meet

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 6.—Sunrise circle, Women of Woodcraft, will hold their regular meeting tomorrow night at Eichenlaub's hall and officers for the ensuing year will be installed. One of the head organizers of Portland will be present and after the work refreshments will be served.

Superior Court Docket Light

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Walla Walla, Jan. 6.—Yesterday was docket day in the superior court, and cases for the coming term were fixed for trial. The docket follows: Criminal cases, Monday, January 17, Lizzie May and Gun Arndt, statutory offense; Horita Zeuna and Kanada Eshabara, larceny from garments of fallen women; Tuesday, January 18, Gustav Lind, larceny; W. S. McCauley, seduction; J. C. Donovan, forgery; Wednesday, January 19, G. M. Harris, forgery; J. C. Young and Harry C. Barreth, larceny.

BANKING MAGNATE CALLED BY DEATH

William Seligman, Head of the Paris Branch of Seligman & Co., Dies in Paris.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) New York, Jan. 6.—Seligman & Co., the bankers, today received word from Paris of the death of William Seligman, who was the second of the eight Seligman brothers in point of age. William Seligman was the senior partner of the firm of Seligman, Freres & Co., which is the Paris branch of the firm. The house has branches in Paris, London, Frankfurt and San Francisco.

STRAHORN AGAIN PIQUES DAME RUMOR

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 6.—What is meant by the latest move of the Strahorn surveyors in this vicinity has all the railroad theorists of this vicinity guessing. The party that has been operating in the mountains above here, working out the route through the hills to the east, has been taken off on account of severe weather, and was sent to White Salmon. What the Strahorn people are doing in that region cannot be learned here. There has been no survey in that part of the country, as far as is known here, and there is nothing under consideration.

GAS HEATER EXPLODES; THREE PERSONS HURT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 6.—The explosion of the steam drum of a gas heater in the Pasadena board of trade rooms this afternoon resulted in the serious injury of A. J. Bertoneau, secretary of the board of trade. Mrs. Leslie O. Wallace, of Canton, N. Y., a winter resident here, who was struck by a flying piece of iron, and James Stalker, a local capitalist, who was stunned by being struck on the head by a fragment of the stove. All were taken to their homes. Bertoneau's condition is serious. When the stove exploded he was struck by a heavy piece of metal over the heart and it is believed he was injured internally.

Little Girl Killed

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Mashfield, Or., Jan. 6.—The little daughter of Andrew Stogard, who is deaf and dumb, was run over and killed by a switch engine at the Southern Pacific coal bunkers. The child had wandered upon the trestle leading to the bunkers.

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CANBY, OREGON. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Canby, Or., Jan. 6.—Work on the buildings for the Canby Cannery started this week. The work is under the charge of A. Muller of Chicago, who represents the company, which has contracted for the erection of the buildings and installing the necessary machinery. The cannery will be equipped to handle all the different kinds of fruit and vegetable products of local vicinity. It is being built by local people, who have raised the sum of \$6000 to build and equip the plant.

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