

DID TOM RYDER ROB Y. M. C. A. MEN?

Pawn Ticket in His Pocket Called for Physical Director Grilley's Watch.

Freed from jail through the pleadings of a kind hearted priest, and arrested again this afternoon under much more serious charges, Tom Ryder, a young man 23 years old, now faces a penitentiary sentence. Ryder was arrested two days ago on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, having obtained several articles of value and charged them to people he knew had credit at different stores. He was allowed to go free on his promise that he would work and pay up.

ADOPTS PLAN FOR RESERVOIR SITES

Park Board Also Lets Contract for Playgrounds and Arranges for Park Music.

The park board this morning adopted the plans of Superintendent Mische for the future scenic development of the new Mount Tabor reservoir sites. None of the park board funds will be expended for the immediate present, but the water board will so plan the excavation work on the big basins that they will lend themselves to the general plan of beautification suggested by the Olmsteads.

THIRTEEN BEARS IN 30 MINUTES

Mexican Hunter Smokes a Cave and Is Astonished at What Comes Forth.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 7.—Jose Valdez, who was rated here as knowing more about wild animals he had met than most of New Mexico's hunters, left town today with a wagon in which he will bring to Santa Fe the carcasses of 13 bears he killed yesterday in 30 minutes.

ASK INJUNCTION ON NEW VEHICLE TAX ORDINANCE

Injunction proceeding will be instituted in the state circuit court tomorrow morning by Judge Thomas O'Day, attorney for a large number of representative merchants and business men, to enjoin the city of Portland, its executive board and the chief of police, from collecting the tax provided for by the recently passed vehicle ordinance.

MOORE WANTED TO SEE THE BOOKS

W. H. Moore, ex-president of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, filed in the circuit court today through his attorney, ex-Senator C. W. Fulton, a petition in which he charges Receiver Devlin of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank with dissipating the assets of the defunct institution and conducting the affairs of the receivership in a negligent manner.

WIFE SAYS MONK HUSBAND A BRUTE

Ki-Ki, on His Part, Says He Was Too Good to Her, and She Found an Affinity.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Jan. 7.—That masquerading as a "monkey man" had gradually changed her husband into a brute is the charge made by his wife against Harry L. Blitts, who became a landmark on the exposition grounds last summer through his antics.

CHINESE ACCUSED OF ABSCONDING

Charles Wong Fong Will Be Brought Back From San Francisco to Answer.

Charles Wong Fong has become Americanized to too great an extent, and accordingly the police of Portland have in their possession a warrant for his arrest, charging him with having absconded with \$800 in gold cash.

TERMS OF SILETZ RELIEF MEASURE

Washington, Jan. 7.—The bill drawn by the legal division of the interior department for the Oregon delegation, for relief of Siletz settlers, was given out today. The interior department states distinctly that it will not promise to report favorably on it but merely draws it as an accommodation.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Eggs, per dozen—California fresh, including cases: Extras, 35c; firsts, 35c; storage extras, 32c.

COULD SUPPORT HERSELF AND CHILDREN ON \$23

Mrs. W. O. Keller told County Judge Webster that she could live very well if her husband, whom she was prosecuting for non-support, would pay her \$23 per month, but Judge Webster went \$2 better and ordered Keller to supply \$25 per month for her and her two girls.

O. R. & N. STARTS FIVE CONDEMNATION SUITS

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has filed five condemnation suits in the circuit court against property owners on the St. Johns-Troutdale line, having been unable to agree on the price to be paid. The defendants and the sums the company alleges would be a fair price for the land are as follows: F. H. Crane and Mary E. Crane, \$1000; John Allesina and Nellie Allesina, \$500; A. Kronenberg and Sarah Kronenberg, \$500; Roscoe R. Merrill and P. Matura, \$150; J. W. Townsend and Carrie Townsend, \$1000.

VETERAN MINISTER GOES TO HIS REWARD

Rev. James Henry Bascomb Royal, one of the veteran ministers of the Methodist church in Oregon, passed away at his home at Mount Tabor yesterday afternoon after an illness of several months. Rev. Mr. Royal at one time was pastor for the whole district between the Columbia and Clackamas rivers and the Willamette river and the Milwaukie district.

18,960 BROUGHT HERE BY OCEAN GOING BOATS

Passengers arriving in Portland on ocean going vessels during the year 1909, according to the annual report of Harbormaster J. Speier, were 18,960, while those which departed on ocean going vessels during the same period were 25,905.

PERSONAL

W. H. Eccles, president of the Hood River Railway company, of Hood River, Or., is a guest at the Hotel Oregon. W. H. Grant and wife and two daughters, registering from Victoria, B. C., are at the Hotel Oregon.

MONTANA'S SNOW BLOCKADE BROKEN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Butte, Mont., Jan. 7.—Northern Pacific officials here announced late today that the blockade resulting along the line from the heavy snows throughout the state had been lifted. They stated that, between eight and ten Northern Pacific and Burlington trains that had been stalled in eastern Montana would arrive here between 5 and 6 o'clock tonight. These will be the first overland trains to reach Butte since last Tuesday.

Suit Against Western Pacific

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The first damage suit to be brought in San Francisco against the Western Pacific railroad was filed here today by E. H. Haupt, who alleges that he was run down by a Western Pacific train at Orville, Cal., and made a cripple for life. He asks \$50,000 damages.

Simpson Fine Affirmed

Judgment of \$100 fine on William Simpson, imposed in the municipal court, was affirmed by Circuit Judge Cleland on appeal this morning. Simpson was convicted of assault on J. E. Long, a plain clothes man, who had entered his place of business to quiet a disturbance. Simpson claimed that he did not at first know that Long was an officer.

CHAMBER PREPARES FOR BIG ELECTION

The Chamber of Commerce is today sending out invitations for its annual banquet and notice of the meeting for the election of officers and reading of reports which will be held at the Commercial club, Wednesday, January 12.

Wheel Thief Gets 30 Days

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—Charles M. Smith, a soldier, who was arrested charged with the theft of a bicycle, was found guilty and given a jail sentence of 30 days by Judge Bigham yesterday.

Fruit Men's Proceedings

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Jan. 7.—The name of C. D. Bills of Sacramento was slated today by the nominating committee of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association here, as director of the organization for the coming year. Sacramento and St. Louis are said to have an even chance for getting next year's convention. The jobbers today endorsed the Lafaan bill creating a standard apple box to be used by fruit dealers.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

BEN SELLING, Leading Clothier

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Men's Suits	Men's Overcoats	Boys' Suits	Boys' Overcoats
\$40.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$30.00	\$40.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$30.00	\$20.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$14.85	\$20.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$14.85
\$35.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$25.00	\$35.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$25.00	\$10.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$ 7.95	\$15.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$12.50
\$30.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$22.50	\$30.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$22.50	\$ 7.50 SUITS ARE NOW \$ 5.95	\$18.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$13.85
\$25.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$18.75	\$25.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$18.75	\$ 5.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$ 3.95	\$10.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$ 7.95
\$20.00 SUITS ARE NOW \$14.85	\$20.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$14.85	\$ 3.95 SUITS ARE NOW \$ 2.85	\$ 6.00 OVERCOATS, NOW \$ 4.95

BLACKS AND BLUES NOT INCLUDED—A SLIGHT REDUCTION ONLY

Men's Fancy Vests	Men's Union Suits	Misses' Capes, Coats	Men's Trousers
\$6.00 VESTS ARE NOW \$4.00	\$5.00 UNION SUITS, NOW \$3.50	\$20.00 CAPES ARE NOW \$10.00	\$10.00 TROUSERS, NOW \$7.95
\$5.00 VESTS ARE NOW \$3.50	\$3.50 UNION SUITS, NOW \$2.50	\$15.00 CAPES ARE NOW \$ 7.50	\$ 8.00 TROUSERS, NOW \$6.50
\$4.00 VESTS ARE NOW \$3.00	\$3.00 UNION SUITS, NOW \$2.25	\$25.00 COATS ARE NOW \$16.65	\$ 6.50 TROUSERS, NOW \$5.35
\$3.00 VESTS ARE NOW \$2.00	\$2.50 UNION SUITS, NOW \$1.65	\$20.00 COATS ARE NOW \$13.85	\$ 5.00 TROUSERS, NOW \$3.95
\$2.50 VESTS ARE NOW \$1.65	\$2.00 UNION SUITS NOW \$1.50	\$10.00 COATS ARE NOW \$ 6.65	\$ 4.00 TROUSERS, NOW \$3.25

MEN'S NECKWEAR REDUCED	KNEE PANTS REDUCED	BOYS' SWEATERS REDUCED	UNDERWEAR REDUCED	MEN'S SHIRTS REDUCED
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To make a long story short, there are STARTLING REDUCTIONS in EVERY DEPARTMENT. DO NOT FORGET—THE AUTOMOBILE CONTEST is still on—ends February 10. If you want your little friend to have a REAL AUTO, that will run 10 miles an hour, give him your votes. They cost you nothing. See them in our windows.

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