

ROSS WILL KNOW HIS FATE TODAY, MAN ARGUMENTS GO FAST TO SEE A NEW PAVEMENT

Two St. Johns Citizens Are to Look Over Material for Jersey Street.

Former Banker's Attorney of Opinion Pardon is the Only Hope; No Merit in Writ of Error.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Jan. 7.—J. J. Thorburn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guaranty & Trust company, convicted in the courts of this state of embezzling more than \$250,000 of state school money, will know his fate today, when the court will decide whether he will have to serve the five years in the state penitentiary which was the penalty meted out to him by Judge George H. Burnett of the circuit court for Marion county.

Acting Governor Jay Bowerman of Oregon, at the close of the hearing in behalf of Ross in the executive chambers at noon today, said he would pass on the petitions and arguments for a pardon this afternoon or evening.

Pardon Only Hope.
Wallace McCann, chief counsel for Thorburn Ross, and who presented petitions to Governor Bowerman for his pardon, said that the writ of error taken to the United States supreme court, in his opinion had no merit, and unless executive clemency is exercised Ross must serve the five years in the penitentiary at Salem. Mr. McCann said he had informed his client, Mr. Ross, that it is only a matter of time as to when the supreme court of the United States will reach the writ of error, for when they do it will be dismissed.

Fifty prominent citizens of this county and Multnomah county crowded into the executive chambers shortly after 11 o'clock to hear the arguments and statements in behalf of Ross. Mr. McCann presented petitions and made the opening argument. He had a petition signed by all 12 jurors who convicted Ross and a petition signed by prominent citizens of the county, who stated therein that the acts for which Ross had been convicted did not involve moral turpitude. Letters were presented written by J. L. Hartman, T. W. Corbett, Clarence Reames, J. W. Hill, M. G. Munly, L. L. Hurd, of New York, and A. L. Mills.

2000 Names on Petition.
The general petition contained 2000 names, last signature of which was that of H. L. Pitcock of Portland, and Mr. McCann assured Acting Governor Bowerman that if he pardoned Ross the Oregonian would not criticize the action, for he had been promised by both Mr. Pitcock and Mr. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian, that no criticism would be made.

This was presented as a strong argument that Ross should be pardoned. Those who spoke were of the opinion that half of Ross were former United States Senator C. W. Fulton, Mayor Joseph M. Hiram W. Foulkes, Judge Henry McMillin of Multnomah county, J. E. Werlein, city treasurer of Portland and Harrison Allen.

ROSS CASE WILL COST THE COUNTY TIDY SUM, \$10,000

While many representative business and professional men throughout the state are before Acting Governor Bowerman today presenting a plea for pardon for J. J. Thorburn Ross, former president of the defunct Title Guaranty & Trust company, convicted of embezzling \$250,000, a retainer fee of \$1500 has been presented by Judge Martin L. Pipes, special prosecutor, and \$1000 will also be allowed him for getting out a brief for the case to be heard before the United States supreme court. The bill for special agents amounts to \$210, a brief to the state supreme court amounts to \$117, and Marion county has presented a bill of \$433 for the change of venue from Multnomah county. There are other small bills to come in, and the entire expense will be about \$10,000.

SOUTHERN SMUGGLERS SAIL IN PIRATE SHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Following a conference between Commissioner General of Immigration Keefe and the immigration chiefs of the southwest, when plans to stamp out the smuggling of Chinese and opium were discussed, it is learned today that the government has chartered for a year the swift power schooner Orient to run down smugglers.

The boat will be placed at the disposal of the local immigration officers and will patrol the southern coast. A fight at sea with smugglers is not unlikely.

"No quarter will be shown the smugglers," said an immigration official. "If they show fight we will blow them out of the water. Traffic in Chinese and opium has got to stop."

The Orient is 50 feet long, is equipped with two rapid fire guns and carries a crew of 20 men. The smugglers' vessels are said to be armed with deck guns.

Commissioner Keefe, F. W. Berkshire, inspector on the Mexican border, and Charles T. Connel, immigration inspector at Los Angeles, arrived here from San Diego today.

PROSPECTORS DIE IN BLIZZARD ON GLACIER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Stewart, B. C., Jan. 7.—Three men en route to Stewart after locating land in the Naas river valley, Matthew B. Pender, of Victoria, and Robert M. Lightner, said to be of Vancouver, perished in a blizzard while crossing the Bear River glacier. Charles Gordon is seriously frozen and may die. The party represented Victoria interests. News of Lightner's death reached here today.

Apart from the question of annexation, no public issue is exciting such lively interest and discussion in St. Johns as the Jersey street paving problem. Representatives of the various hard surface paving companies have paid frequent visits to St. Johns of late, to point out the merits of their several materials to those with whom the final decision must rest. The star sand miles of new streets and sidewalks that will be laid in the near future in the vicinity of St. Johns, bought out the Marine Iron works at a high figure. It is its intention to dispose of all the standing machinery and to use the present buildings and the surrounding lot for a general depot for sand, gravel and street material. The Westrumite company, which has been particularly active after the Jersey street contract, made a proposal to the property owners at the last meeting to defray the entire expense of two delegates on a trip to Chicago and various cities in Indiana and Michigan for the purpose of personally investigating the qualities of this paving in cities where it has been laid, and of obtaining first hand from city officials and prominent engineers their opinions of its value. R. W. McKoon and Francis Hill have been selected by the property owners to carry out this work of inspection and leave tonight for Chicago on their errand. It is a matter of importance, inasmuch as almost all the retail business houses are located along the area to be treated. The city council has called for bids for the several kinds of hard surface pavements for the 13 blocks and they are to be opened at a public meeting of the Jersey street property owners on February 23 next, and the council is thereafter expected to ratify the type of paving and the price which is accepted at the property owners' meeting.

Berry Yield in Midwinter.
Residents of St. Johns have for a long time proclaimed the climatic advantages of this section of the peninsula and ocular demonstration of the mildness of the season can be seen at the present time. F. W. Coffey is displaying large clusters of raspberries grown in his own garden and claims that his canes have not ceased bearing during the last two months, whilst the rose bushes outside the home of Miss Cole are showing many fine sprays in radiant bloom.

It is expected that the petition for the new St. Johns ferry will come before the legislature in a few days. The petition received several hundred signatures and inasmuch as only the business men and property owners were approached, it may be said to voice the almost unanimous opinion of the best element of St. Johns. It has for a long time been felt that the present ferry service was inadequate and the equipment unworthy of the city. The present boat is operated under franchise from the council, but the petitioners ask that the county build, operate and maintain this important craft, and if the county is unwilling to do so, there is little doubt that the city will take over the work itself. The city has offered to buy the approaches to the ferry and present them to the county and there is a general consensus of opinion that the establishment of a regular ferry service with modern boats would be a great boon. It has been proposed to equip the boats with fire fighting apparatus, of the most modern design, which would protect the valuable property on the waterfront.

St. Johns Notes.
The St. Johns Water Works and Lighting company has removed its office from the Peninsula bank to the building in West Burlington street, formerly occupied by the St. Johns Land company, which has been entirely remodeled. Mr. Edlefson has long felt that, owing to the early closing hours in vogue in banks, a hardship accrued to people who came to make their payments during banking hours, and proposes to keep the new offices open during regular business hours and until 8 o'clock on the 9th and 10th of each month.

Miss Valma Fuller of Buffalo Springs, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Edmondson.

Arthur Dare of Walla Walla, Wash., was in the city yesterday looking over waterfront property.

SEARCH FOR MILLIONS IN WALLS OF HOUSE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Redwood City, Cal., Jan. 7.—Three million dollars' worth of securities, believed to be hidden in the walls of the Walker home at San Mateo, are the object of a search to be made today by attorneys representing the owners of the will of the late David F. Walker. Two known safe deposit vaults in the Walker home will be opened by Carl W. Elving, special administrator of the Walker estate, in the search for the missing securities, but the hunt will not end there. Attorney Walker Linforth believes there are hidden receptacles in the masonry of the house, and he will attempt to find them.

Linforth's announcement was made at the hearing of the Walker case in Judge Buck's court, after the examination of John E. Bennett, local adviser and confidant of Mrs. Walker.

The securities, knowledge of which Mrs. Althea Walker and her son Clarence deny, are said by Utah heirs of the late financier to consist of 100,000 shares of Western Pacific railroad stock.

MASKED MEN ROB AND MURDER SALOONKEEPER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Reno, Nev., Jan. 7.—Three masked men, led by Gene Quillet, proprietor of a saloon at Inlay, near here, and robbed his safe of \$1200 are being sought today by the police of Nevada, and the authorities of Utah and California have been notified to watch incoming trains for men answering their description.

The men entered Quillet's saloon last night, aimed the patrons up against the bar, forced Quillet to open the safe and then shot him because he tried to give an alarm.

OUR ANTEDILUVIAN ANCESTORS!



"I tell you, the traffic regulations in Cliffville are fine!"
"You bet! And those cops know their business, too."

SIMPLE CEREMONY FOR S. B. ELKINS

Body of Senator Buried at His Namesake Town; Mrs. Elkins Unable to Attend.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Elkins, N. Y., Jan. 7.—With simple ceremony the funeral of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins was held here today. Mrs. Elkins was prostrated at her home in Washington and did not attend.

Bearing Elkins' body, the funeral train arrived from Washington at 8:30. The coffin was carried to Davis Presbyterian church past hundreds of people who lined the road leading from the depot. Brief services preceded the interment, which was at Maplewood cemetery.

From the church Senator Elkins' body was taken to the train again and thence to the burying ground. Workmen who had been employed on the Elkins estate here for years acted as pallbearers.

The honorary pallbearers were Senators Scott, Bacon, Bailey, Foster, Carter, Smith and Root, and Congressmen Rucker, Alexander, Longworth, Calderhead and Lamb.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION VISITS TWO ISLANDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Jan. 7.—The boundary commission, composed of Governor Hay, of Washington and Judge H. M. Calk, representing the governor of Oregon, accompanied by State Treasurer Lewis, State Fish Warden Rissland and Attorney General Bell of Washington and Attorney General A. M. Crawford, State Engineer John H. Lewis and State Fish Warden R. C. Clayton of Salem, H. C. McAllister and F. W. Jobelman, Portland, also Senator C. E. Lester, and Representative L. O. Belland were taken for a trip on the steamer Melville yesterday and viewed Puget Island and Sand Island. The ownership of Puget Island is the only point at issue, as the island is claimed by both states.

It is understood the Washington officials will make an offer to purchase Sand Island, which probably will be refused as the island belongs to Oregon. This is admitted by both sides. The annual revenue to the state from Sand Island amounts to \$700 for fishing licenses.

The commission failed to arrive at any conclusion and another meeting will be held before any information will be given out.

Burglar Gets 15 Years.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 7.—Frank Brown, who robbed the general merchandise store of Sam Ash at Walla Walla on the night of December 20, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Judge Brents to a term of one to 15 years in the state penitentiary. Brown pleaded guilty to burglary in the second degree.

After committing the burglary he escaped down the river to The Dalles, where he was caught and held until Deputy Sheriff John Cummings of Walla Walla brought him back.

ALLEGED "WHITE SLAVER" ARRESTED

Damaging Evidence Against Greek in Southern Oregon — 4 Alleged Victims.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Jan. 7.—"John Doe" Farmer, a Greek, arrested in Grants Pass by Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Jackson county on a warrant charging him with "white slavery," was brought to Medford last night and lodged in the county jail to await the action of the federal authorities.

According to the evidence in the hands of the county officers, Farmer's girl victims, four in number, have been located by him at different points along the Southern Pacific line. Medford harbored one of the girls for a short time and the three others were distributed, one at Ashland, one at Grants Pass and the third at Eagle Point.

The first evidence of Farmer's connection with the women was a saving by railroad employees whose attentions were called to him by the frequency of his trips over the road. He was placed under surveillance by Chief of Police Shearer of Medford and the county officials, who, between them, have woven a chain of evidence against him which may result in his being turned over to the government officers for prosecution under the "white slave" act of 1905.

Over 30 witnesses, among them Farmer's alleged victims, will be called by the prosecution at the trial.

JOHNSON INAUGURATED CHEAPER THAN GILLET

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 7.—The inauguration of Hiram Johnson as governor was accomplished with a saving of \$1943 on the amount required for inducting into office Governor James N. Gillett, according to Senator Estudillo of Riverside, chairman of the joint legislative inaugural committee.

Music, lights, programs and draperies for the occasion cost the state \$412 for the Johnson ceremonies. The gold lace of the staff colonels and the inaugural ball in celebration of Gillett's incumbency made the total at that time \$1455.

The payment of \$150 to the secretary of the inaugural committee, under the old regime, as against \$5 for the secretary under the new, is one instance of the saving effected. Gillett was inaugurated in a theatre because the capitol was torn up.

JURIST SAYS RIGHT TO KILL MAN WHO LIBELS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Carson City, Nev., Jan. 7.—A plea of justifiable homicide will be admissible in Nevada in cases where a man has avenged a libel if Chief Justice James G. Sweeney of the Nevada supreme court, can arrange it. Sweeney says he will try to have a law passed making libel an excuse for killing.

WOMAN'S STORY ADS PINKERTONS

When Lee Russell Arrives From Camas to Visit Her, Is Arrested.

Betrayed by a Portland woman whom he left Camas, Jan. 7.—Lee E. Russell, charged by the Pinkerton Bank & Brokers' Protective association with having issued bad checks in Lawrence, Kan., is under arrest in Vancouver. He was located in Camas by the Pinkertons yesterday and taken to the Vancouver jail today.

Russell, who is said to use the names Lee Brizendine and Lee R. Brown at times, will be taken to Lawrence if a requisition for him is granted. He is said to have deserted from the army in May, 1908, and to have gone to Lawrence, where he worked in a store for some time, and gained the confidence of employees of a Lawrence bank. It is claimed he cashed a \$400 check through these friends and left there last September.

The Pinkertons, working for the Kansas Bankers' association, traced him to Oregon. Henry von Groenwald, the local superintendent, took the case in charge here and located Russell at Camas, where he was working for a paper company.

PENDLETONIANS WILL RAISE ROUND-UP FUND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 7.—Twelve thousand dollars for the Round-up, "elk buck" Such slogan would epitomize the meeting held last night of the finance committee and board of control of the Round-up association, with large representation of business men of Pendleton, for the purpose of discussing methods for financing the purchase and improvements of ground for the annual frontier exhibition. The result of this discussion was the dividing of the city into 10 districts, each one of which is to be canvassed thoroughly by a separate committee for subscriptions to the round-up fund in a whirlwind campaign, which is to begin Tuesday and continue three days.

Twelve thousand dollars is the amount needed to make the first payment on the grounds recently purchased and construct the track, grandstand and bleachers, and from sentiments expressed at the meeting last night it will be the easiest \$12,000 ever obtained in this city for a public enterprise.

Elections in Ecuador.
Quataquil, Jan. 7.—A president of the republic is to be chosen at the general elections in Ecuador tomorrow. The leading candidates for the presidency are Alfredo Baquerizo Moreno, the choice of the Liberals, and Emilio Estrada, who has the support of the administration.

Memorial to Minute Men.
Lexington, Mass., Jan. 7.—Governor Bruce of Massachusetts, Mayor Guerin of Montreal and a number of other noted guests attended the opening of the Lexington winter carnival today. The object of the carnival is to raise funds for a memorial armory in honor of the Lexington Minute Men.

NOTABLE EXECUTIVES AND CABINETS OF U. S. AND CANADA TO DINE TOGETHER AT WASHINGTON.

Executives and Cabinets of U. S. and Canada to Dine Together at Washington.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 7.—A dinner at which the chief executives and virtually the entire cabinets of the United States and the dominion of Canada will be guests has been arranged for Wednesday night in honor of visiting Canadian officials. In the meantime important negotiations over trade regulations will be under way and the final adjustment of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute will be reached.

Minister of Finance Fielding, of the dominion government, Minister of Customs Patterson and Secretary of State Knox began negotiations today. The two ministers called at the state department to discuss preliminary arrangements in regard to proposed reciprocity treaties. In the afternoon they made a formal call on President Taft.

It was announced this afternoon that Earl Gray and Premier Laurier of the dominion government had been invited to the Wednesday night dinner. This fact has caused a stir in official circles and given the whole matter a new significance.

Through the arrival of Minister of Marine and Fisheries Brodeur, Minister of Justice Aylesworth, Minister of Railways Graham and Minister of Labor King, an unprecedented situation prevails.

Premier Morris and Attorney General Morrison of Newfoundland are also here to confer with Counsellor Chandler Anderson.

Minister of Railways Graham will confer with the Interstate commerce commission regarding proposed joint supervision over international railroads.

Another subject of conference will be the control of the navy route used by both countries, with special reference to the protection of navigation in some parts from persons seeking control of water power sites.

LOOKED LIKE BANDITS TO PULLMAN "CON"

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Jan. 7.—Thought to be the bandits who held up and robbed the Overland Limited near Ogden during the early part of this week, J. W. Diamond, of this city, and William von der Hellen, of Eagle Point, Or., narrowly escaped falling into the clutches of the law while returning to this city from San Francisco Thursday.

They were traveling together and each carried a huge handbag. Diamond, who is a jeweler here, opened his satchel during the trip to show his companion samples of the wares he had purchased with the result that the Pullman conductor, seeing visions of a large reward, called the attention of the railroad detectives to the pair.

When they got off the train here the party of slouts was nonplussed to see the two suspected bandits effusively greeted by a number of friends.

PACKING INTERESTS SUPPORT LORIMER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 7.—That the packing interests are using their influence in the senate in favor of William Lorimer of Illinois, is a report current here. Lorimer for years was known as boss of the Chicago district in which the stockyards are located.

It is reported that Senator Root of New York is studying the record of the investigation held by a subcommittee of the senate committee on privileges and elections. The anti-Lorimer men believe he will join them in the fight to declare Lorimer vacant.

The anti-Lorimer men are confident of victory. Beveridge of Indiana, Borah of Idaho, Burton of Ohio, Crawford of South Dakota, Cummins of Iowa, Owen of Oklahoma, Rayner of Maine, La Follette of Wisconsin, Warner of Missouri, Overman of North Carolina and Culberson of Texas are preparing to attack Lorimer.

TOKIO NEWS AGENCY SAYS NO JAP JINGOES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7.—Considerable comment is made in Japanese newspapers received by the Bureau of Japan, regarding the recent Washington dispatches on the inadequacy of Pacific coast defense, and protestations are made by many writers, that Japan should not be credited with the intention to attack the United States.

Regarding a number of comments the Elton Tsushin, a Tokio news agency, says it is "strange but true, that the fever of Americanophobia supposed to be rife in Japan, is not known in Japanese circles." The agency says Japan will not be swayed by sensational newspaper reports, but criticisms as likely to cause ill feeling between the two countries.

Death of Toledo Woman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Toledo, Or., Jan. 7.—After an illness extending over many months, Mrs. Judith Emaline Butler, known by all as "Grandma" Butler, passed to the great beyond at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday, January 4, 1911, at the age of 83 years, at her home just across the river from town, where she had lived for a quarter of a century. Mrs. Butler was one of the oldest pioneers of this part of the state and was loved and respected by all. For the past dozen or more years she had made her home with her sons, John and Rudy Butler. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her, four boys and two girls. They are: Thomas, John, Rudy of this place, and Calvin of Summit, Benton county; Mrs. T. A. Hight of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Columbia Kelly of Los Angeles, Cal.

EXCURSIONISTS OF INLAND EMPIRE ON A TOUR OF COAST

Special Train of Eleven Cars Arrived From Spokane With 140 Pleasure Seekers; Seeing Portland This Afternoon.

With the most brilliant baby in the world and the oldest theatrical manager in the northwest—Harry Hayward, of Spokane—140 Inland Empire excursionists on a junket through Oregon and California arrived in Portland this morning on board an O-W. R. & N. special train. One of the 11 cars that made up the train was filled with Spokane people, while another was given over to residents of Walla Walla. Other excursionists were from all parts of the Inland Empire.

The excursion will follow much of the route of the three previous annual excursions run from the Inland Empire by the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific through the states of Oregon and California. It is in charge of A. MacCormick, district freight and passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N., at Spokane. The special train will carry its passengers as far south as Los Angeles.

Train on Time.
When the train arrived at about 10 o'clock this morning, special street cars provided by the Portland Commercial club were waiting to take the excursionists over the city and then back to the Hotel Portland, where lunch was eaten. For the most part of the afternoon the travelers will be left to their own devices, gathering at the Hotel Portland again at 6 o'clock tonight for dinner. The excursion train will pull out at about 10:30 o'clock tonight, taking the Inland Empire people toward the south.

Among the passengers is a councilman of Spokane, a dozen or more prominent business men of the city, many of the most prominent and prosperous ranchers of the Palouse country, and many well known persons of the country immediately surrounding Spokane, Walla Walla and other metropolises of the region. Many millions of dollars are represented by the travelers, among which are the names of some of the Inland Empire business men and ranchers.

WIFE LOVES VIRGINIA; HUSBAND ASKS DIVORCE

Oscar Breeze secured a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Breeze, in the circuit court because she would not leave her home in Virginia and come to Portland. He said it was agreed between himself and Mrs. Breeze early in 1908 that he should come west, leaving his wife to follow him. But she refused to do so, and the husband, who wrote for his wife to come she failed to answer his letter. She later secured a divorce from him, but he refused to do so, and she was granted custody of the child. She is now at Leesburg, Va. They were married in 1896.

NEW ROMANCE APPEARS IN THE TURNBULL CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—A new romance appears to have entered into the Balalaika contest case, which is giving the public the shattered romance of Mr. Lillian A. Turnbull and "Lucky" Balalaika.

Esther Anita Turnbull, the 17-year-old claimant to the Baldwin estate, one of the figures in it, and W. J. Heim, of an old Philadelphia family, the second actor. So constant has been the attention that the young man has paid to the Turnbull case, that it has become a matter of minor importance to them.

According to the attorneys for the Turnbulls, Heim and Mrs. Turnbull met on a train when Mrs. Turnbull and her daughter were returning from Boston to Los Angeles. Mrs. Turnbull and her daughter to court and remains constantly by the side of the young woman.

Famous Artist Is 75 Today.

London, Jan. 7.—Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, the world-famous painter will reach his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary tomorrow, and plans are being made by his many friends and admirers in art circles for a suitable testimonial observance. Since the death of his wife a year ago Sir Lawrence has spent much of his time on the continent, though still maintaining his famous home in St. John's Wood. Recently he has given much of his time to promoting the issue of Dickens' testimonial stamp in England.

Electrical Show at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Cooking by wire and cooling the refrigerator by electricity are among the many novel demonstrations to be seen at Chicago's six annual electrical show, which opened at the Coliseum today for a two week engagement. The exhibition is believed to be the largest and most complete of its kind ever given in the west.

Editor Sunset Magazine Dead.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Charles Aiken, editor of the Sunset Magazine, and well-known as a writer and publisher, died yesterday at a protracted illness, from pneumonia. Aiken was years old and a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He leaves a widow and a daughter five years old.