SLAYER OF WILCOX HAS MANY BACKERS

W. R. Foote, Father of 18 Children, Acted in Defense of Two of Daughters.

(Special to The Journal.)

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 13.—The killing of Charles Wilcox by W. R. Foote at Coquille has caused more comment than anything that has happened in the county for a long time. In this city sympathy is entirely with Foote.

Wilcox, road master for Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railroad, lived with his family at Coaledo, a small station. Foote is a native of Louisiana but has lived in this country for many years. He owns a 400 acre farm near Myrtle Point where he made his home for a long time, only recently moving to Coquille and retiring. He and his wife are parents of 18 children, some of whom are married and five or six of whom are small children. One daughter about 17 years old, has been staying with Mrs. Wilcox as a companion as she has a child a month old and the duties of Wilcox made it necessary for him to be away from his home much of the time.

It was because he believed Wilcox to have betrayed the Foote girl, who was at his house, and also to have sought the ruin of another daughter of the Foote family, aged 14 years, that the shooting came about.

Mr. Foote had applied to the deputy district attorney with the story of his daughters, and had asked that some prosecution be instituted against Wilcox. It is said he several times saw the deputy prosecutor and even on the day of the shooting insisted that something be done or he would take the matter in his own hands.

That day he secured a 30-30 rifle, and when Wilcox came into Coquille, shot him. He fired three times, but the first shot was sufficient to cause death. Foote immediately gave himself up. He was taken into custody, and at the coroner's inquest, it was found Wilcox died from hemorrhage caused by a bullet shot from Foote's gun, but the jury did not make any recommendation as to holding Foote to the grand jury. He will be given a preliminary hearing.

Foote bears the best of reputations in the county as a sober and industrious man, and the head of perhaps the largest family in Oregon, who had made every effort properly to raise his children. Foote is 60 years of age, and the man he killed was nearly 40 years old.

The circumstances of Miss Foote's case was one of a number which have recently occurred.

RAILROAD ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR BRIBERY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Redding, Cal., Jan. 13.—Charged with bribery, former Superior Judge George W. Bush, counsel for the Southern Pacific, and Railroad Detectives J. J. Harrold and George D. Mundorf, stand today indicted by the Shasta county grand jury. Frank Hooper, a negro, who was the principal witness for the prosecution when Railroad Policeman Daniel Fleming was convicted of manslaughter for killing George Vallier of Tacoma, is declared to have been offered money, a free ticket east and a life job with the railroad company.

Harold Rogers, bodyguard to Special Prosecutor Charles W. Braynard during the trial, hid in a bureau in the room in which the bribe is said to have been offered, and secured the evidence on which the charge is based.

INTENSE COLD DELAYS WORK ON EQUITABLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Hampered by intensely cold weather, the thermometer registering two below zero at 8 a. m. today, the work of clearing away the debris from the burned Equitable Life Assurance society building is progressing slowly. Hundreds of millions of dollars in securities and money are still buried in the vaults of concerns which were located in the ruined building, and these cannot be reached until the wreckage is cleared away.

Although a persistent search is being made, no trace of the body of Battalion Fire Chief William Walsh, who perished in the fire, has been found.

SENATOR COTTERILL WILL RUN FOR MAYOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Former State Senator George E. Cotterill today filed his candidacy for mayor, for the February primaries. Cotterill is one of the most prominent Democrats in the state.

REV. J. BAKER, FOUNDER OF PACIFIC BAPTIST, DIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Rev. John C. Baker, founder of the Pacific Baptist, the first and only Baptist publication on the coast, is dead here, aged 84. He was the first general misisonary for the Pacific coast.

Colliers Threaten to Strike.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 13.—With 80 per cent of the men voting for a walkout on March 1 unless their demands for a minimum wage scale are granted by the Cardiff colliery operators, the British government today is alarmed over the prospect of the 611,000 coal miners quitting work. Should no agreement be reached when the miners meet the operators here January 23 and the men carry out their threats to strike, the English navy would be practically helpless.

At present the supply of coal on hand will hardly last England a month and a coal famine is certain to follow a strike. The operators are unable to fill commercial orders, declaring that the present supply is barely sufficient to meet the demands of the navy.

Jury Could Not Agree.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—After casting nearly two dozen ballots, all with the same result, the jury in the case of Dr. Otto C. Joslen, charged with having betrayed the 15-year-old "candy girl," Ethel Williams, has been discharged, and preparations are today being made for a new trial. The vote of the jury stood 6 to 6. The panel was out 24 hours.

Pending the retrial, Prosecutor Frank J. Murphy will immediately proceed with the perjury charges against Martin J. Prince and Joseph Watkins, bellboys, who gave testimony against the girl's character.

SNOWSLIDES BRING DEATH TO MINERS

Avalanches Crush Cabins and Men in Coeur d'Alenes; Many Desert Abodes.

(Special to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 13.—Adding to the terror reigning throughout the Couer d'Alene mining district as the result of snowslides and floods that began Wednesday, John Thone, a prominent Wallace mining man, was crushed to death by a slide Friday night.

Thone was working in the blacksmith shop at the Idora mine, about 6 o'clock when the building was caught in an avalanche of snow and rock from the hillside above and was crushed like an eggshell. Thone was extricated from the debris an hour later, horribly mangled. Death is believed to have been almost instantaneous.

Wearing only a thin suit of underwear and with a pair of sacks about his feet, Leander Lindsten made way four miles through snow waist deep to get help in rescuing his brother Oscar Lindsten, and John Pearson, who were buried in a cabin at Big creek. Despite exhaustion, Lindsten led the rescue party to Big creek last night, where his brother was found dead. Pearson is buried under the wreckage of the cabin. The rescue party is working constantly in danger of death from another threatening slide, trying to find Pearson's body.

Miners from all over Coeur d'Alene district are moving out, abandoning winter food supplies with the cabins, preferring the safety of hotels in town.

Stage Horses Have to Swim.

(Special to The Journal.)

Springfield, Or., Jan. 13.—When Charles Allen, driver of the Blue River mail stage, arrived down from the McKenzie valley last night, he had a thrilling story of his battle with the water covered roads. When he left Blue River in the morning there was five feet of snow. Shortly afterward he found the road under water so deep that his horses had to swim. Again at the state fish hatchery, and still again just before crossing the McKenzie at Hendricks bridge, he had to let the team go its own way. The driver of the outgoing stage turned back, unable to make the trip, and returned to this city.

Santiam Dam Goes Out.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—Washing out of the dam on the Santiam river has relieved fears of Salem residents and of farmers between Salem and Stayton as the dam was located below the Salem flouring mills canal connecting the Santiam river with Mill creek. The Willamette river is 17 feet above low water mark at Salem, 17 feet at Corvallis, and 16 feet at Albany.

Sick Taken Into Cold.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Edmonton, Alberta, Jan. 13.—With the thermometer at 20 degrees below zero and a blizzard raging, 25 patients were removed early today from the Edmonton hospital, which was on fire. One wing of the building was destroyed.

Newlyweds Ask for Aid.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Twenty-eight newly married couples, the oldest being 22, have appealed to the charity of the county for assistance as a result of the zero weather here.

27 Below at Columbus.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Columbus, Ind., Jan. 13.—With the thermometer down to 27 below zero, this district is experiencing the coldest weather of the winter today.

SALT LAKE OFFICERS ARREST "LOBSINGER"

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 13.—In the arrest of Harry Tourtlott, a piano player in a moving picture theatre here, the police believe they have Elmo Lobsinger, who disappeared from Portland last April with Grace Griffin, the daughter of Mrs. A. Griffin of 603 Fifth street, Portland. The two were last heard from at Kansas City.

Tourtlott answers the description in detail and was arrested here in company with a young girl alleged to have been lured by him from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Tourtlott strongly resembles pictures of Lobsinger on the police circulars sent from Portland.

BANK ROBBER SUSPECTS FORMERLY LIVED HERE

Charles Dean, arrested recently in Los Angeles for the robbery of the New Westminster bank and a man named Addison, an alleged member of the gang that committed this big robbery, are known to have lived at 849 Clinton street in this city, from December 15, 1910, until the early part of August, 1911. They are now suspected of having blown the Heilig theatre safe December 23, 1910, when $2300 was secured, and of blowing the safe in Mace's market on April 10, 1911, when $1400 was secured.

The police and the Pinkerton Detective agency are said to be sure that Dean and Addison are the men wanted for the robberies of these two safes.

Since it has been learned that Dean and Addison lived at the Clinton street house, neighbors have been questioned as to their conduct and it is said to be a fact that these two men showed sudden signs of prosperity after each robbery had been committed. The similarity of the manner in which entrance was gained to the places robbed is regarded as one of the strong points against the men.

These two men have long been suspected of these safe robberies and now that their arrest has taken place, considerable effort will be made to prove the cases against them, and to bring them to this city if the cases against them now should fail.

Mrs. McManigal Confirms Story.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Indianapolis, Jan. 13.—Ortie McManigal's wife is declared to have corroborated her husband's confession in regard to the McNamara dynamiting plot, under examination by the federal grand jury here. She is asserted to have particularly confirmed his references to those who assisted him.

Basing her testimony on conversations she had with her husband in Chicago, she told all she knew of the operations and spoke of men who visited her husband in Detroit in 1907 and arranged to have "open shops" blown up.

SNOW CRUSHES IN TIP-TOP GARAGE

Structure, 100x100 Feet, Near Hood River Goes Down; One Auto Caught.

(Special to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Jan. 13.—The large garage of the Tip-Top Motor Car company, located on the country place of Captain C. B. McCan, collapsed yesterday from the weight of the snow on the roof. The building was 100x100 feet. The walls bulged outward letting the roof fall in. Except one automobile belonging to Mrs. Marion MacRae, which was stored in the garage, the damage was confined to the building. The company has another garage in the city in which it is storing 30 cars, some of which had been recently removed from the now demolished structure.

MUST WORK HARD FOR FAIR CANAL TOLL

"If we are to have even reasonable tolls through the Panama canal, those who are interested in the matter must do something besides sit still at home."

This is the conclusion expressed by Joseph N. Teal, attorney for the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who returned home today from a visit to Washington, D. C., and a trip to the canal.

At the time Mr. Teal visited the canal, the members of the committee from the house of representatives, which has the canal matters before it in the lower branch of congress, were also there. Mr. Teal says he had opportunity to freely discuss canal matters with them. He said their opinions concerning toll rates through the canal differed greatly.

"The work on the canal seems to be progressing nicely," said Mr. Teal. "Unless something unforeseen happens commercial vessels will be moving through the canal between July and September 1, 1913."

While in Washington Mr. Teal attended the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

ONTARIO PLEDGES $1500 TOWARD RIGHT OF WAY

(Special to The Journal.)

Ontario, Or., Jan. 13.—At a special meeting last night the Ontario Commercial club pledged $1500 to the Vale committee toward securing a right of way between Vale and Malheur canyon for the Oregon Eastern, with the understanding that the Vale committee sign a bond guaranteeing the right of way to the railroad company.

MRS. THURSTON CHANGED OPINION OF MRS. HASTY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 13.—There was no session of the Thurston will case today and the principals and attorneys were given a rest until Monday.

Letters that were finally ruled out by Judge Guy, the admission of which was argued for hours yesterday, showed that for a time Mrs. Thurston called Mrs. Mary Hasty, the spiritualist who is said to have benefited for years from her benevolence, "God's chosen messenger," but that later the aged woman denounced Mrs. Hasty.

Another feature of the trial occurred when a member of the theosophical society, who is acting as associate counsel arose and addressed the court, differing with Mrs. Tingley's chief counsel on a certain point. Mrs. Tingley showed signs of uneasiness and finally passed a note to her follower. He concluded his speech and sat down.

SUSPECTED PICKPOCKETS SUE FOR BIG DAMAGES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 13.—Arrested as pickpocket suspects, Guy S. Wills of Oakland, and his wife, said to be a cousin of the late Mark Twain, have entered suit for $40,000 damages on the ground of false arrest and imprisonment against Chief of Police George S. Kidder, Captain of Detectives Ray Starbird, T. F. Sourisseau and J. M. Nelson.

Wills demands $20,000 of the amount for indignities he charges his wife suffered at the hands of the police. Wills is said to be prominently connected in Sacramento county. The couple were arrested during the September street carnival here.

MOTHER SPILLS PAN OF SCALDING WATER ON BABE

(Special to The Journal.)

Milton, Or., Jan. 13.—Thelma Walker, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Walker, was badly scalded when a pan of hot water spilled over her. Mrs. Walker was putting a lid under the boiling water when the pan slipped from her hand and went on the little one, who was playing near her mother.

ALLAN R. JOY FILES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—Allan R. Joy, of Portland, filed his petition for district attorney today. His slogan is to be "Progressive Republican—Justice without sale, denial or delay."

Austrians to Develop Power.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vienna, Jan. 13.—An ambitious and conservative campaign has been entered upon by the Austrian government, a commission having for some time been engaged in surveying various rivers and mountain streams with a view to utilizing them for power purposes. One of the largest projects decided upon is the damming of the Thaya river, the boundary between Austria and Moravia.

Convicts Given Clemency.

(Special to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 13.—Twelve convicts were paroled by the state board of control, which has just finished its session as the state board of pardons. Sixteen more were given final release from parole, three final release from conditional pardons, 18 men sentenced before the indeterminate sentence law were released and three were given conditional pardons.

TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST DEPUTIES

City Building Inspector to Reorganize His Office; Too Much Politics, Alleged.

The first step in the reorganization of the city building inspector's office, as promised by Inspector of Buildings H. E. Plummer, in his annual report, will be the filing of charges against and the dismissal of Deputies W. K. Venvie and J. H. Leist.

Copies of the charges have been filed by the inspector of buildings with Mayor Rushlight, but there is a question as to whom the city charter delegates the power of dismissal. City Attorney Grant has been asked to render an opinion on this point and as soon as this has been done the formal charges will be filed in the city auditor's office.

There has been friction in the office of the inspector of buildings ever since H. E. Plummer succeeded to the position, which was formerly held by G. E. Dobson. Toward the end of the Simon administration former Chief Engineer of Construction W. W. Lucius resigned. It was rumored at one time that a political clique had been formed with the object of ousting Plummer and putting in another man who is not so objectionable to certain architects. Knowledge of this state of affairs is said to have made the deputies in the building inspection department assume an attitude of indifference toward the orders of their chief.

One of the charges made by Mr. Plummer against Leist is that he has been lax in making inspections. Another says he has permitted buildings to reach a mature stage before reporting defects and that contractors have had to tear down expensive construction.

Leist is also charged with having made improper reports. The deputies in the department are required to fill out cards showing the exact time of day when inspections are made. Leist is reported to have made out cards showing six inspections to have been made by him when it was known that he was in the public library at the hours specified in the reports.

Benvie is charged with having made improper reports and with having been careless in his work.

LORIMER SAYS HE HELPED BROWNE

"Boss" Admits He Lent Money to Representative; Attacks Chicago Tribune.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Lorimer, on the stand here yesterday before the senate committee inquiring into charges of bribery in connection with his election, pointed out why individual members of the Illinois legislature supported him.

Lorimer admitted that Representative Browne had asked him for financial aid. He said:

"I loaned Browne money from time to time to employ counsel, Browne saying he would repay me if he could. The amounts totaled between $8000 and $10,000. I did this because I knew the attack on Browne was merely a part of the movement to unseat me.

"I knew that the Chicago Tribune was purchasing testimony against Browne, influenced by its antagonism to me, and that it was convinced Browne and no one else had paid money for votes for me.

"The whole machinery of the Tribune and the state's attorney's office was used to destroy me, not to land Browne in the pen. I believe that the Tribune and Governor Deneen were the main conspirators. There is no doubt but that the Tribune bought Representative White's story, but he perjured himself when he said he got $1000 to vote for me."

MAY NOT HOLD INQUEST ON DEATH OF CHILD

No action will be taken in regard to the death of the infant daughter of Walter Linton, which is being investigated by Coroner Norden following disclosures that point to strange circumstances in the child's death last Tuesday, until Coroner Norden and Dr. Robert Yenney, who made a further post-mortem examination last night, have a consultation.

Dr. Norden has not decided whether to hold an inquest or not as the circumstances do not seem, according to his statement, to show that the parents were in any way responsible for the baby's death.

Investigations point rather to the condition of the baby being due to the ill care taken of her by a Mrs. Oabes, who resided for a month at 675½ East Washington street, but who has now completely disappeared.

Mrs. Oabes took care of the infant when Linton left Portland with the rest of his family for a time to work on a dredge on the Columbia river. Mrs. Linton was in poor health and the woman was hired to care for the child. According to neighbors who lived near the woman she was not a proper person to care for children yet she was caring for six little ones from this baby to a crippled girl about 14 years old.

Should the coroner decide not to hold an inquest the matter will be turned over to the juvenile court for investigation

The Linton family resides at 739 Brooklyn street.

BANK WRECKER GETS LONG PRISON TERM

(Special to The Journal.)

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 13.—From two to 20 years in prison was the sentence passed yesterday on James Evars, who was cashier of the Philomath bank, failed. The real name of the man has been shown to be Charles James Evans. "Evans" was found guilty of forgery.

Relief for Birds.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 13.—Touched by the pitiful condition of thousands of gulls starving in the harbor here because of the zero weather, city officials today took steps to relieve them. Refuse and garbage collected from cafes and restaurants, usually incinerated, were spread over the ice, and thousands of the gulls gathered and feasted

ROW ON JUDGESHIP ANIMATES DINNER

Young Republicans Lose Sight of Etiquette When Anti-Humphrey Talk Heard.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—Following the conversion of a peaceful dinner at which Governor Hay was the guest of honor, into one of the most animated scenes in the history of the Young Men's Republican club, the club will hold a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon in Dreamland rink, the largest hall in Seattle, to voice the sentiment of Seattle upon the contemplated appointment by President Taft of Congressman Will E. Humphrey, to the federal judgeship in Western Washington, made vacant by Judge Donworth's resignation.

The governor was lost in the excitement and the club did not even have time to thank him for coming all the way from Olympia.

A resolution offered by Attorney George H. Rummens, asking the president not to appoint Humphrey on the ground that he was utterly incompetent to be a judge, started a heated discussion. Various technical objections were raised by several speakers. Every speaker, however, said that personally he was against Humphrey's appointment. Finally a compromise was reached by merely sending a telegram to the president, asking him to delay the appointment until the club should have taken action.

CONVICTION OF PEDDLER MOST IMPORTANT ACT

City Sealer of Weights and Measures F. G. Buchtel says the most important act of his department during 1911 was the successful prosecution of a peddler for selling a short sack of potatoes. Although the city ordinances do not specify what weight shall constitute an official sack of potatoes, the sealer was able to establish that reputable merchants regard 100 pounds as the standard. Made over sacks containing only from 60 to 75 pounds were sold as regulation "sacks" of potatoes. Mr. Buchtel says the court decision will enable him to save many thousands of dollars to the buying public.

This and other information is contained in the annual report of the sealer for 1911. The report was filed today in the city auditor's office.

During the year the sealer and his lone deputy measured 1133 cords of wood by request, found nine cases of short measure and secured convictions in the municipal court in every case.

"I examined many packages of goods disposed of by local merchants," says Mr. Buchtel, "and found that the consumer can save from 10 to 30 per cent by buying merchandise in bulk."

The department checked and tested 774 scales and condemned 15 and forced ice wagons to carry scales for the weighing of ice delivered to consumers.

"The complaints received during the year," reads the report, "were more diversified than ever before. The office was called upon to measure sand and gravel and the capacity of oil wagons, and to check weights of sugar and other commodities.

"All the creameries were investigated, and 1000 bottles were tested. The result showed less than 1 per cent of inaccuracies. Loaves of bread sold by various dealers varied in weight from 9 2-3 ounces to 15 ounces. We are now trying to have an ordinance passed providing for a standard loaf."

RESUME TRAIN SERVICE INTO CENTRAL OREGON

Train service between Portland and points in Central Oregon was resumed this morning by both the Oregon Trunk Line and the Deschutes River line of the O.-W. R. & N. company. The lines had been tied up for nearly a week by snow and landslides following the big storm.

The tracks were cleaned last night, and the wires repaired, but trains will be operated with caution for several days until the effects of the storm have been fully overcome. In many places rock and mud had flowed onto the roadbeds and covered the tracks to a depth of many inches.

The main lines of the O.-W. R. & N. and the North Bank road are open, but trains are operated with more than ordinary caution, because of the wet condition of the roadbed. The wires are also giving some trouble, making it somewhat difficult to keep closely in touch with the moving trains.

Trains from the east are several hours late, caused by delays in the western states.

The Tillamook line of the Southern Pacific has suffered some from landslides during the week, but trains are in operation and crews are distributed along the line to make repairs as quickly as trouble is discovered.

RECENT RULING MAY AFFECT CONVICTIONS

By a ruling made by Judge Tazwell this morning in the case of E. J. Edwards, who pleaded guilty several days ago to a charge of larceny and was sentenced to six months in the county jail, many convictions that have been made in the police court may be set aside.

Edwards, arrested by Detective Swenness for the theft of a number of valves, pleaded guilty to the larceny charge when arraigned before Judge Tazwell. After he was sentenced, he stated the case to Attorney Petrain, who, on examining the records, found that the code provides that the injured party must either be a witness against the defendant or must have been subpenaed before the court could act, either to acquit or convict.

In this instance, it is said that the complainant did not desire to prosecute and that the conviction of Edwards was faulty. The case was reopened this morning, and Judge Tazwell asked for another plea from Edwards, who still announced that he was guilty, but on a request for leniency by H. A. Raymond, representing the machinery company, the man was given a suspended sentencee. What effect the above ruling will have has not yet been anticipated.

Committee Meets; Adjourns.

The street committee of the city council met this morning to consider the franchises asked for by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, but adjourned without accomplishing anything, owing to the absence of several members. A special meeting of the committee will be held next Friday afternoon.

FLOATERS DRIVEN OUT BY POLICEMEN

Small Army of Penniless Men Forced to Hit Road; Head for the South.

The first attempt that has been made by the police to clear the streets of the North End and other parts of the city of men who have no business on the streets after 12 o'clock midnight, resulted in the arrest since that hour last night of 127 person who were all lodged in police headquarters. The record for the number fed at one meal was broken when 175 men were served this morning.

So crowded were the jail corridors that it was necessary to use the court room, where 50 men were quartered. When they were searched the total amount of money found in their possession was 25 cents.

This morning, when the cases were called Judge Tazwell asked how many men would be willing to leave the city under suspended sentence. Nearly all of them expressed their willingness to accept these terms. They were led down stairs and lined up on the sidewalk. Under guard of Patrolmen Henson and Inskeep, a march was started down Second street to the Hawthorne bridge, across the bridge and then south through Sellwood to the city limits, where the men were told to keep moving south.

"On to southern California," was the slogan taken by the army of destitute men as they started on the tramp southward.

"It is a shame the treatment that the unemployed men receive at the hands of the police in other northwestern cities," said one man of the army this morning. "We are told to go to Portland where the city would give us jobs at $1 a day and our meals. Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane police told us the same thing."

Chief of Police Slover, in discussing the situation this morning, said: "The city is face to face with a serious proposition. There are hundreds of these idle men in the city. They must be fed. Either the city must give them food, or they will take food from the city."

At 5 o'clock this morning 37 men were arrested in the Men's Reading room at Fourth and Burnside streets, where 326 men were sleeping on the floors. These men were charged with being vagrants, having been seen by the police in these free sleeping rooms on numerous occasions.

BANKERS RAISE FUND FOR EQUITABLE HEROES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Fire and Police commissioners of New York today granted a request from Wall street bankers that they be given permission to raise a fund for the firemen and policemen who did such valiant work during the fire at the Equitable Life Assurance society's building on lower Broadway. Some of the largest banking houses in the metropolis joined in the petition. Relief will be given the families of the men who lost their lives and the firemen and policemen who were injured will receive liberal recompense. Heroes of the blaze will be granted substantial remuneration for the chances they took and all firemen and policemen who struggled with the blaze will receive some token of the esteem in which they are held by America's money kings.

Justice Giegerich today ordered the city building department to proceed with the demolition of the ruins of the Equitable Life building.

W. O. W. CAMPS HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

Webfoot camp No. 65, Woodmen of the World, and Arbutus Circle, Women of Woodcraft, held a joint installation at Woodmen temple, 128 Eleventh street, last evening.

Past Consul Fred Woodcock installed the incoming officers for Webfoot camp as follows: Past Consul Reynolds, Consul Commander Fred W. German, Advisor Lieutenant Werner Aplanalp, Banker N. H. Bird, Escort J. W. Crossley, Clerk A. L. Barbur, Watchman W. H. Savage, Sentry Conrad Nern, Musician Professor E. L. Bettinger, Managers Charles Skewes, M. T. Woodward and J. H. C. Wolff.

Past Guardian Neighbor Marie Beaudette installed the officers elect for Arbutus Circle as follows: Past Guardian Marie Richardson, Guardian Neighbor Ora Allen, Advisor Mary Hamilton, Magician Marie Beaudette, Attendant Miss Wise, Clerk S. M. Ockerman, Banker Minnie Schmale, Inner Sentinel Eliza Condon, Outer Sentinel Harry Boyd, Captain of the Guard Ada Worth, Musician Alice Schmale, Managers Marie Wilson, Cora Summerville and Clara Dahl.

After the installing ceremonies bouquets of beautiful flowers were presented to Installing Officer Woodcock, Installing Officer Beaudette, Captain of Webfoot camp's team Jack Woodmen, Captain of the Guards of Arbutus Circle Ada Worth.

J. A. JEFFREY WOULD BE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Attorney John A. Jeffrey of the law firm of Jeffrey & Lenon, has filed his declaration of intentions to become a candidate for district attorney in the April primary election. His name will be found in the Democratic column, followed by the slogan "Progressive, strict and impartial enforcement of all laws of Oregon."

Attorney Jeffrey was district attorney in district No. 1, which is composed of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties, for one term. Two years ago he was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for congress from what was then known as congressional district No. 2. His race was unsuccessful. He has lived in Portland since 1905.

Sell Tags for Strikers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Hundreds of men, women and school children sold tags on San Francisco's streets today for the benefit of the striking Harriman shopmen, whose ranks include a large number of men not entitled to regular payments from the international unions involved. Similar tag sales will be held at all points on the system within the coming month.

President E. L. Requin of the System Federation of Shopmen said today that the strike was in good shape, and that no union man would go back to work until the fight was won. A great sympathetic walkout of union shopmen on other lines in the west is expected by March

INTERESTING SUIT OVER GRAIN BAGS

Government Demands That Kerr, Gifford & Co. Repay $595.

Although comparatively trivial in the amount involved, the suit of the United States against Kerr, Gifford & Co. to recover an alleged overcharge of $595 for grain sacks is arousing unusual interest among exporters over the entire Pacific coast. A demurrer to the defendant's answer was argued and submitted to United States Judge Wolverton this morning.

In 1907, the United States quartermaster's department advertised for bids on 4,000,000 pounds of oats for the Philippines. The contract was awarded to Kerr, Gifford & Co. of Portland at a stipulated price, it being specified the oats were to be double sacked. The contract was filled and the company paid for the oats. Last summer some one in Washington discovered that the government had paid for oats by pound, and that they were in sacks when weighed. He figured the sacks weighed enough to offset about $595 paid for the oats. So the government brought suit to recover the money.

The defendants demurred to the government's complaint, on the grounds that nothing in the contract stated the weight of the oats was to be net, and that in general practice of exporting grains it is the custom to include the weight of the sacks. Judge Bean overruled the demurrer, and the government demurred to the defendant's answer. It was this demurrer that Judge Wolverton heard this morning. He took the demurrer under advisement, but stated that in his opinion the only question at issue is the wording of the contract and the construction to be placed on it.

It is said to be the universal custom among exporters on the Pacific coast to include the weight of the grain sacks in determining the total weight of shipments. Attorney C. E. S. Wood, representing Kerr, Gifford & Co., told the court this morning if they had to repay the government for the weight of the bags, it would be necessary for Kerr, Gifford & Co. to present a counter claim for the value of the bags, which, under such a ruling, they had not been paid. Assistant United States Attorney Walter Evans argued the demurrer for the government.

HE MADE FUN OF THE OFFICER'S STAR

St. Johns' legal circles have been greatly disturbed the last few days over the arrest of O. Samuelson. Thomas Whitney, town marshal, is charged by Samuelson with falsely imprisoning him, for which arrest Samuelson wants $10 damages.

In the complaint filed by Attorney B. L. Snow, who appears for Samuelson, it is stated that the marshal "run in the said Samuelson." The arrest is alleged to have been made because Samuelson made fun of the marshal's star, referring to it as a "tin badge." The arrested man also complains that the marshal "spoke to him in a rough and coarse manner that would have driven a dog from the streets."

"You will not point me out in this manner," says the complaint in quoting the words of the marshal when Samuelson pointed his thumb at him. When the case was called before Justice of the Peace Downs, the marshal represented that it was an aggravated case, and severe punishment should be dealt a pedestrian who so uncouthly pointed his thumb at the marshal. A fine of $10 was given. To this fine, Samuelson objected, but in vain. Attorney Snow was consulted, and the suit against St. Johns was instituted. The return of the $10 paid as a fine was asked, and the additional payment of $10 damages was demanded. For several days the justice court, and office of Attorney Snow were scenes of great legal discussions. Attorney Snow's complaint had its effect, however, for a compromise is reported to have been reached by returning the $10 fine.

The town marshal still wears his star.

PORTLANDER LAUGHED HIMSELF INTO PRINT

Drake C. O'Reilly, the popular clubman, returned from a two months' trip east yesterday afternoon, having spent most of the time in New York, although short stays were made in Omaha, St. Paul and Chicago. Mr. O'Reilly was a member of a party of New Year's celebrators at the Waldorf-Astoria, where his contagious laugh, well known to his Portland friends, excited so much mirth that a reporter on the New York Times wrote a story about it.

"Business conditions throughout the east are in better shape than I had expected to find them," said Mr. O'Reilly while talking to a Journal representative today.

"From a business standpoint," continued Mr. O'Reilly, "New York was the only quiet place I found, and the dullness there is due to the lack of speculation on the New York stock exchange. However, the New Yorkers report an improvement over the situation obtaining during the last half of 1911.

"I am confident from what I heard said in New York and elsewhere in the east that we are going to have a Democratic president to succeed Mr. Taft. The air seems surcharged with the determination to have a new political deal. I heard many Republicans say that they intended to vote for the Democratic nominee. They are tired of Taft, and they don't want Roosevelt.

Engineers Go to Inspect Canal.

Accompanied by Majors McIndoe and Morrow, corps of engineers, United States Army, Andrew Kerr of the shipping firm of Kerr, Gifford & Co., left this morning for Washington from whence they will go to Panama, by way of New York, to make an inspection of the canal. The majors will be gone about five weeks, but Mr. Kerr will be longer, coming back by way of the southern states and California.

Fish Dealer Acquitted.

William Karmacilius, arrested at the Washington street public market yesterday by Additional Market Inspector Joe Singer for selling cold storage fish which were alleged to be unfit for human consumption, was this morning acquitted by Judge Taswell. Several fish dealers testified that the fish were good.