

COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST HEAD OF A LABOR AGENCY

Charles R. Hansen Defendant;
Work and Pay Offered Ap-
plicants Misrepresented, It
Is Declared; Suit Begun.

Already complaints are being made regarding the methods employed by local employment agencies for separating coin from the unsuspecting. The first report of such proceedings came in the form of a complaint filed in the court of Justice of the Peace Olson yesterday against Charles R. Hansen Jr., proprietor of Hansen's Employment Agency, 25 North Second street, by John Stanich, Stanich alleges that on December 23, 1911, he paid Hansen \$56.25 deposit for jobs for 25 men. Hansen told him that he had jobs for the crew on a railroad construction gang in Lane county. Stanich also declares that he paid to Hansen the sum of \$93.75 to be used in paying the fares of the 25 men to their destination.

The men went to the place where the work was said to be waiting, and on their arrival found the work and pay badly misrepresented. They returned to Portland, and here found that Hansen had used none of the money, according to the complaint, for the railroad fares.

Accused of Defrauding.
These fares were furnished by the railroad company, it is said. Attorney John A. Jeffrey, who, with Attorney H. J. Parkinson, is handling the case for the complainants, declares that he will push the case to the limit in order to put a stop to the misrepresentations made by the agencies. The complaint accuses Hansen of "cheating and defrauding."

"This is the first case of the kind this year, but they will soon begin to pour in," said John G. Schroeder, clerk of the Municipal Free Employment bureau. "I have tried to do something to stop the graft that many of these agencies practice on ignorant, unsuspecting foreigners, but find it almost impossible, as the foreigners do not realize the necessity of making these men put down their proposition in writing. When it comes to taking a case of this sort into the courts it is one man's word against another, and the employment men are the shrewdest and stand by one another."

"In the three years that I have been in the city attorney's office there have been many of these cases, yet it has been almost impossible to obtain a conviction," said Deputy City Attorney Sullivan. "Even when an employment agent is convicted it does no good, for they at once appear to a higher court and it is impossible to keep the laborers together until the new trial is held. They cannot stay in town on expense, as most of them have little or no money, and that class is as a rule the kind that works in the country."

"I think that commercial employment agencies should be done away with entirely, and that the work should be performed by the city or by the state. Then this petty graft could be checked. These men cannot afford to lose even the small amounts involved. Not all of the agencies give trouble, but there are one or two which are continually named in complaints by these laborers, and in the busy season I often have as many as a half a dozen a day."

Vagrants Fined Heavily.
(Special to The Journal.)
Tillamook, Or., Jan. 24.—H. T. Hylton and Lyle Ross were tried for vagrancy before Mayor Harter Saturday. The mayor fined Hylton \$25 and Ross \$50, and ordered them to leave town before 5 o'clock. Ross was recently fined \$30 for disorderly conduct.

GYPSY MUSICIAN STAR OPERA SINGER



Alexander Bevan.

Alexander Bevan, who is at the Orpheum this week as the head of the Roman Opera company as well as one of its singing members, is not only the pioneer of all singers in operatic vaudeville, but is a gypsy musician to whom the roving character of the singer he is most fond of impersonating is natural. When Mr. Bevan organized the Roman Opera company, played with the Bostonians for a number of years. She was in Portland with that organization on the occasion of its last visit.

MOTHER'S DEATH BED REQUEST IS GRANTED

The dying request of Mrs. Martha Marshall was followed yesterday in awarding temporary custody of her 2-year-old child to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kitching. An aunt of the lad, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Dayton, Wash., had asked for the custody of the child. Miss Emma Gustafson, another aunt of the child, wrote the judge from Kansas City, Mo., that she was willing the Kitching family should have the baby. The mother of the child died in November. Mrs. Kitching found the child in a foundling home when it was three months old. She kept it until it was seven months old, when the mother claimed it. Before her death, however, the mother declared she wished Mrs. Kitching to have the babe.

DONWORTH WITHDRAWAL GIVES PRESIDENT TIME

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—Attorney General Wickham announced this afternoon that the withdrawal of the resignation of United States Judge Donworth at Seattle was only temporary, and was intended to give President Taft time to consider a successor.

Mimic Warfare About Bay City.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Mimic war will be waged about San Francisco by 25,000 regular and state troops, the Pacific naval fleet and a squadron of aerial cruisers next August to test the coast defenses. The army of invasion will move against the land forces from Half Moon bay. The maneuvers will be the most comprehensive ever undertaken in the United States and will be far more extensive than those at Boston recently.

GREATER CITY PLAN MEETING CALLED

Important Session to Be Held
at Commercial Club To-
morrow Night.

With the program in charge of the membership committee the Greater Portland Plans association has called for 8 o'clock tomorrow night what is expected to be the largest and most important meeting since its organization. The session will be held in the convention hall of the Commercial club.

Yesterday the executive board of the association authorized the printing of 10,000 buttons of red, white and blue. They will be used by the membership committee in enlisting 10,000 members for the "better building of the bigger city" on Greater Portland day, February 23. How the city is to be districted and all the work done in a few hours on the day that comes but once in four years is to be related by members of the committee, of which V. Vincent Jones is chairman.

The dissatisfaction of many citizens with the proposed location of the public library and their desire that it shall be located in accordance with the suggestion of the Bennett plan on one of the corners of Park and Madison streets will be presented before the club by Joseph Jacobberger, chairman of the committee on public buildings.

New Union Depot.
The opportunity of the people of Portland now have of cooperating with the Hill and Harriman lines in negotiations for the locating and building of a new union depot, by indicating to the railroad interests where the depot can most satisfactorily be built, will be brought before the association by F. H. Ransom, chairman of the committee on terminal facilities.

The meeting of the executive board of the association was held in the green room of the Commercial club yesterday afternoon. Joseph Jacobberger presented the matter of relocating the library, and L. Riggs asked authority for the membership committee to have the "Greater Portland day" buttons printed. Routine business of the association was transacted. There were present President C. B. Merrick, Ellis F. Lawrence, Charles F. Bess, L. E. Latourette, Burt C. Jones.

Plan Is Explained.

At the Y. M. C. A. last night the Greater Portland plan was explained to a large audience. The secretary of the association and Landscape Architect Howard Everts Wood were the speakers. The fact that Portland has been built on confidence, the confidence had by investors in the development of tributary country and of Portland as a distributing center, was emphasized. Colored slides reproducing the Bennett drawings illustrated the plan for intelligently directing the greater growth of the city. Mr. Wood spoke of the utility of developing the "small essentials of the city beautiful," namely the home and the lot it stands on, and by a series of slides showed artistry and plan might inexpensively succeed hodgepodge and offensive appearance.

PROSPERITY REIGNS AT WALLA WALLA

Crops Are Good and Prices
Are High; Local Improve-
ments.

Walla Walla has made rapid development during the last year, according to Miles C. Moore, president of the Baker-Boyer National bank and ex-governor of Washington. Mr. Moore came down from the west center yesterday en route to California, where he will spend a brief period of rest. Mr. Moore has been in business in Walla Walla more than 40 years.

"Our section has had good crops and fair prices," said Mr. Moore, "and we have nothing to complain of. Land values are high—and the owners are making money—hence we have not had a large immigration, but the development of the country has been permanent and rapid. The city has laid large areas of paving, cluster lights have been installed throughout the business district and the street car service has been brought to a high standard."

"Crop prospects throughout the wheat belt are good. With plenty of snow covering the wheat the severe cold weather did little if any damage, while the additional moisture will insure good crops. While apprehension was felt for a time, lest the fruit crop should be injured, the opinion of orchardists is that no damage to speak of has been done. Early vegetables may be short and a bit late, but people on the outside will not realize it."

"Walla Walla has always sent large delegations to the Rose Festival, and this year will be no exception, especially if something really new can be added to the attractions."

PROPOSED ORDINANCE HITS PHONE CONCERNS

The fight being made by Councilmen Watkins and Joy to secure the abolition of the advance deposit system used by the public service corporations of the city brought results yesterday, when the special committee appointed by the mayor to draft regulatory measures for such corporations instructed City Attorney Grant to draw an ordinance providing that no deposits may be exacted by the telephone companies from new patrons. For the protection of the companies, however, a clause will be inserted giving them the right to collect three months' rent in advance. Heretofore, the Pacific Telephone company has demanded a deposit of \$5 in cash from each new subscriber as a guarantee that the contract which the subscriber signs for one year with the company shall be carried out. The company collects each month's rent in advance besides.

The proposed ordinance will be submitted to the committee at its next meeting, February 6. At that time the electric lighting, gas and other corporations will be under consideration. Any complaints that property owners have against these should be forwarded to the committee in care of City Attorney Grant. The committee is desirous of knowing just what the people of the city think about the service being accorded by the various public utilities.

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