

COMPETITION ASKED FOR BUYING MUCH FURNITURE

Grand Jury Sees Lack of Modern Business Methods Pursued by County Court—Portion of Report.

That there was no limit to the purchase without competition of expensive furniture for the new county farm, is the opinion of the January grand jury, which closed its work yesterday afternoon.

In regard to the purchase of furniture, bedsteads, carpets, etc., for the county farm, the report reads as follows: "Supplies purchased for Multnomah county farm, \$7339.99. All orders were given to J. P. Powers Furniture company. No bids called for and no one else given a chance.

On an item of brass binding of 2525 feet county paid 8 cents per foot, amounting to \$162. We can buy the same thing for 5 cents per foot, a saving of \$67.75. In the way of purchasing expenses, carpets and window shades there was no limit. In the short space of time we have had to investigate we are unable to locate the reason for this state of affairs."

Superintendent Says Equipment for the new county farm is \$10,550.50.

The auditors semi-annual report for the six months closing December 31, shows the county paid \$10,550.50 for equipping the new county farm at Troutdale. The greater part of the goods were purchased by Superintendent Jackson of the farm. No bids were asked for by the commissioners. In November the old county farm was abandoned and the patients moved to the new one. While at the old farm, the Superintendent purchased during 1911, furniture, blankets, etc. for the farm to the amount of \$1866.73."

We further wish to say that we have investigated the charges or complaints circulated from time to time in regard to records kept in the auditor's office.

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"We understand that two of the county commissioners each has a relative in the district attorney's office, which is the reason we asked and received assistance from a special attorney, in regard to a special investigation. There is one trouble with the system or law in regard to the grand jury and its duties. It is a body of men, as a rule, who do not understand anything about their duties and it takes a great deal of time before they get next to affairs and by the time they do, their time is up.

"We are, therefore, under the impression that the county officials do not seem to be interested in a great deal more than we have had time for and suggest that the next grand jury be instructed to take it up and give it thorough investigation in all respects.

"The members of the grand jury were W. Hahn, H. W. Jackson, O. P. Madison, Felix Maguire, A. Yonovitch and A. Zahn.

COOK REPUBLICANS WON'T ENDORSE T. R.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Gov. Charles S. Deneen was endorsed for re-nomination for governor and efforts to secure an endorsement of Theodore Roosevelt for president were blocked by the county republican anti-primary advisory committee here today.

The endorsement of Governor Deneen as a candidate to succeed himself and the governor's subsequent declaration that he would be a candidate for a third term was a surprise to many as it was believed that he would make the race for the United States senate to succeed Shelby M. Cullom.

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Manager Bowers to Press Key Lighting Multnomah Hotel at Commercial Banquet.



Phillip Petz, musical director engaged for Arcadian Garden of the Multnomah hotel.

A single touch on a golden telegrapher's key by H. C. Bowers at the dedicatory dinner to be given in the Arcadian Garden of the Hotel Multnomah on Wednesday, February 7, under the auspices of the commercial interests of the city, will throw a special light on the switch causing every light in the 725 rooms of the immense structure to light simultaneously.

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This is the statement made today by Paul Heinken, head of the North German Lloyd Steamship company, who, with Carl Stapelfeld, chief traffic director of the company, has been here several days looking over the field, with a view to securing wharves for his company. From here the German shipping kings are going to Portland and Seattle, to complete their survey of inspection and to be prepared to enlarge their service.

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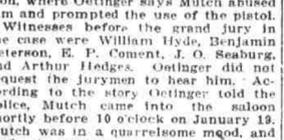
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"Humorist" With Scissors Renders Latest "Creation" Physical Wreck

Feathers on Hat Irritates Him, So He Trims Tickle Off a Few of Them.



There are humorists and humorists and, even—humorists. And, taking another view, there are other things. "Twas on a Council Crest car. . . The sun was shining brightly. In the trees along the route the little birds were twittering. The view across the city and on to Mount Hood was grand. The passengers were good humored. The car was going absolutely nothing to do with the story that is about to be unfolded."

On the car sat a woman, handsomely dressed, on her head a late "creation" of ribbon and feathers and other delectables. Three or four of said feathers protruded at the rear considerably. 'Tis the way of "creations." Nobody can explain the whiffiness of them; nobody cares. Directly behind the well-gowned woman with the feathers had there sat a middle-aged man. Perhaps he was a traveling salesman, maybe he was a dry goods clerk. It is believed he was one of the whole week.

Anyway, these feathers—or those feathers—sort of irritated him. They sometimes tickled his nose and—well, he didn't like 'em anyhow. He remarked to his friend that he didn't care much for feathers. The subject was rather apropos, so he brought it up. It wasn't long till most of the passengers learned that the man didn't care for feathers.

JURYMEN PONDER WARNER VERDICT

Result in Forged Will Case Not Likely to Be Known Before Monday.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 3.—The question as to whether Mabel Young Warner, alleged maker of fraudulent wills, is to remain free or go to the penitentiary was placed with the jury shortly after 6 o'clock this evening following a trial of a whole week.

Very few expect a verdict will be returned until Monday morning. The entire afternoon was consumed by arguments of opposing attorneys, R. J. Slater, special prosecutor, opening for the state, Joe Skrabble and R. B. Johnson following for the defense and District Attorney Van Vactor closing for the state.

The defense pounded into the jury what it declared lack of proof to establish the vital issue, namely, that Mrs. Warner uttered the instrument that was forged. The state contended it had been conclusively proven beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant had systematically planned to perpetrate a gigantic fraud.

ANSON TAKES DOWN BAT AND PLANS TRIP

Adrian C. Anson has taken down his bat from its place over the mantle piece and shaken the mothballs from his uniform. The veteran has accepted the invitation of Charles Webb Murphy to go to New Orleans with the Cubs. Anson had no thought of becoming a candidate for the first baseman's position, which he held against all odds for so many years, but he intends to take a little daily practice with the team and perhaps play a few innings in some of the practice games. The captain is still hale and hearty, and if any of the young pitchers dream they can take liberties with the man who for 20 years batted over 300 they are apt to have a rude awakening. Anson also proposes to combine business with pleasure by appearing at the southern theatres with his monologue. The veteran should prove a drawing card on both stage and field.

18-MONTHS-OLD BABE LIFTS HEAVY CHAIR

A baby 18 months old that can lift a dead weight of 60 pounds without so much as a flutter of its eyelids is the proud son of the Miller family of South Portland. The infant prodigy is Spencer S. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller, 629 1/2 First street.



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GIVEN HIS FIRST RIDE IN AN AUTOMOBILE

The first automobile ride of John Maul and his family of eight was had yesterday morning when he was taken to the juvenile court. Maul, who lives at 748 Cleveland avenue, was summoned into court to explain why he had not properly cared for his seven minor children. Two of the children are in Mrs. A. Rosenstein's proprietor of the Red Front Clothing company, tendered the probation officers the use of his automobile, which he drove himself, conveying the Maul family to and from the court.

The complaint against Maul cited that he would not work. Maul said he had been unable to secure steady employment the last few weeks, but promised Judge Gatens to go to work Monday.

LOGGERS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Columbia River Loggers' association held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon and re-elected its officers. H. C. Clair, president; F. S. Collins, vice president; A. B. Wastell, secretary, and J. S. Bradley, treasurer.

In summing up the situation it was found desirable to again take up the matter of making a strong effort to extend the market for fir lumber and it was suggested that the loggers work together with the lumber manufacturers in this direction. Effort was made several months ago by the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association to get its members and other lumber manufacturers interested in a marketing campaign, but the proposition was dropped because the association merged with the two Washington associations under the name of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association. This new organization, however, is now planning a campaign along the lines formerly suggested.

In regard to the opening of the logging camps, it was stated that a few of the camps will resume operations before the first of March as the supply of logs is ample unless the demand improves considerably within the next few weeks. However, it is believed that there is no great oversupply of logs in the water.

BELOVED WOMAN GOES TO HER FINAL REST

There is gloom in many a humble Portland home today because of the death of Mrs. Christina Brun, wife of Oscar Brun, 735 East Main street, a civil engineer with the O-W-R & N. railroad.

Mrs. Brun died Monday; her remains were cremated Wednesday. Scores of needy persons who have been aided by her are today mourning her departure from this life.

Mrs. Brun herself was not prominently known. Like Dorcas of old, "she was full of good works and aims deeds," but her kindnesses were so quietly done that not one knew except those who received. Only since her death have her closest friends begun to realize the extent of her benefactions. Scores of floral tributes have expression to the sweetness of the life that had bloomed so modestly. "I am a better woman because she lived," is the simple testimony of the many she helped.

A familiar sight in the city streets was Mrs. Brun with her buggy and family horse, a pet for 26 years, going about on her errands of mercy. She was never too busy, say her friends, to answer the call of distress, and there was not a day when she did not give of her sympathy or her means for the relief of the suffering.

Mrs. Brun was a member of the Portland Hunt club, and among philanthropic organizations, the Oregon Humane society, but her philanthropy was not limited by her affiliation with any organization. Hers was the cause of humanity and to this she was devoted, regardless of class or creed.

Mrs. Brun was born in Christiana, Norway, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bodom, of that city, and came to Portland in 1890. She is survived by her widower and her mother and a sister, the two latter still living in the early home.

TRIPLE TO BE WITNESS IN TRIAL OF SCHMITZ

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Abe Ruef is to take the witness stand in the trial of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz before Judge Lawlor on indictments charging bribery in connection with the fixing of gas rates. That the convicted ex-political boss is to testify was made certain today when District Attorney Fickett presented an affidavit setting forth that Ruef is a material and indispensable witness and secured an order upon Warden Hoyle of San Quentin prison directing that he be brought to San Francisco whenever the prosecution desires to take his testimony.

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