

VANCOUVER AND CLARKE COUNTY

CLARKE COUNTY FREE OF ALL WARRANT DEBTS

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—Clarke county is the best fixed of any county in the state or Washington, declared Commissioner Wright of Washougal in an interview this morning.

BRIDGE CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDER WAY

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—President Lloyd DuBois of the Vancouver Commercial club has named the following as a committee to confer relative to the construction of a bridge to span the Columbia river at Vancouver.

The first official meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms at 10 o'clock this morning, when Engineer Harrington of the Waddell & Harrington Co., construction engineers, met with the committee to discuss the proposition.

J. H. Harrington placed an estimate on the bridge of \$1,500,000 and estimated its length at 3,600 feet. He will take the matter up with the war department at Washington at once, and sketches will be made.

Real Estate Transfers. (Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—The following transfers of real estate have been filed with the county auditor for record today.

Ralph H. Speaker to Charles E. Speaker, lots 3 and 4 of block 2, of Lay's subdivision, and lots 11, 12 and 13 of Columbia Orchard lots, also lot 4, in block lettered "C" of Lay's Annex to Vancouver Heights; \$10.

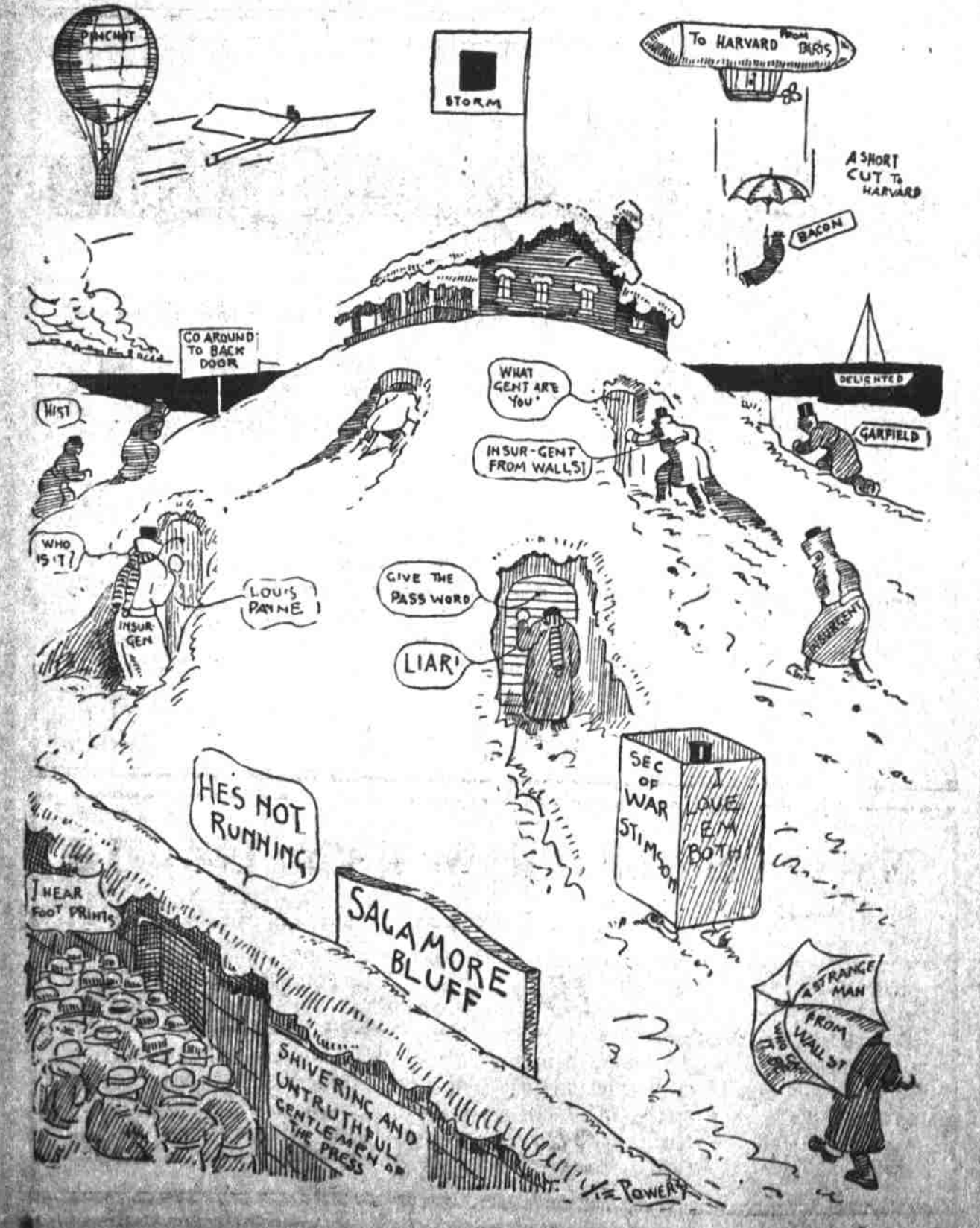
John T. Ough to A. B. Acker, a tract of land in the Richard Ough D. L. C. at Washougal; \$2500.

Sasaki to Be Cremated. (Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—The body of the late Tetsuji Sasaki was taken to Portland this afternoon, where it will be cremated at the Portland crematorium immediately after the funeral service at the Japanese cathedral in that city.

Marriage License Record. (Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county auditor to Ira Bolan and Miss Clara J. Hursh, both of Manor, Wash.; John B. Hope and Miss Katie Grusing, both of Lebanon, Or.

Dr. Rice Eye Specialist. Lenses Ground to Order. 613 WASHINGTON STREET

SAGAMORE HILL—WHO ARE THESE STRANGE MEN?—By Tom Powers



CITY COUNCIL HELDS IMPORTANT SESSION

(United Press Local Wire.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—The sum of \$185.46 taken from the street funds of the city last year to replenish the general fund, was last night ordered back to the fund from which it was taken by the city council and April 1 was the date set for the transfer. The transfer was made on recommendation of City Treasurer James P. Geoghegan in a written communication which read as follows.

In transferring 5 per cent of the total assessment on the following streets into the general fund for engineering and expenses, there was created a shortage in the several improvement funds and the board of public safety, in view of the unpaid portion of the street assessment in the following amounts: District No. 71, \$302.83; District No. 72, \$1280.15; District No. 73, \$248.48.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting the installation of a crematory in the downtown district of the city. The question was raised as to whether there is prospect of such an institution being established and it was argued that there is, yet no one claimed to know who would install it.

Cemetery Problem Again. A proposition was submitted to sell a parcel of the Anton Young estate to the city for a price of \$14,000. Several councilmen who favored the purchase of 54 acres later turned over to T. H. Adams, smiled at the price quoted and said: "I told you so."

The city cemetery trustees asked in a communication that 850 feet of 2 inch water mains be laid in the city cemetery at a cost of \$260. It was argued that the city had no property in the cemetery and that individual property owners could lay the mains if they saw fit.

A petition was presented asking that Virginia street, formerly Tyler street, from Twenty-sixth to Thirty-ninth, with cement sidewalks and curbs and bituminous pavement on a strip in the center. The petition presented calling for the improvement was signed by four men who own 62 per cent of the property on the street.

A resolution was adopted to improve Washington street from Twenty-seventh to Thirty-ninth, with cement sidewalks and curbs and bituminous pavement on a strip in the center. The petition presented calling for the improvement was signed by four men who own 62 per cent of the property on the street.

Ask Change of Venue. Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—The case of Stephen Stanley, Alex Tarrow, John Sullivan and Owen Carmichael will be called at 2 o'clock this afternoon before Municipal Judge Shaw. It is probable that a change of venue will be taken to Judge Davis' court, where they were arrested in the rear room of a shooting gallery at Fourth and Main streets Sunday night.

Entertainment Thursday. Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—The last number of the Vancouver Lyceum course will be given at the assembly hall of the high school building Thursday evening, February 8, by the Robley male quartet. These entertainments have proved very popular, and this, the last of the season, is expected to be the best produced.

Celestial Has Automobile. Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—Kong Loy, a well known Chinese merchant of this city this morning purchased an automobile. Kong Loy is one of the most prosperous Mongolians in the west and controls a great many interests in this section. He is the adviser of all of the race in this section.

Quibble Over Bills. Some contention arose when it came to allowing bills. Claims of Health Officer Brooks were turned back and the question arose whether or not the claims were just, he receiving a salary for the work. Some of the items should be charged to other sources, it was contended, the county, public library and school district.

The services of Mr. Clegg and Mr. Stanley as health inspectors were dispensed with. Clegg presented a bill for \$2 for December, and Stanley a bill for \$103. It was stated that the bills for January would be more.

The United States National bank was designated by Treasurer Geoghegan as the city depository. In a report to the City Attorney Suggs stated that the city treasurer had the whole say in the matter, and the council had no right to interfere.

Hearing on Improvements. A resolution was adopted to improve East Seventh street with hard surface. Councilman Tenny stated that it was no use and only a waste of time, as protests would come in as before. This statement was met by Attorney Kirtin who was evidently there representing property owners. Councilman Wegel insisted on a hearing and if remonstrance was made, to change plans and improve between Main and East B streets where there would be no objection. This carried, and March 4 was set for the date of hearing.

A resolution was adopted to hard surface West Fifth street from Columbia to Ingalls, and the city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance covering the work.

To Condemn Land. A resolution was adopted to condemn land east of the bridge for the widening and straightening of Sixth street and its improvement. Condemnation proceedings will be instituted at once. The street will be made a uniform width of 60 feet.

The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for catch basins at Sixteenth and East B; Eleventh and Lincoln; Eighth and Hill. The deplorable condition of the Main street and St. Johns roads was brought up, and the city attorney instructed to prepare resolutions of intention for their improvement. Main street will be improved from Twenty-sixth to east city limits, and St. Johns road from Reserve street to Burnt Bridge creek.

A resolution was adopted for the opening and improvement of Main street and Tacoma. Land from Main street to Maine avenue will be condemned.

Councilman Wright asked if there was not an ordinance prohibiting saloon men from selling drinks to drunken men. He was advised that there was, and that the laws would be enforced.

The light contract was postponed. Brief Vancouver News. (Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—Mrs. L. P. Truesdale of 1813 Main street and the guest of her niece, Mrs. Tom Brewitt at Tacoma. She will also visit relatives at Seattle before her return. Her son, Galen, accompanied her to Tacoma Saturday and returned Sunday evening. Miss Mabel Smith of The Dalles is

In the city, a guest of Mrs. S. M. P. Briggs. She will visit at Portland before returning home. Captain Stewart of Vancouver barracks left yesterday for San Francisco. John L. Marsh received a carload of automobiles yesterday and during the afternoon gave a demonstration on the streets with the new machines. School elections over the county will be held on March 2 and supplies were sent out yesterday to the various districts from the superintendent's office. Forty recruits from the Jefferson barracks will arrive in the city this afternoon, and will be assigned to the First Infantry at the post.

NEW BANK BUILDING PLANS READY FOR BIDS

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6.—Bids for the excavation for the new banking house of the United States National at Sixth and Main streets will be opened this afternoon. It is understood that several bids have been submitted. The C. A. Blurock market building now occupying the site has been sold to John Rausch and will be removed in a few days and the work of excavating will then start. The building will be 50x100 feet and five stories high. The ground floor will be devoted entirely to banking purposes while the floors above will be fitted as office rooms.

STATE MAY GIVE UP ALL HOPE OF CONVICTING WILDE

Remaining Indictment Jointly Charging Him and W. Cooper Morris, May Be Dismissed Following Acquittal.

Dismissal of the remaining indictment against Circuit Judge J. Wilde and a clearing of the court slate of indictments against W. Cooper Morris is the ultimate result expected within a few days as the sequence of the acquittal of Wilde by an instructed verdict by order of Judge Kavanaugh last Saturday.

As Judge Kavanaugh was not feeling well yesterday he requested Judge Morrow to continue acting in his place as presiding judge for a day or two. District Attorney Cameron states that the disposition of the Wilde and Morris cases will not be taken up until Judge Kavanaugh is presiding, and no definite time has been fixed.

While the attorneys for the state have been scanning the law books for some new angle upon which to place Wilde on trial again, either under the indictment still pending or by means of a new indictment, it is believed that they have about given up hope of being able to present a case that will stand the test.

Second Charge Also Fails. While not prepared to say definitely that all criminal cases growing out of the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank will be laid on the shelf,

It is now practically admitted that such is the case. The only indictment left against Wilde is one charging that he and Morris embezzled \$13,500 from the bank in January, 1907. The facts in this case are substantially the same as in the later transaction, which Judge Kaye enough decided did not constitute the crime of embezzlement. It is conceded that this case will fail, as a trial would disclose a state of facts on which another instructed verdict would have to be rendered. Incidentally, it is recalled that Governor Johnson of California was strongly inclined to refuse to grant extradition papers for Wilde because he did not believe any embezzlement had been committed. Finally his judgment was overruled by an opinion of the attorney general of California. Governor Johnson's idea about the case is vindicated by the outcome.

WIRELESS SYSTEM MARKED SUCCESS

New Plan, Invented by Dane, Noiseless and Effective—Established at Lents. A wireless system known as the Poulsen which has been established by the Federal Telegraph company at Lents has been having marked success in transmitting its messages over the land and still greater success is expected. The method of transmitting messages is far different from the Marconi system and is the invention of Valdemar Poulsen, a Dane. It has been in use for five years by the German government.

In place of the disruptive spark which the Marconi and similar systems use in transmitting their code the Poulsen uses a continuous arc or current, the dots and dashes being sent by means of increasing the current for the space of time required to form the dot or dash. By using this method the dangerous crashes caused by the jumping of the spark from one pole to the other are done away with and the only noise produced by the Poulsen system is at the receiving end when the message is received. This noise cannot be heard at any appreciable distance.

Another feature which distinguishes this system from the better known systems is the fact that a message sent out by one of the stations can be read only by a receiving station of the same make, and these are patented so that messages cannot be read outside of the company's stations. Each station also has its own particular strength and in order for one station to call another it must "tune" its apparatus either up or down to agree with the station desired. Thus several messages can be going between different stations and can cross each other without interference.

The station at Lents has two aerials or masts 300 feet in height and 450 feet apart. Between the masts are strung thousands of feet of wire by means of which the ether waves are sent out and received. In order to transmit the messages now being sent out 12 kilowatts of electric energy is needed.

This apparatus, it is claimed, is the most practical for land use and at present commercial messages are being sent from Portland to Los Angeles, a distance of approximately 1500 miles. At present the only messages are over land. Stations beyond Los Angeles have been caught but no messages sent further than that. The company already has 13 stations west of the Mississippi and expects to have one installed in Chicago within 30 days. Others will be added as rapidly as possible. The company is a San Francisco concern.

J. N. HILL HERE BUT IT IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS

James N. Hill, oldest son of James J. Hill the railroad and empire builder, is in Portland for a few days. Mr. Hill's home is in New York, and he is connected with a number of railroads and other financial organizations throughout the states. Mr. Hill declined to be interviewed yesterday and stated curtly that the purpose of his visit to the Pacific northwest and Portland at this time was nobody's business. Mr. Hill intends to remain here two or three days. He is staying at the Portland hotel.

RYMO THE MONK—By Gus Mager

