

SOLD ORCHARDS BONDS AS LOW AS 1 CT. ON DOLLAR

"Any Old Price" Seems to Have Been Slogan, According to Evidence, So Long as Real Money Was Received.

From eight and one half cents on the dollar down to one half a cent on the dollar was the price at which the bonds of the Columbia River Orchards company during the summer and fall of 1911, according to the testimony of R. I. Burroughs, broker of Seattle, who took the stand this morning in the case of the government against A. J. Biehl. Biehl is charged with misuse of the mails for his alleged connection with the exploitation of the bonds of the defunct orchards company.

Mr. Burroughs said that he disposed of about \$200,000 of the bonds during his connection with W. A. De Larm, Biehl and his associates. Witness said that he did most of his business with De Larm.

One deal for \$100,000 of the bonds in which Portland people were interested, fell through, Mr. Burroughs said, because De Larm and his associates held out for three and one-half cents on the dollar, while the tentative purchasers would give but two and one fourth cents.

The several witnesses placed on the stand this morning by United States District Attorney McCourt in general stories which the prosecutor brought out for the purpose of showing the activities of the orchards company promoters in disposing of their bonds. The defense spent but little time in cross-examination. W. T. Hume, counsel for Biehl, resting on the contention that his client was not responsible for the transactions of De Larm, Hodges and the other defendants, when such transactions were of a personal nature.

Traded Bonds for Land. The defense contends that Biehl and De Larm dissolved partnership in December, 1911, and that what the Columbia River Orchards company did after that time was not a part of Biehl's. That the assets of the Columbia River Orchards company were placed at \$12,250 above the liabilities in a statement signed by Biehl as secretary of the Oregon-Washington Trust company in April, 1911, was brought out in the testimony of L. E. Wood, timber dealer of Eugene. Mr. Wood, as trustee for a timber syndicate, turned over 2400 acres of timber land to the Bellingham Development company in exchange for \$10,000 in Orchards company bonds.

The government, through Lewis P. Steiner of Seattle, undertook to show that the Bellingham Development company assets were all turned over to De Larm and his associates, and so became another company subsidiary to the

Columbia River Orchards company. A check for \$1000 on the Merchants bank of Seattle, signed by Biehl for the firm of De Larm & Biehl, and not paid because of insufficient funds on deposit, was admitted as evidence. The check was made payable to A. J. Funk, attorney of Seattle, and was in consideration of Mr. Funk's services in the formation of the Imperial Timber company to take over the timber land from the Bellingham Development company.

Pointed Question for Attorney. A little spice was injected into the question when Mr. McCourt asked W. A. Leet, Portland attorney, if it were not a fact that George C. Hodges, a member of the Orchards company indicted but not arrested because of his escape to Canada, had "steered" Mr. Wood and others into Leet's office for the purpose of having Mr. Leet report favorably on the Orchards company proposition. Mr. Leet was quick to reply that no one was ever "steered" into his office for any purpose, and Attorney Hume made objection to Mr. McCourt's "insinuation."

Mr. Leet said he had recommended the Orchards company proposition to some clients because it was his belief, after the investigation he had made that the enterprise was all right. C. B. Sox, attorney of Albany, was the only one of the many witnesses examined this morning who did not "fall" for the Orchards company offer. Mr. Sox testified that after he examined the securities of the company he was not satisfied with them and so made an adverse report to his clients. Witness said that DeLarm and Hodges tried to get him to change his opinion of the proposition, but that he did not do so.

Other witnesses examined this morning were: Fred A. Cooke, broker; James Ellison, real estate, Seattle; H. F. Garretson, attorney, Tacoma, "dummy" director of the Oregon-Washington Trust company; George A. Custer, attorney, Seattle, who prepared the Washington-Oregon Orchard Irrigation & Fruit company incorporation papers, and who was to have a share of stock in the company but never received it; John E. Godfrey, Seattle, real estate, "dummy" director in the company; W. V. Wiley, of Forest Grove, Or., and Miss Pearl Ley, steographer for Hodges, who identified his signature.

Paid \$1 for \$1000 Bond. Judge Bean is taking no cognizance of the New Year holiday and customary session of court is being held this afternoon.

One dollar real money for \$1000 bonds of the Columbia River Orchards company was the price paid by C. S. Fletcher, local stock and bond broker, for Orchards company "paper," according to Mr. Fletcher's testimony on the stand yesterday afternoon. This one deal, Mr. Fletcher said, was made in February, 1912. He mentioned other transactions in which the bonds of the company were bartered and exchanged at ridiculously low prices.

Some traders, on the other hand, testified that they had exchanged farms and real estate for Columbia River Orchard company bonds at practically dollar for dollar.

Frank L. Tobey, Meritt, Josephine county, said that he and his brother had traded a 4000 acre ranch, which they valued at \$100,000, for \$100,000 in bonds, \$1000 in cash and a loan of \$8000, which was secured by additional bonds to the amount of \$12,000. Mr. Tobey said that he and his brother had both examined the financial standing of the Columbia River Orchards company, as well as the

MCDONALD WINNER OF CROSS COUNTRY

Veteran Leads by Four Blocks—Treickel Captures Three Mile Novice Race.

Jack McDonald, one of the veteran long distance runners of the Y. M. C. A., this morning won first place in the five mile cross city run, covering the distance in 25 minutes and 22 seconds. E. G. Payton was second and H. W. Gunther was third. McDonald crossed the finish line about two and a half blocks ahead of Payton, who had a lead of about three quarters of a block on Gunther.

E. Treickel won the novice race beating Mosa by one half block. E. Quinn was third. The time for the novice race was 15:55.

The streets were wet and slippery and the runners were cautious in traveling the grades on Taylor and Sixth streets, and also in turning corners. This made the time of the race much slower than it was last season. The chilly air did not bother the runners after they had covered the first lap of the race.

Eleven runners faced Starter Smith and two of them, Lanny and Stromberg, dropped out at the end of the first mile. The pace grew too hot for them. E. Quinn started out in the lead, but did not hold it long, as Treickel was too speedy a runner for him. Treickel was a few feet in the lead at the end of the first lap.

The five mile runners on the second lap turned on Fourteenth and Yamhill and it was here that McDonald took the lead and was never headed. He finished the third mile with a four block lead over Payton. Gunther was about a block and a half behind Payton, but he was coming strong and would have made a better showing for second place had he started his sprint sooner.

FIAT CAR WINNER IN SAN DIEGO RACE

Mercer Second and Stutz Third; 183 Miles in 4 Hours, 53 Minutes.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—George Hill, of Los Angeles, in a Fiat car today won the first San Diego county automobile road race, making the distance of 183 miles in four hours, 53 minutes and four seconds, over a course with many towns and high grades.

Bob Burton, driving a Benz, had a breakdown and did not finish. W. H. Smith, in a Mercer, was second. W. H. Carlson, in a Stutz, was third.

The marriage of Arthur Skinner of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. Inez Torrence Wright of Portland, was solemnized last night at the bride's home, 497 East Fortieth street, North. The principal deity was a quiet ceremony was possible and no one except the bride's immediate family was present. The officiating minister was Rev. Boudinot Seeley of the Rose City Park Presbyterian church.

Mr. Skinner is only an occasional visitor to Portland, but is widely known in eastern Washington, being secretary of the Gilbert Hunt company of Walla Walla, in which capacity he has served about eleven years. He has accordingly been prominent in the Walla Walla business world, the Gilbert Hunt company being an extensive manufacturer of threshing machines and structural steel.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Benjamin F. Torrence of Rossmore, and she and her mother have lived in Portland three years. She lived formerly in Walla Walla four years.

CAPTAIN BEATEN UP BY JAPANESE

Blood Flows in Fight on Ship; Master Goes to the Hospital.

From a beating received at the hands of about 20 members of his crew last night, Captain John Slater of the Japanese steamer Manshu Maru, lies at the Good Samaritan hospital with 17 stitches in his scalp and one in his ear. Too much liquor and the anticipation of a holiday were the causes of the row, which started early last night.

The ship is loading lumber at the Inman-Poulton mill, and is manned entirely by Japanese with the exception of Captain Slater. For some days the crew has been restless, and last night the members began drinking whiskey in great quantities. They decided that they would follow the Japanese custom of observing holidays to the letter, and started after one of their officers to enforce their demands.

The officer's call for help brought the captain to the scene and he drew a revolver, shooting twice. The first shot grazed one of the Japanese in the head and the other was sent into the air to call for help. Angered by the shots the sailors grabbed shovels, picks and other loose weapons and attacked the captain. Blood scattered widely about the ship near the gangplank shows the fierceness of the fight.

Meanwhile the members of the crew started for shore, and the watchmen, who were keeping the crew under guard while the ship is in port to keep the sailors from escaping into the country illegally, had their hands full. One of the Japs was laid out by a blow on the head before the members of the crew caused the guards to beat a retreat. The guards summoned policemen, and the riot was quelled after several more members of the crew had been cut up and bruised.

In the mixup at least six members of the crew escaped and but two have been caught. Whether any of them went over the side and were drowned is not known, but the guards do not believe any lives were lost. The men remaining on the boat are still feeling the effects of their hilarious night.

One of the humorous features of the affray was a parade this morning, in which about a dozen participated. Armed with oil cans, water barrels and other noise producers, with faces painted ludicrously, two with moltened towels about their heads, one with a bamboo umbrella hat, barefooted except for their oil cans, and "ki-yi-ing" at the tops of their voices, they marched up and down the boat. When they tired of that they commandeered bananas and other luxuries and proceeded to enjoy themselves.

COL. AND MRS. HAMMOND DIVORCED AT EUGENE

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Stephanie S. Hammond was yesterday granted a divorce from Colonel C. V. Hammond by Judge Harris of the circuit court on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Hammond, before her marriage to Colonel Hammond in Eugene three years ago, was Mrs. Stephanie Schuecker and was instructor in piano at the University of Oregon a year previous to that time. She is a daughter

of Colonel S. B. Bailey, well known throughout the northwest as a member of a string of race horses. Colonel Hammond is commander of the Fourth regiment of coast artillery, O. N. G. Taft Secures \$74,000 Home. (United Press Special Wire.) New Haven, Conn., Jan. 1.—It was announced today that President Taft has rented the Farnsworth mansion for two years with the privilege of buying it for \$74,000 at the end of that time. Pittsburg is to have a working girls' home.

THEATRES—AMUSEMENTS—ENTERTAINMENTS

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PANTAGES—Acrobatic Castillions—4, 2 Worths, Haynes & Montgomery, the Four Musical Avollos, George Boyley, Eckert & Frances, Hillier, Pantagescope, Pope, Box office open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Phone 2-2326, Main 4638. Curtain 2:30, 7:15 and 9.

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HOWARD CHARLTON IS PAPER CHASE WINNER

Howard Charlton Wenny won the annual New Year's day paper chase of the Portland Hunt club this morning from a good sized field and over a five mile ten hour course. G. J. Tolson was second with Little Jim, and William Walker brought his mount in third. Mr. Hiltchecker piloted Dan in fourth. Others who rode were B. A. Jack, Eugene Oppenheimer, Ambrose Cronin, Dr. Whiteside, H. M. Kerron and George Stanley.

The course was laid by James Nicol and Miss Mabel Lawrence. A large gallery witnessed the paper chase and was afterwards entertained at the clubhouse.

STAMPS FOR 1915 FAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO ARE MOST BEAUTIFUL YET Advertising the Panama-Pacific exposition, to be held at San Francisco in 1915, commemorative stamps are now on sale by the government at the post-office. They are the most beautifully designed stamps, in the opinion of experts, that have ever been put out. The regular mailing denomination of 1 cent, 2 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents and upward, only the 1 cent, 5 cent and 10 cent stamps are on sale at the present time, although the other denominations are expected in a few days.

The cent stamps are yellow and have on them an engraving of Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific. The 5 cent stamps are blue and have a picture of the Golden Gate. The 10 cent stamps are green and have a picture of the discovery of San Francisco bay on them.

The old familiar red, green and blue stamps will be sold as usual. Like the commemorative stamps, issued before the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago in 1893 by the government and before the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis in 1904, these are expected to be one of the fair's greatest advertising mediums.

FIRM GIVES BANQUET TO ITS EMPLOYEES The employees of the firm of Beal & Co., every tender of the Monday night in the Commercial club by the company with a large number of the employees attending. J. S. Beal, president of the firm, presided as toastmaster.

Those who were present at the affair were: A. Donaldson, C. A. Foster, Lee Arnett, H. Workington, Ray Kuhman, Hugh Junior, Walter Jamison, A. M. Stewart, representing the Seattle territory; J. A. Jarmin, Spokane; H. W. Treib, Boise; W. F. Fisher, eastern Oregon; M. J. A. Latture, eastern Washington; B. G. Danley, northern Oregon; W. O. Feenaughty, E. H. Beall, Mrs. C. C. Cuthbert, Miss Anna Lettke, Miss Dora Granham, Miss M. S. Berkshire, P. J. Patterson, A. C. Uirnow, C. P. Cramer, C. A. Feenaughty and W. H. Parker.

Y. M. C. A. IS HOLDING NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION The general public is cordially urged to attend the annual New Year's reception this afternoon and evening at the Y. M. C. A. Visitors will be entertained by the different departments of the association. In the lobby an orchestra will be stationed to greet the guests as they enter. From time to time there will be recitations, interspersed with the music.

The gymnasium classes will go through drills for the benefit of the visitors, and there will be exhibitions of fancy diving and swimming in the big pool. The reception starts at 3 this afternoon and continues till 9 o'clock. STATE TREASURY TODAY HOLDS COOL \$1,457,487 (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 1.—State Treasurer Kay today reported that his office had more money on hand than was ever before shown at the beginning of the new year. The total amount in the treasury today is \$1,457,487.02.

LITTLE SCHOOL MATES ACT AS PALLBEARERS The funeral of Clara Marjorie Clark, a little girl who would have been graduated with her class from the Oakley Green school in February, took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Clark, at 1205 Kerby street. Burial was in Columbia cemetery at Kenton.

Six of her classmates who would have been graduated with her, were pallbearers. They were Francis Karny, Sylvester Base, Winfield Henderson, Guy Berteau, Charles Prescott and Wilbur Carl. Clara Marjorie Clark was 13 years and 11 months old. She was born in London, Canada. When she was one year old her parents removed to Duluth, Minn., and thence to Portland. She had attended the Oakley Green school for six years.

Miss Viola Barrett The Popular Lyric Soprano Who is Making Quite a Hit at The Hof-Brau