

GEVURTZ & SON TO VOLUNTARILY GO IN BANKRUPTCY

Liabilities of Pioneer Furniture House in Excess of \$300,000; Assets Over \$400,000; Heavy Creditors Named.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy is being prepared today by Beach, Simon & Nelson, attorneys for I. Gevurtz & Son, and will be filed in the federal court as soon as ready, probably late tomorrow.

This action follows an agreement with the creditors of the firm, who hold claims amounting to something over \$300,000. The assets are said to be in excess of \$400,000, but are so scattered and in such shape that the exact amount will not be determined until after the trustee has taken charge and a careful accounting made.

ASSETS.	
Merchandise	\$179,556.38
Cash	551.90
Store and office fixture	17,676.77
autos, horses and wagons	1,900.00
Rent deposits	1,900.00
Bills Receivable	1,542.15
Real estate	15,775.00
Foster hotel stock \$40,400.00	
Less Depreciation	39,430.00
Mallory hotel	11,515.50
Highland Court	28,563.72
Lease and customers' accounts	124,326.78
Less depreciation	26,250.15
Baker Theatre Stock	1,500.00
Total	\$404,413.02

LIABILITIES.	
Due for merchandise	\$177,534.90
Bills payable (F. M. B.)	30,000.00
Bills payable	8,250.00
Salaries	5,000.00
Taxes	5,275.89
Accounts payable	50,588.53
Total	\$256,749.13

Assets over liabilities... \$147,663.87. A Multnomah Hotel company claim amounting to approximately \$50,000 has not as yet been verified, nor has it been included in above liabilities. This claim is disputed.

It is known, however, that the liabilities now are in excess of the amount listed.

At the same time the bankruptcy petition is filed, the creditors will file a petition asking that William H. Behar, of Hayward Brothers & Wakefield, W. C. Alvord, agent for the Falling estate, and Elliott Corbett, be named as trustees.

Company Has Been Active. "It was decided that a voluntary petition in bankruptcy would probably be the cheapest and speediest manner to get the business in shape to be administratively and economically and promptly. Had a reasonable time been granted to obtain the consent of all the creditors to the extension of time, there is no doubt but that the corporation would have paid all its obligations or nearly so. As it is, the outcome is a matter of doubt."

It is presumed that the business will be carried on by the trustees until the creditors decide what final disposition shall be made of it.

The stock in the corporation is held exclusively by members of the Gevurtz family and it is one of the oldest concerns in the city. It is considered that the Carlton and Multnomah hotel ventures, in which it lost heavily, is the direct cause of the failure.

Store Is Attached. The company has been very active in building operations and among the structures which it has been instrumental in erecting are the Madras hotel, Twelfth and Washington streets; Oriande apartments, Twelfth and Washington streets; Nob Hill apartments, Nineteenth and Marshall streets; Loewerson building, Washington near Thirteenth; Mallory hotel, Carlton hotel and the Koehler building, Fourteenth street near Washington.

Among the heaviest creditors are the First National bank, the Falling estate, Howard Brothers & Wakefield Co., Rudger-Merle Co. and eastern carpet and furniture firms. The creditors number about 25 and the accounts vary from a few dollars up to \$30,000.

The store was attached yesterday by a deputy sheriff on behalf of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company, which filed a suit against the company for about \$400.

"ST. LOUIS" WILL COME DURING ROSE FESTIVAL. The United States cruiser St. Louis will be at Portland during the Rose Festival this year. This information was received by the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday from Rear Admiral Alfred Reynolds, commander in chief of the United States Pacific reserve fleet.

The St. Louis is now at Puget sound navy yard. She is 424 feet in length, 65 feet beam and has a mean draft of 34 feet and 6 inches in salt water. She carries 26 officers and 634 men.

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PACIFIC POWER PLANT AT HOOD RIVER CLOSED

(Special to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., May 7.—Considerable excitement was created in local labor circles yesterday noon, when word came from the Pacific Power & Light company headquarters at Portland to shut down the big electric light and power plant of the company, now in course of construction, and discharge all men. Instead of the 300 men going to work after dinner they went to the office of the pay clerk, were given their pay checks and at 6 o'clock in the evening the camp was quiet and deserted.

It has been ordered that all the extension work contemplated by the local company here be abandoned for the present. The new plant being constructed on Hood river was to be a 7000 horsepower of the latest type. Much of the work now in course of construction may be swept away by the high water if left uncompleted.

DEPARTMENT HEADS GUESTS AT BANQUET

E. C. Leacock, western manager of the National Veneer Products company, was the host last evening to the heads of the various departments of the Meier & Frank store, at a dinner given at the Hotel Oregon. The affair was given for the purpose of establishing a feeling of friendship between the host and the members of the store.

TRUNK MURDER WITNESS FINED IN U. S. COURT

J. J. Fitzgerald, former deputy district attorney during the Cameron administration, appeared in the United States district court this morning and entered a plea of guilty for Song Lee, a Chinese, accused of having contraband opium in his possession. A fine of \$50 was imposed. Song Lee is now in Alaska working in a cannery.

The occurrence brought up an interesting phase of the Seld Song trunk murder, the Chinatown happening which attracted so much attention last year. Song Lee was one of the principal witnesses for the state against those accused of the murder, and friends of the accused made an investigation. It was found that the case was in no sense aggravated, and on the recommendation of Customs Inspector McGrath, a minimum fine was imposed.

YOUNG WILL FACE CHARGE OF MURDER

For the death of Nels Miller, who was found badly beaten up in his shack on the Patton road November 15 last, Elmer Young is to be tried for murder before Circuit Judge Gatens tomorrow morning. Young is alleged to have beaten Miller with a bottle during a drunken quarrel. He was indicted for first degree murder. Miller and his wife lived in a small house alone and Young lived near. Miller was 72 years old and left beside his wife five grown children. Young was arrested the day following the murder and has been in the county jail since. Attorneys St. Rayner and Ewors will defend Young, while Deputy District Attorney Murphy and Collier will prosecute the charges.

MAY SELECT TEAL AS CANAL ARBITER

In case the Panama canal toll question should be brought up for international arbitration at The Hague, J. N. Teal of this city will be urged as one of the delegates to meet from the United States. Upon several requests from all over the Pacific northwest, the Portland chamber of commerce board of trustees yesterday decided to recommend Mr. Teal for this position, which is a most important one.

OREGON DELEGATION GETS RESOLUTIONS

Letters have been received by the city auditor from Senator Lane and Congressmen Lafferty, Sinnott and Hawley, notifying the auditor that they have received copies of a resolution adopted by the city council favoring federal ownership of telephone and telegraph lines. The letters say the different members of the Oregon delegation in congress are giving the resolution careful attention.

TWO JUDGES TO HEAR SALOONMAN'S CASE

Justices Jones and Bell will sit en banc this afternoon in the case of J. J. Russell, proprietor of a north end saloon, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of allowing gambling in his place. The preliminary hearing will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Justice Bell's courtroom.

LEGAL QUESTION ABOUT PETITIONS IS STILL IN DOUBT

Status of Nominating Petitions Filed After Regular Office Hours Raises Issue; Opinion of City Attorney's Office.

Though the city attorney's office submitted an opinion to City Auditor A. L. Barbur yesterday afternoon in answer to the auditor's appeal for advice as to the legality of nominating petitions filed Saturday under the provisions of the commission charter, the legal point raised as to the validity of petitions filed after regular office hours is still in doubt.

Two points have been raised in regard to filings of nominating petitions. One is as to whether or not it was legal to circulate the petitions before the polls closed Saturday. The other casts doubt as to the legality of filings made after 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, that hour being the regular time for the closing of the auditor's office.

When Charter Takes Effect. "I am of the opinion," reads Mr. Latourette's opinion, "that the new charter took effect immediately upon the closing of the polls at 7 o'clock p. m., May 3, in so far as the same applies to the election of mayor, auditor and commissioners."

The nominating certificates presented to the city auditor Saturday do not disclose the time of signing other than the 3rd of May, and in any event the certificates do not speak or become effective until presented for filing.

From my observations, I am of the opinion that you are not authorized to return any of the petitions merely because the petition is presented, and have been obtained prior to the time the new charter was adopted.

Distinction Is Drawn. "As to the question whether or not the petitions are defective because filed out of office hours, a distinction is to be drawn between the time when the petition is presented and the time when it is filed, Section 23b of the new charter provides: 'The names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged on the ballot in the order in which the nominating petitions were filed.'"

While the opinion rules that petitions presented for filing Saturday are not defective, it does not say whether or not the names of those on such petitions shall take priority over those filed Monday morning. On this point the city attorney's office is still seeking enlightenment.

PERSONAL OPINION OF ELDERLY WOMAN

Mrs. A. N. Pettigrew, of Seattle, Says Plant Juice Almost Made Her Young Again.

Among the Seattle ladies who have tried Plant Juice and found it good is Mrs. A. N. Pettigrew, who resides at 116 Twenty-ninth avenue. She says: "I have only used one bottle of Plant Juice and it surely has helped me. Of course, at 78 I do not expect to be made young again, but I felt as though there was something somewhere, if I could only find that, it would relieve me of my stomach and liver troubles. My liver has given me considerable trouble for a good many years. Last fall I had a severe attack of biliousness and have not felt well all winter. Plant Juice has helped me from the very first dose and I think it is just what I needed."

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