JURY QUICKLY FINDS MAN WHO TOOK RING GUILTY OF LARCENY

$450 Diamond Belonged to Fiancee and Was Sold by Defendant.

PRISONER KEPT MONEY

Defense Claimed Permission Given by Young Woman to Pawn Jewelry.

It took a jury in Judge Gatens court but a few minutes yesterday afternoon to decide that L. D. Hughes was guilty of larceny by bailee for having taken a $450 diamond ring from Maud Penny, his fiancee, and selling it for $175. He kept the money and disappeared.

In his own defense Hughes said he got the ring from Miss Penny, who was an employe at one of the Royal Bakery stores, but that she consented to his pawning it and later selling it. He also admitted that he had borowed money from her.

Miss Penny denied that she had authorized Hughes to dispose of the ring, but said she had placed it in his hands for safe keeping as she supposed they were going to be married.

TRIAL QUIETS DOWN TODAY

Undercurrent of Feeling Pervades Dodge Case, However.

Despite an undercurrent of feeling pervading the trial of the suit of Parker Stennick, trustee in bankruptcy of the E. H. Dodge interests, against Frederick A. Kribs, Willard N. Jones and the J. K. Lumber company, in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court this morning the session was quiet compared with that of yesterday and only occasional remarks by the attorneys showing this feeling broke the taking of routine testimony. The morning testimony was taken as to the value of timber in Skamania county and to cruises of the timber lands involved.

The suit involves about $60,000, which the plaintiff is seeking to recover because of alleged fraud and conversion of property which resulted in bankruptcy of Dodge and his companies. The defense also sets up fraud on the part of Dodge.

EMPLOYE IS GIVEN VERDICT

Impure Water Provided Grounds on Which Damages Were Asked.

Aaron Nelson was given a verdict of $600 against the James Kennedy Construction company for negligence on the part of the company in furnishing its employes with impure drinking water. The award was made by a jury in Judge Gantenbein's court. Nelson was an employe of the company in 1913 when a pipe line was being laid at Whitwood Court. He contracted typhoid fever, which he alleged was caused by the drinking water supplied the men by the company. He sued for $5000.

Four Indictments Returned.

Indictments returned this morning by a grand jury were: John Forbes, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; Al Dotson alias Johnson, larceny from the store of Dan Kellaher; John Howells, non-support. One secret non-support indictment was brought. Tom Almquist, of Gresham, was released from a charge of threatening to kill C. A. Pratt in a not true bill returned.

Consentino Hears Sentence.

F. A. Consentino, the Italian barber who shot Attorney Wilson T. Hume as the result of grievances which he believed existed because Hume defended Attorney A. M. Brunswick, was sentenced to one to ten years in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Gatens this morning. Brunswick is serving a term of one to ten years as the result of his conviction and has been disbarred as an attorney.

Would Appoint Receiver.

A receiver for the Columbia Elevator company is asked for in a complaint filed yesterday by W. J. McDonald and I. R. Concoff, stockholders. They allege that Minnie Spahn, Albert John Spahn, Michael Spahn and Frank A. Spahn, officers of the company, have conspired together to mulct the company for their own benefit. They allege the company will be financially wrecked unless action is taken to prevent it.

Gilbranson Is Sentenced.

George M. Gilbranson, a sailor, was sentenced to six months to 10 years in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Gatens this morning on a charge of assaulting F. W. Lutkemeier, a saloonkeeper, with a revolver. The assault occurred when Gilbranson and a companion held up Lutkemeier's place. Lutkemeier was beaten up. Gilbranson asserted that he did not do the assaulting. Gilbranson will be paroled when he can find a ship on which to leave the country.

Collectors Are Arrested.

On complaint charging embezzlement of funds collected for David M. Roth, the memory expert, W. T. Orr and E. S. Fawcett, collectors for Roth, were arrested last night. They are charged with collecting money for schooling in Roth's memory college and failing to account for it. Deputy Constable Druhot made the arrests. Orr is charged with taking $5 and Fawcett with securing $10, but both are alleged to have secured larger amounts.

Divorce Decrees Granted.

On the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment, Judge McGinn granted a divorce yesterday to Anita Boush from Wallace P. Boush.

Mrs. Ethel Van Scoten this morning asserted to Circuit Judge Gatens that her husband, William Van Scoten, cut her hair while she slept one night to torment her. She testified to other acts of cruelty, and was granted a divorce. Other divorces granted were: Myrtle A. Backus, on cross complaint on grounds of desertion, from Orrin Backus, by Judge Gatens; Evelyn Braun from Fritz Braun, Margaret Mills from Mount W. Mills, and Tillie Hill from Pascal Hill, by Judge Davis, all on grounds of cruelty.

Clark Seeks New Trial.

Attorney Wilson T. Hume this morning filed a motion for a new trial for Albin L. Clark, who was convicted on a charge of changing marks on the ballots in Precinct 37, in last November's election, that votes for Sheriff Hurlburt might read as if cast for ex-Sheriff Word. The point was made that the death of A. M. Wing, court reporter for Judge Gatens, left Clark without possibility of securing a transcript of the case on which to appeal to the supreme court.

The motion will be argued next Tuesday morning before Circuit Judge Gatens.

Hero Medal Is Given to Driver Who Saved Life

The first hero medal given by the trustees of the David Campbell memorial fund was presented Thomas Gavin, automobile mechanic of the fire bureau and driver for Fire Chief Dowell, this afternoon.

Gavin saved the life of O. Eckland in a fire at First and Harrison streets, January 29, 1914. He risked his own life in getting the man out of the burning structure.

Following the presentation of the reward for bravery, the trustees of the fund will hold memorial services at Riverview cemetery for David Campbell, fire chief who lost his life in the Union Oil company fire, just four years ago today.

SLAV RESERVISTS ON CHICAGO TRAIN HELD UP BY U. S. MARSHALS

Out of 200 Who Start for Canada to Go to War 23 Taken Off as Americans.

Chicago, June 26.—(I. N. S.)—Fifteen United States deputy marshals, under Chief John J. Bradley, found themselves helpless last night in the midst of scores of angry Slavs when they halted a train leaving Dearborn station on which several hundred Serbians and Montenegrins were going to Canada to board a ship for Europe to fight for the allies.

The deputies were forced to release their prisoners and retired, Marshal Bradley sending in a riot call to police headquarters. Fifty policemen from the south Clark street and other downtown stations were soon on the scene, together with a score of deputy United States marshals. Thus reinforced each of the 200 or more supposed reservists was questioned to ascertain which of them were United States citizens formed into a military company and leaving this country with intent to make war against a country with which the United States is at peace.

In the end, after the train had been delayed four hours, 23 of the reservists, alleged to be United States citizens, were arrested and taken off the train.

At 10:33 p. m. the train was allowed to start for a second time for London, Ontario.

Twenty-three Montenegrin and Serbian reservists were arraigned here today for an examination into their citizenship papers.

The hearing of the Serbians and Montenegrins was postponed to Wednesday.

Mount Lassen in Eruption 24 Hours

Activity of Troublesome Volcano Not So Menacing Today as It Was Yesterday; Smoke Very Dense.

Redding, Cal., June 26.—(U. P.)—Mount Lassen has now been in eruption for more than 24 hours. The eruption, which began at 8:30 yesterday, was still in progress today. It was not quite so intense as yesterday, but a great column of smoke was still rising from the volcano.

Mrs. Frankel Named Guardian Mrs. Clark

County Judge Cleeton this morning appointed Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president of the Portland Women's club, as guardian of Mrs. Marcella Clark, divorced wife of Attorney A. E. Clark. The appointment was made on the initiative of the court on failure by Mrs. Clark to select a person to be her guardian. Mrs. Clark is reported as consenting to the appointment, saying that Mrs. Frankel is acceptable to her.

DUTCH STEAMER IS SUNK

Copenhagen, June 26.—(U. P.)—The Dutch steamer Ceres, has been sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia, either by a mine or torpedo. The crew was landed in Sweden today where Captain Buys said he was confident his vessel was torpedoed. Shortly before the explosion which wrecked the Ceres occurred, the captain said he saw a torpedo boat close to the ship.

The Ceres was a steel vessel of 1749 tons and 276 feet long.

Fined for Gambling.

Arrested early this morning in a room in the Eilers' building, T. D. Richardson and H. L. Williams were today fined $20 by Municipal Judge Stevenson for gambling and Lou Butterfield and George Brown were fined $10 each for visiting a gambling game.

The arrests were made by Lieutenant Harms, Sergeant Burke and Patrolmen Bruening and Willette. Two hat boxes were found filled with gambling paraphernalia.

Cherries for Sorority Girls.

The Chamber of Commerce has obtained a great quantity of fine cherries and is making them up into baskets which will be presented to the girls of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority who will be here tomorrow on their way to the Gerhaert convention.

HUERTA, ON TRAIN, IS BELIEVED TO BE ON HIS WAY TO MEXICO

Former Dictator, However, Says He's Going to Exposition at San Francisco.

TICKET READS EL PASO

Reported That Carranza Troops Are Occupying Mexico City and General Gonzales Driven Out.

Kansas City, Mo., June 26.—(U. P.)—Where is General Victoriano Huerta going?

This question was agitating persons here today following publication of a statement that he carried a ticket to El Paso when seen here last night on a westbound Rock Island train. Huerta told newspapermen that he is going to the San Francisco exposition and that he does not intend to go to Mexico—yet.

Americans Released.

Washington, June 26.—(U. P.)—Consul Simpich, at Nogales today reported to the state department that the Americans, Haymore and Jamison who were reported to have been shot in Sonora had been released instead.

Carranza Reported in Mexico City.

Washington, June 26.—(U. P.)—Reports that Carranzistas are occupying Mexico City revived anxiety in official circles for the safety of foreigners today.

Advices to the state department from Vera Cruz declared that Zapatistas had driven off General Gonzales and his attacking army Friday, but the Carranzista agency here declared that the entire city was taken late yesterday. Reports to the constitutionalist agency declared that the defending army of General Zapata suffered heavy losses and that the city was badly damaged during the battle which preceded its capture.

Reports from the western coast today stated that General Maytornea's army was defeating the Yaqui Indians and that a landing by marines from Admiral Howard's squadron would probably not be necessary.

Would Overthrow Villa.

Washington, June 26.—(U. P.)—Reports that a number of Mexican federal leaders are gathering at, or near El Paso, Texas, with a view of overthrowing General Villa and reestablishing the old regime were current in Carranzista circles here today. The dispatch from Amarillo, Texas, that Huerta is en route there, lent color to the reports.

Tornado Kills Two And Injures Ten

Radcliffe, Rich Alberta Town, Wrecked and Other Communities Badly Damaged by Severe Storm.

Medicine Hat, Alberta, June 26.—(U. P.)—Two persons were killed and 10 injured by the tornado which swept the towns of Grassy Lake and Radcliffe during the night, according to advices reaching here today.

Radcliffe, a prosperous town, near here, was wrecked and Grassy Lake bady damaged. Mrs. George Olsen and her daughter, aged 10, were killed when their home in Grassy Lake was demolished.

The damage will exceed $1,000,000.

Note in the Frye Case Is Presented

American Ambassador Gerard Delivers Reply to Germany's Contention That Question of Sinking Ship Be Settled.

Berlin, via The Hague, June 26.—(U. P.)—Ambassador Gerard delivered the American rejoinder regarding the sinking of the ship William P. Frye, to the German foreign office this afternoon.

The note in reply to Germany's contention that the Frye case should be settled in prize court was received by Foreign Minister von Jagow.

July 6 Is Last Day.

Vancouver, Wash., June 26.—Tuesday, July 6, has been set by Judge R. H. Back as the day on which all of the cases now pending in the superior court will be called for trial and, unless good cause is shown why they should be continued, the ateions, which have been pending for a period of six months or longer, will be dismissed. This also includes the criminal calendar on which there are a number of actions which have been pending for a period of six months or longer.

Arleta Park in Good Condition.

Arleta, June 26.—Playground apparatus is installed and the park adjoining the school is in good condition for the Independence Day celebration which will be held here on July 5. A large committee has been appointed, at the head of which is W. P. Swope. There will be music, games and addresses to feature the day.

Divorce Decrees Signed.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—Circuit Judge Campbell signed decrees in the following divorce cases yesterday.

Alexander McMurren vs. Mary E. McMurren; Abel E. Kelso vs. Tyra M. Kelso.

Looked Like Cloudburst.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—A miniature cloudburst flooded Oregon City for 30 minutes, beginning at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. It is estimated that nearly an inch of rain fell within a few hours.

Hedges Tries Again.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—J. E. Hedges, attorney for Lee Pong, Chinaman convicted of bootlegging in Oregon City, has made another attempt to get the council to refund the $25 fine.

Hanly Is Fire Warden.

Vancouver, Wash., June 26.—H. C. Hanly, of Amboy, has been appointed county fire warden, the appointment having been made recently by E. W. Ferris, state forester.

A Chance for Philadelphians.

From Philadelphia North American.

Some Philadelphians who go to San Francisco will get their first glimpse of the Liberty bell.

CARMEN NO. 1 AND 2 NOW ON SAME RUN

Left to right—G. McBreen, conductor, and William Oldham, motorman.

Long before electricity had been applied to street car traffic and before the dreaded jitney had been dreamed of, G. McBreen and William Oldham started in as horse drivers on the old City & Suburban railway. Now, as two of the oldest men in the service of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., they have been assigned to the same car on the Twenty-eighth street stub line. Their badges are numbered 1 and 2.

Superintendent Fred Cooper says the two men are among the most faithful in the employ of the company. So long as cars are running they are assured of jobs. They have earned their berths through long years of service.

McBreen has been a conductor since the lines were electrified. Oldham has been motorman. McBreen joined the service back in 1888 and Oldham was given his first car work in January of 1889. Since then they have been assigned in sequence to every line in the city service. Sometimes they worked together, but more often their assignments separated them.

The two men began work together again yesterday on this stub line, one on the "front end," the other on the rear.

The two veterans were put in the same "team" many years ago on a previous occasion and stayed together on the same car for nearly 10 years. They drifted apart, however, and only this week have they found their way back to the old team.

GERMAN NAVY'S HEAD AND VON JAGOW HOLD 2 HOUR CONFERENCE

Submarine Problem Believed to Have Been Discussed—Rumor Two Are at Odds.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, June 26.—(I. N. S.)—Admiral von Tirpitz, head of the German navy and director of her submarine warfare, was called into conference by Foreign Minister von Jagow on Germany's reply to America's note. The conference lasted two hours and later Admiral von Tirpitz visited Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The fact that Admiral von Tirpitz went direct from the foreign office to Bethmann-Hollweg's office led to rumors that the naval head and von Jagow were at odds over the tenor of Germany's reply.

Admiral von Tirpitz is said to have opposed making any concessions while von Jagow, it is reliably reported, advocated modifications of the submarine campaign which would prove satisfactory to the United States.

Chancellor for Peace.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is understood to share von Jagow's views, but events are being watched closely to learn whether the chancellor will alter his position in view of Admiral von Tirpitz's appeal.

The Tageblatt an exponent of Von Bethmann-Hollweg's policies, in an editorial today, emphasizes the necessity for the press of the two countries to exchange views to clear up at an early date "all misunderstandings influenced by recent unfriendly sentiments with a view of again establishing the friendliest of relations."

"It is evident that America has been as badly misinformed regarding Germany's attitude as Germany has been regarding America's" the Tageblatt declared. "Messages that Germans were indifferent to the possibilities of war with the United States caused very bad feeling there. But Germans and the government cannot too emphatically assert that their greatest desire is to maintain relations of the utmost friendliness with American, through all honorable means.

Ammunition Vexes.

"The present relations are not so bad and with mutual efforts an understanding can be reached. The only difficulty is the ammunition problem. Germany will continue to regret that American sales of contraband go to Germany's enemies. While America is adhering to the letter of the law, she is helping prolong this unfortunate bloody conflict. The supposition that the America government participates in this barter is absolutely unfounded.

"The public favors the submarine warfare. But we hope a speedy understanding on this point will be reached. We expect the broad minded Americans not to accept the charges and views inspired by a portion of their press regarding Germany."

The Tageblatt denied that the German-American attacks upon President Wilson were inspired by the imperial government.

NEW PROTEST LIKELY IF GREAT BRITAIN'S AGGRESSION KEEPS UP

By John Edwin Nevin.

Washington, June 26.—(U. P.)—Irritation over British interference with American commerce is increasing. This was evidenced today by numerous letters addressed to the administration urging action. And it is believed a new protest to Great Britain against the detention of neutral vessels in British ports and the bottling up of goods purchased by Americans in Holland will be expedited.

Only a sharp note from Germany rejecting President Wilson's demands as to the submarine program will change the present plans for calling for a new protest, and indications from Berlin are that Germany's policy is one of conciliation. Officials resent the British imputation of bad faith. The charge that the United States is conspiring to help exporters hoodwink the allies and keep Germany supplied in defiance of the order-in-council, as implied in the memorandum forwarded by Ambassador Page, has caused the greatest irritation and this government is certain to tell England so.

The United States considers that its right of unlimited trade with neutrals is guaranteed under international laws and existing treaties. England has declined to indorse this view, and has pointed out that as the trade to Scandinavian countries has greatly increased, the surplus is being diverted to Germany.

Canadians Capture German Trenches

Engage Enemy in Action at La Bassee and Retire Victorious After Three Days' Battle; Bombs Do Damage.

London, June 26.—(I. N. S.)—Canadian troops again were called upon to best the Germans and once more succeeded. They were sent into action at La Bassee and in a three-day battle lasting from June 15 to Jun 17 captured four lines of trenches, according to announcement here today. Later part of the trenches were relinquished because of the lack of ammunition.

Ammunition Depot Blown Up.

Paris, June 26.—(I. N. S.)—British aviators have blown up a large ammunition depot of the Germans near Roulers. Many soldiers are reported to have been killed. Additional bombs were dropped upon an ammunition train, 50 German soldiers losing their lives in the explosion.

Frontier Closed.

London, June 26.—(I. N. S.)—The Belgian frontier was again closed Friday, indicating a large influx of troops from the east," says a Rotterdam dispatch from the Daily Mails correspondent.

Miss Hayes' Body Arrives.

Vancouver, Wash., June 26. — The body of Miss Laura Hayes, a former resident of Vancouver, who died Sunday night at St. Francis hospital in San Francisco, reached Vancouver yesterday. It was taken to the home of her grandfather, William Shaw, who resides east of the garrison, where it will be held until Monday, when funeral services will be held in St. James' Catholic church. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Miss Hayes was about 19 years old and was born in this city. For some time past she had been in ailing health and with her mother was returning to their home at Corvallis from Arizona when she was taken seriously ill. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hayes.

Woman's Death Puzzles.

Joliet, Ill., June 26.—(U. P.)—The possible part played by Walter Edwards, a negro "trusty" at the Joliet penitentiary in the murder of Mrs. Odette Allen, wife of the warden, was regarded today with increasing interest by the detectives who are investigating the crime. State Attorney Devine admitted that he had obtained evidence which might change the complexion of the case.

In the Courts.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—Letters of administration for the estate of R. W. Crane were granted Friday. The estate is valued at over $8000.

Suit to foreclose on an $8000 mortgage was commenced in the circuit court Friday by George Spees vs. Maud Gould and Carrie Winslow.

NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE LIQUOR IS SOLD DROPS BY 35

28 Saloons, Two Wholesalers, Four Restaurants, One Grocery Fail to Renew Licenses

TOTAL LEFT WILL BE 346

Dan Kellaher Last Person to Receive License in Portland, and Arthur Davis Last Saloonkeeper.

Saloons Steadily Decrease.

Since January 1, 1913, the number of saloons has steadily decreased owing to the activities of the city council in putting them out of business and failure of the saloon men themselves to renew their licenses.

The number of saloons after June 30 will be only 298 as compared to 418 in 1913. On July 1, 1913, there were 418 in business, but January 1, 1914, the number dropped to 406. July 1, 1914, the number dropped to 373, and then on January 1, 1915, the number dropped to 326.

With the saloons, wholesaler and rectifiers, restaurants and grocers failing to renew their licenses there will be only 346 places left where liquor is sold after June 30, as compared to 381 at present.

After June 30 there will be 35 less places where liquor will be sold as result of saloon men, wholesalers, restaurants and grocers failing to renew their liquor licenses before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Of the number to go out of business 28 are saloons, two are wholesalers and rectifiers, four are restaurants and one is a grocery store.

Saloons to go out of business are:

Saloons Out of Business.

H. B. Besselew, 395 Flanders.
August C. Burmeister, 128 Grand avenue.
H. H. Connor, 130 Third street.
C. Costanzo & F. Qualtieri, 320 First street.
W. F. Dignam, 76 Sixth street.
C. L. Doty, Chamber of Commerce.
Doyle & McBride, 154 Fifth street.
Fisher & Cochran, 575 Sherlock avenue.
N. P. & S. M. Folen, 201 Morrison street.
A. Forbes, 207 Morrison street.
Nels W. Johnson, 35 North First street.
C. L. Kline, 249 Fifth street.
U. Kremer, 268 First street.
Theodore Kruse, 125 Broadway.
Harry Lord, 460 Glisan street.
A. Matson, 523 North Twenty-fourth street.
Owen Mathews, 75 North Sixth street.
A. Moser, 112 Grand avenue.
W. T. Murrin, 331 Morrison street.
Henry McCarthy & Thomas O'Donnell, 406 Hawthorne avenue.
L. Piluso & R. Bruno, 301 First street.
John Ralson, 120 North Sixth street.
Efo Schlaadt, 101 North Front street.
Joe Sikich, 220 Burnside street.
Max Thies, 128 Fifth street.
Dave Weaver and Ed Waitts, 201 Alder street.
I. E. Wendel, 212 Morrison street.
W. C. Woodson, 547 Hood street.

Wholesalers and Rectifiers.

Fleckenstein-Mayer company, 68 Second street.
Thomas Varwig & Son, 231 Front street.

Restaurants.

Theodore Kruse, 125 Broadway.
Lee Pong Kee, 73½ North Fourth street.
J. B. Penney, 143 Tenth street.
Fred L. Wing, 107½ Tenth street.

Grocer.

Hop Chung Lung Kee company, 60 Second street.

In addition to the number failing to renew their licenses by not paying the semi-annual license fee, the license for J. J. Knepper's saloon, 375 Yamhill street, has been held up by the license bureau because there is a question as to ownership. The council will act on the matter at a special meeting to be held Monday afternoon.

Dan Kellaher, grocer at 135 Grand avenue, was the last person to receive a liquor license. The check for the license was received by License Collector Peirce this morning and the receipt was the last one to be written in Portland as the prohibition law becomes effective January 1, 1916.

Arthur Davis, owner of a saloon at 160 Grand avenue, was the last saloonman to receive a receipt for his check which was received in the mail this morning.

One of the largest places to close its doors is the Rainbow grill and bar, 125 Broadway, managed by Theodore Kruse. Kruse failed to renew his licenses for both the grill and the bar.

Business men of the Yeon building will have to walk a little further for their drinks, if they drink liquor, for Max Thies, holder of the license for the bar in the Yeon building, failed to renew his license.

Failure of 28 of the saloonmen to renew their licenses automatically cuts the number of saloons after June 30 from 326 to 298, where two years ago the total number of saloons was 418.

TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

A special train carrying a party of 123 prominent Swedish-Americans of the middle states will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning from San Francisco. The party is headed by former Governor Eberhard of Minnesota and Governor Carlson of Colorado. The travelers have been visiting the expositions in California and are en route home. The train will arrive at the Union station at 7:30 and upon their arrival will be met by a committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. Automobiles will be on hand for a tour of the city, before the departure for Seattle from the North Bank station, a couple of hours later.

Prominent Educator Here.

John G. Bowman, president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, is in Portland today as the guest of Dr. William Trufant Foster, president of Reed college. Mr. Bowman was formerly president of the State University of Iowa and was for several years secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning.

All Contracts But One Now Signed

Montague-O'Reilly Company Will Begin Excavation on Slavin Road on Monday.

All the contracts awarded for the paving of the county highways under the $1,250,000 bond issue have been executed with the exception of the one awarded to Boyajohn-Arnold and Hans Pedersen for the improvement of a section of the Columbia River highway with brick and a section of the Canyon road with bitulithic.

Some minor points regarding the 10 year maintenance remain to be settled. This will probably be done early next week.

The Montague-O'Reilly company, whose contract for laying concrete on the Foster and Slavin roads and a section of the Canyon road was signed yesterday, state that they will begin the work of excavation on the Slavin road Monday.

MISS WHITE BELIEVES SHE IS ENTITLED TO BE ON ELIGIBLE LIST

Secretary to Retiring Commissioner Brewster Files Resignation.

It is probable that City Attorney La Roche will be called upon to straighten out the tangle resulting from the resignation of Miss Margaret White as secretary to the commissioner of public affairs.

At present Miss White is secretary to Commissioner Brewster, but she wants to resign as secretary in the department of public affairs and retain her place on the civil service eligible list, thus giving George L. Baker, commissioner-elect, opportunity to select any one on the eligible list he sees fit.

Miss White and Commissioner Brewster say that this can be done, but it is questioned by Secretary McLain of the civil service board. Miss White tendered her resignation yesterday to become effective as soon as she has her vacation. She plans to take her vacation July 1.

It is said that by resigning from the secretaryship to the commissioner of public affairs Miss White automatically leaves the city's service. Miss White says, however, that she will retain her place on the eligible list and be eligible for any vacancies among the secretaries hereafter.

Commissioner-elect Baker has not announced who will be his secretary.

Miss De Graff Will Lecture.

Lents, Or., June 26.—Miss Grace De Graff, who has just returned from the women's conference at The Hague, will be the principal lecturer at the conference of the Mothers' Institute here Tuesday, in the basement of the Evangelical church. The other speakers on the program will be Rev. T. R. Hornschuch, Rev. John Riley, Professor A. F. Hershner, Mrs. Maude Darnall, Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, Professor Dixon, Miss Edith Train, Mrs. Otto Katsky and Mrs. Hammer. Those who will take part in the musical program will be Milton Katsky, Carl Hawkins, Sigrid Richardson and the Ladies' Quartet. Those who attend the conference, will bring their own lunch and tea or coffee will be furnished.

Mrs. Roth's Funeral Held.

Milwaukie, Or., June 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Roth, who passed away at the residence of her son, John Roth, in Milwaukie, Wednesday, was a native of Switzerland, and was born in 1825. Mrs. Roth came to Oregon in 1889, and settled in the Columbia slough section near Portland.

She is survived by four sons, John Roth, of Milwaukie, or.; Kasper Roth, of Hillsdale, Or.; Peter Roth, of Vancouver, Wash., and Henry Roth, of Switzerland. There are 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at Holman's parlors, Third and Salmon streets, in Portland. Interment was in Kenton cemetery.

County Swells Fund.

The county commissioners this morning appropriated $125 to add to the fund for celebration of the arrival of the Liberty bell in Portland July 16. The money will be turned over to the city to be spent.

Fishermen Mix Fists.

Santa Monica, Cal., June 26.—(U. P.)—Austrian fishermen attacked Japanese fishermen here and a battle raged with fish crates, dead halibut and debris as missiles. Americans intervened.

Vancouver in Brief.

Vancouver, Wash., June 26. — The Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold their fourth annual banquet Tuesday evening, June 29, at the K. of P. hall. A program is being prepared and a report of the annual convention at Centralia will be given. The delegates to the convention were: Miss Josie Rice, Mrs. Lottie Gates, Mrs. Sarah Seymour, Mrs. N. E. McBride, Mrs. T. H. Ferrier, Mrs. Mary Jenkins and department senior vice president, Mrs. Irene Cates.

R. S. Thompson of the dairy firm of Knowles & Thompson, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital yesterday suffering from an attack of appendicitis. His condition was somewhat improved this morning and it was decided that it would not be necessary to operate.

Miss Geraldine Mason entertained about 12 of her friends last evening at her home, Thirtieth and Columbia streets. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Miss Hope Burnett of Le Sueur Center, Minn., who spent a short time visiting her parents at Corvallis, Or., arrived here yesterday for a few weeks' visit with Mrs. C. H. Davis of 509 Park street.

Mrs. L. E. Smith and daughter, Miss Mildred Smith, left today for their home in Chicago, after spending about four weeks visiting friends in and about Vancouver. They are former residents of this city.

LAXITY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES BLAMED FOR INCENDIARY FIRES

Circuit Judge Makes Comment While Sentencing Prisoners Convicted.

MARSHALS WORK PRAISED

Cooperation Between Fire Department and Companies Is Praised by Court This Morning.

Laxity of insurance companies is responsible for the large number of incendiary fires in this country, declared Circuit Judge Gatens today in sentencing Philip Harris and Earl Mashburn, aged 22 and 21 years, to the penitentiary following their conviction on arson charges. Mashburn was sentenced to from 1½ to 2½ years in the penitentiary as he was convicted of attempting to commit the crime while Harris was convicted of the crime itself and given a sentence of three years and paroled.

The jury recommended leniency and the parole giving as its reason Harris' youth and its belief he is not a criminal at heart.

Mashburn must serve his sentence as Judge Gatens said the youth's demeanor was such that he believed punishment would do him good and that from statements made by Mashburn he suspected that Mashburn might have been involved in other fires.

Harris was convicted of burning the stock and fixtures of a store belonging to his sister at 58 Killingsworth avenue and Mashburn of attempting to burn the furniture of a rooming house at 348 Clay street belonging to his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stakely.

Judge Gatens praised the work of Fire Marshall Jay Stevens in bringing the cases into court and suggested cooperation between insurance companies and the fire department. He lectured both boys severely. Deputy District Attorneys John A. Collier and Charles Robinson prosecuted the cases.

Death by Train Results in Suit

Vancouver, Wash., June 26.—Suit was filed in the superior court yesterday by S. S. Lemley, administrator of the estate of John C. Gill, whose true name is Anton Gillmeister, against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company to secure judgment in the sum of $10,000 on account of the death of the decedent on June 25, 1913.

Gill was killed by a fall from a train between this city and Portland on the night of June 25, 1913, according to the complaint. Negligence on the part of the officials of the road in providing defective lanterns is alleged as one of the grounds. It is claimed that Gill's lantern fell apart and left him in darkness and that while he was attending to the discharge of his duties as brakeman he stumbled against an open ventilator door on a refrigerator car and fell from the train. Negligence is charged to the officials in permitting the door to have been left open.

Gill was a single man but the action is brought in behalf of his mother, Mary Gillmeister.

Divorce Suit Reopened.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—The divorce suit of L. F. Knowlton, general passenger agent of the Oregon Electric railway, against his former wife, Mrs. Lillian Knowlton, in which a decree was granted November 19, 1910, was opened again Friday by a motion filed by Mr. Knowlton to modify the decree.

The plaintiff wants the new decree drawn to allow him partial custody of his child, who was not taken into the jurisdiction of the court when the first decree was granted.

Judge Campbell granted this but required the plaintiff to pay $25 a month alimony to his former wife.

Go Overland to California.

Oregon City, Or., June 26.—E. E. Brodie, publisher of the Enterprise and president of the Oregon State Editorial association, Mrs. Brodie, Miss Neita Barlow Lawrence, Miss Neita Harding and Miss Sadye Evelyn Ford left this morning for an overland trip to San Francisco. The party will tour California in Mr. Brodie's automobile and return to Oregon City August 1.

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