

THE STATE OBTAINS A CONFESSION BEARING ON ARSON CHARGE

Name of Man Kept Secret by District Attorney; Wanted as Witness in Case.

RECORD IN CALIFORNIA

Local Authorities Believe Admissions May Aid Prosecution of Fire bugs in Golden State.

Lester Burright, who is under arrest with his wife, Jen Burright, in Oakland, California, on a charge of arson, and Sanford Currier, under indictment on similar charges here, were involved further in the arson investigation now in progress in a confession secured last night by District Attorney Evans from a man whose name is withheld, as he will be used as a witness.

ABILITY OF JURIES UPHOLD

Judge McGinn Says People Need Not Be Afraid.

Circuit Judge McGinn this morning upheld the ability of juries to do justice and at the same time took a rap at lawyers. His words were given during the selection of a jury to try the \$500 damages case of Thomas M. Askey against Detectives Pat Maloney and Tom Swennes and their bonding company. Askey asks damages as the result of the death of his son, Walter Askey, killed Christmas night while riding on a streetcar at Fifth and Pine streets by a bullet fired by the detectives at an escaping man.

Attorneys have been questioning jurors as to their knowledge of or possible connection with the bonding company mentioned in the complaint when attorneys for big detectives and the company objected.

CONDUCTOR LOSES IN COURT

Employe of Streetcar Company Fails to Recover Damages.

Charles E. Sutton, employed as a conductor on the Maryland avenue carline at the present time, lost a suit against his employer, company, this morning when Circuit Judge Morrow held that a settlement made with him by the company shut him off from further right for damages against the company.

The accident in which Sutton alleged he was injured occurred March 15, 1915, just two days before it would have been outlawed. Attorney Chester Sheppard, counsel for Sutton, said that Sutton had at least been able to retain his position as the result of the suit and had thus been in a way compensated. Sutton asked for \$5000 damages. The accident occurred at East Twenty-second and Alberta streets when two cars collided. In settlement Sutton was paid only for time lost.

SUES FOR \$5000 DAMAGES

Cecil G. Applegath Accuses George Rummelin and Lange of Fraud.

Charging fraudulent assumption of business by George Rummelin and Frank Lange under the name G. P. Rummelin & Son, Cecil G. Applegath this morning sued Rummelin and Lange for \$5000 damages and asked that they be restrained from using the name under which they opened a store in the Dekum building last month. Applegath alleges that last January he purchased the store of G. P. Rummelin & Son at 124 Second street and the exclusive use of the name which has been known to Portland residents since 1870. He asserts that under the purchase in settlement defendants had no right to resume under a name so similar.

SUES FOR DIVORCE AND ALIMONY

Marriage was a failure for Mary D. Powell, for in her divorce suit against John A. Powell she asserts that since their wedding, May 18, 1915, in Heppner, Powell mistreated her continually until August 20, when he deserted her to go to New Mexico. She asks for \$50 a month alimony, saying Powell is a railroad man, capable of earning \$100 a month.

Attorney Shepherd Testifies

Attorney George S. Shepherd was on the stand in his suit for \$24,500 fees against the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company this morning detailing the work done for the company for which he demands the fee. Attorney W. M. Davis yesterday, in answer to a question by W. W. McCredle, coun-

CHINESE FASHION APPEARS IN MANDARIN SUIT



DAHLIA SHOW IS DRAWING NEAR AND INTEREST INCREASES

Fine Flowers From Many Parts of Country Will Be Seen in This City.

Much interest attends the opening Thursday afternoon of the National Dahlia society's show at Meter & Frank's auditorium on the sixth floor of the Fifth street building. Entries will be accepted from exhibitors from 7:30 Thursday morning until noon. All exhibits must be in place by 2 o'clock. The fair is free to the public, and will continue from the opening at 2 o'clock Thursday until 9:30 Thursday evening, the Fifth street door being open in the evening and elevators conveying the visitors directly to the sixth floor, also from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. Friday and Saturday.

Delegates Attend Club Luncheon

Many of the reasons why the people should be allowed use of the west's public lands and water power were recited before the Rotary club this afternoon, for a considerable proportion of the western states water power conference delegates took luncheon with the club.

Divorce Suits Filed

Asserting that her husband, Walter E. Wade, is worth over \$20,000, Mrs. E. E. Wade yesterday asked for \$3500 alimony. She charges cruelty. Other divorce suits filed were: Blanche E. Baum against F. S. Baum, cruelty; Emma R. Keeney against John A. Keeney, cruelty; C. V. Scott against Irene Scott, and William C. Lauder against Bessie Lauder, desertion.

Portland Hotel Sued

The Portland Hotel company was sued this morning for \$5000 damages by Harvey E. Murphy, who alleges he was seriously injured when struck by the hotel bus April 6, 1915. Murphy said he had stopped on Sixth street near Oak to secure gasoline for his car when the bus came along and ran into him.

Hubbard Makes Countercharges

Captain Edward E. Lehman of the Portland Fire Department in answer to the divorce complaint filed by his wife, Violet N. Lehman, this morning, among other things charges her with borrowing \$150 from their trustee and charging provisions to him, which were used by herself and friends; with refusing to get up to cook his breakfast, and with going riding with improper persons. He said he bought good furniture for her and gave her \$30 to \$40 a month.

Cemetery Company Sued

The Mount Scott Park Cemetery corporation was sued for \$2230 balance alleged due by W. T. Bischoff and J. W. Koehler for their work of rebuilding the buildings at the cemetery. The plaintiffs allege that their bill amounted to \$2941 and that the amount sued for has not been paid. A lien on the cemetery was filed by the plaintiffs.

Divorce Is Sought

Lillian Wells this morning sued Emory H. Wells for divorce, alleging cruelty.

No Change in Mrs. Duniway's Condition

Pioneer Suffragist Responded Well From Operation but Recovery Is Slow on Account of Her Age.

SAFETY COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST OF PRIZE FIRE DRILL CONTESTS

Results Not Considered Entirely Satisfactory by Delegation Observing Tests.

SOME SCHOOLS DO WELL

Washington High Showing Poor Largely Because No One Knew Location of Fire Gong.

A half dozen men tiptoed stealthily into the main entrance of Chapman school this morning, taking every precaution to escape observation. In the hall they held a brief whispered conference. Then one of them vigorously rang a bell.

At the sound the routine of the school was abandoned. The boys and girls dropped everything, formed in line and marched hurriedly out. This was the first of five fire drill contests inaugurated and directed by the public safety commission. The prizes are cups, one to be given to the high school making the best record in number of soldiers and handicaps, the other going to the grammar school making the best showing.

Chapman school had 400 students and all were out in 1 minute and 25 seconds after the bell rang. There was a little congestion at the west exit.

Davis Makes Good Record. The children at Davis school left the building in the remarkably brief time of 40 seconds. The principal and teachers kept the marchers in line by holding up their hands. "We wouldn't sit down and play a piano if there was really a fire," they explained. In most of the schools there are pianos and the fire marshal believes there is less danger of panic in these schools.

The 740 students of the new Couch school left the building in one minute and 55 seconds. Inspection showed some error in their rooms. "This is just a play drill," they excused themselves, but the judges held that every drill should be as serious as though the school were ablaze.

Most Had but One Alarm.

Albaworth school on Portland Heights has 202 students and 25 seconds, 40 seconds of this time being lost waiting for the alarm to sound. The public safety commission will rule that there shall be but one alarm.

Lowndale Girls' Trade school was vacated in 1 minute and 50 seconds. There are 550 students, and some of them have to come from the third floor. The building is considered a fire trap.

At Atkinson Boys' Trade school, 314 students were out in 1 minute and 20 seconds. It, too, was found poorly arranged for quick exit, but effort was made to overcome this handicap.

It required the 1100 Lincoln High school students 2 minutes and 18 seconds to vacate the building. It was hard for the judges to find the alarm bell, and the students were slow in moving.

Jefferson's Drilling Best.

The best drill of the day was seen at Jefferson High school. It was, in fact, suggested that this school could win a national championship. The 1501 students were clear of the building and out of the way of any possible fire fighting apparatus in precisely 1 minute and 30 seconds.

They have made the drill at other times in as little as 1 minute and 25 seconds. There is a chief of fire drills and assistants, each assigned to duty, even to those detailed to search the rooms and carry out the injured or crippled. Both Principal Jenkins and the "chief," Wilbur Carl, received special commendation.

Washington Drill Badly Tangled.

Washington high school drill was seriously tangled. The judges could find no bell and gave the alarm by opening the door of a room containing fire. A janitor who was questioned could not tell where the bell was, nor could students in the hall. It was afterwards learned that a bell is placed in each room. The arrangement of the building in the matter of exits was also found to be poor. Thirteen hundred students got out of the building two minutes and 20 seconds after the bell was rung in one of the rooms.

Shaver grammar school gave a fine drill, the 422 children leaving the building in one minute and 21 seconds after the alarm. The organization count in making the awards which will be announced when inspection of the schools is complete.

The judges this morning were H. P. Coffin, chairman of the public safety commission; Fire Chief Lowell, J. Jaeger, Lynn B. Covert, Horace E. Thomas, Robert Whitrow, B. F. Boynton and Marshall N. Dana.

M. E. Conference Is On at Roseburg

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 21.—The sixty-third annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon began in Roseburg this morning, and will remain in session until next Monday. A number of important issues will be settled during the conference. In addition to 300 laymen, it is expected that not less than 100 ministers, many of whom will be accompanied by their wives, will be present at the conference.

The time at today's session was

JOE BAILEY OUT FOR SENATORSHIP IN 1918



EX. SENATOR J. W. BAILEY.

At a banquet in Dallas a few days ago he sketched his platform, coming out against woman suffrage, and urged the calling of congress to stop the exportation to England while cotton remains a contraband. Speakers at the banquet referred to him as "the greatest living American statesman." Senator Bailey has not lived in Texas since his resignation three years ago.

taken up with the examination of the undergraduates in the conference course of study. Tonight a reception will be given to the presiding bishop and members of the Oregon conference, together with the good women who preside over the destinies of Methodist parsonages.

Tomorrow the business sessions of the conference will begin. Rev. William Riley Jeffrey, pastor of the local Methodist church, has charge of the conference program, and he is working hard to make the meeting a grand success.

Woman's Purse Stolen

Hanging her purse on the handle of her room door, Mrs. H. Ingersoll, landlady of the San Marco apartments, Eleventh and Washington streets, stepped from the room for a few minutes yesterday. When she returned the purse, which contained \$27 and a check for \$12, had disappeared. Mrs. Ingersoll has no suspicions as to the thief. Detective Royle is on the case.

Taken on Robbery Charge

Alleged to be the third member of a trio that is accused of robbing Gottfried Erickson, a harvest hand from eastern Washington, of \$5.50 in cash and a bank certificate for \$175, Saturday night at the Butte hotel, Frank Goldier, alias Stone, was arrested at

Von Klein Is Still Held at Prison

Seems to Have Been Some Delay in Getting Work for Man Who Recently Did "Time" in "Bull Ring."

Salem, Or., Sept. 21.—One of the surprises to those who have been in close touch with affairs of the state prison here was the recent parole of E. E. C. Von Klein, committed from Portland on a charge of polygamy. Von Klein was not in the good graces of prison officials only a few weeks ago and a term circling the "bull ring" was his punishment. He walked eight hours a day for several days, according to his friends, his feet were terribly sore and swollen before he was taken off.

It is known that the matter was taken up with Governor Withycombe, after Von Klein had been walking daily for over a week and soon afterward the convict was released from the enforced exercise.

Von Klein was still being held at the prison yesterday afternoon and it was stated that there was some hitch in the efforts to secure him employment. When he was paroled it was said that a Minneapolis firm would give him employment.

MOCK'S BOTTOM IS OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE LOCAL PORT

Commission Informed That Assessed Valuation Is \$240,000.

The offer to sell Swan island to the Port of Portland, commission for \$200,000, the land being assessed at \$58,000, has brought from Percy H. Blyth a counter public offer to sell Mocks Bottom at \$300,000. The land is assessed at \$240,000, says Mr. Blyth in a public offer to sell which he made today, his offer reading as follows: "Having noticed in the papers that the Port of Portland commission is meditating the purchase of Swan island at a price of \$300,000, I wish to say that on behalf of myself and the other owners associated with me, I hereby offer to said commission all that portion of Mocks Bottom owned by us, comprising about 400 acres, with 4500 feet of river frontage, for the sum of \$300,000, which is very much less than the land has ever been offered at before. It is assessed at \$240,000."

The port commission's consideration of the purchase of Swan island grows out of its need for a place to deposit the spoil of dredging, and also to secure a favorably located property which may be used in the future, as need may arise, in a scheme of port development.

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MISCHE MAY LEAVE CITY'S SERVICE ON FIRST OF NEXT MONTH

Baker Cutting Budget and the Consulting Landscape Gardener Probably to Go.

CONTRACT SOON EXPIRES

Work Includes Drawing Sketches and Maps for Improvements and Planting Shrubbery.

E. T. Mische, for several years superintendent of Portland's park system, said at present consulting landscape engineer for the city, will probably be out of the city's service after October 1. His contract with the city expires at that time and it is thought that the contract will not be renewed.

George L. Baker, commissioner of public affairs, who is head of the park bureau, said this morning that he had not compiled his budget as yet and could not say whether or not Mische would be retained. As the park bureau will not be included in the estimates, and hence Mische will be out.

Mische resigned as superintendent of parks more than a year ago, but was retained as consulting landscape engineer under contract at salary of \$150 a month. His work included the drawing of sketches and maps for park improvements and the planting of shrubbery.

Not having been a resident of the city for a year, C. S. Gallup, temporary jitney inspector, was unable to take the examination held by the municipal civil service office this morning to secure applicants for the position.

Taking the examination today were John P. Tuley, Raymond Hill, W. S. Overlin, G. J. Newell and Harold T. Guerin.

Would Have Roosters Gagged

Charles H. Robbins, 729 East Fourteenth street, wants the city commissioners to pass a law which will make the crowing of a rooster a nuisance and make it unlawful for persons to keep such a nuisance. In a long letter to Mayor Albee today Robbins complains of a rooster kept by tenants next to his house, and asks that something be done that he and his family can get a little sleep.

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