

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FILES SUIT AGAINST FORMER COUNTY CLERK

Frank S. Fields Sued for \$21,911.93, Part of Which Was Lost in Bank.

COMPLAINT VOLUMINOUS

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District Attorney Evans and Deputy Arthur A. Murphy last night filed with County Clerk J. H. Gant the suit in the name of Multnomah county against Frank S. Fields, ex-county clerk, and his bondsman, the Oregon Surety & Casualty company, for \$21,911.93. This sum represents the amount of the cash in the safe of the American Bank & Trust company which closed its doors December 18, 1911, and \$2,000.00 which Fields is alleged to have collected as interest on Multnomah county funds.

The suit was filed under authority given the county by the last legislature. Prior to filing the suit Evans presented to Circuit Judge Gantenbein a certified copy of the books of the county by the company and an affidavit containing the facts to be alleged in the suit. This was done to comply with the law and Judge Gantenbein authorized the filing of the suit.

The complaint is one of the most voluminous ever filed in this county, containing 30 pages of allegations and 423 pages of exhibits, the exhibits being copies of the books of the county clerk's office showing the detailed statements of the amounts not accounted for by Fields when he turned the affairs of the office over to County Clerk Coffey January 6, 1913.

Fields turned over to Coffey \$87,518.98 when it is alleged he should have turned over \$105,869.59. The \$18,350.61 difference consists of \$12,224.43 of ill-gotten fees not earned by the clerk's office, \$117.70 due the law library from portions of the litigants' deposits devoted to the litigants' suits of earned circuit court fees, \$161.36 of recording fees and \$22.50 of examiners' fees and land registration fees. With the exception of the two latter items the above items are all items which the law requires a plaintiff to deposit in each case and the \$5.50 which the defendant must deposit. Of the \$11 deposited by each plaintiff \$1 goes to the law library and of the \$5.50 the sum of 50 cents goes likewise.

Many Cases Involved. The shortage is alleged to have occurred in the funds of cases filed between January 6 and January 6, 1913, when Fields retired. Circuit court cases to the number of 4548 are involved on the plaintiffs' side of the ledger and in perhaps two thirds of these cases defendants' money is involved, there being in some cases many defendants. Of probate cases there are 2263 involved.

Of the money involved in the suit Multnomah county claims a direct interest in the \$2959.97 interest, \$2529.53 it earned fees and other fees for which the county is liable and of the \$55.50 which represents fees earned by Coffey between January 6, 1913, and April 9, 1913. This amount became involved because Coffey failed to file and charging the fees to the old deposits as Fields had done before him until the April date. On the latter date Coffey gave notice that in the cases in which there was a shortage he would decline to file further papers without payment of fees at the time of the filing. He did this, he said, lest he might be held liable by involved as Fields had become and also on advice of counsel.

Mandamus proceedings, brought to compel him to continue filing papers before the court, were granted and earned when cases were completed, failed and since that date payments are required in the cases involved without consideration of the balance on deposit. One reason given for this refusal was that the books kept by Fields did not keep the money accepted on deposit segregated and made it impossible to determine whose funds had been turned over to Coffey and whose had not. Of the funds turned over, \$38,120.30 is being held because it cannot be determined to whom it should be paid. The result of the suit may make it possible for Coffey to determine to whom the money belongs.

COURT'S POWER IS DEFINED

Judge Stevenson Can Send Prisoners to Jail for Short Periods.

Municipal Judge Stevenson can sentence men to jail for less than 10 days and refuse them the right to appeal. Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday made this ruling on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus sought by Peter Kall. Kall was received in the county jail on days in jail by Judge Stevenson on a vagrancy charge following his arrest for participating in a gambling game in which a player lost \$25 through crooked playing on the part of other players. The petition was dismissed by Judge Gatens. The case against Kall was on a state charge and Judge Gatens has ruled that appeals cannot be taken from penalties of less than 10 days' imprisonment or \$20 fine.

Humphreys' Seventy-seven For Grip, Influenza, Coughs

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—To get the best results, take "Seventy-seven" at the very beginning of a Cold. If you wait until you begin to cough and sneeze, it may take longer.

A small vial of pleasant pellets, fits the vest pocket. See and \$1.00 at all druggists or mail order. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., 156 West 11th Street, New York.

PORTLAND MAN WINNING ATTENTION UPON STAGE

Frank Shea Returns; Will Appear in Local Theatre; Booked on Circuit.

Frank Shea, who last week from California to visit his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. John Francis Shea, for about 10 days. Mr. Shea left Portland in February, 1913, for the east to enter dramatic spots and have appeared in many splendid private engagements. They will be headliners on Pantages bill passing through Portland in about two months. Mr. Shea will appear early this week to join his partner at Winnipeg to begin the circuit.

The couple came west to fill a special engagement at Coronado hotel when they received the following flattering notice in the San Diego Union: Miss Hannah Leach and Jack Hollander appeared in exhibition dances yesterday afternoon at Hotel del Coronado. It was distinctly exhibition, not ballroom dancing. Leach and Hollander have that characteristic referred to as "Attic" work figures conspicuously in their performances. They introduce shoulder spins, somersaults, head spins and cart wheels. It is acrobatic, yet essentially graceful.

Although those who witnessed yesterday afternoon's matinee danced were for the most part women, it is safe to say that tonight the ball room will be packed with men. It was the consensus of opinion that this is the best act offered by the management of Hotel del Coronado since Maurice and Florence Walton packed the room for each of their series of dances.



Frank Shea, known professionally as Jack Holland, who is visiting his relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Ross' Charges Are Not Sustained

"Night Riders" Are Scored But There Is No Recommendation That Governor Lister Will Intervene.

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 20.—"Night Riders" of the North River country are arraigned severely, but the charge made by Mrs. Margaret M. Ross that her sons Earl and Frank are, or have been, misadvised while serving sentences in the Pacific county jail at South Bend for assault upon A. A. Bradley, a middle-aged man of Montana, are declared baseless, in a report filed with Governor Lister today by Mrs. Abbie Danforth and Mrs. T. J. Hamilton, representatives of the Monday Civic club of this city. Humane Officer Clarence J. Muehler, representing the Humane society, and Mrs. Kate L. Young, Olympia, personal representative of Governor Lister.

The report follows an investigation into the North river difficulties begun several days investigation at South Bend, and a trip into the North river country by Mrs. Danforth and Mrs. Hamilton, who came out on way to Aberdeen, and took up the threads of their inquiry there. The report does not recommend any interference by the governor for the pardon of the Ross boys, which Mrs. Ross sought in her speeches before Tacoma women's clubs that resulted in the dispatch of the committee of inquiry.

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Marsden Scott Will Be Honored

President of International Typographical Union and Secretary-Treasurer Hays Here Tomorrow.

Marsden G. Scott, president of the International Typographical union and its secretary-treasurer of the local organization, both of Indianapolis, Ind., will be the guests of honor at a reception and smoker to be given by local union, Multnomah, No. 58, in the rooms of the Portland Press club at 8 o'clock, Monday night.

This is the first visit of the new president to the Pacific northwest and members of the local union expect to be out in full force to greet him and their international secretary-treasurer. A number of brief talks will be made by prominent members of the local organization. Mr. Scott and Mr. Hays arrive in Portland, Monday afternoon, and soon after their arrival will be taken for a trip over the Columbia river highway. They will be the guests of officers of the local organization at dinner and from there taken to the Press club. Both are on their way home from the San Francisco Panama-Pacific exposition.

Mrs. Spencer Dies Suddenly at Home

Mrs. Anna Spencer died suddenly at her home, 648 East Twentieth street, of heart failure. She was one of the most prominent workers in the church circles of the city. Her death was a great surprise to her many friends as she was apparently in good health prior to her death.

She was a member of the Trinity Methodist church. Mrs. Spencer, with her family, came to Portland from Denver, Col., in 1889, since which time she has been a resident of the city. Her husband, William Spencer, died about six years ago in this city. Mrs. Spencer is survived by six children, some of whom are well known citizens of Portland. They are: Will E. Spencer, of 492 East Twenty-third street; Mrs. Walter Linton, of East Twenty-ninth street; Charles H. and Albert W. Spencer of Portland; and Arthur S. Spencer of Spokane, Wash.

New Superintendent Surveying Service

F. E. Lewis, superintendent of the dining car service for the entire Union Pacific system, arrived yesterday from Omaha for survey of the commissariat of the O-W. R. & N. line. Mr. Lewis, who worked up from the post of dining car conductor, is accompanied by T. Jarvis and Fred Sentsch, inspectors of service on the Union Pacific railroad and the Oregon Short Line. This is Mr. Lewis' first trip over the western end of the system since his jurisdiction was extended, November 1. He said yesterday that he has some ideas on running rolling food palaces, that he expects sometime to be made universal.

Boys' Clubs Will Be Well Represented

Annual Conference to Be Held at Salem, November 26-28, Promises to Draw Large Attendance.

Practically every club for boys in western Oregon will be represented at the annual Older Boys' conference at Salem, November 26-28, under the auspices of the state committee of the Y. M. C. A. Portland will send nearly 100 delegates to the conference, and other cities of this section of the state are expected to treble that number.

Older boys' Sunday school classes, Bible clubs, Y. M. C. A. organizations, Boy Scouts and similar bodies of boys are invited to representation at the conference. The gathering discusses problems that confront these organizations, speeches are made by prominent officials, educators and workers and by the boys themselves, and the youngsters are brought into active cooperation in the plan for boys' work over the state.

Yale and Harvard Alumni in Banquet

Yale and Harvard alumni of Portland held their annual banquet last night at the university club, it being the day of the Harvard-Yale football game.

There was no formal program, the former collegians indulging in reminiscences, songs and yells. The Yale men were not depressed by the victory of the Crimson at Cambridge. About 100 former collegians were present. John S. Esels was elected head of the Yale alumni organization for the coming year. The Harvard men did not select a successor to A. L. Mills as president. Harry Reed, a Harvard alumnus, had the arrangements for the gathering in charge.

Driver Exonerated in Fatal Accident

A coroner's jury last night exonerated Paul Lamar from blame for the death of J. W. Allen, 80 years old, who was struck by a truck and instantly killed Friday night. The hearing was conducted by Deputy Coroner Smith. Allen, who lived at 4 Twenty-second street, was struck at the intersection of Sixteenth and Marshall streets by an Olds, Wortman & King electric truck, which was being driven by Lamar. With Lamar was W. Lucas, his helper. Lamar and Lucas were the principal witnesses at the inquest. The body was taken to Erickson's undertaking establishment, where funeral services will be held today.

Auto Stolen From Front of Theatre

Frank E. Watkins' 1915 four cylinder Mitchell car, license No. 3741, was stolen from in front of the Pantages theatre about 8 o'clock last night. The car carried two spare tires, one with black cover. The car is painted black all over. The tires are all Pennsylvania make.

Artist Wade Seeks Divorce

Salem, Or., Nov. 20.—Alleging that his wife Evelyn, deserted him December 27, 1914, and November 1, 1915, deserted their daughter Evelyn, aged two years, in Portland, to join the St. Condit company, a theatrical organization, Murray Wade, an artist of Salem, well known in Portland, today filed suit for divorce in the Marion county circuit court.

Hanan's LADIES' SKATING BOOTS Have Arrived Rosenthal's 129 10th St. nr. Washington S. & H. Trading Stamps

LEWISTON LAND & WATER COMPANY IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

Portland Capital Interested in the Big Idaho Orchards Scheme, It Is Declared.

LAND HIGHLY CULTIVATED

Company Was Formed About 10 Years Ago With Paid Up Capital of \$365,500.

The Lewiston Land & Water company, in which Portland capitalists are interested, is in the hands of receiver, the federal district judge for Idaho having appointed Frank Robertson and William Thomson to act in that capacity. Twenty thousand booklets describing this port and the history of its development will be distributed among the children of the schools tomorrow morning. Only one pupil in a family will be allowed to enter the competition. The contest is to close on December 10, at 4 p. m., and no essays will be received after that hour. Teachers of the public schools will distribute the booklets tomorrow morning and will ask that all essays be turned in at that time for forwarding to the committee of judges.

The high school essays will be limited to about 3,000 words; the ninth to fifth grades to 2,000 words, and the fifth grade down to 1,000 words. The prizes offered are divided into three classes, as follows: High School—Total amount \$75.00; first prize, \$40.00; second prize, \$20.00; third prize, \$15.00. Ninth to Fifth grades—Total amount \$40.00; first prize, \$15.00; second prize, \$10.00; third prize, \$5.00; fourth prize, \$5.00; fifth prize, \$2.50. Fifth Grade down—Total amount \$35.00; first prize, \$10.00; second prize, \$7.50; third prize, \$5.00; fourth prize, \$2.50 and \$1.00 prizes for the ten next best essays.

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Prizes Offered for Best Essay on Port

Commerce Chamber Will Endeavor to Arouse Interest in Portland's Advantages as Seaport Among Children Hoping to interest the school children of Portland and the families they represent in study of the advantages of Portland as a great seaport, the trades and commerce bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce has initiated a contest for the best essays on the subject, and will distribute \$150 in cash prizes.

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Woman Hit by Car Rendered Senseless

Mrs. Mary Rafter, 50 years old, was knocked unconscious, and sustained a scalp wound when struck by a streetcar about 8:45 o'clock last night as she was returning to her home at Sixth and Sherman streets. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance Service company. Her injuries are not considered serious. Mrs. Rafter is employed by George Davenport, a Front street expressman.

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