

EXTORTION CHARGES SEND HUSBAND AND BOY TO GRAND JURY

Thomas Moffett Bound Over on Testimony He Commercialized Wife's Sins.

ALLEGED SLEUTH IN MIRE

Attorney Asks to Know What's to Be Done With Lawyer Who Drew Up Agreement to Hush Prosecution.

Thomas S. Moffett was bound over to the grand jury and Gordon Smith, his youthful companion, was held to the grand jury as a material witness...

There is not the slightest doubt about Moffett's guilt, said Judge Jones, at the conclusion of the case...

Sleuth Would Hush Scandal. Testimony in the case showed that Mrs. Moffett and Charles Landusky, a son of Mrs. Sharpe, were under indictment in Yamhill county on statutory charges...

Enough Agreement Already. "It does not make any difference to me whether either of you pay any attention to it," replied Ryan.

The testimony was all in. "Do you want to hear any arguments?" asked Hogan.

"No sir," answered the court, with a smile, which seemed to say he had heard too much argument already.

"Well, I would just like to make one statement," said Hogan. He proceeded to make it. Then Ryan took 15 minutes in which to make reply.

"I want to know if this court and this district attorney are going to do anything with the lawyer who drew up that agreement for this man and charged him \$5 for it?" demanded Hogan.

"I have nothing to do about it," said the court.

"We are going to investigate him," said Ryan.

And so the case ended.

ROUND-UP HERO SENTENCED George Fletcher, Negro, to Serve Time for Misconduct.

George Fletcher, negro, Pendleton Round-up hero, was sentenced by Judge Wolverton in federal court yesterday to serve five months in the county jail. He pleaded guilty to a statutory offense.

The woman in the case is Irene Oliver, now serving a two months sentence on her plea of guilty. She has also been a prominent figure at the Round-up, and this year won the square race.

It is believed that she has tuberculosis, and Christmas eve, Assistant United States Attorney Rankin, who has had charge of the case, telephoned to her that he would apply to the President for her pardon.

Company Loses Suit. Because he said he was first spotted beans and meat while employed on a fishing cruise to the Bering sea, John E. Hendrickson was given a verdict

In District Judge Bell's court yesterday for \$223 against the Alaska-Portland Packers' association. He shipped in April on a cruise to the Bering sea and alleged the foodstuff fed the men made him sick throughout the trip. He alleged carelessness and negligence on the part of the company. The company denied the allegations.

CONTRACTOR'S HEARING SET

Suit of John W. Sweeney to Be Heard January 27.

The case of John W. Sweeney, contractor for a portion of the highway built in Jackson county, against Jackson county and the United States National bank of Portland has been set for trial on January 27.

Circuit Judge Davis yesterday overruled a demurrer to the complaint. A. E. Reames, attorney for Jackson county, argued the demurrer for the county and Loyal H. McCarthy presented the arguments for the plaintiff. The money he is asking to have the final estimates of the work as prepared by the state highway engineer set aside. It is alleged that the highway engineer's estimates are not equitable.

BANK'S SUIT IS COMPLETED

Evidence Taken in Suit to Uncover Assets.

Taking of evidence in the suit brought by the First National bank against Harry M. Courtright and M. L. Courtright to recover approximately \$43,000, was finished before Circuit Judge Davis yesterday afternoon and the attorneys in the case were given two weeks in which to file written briefs.

The bank is suing to uncover whatever assets pending Courtright may have and also alleged that the elder Courtright was associated with Miss Jones in the deals which involved the money obtained from the bank. The father, M. L. Courtright, a prominent attorney of Bay City, Mich., testified that he had loaned his son considerable sums of money and he was paying interest on the loans.

WANTS INCINERATOR JOB J. E. Pelton Sues to Compel Civil Service Observance.

Jesse E. Pelton has filed a petition for a writ of mandamus directing City Commissioner Will H. Daly to declare the position of engineer at the city incinerator to be vacant and to request the civil service board to furnish him a list of eligible persons for appointment to the position.

Pelton alleges in his petition that the position is under the classified civil service, that the man now holding the job never passed a civil service examination, that he (Pelton) did pass such an examination with the highest marks of any applicant, and that he is therefore entitled to the job.

Druggists Seek Liquor Bonds. The first applications from druggists for bonds to sell intoxicating liquors in Portland after the drought sets in next Saturday were filed today with J. E. Pelton, deputy city clerk, in County Clerk Coffey's office.

Sues for Character Balm. Charging defamation of character, J. E. Pelton yesterday filed suit against Wash Prowarek for \$10,000 damages.

Mrs. Merlo to Take Stand at Hillsboro Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 28.—Witnesses examined this morning in the trial of Rosa Merlo for the killing of her husband, a case that has attracted much attention.

Quarrels of the couple were related, and the weight of testimony showed the wife to be the aggressor. Deputy Sheriff C. W. Redmond told of a statement made by the defendant immediately after the shooting, in which she asserted that all four shots were fired while she was seated in a chair, and that she started shooting after Merlo broke in the door. Cross-examination did not shake his testimony.

The state is attempting to show that the course of the bullets shows they could not have been fired from a sitting posture. At 11:15 a recess was taken until 1 o'clock, to secure missing state witnesses. Then the defense will open. The defendant will take the stand.

Portland has entertained approximately 40 conventions during the year.

SPEEDY TYPISTS WILL ASSIST IN CAMPAIGN OF WRITING LETTERS

Arrangements Made for Preparing Letters to Boost Oregon as Tourist Point.

FORM LETTERS TO GO OUT

Great Work to Be Done Week of January 16 to 22 Expected to Bring Thousands to This Section.

It will be made easy for Portland people to write letters to the east to tell friends in the old home town why Oregon is such a paradise for tourists. Arrangements were concluded today by the publicity and conventions bureau to have a squad of "sold medal" typists stationed in business houses, who will put out such letters at 10 cents apiece, including stationery and addressing. Bessie E. Colwell, a member of the chamber, will be captain of this squad.

If one finds himself unequal to the task of describing Oregon, he may gaze at sample letters which will be posted up near these speedy typists. "Write two of form No. 2 and three of form No. 3, sign my name, send to these addresses and here is the 50 cents. It is all you need to do. Miss Colwell and her typists will do the rest."

The bureau today received a letter from insurance Commissioner Harvey Weiss at Salem, promising to send out 15 letters per day for the next month to officials of 34 insurance companies all over the country. He says: "Many of these have farm mortgage investments in the Willamette and Rogue river valleys and doubtless they would like to come out to inspect their investments."

The bureau is sending out form letters to each of the civic clubs of the city asking its cooperation in making the week of January 16 to 22 a "week" in letter writing. It points out that 250,000 tourists can be brought to Oregon next year on the strength of these letters if the campaign is followed up. A meeting of representatives of all these clubs will be held at the chamber 6 p. m. January 5, to consider ways and means.

BOY-ED, HOUSE AND WHITLOCK SAIL FOR EUROPE IN ONE SHIP (Continued From Page One.)

Berlin, though he doubted that he would confer with Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. He expects to be gone six weeks or two months on his mission. Whether it is understood, foreign governments have approved.

Whitlock Returns to Brussels. Whitlock was returning to Brussels, improved physically after his recent indisposition.

At the dock, Boy-ed was surrounded by a crowd of admirers. He gave a prepared statement, bitterly denouncing the newspapers, particularly the Providence Journal, which had made charges against him.

"While our armies are being supplied from America with all forms of munitions," it read, "and without which they would long since have been overcome, I have been denounced for chartering ships to provision our cruisers at sea at the outset of the war, as though it were a crime, instead, as your courts considered it, a strictly lawful act."

Cases Manila Incidents. "Ships that brought coal and provisions from Hong Kong to Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay cleared for Maceo and China and not for the warships. Their cargoes stated that their cargo was of scrap iron."

"It is my heartfelt hope that Germany and America, which have so many common interests, always will maintain friendly relations, that peace may be secured with no alienation of passions to enable Americans to have for Germans the same good will as formerly."

Thanks American Naval Officers. Further, the statement expressed appreciation for the help rendered him before the war. He was particularly thankful for the "rare comradeship of the American navy that I have been permitted to enjoy, due to the kindness of its gallant and amiable officers."

Referring to newspaper attacks, he declared particularly "silly" the story that he was planning to aid Huerta in starting a Mexican revolution to keep America busy at home.

Moreover, he predicted that the time is coming when the government will be forced to suppress "wild and reckless utterances of irresponsible papers" which not only have insulted the diplomatic representatives of friendly governments, but also have embarrassed the country's international relations.

PORTLAND HAS RIGHT TO FIX JITNEY RULES (Continued From Page One.)

Yo versus Hopkins, a case growing out of the anti-Chinese crusade in San Francisco, 30 years ago. The court concludes that the contentions of the plaintiff in this respect are well founded. An appeal is provided against unjust action upon the part of the commissioner and the ordinance is objectionable in no way, say the supreme court.

The contention that the ordinance is void because railroad cars, street cars and automobiles used as sightseeing cars, hotel buses and taxicabs are exempted from its operation is not well taken, says the court.

Justice Burnett Dissents. Justice Burnett filed a dissenting opinion. He declares that the classification is not only unfair and unreasonable, but in effect has also been obliterated by the exceptions so that the only substantial characteristic distinguishing the automobiles called "motor bus" and the automobiles excepted from the operation of the ordinance is the extra license fee required from the former.

MAYOR ALBEE WILL HAVE POLICE OFFICERS ENFORCE ORDINANCE By holding the jitney ordinance valid the supreme court has decided

that the city council and the council of every other municipality in the state, given authority by its charter, has the authority to pass an ordinance with the emergency clause attached to make it become effective immediately upon adoption, and thus prevent the invoking of the referendum.

The decision also means that the ordinance will become effective immediately upon adoption, and thus prevent the invoking of the referendum.

Petitions Not Effective. The ordinance was passed by the council September 2 and, although referendum petitions were filed September 30, these petitions are now of no effect. They were filed by the city owners with the hope that the city council would hold that the city was without power to attach the emergency clause, and thus prevent the ordinance from taking effect until voted on by the people in June, 1917.

The measure requires jitney owners to pay a license fee of \$2 a month for each car having a seating capacity of seven or more and 25 cents a month additional for every additional seat.

Jitney owners are required to secure application for certificates, these certificates to give the names of the license holder and the routes over which the machines are to be operated. The machines are to be required to follow "the routes," although exceptions are made when carrying passengers to ball games and other places of amusement.

Machines Must Stop. During the rush hours the jitneys are allowed to turn back before making full trips, providing all passengers are discharged. The ordinance posts a schedule of fares to be posted on the windshield, and in cases where this is not done no more than five cents can be charged for a short trip. It also requires all large machines to come to a full stop at railroad grade crossings.

Lights are required in the interior of the cars at night. The ordinance provides for the inspection of all cars. At present there is no inspector, but it is probable that a man for the work will be selected from an existing eligible list.

The three highest on the list are Raymond Gill, Gilbert J. Newell and John P. Tully.

WOMEN EXPERTS TO TAKE PART IN O. A. C. DAIRY CONVENTIONS Mrs. Addie Howe, of Wisconsin, and Mrs. J. J. Hughes, of Oregon City, to Speak.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 28.—Participation of two women in the proceedings of one or more of the Oregon dairy conventions to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college during Farmers' week is a somewhat unusual feature of the exercises. One of the two, Mrs. Addie Howe, is a dairy expert connected with the University of Wisconsin extension service. The other is a practical dairy woman with a successful experience.

Mrs. Hughes is the wife of H. J. Hughes, brother of Guernsey farm, Oregon City. Mrs. Howe is said to be one of the best dairy experts in the country, especially effective in securing approved methods in care of milk and manufacture of dairy products. Her work in the extension service has brought her into contact with the problems in farm and commercial dairying, and her thorough training has been complemented by the accession of a keen analysis of every day questions related to dairy work, so that she has a broad grasp of the entire subject.

She will deliver a number of lectures on different phases of dairying and is said to be an able speaker, interesting and instructive.

The addresses and consultation of Mrs. Hughes are looked forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm by those who are acquainted with her work in introducing and upgrading the Guernsey dairy stock in Oregon. She will give an address on "What the Show Ring is Accomplishing for the Guernsey Breed," and join in the conferences on Guernsey and general dairy problems. Mrs. Hughes will be heard on January 4, and Mrs. Howe will speak at different dates of the dairy conventions.

Alumni to Discuss Retention of Rugby Portland alumni of Leland Stanford Jr. university will have a dinner at the University club at 7 o'clock tomorrow night for the purpose of discussing the retention of Rugby football as a sport at their alma mater. It is expected about 100 Stanford graduates and former students will be present. Paul Cleave is president of the local Stanford organization.

Snowing in Pendleton. Pendleton, Or., Dec. 28.—A strong wind early this morning turned into a blizzard when snow began falling at 10:30. By noon the wind had subsided, but snow is falling thick and fast.

CONCERT AT CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH EAST NINTH AND PINE STREETS Wednesday, December 29 8 P. M.

Given by the Following Artists: THE FOUR WEBBER SISTERS, ELIZABETH WEBBER, SOPRANO; FR. STEWART, MELODY VOCALISTS; MISS VERN ISOM, VIOLINIST; GLENN SHERRELL AND GEORGE H. HIBB, ACCOMPANISTS; ALLEN BRONG, READER.

Admission 25c Tickets on Sale at J. K. Gill's, Third and Alder and Drug Co., Third and Alder.

COLONIAL DAYS JANUARY DAILY 2:30 A Chance from Annapolis, Md. OTHER BIG ACTS! Boxes, first row balcony seats reserved by notice. Curtains—\$20, 7 and 9.

MARTIN WINCH WILL FILED FOR PROBATE; ESTATE IS \$100,000

Former Domestic Who Had Quit Employment Loses Right to Bequest of \$2500

Because Bertha M. Hilty, a former domestic in the household of Martin Winch, was not employed by the Winch family at the time of the death of Mr. Winch, she will not inherit a \$2500 share in the estate of \$100,000.

The will of Mr. Winch, who died December 17, was filed for probate late yesterday. The property consists of real estate, cash, stocks and bonds to the value of \$100,000.

Manual training and domestic science departments of school district No. 1, Multnomah county, will receive \$5000 under the terms of the will.

Executors are Simon Reed Winch, a son, and A. H. McDowall. They will direct that the administrators act without bond.

The bulk of the estate is bequeathed to Nellie A. Winch, the widow, and Simon Reed Winch, the son, to be left in trust.

Other beneficiaries are Frank W. Winch, a nephew, \$5000; Myrtle O. Winch, widow of the late brother of the testator, \$2500 in trust, and Mrs. Barbara Winch Miller, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle O. Winch, \$2500 in trust.

The money left in trust for Mrs. Miller is to be paid to her at the time she reaches the age of 21. She will also receive her mother's share of the estate on the death of her parent.

The will of Maria L. Van Houten, disposing of an estate of \$23,000 to her daughter, Helen Elwood Van Houten, also was filed for probate. The Portland Trust & Savings bank is named as executor.

ST. JOHNS COMPANY OFFERS WATER PLANT TO CITY FOR \$120,000

Offer Is Result of Suggestion by Council That Price Be Put on Plant by Owners.

The St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting company will sell its privately owned water plant to the city for \$120,000, according to an offer made to the city commission by P. H. Edliefson, vice president and manager of the company. The offer is result of suggestion by the city council that

the company be asked to name a price for its plant. Mr. Edliefson says that the value fixed by G. Stubbfield, an engineer, is \$120,441, but that the company will agree to \$120,000. He says: "We feel that the figure of \$120,441 fairly represents the value of the property and it is only because we are anxious to meet the wishes of our patrons who desire service by the city and because we are both to enter into a controversy as to the value of the plant we can consent to accept a lesser amount. For the purpose of effecting a compromise and amicable settlement of all difficulties, we are therefore willing to accept and do offer our entire plant and property for \$120,000."

Mr. Edliefson says, however, that if the city rejects the offer that his company will be willing to submit to the actions of a board of arbitration and accept the price fixed by that board or will accept a price fixed by the public service commission. The council will consider the offer tomorrow.

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COLUMBIA THE THEATRE BEAUTIFUL—SIXTH AT WASHINGTON Jordan Is a Hard Road Sir Gilbert Parker's story pictured by Griffith rich in tender sentiment, strong in its stirring climaxes. Featuring Dorothy Gish, Frank Campeau, Owen Moore. Fatty and the Broadway Stars See the Burlesque Fire Scene With Fatty Arbuckle, Weber and Fields, Willie Collier, Sam Bernard, Joe Jackson and other noted comedians. A Keystone That Makes You Scream

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