HUSBAND, SOUGHT ON CHARGE OF DESERTING WIFE, 'SLIPS AWAY'

Sheriff's Department at Seattle Allows Ray Brown to Get Out of Its Clutches.

CONSTABLE GETS WORD

Man Resigns Position After Information in Case Had Been Gathered in the Sound City.

After trying for weeks to get hold of Ray Brown, wanted here for wife desertion, Constable Andy Weinberger was advised today by James J. Davis, assistant chief special agent for the Great Northern at Seattle, that the sheriff's department at Seattle had allowed Brown "to slip away."

Brown deserted a wife and four children. The case attracted considerable attention some time ago. The Parent-Teacher associations became interested and assisted in placing the children in proper homes.

Two months ago Brown and Toletha Ranck were indicted on a charge of lewd cohabitation, and since then Constable Weinberger has been seeking Brown. Through Special Agent Davis he learned they were in Seattle, where Brown was working for the Great Northern railroad and the woman was employed in a hotel. Weinberger sent the warrants to Sheriff Hodge and asked him to arrest the pair. He directed the sheriff to get full information from Special Agent Davis.

"After the sheriff called and got the information," writes Special Agent Davis, "the following day Brown walked into the D. & S. department's office and resigned. From information given me he is a hard working, industrious man and is looking after the woman who is with him in a way that would do credit to many, and she needs his help at this time."

COLLEGE MAN IS SENTENCED

George Whitfield Obtained Money Under False Pretenses.

George Whitfield, the Oxford graduate and college professor, who was arrested several days ago, after passing a worthless check at a local hotel, today pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and was sentenced by Judge Morrow to one year in the penitentiary.

Amos Jones pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, preferred against him for stealing a cow belonging to Harry French, and will be sentenced next Wednesday.

Luke Dillard, one of the men caught in the vice probe, pleaded not guilty to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, while Arthur Dunn, another one indicted in connection with the vice cases, entered a demurrer to the indictment.

VETERAN GETS FREE LICENSE

George Green to Hunt—Enlisted When He Was 13.

George Green, 1887 East Market street, is only 65 years old, yet he is a veteran of the Civil war, and as such today obtained without fee a fishing and hunting license.

When he was 13 years old he enlisted at Auburn, N. Y., in company F, Fifty-second New York volunteer infantry, on June 9, 1864. Three months later, at Newburn, N. C., a bullet struck him a glancing blow on the forehead, leaving a considerable scar. And in the spring of 1865 he was wounded again.

"This is a decoration, not a scar," he said proudly to Deputy County Clerk Cochran, when describing how he received the mark on his forehead.

CHORUS GIRLS WIN SUIT

Judgment Given for Balance of Week's Pay.

Discharged from their work and stranded, seven chorus girls were given judgment against the Portland Amusement company and Harley C. Stevens for $91.20, salary due them if they had been permitted to complete their week's work. The case was heard yesterday afternoon by District Judge Dayton, presiding in the small claims department. The girls were discharged when the Portland Amusement company took over the Burnside theatre last week. They alleged they had an understanding with the new owners that they would be permitted to work out their week's time. The case will be appealed to the circuit court.

INJURED MAN GETS VERDICT

Jury Awards $8700 Damages for Loss of a Leg.

Clarence W. West was given a verdict of $8700 against Daniel Kern, contractor, by a jury this morning in department four of the circuit court. West had sued for $30,700 for the loss of a leg and other injuries he sustained when Kern's automobile collided with West's motorcycle at East Twenty-second and Burnside streets last July.

It was shown that the automobile was being driven by Kern's employe, who was just learning how to drive a car.

Amos Will Is Filed.

The will of I. H. Amos, who died last December, was filed for probate today. With the exception of $1, bequeathed to each of his three children, the estate is willed to the widow, Mrs. Lillian J. Amos. The estate, which consists of a farm in Skamania county, Wash., and an insurance policy of $1000, and a small amount of cash, is valued at $4000. Mrs. Amos is named as executrix.

Injured Engineer Signs Release.

Charles Eatchel, who was injured about two years ago while employed by the county as engineer at Kelly Butte, has signed a release to all claims against the county for a consideration of $8269. He was injured by an explosion. He is a son of W. A. Eatchel, superintendent of property and machinery for the county.

Suit for Services Filed.

Sam H. Davis, through his attorney, Gus C. Moser, filed 16 suits yesterday afternoon against as many insurance companies. He seeks to collect $12,543 alleged to be due for services.

Liquor Raid on Residence.

A raid on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Spelletich, 395 Sixth street, uncovered 25 half pints, 8 quarts and a 5 gallon demijohn partly filled with whiskey, which the Spelletichs were selling for 75 cents a pint and $1.50 a quart, according to evidence gathered by Constable Andy Weinberger and his deputies. The raid was made by the constable and his deputies yesterday afternoon, following the arrest of C. M. Cooper, who admitted having purchased liquor at the house.

Defendants Given Verdict.

A verdict for the defendants was returned in the suit brought by R. W. Booth against A. F. Smith and the Smith Hotel company for $10,000 alleged damages for false imprisonment. Booth had been arrested on a charge of traspassing on property owned by the hotel company.

Divorce Decrees Granted.

Judge McGinn today granted divorce to Haru Nishio, a Japanese, and to Nina McIntire from Robert McIntire, for desertion. Divorce suits were filed by Zella Southall against Charles Southall, and Dorothy Haight against Charles Haight, cruelty being charged in each case.

Desertion Divorce Grounds.

Desertion was the charge on which four divorce suits filed yesterday afternoon are based. The complaints were filed by Edith Corley against Clyde Corley; C. E. Galyean against Alma Galyean; Clara N. Bristol against Roy W. Bristol, and Margaret E. Davis against Jefferson A. Davis.

Sabin Seeks to Collect.

To collect $1887.53, alleged to be due on 27 different accounts which have been assigned to him, R. L. Sabin yesterday filed suit against C. F. Gallegly.

Mrs. Clayburg Wins Preliminary Battle

Woman in "Badger Game" Case Secures Temporary Writ of Habeas Corpus in Fight to Escape Trip.

Los Angeles, March 18.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Isabel Clayburg alleged "badger" girl, scored her first victory in her fight for freedom today.

United States Judge Trippet granted a preliminary writ of habeas corpus. This means that she will be held here indefinitely or until the petition is disposed of finally.

The hearing of arguments for a final writ will be held next week. The court will set the date later.

Judge Trippet severely scored counsel for both sides on technical points. Deputy Sheriff Hall of Seattle will remain here until the conclusion of the habeas corpus proceedings.

FAIR AT SAN DIEGO STARTS ON 2D YEAR WITH BIG CEREMONY

Secretary of Interior Lane, Representative of President, One of Speakers.

San Diego, Cal., March 18.—(U. P.)—The Panama-California International Exposition of 1916 was formally dedicated today. The occasion was unique in that the exposition is embarking on its second year of existence.

With a bright California sun shining all San Diego and thousands of her visitors gathered within the gates of the Magic City today to realize their dreams of an international exposition.

An imposing program was arranged for the day. Principal speaker were Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, representing President Wilson and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California. Land and water parades, aeroplane flights by United States military aviators, the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes and the flags of 18 other nations by "Miss San Diego," and a score of other features were provided.

At noon, in response to a touch of a button in the White House at Washington a huge gong clanged on the Plaza, the exposition toast was drunk in orange juice, the flags of the nations were loosened from the staffs and the Panama-California International exposition was formally open.

Boys' Life at Camp Is Told to Parents

Y. M. C. A. Program Covers Enjoyments of Spirit Lake From Standpoint of Those at Summer Camp.

Camp life, such as was experienced by youngsters of the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A. on their outings to Spirit Lake, was revived at an elaborate entertainment given last night in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building. The hall was decorated with trees and shrubs, in the midst of which was a miniature cabin.

About 30 boys took part in the entertainment, which was given mostly for the benefit of their parents, to give them an idea of the enjoyments the boys get from the outings at Spirit Lake. J. C. Meehan, boys' secretary, was in charge of the entertainment. Speeches were made by H. W. Stone, Alexander Kerr, Fred Lockley and J. C. Meehan.

County Board Bans Bridge "Jockeying"

New Vehicle Regulation Order Forbids Deviation From Line of Travel or Passing Around Cars.

County commissioners have adopted the following order regulating traffic on the bridges:

"It is to be understood that all traffic shall pass over the bridges in single file in double column; that all slow-going vehicles shall pass on the right hand of the bridges and their approaches; fast moving vehicles shall keep to the center and there shall be no diverging from the lines when once taken. In no case shall a vehicle pass to the left of a street car while on the approaches or bridges."

School Board Will Elect School Head

To elect a superintendent and other school officers, a special meeting of school board will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected that Superintendent Alderman and his two assistants and Clerk Thomas will be reelected. The only question at issue seems to be the length of time for which they will be elected.

MOTOR WATER CARTS ARE ECONOMICAL TO RUN, DECLARES DALY

Commissioner Takes Exceptions to Statements Which Are Made to Contrary.

FIGURES GIVEN IN PROOF

Horse-Drawn Broom Apparatus and Flushers More Costly to Operate on City Streets Says Daly.

Statements made that automobile street flushing apparatus used by the street cleaning bureau are not proving economical are based on unfounded rumors Will H. Daly commissioner of public utilities, declares.

"With the horse-drawn, broom sweeping apparatus the cost of cleaning streets is 29 cents per 1000 square feet," he said today. "With the horse-drawn flushers the cost of cleaning is 24 cents per 1000 square feet.

"But with the motor equipment the cost is only 13.84 per 1000 square feet, or about half what it costs to clean with horse-drawn equipment.

"Evidently the rumors have been started by men let out when the two motor flushers were placed in service. The motor equipment is proving the most satisfactory and economical."

COMPANIES DO NOT AGREE

Council May Have to Apportion Cost of Regrade Project.

The city council will be probably called upon to apportion the amount of money the O-W. R. & N., the Portland Railway, Light & Power company are to pay in the O-W. R. & N., regrade project.

Under the charter amendment providing for the elimination of grade crossings, the railroad companies affected are to pay 60 per cent of the cost of the work, the city is to pay 20 per cent and the remaining 20 per cent is to be assessed to property owners benefitted.

It is said that the two railroad companies cannot come to an agreement as to the amount each should share of the 60 per cent. Commissioner Dieck informed the council that atttorney for the O-W. R. & N., would file a statement with the city Monday giving the facts as to negotiations between their company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and that the city would then probably have to settle disagreement between the two companies.

ASSESSMENT IS AGREED UPON

Seventh Street Issue Settled After Long Delay.

The city council today agreed that $2172.84 was a proper amount in settlement of assessments for the cost of improving Seventeenth street from Vaughn to Marshall streets. The question of settlement had been pending for 11 years.

Commissioner Bigelow opposed the plan, contending that the proper amount should be $2754.50. Commissioner Dieck did not vote, being personally interested in property assessed.

CITY MAY SUE COMPANY

Bridge Concern Refuses to Make Repairs to Sewer.

As a result of the Pacific Bridge company refusing to repair the East Alder street sewer between East Forty-ninth and East Fifty-fifth streets, it is probable that the city will commence suit against the company.

The matter was discussed by the council this morning and referred to City Attorney La Roche. This is the sewer laid in 1913 and recently found defective.

Widow to Get Pension.

Mrs. E. G. Gustafson, widow of the fire bureau lineman who died Thursday night as a result of receiving 10,000 volts through his body, is to receive a pension from the firemen's relief and pension fund. She will get half of the monthly salary paid linemen, which is a little more than $100 a month. The council today ordered that she be paid $55 due her husband in wages when he died.

Must Remove Moss.

Fire Marshal Stevens and his assistants are to begin an active campaign to have property owners remove moss from the roofs of their buildings. Fines are provided for failure to obey the law which requires the cleaning of roofs.

Horses to Be Loaned.

Three horses, recently discarded by the street cleaning bureau and turned over to the park bureau, are to be loaned to the Pisgah home colony for use near Scappoose. The council this morning decided to loan the animals.

Orange Day Being Featured by Road

Northern Pacific Company Has an Attractive Exhibit at Ticket Office Third and Morrison Streets.

The Northern Pacific railway is featuring "orange day" today with an attractive exhibit at its city ticket office. The campaign for a wider use of the fruit was inaugurated by the California citrus fruit growers, who designated March 18 for nation-wide eating of oranges.

A big box of oranges was received by the Chamber of Commerce today from the Whittier, Cal., chamber in response to Portland's request of interchange of courtesies. M. J. Haig, secretary of the Whittier organization, expressed the hope in his accompanying letter that the Portland organization might make use of them in celebrating "orange day."

Vista House Donors Urged to Pay Sums

W. E. Conklin, vice president of the Vista House association, is sending a letter today to those who have made pledges toward the Vista house fund, stating that if all pledges are paid by March 25, the remainder necessary for the construction of the building will be forthcoming from another source. Contributions are yet to be received from schools. A dance is to be given April 3 for the benefit of the fund.

Polk Road Master Is Back on the Job

Official Was Dismissed Month Ago but County Court Decides to Reinstate Him; Trouble in the Family.

Dallas, Or., March 18.—After having dispensed with the services of County Roadmaster Waldo Finn for one month, the county court yesterday voted to put him back on the job. This decision of the court was brought about when the members of the court became convinced that in the absence of a roadmaster all road work came under the supervision of County Surveyor C. R. Canfield. There has been bad blood between the court and Mr. Canfield for more than a year and the commissioners would rather have Finn than Canfield to deal with, as "the lesser of two evils," as one expressed it.

TWO DELEGATES SENT TO REALTY MEETING BY THE LADD ESTATE

F. N. Clark and F. H. Strong Will Represent Portland at New Orleans Gathering.

F. N. Clark and Frederick H. Strong will start for New Orleans Tuesday afternoon to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges, which will be held there for four days beginning Monday, March 27.

The decision to go was reached late yesterday, following the action of the Realty board at its noon meeting not to send the delegates they had elected some weeks previously. President F. E. Taylor and Paul Cowgill, secretary, were elected delegates. At the Friday meeting President Taylor announced that he and Secrtary Cowgill had decided not to attend. They did not believe the expense to the association was warranted, he said, and it would necessitate an absence of three weeks at the beginning of the busy season.

F. N. Clark did not favor Portland going unrepresented at the convention and after the meeting he arranged the plan by which the Ladd Estate company will send two representitives.

Messrs. Clark and Strong will present their selling campaign to the convention and later visit other cities of the east and discuss their selling project with the leading real estate men of the country.

WATER POWER BILLS PUT UP TO THE FRONT

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and also a readiness to join with any other force or faction from time to time to relegate the water power bill to the rear.

The Myers bill, which was reported by the senate committee early in the session, is regarded by the progressive advocates of this legislation as defective in several particulars, as compared with the Ferris bill, which was passed by the house, but as a much better measure than the Shields bill, dealing with power development on navigable streams, which the senate has already passed.

President on Watch.

President Wilson's letter to Congressman Kent on the subject of the Shields bill is believed to foreshadow a veto for that measure unless it is radically amended. The president said he believed it better to allow water to continue to run to waste than to settle the question in the wrong way; and stated that he is anxiously watching the course of this legislation. Congressman Kent, in a letter to the president, had called attention to some of the provisions of the Shields bill that were so strongly opposed by progressives in the senate.

It is safe to say the Shields bill will not go through the house until it has been pruned and the public interest protected. Nither will the Myers bill be permitted to remain in its present form. But between this day and the day of final enactment there will be protracted debate, with effort direct and indirect to throw these bills on the shelf for other measures.

Borah's Scheme Laid Bare.

Senator Borah and Senator Underwood, two of the ablest men in the senate, on opposite sides of the aisle, took part in the effort to block the Myers bill. Borah branched off into a talk on preparedness, saying it is the duty of congress to take up these bills on the spot. Underwood urged that rural credits forms a more important part of the work to be done than water power legislation.

It was brought out in the debate that not a single preparedness measure had been reported to the senate from committee, so Borah's plea had no foundation. It was further brought out that neither the author of the rural credits measure nor the chairman of the committee reporting it had asked that it be taken up ahead of the Ferris bill, so Underwood exposed himself to the charge of showing unusual interest in impeding the water power bill.

Senator Myers, in charge of the bill bearing his name, made it clear that there is no hostility to rural credits in the water power bill, the rural credit leaders having, in fact, agreed to concede priority to his bill. He pointed out that the water power bill, which will make possible the building of great nitrate plants, is really a part of any comprehensive preparedness program, and he suggested that the country is not demanding that all legislation for the internal needs of the country be laid aside "for the purpose of increasing the army and navy and voting money to pay for it."

Myers said he expected to see a reasonable program of preparedness adopted in due time, and congress should stay on the job long enough to pass not only preparedness measures, but water power and rural credits legislation as well.

OREGON LAND MADE SUBJECT TO ENTRY UNDER HOMESTEAD ACT

Washington, March 18.—By order of Secretary Lane of the interior department, 130,000 acres of Oregon land has been designated as non-irrigable and made subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act in tracts of 320 acres.

The designations made include three "blankets," embracing 37,000 acres in Gilliam county, 36,000 acres in Crook, 18,000 acres Klamath, and 12,000 acres in Sherman. The designations cover many 160-acre homesteads already patented, as well as many applications for additional tracts of 160 acres adjoining present homesteads, where the applicants will now have preference rights to secure additional land.

More Samples of Sudan Seed.

Washington, March 18.—Farmers of Oregon, in common with those of other western states, have been calling upon the congressmen in great numbers for sample of Sudan grass. A short time ago it was stated that distribution of this seed would be discontinued on March 15, but this time has been extended to April 1, providing requests are received in Washington by that date.

Pendleton Request Is Granted.

Washington, March 18.—The postoffice department has informed Senator Lane that the request of Pendleton citizens for a change in the plan of lock boxes in the postoffice there will be granted, and No. 2 boxes will be installed, instead of No. 1, as originally planned.

FEDERAL PROSECUTOR TRYING TO KEEP MAN FROM GOING TO JAIL

Clinton Tom Who Ran Away From Indian School, Took Coat and Boots.

HE REFUSES TO RETURN

Young Fellow Says He Believed Apparel His; Declines to Go Back to Chemawa.

Not often do prosecuting officers for the United States government have to struggle to keep offenders out of jail; their energy is generally expended in the other direction. With Clinton Tom, however, it is different.

Clinton Tom is 20 years old, a Siletz Indian, until recently a pupil at the Chemawa Indian school. He is in the county jail under indictment for larceny of a fleece-lined coat and a pair of big boots belonging to the school.

Early this year he ran away, taking with him the coat and boots, which he had borrowed. As the school authorities are said to be troubled a great deal by their wards selling clothes given them to second hand dealers, Clinton Tom was arrested as an example to the others.

He protested that he did not know the things did not belong to him, thinking that, like ordinary wearing apparel, they were turned over for his permanent use.

He showed the school authorities how to get them back and Assistant United States Attorney Johnson told the lad that if he would return to school and behave himself the indictment would be quashed.

Clinton Tom, however, refuses to go and says that he will plead guilty and go to jail rather than face his fellows at Chemawa.

Superintendent Wadsworth has promised that he will be received as if nothing had happened.

The case has been continued indefinitely until some solution of the unusual situation is reached.

Suspect Admits He Raised a Paycheck

Man Under Arrest for Attempting to Extort Money Identified as Being Wanted by Authorities at Eugene.

Arrested yesterday morning for attempting to extort money from Mrs. Clara Jones, a colored woman, W. B. Jackson, alias Jack Renfro, confessed to Detectives Hellyer and Tackaberry today that he was wanted for raising a pay check for $15.90 to $50.90 at Eugene.

Sheriff Parker of Eugene issued circulars asking for the arrest of Jackson after the latter left Eugene about March 8. Renfro had been employed by J. H. Smith, a rancher, nine miles from Eugene and received the check in payment. He raised the check, and successfully cashed it.

The police today identified Jackson from this signature, and he confessed. He will be turned over to Sheriff Parker tomorrow, as the police regard the charge here as not very strong. Jackson is 22 years old.

Former Oregon Man Ordered to Mexico

Lieut. Ronald De Vore Johnson, Son of Mrs. W. Carey Johnson, to Join United States Cavalry.

Mrs. William Cary Johnson of Portland has received a telegram from San Francisco, announcing that her son, Lieutenant Ronald De Vore Johnson of the Ninth United States cavalry, had just arrived from the Philippines, and had received "orders to join the Twelfth cavalry in Mexico at once."

Lieutenant Johnson is already familiar with the Mexican border and its climate and people, as a result of having performed patrol service with the Third cavalry almost continuously for the three years immediately preceding his going to the Philippines in January, 1914.

When it was reported that a volunteer regiment of cavalry would be recruited in Oregon for service in Mexico he cabled to Senator Chamberlain asking to be appointed one of the regular army officers that would command it.

He is the first Oregon-born officer to be called to the colors in Mexico.

Control of Rabies Object of Ordinance

A set of model ordinances aimed to prevent the spread of rabies in rural towns and districts has been prepared by State Health Officer Roberg and received the sanction of the state livestock board.

The ordinances are for the guidance of town and county officials and are to be distributed to them.

The measure provides for the licensing of dogs and provides that dogs shall be muzzled during rabies epidemics or the approach of an epidemic. It also provides for shooting the rabies infected dog through the heart, so that the head may be shipped intact to the state health board laboratory. It provides for the impounding of animals during an epidemic and the confinement of suspects.

North Portland Club To Banquet Tonight

Tickets May Be Procured From Members, but Not at Door—Dancing Will Begin at 9:30 o'Clock.

Tickets for admission to the North Portland Commercial club annual banquet, which will be held this evening in the Jefferson High school, can be procured only from members of the club who have them for sale. From the number of tickets sold, it appears that over 200 will take part in the banquet. The speakers will be: Postmaster Myers, City Commissioner Baker, Professor Hopkin Jenkins, Mrs. S. B. Blumauer, candidate for school director; W. T. Vaughan, D. C. Lewis, Frank Duester and J. H. Nolta, president. C. L. McKenna of the Commercial club will be the toastmaster. The banquet will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

GOOD SAINT PATRICK HONORED IN STORY AND SONG ON FRIDAY

Principal Celebration in Honor of Ireland's Patron Saint That of Hibernians.

In song and story St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was honored in Portland yesterday.

Principal of the celebrations was that of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Hibernia hall last night, when Governor Withycombe made an address, pleading for the establishment of a civilization in this country that would place her above international disputes.

Rev. Edward Joseph Power outlined the life of St. Patrick, and John Dowd, 104 years old, a native of County Kerry, was a guest of honor. There was an elaborate musical program.

At St. Patrick's church yesterday morning solemn high mass was sung by Rev. J. T. Boland, assisted by Rev. J. H. Black, deacon, and Rev. Dominck, sub-deacon. Archbishop Christie presided. Rev. Father Cannon made the chief address.

At St. Francis hall last night under the auspices of the Holy Names society Rev. Walter O'Donnell spoke, and there was a program of Irish songs. Desiree Dubowsky, appearing at the Orpheum, assisted in the sale of paper shamrock tags for the benefit of St. Patrick's church.

FUNSTON ASKS RIGHT TO USE MEXICAN R. R. TO SUPPLY U. S. ARMY

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quest use of the tracks. Officials are uncertain as to whether Carranza is in a position to grant it.

Secretary of War Baker's reports indicate that all is quiet along the border, with the exception of some excitement at Tampico. Apparently this disturbance is temporary, and without cause. He said no reports of the expedition's operations were available for publication.

It was noted among Baker's reports that fire had destroyed the Monterey bathhouse and postoffice. There was no indication of revolutionary activity, however.

Carranza Held Reasonable.

Washington, March 18.—(I. N. S.)—The request of General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commandant at Juarez, that American troops, in their chase of Francisco Villa, do not enter Casas Grandes, the Mormon colony, is considered reasonable by officials here. They said today that the troops probably would detour around Casas Grandes and other Mexican towns, thus avoiding any complications from Mexicans misunderstanding American motives in occupying towns.

Government officials are hopeful that Villa will be killed rather than taken prisoner. If captured the state of New Mexico, in which the bandit made the raid that started American soldiers on his trail and Carranzistas are sure to wrangle over the possession and punishment, it is said.

Will Stay Until Villa Is Caught.

Los Angeles, March 18.—(P. N. S.)—American armies will continue their drive into Mexico and will remain in Mexican territory until Francisco Villa is caught, according to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who passed through Los Angeles en route to San Diego, where he is representing the president at the reopening ceremonies of the southern exposition.

Secretary Lane said he had every reason to believe that Carranza will cooperate with the United States in every way possible to bring about Villa's capture.

Conditions Satisfactory.

Washington, March 18.—(I. N. S.)—Conditions in Mexico are satisfactory, according to consul's reports received here today, except at Tampico, where there is "a little excitement, apparently temporary, and without cause."

Mexico City Celebrates.

Mexico City, aMrch 18.—(I. N. S.)—Five hundred Indians from Xochimilco marched through the streets behind bands Friday in celebration of the peaceful settlement of the threatened difficulties with the United States. They carried banners praising Carranza to the cheers of the populace.

Mexicans Cheer Wilson.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, March 18—(I. N. S.)—Evidence of Vera Cruz Mexicans' regard for the United States was seen here today in celebration of the agreement to exterminate Francisco Villa. Parades wound through the streets last night, the Mexicans cheering for Presidents Wilson and Carranza.

Baker Goes Home.

Washington, March 18.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of War Baker will go to his home at Cleveland, Ohio, tonight to remain until Tuesday.

Centralia Elks Will Build.

Centralia, Wash., March 18.—(P. N. S.)—Plans are completed for the new $40,000 home of the Centralia Elks, ground for which will be broken within 90 days. The building will be erected on property owned by the lodge.

Divorce Suit Is Filed.

Salem, Or., March 18.—Suit for a divorce on the ground of desertion was filed Friday by Emma Elnora See against Charles Dell See. They were married in Michigan in 1897.

HOTEL ASSOCIATION IS AFTER SCALP OF THE WELFARE BODY

Fight Looking to Abolishment Will Be Made in the Next Legislature.

SHORTER HOURS OPPOSED

Statement Made if Change Made Orientals Will Be Used Instead of White Help.

Abolishment of the Industrial Welfare commission is to be purpose of a fight in the next legislature by the Oregon State Hotel association, according to a decision reached by members of the association yesterday.

Resolutions were adopted condemning any attempt of the welfare body to raise wages or shorten hours of female workers and the legislative committee of the association was instructed to prepare a draft of a bill for presentation to the legislature.

It was declared by many hotel men present that any change in the present scale would compel the substitution of orientals for the present female help.

A special meeting of the association was set to be held in the Hotel Osborn, Eugene, April 17 and 18, when hotel men from all parts of the state will meet to plan a vigorous campaign for working up sentiment favorable to abolishment of the welfare association.

Plans were also discussed for the entertainment of officers of the American Hotel Protective association, who will be in Portland, April 4.

Berger and Jones Busy as Candidates

Portland Men Who Are Showing Color Pictures of Wonder Highway, Making Speeches, Are Busy.

No presidential candidate ever was busier speech making than are Henry Berger, Jr., and Frank Ives Jones showing the wonder color pictures which they made of the Columbia river highway and Oregon scenery. They will appear before the Racine Commercial club Monday evening, the Milwaukee Rotary club Tuesday noon, Milwaukee Athletic club Tuesday evening. Then they will go to St. Paul and appear before the St. Paul Association of Commerce Wednesday noon and at the First Methodist church Wednesday evening.

Thursday they will address the West high school of Minneapolis at noon and the New Minneapolis Athletic club at night. They will be in Spokane on the night of March 20, addressing a joint meeting of Spokane business clubs.

Proposed Changes To Oust Mrs. Schoff

The changes proposed to the constitution of the national organization of the Congress of Mothers, which will have the effect of ousting Mrs. Schoff, the national president, from office, will probably be reported on favorably by a committee of the Oregon Congress of Mothers next Monday.

This committee met this morning, and had a lively discussion over the matter, and it is understood the members agreed on a favorable report to the governing body, which will meet at 10:30 o'clock next Monday morning.

The contemplated changes were proposed by the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers. The chief changes proposed are for a rotation in office and an increase in the quorum of the national board.

Members of the committee who considered the matter today are Mrs. F. S. Myers, chairman; Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, Mrs. W. J. Watkins, Mrs Thomas G. Green, Mrs. Aristine Felts, Mrs. A. King Wilson, Mrs. Millie Trumbull and Mrs. McMath, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, ex-officio.

Forgers Suspected Of Stealing Checks

Men Seeking Signatures to Duplicate Believed to Have Committed Theft From Portland Residence.

Forgers seeking signatures to duplicate are believed to have committed the robbery last night at the W. T. Reed residence, 604 East Forty-sixth street, North.

The thieves took three checks, written for the total sum of $203. They bore the signature of Mr. Reed and the police believe they were taken for the purpose of copying his signature.

In addition the thieves took a watch, $2.50 in money, a neck chain and automatic revolver.

Plan to Reduce Insurance.

At the request of W. F. Woodward, president of the Library association, the county commissioners are arranging to reduce the insurance on the Central library building from $300,000 to $150,000. Under an agreement that has been entered into between the county and the Library association the county was obliged to carry insurance equal to 80 per cent of the value of the property.

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