

## PRATT INDICTMENT TARGET OF LOGAN IN MORRIS CASE

John F. Logan, in arguing this morning the demurrer to the indictment of F. B. Pratt, former secretary of Morris Brothers, Inc., indicated what steps were being taken designed to throw out the indictments against all the men implicated in the wrecking of the Portland bond house.

Presiding Judge Kavanaugh took the matter under advisement and a decision is expected from him shortly, as he has already heard the demurrers to the indictments of John L. Etheridge, Stella M. Etheridge and Fred S. Morris.

Logan based his argument on the point that the exact office held by Pratt in the concern was not named in the indictment.

"The district attorney's office had all the records," he declared. "It knew Pratt was secretary, and yet it named him an officer, servant and employee."

"I tell you right now," he said, "that they were afraid to give the actual position held. If they had said he was secretary, we would have shown the court that it was impossible for the secretary to have committed larceny by embezzlement."

"Etheridge, Morris and Pratt were the directors of this firm and they owned all the stock. They could not commit embezzlement. How could they steal from themselves? It would be like taking money out of their right hand and putting it into their left hand."

Deputy District Attorney Stockman replied that the supreme court of Oregon has ruled that an indictment in the language of the statute is sufficient and that it is not necessary to say "a horse is black—that it is a horse is enough."

He added that he believed Pratt was more than a secretary and director.

**BIDS ON JANITOR WORK  
FOR COURTHOUSE OPENED**

Bids on the janitor work in the county courthouse were opened by the commissioners today, as follows: George Manning, \$1400 a month; Austin Maloney, \$1200; and George D. Zimmerman, \$1195. The bids were referred to Commissioner Rudeen for investigation, over the protest of Commissioner Hoyt.

District Attorney Evans submitted protests from several county officials, saying they did not wish to change janitors and take the risk of having dishonest men in their offices.

Commissioner Hoyt added that most of the present janitors have held their jobs for years, most of them are married men, and if they are discharged some will become county charges.

The present janitor contract in the courthouse is \$2215 a month, according to figures submitted by the commissioners.

**FOREST GROVE MAN MADE  
LIQUOR; UP FOR 30 DAYS**

Ed Brown of Forest Grove was sentenced to 30 days in jail in federal court this morning for liquor manufacture. Roy Saunders, his accomplice, 17 years old, was dismissed upon the plea of the town marshal of Forest Grove.

M. Y. Stuehli, proprietor of a soft drink establishment at Third and Everett streets, was handed over to the grand jury on the charge of violation of the prohibition law. He is out on a \$250 cash bond.

**Youth on Trial**

The trial of Milton E. Smith, 17 years old, charged with driving from Vancouver to Portland in a stolen automobile, was opened this morning in federal court. Smith was arrested with three other boys and is the last to be tried.

Hal Sheldon of the party was sentenced to 18 months at McNeil's. Albie May was given three months in the county jail, and Louis Thomas was released.

**Clarke Estate Closed**

Final papers closing the estate of Mrs. Mary A. Clarke were filed in probate court Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Clarke died in 1911, leaving \$11,000. Debts cancelled by her creditors at 25 cents on the dollar previous to her death were all paid out of the estate.

**Divorce Mill**

Suits filed: Mira against Arndt J. Grooms, Emma against Gilbert Thompson, Elton against Eva Jones, Elton against Benjamin P. Comer, Ada against Joseph Levy, Louise against Howard E. Butler, Oma against Henry Haller, Alex against Clara Green and Grace A. against Gus J. Kammerer.

**Albany Boasts 4840,  
But Skunk, Alone,  
Routs Population**

Albany, Or., April 28.—Crowds issuing from the theatres on First street last evening did not abash a skunk that came ambling down stairs from the

Meyers building. He walked about and a hundred people fled before him. He looked at the pictures of D. Fairbanks and B. Farnum, sniffed at a telephone pole, advanced through the crowd, which parted magically before him, women scurrying for shelter and strong men beating a retreat. Finally the skunk, finishing his stroll, returned to the staircase on First street, leisurely climbed upstairs, sniffed at the open door of the suite of Dr. M. H. Ellis and disappeared down the hall.

After waiting a respectable time an investigation was made. A hole in the flooring was found. It is believed the skunk has taken up his abode in the Meyers building, one of Albany's finest bricks, which houses the Globe theatre.

It is reported a parliamentary question has arisen as to whether it will be the business of the house janitor or manager to eject the skunk from his suite between-decks if he fails to pay his rent at the end of the month. Tomcats cannot be induced to enter the hole. Albany's population of 4840 also seems unequal to the task.

## MARJORIE RAMBEAU RETURNS TRIUMPHANT

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the bed of sorrow. When Marjorie didn't put the right kind of agony into Camille's suffering form, mother wielded a pointed and effective hat pin through the mattress. And Camille's death was terrible.

**TERRIBLE TO BE SURE**

Terrible, at least, until that hapless night when the hat pin was employed too vigorously and Camille rose up on her couch and rubbed the wound. To rise up in bed at that fateful moment was as awful as death itself, but there was friendly consolation awaiting her when the show was done. Of that consolation Miss Rambeau, now at the pinnacle of a remarkable stage career, says:

"It was here I got my start and it was here I got whatever measure of inspiration I have had to carry me to what success I have achieved."

"Always there was someone at my back, offering counsel and encouragement, urging me on to better things, holding out the hospitality that said, 'and I am sure, still is so characteristic of Portland. Such hospitality isn't found in the East and such a city as Portland is not found in the known world.'"

**GOSPEL OF FRIENDS**

"When it came time to leave the training ground on which all foundation of my success rests, I found the same helpful spirit attending me at the hands of my Portland friends."

"Don't worry," they would say, "you'll get along in New York. We like you here they'll like you there, and there's nothing you cannot do if you choose."

Did they like her on Broadway? Well, she has been there for six consecutive seasons, packing the largest theatres with admiring audiences so loath to let her return to the homeland for a professional visit that she simply had to take things in her own hands and come, anyway.

**HAPPY TO COME**

"I was happy to come, and I would be happy to remain. I have seen the American continent and a year or so ago we were touring Europe. There is no city I have seen that has the beauty of Portland. I expected to find many of the old friends in town, but many of them have gone the way of the multitude, it seems. Still, I know the old town like a book, even after 15 years have almost obliterated the landmarks. I can tell you what used to occupy the site of almost every one of the great structures that have been built since I left here. I could find my way anywhere just as in the days when I knew Portland like a book."

"I owe much to Mr. Keating and Dan Flood. They were always splendid fellows, anxious to help in my youthful work and always ready to hear and respond to my pleas—even when I asked for more time to die."

Three weeks after Miss Rambeau engaged Hugh Dillman, former Baker player here, to enact the role of her son in a recent Broadway play, she was married to the young navy veteran. That is typical of the way "our Marjorie" has been doing things in the 15 years that she has been away from Portland. To Dillman she is "darling," and to her Dillman is "dear," and they both are valuable in their protest after the experience of their hasty courtship, that there's any truth in the old line that says, "Haste is Waste."

Dillman is a big chap, handsome and a capital actor, to all appearances a very proper mate for the little Portland girl who has become a very beautiful woman and a very fine actress.

**E. Elfendahl Dies  
At San Francisco**

San Francisco, Cal., April 28.—(U. P.)—Ernest W. Elfendahl, aged 46, of Klamath Falls died here during the night. He was manager of the Associated Box & Lumber company and of the Lamolne Lumber company for several years and was prominent throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon.

## ALBERS' CASE NOW FORMALLY DROPPED

Washington, April 28.—(U. P.)—The department of justice in the supreme court Thursday dropped its prosecution of Henry Albers, Portland, for alleged violation of the espionage act. Albers was convicted in the lower courts for making disloyal statements on a train from San Francisco to Portland in 1918 in the presence of a United States deputy marshal, who happened to be a passenger.

It was admitted that Albers had been drinking heavily and the department of justice, by its action, apparently accepted the view that he could not be held responsible for his statements. The lower courts sentenced him to two years in prison and fined him \$10,000.

## TERMINAL IDEA WILL BE PUT UP TO PEOPLE

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ated on the northwest and southerly sides of the freight terminal.

George T. Reid, representing the Northern Pacific, said: "The railroads are intending in good faith to go ahead with the full development of the plan. The plan did not originate with the railroads, but with the desire of the people for a union terminal. The heads of the companies spent considerable time here going over the situation and finally evolved the present project to which they have all agreed, but they cannot be expected to proceed until the matter of street vacations is definitely decided."

**FRONT STREET FIGURES**

J. B. Zeigler urged the full development of front street as an artery of traffic reaching across the city, and that it be not curtailed in any manner by permitting part of its width to be used for railroad tracks. He urged that it be made with a continuation on Sherlock avenue, a width of 120 feet.

Various phases of this section of the street were discussed and the front street section finally was referred to a special committee composed of City Engineer Laugaard, G. R. Hegardt, dock engineer, and an engineer to be selected by the planning commission, to report next Tuesday morning.

**SUGGESTS ELECTION**

When suggestion was made by J. H. Lathrop, representing shipping interests, that the entire matter was in danger of being rushed through, the discussions culminated in Mayor Eber's declaration—that neither he nor the members of the council would be satisfied to take final action without a vote of the people.

Commissioner Bigelow, discussing the matter of viaducts, urged that a definite proposition be submitted as to the overhead crossings and that at least some of these be provided for immediate construction. He and Commissioner Barbier were appointed to take up this matter with the engineers and report at the next session.

The council will continue its discussions on the general report at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

## ECONOMY PLAN HITS SNAG IN SCHOOL BOARD

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and the big taxpayer opposes everything."

**ACTION DEFERRED**

Action was deferred until Tuesday night, when the organizations will be invited to meet with the board. The Portland Realty board, Progressive Business Men's club, Portland Association of Building Owners and Managers, Oregon State Hotel association and Portland Ad club are represented in the rigid three-year economy movement submitted to the board.

Shult's resolution carried a proviso that in adopting the movement for the prevention of increase in taxation it is with the expectation that when conditions justify the public will endorse and support a program that will bring school buildings and equipment up to that standard to which the children are entitled.

**DELEGATION INQUISITIVE**

Preceding the discussion a delegation from Buckman school asked when work would begin on the new Hawthorne-Buckman building. The mice are becoming a nuisance in the old building and the plastering is falling upon the children's heads, they said. The board told the residents that Buckman was a paradise compared with conditions in some other schools.

Bids will be advertised for a \$300,000 Hawthorne-Buckman building, to be submitted before May 26. Sixteen of the rooms are to be completed at this time.

Upon request of C. C. Colt, president of the Boy Scout council, that the board investigate the damage done to the Boy Scout cabin at Wahtum lake by high school students, Superintendent D. A. Grout was requested to take up the matter with the principals. The Scout organization will turn over to the board the names of the offenders.

**CALENDAR ADOPTED**

The school calendar for next year was adopted, with a total of only four holidays. Good Friday and the Monday following Easter, which were observed as holidays this year, were put back into regular school days by the board, which felt that too many holidays were being observed. Children who wish to attend church services on Good Friday, will be excused from their classes to do so.

The board voted to expend \$1965.83 on added printing equipment at Benson Polytechnic school. It authorized the purchase, not to exceed \$8750, of a proposed school site in Marysville.

A half holiday was authorized in the high schools on May 27, because of the annual track and field day meet.

**TEACHER REMEMBERED**

Resolutions of appreciation of the work of Miss Christina McConnell, veteran teacher at Lincoln high school, who has resigned after more than two score years, were passed. It read in part: "The board of directors of school district No. 1 do hereby record their great appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of Miss McConnell to the schools of this district. The members of this board know that there are hundreds of good citizens in Portland who owe more than can be expressed in words to the inspiration, sound judgment, good advice and forceful instruction given to them by their friend and teacher, Miss McConnell. This board knows that her duty has been well performed and that her adds to the grateful expressions of admiration by her old pupils, similar sentiments of praise for Miss McConnell's distinguished record of continuous unselfish service for 42 years."

**SETS NEW RECORD  
IN 440 HURDLE**

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ord was 4 minutes 44 seconds, made by Exeter in 1920.

**WINS RELAY RACE**

Penn's relay team won the American college sprint medley relay race, La Fayette was second and Princeton third. The University of Paris team was fourth. Time, 3:31 4-5 seconds. Maxam, Gill, McFadden and Eby ran for Pennsylvania. Eby led the pack in the last relay, the 880.

Crawford, Leoney, Mallick and Williams ran for La Fayette. Way, Taylor, Canover and Stevenson for Princeton and Perry, Bigot, Zurlin and Gouloux for the University of Paris.

W. Bartels of Pennsylvania won the javelin throw in the Pentathlon with a throw of 168 feet 11 1/4 inches, breaking the Pennsylvania relay record. Bartel of Delaware college was second and Hamilton of Missouri, third.

**FINISH IN RAIN**

Legendre of Georgetown won the 200-metre race in the Pentathlon competition. Bartels of Pennsylvania, tied with Bradley of Kansas for second place. Legendre's time was 22 3-5 seconds.

The games were finished in a brisk rain that softened the dirt track and drove many of the spectators to cover.

Legendre of Georgetown won first place in the Pentathlon broad jump. His distance was 21 feet 11 inches. Hamilton of Missouri was second and Osborne, Illinois, third.

**Circle to Give Play**

Vancouver, Wash., April 28.—The Queen Esther circle of the First Methodist church will give a three-act play in the church parlors this evening.

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