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Judge Boise Decides Case Against the State—Sustains Motion of Penneyer, McBride and Metschan to Strike Out Portions of Complaint Referring to Davis.

SALEM, Dec. 12.—Judge Boise, of Department No. 2, circuit court, rendered an important decision yesterday afternoon in the case of the State of Oregon against Sylvester Penneyer, George W. McBride and Phil Metschan, in which it is sought to hold them responsible for the funds embezzled by George W. Davis as clerk of the state land board, which was comprised of those gentlemen at the time of such embezzlement. Judge Boise sustained the motion of defendants to strike from the complaint all allegations asserting that Davis was the agent of the board and that they were directly responsible to the state for his acts and malfeasance. This decision virtually destroys the case against the board and leaves no hope of being able to collect a dollar of the Davis defalcation. Judge Boise delivered the opinion orally, and said:

"In this case it is claimed that Davis was the clerk and also the agent of the state land board, and that they received the money for the school funds through him as such agent, in trust for the state. The only question to be considered is that of the agency thus alleged.

"The constitution of the state makes the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer the board of commissioners for the sale of school lands and the investment of its funds, and provides that they shall administer this trust as provided by laws enacted by the legislature.

"The question is not presented in these pleadings whether the laws passed by the legislature are in accordance with the constitution, but they will be presumed to be so—the matter not being involved in the pleadings.

"The legislature has passed laws at various times defining the duties and functions of the officers of the state—the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, etc., and all such officers must act under direction of the law requiring

any particular subject. The legislature may regulate the manner of conducting the trust imposed by the constitution. It may and it did set the price at which lands should be sold; prescribe the manner and conditions of sale; the handling of the funds, etc. The legislature also provided for the appointment of the clerk of the board and defined his duties, as to the collection and their payment, which the law says must be made to the state treasurer by him direct. The money does not go to the board, but direct from the clerk to the treasurer of state.

"I think, then, that he is the agent of the state and not of the board, and its members are not responsible for his failure to pay over the moneys.

"The motion to strike out is sustained."

Trying to Convert Her Captors.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—The latest information regarding Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and Mme. Teliks, her companion, indicates that their condition has been so far ameliorated that they are able to obtain rude comforts. It is even said that the brigands have a doctor ready at hand in case his services should be needed. It appears that the brigands are now contemplating that Miss Stone is attempting to convert them to Christianity. While recognizing the illegality of the abduction of Miss Stone and Mme. Teliks, the brigands contend that their action was in the interest of a sacred cause, and therefore justifiable.

The brigands apparently are prepared to hold out all winter. They refuse to abate their demands one dollar, and have not vouchsafed a reply to Mr. Dickinson's ultimatum to the effect that they must accept his last offer or nothing. It is understood that recommendations have been forwarded to Washington proposing that an ultimatum be sent to Bulgaria.

Arrested in California.

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 12.—George Vernon, a traveling violinist, who stole a horse and saddle in this city a few days ago and passed several fraudulent checks, has been caught and lodged in jail in Siskiyou county, California, charged not only with the offenses named, but also with being implicated in the train hold-up at Walkers, near Eugene. Vernon is wanted in Eugene for passing fraudulent checks. In Grant's Pass Vernon hired a horse and saddle to go to Walkers, giving the owner of the horse's power of attorney to collect some money that



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would arrive in a few days. The money failed to turn up. An inquiry sent to Watkins elicited the fact that the man had left for Happy Camp, Cal. The borrowed horse and saddle were found the roadside near Watkins. Word was sent to the sheriff of Siskiyou county, who captured the man and promptly landed him in jail. Vernon is a bad character, or at least his record in this vicinity would prove such, and it is the belief of the officers who have him in custody that he was implicated in the Eugene train robbery.

Gift Is To Be In Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—It transpires that the gift of \$10,000,000 which Andrew Carnegie tendered to President Roosevelt for the founding of a great institution for higher education was not an offer of \$10,000,000 in cash, but the par value of that amount in bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. The offer of these bonds is embarrassing to the administration, owing to the complications which might arise if the government accepted them; and the president, it is understood, is now in correspondence with Mr. Carnegie about the matter. If understood to be his desire that the bonds be converted into cash. If this is done the only obstacle in the path of the acceptance of the generous gift of Mr. Carnegie will be removed. Pending the result of this correspondence Mr. Carnegie's offer is being withheld from congress.

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