

GENTEEL FORGER

Geo. E. Leslie Taken to California.

A. Hooker Believed to Be a Confederate.

Constable Charles H. Downing of Sultwh, Cal., arrived here yesterday afternoon and left at 8:30 o'clock this morning for home, having in charge George E. Leslie, alias George E. Little, one of the most genteel and audacious forgers the police have ever had to deal with.

About seven weeks ago Leslie arrived in San Francisco from Honolulu, and selected Suisun as a field of operation. Proceeding to that town he cut a wide swath and let it be known that he was a New York millionaire looking for investments. He made the acquaintance of R. H. Robbins, the leading banker, who is the owner of an extensive fruit ranch near Suisun. Negotiations were immediately entered into for the purchase of this place. Mr. Robbins set his price at \$200,000. Leslie demurred for several days, but finally said that most of his ready money was out at good interest, but that he would pay \$250,000 cash and give a mortgage for the other \$50,000. This was satisfactory to the wily old banker, who expressed himself as ready to close the deal.

Leslie was also apparently ready, but said that he would wish his lawyer, Mr. Howe, of Howe & Hammett, a New York firm of national reputation, to hurry on to his post and fix up the transfer. The next day Leslie showed Mr. Robbins a dispatch to the effect that Mr. Howe was on the point of departing for Suisun. This inspired confidence with the banker, but regarding this alleged dispatch Constable Downing, who appears to be a young man of more than usual police ability, has this to say:

"From the first I have been satisfied that this fellow Leslie had a confederate and after a careful investigation I came to the conclusion that he had fled to Portland. In this I am now satisfied that I am right, and I believe that this fellow, 'Colonel Bright-Eyes,' or, as he says his name is, A. Hooker, is that confederate. I made a very careful investigation of the case, and think that the 'Colonel' sent Leslie the 'Howe' forged dispatch. When I arrived here and found Hooker and Leslie both in the same jail, my suspicions were confirmed. I am morally certain they both fled to this city when they found they had played Suisun as strong as they dared to go."

The charge Leslie was arrested on was passing a forged \$50 check on W. H. Edwards, manager of one of Mr. Robbins' ranches. How much other worthless paper he has floated Mr. Downing does not know.

It was worth much to have seen Leslie's departure from the city jail this morning. He was brought down stairs with both arms full of silver-mounted toilet articles, including hair brushes, mirror and manicuring instruments. These he had in his cell and did not get a chance to place them in his baggage, which had been forwarded to the depot. He was dressed in the height of fashion, from patent-leather ties to the latest block of a hat, and when compelled to step into the patrol wagon, considered it a great indignity, but Jailer Roberts assured him that the ride to the depot in the tracing morning air would do him good.

Yale! high-toned thief!

HIGHEST RANK MASON.

John Carson Smith of Chicago, who is in the city for a few days, is a Mason of the highest rank, having taken every degree of the order, including the Shinarump and the 33rd Scottish Rite. He is grand master for the Northern Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons, and has made several trips to England on business relating to the order. At present he is the only American who bears the title of Knight Commander of the Temple, which degree was conferred upon him in 1899, by order of Lord Eustace. He is now secretary of King Edward to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He has been a Master Mason since 1853.

Besides his many honors in the Masonic order, Mr. Smith is distinguished as a soldier, having been a General during the Civil War. He lived in Galena, Ill., the home of General Grant, before the war, and enlisted in the Seventy-fourth Infantry of that state. At the close of the war he was Commanding General of United States Volunteers in the Army of the Cumberland. He retired from service then, but had fought in many important engagements, among them Chattanooga, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain. After the war he was elected State Treasurer of Illinois, and also served four years as Lieutenant-Governor.

General Smith was visited yesterday by many prominent Masons of the city and some army friends from Vancouver. He has been visiting his son at Fairhaven, Wash., and while in the West paid Portland his second visit.

CUT OFF HIS FINGERS.

George Rice, an employee in the veneering factory of the Portland Manufacturing Company at St. Johns, had his left hand badly mutilated while at work yesterday. While working with a saw it slipped over his fingers, cutting them off almost at the knuckles and also taking away the first joint of his thumb. He is receiving treatment at St. Vincent's hospital.

BANK FAILURE.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The Citizens Bank of Carleton, Tuolumne County, filed a petition in insolvency today. Assets, \$24,300; liabilities, \$29,335, principally in deposits.

READ IT IN THE JOURNAL

THE ACCOUNT OF THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF FERRY N. TOMLINSON FROM HIS HOME AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AS TENDER OF THE BRUNSWICK BRIDGE, PRINTED IN LAST EVENING'S JOURNAL, WAS NEWS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Although Mr. Tomlinson is in the employ of the county, he had given the Commissioners no notice of his intention to leave the city, and they had no knowledge that one of their most trusted employees had jumped his job until they read it exclusively in The Journal.

Commissioner Showers stated today that no appointment to fill the vacancy would be made until the next regular meeting of the board. In the meantime the bridge superintendent has appointed one of the extra men to do the work temporarily.

One of the steel bridge tenders said today that Tomlinson had secured a lay-off from the Foreman, and that he would be back at his post June 1. This will be news to Mrs. Tomlinson, who said that her husband would not return.

BASIN BOARD

The following letter will be sent out by Secretary Moore, of the Columbia River Basin Board of Trade, to the members of this organization:

"At a meeting of the Columbia River Basin Board of Trade held on the 8th inst., it was determined that there be a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 22d day of May, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the rooms of the board in the city of Portland, to formulate a general plan of work to be followed in future by the board. It is to the general interest that this be done in such manner as that the board may work to the best interests of this country at large and all its parts. That all interests be represented, it is necessary to have a full meeting of the directors. You are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting; that no interest of your section may be overlooked through inadvertence or the ignorance of the other members."

SUNDAY EXCURSION

The annual excursion of the Past Saabem's will take place next Sunday. The train will leave at 9:30 A. M., sharp, from the Union depot, will run up the east-side to Albany, where two hours will be allowed for dinner; thence to Corvallis where a stop of one hour will be made, returning to Portland on the west side. This will afford the public a rare opportunity of seeing the most attractive part of the Willamette Valley in all its grandeur at the most attractive season of the year.

MAY FESTIVAL.

The hall of the Clinton Kelly School was crowded this afternoon with visitors to hear the excellent program prepared for the May day festival. Every part of the entertainment was well executed and received hearty applause. The decorations were quite in keeping with the nature of the entertainment. The proceeds will be a great aid in purchasing books for the library.

QUEEN CAN TAKE NOURISHMENT

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) HET LOO, Holland, May 9.—The improvement in the condition of the Queen continues.

She is now able to take sufficient nourishment.

WHIST TOURNAMENT.

The first general contest of the North Pacific Whist Association was played at the A. O. U. W. hall last night. The initial of five general contests: Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and Portland were represented in the game, which was a contest for the Deschamps trophy and for the city championship, played in three rounds. Three cities are entered for the city championship, and the result of the first round was: Portland, 70 tricks; Tacoma, 75 tricks; Olympia, 68 tricks.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET.

The newly organized Fruitgrowers' Association is holding its session this afternoon in the Odd Fellows hall, corner Grand avenue and East Pine street, and plans for a permanent organization are being discussed.

The association held a meeting a week ago and elected C. H. Welch, President and J. F. Jaeger, Secretary-Treasurer. There is quite a difference of opinion as to how the organization should proceed so that the contracts signed would be effective on all the members. At least 75 percent of the growers of the district will have to sign the contracts before the organization will be effective in regulating prices.

WOODMEN WILL DEDICATE.

The fine new lodge hall of Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, corner East Sixth and East Alder streets, will be formally dedicated this evening according to the laws of the order.

The dedication address will be delivered by George K. Rogers, of Washington, who is at present acting head counsel. All the camps in the city have been invited to participate in the ceremonies.

PROBATE NOTES.

D. S. McLean has been appointed administrator of the estate of Nuga M. Kelleet, deceased, valued at \$500.

On motion of J. A. Stronbridge Jr., Maggie Smith has been appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, D. J. Smith, valued at \$1000.

WANTED TO KILL GOVERNOR

Sensational Evidence in the Wilson Case.

Startling testimony came out today in the trial of Mrs. Christine Enger against the State of Oregon, to wit: that she had confessed to the state in the absence of any legal help.

Chester V. Dolph, special counsel for the state, disclosed to the jury the testimony of Martin Lindall, one of Christine Enger's chief witnesses. Captain Lindall stated on cross-examination at the time the deposition was taken in San Francisco, February 21, 1902, that he had determined to assassinate Governor Budd of California, because he had refused to keep his promise. Hard straits sent him to the alms house in San Francisco, and he vowed that he would kill Governor Budd when he should get out. A detective heard of Lindall's threat and persuaded him not to think of committing such a rash act.

Attorney Dolph was putting a severe fire of cross-questions to the witness, with the idea of impeaching his testimony regarding statements made as to his age.

The questions and answers follow:

Q: On the 21st day of July, 1900, the records show that you stated upon your registration in San Francisco as a voter that you were 65 years of age?

A: Corresponds with what is on the register, don't it?

Q: Yes.

A: Well?

Q: You did state that?

A: What is on the register I have said, but that is not saying that I was born at that time. You know why I went to the poor house.

Mr. Paxton—Explain that.

A: I will explain that to you, Governor Budd, when he ran for Governor, I was promised office from him—what he did not give me—and I went to the poor house. Why, I should have sympathy with the people, and I made up my mind to kill him. That is why I went to the alms house—for nothing else. And I stayed in the alms house.

"In January I left the alms house, and I shot my mouth off as to what I would do, and Budd got hold of it, finding it out, and he went and saw Detective Seymour about it. And Seymour, he came to me and asked what I wanted from Budd. I said: 'I cannot do anything.' He said: 'You can get anything you want now—ask Budd. Budd is scared of you.' So I did get nothing. I do not want nothing from him, but I intended to shoot him. That was it, and it was hard to get it out of my mind to do, too. Any man can make up his mind to it."

As the web of testimony is woven, the web is taking on a serious hue for the plaintiff, Christine Enger. Nearly every witness for the plaintiff has been impeached. The attorneys for the state are endeavoring to prove that the claim of the Enger woman's relationship has been trumped up by Attorney Carr.

"It is a remarkable fact," observed Mr. Dolph, "that the witness exhibited display so much accurate knowledge about the family and private affairs of the deceased Henry Wilson, yet they know so little of their own affairs."

Captain Lindall admitted in his deposition that he was lying when he swore as to his age before the registrar at San Francisco.

On cross-examination, the witness was asked:

"On October 4, 1897, and at the City and County Almshouse, in the superintendent's office, did you not answer questions put to you as to your name, age, sex, color, nativity and occupation, that you were of the age of 62 years?"

A: I will explain that. I have always been lying five years on my age. That is the business because I want to be young. And I was not; that's all.

Q: I suppose, then, you will admit that on the 25th day of July, 1898, at the time of your registration as a voter in San Francisco, when you stated upon your oath that you were then 23 years of age, you were lying?

A: Yes, sir; I lied.

It is claimed by the state's attorney in order to make it appear that he was really younger than he represented himself to be at the time referred to, in order to accord with his statement that he met Wilson in San Francisco in 1892.

Questioned about his knowledge of Wilson, he said:

"I knew him in 1851, in May. He left for the North in 1852. In November, or December, I can not remember the month."

STUDENT INJURED.

George O. Goodall of Crawfordsville, a student of the State University, is seriously ill at one of the hospitals of this city. For about six months he has been suffering with rheumatism in his knees, brought on by a severe fall. It continually grew worse, and after an opinion that it could be saved only by an operation, he was brought to this city. Mr. Goodall has been a student at Eugene for the last four years, and was a member of the debating team and won many athletic honors, both in football and on the track.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST CITY

Sarah Elizabeth Knight this afternoon filed suit against the City of Portland for \$50,000 damages received from a fall through an elevated sidewalk at East Water and East Stark streets on April 5 last.

QUEEN AT WORK

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) HET LOO, Holland, May 9.—The Queen signed several decrees this afternoon.

STREET ASSAULT.

Street rumor has it that Manager Collins of the Alms planning mill was violently struck by a union picket this afternoon and knocked out. It is alleged that Collins shoved the picket off the sidewalk, and hostilities began.

CHINESE REBELS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) HONG KONG, May 9.—A letter received here today states that the rebels have been driven from the island of Kowloon, three hours April 27, using modern arms. Between 300 and 400 persons were killed.

HAVE GONE TO CHICAGO.

Mrs. Ben Campbell and family left this morning for Chicago to join John M. Campbell. They will make Chicago their permanent home. The removal of Mr. Campbell from the ranks of O. R. & N. Co. officials to the responsible place he holds with the traffic department of the Harriman lines at Chicago separated him necessarily from his family. Now all will be together again.

LET US LAUGH.

He—So you won't kiss and make up? She—Well, I won't make up.

"Papa, what is an optimist?" "Any man, my son, who has just succeeded in getting the best of his neighbor."

She cannot talk, she cannot sing. She looks a fright, but folks ever Ten millions have been set apart To talk and sing and look for her.

"I see by the posters that Footlight is traveling under his wife's management." "So do most men—but they don't advertise it."

Helen—Cousin Jennie got married last week and has taken a flat near Lincoln Park.

Marie—Yes, I heard she had taken a flat, but didn't hear where she had taken him.

Tom—Do you think you'll have much trouble in popping the question? Dick—No; I think I'll have more trouble questioning the pop—Chicago News.

Jasper—What makes Jimson so sour? Jumpjumps—He once had a success he did not merit, and ever since he has been expecting things he does not deserve.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mrs. Fanny Wallace, mother of John E. Wallace of the Northern Pacific general freight office, is visiting friends at Chehalis, Wash.

F. O. Downing has just returned from a trip to Yreka, Cal.

H. W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, has departed for a visit to New York. He expects to be absent a month or more.

THE NEW DREDGE

Shore Pipe Bids Opened at Meeting of the Port of Portland Commission.

At a meeting of the Port of Portland Commission late yesterday afternoon bids for shore pipes for the new dredge were opened and let to the lowest bidder, Trenkman & Co. The bids were as follows: Bowles & Strou, \$2475; Phoenix Iron Works, \$2685; Springfield (Ill.) Iron Works, \$2785.35; and Trenkman & Co., \$2900.

A communication was read from Geo. H. Williams, attorney for the board, in relation to a letter from the Taxpayers' League, protesting against the levying of taxes for the new dredge in a single year. Judge Williams recommended that an act be introduced in the Legislature extending the time of payment and providing for the debt to be paid in installments.

Bids for loans of money left over from the last meeting were then taken up. A bid was received from the United States National Bank, offering \$50,000 at 5 per cent. As this was considered too high, the matter was laid over to the next meeting.

The board took up the charge of W. A. Alger that the timbers used in the new dredge were not up to the standard, and as stated in The Journal a few days ago, instructed the clerk to inform the Federated Trades Assembly to send one of their men to point out the timbers and they would be replaced.

The president, Mr. Baileid, was authorized to play the Phoenix Iron Works \$500 on account of work done.

A bill was presented for some 20-inch pipe. The clerk was ordered to pay it as soon as the pipe is finished and found in satisfactory condition.

The Auditor's report was read and showed the books as kept by Clerk Stevens to be absolutely correct. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer on March 31 was \$11,327.11.

EMBALMED BEEF OR NO MEAT AT ALL

This Is the Situation in Chicago Today.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, May 9.—Embalméd beef, of the kind that created a stir during the Spanish-American war, is being placed on the market in great quantities, according to local meat dealers.

They say they have been informed that they must accept this meat or do without meat of any kind.

Most of the meat offered today has been in storage since last August.

LIVELY CHASE

Archie Stock, an ex-messenger boy, led Officer Kitzmiller a lively chase this morning. The boy has been interfering with the Hasty Messenger Company boys for some time, and interrupting the service. He always avoided Kitzmiller until this morning, when, after a spirited pursuit, the officer caught Stock on the roof of the Chamber of Commerce. It was an amusing sight to see the heavy-weight member of the force chase a nimble 17-year-old boy up eight flights of stairway.

CANNOT COMPLY.

R. Koehler, manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, has informed the street committee of the City Council that it is impossible for the company to secure from American steel mills the full-groove rails capable of accommodating cars and engines used on steam roads. It therefore appears that the company cannot comply with the requirements for rails to be used on Fourth street. The company prefers to use a seven-inch girder rail of 80 pounds to the yard and forming a groove with a light rail on brackets, the kind used successfully in San Francisco.

INCENDIARY FIRE

J. D. Mickel of 94 East Taylor street reported to the police today that he discovered his new barn to be afire at an early hour this morning. The flames were extinguished with difficulty. The barn is situated at Thirty-fourth and East Yamhill streets, Sunnyside, and was unoccupied at the time. The fire was discovered in the loft and Mr. Mickel is satisfied that the fire was of incendiary origin. No arrests have been made.

VAGRANCY CHARGE.

Robert J. Hilliard was taken to the police station last night and charged with vagrancy by Officer Griff Roberts.

Hilliard has been a bother to the police for a long time. It was only recently that he was arrested for making a "rough house" in a third-story restaurant. Last night, becoming dissatisfied at some act of his mistress, he commenced to raise Cain in a rooming-house over the Thirtieth saloon. He was advised to desist, and, refusing, Officer Roberts was called.

BIRD LECTURE.

The stereopticon lecture given by Dr. Elliot on the subject, "Oregon Birds," at the First Unitarian Church Wednesday night, under the auspices of the John Burroughs Society, was complete in every way, almost every bird to be found in the state being pictured and discussed. Many of the pictures showed unique positions and places, and one of especial interest because of its rarity decided the society in planning a search for its hiding-place. It is the long-tailed chat or "funny-bird," that has been seen in only two places near here—Arbor Lodge and Guild's Lake, near Willamette Heights. Instead of flying, these birds tumble along the ground a part of the time, and the pictures show them in this act. Next Saturday afternoon the club will go in a party to search for the bird near Guild's Lake, leaving the foot of Washington street at 2 o'clock.

LOST—A TERRIER.

Allen Wright, of the Portland hotel lost a valuable fox terrier last Wednesday and has been unable to trace him since. He was at a house at Sixth and Clay streets, accompanied by his dog, and while Mr. Wright was looking through the house, the dog disappeared. On the canine's collar was engraved: "Teddy, Portland Hotel," so the finder could readily replace him if he so desired.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

In answer to a telephone call, the Sunnyside fire company was called out about 5 o'clock this morning for a small roof fire on a newly built barn, corner East Thirty-fourth and East Yamhill streets. The origin of the blaze is a mystery, as there was no fire in the building. A hole in the roof was the only damage.

DEATHS.

May 5, Mary J. Campbell, 65 years, 630 East Lincoln street; senile paralysis.

May 6, Martha A. Dalton, 69 years, 629 East Alder; apoplexy.

The Edward Holman Undertaking Co., funeral directors and embalmers, 280 Yamhill. Phone 507.

J. P. Finley & Son, Undertakers and Embalmers, corner Third and Jefferson streets, do first-class work and deal honorably with all.

Otto Schumann, monumental and building work, 204 Third St. Estimates on first class work only.

WHITE HOUSE ROAD MUDDLE

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In behalf of the contractors, it was argued that they had gone ahead in good faith and moved their camp equipment out for the purposes of the work; had hauled some materials out and altogether had gone to considerable expense; it was claimed that the writ directed against the County amounted virtually to a restraint against the contractors; that at his season of the year while the ground is still damp, grading could be done to a greater advantage than later, hence it was desired to have the case disposed of at once. Attorney Brewster earnestly opposed the case on such short notice. Judge Segers set the time for hearing the arguments at tomorrow morning's session.

ROUND TOWN.

The funeral of Mrs. Edgar Fellows, wife of the well-known artist of this city, was held this afternoon from the family residence, 335 Williams avenue.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Camp Hannagon, Spanish-American War Veterans, met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Harder, 45 Clay street. At the next meeting the officers of the order will be installed.

The Young People's Society of the First Baptist Church will give a social at the church parlors tonight, for which a delightful program and dainty refreshments have been prepared.

Dr. Alexander Blackburn will teach the Sunday school lesson for next Sunday in the Y. M. C. A. rooms tomorrow, from 12:15 to 1 P. M., Lesson, "Peter Delivered From Prison."

Dr. Stephen S. Wiss will preach this evening at the First Unitarian Church on "Some Ways in Which Religion Should Influence Daily Living." The morning services will hereafter be held at the temple.

Miss Isom, the librarian at the Public Library, will address the Young People's Culture Club at the monthly meeting to be held Wednesday evening, May 14, in the vestry of Temple Beth Israel. Her subject will be "What Books to Read and How to Read Them."

Albert Tosler of Portland, ex-president of the National Editorial Association, was presented with a huge leather wallet filled with greenbacks during the recent meeting of the association in St. Louis. B. E. Herbert of Chicago, vice president, presented the gift on behalf of the editors.

William Reid, secretary of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad Company, is disabled with a broken ankle at Hobsonville, Or. While out driving his horse ran away, kicking the buggy to pieces and breaking Mr. Reid's ankle.

The beautiful scenery along the White House road is now greatly enhanced by the grounds at the residence of Charles E. Ladd at Cedarhurst. The greatest attraction at present is a long row of crabapple trees, whose boughs sweep the ground. With the many-colored lilacs, a magnificent effect is produced. The arrangement of the grounds adds greatly to the beautiful display. Other residences near by also present splendid scenery.

A King's Rival will be presented at the Cordray's Sunday night.

Sister Burdick of the Sacred Heart hospital at Spokane, Wash., died last night of pneumonia. She formerly was connected with hospital work in this city, but had lived for 10 years in Spokane. The remains will be brought to Portland in the morning and taken directly to Vancouver for burial.

Judge Bellinger today ordered the republication of advertisement for bids for the sale of the opium which was seized in February, the sale of which was not consummated this week.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

Pineat lunch in city.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

Saturday, 8 P. M., the Royal Highlanders' dramatic and musical entertainment by the Western Academy of Music and Elocution. Tickets at door. Dancing. Academy Hall, Second and Morrison.

The Royal Highlanders will give a dramatic and musical entertainment, rendered by the Western Academy of Music and Elocution, tomorrow evening at Western Academy Hall.

State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey was out yesterday inspecting dairies at Fairview. He reports them all in excellent condition. He is out again this afternoon.

Captain Day, the United States Light-house Inspector, has returned from an inspection trip to the lighthouses at Willlet Bay, Northhead and Port Canby. He reports that he has found them all in a satisfactory condition.

The piano used at the Citizens' meeting last night was furnished by Eiler Piano house.

Watson's Restaurant, open nights to 1 a. m.

The Woman's Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. M. Gline and after the business meeting a program of excellent selections was given. The paper of the day was on "Surgery of the Twentieth Century." Miss Edith Clarke gave two vocal selections, and other numbers were equally as good. Dr. May Cardwell presided at the meeting.

Until the bridge over the O. R. & N. Company's line is completed, the Gravel Hill road, extending from the Columbia Street road to the Sandy River, will be closed to traffic. It is expected that the work will be completed by June 1.

Jessie Waddell, sign painter, 128 Alder street. Both phones.

SAVAGE TRIAL

Diamond Robber Accomplices in Court.

The trial of Chas. Savage and Frankie Savage, colored, accused of complicity in the robbery of \$10,000 worth of diamonds from Albert Lowenthal, at the Portland hotel, November 17 last, was commenced before State Circuit Judge Frazer this morning. Deputy District Attorneys Manning and Spencer appeared for the state and W. T. Hume represented the defendants. The forenoon was taken up in securing a jury.

Mr. Hume asked that the case be continued a few days until certain depositions of physicians at Denver, Colorado, arrived.

Shortly after the commission of the robbery the Savages who had been employed at the Portland hotel, left for Denver, it is said, in response to a telegraph message from Charles Savage's mother who was dangerously ill. Counsel for the defendants feared that the state would undertake to say that the sudden departure of his clients, after the diamonds were stolen, indicated their guilt; but to prove that this was false, he had sent for statements of the physicians at Denver, showing that Mrs. Savage was very sick at the time and had sent a telegram to her son at the instance of the physician. The depositions have not yet reached Portland, although the morning mail had been searched for them. Mr. Hume said he could produce a copy of the telegram received by Charles Savage, and that if the state's counsel was willing to admit that Mrs. Savage was ill and that a telegram was sent by her to her son at the instance of the attending physician, then he was willing that the case should proceed without waiting for the depositions.

Messrs. Manning and Spencer admitted that Mrs. Savage was sick and that a telegram was received from her by Charles Savage at Portland, but declined to admit that it was sent under the direction of the physicians. Under this admission, however, Attorney Hume allowed the trial to go on.

Kelly Wiley, colored, who actually did the stealing, and is now serving a sentence at the state penitentiary, has been brought down from Salem at the request of the District Attorney, and is in the city jail waiting to be called as a witness for the state. Wiley testified in his trial that he had disposed of a part of the diamonds to the Savages as a go-between.

THE WEATHER.

The conditions are very unsettled in the North Pacific states, and light showers have occurred generally in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Montana.

It is unusually cool this morning in the Spring wheat region, and freezing temperatures are reported in the Red River Valley of the North. On the Pacific Coast the temperatures continue mild.

The indications are for partly cloudy weather in this district Saturday, with probably showers in Western Oregon and in Washington.

RAILROAD NOTES.

E. E. Ellis, general agent of the O. R. & N. Company, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, at Seattle, is in the city today.

R. L. Ford, contracting freight agent at Spokane, and R. M. Boyd, commercial agent at Seattle, for the Milwaukee, are in the city.

Yellowstone Park will open to tourists on May 20. There are now in Portland quite a number of tourists who are awaiting this event with interest.

Beginning May 18, the Rock Island will put on its "Rocky Mountain Limited" between Colorado Springs, Denver and Chicago. It will leave Colorado Springs at 1:21 P. M. daily, on the arrival of the Denver & Rio Grande train there at 1:16. The running time through from Portland will be reduced more than 12 hours.

George J. Mohler is here. He has been traveling in different parts of the United States in the interest of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, of which he is Western agent. Mr. Mohler is here to close the affairs of his office, preparatory to taking the position of general agent at Spokane for the O. R. & N. Company, vice H. M. Adams, promoted to assistant general freight agent of the company.

Assistant General Freight Agent Charlton, of the Northern Pacific, is in Astoria on business.

NEW O. R. & N. RATES.

General Passenger Agent Craig this morning announced that the O. R. & N. Co. will put on sale \$4 excursion tickets, Portland to Hwaco and Narcotta and intermediate points. These will be on sale daily from June 1 to September 15 inclusive, and will be good for return until October 15. Commencing May 10, the company will make a round-trip rate on its boats between Portland and Kalama and Rainier of \$1.

NEW TRIAL DENIED.

Counsel Abraham, in behalf of J. G. Mack, was denied a motion for a new trial of the damage suit against the Oregonian Publishing Company, by State Circuit Judge Frazer this morning. Time was allowed in which to prepare a bill of exceptions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John A. Hurlburt and wife to E. J. Richard, southeast quarter of northeast quarter, section 11, township 1 south, range 4 east..... 100

Adolph Bowman et ux to Pearl Rook and W. A. Roberts, lots 5 and 6, block 6, Sunnyside..... 250

S. W. Marks, trustee, to George W. Donaldson, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 1, Carter's Addition..... 10

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