

GENTEEL FORGER

Geo. E. Leslie Taken to California.

A. Hooker Believed to Be a Confederate.

Countable Charles H. Downing of Suisun, Cal., arrived here yesterday afternoon and left at 1:30 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, and according to him 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. D. 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 \$30,000. Leslie demurred for several days, but finally said that most of his ready money was out at good interest, but that he would pay \$20,000 cash and give a mortgage for the other \$10,000. 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 hire a lawyer, Mr. Howe, of Howe & Hummel, a New York firm of national reputation, to hurry on to the coast 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 usually police matters 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 for passing a forged \$50 check on W. M. 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 last morning. He was brought down by both arms full of silver-mounted toilet articles, including hair brushes, mirrors 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 bracing morning air would do him good.

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 Shrine and the 33rd Scottish Rite. He is grand minister 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 1893, by order of Lord Edward. He is now envoy of King Edward to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He has been a Master Mason since 1859.

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 has fought in many important engagements, among them Chattanooga, Chickasaw and Lookout Mountain. After the war he was elected State Treasurer of Illinois, and also served four years as Lieutenant-Governor.

OUT OFF HIS FINGERS.

George Rice, an employe 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.)
The Citizens Bank of Carvers, Tuolumne county, filed a petition in insolvency today.

READ IT IN THE JOURNAL

The account of the sudden disappearance of Perry N. Tomlinson from his home and place of employment as tender of the Brunside street 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 employes had jumped his job until they read it exclusively in the Journal.

Commissioners' officers stated today that an appointment to fill the vacancy would be made until the next regular meeting of the board. In the meantime the bridge superintendent had appointed one of the extra men to do the work temporarily.

BASIN BOARD

The following letter will be sent out by Secretary Moore, of the Columbia River Basin Board of Trade, to the members of the 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 25th 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 Saches's will take place next Sunday. The train will leave at 8:30 A. M., sharp, from the Union depot, and run up the coast 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.

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 2.—The improvement in the condition of the Queen continues.

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 first championship, and the result of the first round was: Portland, 70 tricks; Tacoma, 78 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 two per cent 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.

PROBATE NOTES.

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

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 prove from the state the property of Henry Wilson, that had escheated to the state in the absence of any legal heirs.

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 his deposition was taken in San Francisco, February 2, 1906, that he had determined to assassinate Governor Budd of California, because he had refused to keep his promises. He had written him to the same house in San Francisco, and he vowed that he would kill Governor Budd when he should get out. A sensitive 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 25th day of July, 1906, the records show that you stated upon your registration (in San Francisco) as a voter that you were 55 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. Dolph explains that:

A: I will explain that to you, Governor Budd, when he ran for Governor, I was promised office from him—that 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, sending 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—you 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 in woven, the proof 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 examined about you such 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 52 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, 1906, 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 attorneys that Lindall is lying about his age now, 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 1852.

Questioned about his knowledge of Wilson, he said:

"I knew him in 1851, in May. He left for the North in 1850, in November, or December. I can not remember the month."

DESTINATIONS EXTENDED.

A circular letter has appeared here issued by Chairman James Charlton of the Transcontinental Passenger Association at Chicago, that is of some interest. It promulgates the notice from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern for the sale of tickets to Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., for a number of Pacific Coast events. It extends the destination of tickets from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle to the British Columbia cities.

Sales will apply from points on the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Rock Island, Wisconsin Central, Illinois Central, the Northwestern, the Milwaukee, the Rio Grande lines, the Omaha, the Canadian Pacific and others. The events named are the National Travelers' Protective Association meeting at Portland, June 2-7, and that of the supreme lodge, A. O. U. W., June 10-20, as well as for a meeting at Tacoma.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

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

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SAVAGE TRIAL

Diamond Robber Accomplishes in Court.

The trial of China Savage and Frankie Savage, colored, accused of complicity in the robbery of \$50,000 worth of diamonds from Albert Loveland, at the Portland hotel, November 12 last, was commenced before State Circuit Judge Prasse this morning. Deputy District Attorney 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 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 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 had 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 when that 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.

INCENDIARY FIRE

J. D. Mickel of 844 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 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 Grif 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-street 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 birding-bird. 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 7 o'clock.

'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, 25 Williams avenue.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Camp Hammond, Spanish-American War Veterans, met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Harder, 43 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 English school, 1605 1/2 Ave. Broadway, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms tomorrow, 10:30 to 5 P. M. Lesson, "Peter Deceived From Prison."

Dr. Stephen B. Wise 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 Jean, 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 Tester 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. B. 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 Hobeoville, 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. Laidt 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.

Saturday, 8 P. M., the Royal Highlanders' dramatic and musical entertainment by 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.

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 & Straw, \$2475; Phoenix Iron Works, \$3085; Springfield (Ill.) Iron Works, \$2825; and Trenkman & Co., \$2625.

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 \$15,000 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. Banfield, was authorized to pay the Phoenix Iron Works \$1000 on account of work done.

A bill was presented for some 30-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 \$112,211.

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.

LIVELY CHASE

Archie Stock, an ex-messenger boy, led Officer Miziamler in 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 Miziamler 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 stairs.

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 99 pounds to the yard and forming a groove with a light rail on brackets, the kind used successfully in San Francisco.

EMBALMED BEEF OR NO MEAT AT ALL

This Is the Situation in Chicago Today.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, W.—Embalmed 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.

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 12:12. It will reach Chicago at 7 P. M. the next day. The running time through Texas, 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 & Astoria 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 its excursion tickets, Portland to Ilwaco and Necanicum 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, etc.

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 Prasse this morning. Time was allowed in which to prepare a bill of exceptions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John A. Hurlburt and wife to E. J. Richert, southeast quarter of northeast quarter, section 11, township 1 south, range 4 east, \$1000. Adolph Bowmas et ux. to Marie Rook and W. A. Roberts, lots 5 and 6, block 4, Sunnyside, \$2000. S. W. Marks, trustee, to George W. Donaldson, lots 2, 3 and 4, block 1, Carter's Addition, \$1000. Sheriff to P. H. Marley, lots 5 and 6, block 25, Hawthorne's First Addition, \$1000.