

OAKLAND CONSIDERS PROBLEM OF IDLENESS

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 27.—Mayor Mott called for a conference of citizens to consider what may be done for the relief of unemployed persons who are in immediate need of assistance. While it is said that the number of unemployed in Oakland is not so large as in some other communities, it is known that there are some

cases of misfortune that should be attended to at once. The meeting will be held in the mayor's office at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and is called in response to a resolution by the Oakland merchants' exchange, drawing attention to the scenes that were reported to that organization by a committee of the unemployed. They were invited to participate in the conference.

CAPTAIN OF LURLINE DROPS DEAD AT WHEEL

Portland, Or., Jan. 27.—Captain E. W. Larkin dropped dead in the pilot house of his vessel, the Lurline, as it was passing through the draw of the Madison street bridge

this morning. The boat veered slightly as the wheel spun about aimlessly, released from the dead captain's grasp, but passed through safely. The Lurline is on the Portland-Astoria run.

STUDYING RAILROADS

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—James A. Roosevelt, of Boston, Mass., a relative of President Roosevelt, is in Seattle to locate permanently. He is registered at the Butler. Mr. Roosevelt came to Seattle to accept a position with the Seattle Electric Company, with the avowed purpose of studying the operation of city transportation facilities in all their phases. He will begin with a position as clerk in one of the departments. Mr. Roosevelt is a graduate of Harvard of the class of 1896. He bears a striking resemblance to his illustrious relative in the White House.

ATTEMPTS TO MURDER A MISER

Nevada City, Cal., Jan. 27.—An attempt to murder Mark Stuart, a prospector, which would have been successful if Stuart had not stooped just as the shot was fired, was made Saturday night while he was in his cabin below Grass Valley. This is the fourth attempt to commit murder that has been made in this vicinity within the past few months. It is supposed that someone is trying to kill Stuart in order to come in possession of his mine.

MELDRUM WANTED IN HALL CASE.

Hermann Case Will Probably Again Be Postponed—All Want to Quit Oregon Cases.

Portland, Or., Jan. 27.—Following the Hall-Mays case, which will probably close Friday, another postponement in the land fraud cases is expected. Judge Hunt announced today that a conference between Honey, Beck and himself on the subject would occur soon. Honey wishes to get to San Francisco and Judge Hunt desires to return to Montana. Attorney Becker has been here but a short time, and would like more time to become familiar with the Oregon proceedings. The next case on the docket is the Hermann land fraud indictment. Hermann's attorneys are in Washington at present, and might not be able to reach the coast within the next ten days.

RECKLESS AUTOIST KILLS A CHILD.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Before the eyes of Sunday school classmates, the 5-year-old daughter of Jacob Johnson, of Ballard, was run down and killed by an automobile driven by Guy C. Stratton, secretary of the Acme Shingle Company, yesterday. The car was going at a fast clip on a down grade.

MOVEMENTS OF NOTED PERSONS.

On Sunday, by special train, Mrs. Eddy, the Christian Science leader, and her family were moved from Concord to Boston. Her train was preceded by an engine and followed by another, to prevent accidents. John D. Rockefeller attended a colored Baptist church at Augusta, Ga., Sunday morning. Wm. J. Bryan spent Sunday in Washington, D. C., but refused to talk politics.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED ON PUGET SOUND.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 27.—Skilled cracksmen forced the vault of the postoffice here between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and secured \$2900 worth of stamps and about \$150 in money. Only \$50 of the cash stolen belonged to the government, the other \$100 belonging to a clerk. There are no clues.

FRUIT GROWERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

The Marion County Horticultural Association held its annual meeting in the Board of Trade rooms Saturday afternoon, and after many able addresses on fruit growing had been delivered the society elected officers for the ensuing year.

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REVIIVAL SERVICES GOT TO BE TOO HOT.

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 27.—Following fervent services at the First Baptist church at noon yesterday fire broke out in the basement of the edifice. A panic ensued in the large congregation. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. No one was seriously injured in the rush to escape, and the property loss was light.

WORKING HARD FOR HOP GROWERS' UNION.

Jon. G. Bauggartner and the rest of the local committee of the Pacific Coast Hop Growers' Union are working hard to get more growers to sign their contracts. It is understood the Union is rapidly gaining members, and yet there are large blocks not in the organization. This, it is hoped, will be overcome by the circulars now being sent out. A group of large growers at Independence on Saturday had not yet signed up, including some of the largest yards in Oregon. Their objection is the consignment clause for foreign shipments. They say the foreign market only takes what is not needed here, and to consign the surplus on any terms is a mistake. They also want an agreement to limit and even reduce production. Whether their objections can be met remains to be seen. All things considered, the organization is stronger than a week ago, and chances for its success are said to be very good. The largest grower-dealers say they will co-operate with the association and help finance it, with an agreement to reduce acreage. They say it is an impossibility to carry all the small producers and all the acreage that may be put out, and will be put out on the slightest advance in the market above cost of production.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The women's auxiliary of the Unitarian church Saturday afternoon elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Belle Steiner; vice president, Mrs. Addie Dalrymple; secretary, Mrs. C. B. Kellher; treasurer, Mrs. Elida Moores.

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OREGON PERSONALITIES.

Congressman Hawley will come home about February 12, to register as a candidate. W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, will not enter the race for United States senator. William Hager, a well-known resident of Marion county, died Saturday. Captain D. C. Howard, of this city, will celebrate his 80th birthday January 28, with a few friends at dinner. The armored cruiser South Dakota, built at the Union Iron Works, was put in commission this morning. The graft cases against Chief Duan, Abe Raef and others at San Francisco have been continued a week.

HONOLULU TO BE FIRST PICKED

Officers of a British Steamer Says Japs on the Islands Expect War With Uncle Sam.

Portland, Jan. 27.—"The Japanese of Honolulu expect war between the United States and Japan before the American fleet reaches California, and they confidently expect Honolulu to be plucked as the first fruit of the conflict," said Second Officer Eudean, of the British steamer Baron Cawdor, which arrived in Portland yesterday, direct from Honolulu. "Thousands of tons of steamer coal are piled on the water front of Honolulu, belonging to the American government," he continued. "It is practically unprotected, as the new fortifications are far from completion, and this coal would be the first pawn in the war game. The rumor that a number of Japanese cruisers are off the islands are still rife in Honolulu, and the Japanese believe that the story is true. We did not see any trace of them, but you can be jolly sure that if there is a fleet off the coast they are keeping well out of sight."

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POLICEMAN SHOTS MAN

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Forced to use his revolver in self-defense, Patrolman W. E. Donlan shot Chas. Nigadon, a burglar, twice through the shoulder and body, on First avenue about 4 o'clock this morning.

Nigadon, who is a Finlander, about 40 years old, is in the hospital and will die. Three times Nigadon attempted to shoot Donlan, who caught and arrested him, but each time the cartridges in his revolver failed to explode, and the patrolman escaped injury.

Nigadon broke a window in the front of a second-hand store. Donlan rushed up and commanded Nigadon to give himself up, but the latter started to run, at the same time drawing a large revolver. Turning on Donlan, who was pursuing him, Nigadon pulled the trigger six times, but all the cartridges failed to explode. Donlan finally caught him in an alley, three blocks from the starting point. A hand to hand struggle followed, and Donlan finally succeeded in getting a handcuff on Nigadon's left wrist, but he wrenched his right arm free and again attempted to shoot Donlan. Finding that Nigadon was liable to get away, Donlan drew his gun and fired twice.

CALIFORNIA WOMEN INDULGES SARCASM.

In Roasting Christian Temperance Women for Opposing the Army Canteen.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Miss Louise C. Maud, a California woman, has written a letter to Captain J. Walter Mitchell, of the Spanish War Veterans, in which some very sarcastic comments are made with reference to the W. C. T. U., the canteen and the refusal of men to reenlist in the army. "Grown men, fighting men at that," says Miss Maud, "resent being bossed around by a pack of women they do not even know. If these ladies won't let the soldiers have their modest drinks at the canteen, and the soldiers, therefore, won't reenlist, then I would suggest that these women use their vast political influence to get congress to permit them to enlist in the protection of the men. Strong-minded and invincible in the defense of their principals as they are, they surely would make a superb array of Amazons, and in marching valiantly to war, amid popping ginger ale and sarsaparilla bottles, their appearance should cause an enemy to flee for his life."

CHICAGO HAS A MONDAY MORNING FIRE.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—One fireman was burned to death, two were fatally injured and property valued at \$500,000 was destroyed in a fire starting at 3 o'clock this morning in the printing establishment of W. P. Dunn & Company, in Adams street. The flames spread to the Florence Hotel, driving the guests into the streets in scanty attire. The magnificent new corn exchange bank, under construction, was also badly damaged by the fire. It is estimated that altogether 20 persons were injured.

FIVE MILLIONS TO BE SPENT IN 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Patrick Calhoun, accompanied by Mrs. Calhoun and niece, has arrived in the city, and his return means an expenditure of \$5,000,000 for street railway improvements made and to be made. Among these is the construction of tracks, and the general betterment of the service.

FRUITGROWERS' Meeting at Board of Trade Rooms.

M. O. Lownds, of Lafayette, Ore., is to be here and will give demonstrations in packing apples, and he will also talk and demonstrate how to graft and work over trees. Mr. Lownds is advocating cutting the old orchards down and grafting the stumps of the trees with Yellow Newton Pippins.

THE HEINZE TRIAL IN NEW YORK FOR OVER-CERTIFICATION IN THE MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 11.

The time of the meeting is Friday, January 28, at 1:30 p. m., in the Board of Trade rooms.

DENTIST GOT GOLD FILLING

Bristol, England, Jan. 27.—Dr. Arthur Hayne the Manchester dentist, charged with wedding and swindling a Bristol woman named Matthews out of \$10,000 is on trial here.

The police have not yet completed the case, which they expect ultimately to lead to his identification as Dr. George A. Witzehoff, the dentist who disappeared from New York in 1905, leaving nearly 100 women who claimed him as their husband.

That they will yet be able to prove the two individuals one and the same, they say they are now almost certain, however. Their theory is that Witzehoff located in Manchester immediately after vanishing from New York, setting up nominally as a dentist, but really in his old trade of marrying women, obtaining possession of their money, and then deserting them.

They profess to have evidence that he victimized at least five West county women besides Mrs. Matthews in this manner, and think they will find many more.

The prisoner admitted, on his preliminary hearing, that he once lived in America. He says he studied dentistry there, however, obtaining degrees in St. Louis, and denies that he was ever in difficulty in the new world. He professes to have been on business in Aberdeen, where he was arrested on the Bristol charge.

HORST MAKES A REPLY

The reply to the defendant's answer in the Paul R. G. Horst vs. Louis Lachmund and Julius Pincus case was filed in department No. 10 of the Marion county circuit court Saturday afternoon.

In the reply Mr. Horst admits that he paid the defendants the sum of \$13,273.02 to be paid in turn to them for cultivating money upon the several contracts mentioned in the plaintiff's complaint, and that the defendants distributed the money to the persons set forth in paragraph with the exception of \$1325.22 to Lope Sing and Beers, which the plaintiff denies. Mr. Horst claims that he made arrangements with the bankers in New York to advance the sum of \$35,000 to be used as planting money and that the sum of \$11,500 was advanced. Mr. Horst says in his reply that the defendant advised him early in the season that the hops were molding and agreed to accept no more contracts until seeing him. Mr. Lachmund thereupon went east where he met the plaintiff in New York and agreed that he would not advance any picking money to the growers until he should return after ascertaining the condition of the hop crop.

The business of Lachmund and Pincus, as set forth in the reply, was to obtain agents for the plaintiff so that any contracts taken without letting the growers know that they were dealing with the plaintiff through Lachmund and Pincus agents were private contracts. Messrs. Lachmund and Pincus, Misrepresentation is charged in the reply as to the amount of planting money advanced. It is also claimed that Lachmund and Pincus disposed of 50,000 pounds of the 210,000 said to belong to the plaintiff as their own hops and made no report of the transaction to the plaintiff.

The Horst interests are being looked after by Attorneys Fox, Kaiser and Bingham, while Cannon & Cannon appear for Lachmund and Pincus.

Mr. Armstrong, the county inspector, will bring tools and whatever else is necessary to make the demonstrations in grafting complete.

It is very urgent that all growers attend this meeting, and everyone interested in this matter should be present.

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