

FORMER LONDONER MURDERED BY THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

Mr. Albert McGarvey Says His Brother James Was Not Killed by Bandits in Russia as Had Been Reported—Man Who Did the Deed Was Executed.

Mr. Albert McGarvey, a former Londoner, now a resident of the Caucasus district in Southern Russia, arrived in the city Tuesday evening, and will spend a short time visiting Mr. Joseph W. Scandrett. He has just returned from the district where his brother, Mr. James McGarvey, was foully murdered a little over a year ago, and Mrs. McGarvey badly injured.

"The man who killed my brother has been executed," said Mr. McGarvey. "It was first thought that the deed was the work of bandits. The latter are generally Mohammedans from the mountains, bold, fierce fellows, but it was proved that such was not the case.

"The man who did it was a Russian, a blacksmith in the village where my brother superintended the oil operations. He was a thoroughly bad man, who had killed 21 people, it was estimated. He was proved guilty of killing my brother, but was executed for other crimes, although there was no doubt in the world who did the deed. There is no capital punishment in Russia under civil law, but as the province where we were located was under martial rule, the authorities were permitted to hang the man.

Robbery the Motive.

"The motive was undoubtedly robbery. My brother had been in the habit of paying the men, and the robbers knew that he had some money with him. So the blacksmith and his confederates went after it, and eventually killed Mr. McGarvey when he offered opposition. His residence was isolated, and was in an easy location for such a crime. My brother took too many precautions. He thought others took too many precautions, but it proved that he was not careful enough. It is a wild country, and human life is not considered very valuable. There are men who will kill for a surprisingly small sum of money, so that one has to be on the lookout all the time. The company I am with will not pay in cash at all, unless the money is turned over on the very day it is to be paid. Then it is taken to the oil fields, under a heavily-armed guard, and the

men are paid immediately. I never accompany my cashier on such a trip. One cannot reside outside the village at all, although there are many very fine situations for building purposes and residences.

The Oil Fields.

"Our oil fields are located near Baku in the Caucasus. The country is very fertile and rich, and is a good country. "There is a very great deal of oil there. It costs from \$50,000 to \$60,000 to drill one single well. We have to go down 3,500 or 4,000 feet, and the expense is very great. Of course, oil is abundant, a decent well running 500 barrels a day. Some of them run as high as 3,000 barrels. We have quite an extent of territory under our charge, and we expect in a short time to produce a million and a half gallons of oil a year. The expense is very great, but the returns are satisfactory, if one gets a good well. There are other companies in operation there.

Russia Going Ahead.

"Russia is making rapid strides. It is surprising the progress being made. The workingmen enjoy many privileges. They have an eight-hour day, and good wages are demanded. Everything there is done through the government, and that often is slow work, but we have had no trouble of any account as yet.

"We have a Petrolia driller as superintendent, a man named Mallen, a very active, keen fellow. He has been in the country some years. He married a Russian woman, and has settled down to life in that country. He has been very successful. Russia, in the southern portion, is very rich, and in a few years will be producing great wealth.

Home Rule Agitation.

Mr. McGarvey spent a short time in England before coming to Canada, and stated that the home rule agitation was creating a great deal of feeling in England and Ireland.

"I do not keep in close enough touch with the politics there to know much about the merits of the discussion," he stated. "However, it is creating much feeling. The impression is that there will be trouble."

Big Chief Glaubitz Will Hold Pow-Wow

The heads of the various departments under the control of the water commissioners will meet every Saturday at noon for luncheon, and at the same time discuss matters affecting the work of the city.

The idea originated with General Manager Glaubitz, and he considers that it will be of inestimable benefit to the water commission.

"The heads of every department will meet every Saturday at noon," he informed The Advertiser. "At this conference we will discuss everything of importance to the department. It will be a free-and-easy session, and every employee will be at liberty to say just what he wants to say, and offer any criticism or suggestion. The press will not be admitted, the conferences being merely little family affairs."

It is not known who will pay for the luncheon—the officials or Mr. Glaubitz.

CAUCUS OF LIBERALS DISCUSSES ORGANIZATION

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—There was a caucus of the Liberals this morning which lasted from 11 until 1:30. At the close Sir Wilfrid announced that there had been a thorough discussion upon organization.

It is understood that the members gave their views of the feeling in the country on the great questions as they found it when home during the holidays.

There is no likelihood of the session going to an undue length, provided the Government shows some expedition in issuing the writ for South Renfrew.

PHOTOS OF INDIAN LISTERS FOR LOCAL HOTELKEEPERS

London Authorities Are Watching a New Move in Hamilton.

The proposal of the Hamilton license commission to furnish the hotelkeepers with a photo of each of the members of the Indian list is arousing much interest here, and if the proposal carries it is likely that local men will ask the London commissioners to adopt the scheme also.

"Who is going to pay for the pictures?" was the first question License Inspector Galpin asked, when told of the scheme. "I don't think the commissioners would want to do it. The listers themselves would, I am afraid, object very strongly to having their likeness in a group. It might be a big help to the hotelkeepers, though in many cases, if they could get such pictures."

A Good Idea.

"I think the proposition is a first-rate one," said a police official to The

Advertiser this afternoon. "We could get many of the pictures when the listers are summoned to court. The great majority of them come up before they are put on. There are a few whom it might be difficult to get pictures of, but it could be managed. Most of the hotelkeepers would be only too glad to have pictures of the 'listers.'"

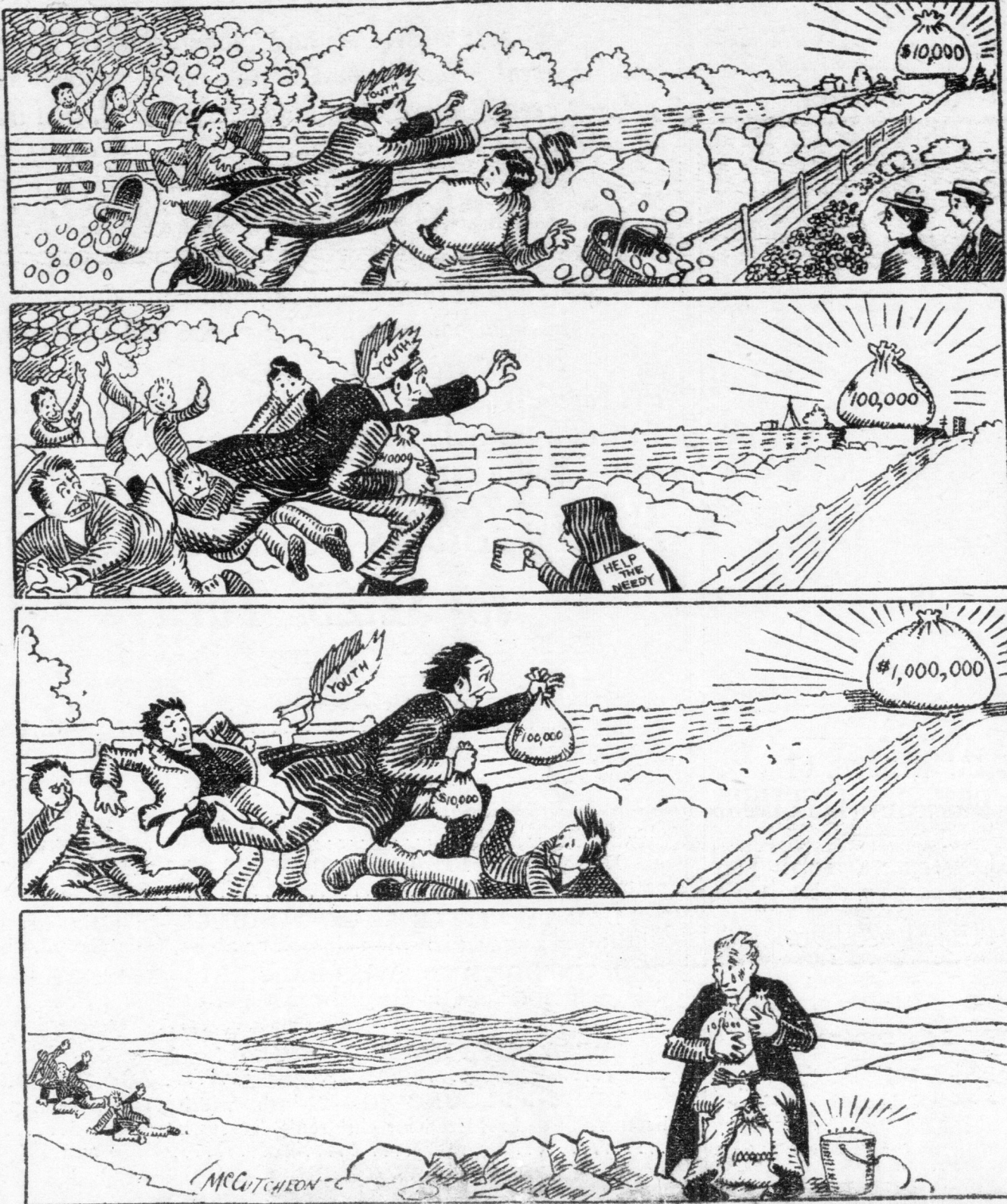
Favors the Scheme.

"I would be very strongly in favor of the scheme," said one of the big local hotelmen. "We have the greatest difficulty in keeping track of listers. There are a few dozen of the old-timers that we all know, but when some of those who only get on a drunk frequently come around and ask for liquor we don't know them. If we had photos it would help a whole lot to familiarize the bartenders with those to whom they must not sell. We don't want the trade of these listers, but often they resort to every scheme you can think of to get liquor. In many instances, of course, those who are not well known have little difficulty, and there have been many instances where hotelmen have been fined for selling to them when, had they had any doubts, they could have looked up a photo had they had one and saved trouble."

A PICTORIAL SERMONETTE ON THE PURSUIT OF WEALTH.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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The man whose sole object in life is money making.

CLAIM THAT BACON REWROTE THE BIBLE

Old London Literary Circles Are Stirred By a New Sensation.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The latest sensation in literary circles here and in London is the claim which has been suddenly brought forward by English Baconians that Bacon rewrote the Bible as it was translated, and that the King James version, as that term is now understood, is largely the work of Bacon.

According to T. W. Smedley, of the Bacon Society, the final revision of the authorized version was handed to King James in 1609, and returned by him completed in 1610. During that time a stylist had been at work, and it was not King James. It is Mr. Smedley's opinion that there was only one stylist in England at that time.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TO UNITE IN WELCOME

International Demonstration for Their Majesties Upon Arrival at Valetta.

[Canadian Press.]

Malta, Jan. 24.—King George and Queen Mary, on their arrival on board the Medina from India, will be accorded a great Anglo-French welcome here this morning.

Beside the British Mediterranean fleet, which will be present in virtually full strength, a squadron of French warships, under the command of Admiral Boue de Lapeyriere, will join in the greeting, and will thus mark the existing friendship between Great Britain and France.

The city of Valetta is thronged with British and French visitors, who have come especially to participate in the festivities.

The King and Queen intend to remain here until Jan. 27.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Jan. 24—8 a.m.

Moderate to fresh northerly to westerly winds; fair and cold today and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	28.5	3.5	Clear
VICTORIA	30	46	Cloudy
CALGARY	38	22	Clear
WINNIPEG	4	-30	Cloudy
PARTY ARTHUR	6	-29	Clear
PARTY SOUND	20	4	Clear
TORONTO	28	12	Clear
OTTAWA	10	0	Snow
MONTREAL	8	0	Snow
QUEBEC	6	-6	Cloudy
FATHER POINT	6	-15	Clear

Minus (-) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

Cold weather prevails generally in the Dominion this morning, accompanied by light snow in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

HAPPY HOMES IN THE COUNTRY REFLECTED IN MANY LETTERS

Farmer's Wife Glad Her Husband Is Not at Employer's Mercy, and That She Is Able to Feed Him "Good Farm Dinners"—Are City Folks Hospitable?

If the commission appointed by Theodore Roosevelt to seek light as to conditions on the farm were to investigate the country homes in The Advertiser's district, which means Western Ontario, its members would find nothing but happy homes, what ever else might be divulged. This statement needs no qualification, but it is well to say that the letters in the "City vs. Country Life" within the last few days are the criterion by which the general conclusion is come to. Upwards of a dozen communications from farmers and farmers' wives and sons and daughters have been received, and in them is set forth the general opinion of the contentment with rural home conditions. There are no grumblers at the excessive cost, no coveting of the city's glamor. Rather, it is a very self-satisfied tone of "We are glad to be on the farm" about all of them. The farmers claim that their health is better, that their enjoyments are natural enjoyments, but they may not have many of them, but they would rather be loyal to one, but the gramophone, the telephone and other modern contrivances have made for ease and comfort. They eat better food, they say, have an abundance of it, do not fear the land-

lord, the coal man or the employer. They are their own masters! They are ready to feed the city man and his horse should they happen out their way, and they say it is a rare thing that the city man will reciprocate. (But then they know they are always welcome when it's fair time, or there's a circus in town.)

The correspondence is regarded by The Advertiser as a splendid commentary on the good nature, hardihood and general progressiveness of agriculturists in the district.

Letters received are as follows:

CRITICIZES CITY'S HOMES.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I read with much interest your description of life on the farm in your paper. It was written in such a happy vein and good humor that we all enjoyed the description.

But not so the letters in Saturday's paper favoring city life. If conditions in the city are as they describe them, God pity the city!

They write about the hardships on the farm and the trials of doctoring a sick calf in a cold barn. But there are no cold barns, and few sick calves, (in the country.) Then they speak of abundance of food, they say, have an abundance of it, do not fear the land-

"THE MYSTERY OF TWO GRIPS OR HOW ONE MAN MADE TROUBLE"

Humorous Mix-Up in North End With a Traveller's Outfit.

A young man with a generous disposition nearly started a riot Tuesday afternoon, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he and another gentleman in the city was saved from jail.

Mr. Walter Greenway, who lives near the corner of St. James and Waterloo streets, walked to Oxford street, to catch a car downtown. As he was going along, he saw a gentleman ahead of him with two grips. He turned his head for a moment, and when he looked again, the man had disappeared, and two grips were standing by the curb.

The car came along, and Mr. A. J. McGuffin came running out to catch it, belonging to Mr. McGuffin, and shouting, "I'll put your grips on," shoved the satchels on the platform.

Mr. McGuffin walked into the car and took a seat. Mr. Greenway stood on the platform, and when the car started he was reached, he alighted and went to his work. At King street Mr. McGuffin got off, and of course, the grips were left on the rear platform.

Police Notified.

The owner soon started trouble. It appears that he had gone into a house near the corner of Waterloo and Oxford for a third grip, and before he

could return, the car had passed by him. When he reached the street his two grips had disappeared, and he saw nothing to it but a bold bit of robbery. The police were telephoned for at once. The detectives went up and held the car up on its return trip.

The grips were still on the rear platform, and the conductor informed the police that they had been left there by Mr. Greenway. The latter was interviewed, and stated that he thought the grips belonged to Mr. McGuffin. The detectives saw the latter, and he explained that the grips were not touched by him, nor had he anything to do with them.

The owner was furious. He could not see the humor of the situation, and the detectives had to use their persuasive powers to demonstrate that the whole affair was due altogether to a misunderstanding.

MOTION WAS DISMISSED

In the case of Greer vs. Greer, a motion argued before Justice Middleton on Dec. 16, to restrain the plaintiff from proceeding with an action pending in the United States between the same parties, relating to the same matters, is dismissed, the questions for trial being as to ownership of certain moneys and lands standing in the name of the defendant, A. E. Greer.

R. A. Bayly appeared for the motion, and G. N. Weekes for the contrary.

PARSONS' APPEAL DISMISSED CITY HAD POWER TO SELL CITY HALL

Appeal in Famous Case Was Heard in the Divisional Court at Toronto Today and Was Dismissed—A Further Appeal Is Likely.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 24.—That the city of London could sell its city hall and market place, if it liked, was something settled by the divisional court at Osgoode Hall today.

John M. Parsons, of London, had entered an appeal from the decision of Justice Middleton, who declined to continue an injunction restraining the city of London from selling the property to the Royal Bank of the sum of \$100,000.

It was alleged by the appellant that there was a public thoroughfare through the arcade on the property,

which has a front of 110 feet square. Mr. Parsons' appeal was dismissed. The case of McDougall vs. London and Western Trust has not yet come up.

It is very probable that a still further appeal will be made to the supreme court.

In conversation with The Advertiser, Mr. Jared Vining, of the firm of Jarvis & Vining, solicitors for Mr. Parsons, stated that such a course was likely.

"There will probably be a further appeal," he stated. "That is as far as I care to go at this time. I have been informed that the appeal to the divisional court has been dismissed."

BIG INTERESTS OF MONTREAL FOR PRESENT HARBOR BOARD

File Protest With Govt. Against Any Change Being Made.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 24.—The big interests of Montreal this morning filed a protest with the government against making any change in the personnel of the Montreal harbor commission.

Each member of the deputation was the bearer of a resolution asking that

political considerations should not be allowed to interfere with the development of the port of Montreal, and urging that in view of the fact that the present harbor commissioners had done splendid work, it should not be interfered with for party purposes, but that Messrs. Stephens, Ballantyne, and Geoffrion should be allowed to carry through the work which they have begun.

Recently Conservative members for Quebec demanded that Premier Borden dismiss the present board because of its being a Liberal appointment.

ARE BIG LINES AFTER L. & P. S. RY.

Rumors Again Rife That There Will Be More Bids Than One for Road.

G. T. R. IS WATCHING

Story Also Says That the Latter Concern Has Been Looking Over the Situation—May Make Offer.

The rumor that the C. P. R. would take over the Pere Marquette lines in Ontario, is again rife, and at the city hall it is thought that something of interest to Londoners would come out of such an amalgamation. It would probably have a considerable bearing on the future of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Some time ago the rumor was also in circulation, and although denied in certain quarters, it has again come to the fore.

This time it is said that the C. P. R., through the Pere Marquette, will make an offer for the lease of the line. There is said to be no intention to electrify it, but continue it as a steam road. This would give the C. P. R. connection with St. Thomas, and another feeder in the fruit district of Western Ontario.

The offer will be much more advantageous to the city than any yet made, it is stated.

The Grand Trunk will make an offer, it is said, but not for some time. Experts are looking into the situation, and when certain information will be in hand, it is forthcoming, they will make a bid for the lease.

INTERVIEWED BISHOP REGARDING A RECTOR

Committee of Memorial Church Waited On His Lordship Today.

A committee from the Memorial Church interviewed His Lordship Bishop Williams this afternoon in reference to a successor to Rev. Canon Hague, who has gone to Toronto.

A number of names were submitted to the bishop. In the list is included Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of Clinton, and a number of prominent clergymen both within and outside the diocese.

It is not known who will be given the position, but the claims of all the men will be urged to the bishop.

SAYS BILINGUAL SCHOOLS NOT A DEAD ISSUE

Hon. Dr. Reaume Declares the Question Must Be Settled Very Shortly.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—"No bilingual schools are not a dead issue now that the elections are over, no matter what Dr. Reaume's report will say. The question will have to be settled." Thus spoke Hon. Dr. Reaume, of Windsor, minister of public works in the Ontario cabinet, interviewed here today. Dr. Reaume is in town in connection with the settlement of some differences of jurisdiction in regard to certain fisheries and public works matters.

"Some people are saying that nothing more will be heard of bilingual schools," he said. "That is not so. The matter will have to be settled, and it is just as necessary to settle it now as it was before the elections."

"Will Sir James Whitney keep his promises in regard to these schools?"



MR. JOSEPH T. BUTTREY, Strathroy Man Who Was Elected Warden of Middlesex.

"Did you ever hear of Sir James Whitney not keeping a promise?" he retorted. Dr. Reaume further stated that the Merchant school on the question of bilingual schools would be out soon, inside of a couple of weeks, in fact.

BIG COAL FERRY IS FAST IN ICE

Bessemer Will Not Make Any More Trips Until Winter Is Over.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, Jan. 24.—The big Marquette and Bessemer coal ferry is frozen fast in the ice here, and from present indications will make no more trips until spring. No effort will be made to release the car ferry, by cutting the ice, as the coal is so scarce that the ferry will be out soon, inside of a couple of weeks, in fact.

SEVENTEEN SIGN DR. MACGREGOR'S BOND

Prominent Citizens of Uby, Mich., Show Their Faith in Physician.

Bad Axe, Mich., Jan. 23.—Dr. Robert Macgregor, formerly of London, Ont., was released from the Huron county jail this afternoon, after being 62 days awaiting trial. His bail bond of \$15,000 was signed by seventeen sureties secured among the friends of the doctor at his home in Uby. The names are: R. J. Hagen, Robert A. Donaldson, Darley Teach, George H. Griffiths, A. J. Coran, J. W. Douglas, F. L. Pettit, Leo Car, Valentine Rathbone, Fred H. Brown, Geo. A. Pletz, John H. Miller, Donald Gordon, R. C. Burroughs, Wm. Stambaugh, Charles Trathen and E. C. Hagen. Two of the bondsmen are Uby bankers and two are merchants.

Mrs. Carrie Sparling was arraigned this afternoon. She was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000, which was furnished by her husband's cousin, Peter Sparling. Her bond demands her appearance in the circuit court on March 20.

HELP FOR YAT SEN.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—To enable President Sun Yat Sen, of the new Chinese Republic, to get a better understanding of the support the Chinese in this country are according the revolutionary movement, Prof. Wong Tai Toy, for the last seven months head of the Chinese public school in this city, will leave for China Feb. 1. He will go as the accredited representative of the Young China Association of the Pacific coast, comprising organizations in practically all of the larger Pacific coast cities.