

COINING JEWELRY.

ONE OF THE MANY SECRETS OF THE PAWNBROKERS' TRADE.

A Little Dark Room in the Rear of a Chicago Loan Office, Where Many Golden Heirlooms Are Melted and Cast Into Bars Which Are Traded For Good Coins.

"Looks funny, doesn't it? All the same there are a dozen of these machines going at least once a week in this city that the public never heard about before. When you understand it, you will be able to tell your friends what becomes of the gold and silver they leave with their 'uncles' and never redeem. 'On the dead' now, don't give me away, and I will tell you some of the secrets of the pawnbrokers' trade."

The remark was made in a little dark room in the rear of one of the big loan offices not far from Madison and Dearborn streets. The proprietor went on to say the reports show that 10 to 15 per cent of all articles placed in "hook" are never called for. Then often gold and silver are purchased outright by the pennyweight or ounce, and in one way or another a large amount of the precious metals is accumulated. To turn old style goods into ready cash is the problem that confronts the loan broker. Bankrupt stocks of new designs and fresh goods fill the cases in the counters and show windows, and the old material goes into new golden eagles, with Uncle Sam's stamp upon them.

On the floor of the back room, reached after setting half a dozen electric alarms going and the pressing of numerous buttons, was a peculiar contrivance looking like a 6 inch tile stood on end, with a brass barrel covered with pipes by its side. A copper pan, some iron tools and some bowls that looked like common flowerpots lay on the floor. "This copper barrel," said the proprietor, "is filled with naphtha. These pipes lead to this tile or furnace. This handle here is for the forcing of air behind the naphtha so it will make a strong blast. These pots are crucibles. Into the furnace we place the crucible; into the crucible goes the gold. Hot, isn't it? So hot that we are compelled to wear colored glasses to see what's going on. But that's nothing to the way the thing is done in Uncle Sam's furnaces. Now, here goes to fill the crucible."

Into the stone jar went gold watch cases and chains with family histories, crests and initials, souvenir spoons and breastpins of forgotten dates, rings that could have spoken of wedding bells and birthdays in the long ago, golden charms, hairpins with the jewels removed and odds and ends collected in a week's trade. The estimated value of the haul of stock was \$1,000 in pure gold. Into the melting collection went a lot of borax. This was to make the gold flow when sufficiently melted. There was no smoke, nothing but a sickly smell of naphtha, the noise of the blast and the glittering whiteness of the crucible.

To get a closer look at the melting gold a pair of green eyeglasses was furnished. As the broker stirred the contents of the crucible with an iron poker black bubbles would come to the top and pieces of coarser metal would be seen struggling to the surface only to sink back into the yellow gold now turned to fluid. The broker lifted the crucible out of the furnace and poured its white hot contents into an iron mold. The mold rested in a pan of water. All the gold settled into the mold, and the borax, turning black as it hit the water, staid on top. In a few minutes the borax was knocked off and out fell a bar of gold weighing several pounds, eight inches long and probably three-fourths of an inch square. After cleaning the bar was laid aside for shipment to the treasury.

"We do this once a week," said the proprietor as he shut off the valve to the naphtha barrel. "From here the bars go to Washington by express. Before its value is returned we will pay out nearly \$4 on \$1,000. At Uncle Sam's works the bar will be remelted by a fiercer heat. Then the melted mass will be poured into water, where it will form into shot or pellets of gold and silver and copper. These pellets are then placed in acid and the different metals separated. No, you can't fool the government for a minute. Science does the work in good shape. After this process the treasury ships gold eagles for the gold and silver coin for the silver metal contained in the bar. So, you see, the old battered watch case, broken chain or out of date ornament comes back in new coin of the realm. Over \$200,000 worth of gold bars is annually sent from Chicago brokers in this way, and not one person in 10,000 ever sees how the melting is done. Of course many gold coins are made into jewelry and in course of time are sent back through our crucibles once more. This is on account of change of style in gold ornaments of all kinds which is constantly going on. Any profit? Oh, yes. We figure all such things. An article pawned means to us only its weight in the crucible with a profit deducted. This profit may be 6 or it may be 13 per cent. A chain weighing \$10 worth of gold we buy for \$8.50 or some less. The \$1.50 is for profit, handling and the risk. Yes, it's quite a business, and many a family history has been told in the golden heirlooms that have fallen into a loan broker's crucible."—Chicago Tribune.

Useless Trouble.

A mesmerist, on his trial for a crime which had no connection with hypnotism, emphatically exclaimed, "To prove my innocence I am prepared to send the court to sleep."

"Prisoner," the judge replied, "you may leave that to your counsel."—Liberal.

A certain kind of mushroom grown in northeastern Asia will produce intoxication if it is eaten. It is also a stimulant to muscular exertion.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the Treasurer of Clackamas County, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1894, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out.

GENERAL FUND, INSTITUTE FUND, INDIGENT SOLDIER FUND, STATE TAX, SCHOOL FUND, ROAD FUND, SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX, OREGON CITY TAX. Includes detailed financial tables for each fund with debit and credit columns.

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING COUNTY WARRANTS. Table showing total amount of endorsed warrants, interest on same, and amount of outstanding warrants.

The above is a full and complete statement of all endorsed outstanding county warrants, and interest on the same to date, as taken from the books in the county treasurer's office.

I, M. L. MOORE, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and remaining on hand, in the county treasury of said county for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1894.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT. Table showing TO AMOUNT RECEIVED and BY AMOUNT PAID for July, Aug, and Sept.

I, E. C. MADDOCK, sheriff of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true of all moneys received by me as sheriff since July 23, 1894.

I, M. L. MOORE, County Treasurer, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true of all moneys received by me as treasurer since July 23, 1894.

I, E. C. MADDOCK, Sheriff Clackamas Co., do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true of all moneys received by me as sheriff since July 23, 1894.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT. Table showing ON WHAT ACCOUNT ALLOWED. Includes categories like Road and bridge, Pauper, Criminal account, Sheriff's, etc., with corresponding amounts.

allowed by the county court of said county, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1894, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appear upon the records of my office and in my official custody.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county court of said county this 1st day of October, A. D. 1894.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT. Table showing LIABILITIES and RESOURCES. Includes items like Warrants drawn on the County Treasurer, By funds in hands of County Treasurer, etc.

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DAVIES THE PHOTOGRAPHER. Would be pleased to see his friends and patrons in his new quarters on Third and Morrison Streets, Over Golden Rule Bazaar. JOHN A. BECK, THE RELIABLE JEWELER. No. 270, Morrison Street, PORTLAND, OREGON. IS STILL ON EARTH.

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Sheriff's Notice of Sale on Execution. In the Circuit of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas. Mary A. Hatch, Plaintiff, vs. Henry Swift Jr., Carrie Swift, B. E. Miller, Frank Jones and John Sirey, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Clackamas, bearing date the 3d day of October, 1894, in a suit wherein Mary A. Hatch was plaintiff, and Henry Swift, Jr., Carrie Swift, B. E. Miller, Frank Jones and John Sirey were defendants, commanding me, in the name of the State of Oregon, that out of the real estate hereinafter described, to realize a sum sufficient to satisfy the demands of said decree, to wit: \$3117.00, and the further sum of \$46.52 costs, and the further sum of \$250.00 as attorneys fees, together with interest on the same since said decree was entered at 10 per cent. per annum and also the costs of and attending this sale.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER. Would be pleased to see his friends and patrons in his new quarters on Third and Morrison Streets, Over Golden Rule Bazaar. JOHN A. BECK, THE RELIABLE JEWELER. No. 270, Morrison Street, PORTLAND, OREGON. IS STILL ON EARTH.

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