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As Evidence Have Mysteriously

Oh, for a cunning Sherlock Holmes, or sleuths

tery hangs like a pall over Department Four of the State Circuit Court, and, now that Dr. Doyle has resurrected his invincible friend, Sherlock Holmes, and will loan his services to the officials of the Court, perhaps the vell can be lifted. At the case of Crookham vs. Williams, which was decided yesterday in favor of the defendant. Miss Crookham was for-merly a teacher in the Portland High School, and sought to recover \$500, alleged to be due for private lessons and tutoring to Miss Mabel Williams, daughter of Richard Williams, of the Board

searing on the contested points involved in the litigation, and interesting because they fairly sizzied with the strenuous phrases that could only come from an indignant woman giving free rein to her grievances and her feelings. The admis-sion of the letters was not accomplished without much preliminary legal skirmishing and the learned counsel on each side vigorously contested every step in the battle that led to their admission as evi-Now they are nowhere to be True, the case is settled for the found. time being, but that does not endow letters, filed as evidence, with any assumed right to be up and away without leavg any trace of the manner of their go-

Of course, Holmes could get them. It would be an easy task for him, just suf-ficient mystery to permit of a little pleasant exercise before dinner. But the qualifications of the Clerk of the Court has nothing regarding a previous course on advanced deductive science. Hence, on advanced deductive science, incice, while clues are probably as thick as crowds around a bulletin board during a yacht race, still, if they cannot be picked up and made to explain, then, in the lan-guage of the street gamin, "Wot's de

Previous to the retirement of the jury to consider the case the letters were in the constant the one the letters were in the custody of the stenographer. They were handled to the counsel for the plaint. Iff at one time in the progress of the case yesterday afternoon and were promi-ly handled back. When the papers were sendy to go to the jury the letters were returned the bundle of documents where thought to be among them. The jurors returned the bundle of documents when the verdict was announced. Investiga-tion made a guarter of an hour later re-vealed the astonishing discovery that the two letters were missing. No trace of them could be found anywhere. The jury room was searched. The jurors were al-ready dismissed and had separated each

Alaska by his daughter and Miss Crook-ham at his expense. Miss Crookham had expressed a desire to go to Alaska, and, as he felt somewhat under obligation to her, he bought two tickets.

Miss Crookham on her part testified that she paid all of the incidental expenses of this trip, about \$50.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Rigler testified that Miss Crookham called on him after she had failed of re-election and wanted to get back in the schools. She informed him that she could get two votes, but did not say how, and that she was sure of Mr. Williams. He had to vote for her, or she would sue him for

\$200. Mr. Williams testified that when he took Miss Crookham to task for having made such a statement to Professor Rig-ler, she denied having done so, saying it was a lie. Miss Crookham taught for six years in the High School,

J. A. Strowbridge, Jr., and R. B. Mar-row appeared as her attorneys, and El-lis G. Hughes and E. B. Williams were the counsel for the defense. The jury took but one ballot and Miss Crookham was bowled out.

Special Rates Account Portland Exposition and Carnival.

Sam can save the neat little sum of \$5000 on every 2000 tons of oats he ships to the ilippines if he will only allow Portland bidders to compete on equal terms with dealers at Puget Sound.

Contracts were awarded yesterday to three Portland firms for 1700 tons of oats and 1700 tons of hay. These forage sup-plies will be shipped to the Philippines on the steamship Adato, which will sail from this port October 22. The awards the structure of the state of the state of the structure were taken from the state of the structure at the Ash-structure of the structure structure were taken from the state of the structure at the Ash-structure to Mrs. Bingley. There is no doubt that Bingley were were as follows:

Albers & Schneider, 500 tons hay, 85 cu-bic feet density, \$17 50 per ton; 1200 tons hay, 55 cubic feet density, \$20 50 per ton; hay, 50 cubic feet density, 30 50 per ton; 500 tons oats, \$1 92% per cental. Balfour, Guthrie & Co., 700 tons oats, \$1 92% per cental. J. W. Simpson, 50 tons oats, \$1 92% per

cental. These figures for oat's offer a striking contrast when compared with those contracts awarded at Seattle last month. Sep-tember 19, four contracts were let at Pu-

get Sound, each for 500 tons of oats. The prices were \$22 70, \$23, \$23 70 and \$23 90 respectively. Another quantity of 2000 tons was engaged at \$22 45. The average price of these five contracts was \$33 15. The

average price of the three awards at Port. land yesterday was \$20 54. The difference, therefore, in favor of Portland is \$2 61 per

appearance of Frederick R. Bingley, the mallcarrier of Station A, East Side, who left for Astoria on the steamer T. J. Potter on Sepember 12, and who has not since been heard from. The missing man's value, coat, hat and a ticket check were found in the stateroom which he engaged subsequently turned over to Mrs. Bingley. There is no doubt that Bingley went aboard the Potter and entered his stateroom, where he left the articles. That, however, is all that is known of him. No one, except the purser who took his ticket, is known to have seen him on the

of association. C. N. Duvall, Colfax, Wash. D. B. Ewing, Everett, Wash.

J. E. Seeley, Everett, Wash, D. Marsh, Welser, Idaho, H. W. Oliver, Oakland, Cal. J. T. Kidd, Ontario, Or.

Henry Erichsen, Moscow, Idaho.

Miss Ida B. Smith, Olympia, Wash.

Lee D. Forrest, Chehalis, Wash. H. B. Carratt, Goldendale, Wash. William P. Flannery, Goldendale, Wash. George Gavett, Chehalis, Wash.

It is expected that the total attendance will be in the neighborhood of 250 or 300.

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steamer The coat which was found was an extra one, done up in paper. Bingley also had an extra cap in his pocket. The finding of the articles gives the impression that after depositing his luggage in the stateroom he went outside and did not return. It is thought he was either overcome with sudden weakness and fell in the river, or that he left the steamer at Astoria with the intention of disappearing. Mrs. Bingley has exhausted every effort to find her husband.

Bingley was carrier of route No. 38, Stephens' addition. Just before he left he notified Superintendent Barrett, of the

carriers, that he intended taking a va-In spite of these figures, and the oppor-tunity of the Government to save \$2.50 per ton on oats, Uncle Sam has adver-tised for bids for 1000 tons of oats, deliv-ered at Puget Sound. Because he has not so arranged the terms that Portiand deglers can compale on accurd around his in very poor health at the time of deglers can compale on accurd around his damees and the intended taking a va-cation of two weeks on account of his poor health. He was granted leave of absence. He was financial secretary of America. Dr. Wigg said last evening that Bingley was in very poor health at the time of dealers can compete on equal ground, his disappearance

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patrons took out cards. The total number of card-holders is now 1861. Other statis-tics for the month of September are: Total attendance, 4084. Highest attendance at one time, 34. Average daily attendance, 155.

Highest in one day, 188. Total number of books circulated dur-ng month, 1159. Total number books in library, 2950, Total number fiction circulated, 1187, Per cent of fiction, 76,

Probable Cost of Fills.

Free Library with the Portland Library prohibited the purchase of any new books The City Engineer is figuring on the cost of filling up East Morrison street between Union avenue and the Morrisonfor the former during the month of Sep tember, according to the report of the ll-brarian, filed yesterday. The only acces street approach. A railroad company has offered to make the fill at 30 cents per yard, which is considered pretty steep. Mr. Hughes, of the Port of Portland, has sions during the month were three bound volumes of Government reports, donated by Senator Joseph Simon, who has made many former donations of this character said that the fill could be made at about 3 cents per yard from the river. This would cover cost of operating the dredger to the Free Library, and a bound volume of magazines presented by one of the li-brary's patrons. Until the two libraries and certainly would be very cheap, Be-sides, the result would be to deepen the river on the East Side, where there is are actually consolidated, no new pur-chases will be made for the Free Library except what are actually necessary to carry on the work. During the month of September, 99 new ing in favor. One of the great advanexcept what are actually necessary to

tages of filling of that and East Water streets is that it will make fire walls and reduce the cost of insurance. Thu rate of insurance on the blg warehouses is very high on account of the elevated roadways. Fire sucks under the roadway and is carried from one building to an-other by the undercurrent. This has been encountered at all the fires in the district west of Union avenue. A fill on Fact Wester stread battered Fact Char and East Water street between East Clay and East Pine streets would be a fire wail and a protection to much valuable property. From the estimates of cost it may be judged that it is encapest to fill by dredger, but that remains to be determined. The prospects are considered ex-cellent that at least East Morrison struct and possibly East Water, will be filled

## Special Caraival Rates.

From Astoria and Columbia River points the O. R. & N. Co. has made a roundtrip rate of one and one-third fare, plus 50 cents for two admissions to the exposition. Tickets will be on sale Systemb 19, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, and will be good for return at any time within six days from date of sale, O, R. & N. pursers will sell tickets from way landings where agencies are not established.

Average daily circulation, 68,

Highest daily circulation, 95. Lowest daily circulation, 39.

next year.