FAIRS' BODIES HELD

Mystery Surrounds Their Detention in Paris.

LAWYERS CONSULT GOWDY

Consul Reticent About Matter, but Submits It to Washington—One Lawyer Wants a Post-Mortem Examination in France.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—There is evidently some mystery connected with the fact that the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair have not been shipped from Paris. They were expected to be shipped to Cherbourg to be sent to the United States on the liner St. Paul, sailing tomorrow. It was originally arranged that the bodies be withdrawn from the Church of the Madeline at 5 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour two undertakers' vans were waiting at the door of the vault to receive the coffins, when orders came sending them away until 9:30 o'clock tonight. At this hour the vans were again on time, but the removal of the bodies was again countermanded, and it is believed their removal has been postponed until an indefinite date. In the meanwhile lawyers representing the families of Mr. and Mrs. Fair have been closeted at the American Consulate here all the evening with Consul-General John K. Gowdy, who, it is understood, cabled Washington earlier in the day for instructions in the matter. It is impossible definitely to ascertain the object of this consultation, but it is reported that the lawyers representing one party desire that a post-mortem examination be held before the bodies leave France. Mr. Gowdy has received no reply to his cablegram addressed to Washington.

Mr. Ellis, manager of the Hotel Reitz, where the Fairs had apartments at the time of their death, has charge of the shipping arrangements. When questioned today he was very reticent. He said the shipment of the bodies had been postponed because definite instructions for forwarding them had not been received from the family of Mr. Fair. He professed to know no other reason why they should not be moved, and said they would not be shipped until such orders had been received.

DIAMONDS GO TO HER MOTHER.

More Details of the Will of the Late Mrs. Charles L. Fair.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—When shown a copy of the San Francisco dispatch giving the details of Mrs. Charles L. Fair's will, Mrs. William Smith, of Newmarket, N. J., a sister-in-law of the dead woman, verified the report and declared that a duplicate of the alleged will was in the possession of Mrs. Hannah Nelson, the mother, at the time she left for the West, but that she had secreted it from the public. In an interview Mrs. Smith said:

"That report of the will is not complete. All my sister-in-law's jewels were left to her mother, and they are worth $100,000. No, those jewels are not given to her absolutely. They are left with the understanding that she is to divide them among the children. But I would not have any use for diamonds, and I don't think any of the rest would."

BOLD ROBBERY AT WALLULA.

Two Men Held Up on Railroad Track and Relieved of $132.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Another highway robbery was added last night to the long list which has made Wallula notorious. Two brothers named Lindwell, ranchers who lived just south of Pendleton, and who were en route to the Puget Sound country to look after some timber claims, boarded the Hunt line train at 7 o'clock last evening at Pendleton, intending to connect at Pasco with the Northern Pacific road. Arriving at Hunt's Junction, they concluded to pass the time between trains by walking down to Wallula, a mile distant. Before they reached Wallula they were halted by a highwayman, who gave the customary order of "Hands up!" While the robber was securing their money, which amounted to $132, the train backed down by them. The trainmen saw the performance, but thought it was a joke, and passed on. As the train approached the robber kindly ordered his victims to step off the track lest they get hurt. One of the Lindwells, when ordered to throw up our hands, was somewhat refractory, whereupon the highwaymon fired a shot at him, grazing his shoulder. The robber, who was a large man, was well dressed in a black suit, and rode from Pendleton to Hunt's Junction in the same coach with the Lindwells, and was evidently shadowing them to learn where they were going. Officers are trying to locate the man.

Some Other Than Highwayman.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A report reached Pendleton last evening that Cofer, one of the Freewater highwaymen, had been seen in the Blue Mountains nar Meacham yesterday. Sheriff Taylor went to Meacham and Kamela last evening and returned today after making a thorough investigation of the matter. A man resembling Cofer had been seen, but it was not the highwayman. All trace of him and his pal appears to have been lost.

FOR COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Superintendent McArthur Addresses the Indian Institute.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Indian Institute opened today with two selections by the Chemawa band. Superintendent McArthur, of the Siletz reservation, delivered an able argument, setting forth the need of compulsory education laws, and the necessity of their revision so as to agree more fully with natural conditions. Miss Estelle Reel, the National superintendent, gave expression to her entire satisfaction and appreciation of the institute, its interest and enthusiasm. Others made short addresses. Rev. Mr. Winans gave some suggestions as to what might be done in Sunday school work in the Indian schools. Miss McDowell's paper on the same subject was read by Miss Miller, both of Chemawa. The subject was discussed at length. An interesting talk was given by Professor Horner, of the State Agricultural College, on the wonderful work done by the Indian Bureau, measured by the advancement of the Indian in the schools, as evidenced by the exhibit of their work. An instructive paper prepared by Miss McKenzie, of Klamath Falls, upon the teaching of sewing in Indian schools was read by Mrs. Warner. An excellent paper by W. W. Cochran, of Wind River, Wyo., was read by Mr. Butler. An excellent concert by the Chemawa band this evening was the closing number on the programme.

SILAS B. SMITH PASSES AWAY.

One of the Oldest and Most Respected Residents of Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Silas B. Smith, one of Clatsop County's oldest and most respected residents, died at the hospital in this city today from consumption, after a long illness. The funeral will be held Sunday, under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer and Historical Society, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Smith was born in Washington County, Oregon, in 1833, but came to this county when a boy, and had since resided on Clatsop Plains. He was educated at a Massachusetts law school, and for a number of years practiced his profession in Astoria. Mr. Smith was closely identified with the early history and development of Clatsop County, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five children, two sons and three daughters.

GRAIN IS TURNING OUT BETTER.

Yield in Marion County Will Be Heavier Than at First Expected.

SALEM, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—From reports that are received here from farmers who are threshing in this vicinity, there is reason to believe that the average grain yield will not be as light as indicated by the yield where the first threshing was done. A number of farmers report almost as large crops as last year. A larger number, however, report a reduced yield.

The grain yield on the F. W. Durbin farm, on Howell Prairie, shows what a beneficial effect rotation of crops has upon the soil. For a number of years Mr. Durbin has made a practice of alternating wheat and oats with clover. He also keeps sheep on his land whenever possible. Land that has been farmed in this manner yielded 40 bushels per acre this season, though there were many Howell Prairie farms that produced only 15 and 16 bushels. The Durbin farm has long been known as one of the best in the county, and is doubtless slightly superior to the average in its vicinity, in its natural productiveness, but the large yield that is usually secured is due principally to the method of farming pursued.

TWENTY-TWO CENTS FOR HOPS.

This Is the Record in Marion County Thus Far This Year.

SALEM, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—George L. Rose, a Salem hop buyer, has purchased for A. Lehman & Co., of Cincinnati, O., the Andy Cone hop crop of 15,000 pounds at 22 cents. This is the highest price paid this year on contract. Cone lives near Macleay.

Catlin & Linn, hop brokers of this city, have contracted to A. Lehman & Co. of Cincinnati, 15,000 pounds of hops at 21 cents. The contract was made July 25, and recorded today.

Jim Tong, a Chinese, has mortgaged his crop of 20 acres on the Settlemeier farm near Woodburn, to Ah Wah, of Portland.

TO GET RID OF GRASSHOPPERS.

Lane County Man Says Burning of Sulphur Will Do It.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—W. R. Barr, of Fairmount, who has noticed reports of damage to hops by grasshoppers, has a theory that he can successfully rid a hopyard of the pest in short order. His plan consists of burning sulphur about the yard. He has lived where grasshoppers were very destructive, and thinks this treatment will kill the hoppers and protect the yard.

Grasshoppers Damaging Alfalfa.

GRANT'S PASS, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Swarms of grasshoppers are infesting sections of Williams Creek Valley, in the western par tof Josephine County. Fields are blackened with them, and much damage is being done by the pests to the second crops of alfalfa and clover meadows. The grasshoppers clean every vestige of vegetation to the ground in the fields attacked.

CHICAGOANS OFF FOR HOME.

Capitalists Look Over Their Investments at Grant's Pass.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Chicago excursionists who have been in this city all week as guests of the Golden Drift Mining Company departed for their homes today. The party arrived here Monday. Only a portion of the entire party that started from Eastern points came to Grant's Pass, owing to the extreme heat. Many stopped over at California coast resorts, and a few got no further West than Chicago. Those who came to Grant's Pass were entertained during the week by citizens and the managers of the Golden Drift Company. They were driven to the surrounding melon fields and orchards and given a treat such as they could get nowhere else in the matter of a feast on melons and peaches. A reception was tendered them at the Western Hotel Wednesday evening.

The principal attraction for the visitors was the big dam being built across Rogue River, and the mines of the Golden Drift Company, in which each of the visitors was interested. Very few of them had ever before seen a placer mine, and they were here given an opportunity to see how a modern hydraulic placer is conducted. The dam is nearly completed, and the work of installing the mammoth pumps and laying the pipes from the dam to the placer diggings will soon be begun. The pumps to be installed will be the largest and most powerful ever brought into the state. One of them will lift a 24-inch stream and deliver 22,000 gallons of water per minute. This big pump will furnish water for the irrigating ditches, and will be installed in time to supply water for the next season's crops. A battery of four pumps, with a lifting power of 9000 gallons each per minute, against an 800-foot head, will furnish water and pressure for the five or six giants that will be kept in continuous operation in the diggings above the dam. The whole plant is an excellent representative of modern ingenuity and advancement in the matter of irrigation and hydraulic mining.

SUPREME COURT TO ADJOURN.

Judges Will Enter Upon Their Summer Vacation Monday.

SALEM, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court will probably adjourn next Monday for its Summer vacation. All cases tried will then be decided and the trial docket will be practically clear, for the first time in many years. The court will adjourn subject to the call of the Chief Justice. As the regular October term begins the first Monday in October, the court may not convene again until that time, which would give the Judges about five weeks' vacation. One or another of the Justices will be in Salem all the time, so that attorneys wishing to have orders made in cases in process of appeal can secure the orders by sending their papers to the clerk of the court in the usual manner.

Body of Murdered Man Found.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 22.—The body of a dead man was found at 10 A. M. today lying in the sagebrush along the railway track north of the Yakima Flouring Mills. The man died from the effects of a bullet wound in the left breast just over the heart, and it is supposed that he was murdered. It is not known yet who he is. A book found in one of his pockets contained the name of Moulton, Camden, Ark. A pistol shot was heard by the people living in the vicnity where the body was found, but nothing was thought of this. Passers-by later found the body, and evidence showed that it had been dragged several yards through the brush and left there.

Prominent Embezzler Caught.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Henry Detwiller, formerly secretary of the Union League Club, of Philadelphia, was arrested here today on a warrant accusing him of embezzling funds of the club. Detwiller came to this city March 17, and secured employment with a steamship company. He states that he is willing to return to Philadelphia for trial. Detwiller admits that he took $4500 of the club's money, and, knowing that it would soon be discovered, fled. The money, he said, was lent to friends who failed to repay it at the stipulated time.

Plans for Milk Factory Buildings.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—R. A. Stuart, vice-president of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Factory, of Kent, Wash., is here with his architect—Richard Martin, who is drawing the plans and specifications of the buildings for the new factory.

BAR WILSON AND ANKENY

CHEHALIS IS IN FAVOR OF A NEW MAN FOR SENATOR.

Delegates Pledged to Work to Get Such Resolution Through Lewis County Convention.

CHEHALIS, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Republicans of West Chehalis have declared themselves as opposed to the election of either Levi Ankeny or John L. Wilson to the United States Senate and for the creation of a railway commission. At a caucus last night the delegates to be elected at the primaries to be held August 30, were instructed to introduce resolutions in the county convention covering the following declarations and work for their adoption:

First—Commending the administration of oGvernor McBride.

Second—Favoring a railroad commission and approving the attitude of the Governor towards the railroads.

Third—In favor of carrying out the provisions of the state constitution for antipass legislation.

Fourth—Declaring that the long and bitter warfare waged between the supporters of Levi Ankeny and John L. Wilson in their candidacy for the office of United States Senator has become one of personal following and is no longer contested for on the ground of party principles or measures, and has become a factional fight, and therefore not appealing to the rank and file of the party, and as being inimical to the future success and usefulness of the Republican party in this state, and therefore their candidacy before the coming Legislative session is looked upon with disfavor by the Republican voters of Lewis County.

Fifth—Endorsing the President of the United States in his insistence that Congress shall pass reciprocity legislation for the relief of the Republic of Cuba.

FAIR COUNTS ON FINE WEATHER.

Annual Event at Salem Promises to Be the Best Ever Held.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The members of the State Fair Board feel quite confident that they have the weather clerk with them this year. Too often he has been against them, and has sent weather that was satisfactory to only one department of the fair—the department devoted to ducks. The weather clerk has made no promises thus far, but has submitted to the State Fair Board a table of statistics showing that during the last 20 years the period from September 15 to 20 has been comparatively free from storms. In fact, it has occurred but five times in 20 years that the period indicated was rainy, and in two of these instances the rain was not heavy enough to cause trouble. The last 10 days of September are usually stormy, and, unfortunately, the fair has often been held during that time.

President W. H. Wehrung, of the State Fair Board, and Chief Clerk Wylie A. Moores were busily engaged here today in making preparations for the opening of the fair September 15. President Wehrung learns from his travels over the state that greater interest is being taken in the fair this year than ever before, and the attendance will be much larger than usual. The fair will open just about the time hopplicking is ended. The grain harvest will be practically over, and nearly all will be free to attend the fair.

Many years ago people in different parts of the state made the annual State Fair the occasion for reunions and the renewal of acquaintances. Old friends who had not met for a year or more would meet at the State Fair. It is learned that this custom is being revived, and that many people are now corresponding with friends to ascertain whether they will attend the fair this year. People who cannot visit each other in their homes, because of the distance, will make the State Fair the opportunity for meeting again.

FALLS DOWN MINING SHAFT.

Man Instantly Killed in Alaska—Another Miner Succeed to Death.

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—John F. Wallace and Steve Badelovich were almost instantly killed in separate accidents in the Douglas Island mines of Alaska, August 14. Wallace met death during the afternoon in the Mexican mine: Badelovich was killed in the Treadwell workings during the forenoon. At the time of the accident to the latter, another man, whose name is not given in advices from Juneau, was badly shaken up, but not seriously injured.

While driving a horse hitched to a car in one of the lower tunnels of the Mexican mine, Wallace was caught between the car and the chute and crushed so badly that he died shortly afterward. His body was squeezed into a 14-inch space, and nearly every rib broken.

Badelovich, a Slavonian, was at work on the 11th-foot level of the Treadwell mine, when he lost his footing and fell straight away to the 220-foot level. He was instantly killed.

UNIQUE COMPLAINT OF HAYS.

Clerk Went Fishing and Left Work to Deputy.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Because Homer Mason, County Clerk of Tillamook County, left his office to a deputy and went on a fishing trip instead of hearing testimony in the famous Hays land contests, a motion has been filed in the United States Land Office asking that the taking of testimony in the cases of Thomas Coates, Clark E. Hadley, George H. Handley, Charles B. Handley, Ovilla Bowers, Lavina B. Coates, Edith Tuttle, John Allen, Isaac Simler, Nellie Allen and Maude Sturgeon be closed. Register Moores has not yet taken action upon the motion, which is an amusing document, and follows in part:

Comes now the contestant and moves that the taking of testimony in said case be closed for the reason that a commission was issued to Homer Mason, County Clerk of Tillamook County, to take testimony on behalf of the contestees on Friday, August 15, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. The contestant and his attorney, Dan R. Murphy, appeared at the place and time set, but found said Homer Mason absent from his office, and they were informed by Albert Mason, a brother of the County Clerk, and his office deputy, that the Clerk had that morning at an early hour left for Skookum Lake, about 13 miles distant from Tillamook, on a fishing trip, having arranged with contestee's attorney on Thursday, August 14, to continue said cases for the purpose of taking the testimony, without consulting with or giving contestant or his attorney any notice whatever of said proposed continuance, although T. F. Cowing, attorney for contestees, well knew that Hays and his attorney would be in Tillamook on the day set to take said testimony, and that in order to do so they would have to travel from Portland to Tillamook.

CLARK COUNTY CASE DECIDED.

Finding of Lower Court in Land Title Suit Is Reversed.

OLYMPIA, Aug. 22.—The Supreme Court handed down a decision today in the case of John E. Mattson, appellant, vs. Festus Mattson, Grace Mattson, A. J. Berg, their guardian, and Hilda Aiken, respondents. The action was brought by appellant to quiet his title to about 100 acres of land in Clark County as against his children and respondents herein, the opposition coming from Hilda Aiken, a married daughter.

The question involved was whether the property in controversy was the separate property of the appellant or the community property of appellant and his wife, deceased. The lower court decided the land to be community property. The decision is reversed as to Hilda Aiken and title is quited so far as she is concerned. The court holds, however, that as Festus Mattson and Grace Mattson appear from the allegations of the complaint to be idiots or insane persons, and their guardian has not complied with the law which requires him to defend the action, the cause should be remanded for further proceedings as to their claims, and it is so ordered.

Holds School Funds Are Short.

L. C. Van Patton, School Superintendent of Adams County, reports to the State Superintendent that his county is short several hundred dollars on the last quarterly apportionment of the current school fund. Inquiry brings out the fact that Superintendent Van Patton failed to forward his report to the State Superintendent within the time specified by law, and the apportionment was figured from his report three months previous.

F. A. Newberry, Superintendent of Lasap County, is in a worse predicament still. His report to the Superintendent was incorrect, and he now alleges his county is short $1700 on the apportionment, although the figures in his own report were used as the basis.

Barber Shop Robbed.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The combination barber shop of this city, was robbed last night of 23 razors, three clippers, a comb and a hair brush. Entrance was effected through an unfastened window.

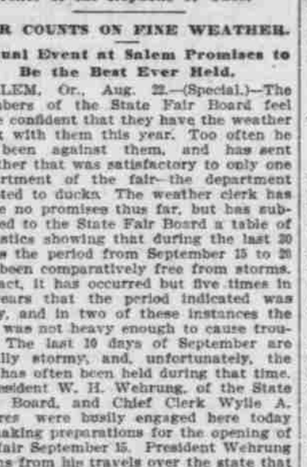
RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

PROFESSOR FRANK PIERPONT GRAVES.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Frank Pierpont Graves, who resigned from the presidency of the University of Washington last night, has created an enviable reputation as an educator throughout the United States. He will leave behind him at Seattle many friends and well-wishers, who will follow his future career with interest. His educational record is as follows:

He was graduated from Columbia University, New York, in 1890, with the degree of bachelor of arts, and the following year obtained from the same institution the degree of master of arts. In 1892 he obtained the degree of doctor of philosophy from Boston University. He was a graduate student at Harvard in the year 1893-1894. He was twice honored in 1897—the degree of doctor of literature was conferred by Heidelberg University, of Ohio, and the degree of doctor of laws by Hanover College. In 1899-1900 he was instructor in Greek at Drisler School, New York, and in 1900-1901 assistant in Greek at Columbia University. From 1901 to 1902 he held a chair in the classical department at Tufts College, Massachusetts, and from 1898 to 1902 he was president of the University of Wyoming and director of the Wyoming Experiment Station. In 1898 he became president of the University of Washington. He will now seek a period of rest, for his last position has been very laborious.

DEATH OF AN OREGON PIONEER OF 1847.



David H. Smith.

FOSSIL, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—David H. Smith, who died here Tuesday, was an Oregon pioneer of 1847. He was born in Ray County, Missouri, in September, 1826. When 21 years of age he came to Oregon, and settled on Howell Prairie. In 1870 he moved to Eastern Oregon, where he engaged in stockraising, which he followed very successfully until two years ago, when he sold out and retired from business. Later he was attacked with cancer, from the effect of which he died. Deceased left three sons—D. W. Smith and H. R. Smith, of Howell Prairie, and E. B. Smith, of Fossil. He was a son-in-law of the well-known pioneer, Samuel Allen.

HOT FIRE AT BAKER CITY

LANTERN ACCIDENTALLY BROKEN IN A WAREHOUSE.

Two Men Try to Put Out Blaze, and Finally Run Through Flames to Escape.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 22.—The warehouse of Patterson & Eppinger, proprietors of the Queen City Furniture Company, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The building was located near the O. R. & N. Depot, and was full of new furniture. The loss is about $7000, insurance $4200.

William Whiteside and H. L. Allen were getting out an order of furniture and were using a lantern, as the building was without windows, a safeguard against fire from passing trains. The man with the lantern fell, breaking the globe, and scattering the oil on a pile of mattresses. The flames spread rapidly. The men tried to stamp out the fire, but failed. It was with great difficulty that they managed to get out of the burning building, as the flames got between them and the door and they had to run through fire to get out. Both men were badly burned. Their hair and eyebrows was burned off, their hands and faces blistered, and their bodies scorched in many places. The warehouse will be rebuilt immediately. This is the second time this fine warehouse has been burned within a year.

It was a hard fight for the firemen to save the warehouses of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Blackburn & Breck, Stuchell & Co., and the O. R. & N. Depot, owing to the difficulty in getting water. Several hundred feet of hose had to be put out.

GALLOWS NOW FACES HIM.

Frank Woods Is Convicted of Killing Policeman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Frank Woods was convicted today of murder in the first degree for killing Policeman Eugene Robinson on the morning of January 29. The chief witness against Woods was William J. Henderson, a member of the gang which participated with Woods in the murder. Henderson testified that the gang had been to Cypress Lawn cemetery to rob the safe of the cemetery officers. They had found the office guarded, and on their return they encountered Robinson, whom Woods killed.

There were six in the gang—Woods, alias "St. Louis Frank"; Kaufman, alias "St. Louis Fat"; Henderson; John Courtney, alias "Leadville Jimmy," wso is now wanted in New York for murder; a negro known as "Yellow" and Kid Goucher. All except Goucher have been captured. Kaufman will be tried next. The jury was out one hour and 35 minutes. Four ballots were taken. When Kaufman, in his cell at the city prison, was informed that Woods had been convicted of murder in the first degree, he sank to the floor.

(Frank Woods, alias "St. Louis Frank," was arrested by the Portland detective force in a room over the Turf saloon, on the corner of Fifth and Stark streets, some 10 days after the commission of his crime. While imprisoned in the City Jail Woods attempted to escape by tearing a hole in the ceiling of his cell. Detective Kerrigan assisted in taking Woods to San Francisco. He has long been regarded as a dangerous criminal.)

Funeral of an Oregon Pioneer.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Martha Ann Stewart, widow of the late Charles Stewart, and an Oregon pioneer of 1846, who died here yesterday, took place today. Deceased was born in Missouri in 1828. She crossed the plains with her husband in 1846, and the train was eight months making the trip. Mr. Stewart took up a donation land claim near Reedville in the Fall of 1846, where the family resided for 35 years. They later moved to this city. Mr. Stewart dying a few years ago. The surviving children are: William Stewart, Grant's Pass; Mrs. John Simpson, South Tualatin; Mrs. Andrew Jack, Farmington; Mrs. Susan Fuller, Cheney, Wash.; John Ben Stewart, Farmington; Mrs. James McClarken, Laurel; George Stewart, Portland; Charles Stewart, Hillsboro, and Mrs. Effie D'Atly, Salmon River, Idaho.

Contractors in a Bad Light.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The City of Albany last evening, through the committee on streets and public property, settled in full for the painting of the big steel bridge at this city, the contract price being $750. The contractors, two San Francisco men, immediately left for home on last night's overland, and it now transpires left labor and other bills unpaid amounting to $300, and besides, where the contract calls for two coats of paint, considerable of the bridge received only one, the contractors completely deceiving the members of the committee and Street Superintendent.

Fishing Season a Flat Failure.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 22.—Collector of Customs Ide returned today from an official inspection of the sub-ports in the northern part of his district. He reports the fishing season a flat failure in the vicinity of Point Roberts, on Fraser River, which is noted for large catches. The run is now finished, and the total pack is not more than one-third as large as last year. The fish, for some unknown reason, seemed to avoid their usual haunts this year.

County Assessment Is Reduced.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The application of the Vancouver Water Works Company for a reduction of assessment was considered by the board of equalization today. The company applied for a reduction from $53,000 to $19,640. The board, G. Bude dissenting, allowed a reduction of $13,000, making the assessment $40,000.

Wheat Yield Fifty Per Cent Short.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Complaint is heard from all parts of the county that the wheat yield is but little over half what had been expected. Farmers attribute the shortage to the cold weather experienced here until the latter part of June.

Unions Declare Boycott Off.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The boycott recently declared against the so-called "unfair" business houses of Grant's Pass was declared off today by unanimous consent of the local Federated Trades and Retail Clerks' Union. A compromise and satisfactory agreement was arrived at after a series of meetings of the merchants and clerks.

Hair - Vain?

Why not? A little vanity is a good thing. Perhaps you can't be hair-vain, your hair is so thin, so short, so gray. Then use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stops falling of the hair, makes the hair grow, and always restores color to gray hair.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over 40 years. I am now in my 91st year and have an abundance of soft brown hair, which I attribute to the use of your preparation."—Mrs. Mary A. Keith, Belleville, Ill.

$1.00. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

MADE THE BUTLER LAUGH

A Cockney Host's Scheme to Make the Hilarity Unanimous.

Washington Post.

"While I was in Melbourne," said a Washingtonian who recently visited Australia on a business mission for a Philadelphia manufacturing concern, "I was present at a stag dinner given by an Englishman who had only a short time before struck it rich in the gold fields. He was middle-aged and a cockney of the cockneys. He had been poking around the auriferous hills of Australia with a pick for more than 20 years before he struck the ledge that made him a millionaire many times over.

"He was a bachelor, and when I got to Melbourne he had only recently got his magnificent domicile in running order. He had about two dozen servants, the top man, of course, being a characteristically grave and imperturbable English butler, a fellow as stiff as a lamp post and with about as much humor in his carcass as a ninepin.

"The stag dinner was a pretty jolly affair. It was attended by about 20 well-known men about town of Melbourne, and some performers from the Melbourne vaudeville theaters were engaged to entertain the guests.

"The English butler presided over the feast with the solemn manner befitting his kind. The fun ran around the table like a breeze after the wine began to operate, but nary a grin crossed the features of the haughty butler. He stood at the sideboard as straight as a persimmon tree, with his arms folded, and his countenance was like a mask of tragedy when the host and all of the guests were all but rolling out of their chairs with laughter.

"I was sitting on the left of the host, and I observed that the preternatural gravity of the butler was getting on the host's nerves. Whenever the laughter was at its height the cockney millionaire would glance up from beneath his bushy eyebrows at the butler, only to perceive that not so much as a muscle of that dignitary's face was twitching.

"'Blime me,' I heard the host mutter savagely to himself two or three times, 'w'y don't that bloomink cove larf, y'knaw?'

"Even when the vaudeville people began to execute their cut-up stunts the butler never gave the slightest indication that he saw anything funny in the proceedings. Finally a monologue chap, whose line of talk really was screamingly funny, got the floor, and it wasn't long before he had every man at the table just a-rocking and holding his sides. The host kept his eyes glued upon the butler's face to see if the professional entertainer ever was capable of drilling a grin out of his face. But it was no go. The butler stood like a rock. To all intents and purposes he might just as well have had paralysis of the facial nerves.

"The cockney host couldn't stand it any longer. He jumped out of his chair—showing that he was just a bit unsteady on his legs, which was natural enough, considering the way the corks had been popping—and rushing upon the butler and catching him around the wast, he threw the imperturbable servitor onto the floor, threw open the butler's coat, dug the fingers of both of his strong, pudgy hands into the butler's ribs to tickle him, and bawled as he leaned over the man:

"'Larf, ye bloody Stoughton bottle, larf! That's right, larf! Larf till y' bust, y' bloomin' cove!'

"The butler, convulsed with uncontrollable shrieks of laughter under the tremendous tickling which he was undergoing, yelled to be let up before he went off into 'isterics,' but his employer went right on tickling his ribs with all his might until the butler was exhausted. Then he let him up.

"'Hi knowed Hi'd make y' larf, y' bloomer, an' now that ye've larfed, I'll give y' a rise in y'r wages,' said the host gleefully, resuming his chair. The butler got up and the feast went on."

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