#### **WOOED BY A CONVICT**

Idaho Girl Just Pardoned for Horsestealing.

#### MAKES CONFESSION TO MATRON

Who Puts a Quick Quietus on th Proceedings-Hundreds Had Petitioned for Her Release From the State Penitentiary.

BOISE, Idaho, April 22.—(Special.)—On Tuesday the Board of Pardona released Ida Laherty, an 18-year-old girl sent from Moscow for horsestealing. It now develops that an effort has been made by a former convict to spirit the girl away. She was placed in the Crittenton Home until she could be sent home.

Ida had received a number of letters signed by a Mrs. Davis, giving her encouragement and advice. She was also furnished with clothing and shoes by the writer. Mrs. Barrett was called up on the telephone by a man who said his name was Davis and that he was an uncle of the Laherty girl. Owing to the illness. name was Davis and that he was an under of the Laherty girl. Owing to the illness of his wife he was unable to call at the home in person, he said, but he would send his two little girls after Ida, whom Peter he wanted to come and live with him. Becoming suspicious, Mrs. Barrett drew from the girl a confession that "Davis" was none other than Fred Manshail, who was recently discharged from the penitentlary after serving two years for as-eault. The child said Marshall wished to marry her, but she did not care for him. Attorney Green, of Moscow, who represents the girl's mother, was immediately communicated with, and is now on his way to Boise to take charge of the girl. Ida Laherty was convicted last January and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. The Board of Pardons was flooded with petitions for her release, algued by hundreds of prominent people.

#### COURT AT OREGON CITY. Judgment Is Reopened in Luciling

Suit-Other Cases, OREGON CITY, Or., April 21.—(Special.)

—Judge McBride this afternoon sustained
the motion of District Attorney Harrison Allen to open the judgment in the suit of A, Luelling vs. Clackamas County for \$1400 and interest, alleged to be due the plaintiff for deputy hire while he was County Recorder from 1896 to 1898. The District Attorney has filed an answer to the complaint specifically denying every allegation in it, and the case will now go to trial. A change of venue to Mult-nomah County will be asked for.

A true bill was returned today against William H. Hall, who is accused of assault with a dangerous weapon on Silas B. Hedges. Hall will be arraigned to-

A true bill was also returned against Paul Schroeder, accused of rape. He pleaded not gullty and his case has been set for next Tuesday.

Divorce decrees were granted in the cases of Royal B. Holcomb vs. Grace M. Holcomb, and Belle Riley vs. Joseph A decree of foreclosure was handed

down in the suit of A. E. Latourette va.

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Gustav Dahike et al.
John Murdock, James Murdock and
Grant Nash were discharged from custody.
They were accused of larceny, and the
evidence was found to be insufficient to
return a true bill against them.
Jeremiah Evans pleaded guilty to the
tharge of assault with a dangerous weapon. His sentence was suspended on account of his advanced age, 79 years, and
because of his previous good behavior.

#### MORE FOR BIG FISH.

I'wo Cold-Storage Firms Meet Lindenberger's Price,

ASTORIA, Or., April 28.—(Special.)—The eature of the fishing situation today was in increase in the price of large fish by two cold-storage firms. As before pub two cold-storage firms. As before published, Lindenberger has been paying 7 cents per pound since the opening of the season for chinooks weighing 25 pounds and over, while the others have been paying only 6 cents. Today Martin Both and 8. Schmidt & Co. decided to meet Lindenberger's prices. The other plants are expected to do the same, but up to a late hour had made no official announcement.

Lindenberger stated some time ego that his price of 7 cents was met by any the other companies he would raise the figure to 8 cents, but as yet he has not done so. There was a slight increase in the catch in the lower harbor last night and today, especially by the traps, and the proportion of large fish is somewhat better, although the run is by no means heavy. Sufficient are caught, how-ever, to enable the canneries to pack each day, a thing that is unusual at this meason of the year.

#### FUEL SCARCE AT SALEM. Price Is High and Probably Will

Remain So. SALEM, Or., April 23.-(Special.)-Sa-Sem is as near being face to face with a fuel famine as it has ever been. Wood dealers have sold everything from their yards, and the only wood to be had is that which is brought in from day to day by a few farmera. As this is a busy ses-son, very little is being hauled. Prices are high, as might be expected. Second-growth fir sells for # per cord, and large fir for #4.50. Ordinarily the prices would be \$1.50 less per cord on each kind of

No definite information can be had concerning the quantity of wood out in this vicinity during the past Winter, but it is believed that the quantity is small. The scarcity of labor and the high wages descarcity of labor and the high wages de-manded have greatly reduced the annual wood cut.

#### WORK ON OLD SCALE,

Dregon City Textile Workers Satis-

fied With Conditions. OREGON CITY, Or., April 23,-(Special.) -The Oregon City Manufacturing Com-pany and its employes today agreed to continue for another year the scale which has been in force for the past year, and ever since the termination of the big strike. The local textile union several days ago presented a revised schedule to President Jacobs, and among other things days ago become the series of the employes have declared themselves well satisfied with the treatment they have received and assured the company they would do all in their power to furthe interests of the woolen mills.

#### WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH. Shock Makes Raving Manine of Hus-

RIVERSIDE, Cal., April 23.—Mrs. F. C. Fisher, the wife of a barber of this place, was burned to death today as the result of a gasoline explosion. She was cleaning a garment with the liquid when it ex-ploded. When the husband of the woman was called to her aid, he became raving

WRECKED BY RUNAWAY CAR.

a runaway car, loaded with coal, today crashed into the Eastbound fast mail on the Union Pacific 20 miles west of Evanston. Two trainmen and several passengers were injured. The most seriously hurt are: George Baker, engineer, Evanston; con-

dition serious.

W. H. Chapman, engineer, Evanston.
Clara Maggaria, Santa Clara, Cal.
Andrew Flaher and wife, Santa Clara.
All the injured were taken to Evanston.
The collision occurred on a sharp curve, the shock being terrific. Traffic was delayed several hours.

PENDLETON LACKS LIGHT. Electric Plant Broken Down-Scar city of Candles and Oil,

city of Candles and Oil.

PENDLETON. Or., April 25.—(Special.)

—The City of Pendleton is in total darkness, owing to a break in the engine of the electric light plant. The machinery cannot be repaired in less than two weeks. The candle supply has given out. Kerosene, also, is very scarce, the stores having this off in hand refusing to sell more than one gallon to one person, and lamps are in great demand.

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The distress will be relieved in the sorning, when plenty of kerosene will e on hand.

Columbia County Jury List, ST. HELENS, Or., April 22.-The Sheriff and County Clerk today drew the follow-ing jury list, who will be summoned to serve at the next term of Circuit Court, which convenes Tuesday, May 12: Edward Anderson, John W. Boals, May-ger; M. D. Link, Edward Black, James B.

ger; M. D. Link, Edward Black, James B. Kenny, Goble; Emery Milis, Andrew Elliott, Pittsburg; O. G. Hult, Vernonia; R. G. Johnson, A. C. Atton, Hudson; R. B. McNeley, John Wallace, J. H. Aldridge, Martin Harvey, J. M. Hill, Anton Birkenfeld, Sr., Mist; Peter Bergerson, Kist; Peter Louisignont, Harry West, Scappoose; Fred S. Malcolm, Kyser; J. W. Charlton, C. F. Briggs, Yankton; Jöseph Holaday, C. E. Olsen, Herman Schmitt, Deer Island; A. H. Mathewa, Moulton; C. G. Thayer, Martin Both, Rainier; R. S. Payne, Quincy; J. A. Van, Fishhawk; Payne, Quincy; J. A. Van, Fishhawk; Jasper H. Lewis, Clatskanie.

Astoria Plumbers Want Less Hours ASTORIA, Or., April II.—(Special.)— Some time ago the journeyman plumbers made a request of the employers for an eight-hour day, and at the last meeting of the union the master plumbers were notified that the new schedule would go into effect on May 1. The master plumbers held a meeting last evening to dis-cuss the matter, but no definite action was taken. Another meeting will be held within a few days, when they will de-cide whether or not the demand will be The plumbers' wages now are \$3.50 pe

day of nine hours. Their demand is for the same scale for eight hours' work. The indications are that the controversy will be amicably settled. Broke In Northern Pacific Cars,

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 23.— Special.)—George Roberts, James Moran, Thomas Winters and Joseph Dodd were brought here this morning from Wal-lula, where they were captured yester-day. They are the men who robbed a boxcar near Klowa on the Northern Pa clic of several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise consigned to Portland peo-ple. They are all recognized by the offi-cers to be old-time Northwest crooks. This makes ten car-breakers that have been arrested in this valley during th

Water in Fort Stevens Reservation ASTORIA, Or., April 23 .- (Special.)-It is understood that the plan of providing a water supply for the Fort Stevens Barcack by constructing a pipe line to the Lewis and Clark River, a distance of about 30 miles, has been abandoned by the War Department temporarily, at least as the officials report that they have been successful in discovering inside the reser-ration a supply of good water, sufficient

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Secretary Root has received a reply from General Baldwin, in response to the War Department's inquiry regarding the recently published interview with that officer. In which he is alleged to have cast reflections upon colored and Filipino soldiers. The reply will not be made public until Colonel Mills, who was sent to Denyes to innel Mills, who was sent to Denver to investigate, makes his report.

eth, who was arrested for assaulting Mr. Bishop, a commercial man from Portland, came up before Judge Travillion yesterday morning. On motion of City Attorney Heliner, the case was dismissed on the ground that the County Judge had no jurisdiction in such matter

Crazed From Use of Morphine. BIG SIMBER, Mont., April 25.-Jame Jackson Stansbury, whose home and family are in Bolivar, Mo., was taken from a train here today, violently insane. His trouble is attributed to excessive use of morphine, eight ounces of which were found on him. Stansbury leaped to his feet, drew a revolver and attempted to shoot a stranger. He was disarmed.

Roseburg Residence Burned,

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.—(Special.)— J. F. Barker's residence in West Roseburg was completely destroyed by fire yester-day afternoon. The loss on the house and contents approximates 2500. The insur-ance is \$2000. The house of A. A. Bellows

BOISE, Idaho, April 23-Governor Mor-rison left tonight for St. Louis to be present at the dedicatory ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. While there he will gather such information as may be of value in preparing for partici-pation by this state in the exposition.

Benson in the Penttentiary. WALLA WALLA, Wash, April 23.— Christ Benson, murdered of Jailor David Morrell, at Olympia, was received at the Penitentiary today. He will serve 20

Coast Telegraphic Notes,

A colege field meet will be held at Mc Minnville College next Saturday. Siwashes in Eastern Oregon are start-ing on their annual Summer outing.

Armed pickets will patrol the range claimed by the Camas Prairie Stock Pro-tective Association in Umatilia County to keep out sheep. James Champoux, found guilty recently in Seattle of the murder of Lottle Bruce

North Yakima people are aroused over the rathing of the theater license by the Council of that town from \$100 to \$250 a quarter. It may result in the closing of

places of amusement. Four Walla Walla land claimants erected a cabin that covers the corners of four quarter sections in Franklin County Washington, and each will claim th house as his residence in case of contest.

The failing of a portion of the roof on a whistle cord aroused the crew of Hosteter & Sons' sawmill, near Woodburn, Or., Wednesday moraing, and, with the aid of neighbors, they extinguished the flames, with a total loss of but \$300.

Mrs. J. E. Scott, of Evanston, Ill., was WRECKED BY RUNAWAY CAR.

Union Pacific Train Hit and Five

Persons Injured.

SALT LAKE, April 21.—A special to the
Tribune from Evanston, Wyo., says that

Yesterday reelected president of the Walked up Broadway, near Myrtle avenue, the noticed two men strolling along in the same direction. One of the men took off the West. The state vice-presidents election of the Walked up Broadway, near Myrtle avenue, the noticed two men strolling along in the same direction. One of the men took off the Washington, East, Mrs. W. F. Infield; was warm, to be sure—but the rain, Mur-

#### CASE OF "SHANG" DRAPER

"GENTLEMAN" BANK ROBBEI WHO BECAME A MASON.

His Ambition Disclosed His Connec tion With the Northampton and Other Robberies,

If "Shang" Draper had done nothing else to make himself a public character, he could at least claim the distinction of having caused the greatest sensation in Masonic circles since the Morgan episode of more than half a century ago, says

the New York Press.

This man, companion of the most notorious crooks ever known in this country,
member of "Red" Leary's gang of bank robbers, former associate of "Billy" Por-ter, "Jimmy" Hope and "Big" Frank Mc-Coy, on the strength of having "re-formed" to such an extent that he did nothing worse than run a gambling-house and act as agent for corrupt police of-ficials in the collection of "protection" oney from the gamblers of the Tenderloin, had the temerity to seek member-ship in the most powerful and exclusive secret society in the world.

Moreover, he succeeded in carrying his point, and had it not been for his ambi-tion to go higher in the work of Masonty



his affiliation with the order might never have been discovered. His record was dis-closed when he made application to be-come a Royal Arch Mason. Now his case is being discussed in the many thousands of lodges throughout the country and Ma-sons everywhere are looking about them to see if any other disreputable charac-ters have managed to set into the order. ters have managed to get into the order

As a result of the exposure the charter of Doric Lodge, No. 280, A. F. and A. M., of which Draper has been a member since last October, has been seized by Grand Master Elbert Crandall, the lodge forbidden to celebrate the golden anniversary of its institution, and steps taken for the immediate expulsion of Draper. The scandal bids fair to result in a general investigation which will not be limited to the state or the Nation, but to the whole

Masonic world.

But it is not surprising that "Shang"
Draper got into the Masonic order, for no man in New York has more powerful and influential friends in official circles. The tall, handsome, well-preserved man of 58, 30 reserved and unassuming, looked the part of Thomas Draper, "broker and gentleman," as he was introduced by his sponsors. Nothing in his demeanor sug-gested association with criminals, and it was taken for granted that the inquiry always instituted by the order had found nothing in his career which unfitted him for wearing the white lambskin of Doric

One of the strangest features in the life of this man Draper is the influence he has been able to wield. Long before he became the collector of police blackmail, long before he "reformed." he was able to bring this influence to bear to save himself. Although his picture is in various rogues' galleries and he has been arrested in connection with many famupon colored and Filipino soldiers. The reply will not be made public until Coloriel Mills, who was sent to Denver to investigate, makes his report.

Case Against Officer Dismissed.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 22—(Special.)

The case of the State vs. Police Officer of the country have been well paid to get him out of trouble. In one instance General Benjamin F. Tracy, William F. Howe and several other prominent criminal lawyers were

od to ble behalf. Most of the men who were Draper's confederates in the days of great bank obberies are dead, but he is in his prime, He is said to have a fortune of more than half a million dollars. He has the confidence and esteem of gamblers, and it is not an infrequent thing for race-track bookmakers to deposit \$50,000 or \$100,000 with him to keep in the safe in his gambling-house over night in the racing sea-

As a bank robber Draper's name has been most prominently connected with the Northampton and the Manhatian bank cases. In each of these robberies the loss was more than \$1,000,000. No one has ever doubted his complicity

in the Northampton bank robbery. It was the criminal sensation of the day, and it was almost two years before the burgiars were caught and a portion of the booty recovered. The robbery was committed on the night of January 25, 1876. The gang forced their way into the house of the cashier of the bank, and afnear by was considerably damaged, and ter handcuffing and locking the other members of the cashier's family in a room they proceeded to torture the cashier in order to induce him to give them the combination to the safe. For three hours the bank official held out, but finally he could stand it no longer, and he gave the desired information.

After the gang had divided the money near by. They returned for them sev eral weeks later and then commenced the negotiations for their redemption by the bank. Draper, it is understood, had charge of these negotiations. Before the transaction was completed it was rendered unnecessary by the confession of one of the participants and the recovery of \$700,000

of the securities. Two members of the gang were sent to prison, but Draper and the others man-aged to evade the authorities. It was not until a year and a half later that they were caught, and then it was through the efforts of Thomas Murphy, who is now inspector of police in Brooklyn.

Along in 1578, after the excitement over the Northampton robbery had died out, the police of Manhattan and Brooklyn were pussied by a series of daring robberies. Safes were blown open as if they had been dry goods boxes, and some of the leading merchants of both cities suffered. In one of the robberies a big lot of silk was stolen from the warehouse of H. Bat-

In those days Murphy was a young detective attached to the ninth st in Gates avenue, Brooklyn. It might be stated in passing that a handsome little Gothic cottage at the corner of Patchen avenue and Jefferson street had been tak-en about this time by a "family" con-sisting of two men, two women and a child. The people were exclusive. They child. The people were exclusive. They did not seem to care for their neighbors, and no one knew whence they had come. They seemed to enjoy themselves, however, and the men and women frequnity were seen playing croquet in the yard of the cottage.

Inspector Murphy is now gray-haired, but if he lives to be 100 he will never former the afternoon of August 11 1989.

get the afternoon of August 11, 1878. A drizzling rain was falling, and the detec-tive had holsted his umbrells. As he walked up Broadway, near Myrtle avenue,

phy recognized the men as those who lived in the little Gothic cottage on Patchen avenue. He wondered why a man should take his coat off in the rain. It was so unusual a proceeding that he followed them and saw them go into a hardware store on Broadway. Presently they came out, and the detective went in.

"What did those men want in here?" he saked of the proprietor.

"What did those men want in here?" he asked of the proprietor.

"One of them bought a sledge hammer," was the reply.

"I didn't see them have a sledge hammer," said the detective.

"No," the hardware dealer remarked.

"The man who bought it removed the handle and put the head under the coat which he carried on his arm."

Murphy remembered the great number of robberies that had been committed. He went to the Ninth substation and told Sergeant Dunn of what he had seen. It was Saturday, and Saturday night is regarded as haymaking time by men who

garded as haymaking time by men who buy sledge hammers secretly. Murphy told of his suspicions, and it was decided to watch the Patchen avenue house.

told of his suspicions, and it was to watch the Patchen avenue house. The detective went to the rector of the Episcopal church, on the other side of the thoroughfare, and asked to be permitted to make the church his headquarters from which to watch the cottage opposite. Permission was granted readily. A stained glass window was turned on its nivot and through the aperture the vigit pivot and through the aperture the vigil began. Sergeant Dunn, who accompanied the detective, went back to the police sta-tion before midnight, but not until the two men who lived in the house had been

seen to come out.

It was about 4 A. M. before any signs of ilfe were seen about the cottage. But just as Detective Murphy was beginning to grow drowsy he saw four men enter the house. About 5 o'clock one man came out bouse. About 5 o'clock one man came out in his shirt sleeves, looked up and down the street, and spoke to some one inside. Then two men came out and started away. Murphy followed. They took a zigzag course, and he would wait until they rounded a corner and then he would run to see the direction they took. He met a policeman named Woolridge, whom he asked to follow and be ready if there was trouble when he closed in on his men. As he rounded a corner he saw that one

see the direction they took. He met a policeman named Woolridge, whom he asked to follow and be ready if there was trouble when he closed in on his men. As he rounded a corner he saw that one man had disappeared. He closed in on the other suspect, a big red-haired fellow, who might have put up a stiff fight if it had not been for the detective's pistol. Woolridge came up and the man was searched. He had a little more than 1150 in bills and silver. His companion was at this moment seen behind a house, where he had witnessed the arreet of his associate. He ran off in the direction of Patchen avenue, silver. His companion was at this mo-ment seen behind a house, where he had witnessed the arrest of his associate. He ran off in the direction of Patchen avenue. and Murphy and Woolridge took their prisoner to the nearest police station, and word was telegraphed to Sergeant Dunn to send men to surround the Patchen ave-

Detective Murphy went back to the cottage, getting there about the time the po-lice squad arrived. As they posted them-selves on all sides of the dwelling Murphy went into a lattice work summer house in the yard. There, partly concealed under some rubbish, lay the man who escaped from him, and who had come back to

warn his pais.
It was "Shang" Draper, and the amount of money found on his person was exactly the same as that taken from his big, redhaired confederate

After some delay the police obtained ad-mission to the house. The occupants were scurrying about in a room upstairs. The police forced open a door, and on the floor were scattered money and sliks from Batterman's which the gang had been unable to hide The four men arrested were Draper,

"Billy" Porter, "Jimmy" Irving and Gil-bert Yost, the four Northampton bank robbers, for whom the police had been searching for more than a year. The arrests caused a profo The day before the arrest Martin Ibert & Sons, operating a flour store on Graham

avenue, reported the robbery of their safe, which had contained about \$65. Among the bills was one for 190. This was found on one of the gang. Draper was never prosecuted for these robberies. There was a requisition for him for the Northampton case, but some-how he managed to get free. Two mem-bers of the gang were convicted for the

Brooklyn robberies, but they "escaped" before the time they were to be sent to the penitentiary.

Irving was killed later in a saloon row
by Draper. Yost died in prison out West.

Porter, it is said, is serving a sentence in

a foreign prison. This was the breaking up of a band of robbers that had been the terror of every bank in the country. No state seemed strong enough to resist their attacks, and the latest electrical contrivances of that day were practically unavailing. Among the moneyed institutions which suffered from their depredations were the Manhattan Bank, the Second National Bank of Elmira, N. Y.; the Falls City Bank of Louisville Ky., other banks at Quincy, III.; Saratoga, N. Y.; Covington, Ky., and Rockville Conn.

Another and perhaps the most desperate adventure of all was the attempt to rob the First National Bank of Pittston, Pa.

the First National Bank of Pittston, Pa. Here the members of the band were so determined in their efforts that they were almost blown up by the explosions with which they tried to wreck the safe.

It was after getting out of the Northampton affair that Draper "reformed." He came back to New York and opened a saloon in the Tenderloin. This was a re-sort for all sorts of queer characters. After four or five years of saloon keeping Draper extended his operations. He be-came the owner of a gambling house. From this he branched into a new in-

dustry.

Certain police officials who needed an agent to collect the tribute they exacted from the gambiers for the privilege of conducting establishments thought Draper admirably fitted for the position. It is an open secret in the Tenderioin that in recent years no gambler would "give up' without paying the "initiation fee" to the police agent and could not remain "open" unless the monthly "contribution" uniess the monthly controlation was paid in advance to this agent. The initia-tion fee was \$1000, and the monthly charge was based upon the "business" the house

Draper has the reputation of being "square." His word is trusted absolutely by those who have dealings with him. He is reported to have aided many crooks to reform. Why he should tempt fate by forcing his way into Mesonic circles is one of those strange things which can never be explained. There is, of course, the possibility that he contemplated making use of the order as a shield.

A Rebel of the Veldt. Our Dumb Animals, for April.

Standle and bridle and girth.

Stirrup and crupper and bit:

Man on the top of a little horse,
Shaggy and strong and fit.
Ragged and bearded face,
Ragged old hat of feit,
Rifle that kills at a thousand yards,
And a tight-crammed cartridge belt,

He doesn't know how to dress,
And he doesn't know how to drill;
But he met the smartest troops in the world,
And fought till they had their fill;
Me's a sloventy, awkward chap;
He's a lubberly farmer man;
But he lay on the veldt, from dawn till dawn,
And shot till they broke and ran.

—Bertrand Shadwell. -Bertrand Shadwell.

He didn't know how to acrap,
Was no good at the gun.
But he was the bhoy who gave you points,
When it came to cut and run.
Thank Good! The war is o'er,
That peace is signed—you bet,
For now Mr. Hoer can save his boots,
Else he might be running yet.
Portland, April 22. —Barney O'Heegan.

Cattlemen in the Sweetwater country, Wyoming, have decided to allow sheepmen to use their leased land and other tracts, but this Fall will make a determined stand against sheep encroachment.

#### OIL SUDDENLY EXPLODES

FORCE OF WAREHOUSE,

Blown Up-Ten Are Dead.

MINNEAPOLIS, April II .- Eight men and two women were killed by an ex-plosion at the plant of the Northwestern Star Oil Company at the foot of Sixth avenue, about 11:39 this morning.

sion the walls had been thrown down and the entire structure was a mass of flames. Not a person in the office escaped alive. Five workmen engaged on the second floor were thrown 20 feet into the air, and these were the only persons who escaped. They climbed through the debris and are now at the City Hospital. Although the cause of the explosion has not been determined, it is said that some of the employes of the company were emptying some oil tank cars into the tanks in the basement of the building, and it is possible that sparks from a switch engine ignited the inflammable fluids. Several explosions followed in quick succession and made the work of the fire-

STANDARD SIZE OF CARS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The convention of mechanical officials of the several Harriman lines, which has been meeting here during the past several days and deliberating on the problem of establishing a uniform standard of equipment for the several roads, has reached several conclusions that will be viewed with considerable interest by allered. with considerable interest by railroads

HARRIMAN ON HIS WAY WEST.

"This is not wholly a business trip, but one of pleasure mostly," said Mr. Harriman. "I am accompanied by my daughter, and we are taking our time. I want to see the country, talk with officials and inspect the properties. I shall go through to San Francisco, but beyond that I have no plans. I don't even know by which route I shall return, or when. If I do not return East for three months and come over the Union Pacific, I shall cross Sait Lake," declared Mr. Harriman, with emphasis. "We are going ahead with that cut-off, and successfully, too. This talk of the engineers being up a tree, as it were, and unable to find the bottom in the lake, is all bosh."

Mr. Harriman denied emphatically that he was opposing the construction of the "This is not wholly a business trip, but

ITS HEART BURNT OUT. One-Fourth of Nebraska Town De

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 23.-Fire this afternoon destroyed fully a quarter of the best business portion of the town, com-prising an entire block on the south of the public square, lumber yards near by, the Methodist Church and parsonage a block away, and minor damage to resi-The total loss is estimated at from \$340,000 to \$300,000.

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R C T Astbury, Astoria

THE PERKINS. Mary Callaban, Oak Pt.F S Wakeman, S F
Kate Callaban, do
G B Newton, Ellensbrg J L Hastings, Rosebrg
J F Day, do
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Miss Nellie Day, do
J T Boyles, Aberdeen
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KILLS OWNER AND WHOLE OFFICE

Building and Contents With All Occupants Enveloped in Flames and

W. H. DAVIS, president.
C. H. DURRIN, general manager.
STANILUS W. MITCHELL, cashier.
JACOB DOMM, bookkeeper.
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MISS CABOLINE A. RECORD, bookkeper.
HAROLD C. COLBORN, clerk.
MISS ELLA M. ROUNDY, stenographer.
DAVID DACEY, foreman.
JOHN SPONTANSKE, laborer.
JOSEPH LAFOND, laborer.
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A. Aaronson, Joseph McGinty, Walter E.
Scott, Joseph Deronick, E. J. Link, Joseph
Livingston.

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another tank with oil has not exploded The company was composed of W. H. Davis and was not incorporated. The stock was valued at \$40,000 and the building at \$15,000. The loss is total, All that remains of the building is a fire wall which stood between the office and the tank room. All the other walls are leveled.

lechanical Officials Will Make It Uniform on Harriman Lines.

several conclusions that will be viewed with considerable interest by railroads throughout the country.

Among other things, it has been decided that henceforth all freight cars that are built for the Harriman lines will be constructed with steel under-frames; that stock cars shall have a capacity of 80,000 and 100,000 pounds; that boxcars shall have a capacity of 80,000 and 100,000 pounds; that all flat gondola, ballast and hopper-bottom cars shall have a capacity of 100,000 pounds, and that all passenger coaches, chair, mail and express cars shall be of uniform length of 60 feet.

In the renewal of the equipment of the Southern Pacific, the Oregon Bailroad & Navigation Company and the Oregon Short Line, these standards will henceforth be observed.

tushing Work on Utah Improvements-Not Opposing Moffatt. DENVER, April 23.—E. H. Harriman, who arrived in Denver last evening, left for the West via Cheyenne this morning, accompanied by President Burt, of the

he was opposing the construction of the Moffatt road. Northern Pacific Dividend. NEW YORK, April M.-The directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad have de clared the regiular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent, payable May 1. In February the dividend paid was 1½ per cent regu-lar and ½ of 1 per cent extra.

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