HEAVY LOSS AT TACOMA

FIRE DESTROYS CASCADE CEREAL COMPANY'S PLANT.

Adjoining Hotels and Houses Are Damaged by Fire and Water —Loss Is $150,000.

TACOMA, Wash., July 24.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the Cascade Cereal Company's plant, located on Jefferson avenue, and the Deming-Berry pulley plant adjoining, causing a loss of $150,000. The Denver House and the St. Paul House and several residences were damaged by fire and water.

The pulley company had just received a large lot of valuable machinery for a new factory which was stored in the burning building. The total insurance will not exceed $80,000.

GOES AGAINST HEINZE.

Montana Supreme Court Reverses Judgment on Healey Mine.

HELENA, Mont. July 24.—Judge Harney's decision in favor of Heinze in the Minnie Healey case was reversed by the Supreme Court on the ground that "no judgment of a court of justice so tainted with corruption as the record leaves this should stand, and its cancellation in this instance will be the evidence of the determination of this court to pursue to the utmost its constitutional and lawful authority to the end that public confidence in our judicial system may not be lessened, and that the foundation of justice may be kept pure."

The litigation involves mining property worth $10,000,000.

The Supreme Court today denied the application of F. A. Heinze to have the Daly Bank & Trust Company to cash its check of $125,000 deposited as bond by the appellants, the Boston & Montana Mining Company, in the Minnie Healey mining case, and to distribute the proceeds among other banks.

The contention was virtually settled by the decision of the Minnie Healey mining case.

MRS. GRIGGS GETS NO MONEY.

Salem Charles Family Heir to the Charles Hill Estate.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 24.—The Salem Charles family, of Boston, was given the verdict by the jury in the Hill will case today. In this suit Mrs. Gertrude Driggs sought to establish her right to the fortune of $142,000 left by the aged Charles Hill. The jury decided that the will presented by Mrs. Gertrude Driggs, in which her daughter, Grace Driggs, was made the heir of Charles Hill, was not signed by Hill, whose true name the jury declared to be Salem Charles.

The verdict sustained the contestants and named eight members of the Salem Charles family as the true heirs to the old man's fortune. The verdict of the jury was against the contentions of Mrs. Driggs on every point.

BILLINGS AGAIN PRESIDENT.

Southern Oregon Chautauqua Honors Him the Tenth Time.

ASHLAND, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The eleventh annual Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly closed here tonight with a grand concert by the Chautauqua chorus under the direction of Professor I. M. Glenn, with solo work by leading vocalists from different parts of Southern Oregon gathered here during the assembly. The programme concluded with the cantata, "Fair Ellen," with Mrs. J. L. Gault, of Grant's Pass, and Mr. Glen as soloists.

At the annual business meeting of the Association held this afternoon George F. Billings was unanimously re-elected president and manager of the Chautauqua for the ensuing year, a position he has held continuously for nine years past.

GRAIN DEALER INDICTED.

Herman Eppinger Accused of Obtaining Money Falsely.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Herman Eppinger, of the grain firm of Eppinger & Co., was indicted today by the grand jury for obtaining $11,500 by alleged false pretenses from the Bank of Monterey. He was released on $12,000 bail. His brother Jacob was indicted on similar charges last week.

Bricks Made on Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The first lot of brick just burnt at the new kiln on Catching Slough was delivered this week at North Bend to be used in making the foundation for the boilers and engines of the woolen mills and sash and door factory. This is the initial burn and somewhat of an experiment, but from the appearance of this production Coos Bay will be able to turn out first-class brick, a much-needed industry, for heretofore this article had to be imported.

Postal Business Has Grown.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The present location of the Oregon City postoffice may be changed. Postoffice Inspector Ball was in the city today and inspected the two buildings that have been offered as a location for the local postoffice. Because of the growing business, larger quarters with better equipments are required by the local office, which has been located in its present limited quarters for several years.

Given Time to Answer.

BAKER CITY, Or., July 24.—J. P. Herrick, under bonds charged with stabbing W. J. Conway last Wednesday at Willowvale, was arraigned today and given till Monday to appear for preliminary examination.

George Breaw, recently cashier of the O. R. & N. local station here, under bonds on charge of embezzlement, has been given extension of time to secure an attorney.

Cable Inflicts Severe Injury.

ASTORIA, July 24.—(Special.)—A man named Brown was hurt at Bugby this morning while at work at the Northwestern Construction Company's rock quarry. A cable attached to a donkey engine broke, the end striking him across the body and inflicting internal injuries that are feared will result fatally. The man was taken to Portland for medical attendance.

McCormick's Judgment Doubted.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The Eugene ball team went to Salem today and will play two more games with the Capital nine. It is announced that McCormick will umpire the game, against which Eugene seriously objects, although it is not known what can be done in the matter. The objection to McCormick is on the ground of his own acknowledgements.

Threatened Girl With Club.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—A warrant is out for the arrest of a young man named Frank Young on a charge of assault with intent to kill. It is alleged that he had trouble with Miss Nellie Wilson, and with a club in his hand threatened the young lady's life. Young has disappeared and the warrant has not yet been served.

Columbine Goes to Alaska.

ASTORIA, July 24.—(Special.)—The lighthouse tender Columbine crossed out this evening to visit the aids to navigation in Southeastern Alaska and will deliver stores to the various light stations. Captain Richardson expects to be absent about three weeks.

Scotia Will Be a Cable-Tender.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 24.—Officers of the cable steamer Iris give the news that the cable steamer Scotia has been purchased in London for use as a cable repair steamer for the Pacific cable. She would be stationed at San Francisco. The Scotia will come to San Francisco via the Orient, and will lay a short line on the China coast en route.

Survey of West Side Line.

OREGON CITY, July 24.—(Special.)—Surveyor Kinnaird and a force of men are making the survey for the proposed motor railway on the West Side, between this city and Portland. C. D. Latourette, of this city, has a franchise from the County Court for such a line, and it is expected that active construction work will begin next year.

Fitzsimmons Gets Marriage License.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Robert Fitzsimmons, actor and pugilist, was today granted a license to wed Julia May Gifford. The ceremony will take place tomorrow at the young lady's hotel. The groom-to-be gave his age as 41 and that of the bride as 23. Both claim New York as their homes.

Accidental Shooting Kills Boy.

FOREST GROVE, Or., July 24.—A stepson of Frank Pautmeier, aged 16 years, while on a visit with his uncle, Anton Pautmeier, who lives three miles south of Hillsboro, accidentally killed himself yesterday, by shooting in the abdomen. Deceased will be taken to Portland today for burial, where his parents reside.

O'Brien Granted Time for Report.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—General R. G. O'Brien today asked the Superior Court for more time to make a showing of the funds in his hands as administrator of the estate of Samuel Scott, and was granted until 10 o'clock Monday morning to appear and answer to the citation issued by the court yesterday.

Stubborn Chinese Released.

ASTORIA, July 24.—(Special.)—Chinese Inspector Barbour, of Portland, was in the city today and released Ah Sing, the Chinaman arrested a couple of days ago on the charge of being in the country illegally. The man had his proper certificate, but refused to produce it until arrested and compelled to do so.

Found Fish and Game in Plenty.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—A party consisting of J. S. Stiles, William and Henry Denhart, I. P. Hower and Andy Taylor returned last evening from an outing at Pine Openings. Their trip was cut short by the illness of Mr. Hower, but they found an abundance of fish and game.

Trout Planted in Klatskanine.

ASTORIA, July 24.—(Special.)—M. P. Pomeroy received last evening 1000 young trout from the Oregon Game Association, which he planted in the north fork of the Klatskanine. The shipment consisted of 500 rainbow and 500 speckled trout and all were in good condition.

Rock Creek Postoffice Burned.

BAKER CITY, Or., July 24.—The store of Caster Bros. and the postoffice on Rock Creek were destroyed by fire. The estimated loss is $5000.

SMUGGLERS RUN DOWN.

Filipinos Bring in Arms While Pretending to Be Peddling Bark.

TACOMA, July 24.—Mail advices from Manila report the capture by Lieutenant Burbank of three cascos, which have been smuggling arms while presumably engaged in the honest occupation of peddling bark. The three cascos, with their crews, were seized by the Lieutenant at Valencia with the result that 35 barongs, one revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition for the latter were found.

Commenting on the establishment of two American coaling stations in the Pacific Ocean, the Kreuz Zeitung of June 11 says: "With the Panama Canal, the Hawaiian Islands, Tutuila and the Philippines, the United States holds the most strategic points in the Western hemisphere, where some day her supremacy will be indisputable."

A firm in Shanghai has been awarded the contract of furnishing 10,000 water buffalo to the insular government of the Philippines. All the animals will be immunized against rhinderpest by the simultaneous reinoculation method before being shipped from China. The whole number will be divided into lots of 500 each and shipments will be made each month.

FIREBUG MAY BE CAUGHT

Soldier at Vancouver Is Arrested on Charge of Arson.

Pete Stherler, thought to be the man that set a number of fires in Portland, is under arrest at Vancouver on a charge of arson. The news was telephoned to Chief of Police Hunt last night, and today an officer will be sent to Vancouver to investigate the case.

Stherler has been a member of one of the Vancouver companies for some time. At the time that Portland was troubled with so many incendiary fires he was enjoying a four months' furlough. He recently returned to the barracks to report for duty, and since his return, there have been three attempts to get fire to the barracks. In the last attempt he was caught, and is now held in the guardhouse. The officers there say he is a fiend, and shows every indication of being a typical pyromaniac. They think that he was in Portland during the epidemic of fires, but have not the evidence to establish this fact. Detective Sam Simmons will go to Vancouver today to get evidence which may connect him with Portland's incendiary fires beyond a doubt.

NEGROES LAUD ROOSEVELT

Brothers of Friendship Praise His Stand on the Race Question.

ST. LOUIS, July 24.—At the final session today of the National convention of the United Brothers of Friendship, an organization of colored men, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That the United Brothers of Friendship, in convention assembled, express its appreciation of the brave, generous and humane attitude of President Roosevelt on all questions affecting the rights of Afro-Americans under the Federal Constitution, and his declaration that the door of opportunity should be closed against no man on account of his race, color or previous condition; and be it further

"Resolved, That the United Brothers of Friendship consider it fortunate in this crisis in the history of the Republic that a man of the courage and broad humanity of President Roosevelt should occupy the chief executive office in the gift of the people."

VISITORS TO PORTLAND.

Should Not Miss the Trips Up and Down the Columbia River.

The beauties of the upper Columbia are best enjoyed from the O. R. & N. Company's "Portland-Chicago Special," which leaves the Union Station at 9:20 every forenoon, arriving at The Dalles at 12:35 (noon). Returning the train leaves The Dalles at 1 P. M., arriving at Portland at 4:30 P. M. If desired, return can be made from the Dalles by boat.

The T. J. Potter—queen of river boats—leaves Portland daily (except Sunday and Monday) for Astoria and North Beach, the popular resort of the North Pacific Coast. For particulars about delightful side trips out of Portland ask at O. R. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

DIED.

KEATING—At 296 San Rafael st., July 23, 1903, of pneumonia, Robert Emmett, son of John and Mary Keating, aged 2 years and 4 months. Funeral notice later.

TWO LARGE FIRMS FAIL

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lor & Co. that he is the largest unsecured creditor is all the public knows or can learn at this time.

Both of the failures are due to efforts of the companies to pool certain stocks and sustain their prices by supporting orders, real or manipulative.

Many Fear More Serious Trouble.

Although the market rallied very decidedly at the close and the general situation in the minds of some was much improved, the great many persons having interests in the "street" went home in anything but a cheerful frame of mind. It was freely predicted that trouble even more serious was impending. From trustworthy sources it was learned that three or more commission-houses had been "squeezed" almost to the bursting point. Contracts made today hold out till Monday, which may enable embarrassed individuals to get their second wind.

The best information is that the insolvent firms had comparatively few outstanding commitments, and these, it is believed, were settled privately on the floor.

It is said that a prominent international banking-house, with important railroad interests in Mexico, bought liberally today of Mexican Central. Report says that Taylor & Co. sold privately to a large banking interest, which it some time ago antagonized, 40,000 shares of Southern Pacific.

The Stow failure was announced shortly before 2 P. M., and that of Taylor & Co. followed within less than ten minutes. The Stock Exchange was crowded, as it had been all day, with brokers, many of whom in recent months had been conspicuous by their absence from the board, but who were regular in their attendance this week, because of the gathering of the financial storm. The visitors' gallery of the Stock Exchange held an excited throng of strangers.

All Felt Crisis Was at Hand.

The boardroom was the scene of wild excitement all day. A tip that something would drop before the close of the market had gone all around. The hush that fell as the official announcements were made was broken only by the ill-suppressed buzz of brokers, who gathered in groups and listened intently to the words of the chairman, perched in his little white marble balcony.

Then followed another wild scramble all over the room. A thousand telephone bells rang, and almost as many uniformed messenger boys seemed to leap out of the floor and scurry in all directions. The excitement subsided only with the clang of the huge gong which marked the closing of the market. While many a sigh of relief went up, there was also dread of the morrow.

Taylor Failure a Surprise.

To those who were in the "know" the Stow failure caused little surprise, but the Taylor embarrassment was really unexpected. Much had been said of that firm's affairs in the last two years, and in its operations in Southern Pacific, Metropolitan Street Railway and certain other stocks, still fresh in the minds of those who follow the market. The "street" and many visitors understood the Taylor-Keene connections.

Taylor & Co. have been the principal Keene brokers for the last three years, that famous operator making the Taylor office his headquarters. Foxhall Keene, a member of the firm which failed, is now abroad. His father was at the latter's office today, but denied himself to all save a few close friends.

Failure Due to Bad Blood.

The effect of the Taylor failure upon James R. Keene's personal affairs is purely a matter of conjecture. According to some reports, the veteran operator is heavily involved, and according to others scarcely at all. There are many who believe that the Taylor failure is directly due to the bad blood stirred up by the firm and Mr. Keene in the Southern Pacific and Metropolitan suits. In fact, it has further been said that the Harriman and Whitney interests would not be satisfied with anything less than the scalp of the Keenes and Taylors, because of these episodes.

The firm of W. L. Stow & Co. (W. L. Coolidge) was organized in 1899, and has been known almost ever since as the stock market representatives of the Mexican Central Railroad. The firm's manipulation of Mexican Central securities was frequently a matter of general gossip. Mr. Stow is well known in club and social circles, and has had a handsome country estate at Great Neck. He is a prominent automobilist. His partner, Mr. Coolidge, is very popular on the exchange, and much sympathy was expressed for him today.

Almost 76,000 shares of Mexican Central were dealt in today, the stock selling down violently from 19 to 11, and closing at 12¼, a net loss of 6½ points. The first income bonds declined more than five points. During the last year's bull movement Mexican Central stock sold as high as 31½.

The Mexican Central Railway, Ltd., of Mexico, was incorporated February 25, 1880, under the Massachusetts law, and holds a Mexican charter and subsidy. Its main lines run from Mexico City to Juarez, a distance of 1224 miles.

In March, 1901, a syndicate headed by H. Clay Pierce, of St. Louis, acquired a majority of the stock, the amount of which outstanding at that time was about $48,000,000. In January, 1902, the company issued $10,000,000 collateral trust five-year 4½ per cent bonds, secured by $16,129,000 consolidated 4 per cents, held in the treasury, the proceeds of which were used for the retirement of $6,000,000 notes issued in payment of the Monterey & Mexican Railroad. The remainder was used, according to the report, for the extension of the Monterey road.

The Mexican Central Securities Company, Ltd., was founded in 1899 to acquire the 4 per cent consols of the Mexican Central Railroad "and to issue in their place two classes of securities." Several prominent Englishmen, including Lord Hollingdon and Lord Revelstoke, were among the original trustees of the securities company.

KEENE LOSES $1,500,000.

He Would Have Helped Taylor If He Had Any Faith in Market.

NEW YORK, July 24.—James R. Keene has long been looked upon in Wall street as J. P. Morgan's lieutenant in the manipulation of the stock market. It was to Mr. Keene that Mr. Morgan intrusted the work of distributing the shares of the billion-dollar steel combine. Under the circumstances it was understood that the Keene firm would not be allowed to suspend. It developed, however, that certain institutions, among which was the firm of Morgan & Co., were willing to extend aid, providing that marketable collateral be put up against the funds expended.

When it came to an investigation of the collateral which the firm was willing to deposit against the loan, the institution decided it would be wise to allow the matters to take their natural course.

James R. Keene tonight talked of the failure of his son-in-law's firm.

"My own fortune and the fortune of my family is not impaired," said Mr. Keene. "I lost money today, for I was the largest unsecured creditor of the firm of Talbot J. Taylor, but as I said, my fortune is safe."

"How about the report that you very recently settled $5,000,000 on your wife, $5,000,000 on your son, $5,000,000 on your daughter?" Mr. Keene was asked.

"I won't say anything about the amounts," replied Mr. Keene. "I guess I'll lose about $1,500,000 through this failure," he continued. "I had no connection with the firm except that I did business through them.

"I would have seen him through this thing but the market was so gloomy and discouraging, with not a bright outlook anywhere, that I began to think about myself and decided it would be best not to put up any more money for the firm.

"I never saw such a hopeless market as we have. When you can get such stocks as United States Steel preferred for 68 is there any wonder that I refuse to help my son-in-law out any longer?"

John W. Gates did not seem at all disturbed after the closing of the market. He said:

"I still believe good stocks are good; that is to say, crops are good; the country is still very prosperous and I see no reason for worry despite occurrences on the stock market such as happened today."

KEENE PAID OFF A GRUDGE.

Wall Street Holds He Refused to Aid Taylor to Punish Him.

NEW YORK, July 24.—A great deal of interest was manifested in Wall street as to the cause of the suspension of T. J. Taylor & Co., and to what extent James R. Keene was interested. The general belief in the street was that Mr. Keene had no connection with the failure, and that he refused to come to the relief of his son-in-law. There was no confirmation of this notion, but it is based on the following story:

Last Summer Talbot J. Taylor was reported to have had a falling out with his father-in-law, arising out of reported purchases of Southern Pacific by Mr. Taylor on his own account, independently of the pool which Mr. Keene was running in that stock. According to the story, Mr. Keene was angry when he discovered the fact. With the break in the stock market last October Southern Pacific declined severely, and it was asserted in some quarters that Mr. Taylor was among the losers. Since that time, Mr. Keene has not been seen much in the office of T. J. Taylor & Co., but this probably was due to the fact that he was ill at his home.

It was alleged that Mr. Keene had stopped giving any orders to the firm of his son-in-law for execution on the Stock Exchange, and was using the firm of Samuel E. Babcock for the largest number of his transactions. Many, however, doubt that there is any truth in this story, because since the return of the veteran trader in Wall street, several weeks ago, he has made his headquarters in his old office, immediately adjoining those of T. J. Taylor & Co., and continued with them. Mr. Taylor is believed to be a man of great wealth, and Wall street holds to the opinion today that if he suffered any losses in the decline he is well able to stand them.

TAYLOR MAKES A STATEMENT.

Keene Is the Largest Unsecured Creditor of the Firm.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The appended statement was issued at the office of Taylor & Co. this evening:

"Talbot Taylor & Co. have this day executed a general assignment for the benefit of creditors to Philip J. Britt, and he has accepted the assignment and taken charge of the property and assets of the firm.

"The assignment of the firm is due to its inability to liquidate the stocks which the banks held for their account. All banks having loans with them are well protected, but inability to liquidate the stocks so held has caused the suspension, which, it is hoped, will be temporary if the banks take the reasonable view that by waiting gradual liquidation can be affected without disturbance to the stock market. The largest unsecured creditor of the firm is Mr. James R. Keene."

Efforts to ascertain the amount of the firm's indebtedness to Mr. Keene were unsuccessful.

The assignee is a prominent Tammany politician, and he is well known as a close friend of Mr. Keene. The day's failures on the Stock Exchange were the first since May 5, last year. That day three firms, all of them involved in the Webb-Meyer syndicate, went under. Two resumed business.

No statement of Taylor & Co.'s assets and liabilities has been made, but from the president of a leading bank it is learned that the liabilities may be well on to $6,000,000. Estimates of Stow & Co.'s liabilities range from $1,250,000 to $2,000,000.

CAUSE OF THE FAILURES.

Both Firms Tried to Pool Certain Stocks and Manipulate Prices.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The announcement on the Stock Exchange, late today, of the suspension of the firms of Talbot J. Taylor & Co., and W. L. Stow & Co., was the sequel to a period of excited selling of stocks and wide outside prices not equaled before since the present movement to liquidate set in.

There is nothing in either failure that can be traced to business or industrial conditions outside the exchange, the case lying close to a diagnosis of speculative collapse. Both firms have been concerned largely in speculative stock market pools formed for the purpose of taking on a line of stocks, sustaining their price by supporting orders, real or manipulative, and seeking to realize profits by selling out to outsiders at high prices. Such operations have suffered from increasing difficulties with the growth in the stringency of money, the solicitude of bankers over loans employed in such projects, and the jaded appetite of the public for securities.

The operations of the firm of W. L. Stow & Co. were on a large scale in Mexican Central, and the difficulties which have accumulated upon them, are understood by the price of 11 touched by Mexican Central under the forced selling today and the high level at 31½ last year.

The failure of Talbot J. Taylor & Co. will inevitably be connected with the great market operations of James R. Keene, by reason of Keene's family connections with and frequent employment of the firm. Mr. Keene's operations in stocks are too numerous to detail and much mystery usually attaches to them necessarily from their nature. But the market management of the United States Steel stocks on behalf of the syndicate and the conduct of a Southern Pacific pool are the operations with which his name are most notably connected.

The accumulation, according to common belief, of 300,000 shares of Southern Pacific and the lifting of its price above 80, were based upon the assumption that Southern Pacific bonds were to be issued for that road's work of improvement and the net earnings applied to dividends. Talbot J. Taylor & Co., as representatives of the pool, felt themselves powerful enough to challenge the Union Pacific party's refusal to adopt this policy and carry the quarrel to the courts. The animosities and resentments engendered by that quarrel are supposed to have added to the weight of the firm's difficulties and to have aided in bringing it down.

IDENTIFIES HIS ROBBERS.

Harry McRae Charges Two Men With Hold-Up.

Harry McRae, who was held up and robbed Thursday night by two highwaymen, last night identified his assailants as L. Lambert and Herbert Lambert. They were promptly placed under arrest by Policeman Hellyer and held at the City Jail.

When searched they had nothing about their person that seemed suspicious, but the elevator boy was so sure that they were the right men that they were held for trial. As his robbers had no masks, it is thought that their identity may be established.

From the time that the robbery occurred the boy has shown much grit and has been determined to catch the highwaymen. He rushed for a telephone the moment that he got away from them and called up the police, in order to put them on the track. Failing to get an officer, he started out on his own hook to find the robbers. Shortly after 10 o'clock last night he rushed breathlessly into the police station with the information that he had found the highwaymen.

Chief Hunt was present when the report came in, and immediately sent Policeman Hellyer out in citizen's clothes to bring in the men.

The men both declared that they were innocent and that they were well known in Vancouver. As evidence of their assertions they produced return tickets for Vancouver and said that they had intended to return to Vancouver last night.

WILL CANNONS BE NEXT?

Highwayman Ventures Forth Armed With Repeating Rifle.

Concealed weapons have gone out of fashion with the Portland highwaymen, and repeating rifles are being substituted for the ancient bulldog revolver.

The artist who insisted upon better protection, however, grew too bold because of his superior arms, and the police believe they have captured at least one highwayman. Martin Allen is under arrest at the Police Station on a charge of highway robbery and the evidence against him seems to be strong.

About 11 o'clock last night, a man who would not give his name, reported to the police that he had been robbed of 35 cents by a man that held him up with a Winchester rifle. Officers were detailed on the case, and a description of the man was obtained. The robbery occurred at Northern Hill within the incorporate limits of St. Johns and about an hour later, Officer Smith met a man coming across the steel bridge with a Winchester rifle. As if attempting to conceal it the rifle was held close along his leg, but with an eagle eye the officer espied the glistening barrel, and thought of the daring robbery he had heard talked of at the Police Station.

"Hold on," he cried. "I wish to speak with you."

At this suggestion from an officer the man started to run.

"Stop or I will shoot," called the officer. As the fugitive had not come to present arms, and was not in a position to return fire at once, he obeyed the mandate and surrendered.

"I am employed by Chris Simpson to watch a stack of hay at the Irvington race track," is the story that was told by the prisoner, but the officers thought that he was so far from the scene of his duty that the statement could not be accepted.

They have found that he was not watching the hay the night before, because he is known by the proprietor of the New York House, who says he spent the night at that place.

The man who was robbed gave his address as 121 Grand avenue, but such an address could not be found. Now that the highwayman is caught the officers will attempt to find the victim, and if the two can be brought together a case may develop.

The rifle hold-up is a new departure in Portland, and at the police station the officers are wondering when the highwaymen will march upon the city with artillery. They think a cannon would be even more impressive in the stick-up business.

STABBED BY AN UNKNOWN.

Zan McDaniel Is Severely Slashed in Cutting Affray.

Mystery deep and impenetrable surrounds the cutting of Zan McDaniel early yesterday morning by a man whom the victim claims he does not know. Slashed from ear to mouth so deeply that nothing was left but the membrane inside his mouth, McDaniel was taken to Nau's drug store at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Dr. G. T. Trommald was called and took 20 stitches to close the gaping wound. Now McDaniel has disappeared without making a complaint.

The cutting affray took place on Fifth street near Alder. The proprietors of the saloons and restaurants on this block declare they heard nothing of the affair. So far as can be learned from hearsay evidence, McDaniel was seen to come from a door on this block with a number of half-drunken men, who were teasing and annoying another of the party. Blows were struck, and in an instant a knife came from a hidden pocket and McDaniel's face was cut. Had the cut been two inches lower, the jugular vein would have been severed and nothing could have saved his life. Then the man who did the slashing ran around the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, leaving his victim to be cared for as best he could. He was helped to the drug store by a friend, who did not give his name to Dr. Trommald.

The injured man gave his name as Zan McDaniel to the surgeon, and his address as the Benson block, Fifth and Morrison streets. No such man is known there, nor is any injured roomer in the house. When questioned by Dr. Trommald, McDaniel declared that he did not know the name of his assailant, but thought that he was a railroad man. Dr. Trommald, thinking that the wound might require further attention, searched for him yesterday without success.

McDaniel made no complaint to the police, but when the report became known a detective was placed upon the case.

Tony Gallagher Arrested.

On the police docket, "attempt at burglary" is the charge that is placed against the name of Tony Gallagher, a well-known saloon man of the North end. The charge was made by Robert Gray, who has a brass foundry at 60 North Second street. Upon entering the foundry after dark he found Gallagher wandering about in the place. He had left the foundry locked and could construe it as nothing else but an attempt at burglary. The prisoner was so drunk that he could not make any statement. The officers are inclined to believe that he wandered into the place, being so drunk that he did not know what he was doing.

Opium Joint Raided.

A systematic raid of the various opium joints of the city was made last night by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan. Twelve smokers were interrupted in their dreams of happiness, and their visions of wealth and greatness were quickly supplanted by the realization that they were behind iron bars. Charges of visiting opium houses were placed against them, and they will be held to appear before Municipal Judge Hogue.