

LOST HER FAITH

Why Mrs. Harvey Stopped Giving to Charity Board.

SAYS METHODS ARE FAULTY

Little Aid is Given to the Needy, She Says, and Two-Thirds of the Money Goes to Useless Officials.

The report of the City Board of Charities and criticisms that have arisen as a result of the alleged misuse of funds created much talk among the subscribers to the treasury of the organization yesterday.

One of the former patrons of the institution is Mrs. E. G. Harvey. For a number of years she was a regular contributor, but, owing to the lax methods by which the financial part of the board was conducted, she has ceased to give. According to the story of Mrs. Harvey, she was for some time an ardent supporter of the charitable institutions in Portland, and had the utmost confidence in the City Board until personal experience taught her differently.

Some time ago she was invited to the institution a stove, for which she had no further use, with the understanding that it was to be placed in the home of the first worthy family that applied for it. After two weeks Mrs. Harvey found such a family, and went to Secretary Walpole with the request that the stove be sent to the needy ones.

She called upon Secretary Walpole and stated the necessity of providing the family with a stove at once. He asked the name of the family and circumstances before, and then told her that she could tell her new-found alms-seekers that the head of the family could have a stove for the price of one dollar.

He further explained that the City Board of Charities was not being run to encourage paupers, and that the best remedy for a family in such a position was to go to the county institution, where relief was to be had for the asking.

This is not the only story that it could tell of the manner in which the City Board of Charities is run," said Mrs. Harvey, "but it serves to illustrate how it is conducted, and the methods that are employed in helping needy people. The City Board collects money from our merchants and charitably-inclined people, and then gathers in a lot of merchandise from those that cannot afford to give and the officials, sitting in the office while waiting for their salaries to be paid, rather than give to a poor family the help that they may need, the officers attempt to sell the merchandise, and there is no increase in the salary fund or amount of money on hand for the assistance of the poor.

"I believe that the City Board of Charities could be made to do for the poor of this city," says Mrs. Harvey, "and I am willing to lend them all the assistance within my power, but I do not think that it is right that over two-thirds of the money given by our people should be spent for salaries of useless officials."

MR. T. N. STRONG ON CHARITIES He Declares It Wise to Spend Bulk of Money Investigating Cases.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Criticism is a good thing for a charity organization, keeps it alert and makes it important, attracts public attention to it so that it can state the reasons of its existence and give the community an opportunity of judging its work, whether it is good or bad. The criticism sought, however, is not necessarily fair and reasonable. One of our city editors, quoted in the two articles of the Sunday and Monday Oregonian, criticising the City Board of Charities, has been particularly misquoting, and the statements put in large letters in the heading, "All Money Not Credited, Says J. C. Alsworth," is absolutely incorrect, and he did not so state. Mr. Alsworth did not give the City Board of Charities \$25,000. Mr. Alsworth's bank, the United States National, gave \$100 that year, which is properly reported, and the Mr. Alsworth is rightly considered as enough for him to give. Whether the other persons quoted are quoted correctly I have not taken the trouble to inquire. As to investigating the City Board of Charities believes in this, and the medicine it prescribes for others it will cheerfully take itself. The Chamber of Commerce, or any other organization, may at any time, day or night, send up its investigating committee and they will afford every facility, and as to black-listing, we will, every. An odd old lady telephoned to me only the other evening, and told me she was going to inflict the board. Perhaps indignant would be more effectual.

MAY DISCHARGE ON SOUND

NO DECISION REACHED AS TO OLYMPIA'S CARGO.

Contraband-Carrier Tacoma Has Not Reached Meji, as Reported—Gienturret's Orders Changed.

It has not been definitely decided yet where to discharge the Olympia's cargo, but it will probably be at Seattle. The steamer loaded 2500 tons of ore here last month, ostensibly for Vladivostok, though she cleared for Meji, Japan and sailed on the 15th, stopping at Comox for coal. There an accident to her boilers caused her to return to Seattle. Before the repairs were completed the blockading of the Russian port was announced and the steamer's sailing orders were annulled. When the consignors of the cargo opened negotiations for cancellation of the charter and war risk, Secretary Trenholm of the Northwestern Commercial Company, the owners of the Olympia, wired his terms to Lloyds, at London, but up to last night had received no reply. He stated that he did not know where the cargo would be unloaded, but in all likelihood it would be at Seattle.

The British steamer Gienturret, which has been loading barley at San Francisco for delivery at Vladivostok, has abandoned any intention of trying to run the Japanese blockade. Her cargo has been reconsigned to Yokohama. The steamer Brinkburn, formerly the Tottenham, returned to San Francisco yesterday, having received orders to discharge her contraband cargo.

There is considerable doubt as to the present whereabouts of the Tacoma, of the Northwestern Commercial line, which left Seattle with a load of wheat and other supplies shortly before the Olympia departed from here. It was reported that she had arrived on the 15th at Meji, and it was surmised by some shipping men that she had been wrecked. Vladivostok safely by the northern route, discharged and gone to the Japanese port for coal for the return trip, which she had ample time to do. The owners of the steamer, however, reported yesterday that she had not yet reached Meji. She has not been definitely reported since leaving Dutch Harbor and there is belief in some quarters that she may have been caught in an Arctic ice floe and possibly wrecked.

PAYS HIGH FOR THE TRIP

What It Costs Government to Bring Lightships From New York.

The two lightships, Nos. 83 and 75, which have just left New York for San Francisco, by way of Cape Horn, are among the smallest steam vessels that have ever undertaken this hazardous trip. They measure only 142 feet in length. No. 83 is to be located at Blount's reef, off Cape Mendocino, and No. 75 is a relief boat for general service on the California coast. The two lightships were built by the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, and the Eastern Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J. The latter company un-derbid the Western firm by \$30,000 on each boat, and as there was no provision in the law as to their in naval appropriation bills, allowing higher prices to Pacific Coast builders, the Eastern company got the contract.

Apparently the enormous expense of length to which the Government's fixed policy will sometimes carry it. An appropriation was made several years ago for five new lightships, two of them to be sent to Pacific stations. The two lightships were built by the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, and the Eastern Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J. The latter company un-derbid the Western firm by \$30,000 on each boat, and as there was no provision in the law as to their in naval appropriation bills, allowing higher prices to Pacific Coast builders, the Eastern company got the contract.

NOT IN SALOON AFTER 1 A. M.

Chief of Police Hunt Denies Charge Made by Councilman Fiegl.

"Show me the man who said it." Such is the challenge of Chief of Police Hunt to Councilman A. F. Fiegl, who yesterday charged that he had seen the "reliable source" that the head of Portland's police department has visited saloons after 1 A. M.—when they were supposed to be closed.

"I am not an 'information' business is rather indefinite," said Chief Hunt. "Just show me the man who said it was in any saloon at or after 1 A. M. Let Councilman Fiegl bring him out into sight, and he can be seen and heard."

PROMINENT CHINAMAN DIES

Lee Jong Born to Tomb, Followed by Procession of His Countrymen.

To a land peaceful and calm, where there was never come and where high-binders no longer make miserable the life of Chinese, Lee Jong was borne yesterday. He was prominent in the quarter where dwelt his race, and practically every hand in Chinatown was necessary to accommodate the friends who followed his body to the grave.

WILL SEEK MIDDLE ROAD

Bridge Question to Be Discussed With View of Pleasing All.

It is expected that some solution of the bridge-closing question will be found at the meeting of the City Board of Charities on Thursday afternoon. While the river interests think that too great a hardship would be imposed on them by the closing of the draws for any specified time, they think that the trouble for the pedestrians can be remedied to a great extent, and with this object in view, a meeting is to be held today. Invitations were sent to all interests concerned and especially to County Judge Webster, Mayor Williams and the officials of the local United States Engineer's Department. The meeting will be held in the office of the D. P. & N. N. Mohawk building, at 2 o'clock today, and the object of the question will be presented and considered with a view to providing some remedy for the delaying of bridge pedestrians without working too much hardship upon the stevedores' interests.

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WORKMEN TO HOLD MEETING

Exposition Men to Decide Between Radical and Conservative Methods.

A mass meeting of Exposition workmen will be held tonight as scheduled. Large bills announcing the meeting have been spread broadcast, and the labor agitators have been busy gathering together their conductors and the crowd into a paroxysm of enthusiasm and lead all the workmen into a general strike. The meeting will be held at Eagle's Hall, Second and Yamhill, taking place at the public meeting given the plot will follow.

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Marine Notes.

The steamers Aurelia and Inagua have called for San Pedro, the former with 540,000 and the latter with 53,000 feet of lumber.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Feb. 20.—Arrived down at 1 A. M. and sailed at 12 noon—Steamer Redondo, for Seattle, with 1000 tons of lumber. Arrived at 1 and left up at 9:30 A. M.—Steamer South Bay, from San Francisco. Left up at 9 A. M.—Schooners Irene and Virginia. Arrived this morning from San Francisco.

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WHAT JOY THEY BRING TO EVERY HOME

as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature and if at any time a remedial agent is required, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

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