HE GOES TO LAW

Scott Sues Insurance Company.

ALLEGES BROKEN CONTRACT

Corporation Declares It Finds Shortage.

NOTIFIES HIS SURETY

Interesting Fight in the Courts Promised to Determine if Corporation May Change Its Polloy Towards Agents.

Biair T. Scott, ex-manager of the Washington Life Insurance Company, is in New York City instituting suit against the company for alleged breach of contract. An inspector of the company has just left Portland for New York City after making the statement that there is a rtage of \$5482 in Mr. Scott's accounts. Mr. Scott has resigned his position, and Harry B. Scott, his brother, who also held a position with the company here, has been discharged and is at present on a health trip in California. Such is the present aspect of the trouble between Blair T. Scott and his brother on the one and the Washington Life on the

Friends of Mr. Scott tell a plausible story in his defense. Scott had a con-tract with the Washington Life which made his earnings dependent on the amount of energy displayed and the amount of business done by the Portland branch. Mr. Scott applied his energies to such an extent that business fairly rolled into the office and money into Mr. Scott's

Change in Company's Policy.

Recently the more important life in-surance companies announced that they were going to adopt a new policy, which would change contracts with agents and divert the larger part of the earnings of branch offices into the pockets of the companies. In other words, they began to realize that the agents and managers had too much of a good thing under their present contracts and were making more money than the companies desired they should make. It was apparent that these companies were willing to allow the agents and managers to make a great deal of money while the business was be-ing gathered, but desired the Bon's share of the profits after this work was done. The Washington Life was one of the anies who announced this change of y. Some of the managers and agents let the matter pass as a matter of course. Others refused to deliver their contracts, Blair T. Scott was one of these. He told the Washington Life that the contract had been made in good faith and that if there was money in it for him he ought to get it, especially as it was his energy that caused the success of the business in Portland and vicinity.

The Washington Life came back at Mr. Scott. The company slieged that he had not adhered closely to the rules and regulations of the company; that he had dis counted premiums for the sake of getting business and did so contrary to the rules as laid down for managers of districts. They further alleged that agents did not follow the rules of the company, and that as these agents were laboring under Mr. of discipline. It was further alleged that menthly reports to the home office were brother, Harry B. Scott, was niding in all this work.

Account Held Up.

Receptly Mr. Scott sent a monthly re-port to the home office of the Washington Life. It was according to the specifica-tions of his contract with the company and not in accordance with the company's and not in accordance with the company's announced change of policy regarding their position with agents. The company refused to honor the report and held it up, writing to Mr. Scott for an explana-tion, at the same time stating that the report was padded. At this time Mr. Scott had on hand \$5432 belonging to the company. When he received the com-pany's reply he refused to forward the money, alleging that the company, under money, alleging that the company, under the old contract still in force, owed him more than that amount. Other letters passed, and Mr. Scott gave up his position with the company. At the same time the company sent an imspector to look over the accounts and books in the Portland

This inspector was Superintendent Ver-Milyea, of the New York branch. He came to Fortland, inspected the books. stated to his company that there was a shortage of \$482 and, it is alleged, dis-covered other gross irregularities which he did not make public.

Bondsmen Are Notified.

On February D. Mr. Scott directed a letter to the National Surety Company, of New York, his bondsmen, telling them that the Washington Life people had vio-lated their contract with him, that he had refused to abide by their new regulations, and that they had refused to honor his regular statement, wherefore he had held up the sum of 156E, on hand, pending a settlement. He alleged in this letter that the company owed him money in excess of that any

in excess of that sum. On the same day Superintendent Verthere was a shortage, giving all other information he had on hand. Both letters reached New York City on February E. On the day following, the Washington Life notified the National Surety Company that it had discovered a shortage of more than \$600 in Mr. Scott's accounts and that the National Surety Company. as Scott's bondsmen, would be held re-

Scott's Brother Discharged.

About this time a letter came from the ome office of the Washington Life, re-About this time a letter came from the home office of the Washington Life, removing Harry B. Scott, who had been associated with his brother in the business. Harry B. Scott left at once for a trip through California. He is expected to return to Portland during the coming weak, and has stated that he would go from here to his old home in Pittsburg.

The National Surety Company directed its attorneys in Portland to investigate the affair. Murdoch and Moser are the attorneys. Blair T. Scott was conferred attorneys. Blair T. Scott was conferred with, and almost immediately left for New York City, with the avowed intention of commencing suit against the Washington Life people to recover the amount he alleges is due him, and to get compensation for the breach of contract, which he avers has caused him loss of mousey and annoyance. Mr. Scott has advised friends in this city that the suit is progressing and that he will return to Portland about the last of the present month to attend to matters at this point. The suit is expected to be a lively one, and agents of other companies are match.

ing it closely, as it may determine whether such contracts will hold in court and whether agents and managers are obliged to accept change of policy on the part of the company. It may also be shown whether managers may discount premiums against the company's orders so long as they do it without loss to the company in money. On the other hand, the insurance companies will probably fight the case hotiy, as a verdict in favor of Mr. Scott might serve to give trouble with other managers and agents and prevent the companies from carrying out their change in policy.

In the meantime the office of the Washington Life in this city is in charge of the stenographer and bookkeeper, who has been in the office for years and is well acquainted with the routine of the businesses.

with the rot ness. A new manager is expect the home office at an early date.

NO CLOSED DRAWS.

Bridge Controversy Seems About Settled.

The demonstration given by the rivermen that they could and would aid in the avoidance of long delays to bridge traffic has had the effect of settling the late controversy and agitation raised by some of the citizens. It is not thought now to enforce the closing of the bridges for any specified time during the day and the

any specified time during the day and the rules prepared by the steamboat owners for the guidance of their captains and pilots in regard to approaching the bridges are being put into effect.

County Judge Webster, with the purpose of adjusting the matter with fairness to both sides, has considered the question of closing the bridges very carefully and, while averse to expressing any decision at this time, it is to be seen that he thinks favorably of the remedy that he thinks favorably of the remedy proposed by the rivermen. When inter-viewed yesterday, he said:

viewed yesterday, he said:
"I cannot say yet just what definite action will be taken in regard to the bridges, and it will be some little time before we announce our decision. We do not want to do anything that will be appeared to the same to the place a severe hardship on any one and will therefore not decide hastily."

"Will you give the suggestion of the rivermen a trial?"
"That I cannot answer until the matter has been tailed over with the Commissioners," was the reply.

Will Furnish Relief.

"But do you not think that this proposed action of the rivermen will furnish
a great measure of relief?"
"Yes." Judge Webster answered, "I
certainly think it will. In fact, it has
been demonstrated that such is the case
in the past few weeks, and I am inclined
to think that it would prove to relieve
the delays on the bridges to a very great
extent. I think that in all erobability extent. I think that in all probability this remedy may be given a trial. You understand, of course, we are not anxious to close the bridges if it will work a serihardship on river commerce, but ye at the same time we want to help the people who have to cross the bridges We must recognize that both sides have

Thinks Controversy Ended.

C. F. Swigert, who is a strong opponent to closed bridges, said:
"I am glad that the matter has been adjusted so satisfactorily. I say adjusted, because I think the controversy is ended. The rivermen have demonstrated that they can materially lessen the delays occasionad by open draws, and if they will only continue to follow the rules made there should be no more serious inconvenience to redestrians or serious inconvenience to pedestrians or street cars on the bridges. I was opposed to closing the draws for the reas that such a step would result in no benefit at large. It would help some people during the hours closed, but would cause a greater congestion and delay to those using the bridges immediately after the closing. The worst feature, however would be the excessive hardship and possible injury to our shipping. The mid-dle course as taken is certainly the wis-

Captain A. B. Graham, speaking for the rivermen, is pleased with the outcome. He affirms the willingness and the deter-mination of all rivermen to sid in every possible way to avoid delays to the bridge traffic, and only asks that the people should bear in mind that the river work is performed under conditions of the weather and current.

"With such in mind." he said, "the peo ple will see that we are doing all in our power to avoid inconvenience to them

Rules for the Boats. now being given to all boats:

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Instructions to captains and pilots of freight and passenger steamers regarding signals for bridge draws at Portland, Or.: First—Weather and, water conditions favorable, avoid signaling for draw until vessel is in position to pass through. It for any cause you are delayed after signal has been given, severas signal, thus informing bridge tender to close the draw.

Second—When steamers or vessels have passed through the draw and an approaching vessel would cause unnecessary delay, do not signal, but wait until accumulated bridge traffic has passed, as draws will not remain open longer than five minutes at one time.

time.
Third—Remember at all times, to avoid
unnecessary delays to bridge, as rights of
others must be considered and respected.

SEEN FROM THREE VIEWPOINTS Leading Economists Discuss President's Railroad-Rate Policy.

BOSTON, March 10 .- The President's Rallroad Policy" was the general subject of discussion at the dinner of the Economic Club of Bostor tonight. The principal speakers were Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of Chicago; President David Wilcox, of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles A. Prouty. Each commented at length upon President Roosevelt's views regarding the regulation of in-terstate commerce rates. Mr. Prouty defended the proposed National legis-lation. Mr. Wilcox vigorously opposed the interference of the Government in the rate question and declared it im-possible for a small body of men at Washington to properly dictate what the railroad rates of the country should

be. In conclusion, Mr. Wilcox said:
"The remedy lies in the vigorous enforcement of existing statutes, which will prevent rebates and discriminations, and resort by the Commission directly to the couris without dilatory preliminaries, so as to secure expe-ditious legislation by the only branch of the Government which is qualified

to administer justice and determine the rights of property."

Judge Grossonp said he saw serious danger in the whole question unless it was handled delicately, not only by President Roosevelt, but the railroad

A BIG SALE TODAY.

Ladies, Don't Miss It.

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New mohair shirtwaist suits in brown, blue, green and black, \$12,50 values, special for today, \$1.50. Chiffon silk taffeta shirtwaist suits, special for today, \$1.50, \$12,50,

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Men's Furnishing Goods

Grand Bargain Jubilee in the Men's Wear Section today-New, seasonable, stylish Furnishing Goods marked at quick-selling prices-This Men's Store of ours keeps getting better every day-Get acquainted-Morrison-Street entrance lands you right on the spot.



and 35c a pair.

Extra special value in Men's Silk Fourin-Hands, all the newest shades and patterns, best 50c values for low price of New Grenadine Windsor Ties, leading shades and plaids, great Men's \$1.00 Silk Neckwear, English Squares and Four-in-Hands, big assortment to select from: 63c unequaled values at Men's new fancy Hosiery, Jacquards sizes, best 50e values, pair ... 39c Men's natural wool Spring weight Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, \$1 value, at ...

Souvenir Ties, all colors, silk embroidered, "Fair." "Portland," "Exposition, Portland," great value . . . Men's \$1.50 Golf Shirts, plaited bosom, best patterns \$1.29

The Meier & Frank Store Open Tonight Until 9:30 Great Saturday Bargains in Children's Apparel--- New Spring Styles



We are particularly well pleased with the efforts made by the cloak buyer this season to place our Children's Department in a class all by itself-Never have we shown such attractive apparel for misses and children-Assortments are three times the size they have ever been before, and prices are down to a point where the work and worry of home dressmaking should be entirely out of consideration-Coats and Dresses-Wool and Wash Materials. All the newest and prettiest styles-2d Floor

Children's Novelty Coats for Easter wear, made in fine quality Broadcloths and Cheviots, plain and fancy styles, elaborately trimmed in Silk Soutache braid; navy, brown, green, castor and champagne shades, ages 2 to 6 years, \$7.50 to \$25.00.

Children's Tan Covert and Blue Cheviot Coats, plain box style with large sleeves, "Peter Thompson" and plain styles, ages 6 to 14 years. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$11.00 each.

Children's fine White Pique Dresses for Boys and Girls, made with sailor collar, also "Buster Brown" style, \$1.25 to \$6.50.

Children's Wash Dresses, made in French style and "Buster Brown" effects, ages 1 to 4 years; great variety at 90c to \$5.00 each.

fancy styles, 6 to 14 years, 75c to \$7.50 each. Children's Novelty White Pique Garments, Coats and Dresses, \$5.50 to \$20.00 each. Children's fine White Swiss, fancy styles, big variety, \$1.50 to \$12.50 each.

Saturday Hosiery Specials

Women's Black Lace Hose, allover lace or lace ankle, great variety of patterns, all sizes; best 50c values, today, pair ... 39¢ Plain gauze Lisle Hosiery, all sizes, the best 35c values, on sale today at, pair..... Children's Lisle Hosiery, 5 to 71/2, best 35c values, to clean up broken lines, pair ...
Full line of Infants' Cashmere Hose, black and colors, at 25c

New white and tan Hosiery for Misses and Children,

Children's Undermuslins Low Priced

Misses' and Children's White Cambrie Petticoats, 4 to 16 years, made with waistbands, trimmed in fine embroideries and laces, insertions, clusters of tucks, also plain hemstitched ruffles-75c values for 68c each \$1.00 values for 87c each \$1.25 values for 97c each \$1.50 values for \$1.22 ea.

\$2.00 values for \$1.63 ea. \$2.50 values for \$1.98 ea. Misses' and Children's Drawers, made of fine Cambrie and Muslin, trimmed in dainty embroidery, Valenciennes and Torchon lace and clusters of tucks; all ages; great bargains-

75c values for 59c pair \$1.00 values for 79c pair Plain tucked Drawers, sizes 6 months to 4 years, pair 13¢ Plain tucked Drawers, sizes 5 to 8 years, pair...............16¢ Children's Cambrie and Muslin Night Gowns, high and low neck, long and short sleeves, trimmed in dainty embroidery and

lace edgings, insertions, beadings and ribbons \$1.50 values for \$1.19 ea. \$1.25 values for 96c each 65 values for 59c each \$1.00 values for 87c each

Axminster Rugs at Mill Prices

Axminster Rugs, 27 inches wide, 44 to 56 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, beautiful colorings, greatest Rug bargain ever offered, \$2.75 value, at low price of ... \$1.72

Axminster Rugs, 36 inches wide, 44 to 63 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, great variety, handsome colorings, \$3.50 values, great phenomenal values at \$2.37 Axminster Rugs, 27 inches wide, 60 inches long, Oriental and floral designs, newest colorings, immense variety to select from; regular \$2.75 values, at this price....\$1.87 Axminster Rugs, 18x36 inches, new designs and colorings, best \$1.25 values, on sale at the low price of Axminster Rugs, 36x72 inches, magnificent Rugs in superb de signs and colorings; the greatest Rug bargain Portland women ever shared in; reg. \$4.50 value...\$3.59

Saturday Trunk and Bag Sale

32-inch canvas-covered Trunk, waterproof painted, leather bound, hardwood strips, solid Gem corners, cloth-lined, shirtwaist tray; top tray has hat compartment; best \$11.25 value, today at low price of 32-inch canvas-covered Trunk, waterproof painted, all-steel clamps, "Victor" brass lock; set-up tray with hat box; great special value today 24-inch sheepskin Suit Case, canvas-lined, 4 inside leath-\$2.74

er straps; great Saturday bargain at 13-ineh genuine alligator Club Bag, leatner lined, Vienna \$3.77 handle, a \$5.00 Bag, for

Spring Millinery Now Ready



We call particular attention today to our display of popular priced Spring Millinery for women and children-Smart Tailored and Dress Hats in magnificent array-Tricorne Hats, Napoleon Hats, Colonial Hats, Lace and Chiffon Hats, "Charlotte Corday" Lace Hats, "Polo" Hats, Marquis Hats, Buttercup Turbans, "Edna May" Hats. This season's most striking cre-

ations in all the leading shades - Matchless values at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00

Entire new line of Baby Bonnets-New Sailor Hats for boys and girls

MISSES' AND BOYS' SHOE SPECIALS 500 pairs of Misses' vici kid and box calf lace Shoes, in sizes 12 to 2,

and Oxfords

Last day of the great sale of Wom-Women's Shoes en's patent leather, vici kid and velour calf Shoes and tan leather, patent kid and vici kid Oxfords, all this

season's best models, equal to best \$3.50 grade. \$2.12

Last Day of the Great Sale of Pillow Slips, Sheets

Every item the very best value for your money.

42x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, good cotton, great value; each...Se 45x35-inch bleached Pillow Cases; great special, 15c value, each...10c 45x36-inch hemetitched Pillow Cases, matchless value at, each......13e Hemmed Marseilles pattern Bed-spreads, large size, great value

81x99 hemstitched Sheets, best qual-ity cotton, great bargain......73e \$1x90 bleached Sheets, great special value at, each48c 93x99 hemstitched Sheets, best qual-ity cotton, great bargain Soc Brown Sheeting, I yards wide, great Brown Sheeting, 24 yards wide, great value, yard great value, yard ... 20at
45-inch bleached Sheeting, great
value, yard ... 11e
Bleached Sheeting, 2 yards wide,
great value, yard ... 18e Sleached Sheeting, 2% yards wide, great value, yard Bleached Sheeting, 21/2 yards wide, great value, yard

Men's Clothing---Superb Garments Suits, Topcoats, Trousers



Our standard for Good Clothes is meeting with the approval of more men every day. The business man, the professional man knows Good Clothing and knows good value, that's why the increase in the ranks of our army of clothing patrons is composed of this class of buyers-Spring stocks are satisfactory though not complete-Ciothing from the best manufacturers in the land at a saving of 25 per cent on what equal grades cost you at the exclusive clothing store-Second Floor

Men's all-wool gray, black-striped fancy Worsted Suits in the newest Men's Outing Suits, new models, \$10.00 to \$20.00. Men's new Spring Topcoats, \$16.00 to \$27.50.

Stein-Bloch Suits, \$17.00 to \$27.50. New Wash Vests, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Spring Clothing for Boys

New lines of Buster Brown Suits for Boys, 21/2 to 6 years, blue, tan, gray, brown, \$4.00 to \$8.50.

New lines of Eton Sailor Suits for Boys, 5 to 10 years of age, \$4.50 to \$10.00. New lines of 2-piece and Norfolk Suits, blue Serges, gray or brown mixed Cheviots, ages 8 to 16 years, suit, \$3.00 up to \$12.00.

Immense line of new Washable Suits for Boys, 21/2 to 6 years, Russian styles, in white, colored and fancy styles, suit, \$1.25 up to \$6.50. "American Boy" free for one year with every purchase of Boys' Clothing to the amount of \$5.00 or over.

Shaving Supplies Low Priced

e carry a complete line of "Tor-rey's" celebrated Razor Stropa, in Russia, shell horse and porpoise hides—

hides—
Genuine horsehide Strop 12e
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Porpoise hide Strop 59e
Full line of imported and domestic
Razors at low prices.
Special sale of Pocket Knives—
2 and 3 blades, 50e values. 32e
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Famous GHiette Safety Razor at
55.00 a zet—with every Gillette we
give u pure bristle shaving brues
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Shaving Brushes, pure bristle and badger hair, assorted handles; great values at 19c, 33c and 39c

Knit Underwear Specials Today

Women's Swiss ribbed Silk and Lisle Vests, high neck, long sleeves, regular \$1.25 garment, on sale at ..

Women's fine ribbed, high neck, long aleeve Corset Cover, 79c well made and finished, perfect fitting, \$1.00 value.... Women's Swiss ribbed Vests, lace trimmed, pink or

Spring lines of Women's and Children's Underwear are about complete. All the best styles in all grades.

"Mapleine" Demonstration

In the Basement today and all next week. "Mapleine" makes a delicious maple syrup and saves you 75c on every gallon. A true maple flavor, condensed, to the most convenient form for immediate use for making syrup. Samples and demonstration in the Basement.

These Specials 6to 9:30 Only

"Lindsay" Light 75c

The famous "Lindsay" incandescent gas light, complete with mantle and opal globe, on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at the -Basement-

"Cuticura" Soap 15c

5000 cakes of the famous Toilet Soap, "Cuticura" everybody knows it; great special value, 6 to 9:30 only this low price...........15¢

75c Ribbon 25c

75e wide Satin Ribbon, dotted and figured, fine quality, 6 and inches wide; 75c value, 6 to 9:30 only at this low price,

Men's Handkerchiefs

1000 dozen men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs. The quality sold all over at 35e each; 6 to 9:30 tonight your choice at 18¢

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Another lot of women's Spring Millinery in fancy braids, silk, chiffon and lace; all new shades, turbans, polo hats, "Charlotte Cordays," etc; \$3.98 values, 6 to 9:30 for \$1.98

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Women's Cambric Petticoats, lace and embrgidery trimmed, hemstitched ruffles, separate dust ruffle; best \$1.50 values on sale from 6 to 9:30 only

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Broken lines of \$5.00 and \$6.00 shoes for men, French, Shriner & Urner's famous make, patent leather, box calf and kid, heavy and light soles; regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 values, 6 to 9:30 at, pair.....\$2.95

Men's \$4 Shoes \$2.95 Men's patent leather, velour

calf, vici kid, lace and Blucher Shoes, about all sizes; \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, 6 to 9:30 only at\$2.95

White House Cook Book

1000 copies of the famous White House Cook Book-every housekeeper wants one. The best cook book published; great value 6 to 9:30 only

15c Playing Cards 9c

1000 packs of good enamel Playing Cards, fancy backs; best 15e values on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at this low

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Assorted lot of Persian, Bulgarian and Japanese embroi-dery bands and medallious, handsome styles; values up to \$2.00 a yard on sale from 6 to 9:30 only at, yard 39¢