

PORTUNE SPENT OUT A WOMAN

A. Fisher, ex-Treasurer of Skamania County, Wash., Is Short \$5400.

AGED MAN IS ARRESTED

Dejected County Clerk and Auditor, He Falls to Take Office and Investigation After His Disappearance Reveals Shortage.

J. A. Fisher, for four years treasurer of Skamania County, Washington, and dejected County Clerk and Auditor, He Falls to Take Office and Investigation After His Disappearance Reveals Shortage.

A complete physical wreck, dispirited by his downfall and bent on ending his career in the city of 15 years, Fisher tottered into police headquarters between the arresting officers. He was haggard and worn, his eyes fixed in a stare, bloodshot and staring from a continuous debauch in the gloom of the city, and his strength was so taxed that he leaned heavily against the captain's desk while being carried by the jailer.

According to Sheriff Haffey, Fisher's downfall is a great surprise in Skamania County, where for many years he aged man has borne a high reputation. Last November Fisher was the county clerk and auditor and polled the largest vote ever given any man in that county. Shortly after the election, Fisher left Stevenson and was gone a long time since he returned. It was learned that he went to San Francisco in company with the young woman he has been here with, according to the police report, but gain left and was not present last month when he should have been there to qualify for his new position. Therefore, he is not legally an official of Skamania County.

Shortage of \$5400 Discovered. No suspicion attached to Fisher's absence. It is said, but the county employed a former accountant and had the treasurer's books examined. When the work was completed, it developed a startling situation, showing Fisher to be short \$5400 in his accounts. A search for the missing money was drawn up and a warrant issued for Fisher's arrest. This was placed in the hands of the Sheriff to serve about two weeks ago, and he had been searching for Fisher since.

Woman in the Case Unknown. Fisher has been seen on the streets several times within the past few weeks with a young woman, gowned in the latest style, and although the police do not know her identity, they declare they are positive the greater portion of Fisher's money has been lavished upon her. The experting of Fisher's books revealed that the peculiar nature about three months ago, and since then, the authorities believe, he has been gone from his office much of the time. The woman in case is now being sought.

MILLION DOLLAR DEPOT

Chosen from a number of other tentative selections because of its central location. It is the heart, geographically, of the entire West Side. The station will stand in the center of four bridges and is easily accessible to people from all the business districts on both sides of the river. The constantly increasing industries and business houses in North Portland make the selection of location advisable.

RECOGNIZES SEA AS MORAL AGENT

Circuit Judge Sears Sends Young Culprit on Long Voyage.

REFORMATION HOPED FOR

Thomas Peck Falls a Victim to Unwise Associations and Is Given One Last Chance to Mend His Ways.

The sea is regarded by Circuit Judge Sears as having wonderful moral force. Believing that Thomas Peck, a native of Portland, was beyond hope of redemption by ordinary methods, Judge Sears decided that the Penitentiary would nei-

ther punish nor help him. The court, on Monday, offered Peck the alternative of going to sea. Yesterday the young man took advantage of the opportunity and was escorted aboard a sailing vessel. Peck's offense was serious—passing worthless checks. He was arrested several weeks ago by the police. At first he denied his guilt but the evidence was conclusive. On Monday, when arraigned before Judge Sears, Peck pleaded guilty. Ordinarily he would have gone to the Penitentiary for from one to ten years, but Peck's possibilities appealed strongly to the court. He had an honest face and appeared intelligent, but showed signs of continued despondency. The young man was obviously the victim of unwise associations. He had been spending too much of his time with the crowds that meet in suburban saloons to play solo and poker.

Bumping up against the law had brought young Peck to his senses and he appeared remorseful. He said he would take any opportunity to get away from evil associates and regenerate himself. Regeneration is a thing that sometimes occurs in the Penitentiary or any place where a man has plenty of time away from the hustle and bustle of the world to do a little thinking. But the Penitentiary is not a place of the best associates. It was thought that in this particular case the best ends would be served by sending Peck to sea with the understanding that he is not to return to this port until he can lay full claim to being a man in all senses of the word.

In accordance with the court's ruling, Peck was released from the County Jail yesterday and given into the charge of a local sailors' boarding-house establishment, which made arrangements for him to sail on a French bark that departs from the Seattle port. Whether Peck will be inspired to a better life by the vast sea or be driven to a worse one by the contamination of the forecastle is a matter that remains to be seen.

WEDDED OR NOT WEDDED?

County Clerk Questions Validity of Marriage at Sea.

TELEGRAPH TO M'CREDIE

If Request Is Granted, Sound City Outlaws Will Be Up Against Strong Competition From Foreign Teams.

A romance which ended in a wedding at sea, with the master of the steamer Kilburn officiating, was disclosed yesterday when Carl John Beckman appeared at the County Clerk's office and presented an impromptu marriage certificate with the request that it be placed on file. County Clerk Fields could not determine off-hand whether or not the document was valid and consequently had to put off the groom until legal light could be shed on the problem. The official ventured the opinion that the marriage certificate was of no account and that the master of the vessel had no authority to perform the ceremony. Marine men, however, differ with the County Clerk and say he will have no difficulty in learning that a marriage at sea may be performed by the Captain, who may likewise issue the certificate. Numerous cases of this kind are on record and their validity has never yet been determined, so far as can be learned. The marriage was performed several

ASK FOR FRANCHISE

San Jose Fans Eager to Take Over Seattle's Rights.

M'CREDIE SEES DUGDALE

JUDGE TELLS LATTER HE MAY GIVE UP SEATTLE.

Each Visits Other's Ball Park, and Coast League Manager Goes on to Olympia. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special)—"There are three things that I have offered to the Pacific Coast League as a way out of the difficulty caused by the withdrawal of Seattle, and I am prepared to vote for any one of them," said Judge M'Creddie, president of the Portland team, to Manager Dugdale, of the Seattle team of the Northwest League, here today. "We can either fight you, Dugdale, with a Seattle team; we can place a team here to play one game and thereby hold the territory for the Coast League; or we can quit and let you alone."

ROSENTHAL RETURNS

THE WIZARD WHO WILL PLAY HERE MARCH 12

And now it is San Jose that is knocking at the door of the Pacific Coast League for admission. Yesterday the fans of San Jose, members of the Chamber of Commerce, telegraphed Judge W. W. M'Creddie, making application for the Seattle franchise. Judge M'Creddie at present is in Seattle, and the telegram was forwarded to him.

The baseball fans and business men of San Jose want to have a team in the Coast League and have placed the matter before Judge M'Creddie, who, on

ROSENTHAL

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THE musical season of 1907 in the United States is made notable by the return, after eight years of absence, of that giant of the pianistic world, Moriz Rosenthal.



The piano chosen by the great Rosenthal to be the medium of his wonderful art is the Weber.

For this section, we hold the exclusive agency of the matchless Weber Piano.



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BLOCK BOUNDED BY FIRST, PINE, ASH AND SECOND STREETS PURCHASED BY THE PORTLAND LIGHT, POWER AND RAILWAY COMPANY FOR A PASSENGER DEPOT AND POWER STATION



THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE CORNER OF FIRST AND PINE STREETS.

President Goode's Announcement. H. W. Goode, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who has been studying the trolley problem for several months with a view to centralizing the terminals, said: "While the projected electric terminal is somewhat in advance of the demands of this city, the company realizes that the growth of the suburban traffic has increased enormously and is making every effort to provide facilities for the street railway system of Portland and Oregon by making very large investments here and this office building and terminal station investment represents only a small part of the money to be expended on their street railway light and power properties here within the next few years.

Additional Cars Ordered. "At the American Car Company's works at St. Louis, and the General Electric Company's plant at Schuettstadt, 100 additional cars and their electrical equipment are being manufactured. Forty of these cars will be delivered in Portland by May 1. The rest of the 100 will follow during the present year. The cost of these cars will be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. This new equipment will permit the service on many lines, on which, owing to the rapid growth of the city, there has been some complaint about overcrowded cars during the rush hours. Meanwhile, about 12 new cars will soon be turned out of the company's own shops, which will be used between now and April, when the other cars are to be delivered.

Wires to Go Underground. "Within about 60 days, the company will begin the work of placing all its wires underground in the center of the city, and will also commence laying mains for its steam heating system, a franchise for which was recently granted. "Within possibly two years, Portland will be a model city, so far as its street railways, electrical lighting and steam heating systems are concerned."

DECISIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED. Cases Will Be Passed Upon in Circuit Court Today. Decisions in a number of cases will be returned today in the State Circuit Court. In Judge Sears' division the following cases will be passed on: D. H. Latham vs. Martz Gold Mining Company; motion to substitute assignee as plaintiff. A. Potter vs. Tatum & Bowen; motion to strike out parts of answer. J. C. Jones vs. N. A. Schaubert et al; motion to strike out parts of complaint. Millie G. Perkins vs. Emma M. Drows; motion for judgment on pleadings. These decisions will be announced at 2:30 A. M. At 2 P. M. in division No. 3, Judge Cleland will pass upon these cases: Samuel Whidder vs. Henry J. White, on merits; J. C. Veazie, trustee, vs. Northwest Oil and Paint Company, on merits; J. C. Veazie, trustee, vs. J. E. Bennett, on merits.

SEALED VERDICT RETURNED. Jury in Semler Damage Suit Reaches Decision at Night. In the damage suit of Dr. Paul Semler against the Meier & Frank Company and Paul Weisinger, the jury in the case reached a verdict last night, after being out all afternoon and

evening. The verdict was a sealed one, being reached after the adjournment of court for the afternoon. The findings are awaited with more than ordinary interest, and will be returned in Judge Fraser's division of the Circuit Court today at 9 A. M. Dr. Semler asked \$20,000, claiming that the Meier & Frank Company caused his arrest on a false charge of attempted extortion, and that Weisinger sent a man around to thrash him afterward.

account of the resignation of President Beck, as at the head of the Coast League, saying that they will give the Seattle franchise and are willing to make the same sort of a deal with the league as that which once existed between Tacoma and Fresno. Whether San Jose's application will be favorably considered will depend upon Judge M'Creddie's answer. While Portland is perfectly willing to remain in the Coast League and have a four-circuit circuit, there is a general feeling that Fresno, because of the loyalty of its fans, should not be crowded out of the game. Without knowing just what San Jose has to offer in the way of inducements, it does not look like a good proposition to take that city into the league. Looking at the deal from a business standpoint, it would not look like a good thing. Seattle people, while they are proud and all that sort of hubbub over their own importance, would hardly be willing to go to ball games, when neither aggregation was a home team. Should it happen—and it would be a good thing for Seattle if it did—that the San Jose fans were willing to take a chance with the unfavorable conditions which prevail at Seattle and take over the Seattle franchise, it would be the means of putting Seattle on the map as a city that did not want high-class baseball. In San Jose is not a large city, but her fans are the kind that have always made the National game what it is.

Admitting at the start that for San Jose to jointly own the Seattle-San Jose franchise would be a money-losing proposition, it would be a funny joke should the Seattle fans be willing to take a chance with the unfavorable conditions which prevail at Seattle and take over the Seattle franchise, it would be the means of putting Seattle on the map as a city that did not want high-class baseball. In San Jose is not a large city, but her fans are the kind that have always made the National game what it is.

Organize for Fire Protection. The Nashville Volunteer Fire Department, on the Mount Scott Railway, is making arrangements to purchase apparatus with which to fight fires in that neighborhood. It has been suggested that the people all buy ladders for their premises in case it be necessary to fight fires. These ladders, it is thought, would be useful. It is expected to get a fire bell area have it placed at a central point. Co-operation of all residents is asked.

Advertisement for Rosenthal piano, featuring a portrait of Moriz Rosenthal and text describing the Weber piano used by the pianist.

Advertisement for Dr. Zan's Kennel Club, featuring a portrait of Dr. J. C. Zan and text about the club's activities and a photo of a dog.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Wheat Flake Celery Food, featuring an illustration of a celery stalk and text describing the product's benefits for children and the elderly.