LITTLE JOKE MAY PROVE EXPENSIVE

Official Airy Persiflage by St. Johns Mayor and Recorder Objected To.

J. S. DOWNEY ASKS \$5000

Uncomplimentary Words in Warrant Drawn in His Favor Made Basis for Action in State Circuit Court.

P. W. Hinman, Mayor of St. Johns and W. L. Thorndyke, Auditor, City Judge and possessor of numerous other municipal titles, may have to pay \$5000 for a small but very sarcastic official jest, in which they indulged last September.

Suit for the amount named was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by the victim of the joke, J. S. Downey, ident of St. Johns and formerly a Deputy Sheriff of Multnomah County. Downey takes the matter very much to heart in his complaint and says that his character and reputation have suffered a shock which only a check for \$5000 can alleviate. It is said, unofficially, that Downey has a good case and stands an excellent show of collecting damages. For what was obviously intended as a sarcastic jest, in reality, has the effect of officially designating Downey as a person who says fittle in many words and likewise as an absolute idiot. Here is the cause of the trouble:

Treasurer of the City of St. Johns: Deputy Sheriff of Multnomah County

cause of the trouble:

Treasurer of the City of St. Johns:

Pay to the clerk of the State Circuit
Court, or order, the sum of \$24.05 out of
the general fund and charge the same to
said fund, issued for settlement of Windy
Downsy's Hayes-street idiocy.

(Signed.) P. W. HINMAN, Mayor.

W. L. THORNDYKE, Auditor.

Appended to the missive was Mr.
Thorndyke's indorsement combined
with the official seal of the Recorder's
office.

with the official seal of the Recorder's office.

This sarcastic warrant was issued to the court to pay costs of a Hitgation in which Downey was contesting the right of St. Johns to make a levy for the improvement of Hayes street. The order for improving the street was passed in the form of an ordinance by the St. Johns Council. But down that way when anyone becomes dissatisfied with local ordinances he appeals forthwith to the State Circuit Court, at Portland, which has full jurisdiction. Downey was very active in opposing the improvement in question, and succeeded in defeating the project. Auditor Thorndyke is said to have exercised his sarcasm thoughtlessly, or with a momentary disregard of fine official decorum, and the matter might never have been noticed had not the warrant come to Downey's attention at the Courthouse.

TO TEST GARRETZ' SANITY

Trial of Anton Grobs' Slayer to Await Inquiry by Commission.

Peter Garrets, youthful saloon-brawler and murderer of Anton Grobs, a saloon-keeper, will be tried as to his sanity rather than for murder during the April term of the State Circuit Court. If a jury finds he is not mentally sound the fellow will be sent to the asylum. If adjudged sane he will stand trial for nurder, in which event he will undoubtedly go to the gallows, as his crime was a wanton and cold-blooded act which was committed in the presence of witnesses.

Presiding Judge Sears of the Circuit Court, handed down a decision yesterday which gives Garretz the right to an ex-amination bearing on his sanity. The petition for a lunacy commission was made a week ago by J. F. Watts, attorney for the murderer. It was contested by the District Attorney's office on the grounds that the court had no jurisdicname a lunacy commission District Attorney likewise contended that such a procedure would establish a had precedent. On the other hand, numerous affidavits by local physicians were pre-sented to show that Garretz is mentally The matter was taken under consideration by the court on Saturday, and his decision has been awaited with more than ordinary interest, thas much as it is without precedent in the local courts.

In presenting his findings Judge Sears

quoted extensively from findings in similar cases. Summing up the results of his researches in the case, the court said in

What results would follow a determinwhat results would follow a determin-ation that this defendant is now insane I will not stop to inquire; whether under the statutes this court can commit Gar-rets to the asylum or whether it should properly relegate this subject to a further properly relegate this subject to a further inquiry, as in ordinary cases of insanity, need not now be determined. While there are no common law crimes in Oregon, we go daily to the common law for inquiries concerning definitions and procedure, and the proposition would be monstrous which asserts the inability of this court to determine the mental state of one who is charged at bar with the awful dead for which the prisoner stands. awful deed for which the prisoner stands

arraigned.
"The District Attorney seems to think The District Attorney seems to think that the court is establishing a bad precedent in permitting this inquiry, fearing that it will become common among future prisoners to invoke the power of the court in a similar direction. Believing, however, that the court is clothed with bread directions. with a broad discretion in the premises, I cannot think the evils which he fears will result, but even though such be the case, the rule is too well established to

admit of cavil or criticism based solely upon the doctrine of inconvenience.
"I am of the opinion that this defendant should be allowed to withdraw his plea of not guilty and that an inquiry should be made as to his present mental state. I should have said that the motion of defendant's counsel is sup-ported by affidavits containing the opin-lous of several men of repute in the field of mental diseases. Such will be the or-

of mental diseases. Such will be the order of the court."

April 19 was set as the date for opening the examination. A jury or insanity commission will be selected from the regular panel and the question of Garrets' mental condition at this time will be placed in their hands for decision. Should the man be adjudged same, it is believed there will be no further hope for him as there were no extenuating. for him, as there were no extenuating circumstances, so far as can be learned, in connection with his cold-blooded crime.

THIEF HEIR TO BIG FORTUNE

J. S. Harrison, Who Absconded With \$410, Said to Be Worth Millions.

John Schuyler Randelph Harrison is ther a very rich man or a very big ar. The authorities have been thus far nable to determine which. Harrison is one of the favored cotorie

who view the world from behind a set of iron bars in the County Jall. He is charged with having appropriated trust funds aggregating \$450. But if what he says is true the sum he levanted with is indeed insignificant.

Harrison's alleged wealth was brought to the attention of the State Circuit Court yesterday forencom by Attorney McCamm, who has been retained by the defendant to fight the charges of larceny against him. Harrison's arraignment was to have occurred yesterday, but the attorney asked that the case be postponed for a few days while he has time to investigate as to Harrison's claim that he is heir, with his father and brother, to a vast estate in Philadelphia, if the man's claim is true he is worth many millions.

Harrison said that he has been wandering around the country, doing little or less, for the past eight years. His immediate folks are poor, he said, but an aunt, Ellen Castle, owns most of Philadelphia, or did own it up to the time of her death three weeks ago. Now all the Castles are dead, at least all of those rightfully able to claim a part of the alleged estate in question. Being next in line, Harrison says he will get the money, sharing equally with his father and brother.

Harrison stole \$410 from Raiph Crysler,

and brother.

Harrison stole \$410 from Ralph Crysler manager of the Skidmore Pharmacy. He had been sent to place the money on deposit, but never returned. When arrested at Astoria he told an improbable story of having suffered an epileptic fit which blinded him to all sense of what he was

doing.

Postponement of the date of arraignment was allowed and in the meantime Harrison's story will be looked into. It may be that he really has the money coming to him, in which event, of course, he is entitled to more consideration than if he were merely a poor man.

KILLDALL CASE IS NEAR END

Alaska Fish-Packer Accused of Violating the Federal Statutes.

The case of Simon F. Killdall occupled the attention of Judge, Wolverton yesterday in the Federal Court, the case having been continued from Saturday last. Joseph Killdall, a brother of the defendant, was on the witness stand yesterday, and was subjected to a searching cross-examination by Attorney Bristol. The witness is a codefendant in the case which the Alaska Federal Court will have against F. S. Killdall, in case Judge Wolverton decides that a warrant for his removal shall issue. shall issue.

Shall Issue.

United States Attorney Bristol made a long argument for the Government yesterday afternoon, in which he contended that Killdall and his assocontended that Killdail and his associates had violated the law by evading the license tax which related to the business of salting salmon for the market, and that the defense had made the mistake of trying to acquit the defendant of the charge of violating the law with respect to the fish commodity, which they contended did not apply to salted salmon in cargo.

The fact was brought out during the course of the trial that dog-salmon, which most Americans do not eat, if they know it, are considered good in Japan.

The case will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning, when M. G. Munly will make the closing effort for Killdail.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CONVICTED

Railroad Found Guilty of Violating the Safety-Appliance Law. Judge Wolverton rendered a decision in

Judge Wolverton rendered a decision in favor of the Government yesterday, in the suit of the United States against the Southern Pacific Company for violation of the safety-appliance act.

The complaint was to the effect that the Southern Pacific Company ran cars into the terminal yards in Portland which were lacking in effective safety appliances, thereby violating the law.

United States Attorney Bristol prosecuted for the Government, and W. D. Fenton, who appeared for the Southern Pacific Company, saked for 30 days in which to determine what course the company will take in the matter.

The penalty for each violation of the law under the safety-appliance act is a fine of \$100.

NEW TRIAL IN DAMAGE SUIT

J. H. Oatman Seeks Recompense for Stumbling Over Telephone Wire.

A second trial in the case of J. H. & Telegraph Company was ephone & Telegraph Company was taken up by the State Circuit Court yesterday afternoon, the company having been allowed the privilege of a new trial recently. At the first trial the plaintiff was allowed damages in the sum of \$850. He asked for \$3000 the sum of \$55). He asked for \$3000 as recompense for a broken collar-bone which he sustained by falling over a loose wire left in the street by the company. The case was assigned to Judge J. H. Crawford, of the Seventh District, who will sit during the April term in place of Judge Cleland, whose health is yet unimproved and will not admit of his return to the bench at

EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT

Consumers' League to Discuss Reform at Meeting This Afternoon.

An open meeting of the Consumers League will be held at the Trinity parish house, on Nineteenth street near Everett, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A number of citizens will discuss the question of clos-ing the department stores on Saturday afternoons during August and an hour afternoons during August and an hour or two early every night throughout the Summer, in order to give the clerks more of an opportunity for recreation. Among the speakers who will address the public on this question are P. McDonald, editor of the Labor Press, who will speak from the point of view of the wage-earner; Miss Constance McCorkle, who will speak from the young weman's point of view, and W. P. Olds, of Olds, Wortman & King, who will show how the employer King, who will show how the employer

looks at the situation.

Rev. B. El S. Ely will suggest various ways of crystalling public opinion along these lines. As he resided at one time in Rockford, Ill., where early closing of the stores during the Summer was brought about, he will speak from personal ex-

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise said a year ago Rabil Stephen S. Wise said a year ago-in an address delivered in Portland that "the reinforcing of the aim to secure livable conditions for the producer or the world's workers is the recognition of the truth that money may be tainted in the spending as truly as in getting. Money must not be gotten or gained without regard to the rights of others. Some things money or its possessor dare not buy, the things in the making of which have been consumed men's filt-requited have been consumed men's fil-requited toil, woman's easily depleted strength and the life-blood of little children."

Do Not Crowd the Senson

De Not Crowd the Season.

The first warm days of Spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilirating air and sunshins. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy Winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their fiannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-Winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlah's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It siways cures and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is lpeasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by all drussists.

BE MONTH IN ST. LOUIS.

in East.

The United States steamers Armeris and Columbine, of the lighthouse servce, are tied up at Astoria on account of lack of seamen to man the ships. Yester day was payday and the crews of the reday was payday and the crews of the respective vessels quit as soon as the checks for the month of March made their appearance. The steamer Heather is at present at sea, but her sallors will probably resign as soon as she crosses in.

April 15 marks the opening of the Spring salmon season, and, as a majority of the sallors on the Government boats are engaged in fishing during the season, it is not strange that they quit the service on the last payday. It generally requires two weeks or more to prepare for the opening of the salmon season and sallors are not taking chances in being behind.

While the Government boats are the first to feel the effects of the fishing season, the merchant vessels running in

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

	Due to	A	rrive.	
Name.		From	14	Date
Arabia				
	Elder. J			
	oulsen			
	1 2	an l	Fran	Apr.
F. A. KI	lburn	an l	Fran	Apr.
F. A. El Roanoke	lburn	an an	Fran Fran	Apr.
F. A. Ki Roanoke Costa R Aragonia	iburni	an an an An Hong	Fran Fran Ingeles. Fran (kong	Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr.
F. A. Ki Roanoke Costa R Aragonia Nicomed	icai	an an an an Hong	Fran Fran Fran Fran kong	Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr.
F. A. El Roanoke Costa R Aragonia Nicomed	iburni	an an an an Hong	Fran Fran Fran Fran kong	Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr.

ŀ	Numantia Hongkong May 23	
Ì	Scheduled to Depart.	
	Name. For Date. Alilance. Coos Bay. Apr. 2 Geo. W. Elder. Los Angeles. Apr. 2 Arabia. Hongkong. Apr. 4 Columbia. A. San Fran. Apr. 5 Johan Poulsen. San Fran. Apr. 6 F. A. Kilburn. San Fran. Apr. 6 F. A. Kilburn. San Fran. Apr. 9 Costa Rica. Ean Fran. Apr. 9 Costa Rica. Ean Fran. Apr. 10 Aragonia. Hongkong. Apr. 13	
t	Nicomedia HongkongApr. 30 Numantia HongkongMay 30	
t	Entered Monday.	

with general cargo from Coos Bay. George W. Elder, Am. steamship Jessen), with general cargo from San Pedro and way.

and out of Astoria will be more or less and out of Astoria will be more or less affected. Boats operating on the bay and constwize steamers are manned to a large extent by men who fish on the Columbia during the open season. They are members of the union and as such can work during the closed season on coasting steamers. During the present period of congested traffic on steamers outgoing, the sallor question is one which greatly worries shipowners.

REINSPECTING ASTORIA BOATS

Assistant Inspectors Howe and Wynn on the Lower River.

Assistant Inspectors of Hulls and Boll-Assistant Inspectors of Hulls and Bollers Hoye and Wynn are in Astoria today inspecting steamers operating out of that port. All steamers hailing from Astoria will be given a thorough overhauling and if the equipment of any is found short the matter will be turned over to the local inspectors of the District of the Willamette.

The reinspection of steam vessels is being made in accordance with the recent order of the Supervising Inspector General. The order required a general re-

ing made in accordance with the recent order of the Supervising Inspector General. The order required a general re-inspection of all steam vessels flying the United States flag. Primarily the order this week and a cordial invitation is was made to protect the people during the excursion season and grew out of the investigations of the General burning and the wreck of the Valencia.

Stormy Voyage of the Industria.

LONDON, April 1.—A thrilling encounter in a storm at sea, in which four men lost their lives and the Italian steamship Industria fared badly, is related by two members of the crew who have arrived at Plymouth. The vessel was bound from London to Buenos Ayres when overtaken by a terrific gala. The pumps became choked, the masts loosened and the decks torn and twisted. Boats were launched. One of them was dashed against the steamship's side, rendering four boats useless and the occupants unconscious. The men went overboard and were drowned.

Captain Assumes Blame for Wreck. VICTORIA, April 1.—The steamer Empress of Japan which arrived from the Orient today, brought several members of the crew of the wrecked The crew state that Captain Francke has taken full blame, with coal from Moji for the O. R. &

YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST WILL

Talks of the Medicines He Controls That Have Been Sensation

ST. LOUIS. April 1.—L. T. Cooper, or the "Great Cooper," as he is called, was seen in his hotel this morning by a reporter and proved to be a comparatively young man, as he is little over 30 years of age.

Mr. Cooper is the man who is said to have created a sensation in Eastern cities by his extensive constituble work and the enormous saie of two preparations of which he is the owner. While talking his face lights up with a smile, almost boyish in its expression, and he seems very young to have acquired the enormous fortune he is said to possess. When asked about his plans for his visit to St. Louis, he said:

"I shall remain in this city about four weeks. I have come here to introduce my preparations in my usual way and I will give the public ample opportunity to ascertain whether the claims I make for these medicines can be verified.

"It is one of my beliefs that every

I make for these medicines can be verified.

"It is one of my beliefs that every successful man should devote a part of his resources in aiding the unfortunate. I rely to a great extent on the public for information concerning families, or individuals who are in need, and I will, therefore, be very grateful to all who will send me the name and address of people who are destitute."

Upon being asked about the public removals of deafness, which he has made in Pittsburg and other citles, Mr. Cooper said: "I have appeared each night in the cities I have visited, before audiences that ranged from two to ten thousand people, and have stated that I would remove in less than three minutes' time, deafness of years' standing. "I have treated in public in this manner over a hundred people each night. I shall do this work in St. Louis to some extent, and I will then prove whether I am successful or not. It will be time to discuss this work after I have given one of these demonstrations as my claims would now seem extravagant. "The preparation with which I give these demonstrations is not the one to which I owe my success, as my New Discovery is my principle remedy. This preparation is for the removal of all forms of stomach trouble.

"I have not yet decided where my headquarters will be while nere, but will know within the next 24 hours."

and will not give his reasons for such action until they are told before the commission. Advices state that Lloyd's agent has made agreement with a Japanese firm for salving the cargo. Disposition of the cargo will be decided on by the underwriters. It is reported at Yokohama that the vessel will be said by a partition as she now lies. Save sold by auction as she now lies. See eral bids have already been received.

New Chiew Engineer on Ameria.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1 -- (Special)-ASTORIA. Or. April 1—(special.)—
Joseph Startup, for a number of years
chief engineer on the lighthouse tender Columbine, has been appointed
chief of the tender Armeria. The appointment of a new chief for the Columbine has not yet been announced,
but Mr. Mundey, who came here on the Armeria, will fill the position temporally.

Pilots' Office Moved.

The office of the Columbia River pliots has been moved from the old quarters at 25 North Second street to the corner, 23 North Second street to The new quarters of the pilots now occupies the ground floor of the building on Second and Ankeny and is much more roomy and lighter than the old

Carries Cement Down the Coast.

The gasoline schooner, Sotoyome sailed from Astoria yesterday with 3000 barrels of cement for Gardiner City. The cargo was dispatched by Taylor & Co., of this city. The vessel is under charter to transport two cargoes more from Astoria to the same port. The Sotoyome is a gasoline schooner and halls from San Francisco.

Concert Is Postnoned.

The regular weekly concert at the

Westerner at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 1.—(Special.) The steamer Westerner reached port Sunday with passengers and freight from San Francisco, and after going on the ma-rine railway for slight repairs, will load at the Western mill.

Franklyn Grounds at Antwerp. ANTWERP, April 1.—The British steamer Franklyn, which arrived yesterday from Portland, Or., grounded when entering the river and sustained damage to her bulkheads and engines.

Marine Notes. The steamer Alliance, for points or Coos Bay, will sail tonight.

The Jordanhill arrived up yesterday

afternoon and anchored in the stream.

The steamer Ardmount will move

from the Haseltine dock to Linnton today. The Norwegian steamer Terje Viken,





N. Co., arrived in at Astoria yesterday, She will reach Portland this morning.

The steamer Columbia, from San Francisco, is due to arrive tomorrow

Marry a sur marrie de la la la fina de la company de la co

The French bark Jaques will leave down today. She is grain-laden for the Continent.

Arrivals and Departures.

Arrivals and Departures.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind, south, 22 miles; weather, cloudy. Arrived down last night—Ship John Currier. Arrived down at 9 A. M. and sailed at 12:20 P. M.—Steamer Costa Rica, for San Francisco, Arrived at 2:38 and left up at 5:20 P. M.—Norweglan steamship Terje Viken.

San Prancisco, April 1.—Arrived—Steamer P. A. Kliburn, from Portland; barkentine Wrestler and schooner Polnris, from Columbia River. Sailed at 12 noon—Steamer Columbia, for Portland.

Hoquiam, April 1.—(Special.) — Sailed March 31—Schooner Cathayer, for San Francisco, Arrived—Steamer Homer, from San Francisco, arrived—Steamer Homer, from San Francisco, arrived—Steamer Homer, from San Francisco. Arrived—Steamer Hoquiam to San Francisco.

San Francisco; tug Samson, from Astoria, to tow barge Washington from Hoquiam to San Francisco.

Antwerp, April 1.—British steamer Franklyn, from Portland, got ashore and was pulled off with assistance; is damaged. Queenstown, April 1.—Arrived March 29—British bark Bucclouch, from Portland. Scully, April 1.—Passed March 31.—French bark Ville de Mulhouse, from Portland. San Francisco, Cal., April 1.—Arrived — Steamer Hongkong, from Hongkong, Yokohama and Honolulu; steamer Korchak, from Gray's Harbor; steamer Newburg, from Gray's Harbor; steamer Newburg, from Gray's Harbor; schooner Lizzie Vance, from Gray's Harbor; schooner Polaris, from Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Quinault, for Gray's Harbor; schooner Polaris, from Astoria. Sailed—Steamer Quinault, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Chikat, for Nanailmo; bark Gleaner, for Coos Bay; steamer Aureila, for Astoria; steamer Columbia, for Astoria.

Tides at Astoria Tuesday.

High. Low. 5:07 A. M...9.42 feet|9:47 A. M...-0.1 foot 4:02 P. M....7.3 feet|9:48 P. M....2.3 feet

LOUISVILLE, KY.



The Cook Knows or should Know that his

reputation is safe when he prepares a cup of Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. He may be su e that its delicious fragrance will please the most . exacting guest. With his own breakfast, also

he drinks

Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate

NEW YORK, N.Y

