

SHORTAGE IS STRAUS' ACCOUNT

Discrepancy in Postoffice Books Occurred While He Was in Charge.

INSPECTORS ARE AT WORK

Deficit of Approximately \$3000 Found Two Days After Cashier Left on Sick Leave Six Months Ago.

In spite of the refusal of the postal inspectors who have been investigating the account of the cashier's department to discuss the case, it is known that the discrepancy date back to the time Charles Straus, the cashier, was in charge of the department. It was just reported that they occurred since he was forced to quit work by falling eye-sight. Since Mr. Straus has been on sick leave, his department has been looked after by Miss Cella E. Bollman, and it is said that the investigation carried on by the postal inspectors will show her bookkeeping and the accounts to be correct to the cent.

Case Dragged for Months.

Just why the case was allowed to drag on so long is not yet explained. However, it is understood that when Mr. Straus was deposed as cashier, the discrepancy in his accounts, he gave assurance that he could clear up the situation once he had regained the use of his eyes. This may yet prove to be the case, for Mr. Straus may be able to make his accounts perfectly clear when he is able to go over his own books.

Straus Under \$7000 Bonds.

Postmaster Minto will in no way be involved in the shortage. Mr. Straus under bonds of \$7000 and this bond was furnished through Hartman & Thompson, local bankers. The bond was furnished several years ago in connection with the Government, as are all the bonds of Government employees. Just what action the surety company will take in this matter, it is understood, is not known, but undoubtedly depend upon the results of the investigation that is now almost completed. It is understood that the company through which the bond was made of the recent developments and are awaiting instructions.

Lumber for San Diego.

ASTORIA, Oct. 18.—(Special).—The steam schooner Yosemite cleared at the Custom-house last evening for San Diego with a cargo of 500,000 feet of lumber loaded at Knappa and 400,000 feet loaded at Prescott.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Breakwater arrived up last night from Coos Bay with general cargo and a large lot of passengers. The British ship Aberfoyle is discharging at Greenwich No. 1.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—Arrived—Steamship Breakwater, from Coos Bay; tug Steamer Astoria, from Astoria.

PIONEER DIES SUDDENLY

H. P. Moody, Old Resident of Umatilla County, Gone.

SPREAD OF ESPERANTO

Lessons From Recent Congress Met to Consider New Language.

MAKE LIVES FOR MANY SETTLERS

Tract of 13,000 Acres of Grand Ronde Indian Lands on the Market.

SPLIT INTO SMALL FARMS

Plan is Expected to Be Means of Colonizing Portion of Yamhill County With Immigrants From Abroad.

TATOOH IN FOR REPAIRS

COLUMBIA RIVER BAR TUG WILL GO ON DRYDOCK.

Work at Mouth of River Will Be Handled by Wallula During Next Two Weeks.

The bar tug Tatooah arrived up yesterday afternoon and tied up at the drydock. She will be lifted this morning and will be chipped, cleaned and painted. In addition, the vessel will be placed on the drydock and will be placed in condition for the heavy work of the winter months. After leaving the dock she will proceed to the O. R. & N. yards for the balance of the work.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE

Table with columns: Name, From, Date, To, Date. Lists various steamships and their routes.

Seattle Shipping News.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—The American steamer Nevada, which brought 700 tons of general cargo from the Atlantic Coast, will load 15,000 cases of salmon and also general cargo for the East Coast.

Latter to Puget Sound.

ASTORIA, Oct. 18.—(Special).—The British ship Latimer, which has been due at this port for some time from Callao, arrived off the mouth of the river last evening and will proceed to Puget Sound.

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TAFT MEETS NEWSPAPER MEN

At 5 o'clock, by appointment, Mr. Taft met the newspaper correspondents of Washington in the east room of the White House.

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VALUES GO UP 50 PER CENT

Tillamook County Assessor Puts Figures at \$12,575,208.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special).—Assessor A. M. Hare completed the assessment roll for 1908 Saturday. The gross value of taxable property in Tillamook county is \$12,575,208, which is an increase of \$4,388,721 in the valuation over last year.

TAFT SEES WHITE HOUSE

(Continued from First Page.) number of ex-members of the Cabinet. During the afternoon a number of callers visited Mr. Taft after the luncheon guests had departed.

TORPEDO-BOATS AT SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 18.—The torpedo boats Rowan, Paraguet, Goldsboro and David of the United States Navy came into port early this evening from Mare Island. They will remain here ten days and then proceed to Magdalena Bay, where they will target practice.

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