

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 Celia 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.

Neither Postmaster Minto nor Inspector O. C. Riches would discuss reports of the discrepancy in the cashier's department, but from sources outside of the Government service it is learned that indications of a shortage were discovered within two days after Mr. Straus had obtained sick leave. This was more than six months ago. Inspector Riches was at once notified, and after an investigation, a report was made to the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C. Since then, it is said, the Department has been kept advised concerning the progress of the investigation.

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 in charge of the cashier's department, 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, but Mr. Straus may be able to make his accounts perfectly clear when he is able to go over his own books.

Just now there is no question but that the books show the shortage occurred while Mr. Straus was in charge of the department. The statement made by Mr. Straus that Assistant Postmaster J. P. Shipley has been charged with the discrepancy is not borne out by the developments yesterday. Mr. Shipley has not handled any of the money that has passed through the cashier's department since Mr. Straus became ill, nor has he had anything to do with the bookkeeping. It was learned yesterday, although Postmaster Minto refused to admit it, that the discrepancy was first discovered by him and without delay it was reported to the postal inspectors. Since then the case has been dragged in their hands, and what action they have taken from time to time has been reported to the Department at Washington.

Straus Under \$7000 Bonds. Postmaster Minto will in no way be involved in the shortage. Mr. Straus is under bonds for \$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, unless the discrepancy is cleared up, will undoubtedly depend upon the results of the investigation that is now almost completed. It is understood that Hartman & Thompson have notified the company through which the bond was made of the recent developments and are awaiting instructions.

Mr. Straus has been bookkeeper and in charge of the cashier's department at the local Postoffice between seven and eight years. He was in charge of the force here during the administration of Postmaster A. B. Crossman. He served through the short term with the present Postmaster, Mr. Minto, and was retained by Mr. Minto. He is very well known in Portland and has always been considered by Mr. Minto as one of his most capable employees. In January last, when the salaries of several of the local Postoffice employees were increased, Mr. Straus was one who benefited.

PIONEER DIES SUDDENLY

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

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—H. P. Moody, one of the well-known pioneers of this section of the state, was found dead in his cabin on Upper McKay Creek yesterday. He was seated in his chair with his head thrown back dead having apparently come upon him without a moment's warning. A study had in connection with Mr. Moody's death is that his wife was stricken with paralysis about five weeks ago and entirely deprived of her speech. Mr. Moody is survived by one son, Albert M. Moody, who lived with his father and one daughter, Mrs. Leda Rhodes, who resides on a nearby farm. He was 63 years of age.

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 Tatoooh arrived up yesterday afternoon and tied up at the drydock. She will be chipped, cleaned and painted. In addition, the vessel will be placed in condition for the heavy work of the winter months. After leaving the dock she will proceed to the O. E. & N. yards for the balance of the work.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE. Table with columns: Name, From, Date, To, Date.

to Portland and was given a general overhauling. She was lifted on the drydock and chipped and painted. At that time it was thought that the Tatoooh, which is owned by the Puget Sound Tugboat company, would proceed to Seattle for the annual work. Different arrangements have been made and the boat will have all necessary repairs made at Portland.

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. The vessel is expected to leave for Seattle this morning with a large passenger list and the steamer Umatilla arrived from San Francisco this afternoon. The steamer A. G. Lindsay arrived to Tacoma to discharge ore. The United States transport Dix sailed early today with lumber, forage and 600 mules and horses for the Philippines.

Latter to Puget Sound.

ASTORIA, Or., 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 received orders from the pilot schooner to proceed to Puget Sound to load. She reported "all well" on board. The other vessel reported outside last evening was the French bark Cornell Bark, which was towed to sea on Thursday, but, owing to unfavorable winds, was unable to get off shore until last evening.

Lumber for San Diego.

ASTORIA, Or., 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 list of passengers. The British ship Aberfoyle is discharging at Greenwich No. 1. The steamship Rose City from San Francisco, is due to arrive tonight. The steamship John Frohman is discharging general freight at the Oak-street dock.

Arrivals and Departures.

Table with columns: Name, From, Date, To, Date.

Tides at Astoria Monday.

Low. 8:22 A. M. High. 2:33 P. M. 2.8 feet. 8:37 P. M. Low. 3:51 P. M. 2.8 feet.

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.

WILL MAKE FEWER SPEECHES

He spoke of his visit and said that notwithstanding it had not been as good as he would have liked, still it had served all his needs.

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, when the assessment amounted to \$8,186,487.

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 Davis 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.

GRAIN TONNAGE EN ROUTE AND LISTED FOR PORTLAND—COMPLETE TO OCT. 18

Table with columns: Name, Flag and Rig, Tons, From, Sailed.

GRAIN VESSELS IN PORT.

Table with columns: Name, Flag and Rig, Tons, Berth, Arrived.

LUMBER VESSELS IN PORT.

Table with columns: Name, Flag and Rig, Tons, Berth, Arrived.

BUILD SWIFT PLANT

Material on Hand for Erection of Abattoir.

PILING WORK COMPLETED

Another Structure to Be Constructed for Chinese at Fourth and Everett on Rental Valuation of \$70,000—Contracts Let.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

Repair Work Given Prompt Attention—Founders, Machinists and Boiler-makers, Building and Structural Work.

CUT YOUR FUEL BILL IN TWO

In an ordinary soft coal stove half of the coal goes up the chimney. When you remember that gas is itself fuel, being used in all the large cities for cooking, heating and lighting, you realize how much is saved if the gas doesn't escape but is held in the stove.

J. J. KADDERLY, 130 First Street

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

BUILD SWIFT PLANT

Material on Hand for Erection of Abattoir.

PILING WORK COMPLETED

Another Structure to Be Constructed for Chinese at Fourth and Everett on Rental Valuation of \$70,000—Contracts Let.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

Repair Work Given Prompt Attention—Founders, Machinists and Boiler-makers, Building and Structural Work.

CUT YOUR FUEL BILL IN TWO

In an ordinary soft coal stove half of the coal goes up the chimney. When you remember that gas is itself fuel, being used in all the large cities for cooking, heating and lighting, you realize how much is saved if the gas doesn't escape but is held in the stove.

J. J. KADDERLY, 130 First Street

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Ladd & Tilton Bank

PORTLAND, OREGON. Established 1859. Oldest Bank on the Pacific Coast.

Capital fully paid - - - \$1,000,000.00

Surplus and undivided profits \$500,000.00

OFFICERS

W. M. Ladd, President. R. S. Howard, Jr., Asst. Cashier. Edward Cooledge, Vice-Pres. J. W. Ladd, Assistant Cashier. W. H. Dunckley, Cashier. Walter M. Cook, Asst. Cashier.

Cut Your Fuel Bill In Two

In an ordinary soft coal stove half of the coal goes up the chimney. When you remember that gas is itself fuel, being used in all the large cities for cooking, heating and lighting, you realize how much is saved if the gas doesn't escape but is held in the stove.

J. J. KADDERLY, 130 First Street

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS

PHOENIX IRON WORKS ENGINEERS. Office and Works, Hawthorne Avenue and East Third Street. Phone East 25, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PHOENIX IRON WORKS