

CLERK EMBEZZLES TO BUILD FORTUNE

Tacoma Teller Succumbs to Lure of Opportunity and Uses \$20,000.

CRIME FULLY CONFESSED

National Bank of Commerce in Sound City Gets Money Back When Theft Is Discovered Because Defaulter Is Thrifty.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Before United States Commissioner S. D. Bridges today, a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Joseph Frank Fuhrman, for nine years paying teller in the National Bank of Commerce, in this city.

Defalcation Is Unique. The defalcation is decidedly unique in banking annals in that Fuhrman stole not for wine and women, or to gamble, or speculate in stocks, but instead stumbled to the lure of the lumber industry and stole the money to buy time for leads, logging outfits and a little sawmill, his investments being mostly very conservative.

Bank Examiner Summoned. Three days ago, the bank's officers summoned E. T. Wilson, United States Bank Examiner for this district, who also made a thorough investigation of Fuhrman's case.

Fuhrman is single, about 35 years of age, and known as a young man of unusually excellent habits, apparently devoutly religious and not given to putting on any show, or in the usual follies which sometimes lead to the downfall of bank employees.

Fuhrman's Reputation Good. Fuhrman has a mother residing here. He had been with the bank since 1901, here a splendid reputation among all who knew him and was regarded as an employe to be thoroughly trusted.

DEATH SOUGHT; PENILESS Walter Would Die Because Can't Buy Mother Present.

Peniless, despondent, unable to purchase a Christmas present for his mother, Walter A. Brown, 24 years old, a waiter, recently from Idaho, attempted suicide by swallowing a glassful of laudanum in the presence of a dozen patrons in the Jersey luncheon, Sixth and Stark streets, where he was serving as dishwasher, late last night.

WHITTIER'S POEMS FOUND "Whole Nest" of Hitherto Unpublished Verses Discovered.

AMESBURY, Mass., Dec. 21.—Samuel T. Pickard, the biographer of John Greenleaf Whittier, and now living in the old Whittier home in this town, tells of his recent discovery of a "whole nest" of poems by Whittier never before recognized as his.

FATE IS IN HANDS OF JURY Paddy Holland Grows Weaker as Murder Case Ends.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Bright and cheerful outside, but close and crowded inside, a breathless throng leaned forward to catch every word of argument which was begun in Superior Court today before Judge O. R. Holcomb in the case which means life or death to Paddy Holland, charged with cruelly murdering Josephine Putnam at a rural school near Hooper, November 8. The case is now in the hands of the jury.

MOOSE DISCHARGE EDITOR First Issue Rouses Ire of Members and Discard Ensues.

Discord disturbed the Loyal Order of Moose at a meeting last night, when H. J. Binney, publicity promoter, was discharged. Trouble followed the first publication yesterday of the Moose Review. The paper had been adopted as the official organ, but certain articles were not pleasing to the members, who repudiated the publication and severed official connection with Binney.

BIDS NOT FORTHCOMING Legislature May Overlook Feeble-Minded School.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Because they fear that the Legislature may overlook the school for Feeble Minded in the coming session, firms that have been heavy bidders on supplies for that institution are becoming wary and it is now almost assumed that several of them will fail to file their bids at the proper time for supplies at this institution.

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VETERANS ARE ACTORS

SPANISH WAR HEROES DELIGHT BIG HELIX AUDIENCE.

Minstrel Show Proves Great Winner and Army Drill "Brings Down House."

Appreciative applause followed every feature of the long programme presented by the United Spanish-American War Veterans at their entertainment last night at the Helix Theatre.

FOR MEN Over on the Commercial Stationary side he saw a gift suggestion at every turn, especially for men.

BOOKS He saw thousands of Gift Books, conveniently arranged for selection.

G-W BOOKCASES Up on the Balcony, in the Furniture Department, he saw the famous Globe-Wernecke Sectional Bookcases.

FOUNTAIN PENS At the front, on the first floor, he saw a big Christmas case of Waterman's Fountain Pens.

STAR BARGAINS And now, whisked up to the sixth (6th) floor, he was taken to the Christmas Star Bargain Room.

GILL'S FIRST If you don't want to waste time in hunting around for something that will just suit, something nice enough to give and not too costly to get, come to Gill's.

Auto Hits Breen Adave. Breen Adave, Austrian laborer, was struck by automobile "Oregon 1207" near the west end of the Morrison-street bridge last evening.

LADIES' FITTED BAGS. In great variety at Harris Trunk Company, 122 Sixth street.



What Gill's Ad. Man Saw on His Daily Trip About Portland's Ideal Gift Store Today You See, Too!

CROWDS He saw hundreds of people in every department looking for suitable gifts.

DAINTY GIFT PIECES In the Fancy Stationery Department—the all-the-year-round gift section—he saw dainty Calendars, exquisite gift pieces in Imported Metal and Leather Goods.

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ON CHRISTMAS MORNING Will the Children Find the VICTOR They Have Been Looking For? Don't disappoint them! It's easy to make them happy and the whole family will enjoy the Victor's delightful music and fun.

At Home With THE KODAK Make Kodak your family historian. Start the history on Christmas day, the day of home gathering, and let it keep for you an intimate pictorial history of the home and all who are in it.

Coal \$5 Per Ton Delivered Notice Extraordinary We have on hand 5 cars of excellent grade coal, run of the mine, and while it lasts will deliver it at \$5.00 per ton, C. O. D.

Mud River Coal Co. MAIN 821 A 2821 Winter Schedule Effective October 20, 1910. Steamships "Prince Rupert" and "Prince George"

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It Is the Purchasing Power of Your Dollars That interests you. If the standard makes (and they are standard makes) of the Shoes we sell are good values at \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00, they should be a mighty sight better at \$2.00 and \$2.50

You Can Work Near a Window in winter when you have a Perfection Oil Heater. It is a portable radiator which can be moved to any part of a room, or to any room in a house.

CANADIAN PACIFIC -AND- Soo Line THE POPULAR ROUTE TO ALL POINTS EAST

KNIGHTS STACY-ADAMS SHOES Order Coal Now Do not wait for a time when deliveries are impossible.