MAY BE CLEARED UP

Ernest W. Mills, Alleged to Have Mania for Arson, Taken Into Custody.

INSURANCE MEN TAKE HAND

Evidence Gathered Associating Prisoner With Blazes in Powers' D'Moy Where He Lived.

Ernest W. Mills, believed to be a paranoine who has started a number of Portland fires for the pure love of seeing the blase, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Word. He is charged with having lighted two incendiary fires in the Hotel D'Moy, Second and Yamhill streets, and two on the root of the Powers furniture store, Third and Yamhill. He is held at the county jail in default of \$5000 bail.

Because his method of lighting fires is said to have been in all instances the same, the fires that set a number of Portland docks ablaze recently are also Ernest W. Mills, believed to be

Portland docks ablaze recently are also ttiributed to him. Authorities as yet have no proofs that Mills is responsible or the loss of valuable waterfront property, but they believe he is, and property, but they believe he is, and are making an investigation on that

Mills is a cook, and has been in Portland for the past three years. He was arrested in the Hotel D'Moy by Sheriff Word, Deputy Tennant and Deputy District Attorney Robison, The arrest followed a persistent search by the Sheriff since last Friday. On Tuesday a long automobile trip was taken by deputies to Woodburn and other Willamette Valley points, Mills having been reported in that district, but the search was fruitless.

insurance Men Trace Crime The evidence that led to the arrest was collected by P. J. Maher, who acted as special agent for Harvey O'Bryan. The latter interested the Board of Fire Underwriters of San Francisco, and the arson committee authorized the em-ployment of a detective to run down

pleyment of a detective to run down the firebug responsible for recent blazes in Portland. District Attorney Evans co-operated.

The prisoner is believed to be insane on the subject of fires. He is reported to have said to a friend of his: "I like to see blazes. I like to see the firemen work. I enjoy it."

He told District Attorney Evans that he was once in the hospital because of

he was once in the hospital because of mental trouble. Acquaintances of the man say they have no doubt he is men-

man say they have no doubt he is men-tally deficient.

Mills, who is 28 years old, is believed to be of English descent. Mail from England was found in his room at the Hotel D'Moy when the Sheriff raided it yesterday morning. The prisoner was found hiding in another room. He has worked in various Portland restaurants during his stay in Portland. He is during his stay in Portland. He is a periodical drinker, the authorities say, and during his sprees would disappear for several days at a time. Then it was, it is charged, that he was busy setting

Some Evidence Found.

Yesterday's arrest is the result of two fires in the Hotel D'Moy early last Spring. One fire was lighted at the top of the elevator shaft, another in a storeroom, and on the same night a bedroom was guited by a blaze that was thought at the time to have been inceedary.

Gresham school, estimates that in the eight districts there are 800 children of the school age. He suggests that an agricultural department be established if the union high school is formed.

HOOD TRAIL NEARLY DONE

That the new forest trail on the east shall be supplied with this small book-side of Mount Hood lacks but two miles of completion and can be finished with-to what can be seen in the districts to in about two weeks' work next year, be traveled.

FIRE DRILLS MEET TEST 1915. Committee Finds Pupils Thoroughly

man. Battalion Chief Stevens, of the fire department; B. F. Boynton, claim agent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company; Arthur M. Churchill and Harry P. Coffin yesterday in-spected the Couch, Shaver and Jeffer-

on buildings. "The organization of fire drill at the Jefferson High School is ideal," said Mr. Churchill yesterday. "Through the agency of a student fire department the building was emptied of more than 1300 students yesterday on a surprise drill in two minutes. We learned some valuable lessons from Principal Hop-kin Jenkins, which we hope to use to distinct advantage in the other

"All have parts to play in the fire drill at the Jefferson High School. In addition to the fire chief, Holland Houston, there are four hattalion chiefs, a captain and two helpers for each hose and students who are de-tailed to open the doors, close the



Ernest W. Mills, Alleged Paranoise, Charged With Having Started a Number of Portland

windows and see that no student is left in any room after the fire signal has been given. "L. H. Baker, principal of the Shaver

School, has also perfected a satisfactory drill. The drill there required one minute and is seconds.

"The time required at the old Couch The time required at the old couch school was considerably more than it should be because there are only two exits. Principal Fletcher is combating bad conditions in a veritable firetrap and is doing exceedingly well. This condition cannot be remedied until the new Couch School is completed."

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REGALLERS ASK ADVICE

STEPS TO OUST COLUMBIA COURT PLANNED BY JUDGE-ELECT.

Winners at Recent Election Find Former Officials Refuse to Give Up Records—Ejection Sought.

A. L. Clark, County Judge-elect of Columbia County on the recall ticket, and H. Yount, president of the Good Roads Association of Columbia County, have been in Portland to secure legal advice as to the best method of ousting the recalled County Court, which has refused to be dispossessed. The Columbia County Court was recalled because of its refusal to proceed along the survey fixed by the State Highway Englineer in the construction of the Columbia County section Section of the Columbia County Section Section Section Section Section Section Section Sec

the company, arrived in Portland last night and is accompanied by C. L. Huntington, a special photographer. In Oregon the work will be directed by John M. Scott, general passenger agent, and the party will be piloted through and the party will be piloted through the state by Mark Woodruff, local pub-licity agent for the Southern Pacific and Portland, Eugene & Eastern. "The title of the booklet for which

Auto Route From Portland to Hood

River Is Promised.

That the new forest trail on the east side of Mount Hood lacks but two miles

in about two weeks work next year, was the announcement of the Forestry Department yesterday.

The report says in part:

"The construction of this trail is of special interest to Portland and Hood River people, because its completion means that communication between the two places will then be possible in a way that appeals to many far more than railroad travel."

FIRE DRILLS MEET TEST 1915.

Ashland Bonds Not Held Invalid. Organized to Combat Panics.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)

Reperts that the issuance of auxiliary water bonds in the sum of \$175,000, as contemplated in connection with the mineral springs development work, has been declared invalid is wrong. The first" movement has been visiting Portland buildings and inspecting their fire drills.

City School Superintendent Alder-

Reed Professor Studies Issue Presented to Portland.

SEASONAL LABOR SHORT

Analysis Shows Many of Unemployed Would Work If They Had Chance. Few Quit Without Reason and Some, Are Married.

That the unemployed problem in Portland constitutes a grave social problem, the solution of which devolves upon the state and city and National authorities, inasmuch as the welfare of the state is dependent upon the well conclusion reached by Arthur Evans Wood, instructor in social sciences at Reed College, in a paper entitled "A Study of the Unemployed in Portland. Or.," which will be published in the Read College Record of December, 1914.

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The presence of men out of work and sheltered in the center of the city gave rise to much discussion," says Mr. Wood.

"Were they genuine workingmen, or tramps and hobos? Could they not find work if they wanted to? Were they improvident with the money they had earned? Were they agitators? Was not the Tabernacle drawing men to Portland who otherwise would not come here? Why were they out of work? These and many other questions were asked by the community.

Questions Answered by Men.

Questions Answered by Men. "My study attempts to answer some of these questions not from theory, but by the testimony of the men themselves The occasion of the survey was the Na-tional Conference on Unemployment that had been called under the auspices of the American Association for Labor Legislation, to meet in New York City, February 28, 1914. With the help of members of the executive committee of the Unemployed League, a questionnaire was drawn up for submission to the men. The questionnaires were filled out either by the men themselves or by men who were allested as clearly or by men who were selected as clerks.

or by men who were selected as clerks. There was no compulsion."

In determining why the men were out of work it was found that out of 1284 who had been housed at the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle, 810 or 63 per cent were out of work because they had been laid off—work being "shut down," jobs finished or "bad weather." "Bad conditions," including "low wages," "poor food" and "long hours" was responsible in 189 or 23,2 per cent of the instances, while 109 had "quit" and a like number had been discharged. Fifty-two had been sick or injured and 19 had "struck."

"It does not appear that those who left work because of 'bad conditions' or who quit for no assigned reason were out of work for longer periods

bedroom was gutted by a blaze that was thought at the time to have been lincendary.

The first fire at the Powers Furniture Company's store was lighted on the roof on the night of May 22. The penthouse at the top of the elevator shaft was burned and water damage to the store amounted to \$1200.

On July 12 the nightwatchman heard the crackling of flames at the top of the building and arrived in the roof a few moments later, he saw a man a forouching behind the penthouse and adjoining hotel and had used a ladder to gain the higher level of the Powers furnities who are employed in the non-manufacturing industries, in the non-manufacturing in the topour in the color and commissioners will proceed to legal measures to use the books and records. Mandamus proceedings have been started before Judge Eakin, in Columbia County, and the argument will be heard Saturday.

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Most Willing to Take Job.

In response to the question, "Would the men in the Tabernacle have worked if they had had the opportunity?" Professor Wood found that most of them would. He found also that probably there were a few "hobos" among the men in the Tabernacle.

Of the \$26 men who were questioned to ascertain whether there were any agitators in the Tabernacle it was found that 125 were not members of unions, that 102 were, while only 14 said that they were members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Of 442 men, 367 stated that they came to Portland in search of work, while \$4\$ said they came to Portland to "better their condition," or that they were attracted by the advertisethey were attracted by the advertise-ments of the advantages of living in

this state.

Of 437 who replied to the question as to the country of birth, 158, or 38.2 per cent were foreign-born. Portland. has a foreign-born population of 21 per cent.

per cent.

Forty men, about 9 per cent, said that they were married.

In determining the ages of the men it was found that 44 per cent att under 30 years of age, and 83 per cent under 35 years of age.

"This study shows that, during the slack season in Oregon industries, a large number of men are thrown out of employment; that the majority of these men are genuine workers, in the prime of life; that the average time of unemployment for each man since his last job was from two to three months; that during 1913 the majority of the men were out of work for over half the time, that, though there were instances of improvidence, the earnings of the majority of the men were out of the men were ont of the

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According to the testimony of Motorcycle Patrolman Long, Pat. Birdle, Georgia and George had tasted of the wine when it was red too often, and when suppertime approached Mrs. McClure proposed that Pat go out and get some meat. The "buck was passed" so rapidly that Pat is alleged to have let an ax handle collide with Mrs. McClure's eyes. Mrs. Daw and Mr. McCue indulged in similar athletics, with the result that all four landed in jail. McCue and Pat McClure were assessed \$15 each.

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