

PICKETS ARE FORBID

Spreckels Gets Court Order Against Stevedores.

THREATS ARE ALLEGED

Shipping Company May Employ Non-union Men on Their Wharves and Vessels Without Interference by Strikers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—(Special).—J. D. Spreckels & Co. have obtained an order from United States Circuit Judge Morrow restraining the Riggers' and Stevedores' Union from picketing their wharves, intimidating their nonunion employees or in any way interfering with the loading and unloading of vessels consigned to the sugar firm. The complaint filed in the Circuit Court alleges that the action of the stevedores and riggers in going on strike is in violation of the interstate commerce law.

The suit states that, as agents of W. C. Irwin & Co., of Hawaii, Spreckels & Co. received the ship Helene, laden with raw sugar, and started to discharge her May 1, 1905, with the result that the stevedores went on strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

It is further asserted that when the company refused to grant the demand made upon it the strikers did not confine themselves to peaceful means, but resorted to violence, and threatened the nonunion men who took their places. In support of this allegation, three affidavits of nonunion men are offered in evidence. The complaint goes on to say:

"The members of the union have conspired to impede the transaction of business, to cause property to be damaged, and by threats, intimidations and assaults upon its employees, compel them to quit their service and break their contracts." "Quotations of the language used by the pickets are given and the assertion made that lawlessness is bound to be the outcome unless the defendants are restrained from further pursuing their present tactics. The amount in controversy, the complaint sets at 'largely in excess of \$100,000,' that being the estimate put upon the damage the strikers may do and have done so far.

There is great danger that the strike will spread.

River-Boats Are Crowded.

Every steamboat leaving the city yesterday was crowded with passengers. The boats which left during the afternoon for points along the Columbia carried especially large loads. The prospect of a warm Sunday in town started out the vanguard of the summer excursionists headed for the woods. Several sailboats and launches were also seen on the river, many of them apparently carrying over-Sunday parties. From the number of inquiries received at the offices yesterday, it is evident that large crowds will also go out on the boats leaving this morning.

The Queen City on Reef.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 6.—The Queen City, of Seattle, went ashore near the entrance of Victoria Harbor today when returning to Puget Sound. She is fast on a reef. Assistance is being sent and an effort will be made to drag the vessel from the rocks at high water.

Low Water Brings Up Bars.

ALBANY, Or., May 6.—(Special).—The Willamette River at Albany is down to 25 feet above extreme low-water mark. At this stage it is difficult for the river boats to cross several bars between here and Salem, but they are continuing the

service. The Government dredger is expected up the river soon to reduce the bars that are causing the most trouble, and this, it is believed, will make it possible to continue the river service during the entire summer.

Four Cutters for Alaska.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 6.—The revenue cutter Bear will sail from Honolulu for Dutch Harbor on June 1, and later will probably make an annual cruise in Arctic waters, going as far north as Point Barrow. The cutters Perry, Manning and Rush will also be sent to Alaska this summer.

Lighthouse Tender Sick.

ASTORIA, Or., May 6.—(Special).—The lighthouse tender Manzanita, which returned this morning from a trip to Destruction Island, brought Mark Gracon, lightkeeper at the island. Mr. Gracon has been ill for some time, and is en route to Portland for medical attention.

New Engineer on Manzanita.

ASTORIA, Or., May 6.—(Special).—William Smith, of Seattle, has been appointed first assistant engineer on the lighthouse tender Manzanita, to succeed Engineer Snyder, who was transferred to the Heather.

Coal Steamer Is Floated.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 6.—The British steamer Ormley, which went ashore off Bodkins' Point yesterday, was floated today. She was bound for Cavite with coal.

Marine Notes.

The towboat Edgar has been taken around from Willapa Harbor to Gray's Harbor and turned over to her new owner, T. C. Soule.

Yesterday morning the American bark Hecla entered the Columbia. She has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load lumber for San Francisco. This is the vessel reported outside Friday afternoon.

The cruiser Chicago, flagship of the Pacific squadron, with Admiral Goodrich on board, the cruiser Marblehead, the destroyer Paul Jones, the dispatch boat Petrel and the collier Saturn arrived in San Francisco yesterday from Central America ports.

Why it paid the owners of the big Hill liner, Minnesota, to send the steamship to Shanghai instead of to the Japanese ports to which her cargo is consigned is apparent by the difference in war risks. The rate to such neutral ports as Shanghai and Hong Kong is 1 per cent, while yesterday 2 per cent was quoted upon May vessels bound for Japanese ports.

The steamer Aberdeen, which has been loading lumber for San Francisco, left last night. She will stop at Eureka and take on more lumber. The Alliance of the same line will reach her dock early this morning, as she was reported as coming up the river from Astoria last night. Tomorrow the Alliance will go on the drydock for a scraping and painting, but will be ready to leave Wednesday night.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, May 6.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind south; weather cloudy. Arrived at 10 A. M.—American bark Hecla, from San Francisco. Arrived at 12:15 and left at 2:30 P. M.—Steamer Alliance, from Cons Bay and Eureka. Arrived at 5 P. M.—Steamer E. F. Moore.

Speaks to Salvation Army.

Evangelist J. L. McComb had a good meeting last night at Salvation Army barracks, 255 Davis street. There was much enthusiastic interest displayed. Tonight Mr. McComb speaks at the Epworth M. E. Church, Twenty-third and Irving streets, at 7:30 o'clock, and every evening at the same place except Saturday, for the remainder of the week.

Blair T. Scott Is Released.

Blair T. Scott, former resident agent of the Washington Life Insurance Company, who was arrested in New York for debt by his company two weeks ago, was released yesterday. He was held under a very high bond, but according to advice received here yesterday he had been allowed to go free.

SIGLER CASE SET

Assessor and ex-Councilman Accused of Extortion.

JOPLIN MAKES THE CHARGE

Says He Was Forced to Pay Debt Owed to Father of Defendant in Order to Get Contract Allowed.

Blairford D. Sigler, County Assessor and ex-Councilman, will be placed on trial in the State Circuit Court Monday on a charge of extortion from Ferdinand Joplin, a street contractor. The case has been on the trial calendar for a long time, and a further continuance is not anticipated.

The affair dates back to the time when Sigler was a member of the Council from the Fifth Ward. Joplin, it appears, years ago borrowed money from Sigler's father, and never paid it all. There was about \$300 balance due, and the debt had expired by statute of limitation. Joplin also, as a reason for not desiring to settle the old claim, said unscrupulous interest had been exacted from him.

Joplin procured several street contracts from the city, and it was necessary that the work be accepted by the city to enable him to collect the money due. Using his power as a member of the Council, Joplin asserted Sigler proceeded to squeeze him. Sigler, he says, threatened to throw obstacles in the way of the acceptance of Joplin's contract, unless the old debt was liquidated, and to use his influence with the City Engineer or his deputies and members of the street committee to this purpose. Joplin states that Sigler did succeed in preventing the issuance of warrants to him and finally, under compulsion, he settled the claim.

When the county grand jury was in session in December, 1904, Joplin entered a complaint against Sigler, with the result that the latter was indicted under the extortion statute.

The explanation given by Sigler at the time was that, although his father lent the money, it was his and not his father's money. Joplin, Sigler said, was the owner of real property, and was able to pay, and he admitted that he made him do it.

Sigler, through his attorney, W. D. Fenton filed a demurrer to the indictment, and have done nothing further in the matter since that time.

City Officers Before Municipal Judge Hogue.

MANY interesting things have happened at the Senate saloon, Second and Couch streets, more commonly known as "Liverpool Lia" establishment. There was a "clash" there recently between two women inmates, and one is now on trial for murder. None, however, have proved so interesting to Charles Sahiberg as the experience he had there one night last week. He claims Fannie Sutton robbed him of \$25, and that he spent nearly as much more there for bad liquor.

On the other hand, the accused woman says that Sahiberg was a regular old sport the night he was there, and that he consumed enough "highballs" to float a small-sized boat; that he was "slightly intoxicated," and does not know what took place. She also, incidentally, denies that she robbed him.

"What shall I do about this case?" asked Judge Hogue of Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald.

"There are two ways to look at such cases," replied Mr. Fitzgerald. "While

we usually possess but little sympathy for a man who will frequent such places as this notorious dive of the North End, and while we think a man ought to keep away from those sinkholes of iniquity, yet we have the law, which must be obeyed, and which we are sworn to enforce. Some men are by nature unable to protect themselves—have not sufficient brains to know what is best to do or not to do. Now, laws are made for such as these, and I think we must teach these saloon-keepers and inmates of brothels that they must not rob or even overplay a man with liquor."

"I think you are correct," said Judge Hogue. "I think such men as this complainant should have protection, and in order to hear more facts about this case and to do justice to all, I will continue it until next week."

George Spoon was before Judge Hogue, charged with larceny of \$50 and a gold watch and ring from Burke Turrell.

"That man, Turrell, is a rascal," volunteered Spoon. "This is a put-up job on me."

"What do you wish to plead to this charge?" asked Judge Hogue.

"I'm being jobbed," replied Spoon. "Never mind. What do you plead?" asked the court again.

"I'm not going to stand for anything like this," said Spoon. "I'll stand up for myself."

After great difficulty, Judge Hogue succeeded in making Spoon plead, and his plea was "not guilty."

Turrell took the witness-stand and told the court that he met Spoon in Denver, Colo., and that they came West together. Spoon, according to Turrell, clung to him closer than most brothers; remained affectionately near him after reaching Portland, and they finally engaged a room together.

"Spoon had a key to the room in the 'Victor House,'" said Turrell, "and while I was out, two days ago, he went in and robbed my valise of \$50 and the jewelry. I found him last night and called a policeman, who took him to the City Jail. Although but a few moments before Spoon had denied having the watch or ring, he pulled the watch from his pocket and threw it into the street in front of police headquarters."

"This is a job put up on me," said Spoon, who accepted his constitutional right to give testimony without the taking of an oath. "I am a straight man, and this man who accuses me is a rascal. I never took his things as a theft. He gave them to me in return for \$12."

The defendant will be held to await the action of the grand jury, and bonds will be \$1000," replied Judge Hogue, without a moment's hesitation.

Paul Jones, whose bent form resembles that of Markham's "Max With the Hoe," was again in court, this time accompanied by his father. He was before Judge Hogue the previous session, charged with disorderly conduct by interrupting farmers on their way to and from the city, and turning on water hydrants belonging to the city.

"You have got to obey your parents," declared Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald to Paul, who was seated in Clerk Olson's room with his father. "You are young now, and don't understand why, but when you get as old as I am, you will see that I am telling you what's right. I was wild, too, when I was a boy of your age, but I now see what a mistake I made. You can see what I came to by being a wild youth, so take a lesson and brace up. You must leave those hydrants alone. They are there to protect life and property. You also must not molest farmers who pass along that way. Farmers are our best friends; they raise everything you and I eat, and we want to encourage them to come here and trade in our markets and help the commerce of the city."

William Barrett, Fritzle Dheln and Herman Delhm, charged with larceny of \$135 from the Hotel Portland Rathskeller, were to have been tried before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday morning, but the case was postponed until Tuesday. Deputy District Attorney Haney, who has been in charge of the prosecution, was engaged in the trial of Blanche Thompson in the Circuit Court.

Homeopaths Will Gather.

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C. A. Wood Comes From Michigan to Complete Arrangements.

C. A. Wood, of Saginaw, Mich., is here for the purpose of completing arrangements in the direction of establishing a state bank at St. Johns. The necessary amount of capital has about all been subscribed, principally by Easterners, although a few local people are interested. The institution will be capitalized for \$25,000 to begin with, and this will be increased as the necessities commensurate with the growth of the community demand. Quarters in the Cochran block have been secured, and it is expected the bank will be ready for business within the next 30 days, or as soon as final organization has been consummated. It is understood that Congressman J. W. Fordney, of the Eighth Michigan Congressional District, will be the president of the institution.

Opened Another's Letters.

HELENA, Mont., May 6.—Justice

moved swiftly in the case of Chester A. Bond, a Helena colored man, who was arrested two weeks ago upon the charge of opening a letter addressed to Jesse C. Bond, a white man, abstracting a draft for \$50, forging the other man's name and sending the draft to a Denver electrical supply house. He was indicted by the United States grand jury and today he pleaded guilty. Judge Hunt sentenced him to one year in the penitentiary.

Footpad's Body Taken Away.

LONDON, May 6.—(Special).—The Namur police authorities are investigating a mysterious affair. A truck performer named Bontard, an Italian, was returning from the woods, when he was confronted by a man who demanded his money or his life. Bontard pretended that he was searching his pockets for money, while opening his knife. At this moment he saw concealed between bushes two men, who shouted "Kill him." Bontard attacked his assailant and killed him. He informed the police, who went after the body only to find that it had disappeared. So far no trace of it has been found.

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WILL CONVERT OLD CABLE TRESTLE INTO CORDWOOD



Remainder of the old cable trestle to Portland Heights was pulled down yesterday, and will be sawed into cordwood. Contractors White & Hoffman, who have charge of the work, estimate that the timbers will make 1000 cords of wood. A donkey engine was used to pull the structure down, the bents first being chopped. The part of the trestle shown in the picture spans the highest point of the gulch and is about 30 feet above the ground. The trestle was built 17 years ago, and was used until recently by the cable car line running to the Heights.

WINE ON THE CABLE TRESTLE AT THE HIGHEST SPAN ACROSS THE GULCH.