PRICE FIVE CENTS

DISGRACEFUL JUGGLERY WITH COUNTY ASSETS MAKES TAXPAYERS UNEASY

COURT **FAVORS** MERGER

Trust Permitted To Pay Dividends Despite Former Order.

Decree Against Combine Amended by U. S. Judge.

Action Not Final But Taken Pending An Expected Appeal.

(Journal Special Service.)

ST. PAUL, April 20.-The United States Court of Appeals has modified the decree against the Northern Pacific Merger and now permits the Securities Company to pay dividends on its stock

The news had a marked effect on stocks on Wall street. The decision created a great surprise.

ST. PAUL, April 20.-Judge Sanborn of the United States Court of Appeals, after heaving argument, ruled that the Northern Securities might pay May dividends May I, holding that the Federal Court by injunction prevented the Merger from voting stock of the North

The Great Northern has a hold on the concern. It is held that the injunction against

the dividend was auxiliary and could be modified by the Court.

The decree permits the stockholders of the Northern Securities to exchange its stock for the stock of railways for which it was issued. If the Supperme ourt affirms this decree the stock holders in the Securities Company can make an exchange and draw dividends from the companies. If the Supreme Court reverses the decree, the parties can draw from the Securities Company. Retention of dividends by the railway companies while the appeal is pending would not enhance or speed the enforcement of any legal right of the United States, while it might inflict unnecessary loss and injury upon stockholders who are justly entitled to receive these dividends as soon as earned.

Immediately after the decision the Northern Securities Company filed an appeal, and following an order of the court, gave bonds of \$50,000. Every point made by the railway attorneys was

Judge Explains.

Judge Sanber sincidated his position at length. He said the defendants had not asked the court to suspend the entire injunction, but only the portion which restrained the payment of dividends pending an appeal, inasmuch as such dividends do not belong to the United States, which brought suit.

"The purpose of the government was enforce the law against an illegal combination in restraint of trade. Dur-ing the pendency of the appeal the government is protected by that portion of the injunction which forbids acquisition or voting of any stock of these two rallway companies. The appeal in this case will probably be determined by the Supreme Court about November.

"It is not perceived how the retention or payment of dividends during the pendeacy of the appeal can injuriously affect any right of the United States in this litigation, and the only question is whether the dividends shall be piled up in the treasuries of the railway companies or paid the stockholders to whom they legally belong, and who must ultimately receive them, which ever way the final decision in the case may be.

Effect in Wall Street. NEW YORK, April 20.—Securities stock jumped from 94% to 99 immedi-ately when news of the St. Paul suspenon of injunction permitting May divi-

shout at intervals.

ends was announced. Wall street is

STRANGE RELIGIOUS FRENZY OF OLSON

of Rev. A. L. Wilson's Pentecostal converts, ran shouting through the

streets of Albina for more than an hour yesterday evening. The man

kept up his strange demonstrations until weariness of the flesh deprived

him of power to continue. Several hundred people witnessed the man's

the crowd, declaring him to be possessed of the Holy Spirit and claiming the event as a direct manifestation of Divine Will. During Rev. Wil-

son's remarks, Olson, gasping and trembling, stood by and continued to

a convert, but not until yesterday did religious frenzy make itself fully manifest. Rev. Wilson is a well known Portland evangelist. He belongs

to no denomination, simply speaking in the interests of Christianity, preaching the second coming of Christ and eternal fire for the wicked. He

During the period of his strange alleged association with the spirit world Olson ran about from place to place, pawing the earth like a wild

animal; tossing his arms; shouting unintelligible words; frothing at the

mouth, and tearing his hair. Perspiration rolled from him in tiny streams.

in front of this that yesterday's demonstration occurred.

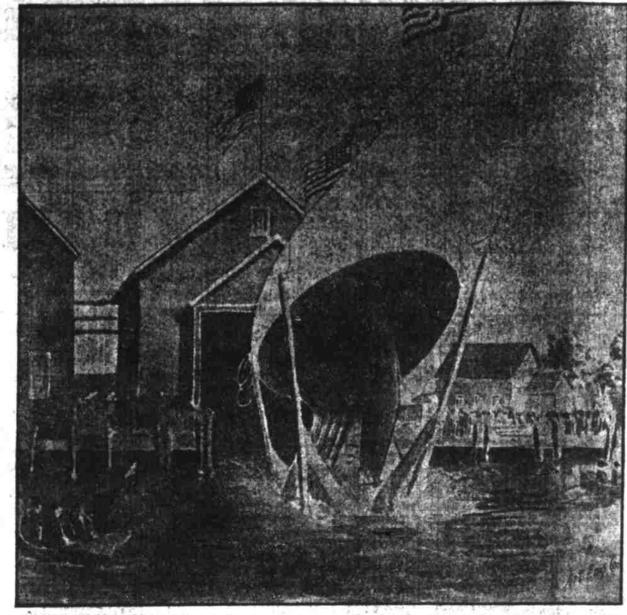
No effort was made to restrain him.

conducting services at the Pentecostal Mission in Albina and it was

When Olson became exhausted and retired, Rev. Wilson harangued

John Peter Olson is a Swede laborer who several weeks ago became

PRETTY AND SWIFT IS CUP DEFENDER YACHT RELIANCE



and the men who are to operate the yacht in the races for the America's dup, are confident that she is the swiftest thing that ever toyed with the wind and sped over water to be victor in a race. may succeed in his ambition to gain the America's cup, but have studied the new defender are as confident in the merits of the Reliance as they were two years ago in those

HIS OPINIONS

tacks Unionism.

(Journal Special Service.)

INDIANAPOLIS, April 20.-President Parry of the Manufacturers' Association, arrived here yesterday. He says: "We do not propose to have the

United States placed in the clutches of the dreary, obstinate and vicious sort of trades unionism which has England by the throat. Hanna certainly made a true expression when he said the trades unionists of this country need Ameri-

"The movement in this country to day," continued Parry, "is in the hands of foreigners of strong Socialistic and anarchistic tendencies, and their leaders are doing everything in their power to start a rebellion against the United States government."

LAD DIES IN FLAMES.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Albert Foster, a nine-year-old boy, was burned to death last night. He took matches to bed with him to play with, and the fatality resulted.

LEATHER STRIKE OVER.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 20. — The great strike of the leather workers of California has come to a conclusion after more than a year of fighting. The workers secured an additional raise in wages.

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Nabbed in London.

(Journal Special Service.) LONDON, April 20,-The self-styled 'Prince Athrobeld Stuart de Modena," who on December 17 last married former Countess Russell, was today arrested charged with assuming a false name. His real name, the police allege, is William Brown. He created a furore when he first arrived in London, and was considered a great matrimonial catch. He lived with his bride twelve days and then disappeared.

SOUBRETTE MISSING.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.-Miss Claudia Rodgers, the pretty and dashing souhrette with the Republic Theatre, has disappeared and neither her mother nor the theatre management know of her whereabouts.

Miss Rodgers has met with great success during the last few years, and she would be a great loss to the theatrical profession. She was formerly connected with Fisher's Theatre, and when the Republic Theatre was opened and the management was bringing together a strong cast, Miss Rodgers was picked from a large number of applicants.

CRAMPS EMBARRASSED.

(Journal Special Service.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 20.—The famous shipbuilding firm of Cramp & Son was recently near to bankruptcy. The house was involved in a fight with the newly formed trust, and in this contest were worsted. Finances were forthcoming, however, and the firm has been reorganized.

GOOD FOR KANSAS.

(Journal Special Service.) TOPEKA, Kan., April 20.—If the State Board of Agriculture's predictions as contained in its report today come true, all records for a wheat crop will eclipsed. The heaviest acreage ever planted in the state is due this year,

ROYALTY IS NERVOUS.

PARIS, April 20.-A dispatch from Servia today says the bodyguard of the Royal Palace at Belgrade has been strongly re-inforced as a coup de main

S. P. GETS CONTRACT.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.-The Southern Pacific has secured the contract for the transportation of troops by rail over a number of competing lines.

MINERS LOCKED OUT BARREL MYSTERY PARTI V SOLVE

Manufacturer Again At- Notorious Imposter Is No Excuse Given Men by Coal Operators.

(Journal Special Service.)

MAHONING CITY, Pa., April 20.-As a sequel to the refusal of the men to work nine hours on Saturday last a lockout was inaugurated this morning and threatens to develop into another general anthracite coal strike.

Thirty thousand men and boys are idle today as a result of the new order, which went info effect this morning. The mines involved are those of the Philadelphia & Reading. No explanation accompanied theorder,

The men were simply told "There is no work for-you.' And with this they were forced to be

CONVICTS FIGHT FATAL DUEL

(Journal Special Service.) SALT LAKE, April 20.—E. W. Ham-ilton and Will Brown, convicts in the Utah state prison, fought a battle to the death inside the penitentiary walls this morning. One was armed with an iron bar and the other with a knife. Hamilton was stabbed in the side and Brown's head was split open. Both will die.

SILVER MINE IN MARYLAND

(Journal Special Service.) CUMBERLAND, Md., April 20.-While workmen were opening fireclay banks silver in considerable quantities was unearthed here. Assays which have been made declare the mineral to be a rich vein. The mine is in the heart of the

GLASGOW FAVORS FRANCE.

(Journal Special Service.) GLASGOW, April 29.—The Chamber of Commerce this morning adopted enthusiastic resolutions favoring a commercial treaty of peace between Great Britain and France. This action is significant as indicating the pronounced change in public sentiment toward France.

PASSENGER DIES SUDDENLY

(Journal Special Service.)
DUNSMUIR. April 20.—N. Nebricht, a passenger on the Oregon Express, left the train at this point yesterday and disappeared. His dead body was subse-quently found in the river. There is no clue to the manner of his death.

HOWARD CROSS-EXAMINED.

(Journal Special Service.) FRANKFORT, Ky., April 20.—Howard was cross-examined this morning, but nothing was discovered beyond what he had already told.

SEVEN DEAD IN WRECK

Trains Pile Up Causing Frightful Disaster in New York.

More Than a Score Are Seriously Injured in Collision.

Passenger Crashed Into Rear End of Freight Train.

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, April 20 .- Seven lives were crushed out and more than a score f persons were seriously injured in a train smashup on the Eric road this

A passenger train running at speed crashed into the rear end of a freight train. The freight had been deayed in making a siding and it is said that the usual signals were not dis-played in time to warn the oncoming passenger train of its danger.

The disaster occurred at 4 o'clock this morning, and the engineer could not see the obstacle in the path of the train until he found his locomotive plowing its way through the freight.

The cars were piled up in an inde scribable mass of wood and iron. Many of the passengers were pinioned in the wreckage and died before surgical aid could reach them. Two sleeping cars caught fire and several of the passengers were burned alive

PARTLY SOLVED

Victim Is Identified as a Resident

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK. April 20.—The mystery connected with the finding of an unknown man, murdered, in a barrel on a business street of this city last week is partly cleared up. The victim has been identified, but the police are still at a loss to account for the tragedy or to name the criminal.

This morning Inspector McCloskey announced that the victim had been iden-tified as Manduenia Beneditto, of Buf-

The remains were fully identified by the man's brother-in-law. He was aged He was married and his 43 years. wife had been at a loss to account for his disappearance. How he got to New York and why, and the manner of his death are as deep mysteries as ever. The victim's brother-in-law is serving time in Sing Sing for counterfeiting. An Italian detective went to the prison yesterday and showed him a photograph of the murdered man, which was instantly recognized by the convict.

ADVANCE ENTRIES AT OAKLAND

OAKLAND BACE TRACK, April 20.—The

2-year-olds: 2-year-olm 3950 Tarrigan 4242 The Owl 4600 Tamm 4370 Winfred W 4530 Breunus 4380 Theodore L 4024 Alta G 4324 Medwan 4380 Grigil 104 Louis Mc 101
4623 St. George, Jr. 112 4568 Libbis Candid 4104
4617 Forest Fire 101 4605 Toltec 104
4605 Dr. Rowell 112 4507 Capt. Forsee 107
C. Magnet 107 4512 Lndy Laurle 164 4568 Quaker Girl ... 109 4617 Strife 4592 H. L. Frank .. 109 4623 Sofita Third race, one mile, selling: 4622 Yelkowstone... 107 4608 Mission

103 4390 Headstrong 103 106 4625 Fondo 109 106 4604 Melkarth 103 160 4625 Respirator 98 132 4622 Albert Enright 103 Fourth race, three quarters, handleap: 4607 E. M. Brattain, 97,4564 The Major... 4623 Anale Max 92,4588 Sad Sam Headwater 106,4225 Keuflworth 1625 Mocorito 96 4340 Byronn Rosa 104 4389 Royal Rogue 106 4621 The Fretter 103 Fifth race, thirteen sixteenths, selling: Fifth race, thirteen streenths, selling:
4620 Bernota 113 4610 Estado 188
4810 Geo. Dewey 198 4588 Siy 106
4420 Windward 102 4604 Legal Maxim 108
4612 Nugget 111 4812 Bogus Bill 113
4622 Pat Morrissey 113 4581 M. F. Tarpey 108
4891 Lou Clieweden 108 4622 Doffle W 106
4589 G. W. Trahen 103 4578 Bassenzo 108
4637 Spindle 108 4378 Lone Fisherman 111

Sixth race, mile and seventy yards, selling: Tax Certificates Given Away in Exchange for Paper Known To Be Absolutely Worthless.

Over \$7,000 of the County's Assets Sacrificed in One Transaction without Receiving Any Consideration.

Extraordinary Illustration of the Methods Which Prevailed in the Board of Commissioners.

The publication in these columns on t Saturday of a summary of the report of the expert who has been investigating the books of the County Clerk's office, was necessarily incomplete. Numerous cases were then presented illustrative of the extraordinary mismanagement of the county's affairs during the six years covered by the expert's report, but many transactions noted by him were omitted. One of these was so remarkable that it deserves the attention of every taxpayer in the county. Already the taxpayers are growing uneasy over the disclosures.

Ample evidence has already sented to show that the county's assets were recklessly sacrificed in the settle ments of delinquent taxes, but all of these transactions are cast in the shade sioners in June. 1901, recorded in vol-ume 22 of their journal, page 366. The Commissioners first entered into an agreement to exchange about \$4,000 of tax sale certificates, owned by the county, for an equal amount of war-

rants which were known to be absolutely worthless and had been declared invalid by decree of court. And as if this were not bad enough, an addi-tional \$3,000 of tax sale cartificates were surrendered to the holder of the worth-less warrants, in excess of the amount originally agreed upon, and without any consideration whatever.

Gave Away County's Assets.

There is nothing in the records or slightest fraud or imposition was practiced upon the Commissioners in this truly remarkable transaction. On the contrary the worthless character of the warrants was set forth in the very pe-titlen upon which the action of the Board was based. The Commissioners simply gave away \$4,000 of tax sale certificates standing in the name Multnomah County in exchange for a lot of waste paper, and then in a second spasm of generosity added \$3,000 more of certificates to their original gift.

Inasmuch as the county had pre-viously expended over \$1,200 to establish the invalidity of these warrants, the total loss to the taxpayers by the whole transaction was over \$8,000. Eistory of the Case. The details of this case are given

briefly in the expert's report. During the year 1894 the then County Clerk issued about \$5,000 of road warrants based on forged time checks. The forgeries were discovered, one of the men implicated was sent to the state penitentiary for five years, and by de-cree of the Circuit Court entered February 15, 1897, the warrants were declared invalid.

This decree was the result of a suit brought by A. H. Maegley to enjoin payment of the warrants, the county having entered into a contract with him whereby he was to receive payments equivalent to 30 per cent of all the forged warrants which he caused to be surrendered, or adjudged invalid. The Circuit Court declared that these warrants to the amount of \$4,052.75 were invalid, and Maegley was accordingly paid 30 per cent of this amount, or That appeared to end the matter. The

county had been swindled into issuing ing instance whereby the omission of the warrants upon forged time checks, but at an expense of twelve hundred dollars the warrants had been judicially declared void, and those of the taxpayers who paid any attention to the matter doubtless supposed that it was

nounced invalid, were still outstanding, and after a lapse of four years the holder presented a petition to the County Commissioners asking that he be rmitted to unload his worthless securities upon the county, and that the county give him in exchange an equal amount dollar for dollar, of tax sale certific which it owned. The motto of dealing with all petitioners was appar-

petition was granted and an order was entered directing that tax certificates to the amount of \$4,053.75 be assigned to the petitioner, upon surrender of the warrants. The certificates were to be assigned at their face value, without the addition of any penalties. But when it came to carrying the order into effect, even its liberal terms were exceeded. Tax sale certificates to

the amount of \$7,218.42, or \$3,164.67 in excess of the amount agreed upon, and in excess of the warrants surrendered, were generously turned over to the pe-This transaction was consummated during the term of office of W. M. Cake,

as County Judge, and William Showers and J. G. Mack, as County Commis Multnomah County acquired by the exchange a lot of waste paper, which could not have been unloaded on any other buyer in the country.

Minor Irregularities.

The expert notes as a minor feature of this case the fact that some of the tax certificates turned over by the county were for taxes for 1893 and 1894, which included the city levy and should not have been applied on any indebtedness of the county, but this was ignored by the officials.

The expert observes in the concluding portion of his report that, "Section 3131 of Bellinger & Cotton's Code provides for the redemption of property bought in by counties at tax sales, but no provislon is made for the assignment of certificates. This matter was referred to special counsel, who rendered an opinion that the law did not provide for the assignment of certificates by the county, but that they were to be held subject to

redemption." The expert found that in a number of cases certificates of sale owned by Multnomah County had been assigned for less than their face value. In some cases, where taxes were delinquent for prior years, the certificates of sale were assigned, thereby barring the county's claim for such prior years' taxes.

AND THIS IS ONLY A BEGINNING! Officials Importuned Taxpayers.

In summarizing in Saturday's issue of The Journal the expert's report upon the methods that prevailed in the settlement of delinquent taxes, mention sh have been made of his statement that "It is generally known that taxpayers were importuned by officials with a view to filing petitions and having taxes re-duced on suggested or concorted irregularities of assessment or sale, for a consideration. Also that petitions were drawn by officials in this office, a practice which, it is needless to say, ought to be prohibited."

The expert's report gives many flus-trations of the looseness with which the books and records of the county have been kept, and he notes one strikcipher in the assessment roll of 1886 the assessment of the Portland Railway Company dropped from \$60,000, the valuation of the previous year, to \$6,000, a mistake of \$54,000 against the county.

Carelessness and laxity in cierical work are a natural concomitant of the Worthless Warrants Beappear.
But the warrants, though thus proprodigal wastefulness which marked the

TIRED OF LIFE AN AGED MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

jumped 60 feet from the steel bridge on Burnside street into the loy waters of the Willamette at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Only the gallant efforts of Walter Matthewson, second mate of the steamer Vulcan, and Richard L. Wilson, a deck hand, intervened to pluck him from the laws of death. Even as the brave men lifted his almost lifeless form from a watery grave Henkle begged pitifully to be permitted to die. He muttered that he was tired of life, and his one desire was death. When being pulled forth from the water he did his best to break away from his rescuers. His head was injured by contact with a floating plank in the river.

After placing the would-be suicide on a barge at the Ainsworth d.ck, where he was partially resuscitated by the efforts of his rescuers, he was removed to the

Tired of life, with its cares and | police station in the patrol wagon and a physician was summoned. It was over jumped 60 feet from the steel bridge on an hour, however, before Assistant City Physician Slocum arrived to lend assist-ance to the sufferer, and only through the persistent and determined work of the station officers was the spark of life kept up until medical aid could be administered.

ministered.

While the officers were working over his form the man kept moaning: "Let me die! let me die!" All efforts to obtain his name were fruitless, and it was svident that he intended keeping it a secret, as not a scrap of paper of any description was found upon his person to identify him.

In the event of his death it is said by the officers at the points station that if could largely be attributed to the fact that for more than an hour he is, on a hare bench in the city hill, suffering great pain from the dold and we. Health has two sons living on the fact falls.