

THREE MEN HUNG FROM OFFICERS

CHARLES C. GOVERN, WANTED IN CHICAGO FOR KIDNAPING \$25,000 FROM BOTSFORD PROVISION COMPANY, GIVES HIMSELF UP TO W. A. PINKERTON IN PORTLAND.

Has Been Wandering Over Continent of North America Since September, 1902—Was in Revolution in South America and Has Had Many Strange Adventures—Had \$25,000 Cents When He Gave Himself Up.

After eluding the Pinkerton and police officers of several cities for over a year, Charles C. Govern gave himself up in Portland yesterday.

Govern was formerly secretary of the Buford Provision company in Chicago. He is accused of kidnaping \$25,000 from the firm and since his disappearance in September, 1902, he has eluded the detectives. Now he is in the custody of the Pinkertons ready to go back and face trial.

The alleged kidnaper is a well-dressed man, probably 35 years old. He arrived in Portland on Thursday last week, registering at the Portland hotel as J. W. Clark. When he gave himself up yesterday he had but 25 cents. He was despondent and worn out trying to keep away from the police. Accordingly he decided to best himself up. William A. Pinkerton, the head of the great agency, was sitting in a chair at the Hotel Portland when Govern stepped up to him. He asked Pinkerton if he knew him. The great detective replied he did not, whereupon Govern made a full confession to his crime. He said he was willing to go back to Chicago to "take his medicine." At first Mr. Pinkerton did not recall the case, but as the facts were unfolded to him he recalled it all.

"I am tired of wandering around," said Govern to Pinkerton. "I saw you sitting here and just thought I would give myself up. I'm about out of money."

The Pinkertons telegraphed to the Chicago police about the case and in turn Chief Francis O'Neill of the Windy City sent a local police officer to take the man into custody. Accordingly Detectives Day and Weiner locked Govern up yesterday afternoon, but this morning he was turned over to the Pinkertons on receipt of orders to such an effect from Chief O'Neill. The Pinkertons will take him back to Chicago.

Played the Races.

While with the provision company in Chicago Govern was suspected of playing the races with the money of his employers. It is said. Finally he disappeared and it was claimed he was found \$25,000 short. During the past year he has traveled extensively over North America. He was then in a revolution in Nicaragua. Feeling homesick he returned to Fox Lake, Mich., for a short time last summer, but fear of detection caused him to move and he went to Butte, Mont. Still anxious to keep up a "front" he went to the Portland and with his last few dollars he paid for a room.

Govern refused to talk about his checkered career. He feels his position keenly and is much worried over the condition of his wife, who is lying ill in San Francisco. He requested that the officers take him there to see her before he goes East but this request cannot be granted.

A dispatch from Chicago confirms the story that Govern was the secretary of the Botsford firm and as such had access to the books and accounts. Nothing was heard of his whereabouts until word went from Portland. Henry Botsford, the head of the firm, refused to discuss the matter with a Chicago newspaper man.

Mr. Pinkerton claims no credit for the capture as Govern simply gave himself up after wandering until he became tired of it.

WILL SMOKE NO MORE, SO IS FREED

Rudolph Dreger, 15 years old, who was arrested for smoking cigarettes between his fingers, receiving a fatherly talk from Police Court Judge Hogue this morning on the evil of his ways.

The court lectured the boy upon the injurious effects of smoking, and the lad promised upon his word of honor to reform and he was released. Sentence to be imposed later if he again strays from the straight and narrow path.

George I. Gheen and G. B. Fuller, the cigar dealers at Third and Yamhill streets, accused by the Dreger boy of selling the tobacco to him, forfeited their bail.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT YET SELECTED

Washington Bureau of The Journal, Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.—The Oregon delegation held a meeting today lasting from 3 until 7 o'clock. At its conclusion the following formal statement was made of the results: "The Oregon delegation held its first meeting today for the purpose of considering the United States district attorneys in Oregon, and after considering the matter carefully the members arrived at the conclusion that, in view of the pending of important business before the United States district court in Oregon, it would be unwise at present to make any change and therefore they did not attempt to reach any agreement as to a recommendation, nor have they, nor will they for the present consult the department in this relation."

TRAIN PLUNGES OVER AN EMBANKMENT

(Journal Special Service.)
Frankfort, Ind., Nov. 7.—The west-bound Clover Leaf passenger ran into an open switch this morning just outside this city. The rate of speed was 20 miles an hour. The train rolled down a 15-foot embankment and a considerable distance on the roofs of the coaches. Twenty passengers aboard were all injured, seriously or fatally.

ARIZONA TO MAKE DISPLAY.

Alexander O. Brodels, governor of Arizona, has written the Lewis and Clark fair board that the committee in charge of the exhibit of the territory at St. Louis has promised to hold this intact for shipment to Denver and to governor adds that at the next session of the legislature an effort will be made to secure an appropriation for the maintenance of this exhibit.

MIGRATING BEGG WORKING TO DISCOVER THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DYNAMITE OUTRAGES AT SHERIDAN AND HEWING.

More than \$5,000,000 was represented on the jury which tried John Conway in Judge Frazer's division of the state circuit court yesterday. Of the 12 men, only three are accounted worth less than \$10,000. Three are reputed to have \$25,000 or more, two are credited with \$120,000, who are two millionaires.

The personnel of the jury: C. E. Ladd, banker; John C. Ainsworth, banker; H. W. Riley, capitalist; H. E. Noble, dealer in tax titles; Hugh McGuire, wholesale paper dealer; Anthony Neppach, manager of Nicolai Bros.; S. H. Farfild, furrier; A. H. Mastry, real estate dealer; F. T. Blake, grocer; James R. Ewing, book dealer; John Keating, street contractor, and J. A. Johansen, painter.

That there is a connection between the desperate bank robbers who worked at Newberg and Sheridan, Or., and who are now terrorizing Seattle by "planting" sticks of dynamite in various sections of the Sound city is a theory held by detectives of Portland and Seattle, who are working together on the case.

As stated by The Journal at the time, the attempt to blow the safe in the Newberg bank and the more successful job done at Sheridan was the work of "egg" men. This is a professional name for desperate and skillful crooks who travel in the guise of hoboes and thus put the officers of the trail.

There are certain circumstances tending to show that the gang which has frightened Seattle by carelessly dropping dynamite sticks in unlooked for places, is the same as which operated in this state. The Seattle detectives are trying to learn where the explosive was stolen. One of the theories is that the dynamite was being carried by the same gang of safe crackers, but it was "sloughed" or hidden, because it was thought the police were too close on their track.

The latest attempt has been to blow up an interurban car on the line between Seattle and Tagoma. This was undoubtedly the purpose of robbery.

It is thought that the Newberg and Sheridan jobs were done by the same gang. Although there were nine explosions at the Newberg bank, the safe was not cracked, because powder was used. A week later the crackmen had more successful results.

In attempting to learn where the powder was secured the Seattle police have found that some time ago 150 pounds of powder were stolen from Fort Flager by a deserter who disposed of it in Seattle, where he was arrested.

Seattle detectives working in conjunction with local officers, are trying to learn who it was that purchased the explosives and an effort is being made to connect the dynamite outrages with the jobs of safe blowing. That the gang is clever and that they are in the "doubt" of the officers also have struck a blow leading them towards California. This throws suspicion on two men who were liberal with their money after the Sheridan robbery, leading to the suspicion that they were implicated. They may have first gone south and then returned to Seattle, or the gang may have separated according to the police theories.

SEATTLE PRISONER ACCUSED OF BURGLARY

"Yellow" Elliott, a colored man, now serving time on the rock pile in Seattle, will be taken back to The Dalles, Or., to answer to a charge of burglary as soon as his present term is completed. Chief of Police Woods of The Dalles is in Portland as a witness against George Hitchcock and Harry Dally, who are on trial in the state circuit court for stealing a grip from the Union depot in Portland and their return to Seattle or the gang may have separated according to the police theories.

Since the robbery of the jewelry store of I. C. Nickelson at The Dalles, in August, the department of that city, assisted by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan of this city have been trying to run the thief down. At the time a clerk in the store was suspected and discharged. Detectives Kerrigan and Snow have learned that "Yellow" Elliott was the man who did the job, and Woods will go to Seattle to bring the negro back.

According to the information received by local detectives, Elliott passed through Portland with his plunder consisting of about \$400 worth of jewelry. Chief of Police Woods of The Dalles has a bounty here, but went on to Seattle where a pawnshop man gave him \$50 for it. Later he was arrested for some minor offense and put to work on the rockpile. Chief Woods will go to Seattle as soon as he is excused from court duty there.

ARCHITECT GETS NOTHING FOR PLANS

Justice Waldemar Seton of the East Side court yesterday granted a non-suit in the case of the Ames Mercantile agency against A. N. Wright, a jeweler in this city. Some time ago Wright gave Richard Martin, an architect, a commission to prepare plans for a home for his services. Wright refused to pay because he said that he gave orders to draw plans for a home to cost \$3,500 and those of the architect did not come within that limit.

BURNING HAM CALLS OUT ENGINE

A dense smoke but very little fire was the cause of calling the fire department to the Oregon market, 151 Fourth street, at 9 o'clock last night. Several hams fell into the fire in the smoke house and the pork sent out a suffocating smoke. The department worked an hour in fighting matters. The loss was very slight according to Milton Jones, the proprietor.

CRUSHED TWIXT FLOOR AND ELEVATOR CAGE

Thomas Gavenesen, a painter employed by W. P. Fuller & Co., at 60 First street is at Good Samaritan hospital suffering from injuries received in an elevator accident this morning. Gavenesen was at work on the third floor of the company's building when, in some way, he was caught between the floor and the elevator cage, which was coming down the shaft. The cage was stopped, but not until Gavenesen had been badly crushed about the body. No bones are broken, but he may be hurt internally. He lives with his parents on Twentieth near Flanders street.

ASSAULT CASE TRIED BY \$5,000,000 JURY

Conway was found guilty of assault on Gee Bing and fined \$100, equivalent to a sentence of 90 days in jail. Gee Bing was found on the sidewalk in front of his room two weeks ago, unable to move. He said Conway had attacked him with a knife, and compelled him to jump out of a window 15 feet from the ground, catching him by the queue as he fell, tearing his hair out by the roots. In his fall Gee Bing's ankle was broken and he was otherwise injured.

The usual harangue of the lawyers, with their numerous objections and exceptions, was conspicuously by its absence, and as the trial progressed the jurors took matters into their own hands and conducted the examination of the witnesses.

WILLAMETTE UP FIVE FEET IN TWO DAYS

The Willamette river at Portland has risen five feet during the past two days, and will probably rise another five feet during the ensuing day or two, according to the indications as given out officially. The danger line is 17 feet above zero, but even with the addition of 5 feet to the present depth, which is 7 feet above zero, there will be no danger of damage in this city. Shipping men have been solicitous lest the water reach a stage that would inflict serious injury upon the commercial interests of Portland, and the information given out by the weather bureau today greatly relieves and pleases them.

MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER'S MEMORIAL TOMORROW

The services at the Marquam Grand tomorrow afternoon and evening in memory of Consul Mrs. Booth-Tucker, will be conducted by Major and Mrs. Dubbin. The afternoon program will be opened with song and prayer and a short address by Dr. J. R. T. Lathrop. The Ninth regiment band will play and short addresses will follow by Dr. A. S. Coats, Rev. E. P. Hill and Thomas Blandy. The address of the afternoon

in memory of Mrs. Booth-Tucker will be delivered by Major Dubbin.

At the evening service vocal solos will be rendered by Captain Paul Hubbard and Mrs. Ensign Braun, a quartet will sing "There Is a Better World Than This." Short addresses will be given by Mrs. Major Dubbin and Ensign Hawk. Major Dubbin will deliver the memorial address. The afternoon service will begin at 3, the evening at 8 o'clock.

MURDER NOT TO BE INVESTIGATED WITH LAND DEALS

Coroner Finley believes Toy Ham was killed in a fight, but will not officially inquire, because Chinese witnesses have proven obstinate.

The publication by The Journal yesterday of the mystery surrounding the death of Toy Ham, the Chinaman who expired at Good Samaritan hospital Sunday night, has caused considerable talk.

As The Journal stated the man may have been murdered, Coroner Finley is inclined to think that in a row he was struck on the head, inflicting the fracture of the skull which resulted in his death.

But as Coroner Finley stated there will be no official investigation, because it is impossible to get Chinese witnesses to tell what they know and under such circumstances an inquest would be a wasteful county money.

Some people assert that the coroner's position is wrong because he ought to investigate every case.

The police and detectives corroborate the coroner in his statement that it is impossible to get the Chinese to tell on a guilty person. Within the past year, two or three brutal murders have been recorded in Chinatown near the police station and the murderers have never been run down because those who knew would not tell. In the highbinder societies it means death to inform on a fellow member and unless a white man sees the crime it is impossible to arrest and convict.

FRAUDULENT LAND CASES ARE BEGUN

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Hearing was begun yesterday in the case against James M. Engle et al. charged with subornation of perjury offenses and influencing juries to take up lands in Plumas and Sierra counties to improve upon, which he made affidavits that the applicants wished to purchase lands for their own use and not for speculation or with a view of selling it to others. The lands have been "settled" on by men who were paid expenses and after a year given \$100 extra under an agreement to deed the properties to the agents of Captain Roberts, a millionaire of Sacramento.

IDENTIFIED AS A CLEVER SHOP LIFTER

"Bob" Lucas, believed to be one of two clever shoplifters, who have been operating in Portland, was arrested this afternoon by Detectives Weiner. The prisoner was identified by a woman who operates a millinery store at 313 Third street as a man who stole a hat from her place this morning. Lucas is thought to be the man who was caught in the act of taking a hat from another store yesterday afternoon, but who escaped before the police could be summoned. Detectives Day and Weiner are looking for the second suspect.

CONFESION DISCREDITED.

(Journal Special Service.)
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 7.—The police and Cudahy discredit the alleged confession of Costello, at St. Joseph, that he assisted Pat Crowe, to kidnap the Cudahy boy. Neither will investigate. Costello worked in the Cudahy plant at the time of the kidnaping, and is a hard drinker.

EASTERN FOOTBALL.

(Journal Special Service.)
Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—First half, Harvard 11, Pennsylvania 6.

CHINESE GAMES PAY HIGH TAX

Wing On forfeits \$100 bail to the police for two small games, this being one-third of amount paid by six of the leading white houses.

Fresh complaint that they are discriminated against by the police department comes from the Chinese gamblers.

Wing On, over whose case Chief of Police Hunt and Fred Olson, clerk of the police court, had a heated controversy Thursday afternoon, forfeited \$100 bail to the police. Jackson Wing has paid but \$20 for running a poker game. Yesterday he was arrested on two warrants, one charging him with keeping a poker game and another holding him responsible for running a game of 21.

In each case \$50 bail was required for the surprised Chinaman got his liberty. Wing On's gambling house is at 87 Second street. He has two rooms. In the front is the 21-game, while in a small room to the rear, about 10x12 feet square, are two card tables where poker is played. There is no game in the day time and at night some times there is no play for more than two or three hours. Wing says other Chinamen and also white poker players are charged but \$20 a month, but Chief Hunt says that \$50 is the monthly fine for a student poker player. The police do not permit white men to gamble in Chinese resorts, but no such restrictions govern the white houses.

In marked contrast to the Chinaman's small gaming houses the establishments of Fritz Blazier, Erickson and other stand out prominently. At these places games are run practically all the time. Nearly every sort of gambling is offered there. Wing On's gambling house is in full blast. Yet these places contribute to the income of the city through the medium of the police, while the Chinaman, in two small rooms, pays exactly one third of that sum and runs but a small portion of the 24 hours of each day.

Ever since Chief Hunt arrested nearly all the Chinese gamblers two weeks ago, he has felt that there are assessments so high they say they will be forced out of business. Wing On, who he feels that he has been unjustly dealt with, does not wish to discuss the matter, for fear other impositions will follow.

Lee Sue, who also keeps a poker game, forfeited \$50 in the police court today, while the sum of \$1,000 was contributed by the proprietors of the larger gaming houses. These were: George Fuller, Fred Fritz, E. Blazier, C. Burley and Jim Smith, 415 1/2; John Thomas of the Portland club, 221; and an illustration of the slaphash manner in which the police are handling the gambling matter was shown this morning when a proprietor appeared at Clerk Olson's office to pay bail money for a poker game at a first street saloon. He said an officer had notified him to show up in court. Clerk Olson refused to take the money until he saw the warrant on which the man was cited to appear.

Superintendent Neal of the Condon public schools, having passed a recent examination and being accorded only a second grade certificate to teach, had to resign, and the directors of the school are now looking for his successor.

William Pollard was arrested at Durkee, Baker county, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was also implicated along with his partner named Williams, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued. In stealing two pack horses, the property of his employer, S. B. Barker, of Condon, Gilliam county.

George Tambolt stole a horse in the St. Albans neighborhood, Wasco county, and sold him in The Dalles for \$11.50, which act will probably result in a sentence to the penitentiary.

Albert Downs Foudray, well-known pioneer of Southern Oregon, died at his home in Phoenix, Jackson county, Wednesday. He was a member of the legislature from that county in 1866. He leaves a wife, but no children.

Sheriff Sexton took an insane patient to the asylum at Salem, a man named Risdon, when arriving there, he discovered that Risdon had escaped from that institution about six weeks before.

W. B. Donica, a respected pioneer citizen of Lebanon, died at his home at that place Wednesday, aged 67 years. He was born in Illinois and came to Oregon in 1852, locating in Marion county.

"SPIRIT ROBBER" PLEADS NOT GUILTY

"Count" P. A. Pulaski was arraigned before Judge Cleland in the circuit court today on a charge of larceny and pleaded not guilty.

"The Polish Wonder," as he terms himself, poses as clairvoyant and magnetic healer and it is while thus engaged that he is alleged to have committed a crime.

Clyde Cronkright called on the count one day for magnetic healing, and when he departed he missed two 20-dollar gold pieces.

The count caused his victim to lie down and close his eyes. He indulged in a series of spiritual incantations while marching about the room. Incidentally it is supposed that he searched Cronkright's trousers.

URGES IMPROVEMENT OF FIRST STREET

A communication, relating to the generally bad condition of First street, between Madison and Clay streets, has been filed at the City Hall:

"We respectfully call your attention to the deplorable and dangerous condition of First street, between Madison and Clay streets. The street in many places being worn down from six to eight inches below the street car rails, makes it both dangerous to life and property to travel said street.

"We, therefore, petition your honorable body to grant us relief by causing the street to be placed in a passable condition again."

ACQUOSED OF THEFT.

Edgar Schuler, a sailor, was arrested by Patrolmen Adams and Baty last night on complaint of Knute Nelson, who claims that Schuler stole \$10 from him in a North End lodging-house. The case will be heard Monday.

ST. LOUIS FIRE.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed many rare plants in Shaw's gardens, which cannot be replaced. Ten thousand dollars in other property was lost.

LIFT OR DRAW AT MORRISON STREET FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXPERTS DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH U. S. ENGINEER—WEIGHT OF OPINION IS WITH THE LIFT BRIDGE, WHICH ELLIOTT SAYS WILL COST \$460,000.

If the sentiment expressed in the United States engineer's office at the custom house yesterday afternoon is any criterion, the steamboat men and shipping interests of Portland demand that the Morrison street bridge be replaced by a rolling lift structure. It was held that the draw bridge is out of date.

There was strong objection made to the proposed plan of construction which the city had formulated. It provides for a 160-foot draw, which means a waterway of that width on each side of a draw rest erected in the center of the river. This was believed to be too narrow. The present waterways are about 250 feet wide.

Representatives of the city government in attendance said that funds are not available to build a larger structure than that planned, which will cost \$460,000. It would cost an additional \$60,000 to build a rolling lift bridge, providing a waterway 190 feet wide. Capt. Jones suggested that an additional amount be taken up by subscription, declaring that he would contribute his share.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 o'clock, with Maj. Langritt in the chair. Its purpose was to hear all complaints and suggestions that might be offered concerning the reconstruction of the Morrison street bridge, and learn in what manner and to what extent the new structure would interfere with navigation. A stenographic report of the proceedings will be forwarded to Washington.

Capt. Jones of the Willamette & Columbia River Towing company was in attendance at the start to object to the construction of a lift bridge, but upon having the matter thoroughly explained to him declared that he believed it would fulfill all requirements more satisfactorily than the draw. There were few present, but all of them are directly interested in the shipping of the port.

Objects to Draw.
Captain A. L. Pease was emphatically opposed to the plans decided upon by the city. In filling around the piers for the draw-rest, he said, is practically the same as building an island in the middle of the river channel. It would make it difficult to handle boats there with safety. He urged the erection of a rolling-lift bridge.

George Taylor of the grain export firm of Taylor, Young & Co., said: "The pier in the middle of the stream upon which the draws rest has the effect of splitting the current, and makes it almost impossible to take vessels through without accident. London has one of the finest rolling-lift bridges spanning the river Thames, and it gives excellent satisfaction. One has also been recently erected in Chicago, and the reports are all in favor of the lift bridge. Portland should have a bridge similar to these. The additional cost is trifling, and should not be permitted to stand in the way. The shipping interests of the port are assuming to be in favor of the lift bridge, and Morrison and Madison street bridges, and larger steamers are going up there each year. The Morrison street bridge has been the scene of many accidents. Another should not be constructed like it."

Commerce Above the Bridge.
Judge Calk followed with a short address. He said he attended the meeting to represent the interests of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company. His remarks were along the same line of those made by Mr. Taylor. He stated that one-half of the lumber in Portland was manufactured above the Morrison and Madison street bridges. It is of this fact the proposed new bridge should be built in such a manner that it would not interfere with river commerce. He believed that it would be a mistake to build a draw bridge. A pier in the middle of the river would have the effect of diverting the channel. It would make it too narrow and dangerous, he asserted, to take vessels through the draw. He spoke strongly in favor of the rolling-lift bridge, commending it to the consideration of the city of Portland. He cited the instance of the Steamship Allon Branch colliding with the pier of the present Morrison-street bridge, and with the right kind of structure erected said there would be no repetition of such occurrences.

Capt. James Shaver coincided with all that had been said, emphasizing the statement that he is in favor of a rolling-lift bridge.

City Engineer Elliott said that the proposed structure would cost \$460,000, all the funds that are on hand for this purpose. He said a lift bridge, with a waterway 190 feet wide, could be built for \$460,000.

The Steamship Allon cleared for the Orient yesterday with 8,275 barrels of flour valued at \$219,575, and 17,862 bushels of wheat worth \$14,150.

As was stated in The Journal a week ago this is the largest flour cargo that ever left any port in the United States, but so far as its lowering the world's record is concerned that is not definitely known by anyone. In order to prove a statement to that effect it would be necessary to examine the records kept on file in the various customs houses of Europe.

Prior to the clearing of the Allon the record flour cargo for the United States was held by the steamship Tremonth, which carried from Tacoma to the Orient 67,584 barrels. The steamship Arab came next on the list, clearing from San Francisco with 58,500 barrels, and the steamship Sylvania held third place, sailing from Newport News, Va., with 49,900 barrels of flour.

If shipped by rail from Portland to Chicago, for instance, it would require a train of 10 cars to handle the Allon's cargo.

The Austrian steamship Kobe also cleared yesterday with a big cargo consisting of flour and lumber. It is valued at \$114,102, and her destination is Japan at the present time. The French bark Christian cleared for Falmouth, England, with a wheat cargo valued at \$38,000. The total clearances at the customs house for the day amounted to more than \$500,000.

GAR STARTS HOME.
(Journal Special Service.)
Darmstadt, Nov. 7.—The car started for his home today.

ASKS BAIL FOR BAUMAN.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to secure the release of Samuel Bauman, accused of murdering Adolph Burkhardt, on bail today. Arguments were heard before Judge Cleland in the circuit court by Bauman's attorneys. It was contended that murder is a bailable offense except where the evidence is conclusive. The application was denied.

LOOK FOR TROUBLE.

(Journal Special Service.)
Denver, Colo., Nov. 7.—An anticipation of trouble when the miners strike on Monday, the militia has been ordered to be in readiness.

WAR AGAINST OLD SHACKS REOPENED.—City Attorney Instructed to Take Some Action to Remove the Kamm Building—New Chef for City Jail Boarders—Remonstrates Against Firemen.

The outlook for a paid and fully equipped fire department is good. Fire Chief Campbell has frequently urged the need in his department, and his last recommendation has been considered and will be acted upon if the financial condition of the municipality will warrant the expenditure. The executive board of the city council has instructed the fire committee to confer with the ways and means committee to ascertain if at this time it is possible to change the present semi-volunteer department into a fully paid and more efficient fire fighting machine. All of the members of the fire committee heartily in favor of any move which will lead to better protection from the fire fiend. The lack of funds is the only drawback, but it is anticipated that the fire committee will be successful in its special session of the legislature, resolutions for which have been sent to the governor by the council, but to which up to this time Governor Chamberlain has not replied.

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Will Remove Old Shacks.
Councilman Albee made a strong plea at the recent meeting yesterday for the enforcing of the ordinance which provides for the abating of nuisances. The special object of his attack was the old wreck of a building at First and Washington streets, owned by Jacob Kamm. This shack has been dangerous to life for many years and is only kept from falling down by propping up with timbers. He stated that he had recommended the removal of this particular building months ago, and that the fire marshal and city engineer had done likewise. That in some ways the city had been neglected into the hands of the city attorney, where it was now pigeonholed. City Attorney McNary was instructed to bring condemnation proceedings, or to at least make a legal investigation of the case and report the findings to the council.

Change of Boarding House.
The contract for supplying the meals to the prisoners confined at the city jail was transferred from the American restaurant to that of Hughes & Hays, 53 Third street. Both bids were for 9 cents a meal. Chief Hunt recommended that the contract be given to the bidders, as he said the service furnished by the previous contractor, William Kennedy, was not satisfactory. It was argued that the awarding of the contract should be left in the hands of the police committee, but was finally decided that the recommendation of Chief Hunt would be sanctioned, and the contract awarded in accordance with his desires.

Complaint Against Fire House.
The residents of Sacramento street filed a protest against the establishment of a fire house on that street. As there had never been any intention on the part of the council to extend to them any protection of the ordinance which the protest was a surprise. Heretofore the council has been flooded with petitions for increased fire protection in the various parts of the city, and this is the first instance when a complaint has been made from the city of the fire house department into the residence district.

WAITING TO DON WINTER UNIFORMS

POLICEMEN ARE ASKING THE QUESTION OF "WHEN ARE WE TO PUT ON OUR HEAVY CLOTHES?" —CAPES WILL BE READY NEXT WEDNESDAY.