

PREFERS SUICIDE TO COUNTY FARM

Thomas Hardy Rebels at Treatment Accorded by Supt. Courtney—Declares Food is of Poor Quality—Judge Webster May Investigate.

Saved from the grave of a suicide, old Thomas Hardy, infirm and tottering, was sent on his way rejoicing by County Judge L. R. Webster last Monday. Rather than return to the poor farm, earnestly declared the old man, he would purchase a dose of poison and put an end to an existence which had been made absolutely unendurable by the policy of J. E. Courtney, the superintendent of that institution.

Judge Webster and Dudley Evans, the county health officer, probed into the matter. What they learned is unknown, as Judge Webster left the city this morning for Burns, Or., and will not return for several days, while in the absence of his chief the health officer refuses to make a statement. Certain it is that by instructions of Judge Webster a half-fare ticket to Pendleton was procured for Hardy and some money was given him out of pocket.

Before leaving the city Judge Webster discussed the matter briefly with Evans and the county commissioners, Frank C. Barnes and William Showers. The affair is to be investigated as soon as the judge, who is ex-officio head of the board, returns to the city. Coming as the charges of Hardy do, so soon after those preferred by Charles Stanley, the old soldier, who declared he was unable to do hard work, it is likely the officials will make a change in the situation at the poor farm. The cause of Stanley, who is a civil war veteran, was taken up by the Grand Jury posts of the city, delegations first calling on County Health Officer Evans and afterward on Judge Evans, who was not in the city when the imbroiglo occurred.

Trouble at the Farm.

Domestic strife at the poor farm has existed for some time, and when all things are considered, in the words of one of those in authority, "Courtney is doing to be a heavier load than this administration can carry."

Thomas Hardy is 78 years of age and almost blind. He can see well enough in a good light to make his way along the street, but is unable to do any kind of work to advantage. He called at Judge Webster's office in the county courthouse Monday afternoon, and with palsied hand and trembling lips unfolded a tale that evoked the keen interest of the board. He was asked a number of questions, and becoming convinced that the old fellow meant exactly what he said—that he would die by his own hand rather than return to the poor farm—Judge Webster procured him a ticket to Pendleton, where he has friends, and gave him a little money on his own account. Not enough time remained previous to the judge's departure from the city for the charges of Hardy to be thoroughly investigated, but from a cursory examination the commissioners it is probable that the board will take steps to ascertain the facts as soon as the judge returns to the city.

Life at the poor farm is unendurable, Hardy asserted. "Rather than return I will buy poison and kill myself. I said to myself: 'Hardy, everybody says Judge Webster is a good man, and lets nothing stand in the way of justice. You go see him yourself.' The rule reads that if I cannot live at the poor farm—because the food served nauseates my weak stomach, and because Courtney's treatment to which he subjects those of us who are unfortunate enough to have to go there is humiliating in the extreme."

Much Three Times a Day.

"For breakfast it is mush, for dinner mush and for supper mush—all kinds of mush. Something that resembles coffee is ladled out for breakfast and usually a little meat and beans. For dinner comes stew, and that stew is what I couldn't stand. He does not have usually been warmed over. Sometimes a roast varies the monotonous course of stew. In the evening there is usually a little warmed-over meat, with syrup for the bread. We never get eggs, and don't eat butter served outside the hospital is on Sunday mornings. It consists of a dab a little larger than a quarter of a dollar."

"But it was not the quality of the food so much as its unvarying course that made it impossible for me. It may be all right for a young man, or even for a man who can work. But I am old and feeble; I cannot take hearty exercise to develop an appetite, and during the last few days have been almost unable to eat anything at all."

"Courtney's demeanor is always insulting. His only ambition seems to be to run the poor farm as economically as possible. He has a rule that everybody who is able must work. In going to work, the rule reads that this liability to work is subject to the advice of a doctor, but no doctor is ever consulted."

"The other day I went to the drugist and told him I wanted the little bottle of arsenic for my rheumatism. 'Well, if you were on the woodpile sawing wood you would make your joints limber and not have to bother everybody about medicine.' He is always saying things reminding a man that he is a pauper, just as if the knowledge were not bitter enough. It is more than I can bear. I have friends at Pendleton, and if I can get there I shall get along all right. If I can't get there I will put the county to the test by creating a new man and when will never trouble anybody again."

When Superintendent Courtney was informed of the statements of Hardy, who was sent to Pendleton Monday evening.

STOREY'S MEN MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES HOLD SECRET MEETINGS AND THREATEN TO WALK OUT IN A BODY IF ORDER DISCHARGES A SINGLE MAN.

Unless some means are found of averting the impending clash, trouble will arise in Sheriff Storey's office within the next few days, compared with which the exhibition of his displeasure at being turned down for renomination by the March 23rd election machinery will fade into insignificance. A strike is threatened on the part of all who have good reason to believe their heads are destined for the political guillotine.

Two conferences were held by employees of both the sheriff's office and the tax department yesterday. At first it was concluded to formulate a notice to Storey that the signers would be unable to lend him support in his race to succeed himself on an independent ticket. It was believed that such a notice would make a clean-cut issue and not only be fair to Storey but relieve the present strained relations existing between him and a majority of his men. This notice was actually penned and ready for signatures, but word was quietly passed around that nothing further would be done until a second meeting had been held.

The deputies met again last night and adopted a different method of procedure. Storey is to be notified that in view of his determination to run independently and his recent restoration of his intention to be surrounded by no "traitors" during the campaign, he must discharge all who are in disfavor in a body, or not at all. The idea is to prevent Storey from letting his men go one at a time, thus giving him an opportunity to select capable deputies to fill their places and avoiding the confusion and delay in work which would inevitably result.

Storey will now find himself in an embarrassing position. He wants only the best men for his office, but he cannot contribute assistance to his campaign. But the work of the tax-collector's office is far behind at present, and he is working with two men less on the night shift than he had at this time last year. By denying him an opportunity to select capable deputies to fill their places with experienced clerks, and the errors following might muddle the office business so badly that weeks would be required to straighten it out. If his old deputies in the sheriff's office should leave in a body, the sheriff's department would be almost paralyzed. Particularly is this true as regards the office staff.

IOWA MINES ARE CLOSED BY STRIKE

(Journal Special Service.)

Des Moines, Ia., March 31.—Thirteen thousand five hundred miners in the state went on strike this morning on account of the proposed reduction in the wage scale. Every mine in the state is closed.

The scale committee met this morning and perfunctorily announced the result of last night's meeting as a disagreement. The operators now claim they will reopen only on an open mine principle.

The operators say they have a million tons of coal on hand and that the railroads have a surplus and hence they will not consider any proposition that the miners may make, but will simply close their mines until the coal is used up.

The miners have about \$80,000 in their strike fund, but this amount will last only six weeks. A long and bitter fight is expected, which may ultimately involve other fields than those of Iowa.

FAITHLESS OFFICIAL CAUSES ASSIGNMENT

(Journal Special Service.)

Cleveland, Ohio, March 31.—The Federal Trust company assigned this morning its deposits are \$800,000. The assignment was decided upon because Secretary and Treasurer Lowell is one of the city and the officers of the trust company are unable to locate him or understand his absence.

"This afternoon the company denounced Lowell to his surety company as a defaulter, according to report, but the amount of his default was not given."

CARBARN BANDIT GETS HABEAS CORPUS

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, March 31.—Judge Chytrus this morning issued a writ of habeas corpus, returnable Monday, in the case of Gustav Marx, the carbarn bandit. The petition of his counsel alleges an error in sentencing the bandit, as the date conflicts with the statute, being two days over the time allowed, and also errors in the clerk's records. A legal fight is on.

CAN NOW TAKE TITLE TO THE PANAMA CANAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Paris, March 31.—The Seine civil tribunal today decided in favor of the defendant in the case of Colombia against the Panama Canal company. The decision removes all obstacles to a transfer of the canal to the United States, and leaves the latter in a position to accept title and make its \$10,000,000 payment to the Republic of Panama.

WILL SUPERINTEND OREGON SHORT LINE

(Journal Special Service.)

Salt Lake March 31.—It is officially announced, effective tomorrow, that Everett Buckingham, superintendent of transportation of the Union Pacific, will be appointed general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line, succeeding E. E. Galvin, and the office of assistant general manager has been abolished.

MUST BRING MOYER BEFORE THE COURT

(Journal Special Service.)

Grand Junction, Colo., March 31.—Judge Stevens last night granted the application for a writ of habeas corpus for President of the Federation Moyer, General Bell and Captain Wells are directed to produce Moyer on April 11.

CONSOLIDATION IS ONLY DISCUSSED

PORTLAND RAILWAY AND CITY & SUBURBAN MAY BE ONE SOME DAY, BUT STOCKHOLDERS MERELY TALKED OVER THE MATTER OF THE UNION.

The familiar rumor of contemplated consolidation of the Portland Railway company and the City & Suburban has again become current, the immediate cause being the annual meeting of the stockholders of the former corporation, which was held in San Francisco. Officers of both railways say positively that while it is likely that the two companies will be merged at some time, there is no immediate prospect of it, and no efforts are now being made in that direction.

The stockholders of the Portland Railway company discussed the subject of consolidation at their annual meeting, "but only as they have done at every annual meeting for several years past," said President J. C. Ainsworth.

That the two companies will some time be united in one is regarded as extremely probable, for the advantages that would result from a consolidation would be considerable. But up to the present time it has not seemed practicable to agree upon terms that would be satisfactory to both interests. It is intimated that the negotiations were resumed before the Lewis and Clark fair.

Some time ago a wealthy New York banker, W. A. White, who is a stockholder in the Portland Gas company and in the Washington Water-Power company of Spokane, became interested in the idea of uniting the street railways of this city under one control, and he prepared a plan of consolidation. It was submitted to the directors of the Portland Railway and the City & Suburban, but obstacles arose and no action was taken. The plan proposed by White contemplated the formation of a new corporation capitalized upon the basis of actual values, which should absorb both companies, and the stock of both be represented upon the board of directors. But the large stockholders in the Portland railway, which is the smaller of the two companies, looked with some disfavor upon the project, and the negotiations were not resumed before the Lewis and Clark fair.

"There is no present prospect of a consolidation," said President Ainsworth, "but the negotiations might be renewed at some time in the future. The subject was discussed at our annual meeting, as it has been for several years past, but no action was taken. We have a good property, and all the money we need to improve it, so there is no immediate necessity for a consolidation."

President C. F. Swigert of the City & Suburban said: "I know of no reason to expect a consolidation of the two companies in the near future, though I think it will come some time. No negotiations are now in progress. No both companies are well satisfied with their properties, and while they might be open to a consolidation, nothing is being done now to bring that about."

COAL TRUST MUST ABIDE BY LAWS

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, March 31.—Representative Williams, Democrat and floor leader of the house, introduced two resolutions today calling for information from the attorney general, whether he ever investigated the anthracite coal trust, and whether a consolidation of carrying roads had violated the provisions of the anti-trust act, and also whether he has proceeded criminally against individuals and corporations adjudged in the recent merger decision to have violated the terms of the government.

The Senate today passed an appointing the men previously named as board of managers to the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers. Senator Clark of Wyoming called for the table a bill providing for the repeal of the Federal Land and Commutation clause in the homestead act introduced by Gibson. He declared if the bill became a law it would absolutely stop all development in arid and semi-arid regions.

The house considering the sundry civil bill, Democrat, of California, introduced an amendment to Crumpacker's amendment eliminating the provision that pension money to soldiers held by the state territorial home be deducted from the appropriation granted the home by congress, providing that homes maintaining bar rooms shall not receive pension aid, thus preventing the home from holding pension money.

ANOTHER THEATRE MAY BE BUILT

Goldsmith & Co. today sold for George A. Murray lot at site of dock with front street between Washington and Burnside for \$12,000. On the lot stands a barn used by the City Messenger & Delivery company. It is reported that a theatre will be built there.

HENSWORTH DID NOT SHOOT.

"I did not want to shoot him," said Special Officer Hensworth this morning when he was asked whether he shot George Hogue that a dope fiend had killed from him last night. The judge laughed Hensworth shot at Prizengher Ryan some months ago when the latter attempted to run. Now the courts say that the officer must pay damages for the injured leg. Hensworth attacked Harry Randolph and a companion in North Portland last night. Both were booked on the charge of vagrancy. The companion of Randolph ran. The judge sentenced Randolph to 30 days in the jail.

TOOLS FOR THE FARMER.

Arthur C. Bancroft, chief deputy in the office of Frank S. Fields, the county clerk, will leave Monday for his farm on Elk creek, in Lincoln county, where he will hereafter follow Hensworth's suits with his brother, Harold. His resignation was handled in some time ago. A good part of the brothers' time will be devoted to stock raising and the culture of high pedigreed puppies. Mr. Fields and the other deputies in the office purchased a set of farming tools and presented them to Bancroft yesterday.

"BUFFALO BILL" NOT DIVORCED.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., March 31.—"Buffalo Bill" Cody and wife are not divorced, according to Thomas Davis of North Platte, a friend of both. He says that friends of the family induced Mr. Cody to agree to withdraw his complaint.

CARNIVAL INDORSED.

Portland Camp, Woodmen of the World, last night unanimously indorsed the carnival proposed to be given to raise funds for a temple to be erected by the west-side camp.

CIRCUIT COURT VOTE

REV. J. H. GIBSON, OF GRAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINS HIS FIGHT IN CONGREGATION MEETING—ASKED TO REMAIN ANOTHER YEAR.

Rev. J. H. Gibson will probably remain pastor of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church another year. At a meeting of the congregation held last evening resolutions were introduced by J. E. Ogden commending the work of the pastor during the past year and urging him to accept a reappointment for the coming year. Maxwell was appointed a committee of one to carry the resolutions to the Presbytery, which meets in Oakville, Or., April 11.

The meeting was presided over by Freeman Kenniston, chairman of the board of trustees, and George Edwards acted as secretary. The report of the pastor showed that an increase in membership of 24 had been made during the past year, making a total membership of 106. During the four years of his pastorate 95 persons have become members, showing a net gain of 61.

The church has a large attendance of deaf mutes. Over 60 of these make his church their place of worship, their interpreter being Mrs. Gibson, the pastor's wife. A short time ago an article appeared in the Christian Endeavor World telling of her work and since then she has been besieged with letters from all parts of the United States and other places asking for fuller particulars in regard to how she carries on the work.

The treasurer's report showed that during the past year over \$1,200 had been raised. All obligations have been met and there is a substantial sum in the treasury. The amount raised is \$4,000 more than was raised last year. The church has two Endeavor societies, with a total membership of 77. The Sabbath school has a membership of 165, and during the past year has raised \$106. The women of the church have raised for various purposes about \$100.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Trustees, William Maxwell, W. T. Perry, Charles Welsh; Sunday school superintendent, George Edwards; secretary, Elizabeth Ellison; deacons, Everett Hollowell and Scott Nisbett.

ALLIANCE AFRAID TO ENTER SAN FRANCISCO

In local shipping circles it is not believed that the marine engineers' strike at San Francisco has been settled. A telegram was received by the local agents this morning stating that the steamer Alliance will not go to San Francisco this trip, as has been intended, but would sail for Coos Bay and Portland tomorrow. This is interpreted to mean that the labor trouble is still on down there. During her past two trips down the coast the Alliance cut out the bay city from her itinerary in order not to become involved in the difficulty, and by pursuing the same course this time leads to the conclusion that everything is not smooth sailing down the bay yet.

After the engineers' strike had been reported as settled word reached the local agents of the steam schooners that the stewards and sailors had also decided upon asking for additional payment for overtime, and a day or two would likely be required for business to get out on their regular runs. Further than this the local agents have received no information on the subject, but they believe that the changing of the Alliance's plans is capable of only one construction and that is that the strike is still on.

Word was also received that the steamer Despatch is due at Port Orford today. She is going there to make an attempt to remove the steamer Fulton which drifted on the beach at that place during a storm several weeks ago after her supply of fuel oil had become exhausted. By those who have examined the vessel it is believed that she will prove almost a total loss. It is stated that she has been almost pounded to pieces on the rocks, although it is expected that some of her machinery and rigging can be saved.

DRYDOCK NEARLY READY.

Superintendent Groves of the dredge Portland was in Portland from St. Johns this morning. He reports that the drydock will be ready for operation not later than the middle of the month. By this time it will be in shape for testing. He says the workmen will finish putting in the brace piles about Saturday. On Monday the dredge will clean up the berth, removing what little gravel and sand that have accumulated during the time that the construction work has been in progress. Upon the completion of this work the pontoons will be placed in position, and a short time afterwards everything will be in shape for business. The motors are now being installed in the pontoons, and will require but a short time to get them safely placed in their permanent location.

It is not yet known what vessel the contractors will test the dock with, but it is presumed that it will be one of the river craft that will be taken on first.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Charles Hammar, until recently local agent of the Seaman's union, left this morning for San Francisco, where he will take passage shortly for Alaska. He has accepted a position up north with one of the salmon fishing companies.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, March 30.—Arrived down at 8 p. m.—Schooner Virginia.

Arrived down at 6 p. m.—American bark Harry Morse.

Arrived at 6:30 p. m.—Steamer Vosburg, from Tillamook.

Algon Bay, March 28.—Arrived—English bark Dundas, from Portland.

Dunkirk, March 28.—Sailed—French bark Briseux, for Portland.

Astoria, March 31.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., moderate; wind, east; light weather; sea, choppy.

Astoria, March 31.—Schooner Virginia sailed at 11:45 a. m. for San Francisco.

CALVIN DECLARES HARRIMAN POLICY

No Change Will Be Made in Local Offices of O. R. & N. or Southern Pacific—New General Manager Arrives to Take Charge.

"There will be no changes in either the Portland offices of the Salt Lake offices," said General Manager E. E. Calvin of the O. R. & N. who arrived in a special car this morning to assume the duties of Mr. Mohler, who was transferred to Omaha. "All the changes which will be made have been announced and they will go into effect tomorrow. In the personnel of the local offices there will be absolutely no change."

"As a matter of convenience in operation, however, the Southern Pacific will be embraced within my jurisdiction, though the two roads will be entirely separate in management and in operation. Mr. Koehler will merely report to Chicago through me instead of to San Francisco as heretofore. There will be no change of the two offices nor any changes in the men who are employed."

"I am not informed concerning the reported combine of the offices occupied by Mr. Comer and Mr. Craig. I have read that Mr. Craig was to be transferred to San Francisco, but I know nothing about the authenticity of the report."

"In regard to the policy there will be no change. The road will be operated as in the past and will continue its present methods. In regard to the rumored changes in the local offices they are entirely without foundation. Even my personal staff, which was with me in San Francisco, will remain there and the work will be done by the people who are in the offices here."

With Manager Calvin came President A. L. Mohler of the O. R. & N. Co., who met him at Le Grande. The two distinguished railroad officials traveled over the O. R. & N. line from the east in one of the finest special trains owned by the system.

In Portland every railroad employe from the limits of the yards was expected watching for the arrival of their chiefs, and when the latter came the work quickly spread among these subordinates and from them to the private citizens in club, office and hotel who were expecting the arrival and who were hoping that tidings that would prove good to Portland might be brought.

MAYOR WON'T BET ON PORTLAND'S VIRTUE

"I read George W. Cunningham's letter in The Journal, in which he offered to bet on the virtue of Portland, the wickedest city in the world, but I pay no heed to such things and, in fact, I do not believe such a man as Cunningham exists," said Mayor George H. Williams this morning. "His statement that Portland is the wickedest city is not true, but if it were, he has no way of proving it, and were I inclined to accept his challenge his proposition could not hold."

"Portland is like all large cities—it undoubtedly has its large vice and crime, but it is not more wicked than any other city, there is sure to be some vice, of course. There are some gambling dens here, to be sure, but as I have often said, we have to do the best we can and regulate them as best we can. I pay no attention to such letters or remarks made by people who desire to stir up a controversy; I do the best I can under the circumstances and let such people do as they please."

George H. Williams, who stated he was a traveling man for one of the largest glass manufacturing companies in the United States, offered to place \$5,000 with The Journal as a wager that Portland is the wickedest city of four times its size in the world. He said he had circled the globe four times, and declared that evils flourished here unhampered by official restriction which would not be permitted for one moment even in Paris.

RIVER LINES WON'T CUT THE RATES

River rates will be raised and round-trip rates will be no attraction for Columbia river travelers, according to action taken yesterday by the representatives of river lines.

The various boats interested conferred with Oregon Railroad & Navigation company officials, yesterday afternoon and as a result an agreement was reached to abolish the low round-trip rate to Astoria. Though the decision was reached only yesterday, the result will be known tomorrow, as the new rates take effect April 1. The lines directly interested are the O. R. & N. river boats and the Vancouver Transportation company, but other independent lines are in the agreement and have pledged their pledge not to break into the down river

field and not to lower rates for intermediate stations.

The raise in the round-trip Astoria rate is said to be the forerunner of a general advance on not only the Columbia but on the Willamette as well. Last season with its low rates, cut-rate wars and excursion arrangements cut into boat profits seriously, according to water navigation officials.

Now that the agreement has been reached and the rate war has been buried by the several river companies other round-trip rates are expected to take into themselves wings and in time the general river schedule of tariffs will be revised on a more profitable basis to the companies concerned.

RAW TURNIPS THEIR DIET FOR WEEKS

With nothing to eat but raw turnips, the family of E. C. Gregory is hovering on the verge of starvation. The wife was taken ill yesterday on account of the unwholesome diet and the children, four in number, are emaciated and half sick.

This was the report made today to Dudley Evans, superintendent of the county board of relief, by W. L. Lightner. The family lives in East Portland at the intersection of the Scott and Section car lines in a small structure owned by Joseph Kirkley. The husband and father brought them to Portland from Colorado some time ago, after he had left the hospital, where he had to go on account of lameness following an injury while working for a farmer. Gregory is said to be working for Kirkley, clearing a piece of land on the Milwaukee road.

"The neighbors tell me it is a common sight to see the children go into a turnip patch near by and eat the vegetable raw," said Lightner. "Lately they have had no other food."

An investigation of the circumstances will be made immediately looking to the relief of the family.

WOULD IMPROVE QUALITY OF MILK

"If the plans of the state board of health meet with success, a standard quality for milk will be set in Oregon and dairymen will be furnished with certificates showing that the milk handled by them has been regularly inspected and is pure," said State Health Officer Woods Hutchinson today. "It is the co-operation of the dairymen we desire. We believe the best possible results can be obtained in that manner, instead of by criminal prosecutions."

"We believe, too, that we will have great success in the manner stated, for we expect to secure several dairymen of this city who will enter into the plan. They will be furnished with the certificates. These will be displayed on their wagons and bottles, so they may be seen by all who purchase the milk. Dairymen who do not come into the plan will undoubtedly be asked by their customers why they do not have the certificates. A falling off in business, it is certain, will quickly bring the dairymen into line."

"When regulations may be formulated governing the milk questions we will probably ask the local authorities in each place to enforce, as our staff is not sufficient to cover the entire state."

SHIP CRASHES INTO MORRISON ST. DRAW

While passing through the draw of the Morrison street bridge this morning the British ship Cromartyshire bumped against the draw rest with terrific force, violently shaking the entire structure. The sectional swing tottered back and forth and up and down very perceptibly. The Cromartyshire was in tow of the Ocklahoma and the Harvest Queen. They passed through the draw of the Madison street bridge without difficulty. After lining up for the Morrison street structure the three vessels started down

stream at great speed. When they had almost got through in safety the Cromartyshire seemed to drift to port and struck the northwest corner of the draw rest with all her force. She was loaded down with nearly 1,500,000 feet of lumber and the blow counted. Further than giving the bridge a good shaking up it is not believed that any permanent damage was done. The steamer continued down stream with their tow, and the ship dragged against the bridge timbers without sustaining any injury.

AGED MASHER IS CAUGHT IN ACT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Forest Grove, Or., March 31.—E. H. Burton, an old man of 67 years, was arrested here last night for annoying a highly respected widow by rapping on her windows at night, calling her pet names and making himself generally obnoxious. The case is the more remarkable owing to the fact that he has always been a man of exemplary habits. By hard work he has amassed a fortune during his lifetime. He was allowed to go free on his own recognizance and appeared in court this morning to answer to the charge. There is a feeling that he is becoming deranged and that he should be allowed to go on good behavior.

FEDDLETON'S BIG STORE BURNS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 31.—Fire in the People's Warehouse, the leading dry goods store in this city, occurred today, and nearly \$50,000 worth of goods were lost. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the basement. The cause is the more

JOURNEYMEN BAKERS WATCH THE SHOPS

The striking bakers have runners out today following the delivery wagons from the shops which have not signed the union agreement in order to make a list of their customers. When this is done they will endeavor to persuade the buyers to patronize the union shops. Aside from this there is but little change in the situation. The press committee of the journeymen gave out the following statement this morning:

SAN JOSE OFFICIAL STEALS THOUSANDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Jose, Cal., March 31.—At a special meeting of the city council, held yesterday for that purpose, Mayor Wors-

wick presented his final report of the delinquency of former City Treasurer Thomas McGeoghan. The deficit is now definitely fixed at \$1,759.14. The mayor says if the deficit were created between January 1 and March 8 of this year.

McGeoghan was one of the most popular young men of San Jose, where he was born and reared. He gained favorable notice during the Spanish-American war, and was considered to be a young man of good habits.