

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Three Vancouver Soldiers Charged With Serious Crime.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., April 23.—Another highway robbery occurred this morning about 1:30 o'clock, wherein Thomas M. Hough, one of Vancouver's business men, was relieved of \$24. Hough was promiscuous with a woman by the name of Grace Pickett, alias Grace Shank, when he was attacked by three soldiers, knocked down and severely kicked about the face. Hough claims to be able to identify the three men, and this morning at 10:30 George M. Stevens and Clifford G. Fisher, both privates in company A, Nineteenth Infantry, were turned over by Colonel Huston to the civil authorities on warrants for their arrest.

The two men were brought before Justice Sparks for examination. They waived a preliminary hearing and were held under \$500 bonds each for their appearance at the next regular term of the superior court, in default of which they were committed to the county jail.

Hough's Story.
The men charged with the crime declined to make any statement whatever, but Hough gave his version of the affair, in substance as follows: He said he was promiscuous through the garbison with a woman by the name of Grace, and at her request walked down one of the roads leading toward the battery gun sheds. Just as the couple got out on the public highway, which is the continuation of Fifth street, three men attacked him, throwing him to the ground, and after severely kicking him about the face robbed him of two \$10 gold pieces and about \$4 in silver.

Fisher is the same man that was tried in Portland for being implicated in one of the highway robberies there, and while he was acquitted in that instance, it is thought he will surely be held for a few years in this instance.

CLAIM TO HAVE WON

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Inasmuch as the report has been received ostensibly through private Port Arthur advices, the war experts are of the opinion that the story is nothing more than an exaggerated account of some skirmish, which has been magnified by Russian partisans to a success of the first order. Until confirmation is received the report will not be regarded seriously.

TWENTY RUSSIANS KILLED.

Launch Blown Up By Mine at Port Arthur—Alexieff Reports.
(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, April 23.—Another accident has been added to the chain of misfortunes that seem to dog the Russian navy. A steam launch was destroyed by a mine yesterday in Port Arthur harbor and 20 men killed.

Viceroy Alexieff last night made the following report under yesterday's date:

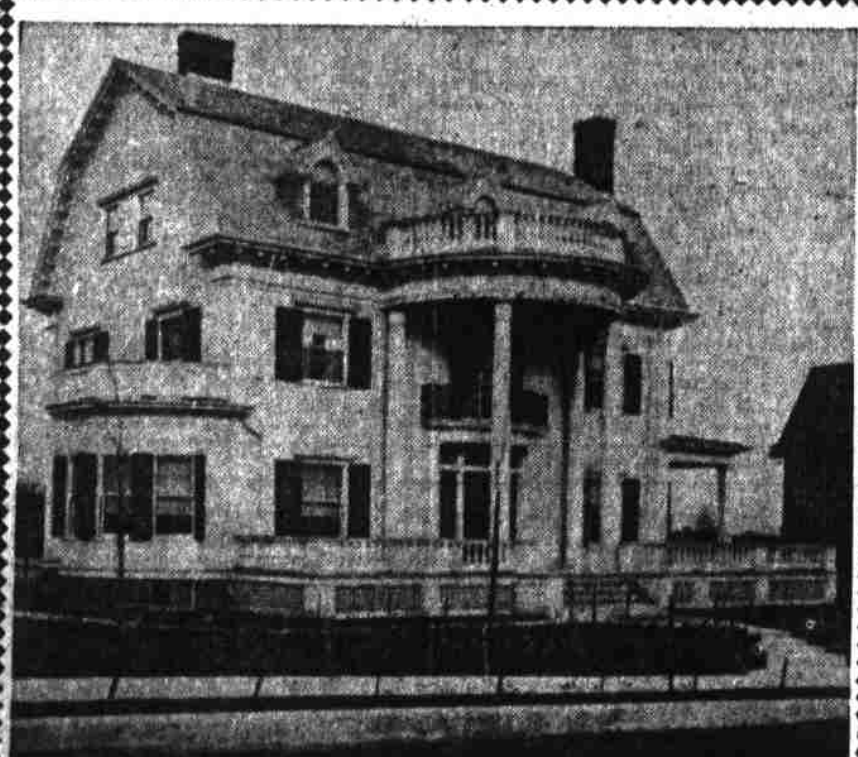
"I respectfully report to your majesty that today, during the placing of mines by some steam launches, Lieutenant Pelland and 20 men were killed through a mine exploding prematurely under the stern of one of the launches."

RACE BETS THROUGH MAILS ARE BARRED

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., April 23.—The attorney-general, for the postoffice decided today that the business of receiving bets to place on races through the mails is in violation of the law prohibiting lotteries and games of chance. This decision, it is believed, will largely curtail racing business in the larger cities.

IRRIGATION WORK WILL SOON BEGIN

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 23.—Chief Newell of the reclamation service stated last night that in the opinion of government officials the Palouse country of Oregon presents the best scheme for irrigation and that during the coming summer work will be commenced for the reclaiming of more than 100,000 acres of the southeastern district of Oregon.



Residence of Dr. Wm. Jones, Twenty-Third and Flanders Streets

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VETERAN SHACKS DOOMED, MAYBE

Relics Created by the Great Spirit When Mount Hood Was Built—Threatened With Destruction After April 28 by City Fathers.

There is a legend among Oregon Indian tribes that the Great Spirit first made Mount Hood, and a few days later caused the shacks at the corner of First and Washington streets, now owned by Jacob Kamm, to be erected. Both the mountain and the shacks are still standing.

For many, many years people who take a pride in the city's beauty have tried to have Mr. Kamm remove the shacks. Resolutions have been passed, councilmen without number have thundered against them, members of the city engineer's department have for several generations tried in every way to have them condemned, firebugs have attempted to put them out of the way, wind storms have beaten against their sides; but the shacks still stand as firmly as the house that was built upon the rock. Mr. Kamm has not seen fit to act upon the liberal free advice given him regarding this property.

At times it has looked as though the city council would have the buildings condemned. The owner of the buildings would rush to the council chambers and promise improvements. But all the improvements that would be made on them would be the tacking of a few shingles on the roof or the putting up of a second-hand weatherboard on some out-of-the-way part of one of the structures. Then Mr. Kamm would forget all about the shacks until rent-day rolled around and it has done every month of the scores of years that the buildings have been standing.

Men and women who were born in Portland and who are now fathers and mothers state that these shacks were long past their usefulness at the time they first saw them. The moss crops of the years that now form a part of Oregon's ancient history have been gathered from the roofs of the shacks only to be succeeded by scores of other crops just as green.

The question of the removal of these shacks was again discussed at yesterday's meeting of the executive board. W. L. Boies wished to know the extent of this year's moss crop. Sig Sigheis suggested that Mr. Kamm be required to put up modern fire-escapes on the buildings. City Engineer Elliott stated to the board that Mr. Kamm's permit to tear down the old structures would expire April 28. After this day and date, if the ancient buildings were not down, the city would have a right to take a hand in the game and remove the eyesores.

CORPORATION MAKES A PARTIAL REPORT

An official statement concerning the finances of the Lewis and Clark fair was forwarded to the secretary of the treasury at Washington today by Director General H. W. Goode of the fair corporation.

This statement was sent in compliance with the statute so providing, and which made it necessary that there be raised by state and corporation for the 1905 fair at least \$600,000 if the government appropriation was to be available.

The statement forwarded showed only the amount available for the fair, and did not give a detailed statement of expenditures or present amounts on hand. The sum of \$417,287 has been raised by the corporation, according to the statement, and \$450,000 by the state commission, a total of \$867,287.

At the office of the secretary of the corporation it was stated that the detailed, itemized and exact financial showing asked some time ago by the state commission from the corporation would be sent to the commission in the near future. This is the first statement of this sort to be given by the corporation, and will show exactly the amounts available of the corporation's funds. The statement has been delayed owing to the absence of the president of the corporation from the city.

EATON MUST WORK AT STATE'S PRISON

E. S. Eaton, who pleaded guilty in the federal court to the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes and whose case was submitted to the attorney-general at Washington, will be sentenced Monday. He will be sent to the Salem penitentiary.

This statement was sent in compliance with the statute, one who is guilty of the crime to which Eaton pleaded guilty may be sentenced to imprisonment, but may not be also sentenced to hard labor. The state law provides that any one who is confined in the state prison must be subjected to hard labor during the term of confinement. For that reason the case was submitted to the authorities at Washington.

It has been discovered, however, that the federal statutes will not be violated if he is compelled to labor while serving a term in the prison. The statutes were interpreted in that way by Chief Justice Harlan in a similar case in Ohio. Eaton will accordingly receive treatment more severe than usually given for similar offenses.

BOYS MUST NOT KILL SONG BIRDS

The little red-breasted robin that perches itself in the boughs of trees or on house-tops or fence rails and sings daily its songs, will receive protection from the hands of the Oregon Humane society, and Officer Joe Resing in particular. And not only the robin, but all other birds as well.

"My attention was called to some boys who were shooting birds in South Portland," said Officer Resing this morning. "I went out to investigate, and found two who had been using air guns and killing the robins and other birds that flew about in the neighborhood. I thought at first I would bring them to the station, but their mothers cried so pitifully that I concluded to let them go and see if a warning will do them any good."

"I will keep a sharp lookout for boys who shoot birds and will not spare them in future. It is a most cruel thing, and I think they have a perfect right to shoot birds at their pleasure, but such is not the case, as some of them will find out, if they persist in shooting them."

CITIZENS CONDUCT THEIR OWN SALOON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., April 23.—The Iron House saloon, which has been the cause of so much bitter contention at this place, opened again today in the face of a prohibitive city ordinance and the recent adverse decision of the circuit court for Washington county. Being determined to quench their thirst in their own way several Forest Grove citizens have formed themselves into an organization called the Commercial club, with headquarters at the Iron house. Pool and billiard tables arrived this afternoon for the club rooms and members play games and quaff their own liquid refreshments in defiance of the reformers and city officials. The public that is a large placard warning the public that the inner recess is for members only and that any trespassers will be prosecuted at once. The city officials who hold the balance of power and were elected on the "dry" ticket last January, are determined to meet this new move in a vigorous manner and a lively time will soon be in progress. The club members maintain that they are within their constitutional rights and defy any power to disturb them in the enjoyment of their own club privileges.

\$20,000 FOR LOSS OF LEG.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., April 23.—A verdict of \$20,000 was granted today on a retrial of the case of Dunham vs. the Southern Pacific company. Last October \$12,000 was set aside. Dunham lost a leg under a train here two years ago. A broken handhold was alleged to have been the cause.

DAVENPORT DENIES IT.

(Journal Special Service.)
Pullman, Wash., April 23.—Homer Davenport emphatically denies an alleged interview sent out from Spokane by the Spokesman-Review, in which he is quoted as comparing Hearst's boom to a blister on a man's hand.

SATCHEL THIEF SENTENCED.

W. A. Elliott, charged with stealing a satchel from the Union depot, was this morning found guilty in the municipal court. He was sentenced to serve a term of six months in the county jail. He was arrested three days ago by Patrolman Welch. He was a switchman by trade.



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ANNA EVA FAY HAS WON RECOGNITION

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CRUSADERS GO DEEP

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him unless he provided means for the expense incidental to the society taking his sister in charge. Oregon, the detective said, is the only Pacific coast state that has no state institution or a state fund for the care of such girls. Detective Hawley said positively that the society had no means of handling girls between the age of 16 and 20 years, who were found to have strayed wrong, because there was no money to pay for such care.

In the same interview, the detective says there are parents in Portland who permit their daughters to leave home and live in down-town lodging-houses, and who never question the source from which the girls derive funds to keep up their expenses.

The Side Door Infamy.
Because of these facts and the protection given by the law to side door saloon entrances and to saloon boxes, Detective Hawley admitted that the conditions in Portland are appalling, and that the opportunities for lessening the evil are small indeed.

Another excursion into the toughest part of the north end was made Friday night by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher and Earl C. Bronaugh, the attorney. Mr. Brougher dressed for the occasion in a sack suit and a slouch hat. They visited the Paris house, gambling houses, tough saloons and cribs, and will describe the conditions seen at a meeting for men only in the White Temple, Twelfth and Taylor streets, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Brougher said the result of their inspection trip was ample evidence that the city needs much reform work.

DESERTER GIVES UP

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for insubordination or something else. "I was afraid of everybody and couldn't stand it any longer and we decided to quit."

"There were 20 others with me when we left. Three of them went back, and I read their names in the list of deserters who had been killed on the spot at that accident a couple of weeks ago. If I had gone back with them the chances are that I would have met the same fate. But I didn't go, and that's why I am here, probably."

Strain Became Too Great.

"I have been almost everywhere since I deserted. I quit at San Francisco, but since then have visited nearly every city in the west. I reached Portland several weeks ago and have been employed in various places, doing anything that I could get to do. But there was always the dread of being caught as a deserter. I was afraid of everybody and everything until it became intolerable."

"I won't stand it any more, and want you to take or send me back to the ship and tell them I am ready to stand anything they want to give me."

Duran is 21 years of age, and before his enlistment in the service lived in a village in Illinois. His parents still



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