

CLEVER CONVICT'S DESPERATE ESCAPE

Henry Wilson Darts from Out the Hands of Sheriff at Union Depot.

WAS ON THE WAY TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY

Unshackled for a Few Moments, He Flees Into Crowd and is Seen No More.

During the vigilance of Sheriff H. K. Brown and Deputy Sheriffs Waggy and Bransfield of Baker City, Henry Wilson, who was being taken to the state penitentiary to serve a two-year sentence for burglary, made a dash for liberty at the Union depot this morning and succeeded in escaping.

The chief of police was notified of the escape and every detective on the force was detailed to take part in the man hunt. All the patrolmen were also instructed to keep a keen lookout for Wilson, who is known as a nifty, desperate man.

POOR MOTHER SEEKS PEACE IN RIVER

Worn and Weary with Care of Imbecile Son, She Attempts Suicide.

Prevented by neighbors from jumping into the river with her baby, Mrs. William Stark of Lower First street was taken in charge by the county officials and this morning the county court adjudge her child, a boy aged 5 years, an imbecile and committed him to the insane asylum at Salem.

The mother's story is most pitiful. Almost a physical and mental wreck by the strain of caring for the imbecile child, she was unable to earn food for him or herself, and too proud to ask or accept charity, she concluded that there was but one means of escape; she chose the river.

CONNECTICUT TOWN HAS ACTIVE MARRIAGE CLUB

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 10.—It is just ascertained that there has been in this town for some months past a marriage club composed of 19 men about town, and that the principal object is to get married. At stated intervals lots are drawn. The member whose name is drawn must get married in six months or pay a forfeit of \$25.

LAWYER POUNDS MAN WHO ABUSED THE PRESS

Seattle, Dec. 10.—Attorney George C. Congdon, a former newspaper man, pounded Attorney Joe T. Roberts into a helpless condition in an office building this morning. Roberts had charged Congdon with unprofessional conduct and roundly roasted newspaper men in a recent trial.

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We are not advised at this time as to what is contained therein, or as to what defects, if any, were found by them, for examination or signature, and can only state the condition of the sewer as it appeared to us, which is as follows:

Concrete Foundation or Cradle.

We examined the condition of the concrete at the point indicated in the first report upon said sewer, and also at at least two other points, and found the mixture to be extremely soft and with little or no cohesion. Considerable parts of it could be removed with the hand and the more compact portions could be easily loosened up with a drill without the use of a hammer. It seemed to us to consist almost entirely of a mixture of sand and gravel, and was without any of the formation or solidity found in any cement concrete we have ever seen.

Brick Work and Arch.

We found the inside brick work at almost all points in the new sewer to have been laid on very roughly with many projections of from one to three inches, and with many holes of from one to two inches between the ends of the brick, some filled with mortar and some not. The joints between many of the inside bricks showed little or no mortar and there were numerous holes in which we could insert two, sometimes three, fingers until they came in contact with the second or middle ring of brick. The shape of the inside of the arch differed at many points, and in our opinion for at least 50 per cent of the entire distance it did not conform to the plans and specifications of the parties. The most glaring defect in this regard seemed to be the sudden contraction of the width of the arch at points from 15 inches to 2 feet above the bottom, in some portions appearing in the form of a sudden inward curve of the arch of the wall and in others by an inward projection of from one to four courses of brick, the greatest projection extending over three or four courses of brick or made by an inward curve, as above stated, being about 8 inches. This would seem to us to materially weaken the strength of the arch, especially when taken in connection with the condition of the mortar, hereinafter stated.

Too Little Mortar.

From our examination in this particular we are convinced that there was a far less quantity of mortar used in the two outer rings of brick than in the inner one. That many of the bricks in the two outer rings were laid together without any mortar whatever, and that a great majority were laid without being in contact with mortar over more than half their surfaces. Taken altogether, we are of the opinion that not to exceed 50 per cent of the entire brick surface was laid in contact with mortar. We are also convinced that such mortar as was used was not of a quality required by the specifications, for the reason that many samples we examined taken from between the bricks could easily be crumbled between the fingers, and that there was absolutely no adherence of the mortar to the bricks that a slight jar or the insertion of the edge of a chisel would not detach. In making the openings that we did in the brick work, we found that the bricks could usually be removed without disturbing the mortar with which they were in contact, or that a slight rubbing with the fingers would remove such mortar as did adhere.

Concrete Absent.

In addition to the above, we beg to state that at the western connection of the old and new sewer we found an entire absence of concrete or other foundation, and were able on both sides to run a small iron rod by hand pressure down to a depth of at least three feet; that at the eastern end of the new work, for a distance of about 40 feet, the bottom of the sewer was of a different shape and corresponded to the shape of the bottom of the old sewer, and that at the eastern end it did not extend to the bottom of the arch on either side, and we were able to thrust a small iron rod by hand pressure along the bottom of the new construction at several points to a depth of three feet without encountering any obstruction, and through what seemed to us to be clay, from which we are of the opinion that the new arch was laid at a distance of about 40 feet from the foundation to rest on whatever we found. We found a considerable portion of the bottom of the new sewer covered with several inches of broken brick and other debris, which precluded us from examining the floor or foundation. We also found that at one point the top of the arch for a distance of two feet consisted of but one course of brick laid flat, the upper side of said brick being in contact with two 12x15 timbers, and at all points but one, where the openings extended through the entire arch, we found the outside to be entirely clear and unobstructed for a space of from one to four feet, and with no signs of filling of the tunnel around the arch.

Where Does the Work Begin?

We were informed that there was a dispute as to where the new work was to begin, and that a new command was made a particular examination at this point. We found the sewer in its new shape to commence about five feet east of the manhole below the west side of Chapman street. We were told that from this point, for a distance of about 20 feet west, the contractors had entirely rebuilt the sewer for the purpose of greatly changing its shape to prevent projections and breaks in the contour, but our examination showed the sewer to continue in its original shape without any change, that we could detect, up to the point above specified, and further showed greater portions of the arch to be the old and apparently undisturbed sewer.

In regard to the cost of repairing said sewer, we are unable to give an opinion, except that on account of the defects heretofore stated in the construction we are of the opinion that it would be necessary to completely tear down and rebuild the present sewer for considerable distance; in fact, for the greater portion its length to make it conform to all the said plans and specifications.

(Signed) N. A. KING. Dated Portland, Or., Dec. 8, 1904. The Engineers' Report. The report of the engineers follows: Hon. George H. Williams, Mayor City of Portland—Sir: We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to examine and report on the construction of the sewer, workmanship, materials used, etc., to the end that all concerned would

have a square deal, beg to report as follows, to-wit: We were furnished with a copy of the city engineer's plans and specifications which are a part of the contract. Clause 7 of the specifications reads: "Excavation made in excess of the exact requirements shall be filled with concrete at the expense of the contractor, unless such excavation is ordered by the city engineer, when it shall be paid for as concrete." This has been complied with by the contractor.

Have a Chance to Judge of Portland's Growth

Enjoy Hospitality of the Commercial Club, and Return Thanks for Reception.

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