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PAPERS LOST FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Plans and Specifications for Union Market Association Building Disappear.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE HAD THEM LAST, IT IS SAID

City Engineer Says He Cannot Check Work on Structures Without Them.

Plans and specifications for the buildings to be erected on the old city market block by the Union Market association have disappeared from the city auditor's office, where they were filed at the time the franchise for the market block was granted in August, 1903.

Diligent search has been made by City Auditor Devin and his deputies, and inquiry has been made of everybody who has had anything to do with them, but no trace of them has been discovered.

The missing memoranda are invaluable to the city auditor's office. City Engineer Wanser is anxious to secure them to make sure that the association is constructing the buildings as agreed. If the original cannot be found, the engineer has no guide to direct him in overseeing the work.

"I have been looking for these plans and specifications for some time," said Mr. Wanser, "as work on the buildings is well advanced, and I cannot tell if it is according to agreement. All that I have to go by are the indefinite specifications in the franchise, which say that two open sheds 50x200 feet in dimensions and a brick building 55x60 feet and costing \$35,000 shall be built. There is nothing to indicate the height of the building, the thickness of the walls, the character of the foundation, or the number of the rooms and their dimensions. I cannot do anything unless I get hold of those plans and specifications to guide me."

"I do not know what has become of them," said City Auditor Devin, when asked concerning their disappearance. "So many have handled them that some one may have taken them from the office. This is very unlikely, however. I am of the opinion that in cleaning out the old papers from the vaults recently these papers may have been included and taken into the basement. I am quite positive they are in the building."

Deputy City Auditor S. G. Grutze says members of a special committee of the council, appointed to inspect the work on the buildings, and report on them, were the last persons he saw handling the missing papers.

Work on the buildings on the market block is progressing rapidly. One of the large sheds in which are to be the stalls for produce men is nearly finished and the foundation for the second is laid. Each of these will be 50 feet wide by 200 feet long. They are being built on the west side of the block along market street. The large market building, to cost \$35,000, which will be 55x200 feet, will be of brick, and will contain the offices of the company, the market association commission, and the headquarters of milk, meat and produce inspectors.

When any owns the block, and in consideration of the franchise the Union Market association pays a consideration of \$100 a month.

DEAF, RETICENT, OLD, BLAKE DIES ALONE

In a room of his little home at 525 Market street, James Blake, 70 years of age, was found dead yesterday. The cause and time of his death have not been ascertained.

The old man was very deaf, rarely conversed with his neighbors and lived alone, and was rarely seen. His disappearance for a week, however, aroused the curiosity of neighbors, who began a search for him. On peeping through a window they saw the old man lying on a bed carefully wrapped in his covers. The peculiar stillness aroused their suspicions.

Coroner Finley was notified, and on breaking open the door found the old man dead. He had apparently expired some time before. There were no evidences of foul play, and it is believed that he died of heart trouble. An inquest will not be held.

So far as can be learned the old man had no relatives. The coroner has charge of the body.

Explicit. John Morley, in his recent visit to America, told a story of a poor English woman who was testifying about her dead husband in a London life insurance suit. A lawyer said to her: "Was your husband good to you during his life?" "Oh, yes, indeed," she answered. "As good as could be. He was more like a friend than a husband."

DIES AT FEET OF LOVER

Coroner's Jury Charges Joe Fiorebello With Being Murderer of Amelia Sirianni.

ONCE BEFORE ASSASSIN HAD THREATENED HER

Police and Deputy Sheriffs Search the City, But Find No Trace of Criminal.

A coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict that Amelia Sirianni, the Italian girl, was killed by a pistol wound inflicted by Joe Fiorebello. A post-mortem examination was made by Dr. Harry McKay and the bullet that ended the girl's life was removed.

Witnesses testified that the girl was in her little candy store at 336 First street at 7:35 o'clock Friday night when Fiorebello entered and began shooting at her. He fired two shots, and the girl fell to the floor and expired a few minutes later.

The murderer is still at-large, though the police and deputy sheriffs have combed the city for him. Inhabitants of the Italian quarter believe that he is still in the city, and arrested several months ago on the charge of assault and battery. At that time, according to witnesses who testified yesterday, he threatened to kill the girl. Her persistent refusal to marry him caused him to come to this desperate deed.

At about 10 o'clock Friday night, two hours after the murder, Vitto Fiorebello, a half-brother of the murderer, went to Mrs. Medie, at the corner of Fifth and Mead streets, and endeavored to borrow money from her. He appeared in a great hurry, and the circumstances have caused the Italian colony to believe he was seeking the money to assist the murderer to escape.

Vitto is a bootblack, who has until recently been employed in a barber shop on Third street, opposite the chamber of commerce building. Mrs. Medie a few weeks ago secured a divorce from Alexander Amatusi and resumed her maiden name. Both the Fiorebellos formerly roomed with her. Vitto denied to Detective Albert Ferrara and Detective Hartman that he attempted to borrow money from Mrs. Medie, though he admitted going to see her.

Vitto was warned that any further move of like nature or any act indicating an attempt to make contact with the murderer would subject him to arrest on the charge of being accessory after the fact.

Mr. Ferrara was familiar with Fiorebello and knew his appearance in detail. In the absence of a photograph of the murderer, Ferrara's description has been accepted by the detectives as probably the most accurate yet given. He speaks of Fiorebello as a man weighing 145 pounds, 5 feet 6 inches in height, 27 years of age, with a very small jet black mustache and with wilds at times flaming. He wore a dark suit of clothing and a dark hat.

"Fiorebello was employed in an extra gang of track repairers by the Oregon Railway & Navigation company until about two months ago," said Ferrara, "and then returned to Portland. About six weeks ago Amelia Sirianni complained to me that Fiorebello was annoying her with matrimonial attentions. She was then a part owner in the American and Italian grocery store, and she ordered him from the place on one occasion, enraging him so that he drew a knife and threatened to kill her. I advised her to make complaint against Fiorebello, but she demurred, saying that she did not wish to get any more notoriety. She said that Fiorebello had gone about the city and told many persons that he had sustained improper relations with her, and that these reports had led her to make complaint against him. She was willing to endure almost anything rather than bring herself into prominence again in connection with him. She complained against him more than a year ago, and he was ordered to leave town by Judge Hogue, which he did, but returned two months ago."

"Her first trouble with him was when he attempted to gain entrance to her room about 15 months ago, and at that time he drew a pistol and tried to force her to open the door."

Only two applications have been received from persons who desire to take the examination for estimate clerk in the auditor's department. The test will be held February 15. A vacancy exists for such a clerk, and as soon as the examination is held one of the successful applicants will be appointed to the position. The salaries for this position range from \$100 to \$125 a month. The examination will be similar to that for positions of this sort held under the government.

CHIEF HUNT KIND TO FRIEND JIM PHILLIPS

Chief Hunt yesterday granted "Jim" Phillips, manager of the notorious "Paris" club, a privilege which has been persistently refused to the most eminent attorneys of Portland, unless ordered to do so by the court.

Phillips called at the city jail to see the woman who was arrested in connection with the arrest of Willard Hill, Phillips' brother-in-law, charged with living off the earnings of the woman. The chief readily granted Phillips' request, and the woman was removed from the jail into the chief's office. There she and Phillips chatted as long as they pleased.

When attorneys called at the jail to interview clients, few are granted the privilege unless a written order is made by the court. To Phillips the chief was exceedingly gracious and acceded to his requests with alacrity.

MAINLY PERSONAL

H. S. Friendly, a prominent merchant of Eugene, is at Portland.

State Senator John L. Rand came in from Baker City last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Henry of Hillsboro are at the Portland.

Walter M. Pierce is here from Pendleton.

Rev. J. McCormac of Astoria is at the Imperia Hotel of Astoria, is in the city.

Samuel Schmidt of Astoria, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stapleton of Vancouver, Wash., are guests at the Perkins.

W. N. Barrett of Hillsboro is in town.

J. F. Brallier of St. Johns is a visitor in Portland.

William M. Colvig of Jacksonville, Or., is registered at the Perkins.

Albert Johnson, managing editor of the Tacoma News, was in the city yesterday.

SECOND TERM WILL OPEN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 9:45 A. M. Classes will begin Latin, Chemistry, Physical Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and History (Roman, English and American).

Portland Academy Hall, a boarding hall for girls, receives a limited number, is well appointed and under excellent care. An Elementary School receives boys and girls at six years and fits them for the Academy. A school simulates, at a moderate monthly charge, of the pupils of the primary grades, if desired. For catalogue, address: PORTLAND ACADEMY, Thirtieth and Harrison.

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FURNISHINGS FOR NEW POSTOFFICE

Inspector Here to Provide Furniture for the Building so Near Completion.

NEARLY EVERYTHING TO COME FROM WASHINGTON

However, Any Old, Serviceable Material That Can Be Found Will Be Used Again.

W. M. Sawyer, inspector of furniture and other furnishings for federal buildings, is in Portland making a list of the equipment for the new postoffice building. He will remain until tomorrow, when he will return to Washington and report to the chief clerk of the treasury department, under whom he is working.

Requisition for the new equipment will be issued immediately, and the new building will be made ready for occupancy by June 1.

The law requires that all furniture that is in good condition from old federal buildings shall be used in new buildings, and much of the equipment of the old postoffice will be used in the new. Such new equipment as is necessary for the postal and federal court departments will be selected from standard patterns, and will be similar in design to that in the federal building. Carpets for the floors will be made from the general stores in the federal building in Washington.

"The building will be rapidly furnished," said Mr. Sawyer, "last night. The federal authorities were surprised to learn a short time ago that the building was so nearly finished, and I was sent to Portland to make a list of furniture for occupancy, which it might be made ready for occupancy by June 1."

Mr. Sawyer is of the opinion that the new building will be adequate for the needs of Portland for several years.

"This building will be sufficiently large to all purposes demanded of it," he continued, "and I desire to take many more carriers and a larger mailing force than they have at present. There is plenty of room."

SEWER AND STREET REPAIRERS ARE SHY

There is a dearth of sewer and street repairers for city work. Very few applications have been made to the city civil service commission for the class of labor, and men are in demand. To become a street repairer, the applicant must be handy with tools, as well as be able to use a shovel. A sewer repairer must know how to mix mortar, and do a rough job of brick work. The wages range from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day. All the educational qualification necessary is that the applicant shall be able to read and write.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE NEXT TO COUNTY JAIL

"My office at the courthouse will be the only county treasurer's office in the country which will have direct communication with the county jail," laughingly remarked John M. Lewis, county treasurer, yesterday. "My office there will have jail, and the prisoners who are taken to the courtrooms upstairs will have to pass through my office within a few feet of the vault."

"But for all that, I am not averse to moving from the city hall to the courthouse, if the county commissioners fit up the place, but they will have to make a few changes. The stairway from the jail may have to be closed and the vault will have to be remodeled, as it will be impossible to get my safe in the old vault. Besides, it is not very strong. No doubt it will be an accommodation to the county officers to have the county treasurer's office in the courthouse."

LABOR CONDITIONS AT FAIR GROUNDS

In answer to the complaints of workmen employed on the government buildings, the Lewis and Clark exposition, General Foreman H. B. Ward stated last evening that the wrong impression prevails as to the methods by which men are employed. "Neither," he said, "is there any employment agency to offer situations to workmen. Mr. Ward declared, hence it is not with their sanction that wage-earners are asked for a fee of \$3 when they are given work."

Mr. Ward also stated that since the original strike on the government structures, the \$1 monthly hospital fee system has been abolished and there have been very few men discharged within the past three weeks. Yesterday was payday, and no money was held out for a hospital fund or for any other purpose.

ELDER CAN BE SAVED SAY UNDERWRITERS

Work of Building Bulkhead Started and Vessel May Be Floated Soon.

WILL BE BROUGHT HERE WITH CARGO ON BOARD

If Damaged More Than Half Her Value, Will Be Left To Insurers.

Underwriters say the steamer Elder can be saved. All of the freight has been removed from the forward hold, and the work of building a bulkhead around the hole in the bottom of the hull has been started. When this is completed, which will be in less than a week, the water will be pumped out of the vessel. Then an attempt will be made to float her.

Should the Elder be raised as expected, she will be brought to Portland, and the balance of the cargo will be discharged at the Alaska dock. She will then be placed on the drydock at St. Johns, when it will be possible to learn the extent of her damages. If the cost of making the repairs would exceed half the estimated value of the vessel the underwriters would become her sole owners. But if she can be put in good condition for less than half her value the ownership of the steamer would not be changed. In either case, it is very probable that she will be fixed up for service. In the event that the insurance people should take her, she will undoubtedly be sold to the highest bidder.

Three weeks ago last night the Elder ran on a rock about 40 miles below Portland while en route to San Francisco. She immediately sank to a point below the main deck, and has been lying in the same position ever since that date. Big quantities of freight have been removed from her and sold at whatever prices it will bring. While much of the goods escaped any great amount of damage, the greater portion of the cargo, which was particularly true of rolls of printer paper with which she was partly loaded.

RIVER VERY LOW

Willamette Has Fallen About Twenty Inches in Past Week.

Capt. A. B. Graham of the Oregon City Transportation company has prepared some interesting figures giving the number of landings that the steamer Pomona and Oregon made during the month of January while plying between Portland and Corvallis, a distance of 120 miles. The Pomona put into 753 landings, losing 117 hours—54 hours going up and 63 coming down stream. The Oregon stopped at 120 points and was detained there 193 hours. Each boat averaged a trifle more than 25 landings a day.

Captain Graham reports that the Willamette has been falling at the rate of about 2 inches a day during the past week. If the weather continues cold and dry, he says, it will be but a short time before the steamer will be unable to reach Corvallis, the head of navigation. The depth of water at that point yesterday was only 2.7 feet.

GRAIN FREIGHTS DULL

Nothing Moving South or North, but Crop Prospects Are Bright.

There is nothing doing in grain freights either here or in the north, either in spot business or to arrive. Crop prospects continue bright and the outlook for the coming season is improved. The export business next season, says the San Francisco Commercial News, The old crop, however, is closely cleaned up here and the shipments from the north-by-rail to the east are cleaning up rapidly. The outlook for a resumption of export business this season, the grain fleet here and on the sound is cleaned up and but two vessels are left at Portland. In addition to the steamers already listed as coming this way from the orient probably two more will be listed in a few days, one of which will be for regular employment. Lumber freights continue quiet, with no change.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, Feb. 11.—Arrived at 7:10 and left up at 10 a. m., steamer Ausonius, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 8:30 a. m., French bark Eugene Paulrel. Arrived down at 8:30 a. m. and sailed at 2:30 p. m., steamer Costa Rica, for San Francisco.

Sailed at 4:30 p. m., French bark Eugene Paulrel, for Queenstown or Falmouth.

Condition of the bar at 5 p. m. smooth; light east wind; weather clear. San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Sailed, schooner Oceanic Vancouver, for Portland. Sailed at 11:30 a. m., steamer Columbia, for Portland.

Sailed, Feb. 11.—Passed, British ship Eskason, from Portland for Falmouth.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamer Bailey Gatzert will have a new boiler, which is nearing completion at the plant of the Willamette Boiler Works.

Capt. E. C. Hellner, lighthouse inspector for this district, reports that the pile-carrying beacon 2, stationed at

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The Bootshop That Wants Your Trade

Willapa bay, is missing. It will be replaced as soon as practicable. Captains Edwards and Fuller inspected the schooner Ariel yesterday; tomorrow they will inspect the Mabel Gale, which is lying at St. Johns.

During the next few weeks a number of other river steamers will be converted into oil-burners, among them the Jessie Harkins, Iona, Hustler and Enterprise.

Steamer Homer sailed for Eureka last night by way of Coos Bay with 360 tons of general merchandise and 42 passengers.

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Austin, Mrs. M. (H.)—Basket Woman, A-D3000. Burnham, Mrs. C. L. (H.)—Jewel's Story, Book, B-D1045. Ludwig, Otto—Swedish History and Refs. G-L1020. Stevenson, E. L.—Story of a Lie and Other Stories, S-D4000.

Books FOR CHILDREN. Alcott, M.—Daddy's Journey, J-L1055. Baldwin, James—Horse Fair, J-L1015. Barbour, H. H.—Book of School and College Sports, J-L1020. Bennett, John—Barney Lea, J-D4715. Biddle, A. J. D.—Froggy Fairy Book, J-W1010.

Blumenthal, V. K. de—Folk Tales from the Russian, J-D1025. Brooks, E. S.—Story of the American Sailor, J-D1015. Brooks, E. S.—Son of the Revolution, J-D1015.

Brooks, E. S.—With Lawton and Roberts, J-D1015. Chambers, R. W.—River Land, J-D1015. Chapman, F. M.—Bird Studies with a Camera, J-D1015. Corbin, C. C.—Daughters of the Revolution, J-D1015.

Palmer—Browns in the Philippines, J-P1015. Custer, G. A.—Following the Golden, by Mrs. E. C. Custer, J-D1015. Edgeworth, Maria—Rosamond, J-D1015. Ewing, Mrs. J. H. (G.)—Benji in Besseford, J-D1015. Griffin, W. E.—Pathfinders of the Revolution, J-D1015.

Hunt, J. H.—Viking Tales, J-D1015. Hunt, J. H.—With Cochran, the Danesmen, J-D1015. Holder, C. F.—Adventures of Torque, J-D1015. Hooker, W.—Children's Book of Nature, J-D1015. Hopkins, W. J.—Sundays; His Farm Stories, J-D1015.

Johns, Clifton—Country School in New England, J-D1015. McCulloch, A. W.—Little Stories for Little Boys, J-D1015. Macdonald, George—St. George and St. Michael, J-D1015. Macdonald, George—Child Sketches from George Eliot, J-D1015.

Morley, M. M.—Honey makers, J-D1015. Nelson, Horatio—Pictures from the Life of Nelson, by W. C. Russell, J-D1015. Nelson, Horatio—Pictures from the Life of John James, pseud.—With Warren at Bunker Hill, J-D1015. O'Brien, J. D.—Children of the Arctic, J-D1015. Shaw, C. W.—Stories of the Ancient Greeks, J-D1015. Shedd, W. O.—Ahead of the Army, J-D1015. Spaulding, E. M.—Our Country's Story, J-D1015. Tomlinson, E. T.—Short History of the American Revolution, 1773-1789. Townsend, M. R.—Stories of Shakespeare, J-D1015. Towler, J. T.—Adventures of David Bane and David Crane, J-D1015. Towler, J. T.—Bonds in Honor, J-D1015. Wells, M. H.—Our Little Siamese Cat, J-D1015. Wilson, Mrs. L. L.—Domestic Science in Grammar Grades, J-D1015. Young, M.—Young Folks' History of France, J-D1015.

CONGREGATION AHAVAI SHOLOM TO GIVE FAIR

The Congregation Ahavai Sholom will hold a fair this year at Merrill's hall, opening on March 18 and closing March 23. From present indications it will be even more successful than that held in previous years, as contributions are coming in more readily. A piano valued at \$250 has been donated to the congregation.

A large orchestra has been secured, and the band will play each evening. A masquerade will be given on the last night.

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