

SAYS PORTLAND PEOPLE ARE ROBBED OF \$30,000 ANNUALLY

J. B. Hall Alleges Standard Oil Company Swindles Amount to That.

EVERY BARREL OF OIL THREE GALLONS SHORT

Best Grades Are Exported Because of Strict Foreign Tests, While Poor Grades Are Sold at Home at Advanced Prices.

That the people of Portland have been filched out of about \$30,000 in the past four or five years by the Standard Oil octopus by means of short measure and double bookkeeping methods is the assertion of J. B. Hall of Cleveland, Ohio, who is stopping at the Oregon hotel in this city for a few days. He asserts that the recently published statement of Special Agent George C. Flanders, local representative of the Standard Oil company, to the effect that the company purveys honest methods and that the people of Portland and Oregon have not been duped or imposed upon but have received their money's worth of pure oil, is simply the press story of a paid employe.

Mr. Hall asserts that he has had experience with the trust for 20 years past, has examined carefully into their methods, has measured many barrels of oil, tested them and knows whereof he speaks. Mr. Hall declares that his measurements of Standard Oil company's barrels of oil convince him that every 50-gallon barrel is three short on measurement.

Every Barrel Short Measure. "Mr. Flanders has said there was no shortage of measure or weight with the Standard Oil company," said Mr. Hall. "On the contrary, I believe it is a regrettable fact that every barrel is three gallons short on the average. I have been in touch with them and their methods for 20 years and have measured many barrels.

There are about 100 persons out of 30,000 that know anything about the cost of making oil. They don't know whether cylinder oil costs 3 cents or 60 cents. The agents have a list giving the name and price of oils sent to them from headquarters and they couldn't change it if they wanted to. Cylinder oil is not what it once was. It is made of California sulphur base stock and if the agent knew what it was, or could test it, it is inconceivable that he could have nerve enough to offer it at the prices charged. If the people of Port-

land could investigate and determine the amount of shortage on goods delivered here in the past three years they would find it would amount to \$30,000 or \$50,000. This amount the people of Portland have lost by means of short measure and double sets of books.

Agents in Ignorance. "A man can be honest and work for the Standard Oil company only through ignorance. They are more objects of pity than scorn for what they presume to know they do not know. It is unnecessary to keep the agents informed else the enormous profits on the grades of goods delivered would lead the agents to embark in the business himself.

"Not one Standard Oil agent on the Pacific coast until within a year knew that there was such a thing as a testing apparatus and doubtless believed the grade of staff he handled to be right. The Standard Oil company nowhere will guarantee oil of a certain viscosity under fire and flash test. As their agents know nothing of these things except the names they are told that the name is sufficient to guarantee the grade of the oil. Whether oil is made from a paraffine base, crude or of free asphaltum and sulphur base crude, they know not, and it is not their business to know in the United States.

Foreign Test Is Rigid. "The exports of the Standard Oil company are very heavy and the demand is for all high grade product. The tests in foreign countries are very rigid, and consequently the best oil is shipped to the old world and the inferior stuff is foisted upon the markets of the United States where there is the least competition. The cylinder oils used on locomotives by 95 per cent of the railroads of the United States, presumably under pressure from higher authority than the salesman, cost the railroad companies 48 cents per gallon, while the required grade is shipped to the old world and sold at 12 cents per gallon in bulk to the railroad. Journal oil bought by American roads is made by the Penness Refining company at Franklin, Pennsylvania, and is part of the residue of other oils and graded at cost of 34 cents a gallon, piped across the street to the Galena oil works and marketed by them to railroads of the United States at 26 to 28 cents a gallon. The same oil is sold in the old country to the railroads for 8 cents a gallon in bulk.

"The Standard Oil company does not own the high grade oil wells of the country except to a limited extent, but it does own the connecting pipe lines. Influence is brought to bear upon the railroads which are paralleled by the Standard Oil pipe lines and they are permitted to charge sufficient rates on independent oil to make up for loss in shipments of oil that is now piped."

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GOLDFIELD, NEVADA, IS SCENE OF OPERATIONS

Reports Say Company Is Doing Rushing Business and Keeps 20 Stenographers Busy Answering Letters of Patrons.

"The L. M. Sullivan Realty company" is the name of a big firm in Goldfield, Nevada, that is doing a business which threatens to place its owners in the millionaires' class within a few years. The principal stockholders and managers of the company are L. M. Sullivan and Peter Grant, who were once known in Portland as Larry and Pete.

In Portland, Larry and Pete were heavily interested in the Portland club, whose scalp is hanging to the belt of Sheriff Word. As pilots of the fortunes of that institution they did quite a business and are said to have acquired the rudiments of the commercial education which has resulted in the large and pretentious undertaking of which they are now the head. Those who have visited the Nevada town and have seen the volume of business that the Sullivan Realty company is transacting declare that great stacks of mail are being received each day, and that every office of mail contains money.

So large has the business become that a small army of clerks and attendants are necessary. Twenty stenographers are employed, it is said, in addition to experts in various branches whose salaries are fabulous. Mr. Grant, who is a San Francisco newspaper man and also carried a half-page advertisement in a Chicago daily. The result of the advertising is said to have been a steady and enormous stream of letters containing money from investors who are clamoring to get in on the bottom floor.

It is said that both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Grant still retain their interests in the sailor boarding-house of this city.

EIDEN CAME LAST NIGHT PASSING OF THE FAMOUS "QUARTER BLOCK" OF FINE PIANOS.

Eiders Piano House Will Continue to Be Open From Day to Day on Sufferance, at Mercy of Landlord—Any Day May Be the Last—Everything Will Now Be Sold Out—Greatest Piano-Price Sacrifice Ever Known—Make Your Own Terms—Store Open Evenings.

The passing of the famous "Quarter Block" of fine pianos, one of Portland's showplaces, the insects of the entire musical fraternity, which has been pointed to with much pride as the only establishment where strictly high-grade pianos were carried under one roof, came last night. The lease under which the Piano House was held expired yesterday. There was no solemn ceremony to witness the end, but there was genuine regret on all sides at the hours used by the piano.

By today we should have vacated the premises, but fortunately, or unfortunately, as the case may be, the landlord has been unable to secure a tenant, and will allow us to remain from day to day on sufferance. There still remains a large and almost complete assortment of pianos, pianolas, orchestral organs, etc., all of which we want to sell out here. Rather than take the risk of carrying them over indefinitely we will make still deeper slashes into prices. We'll sell them at any cost.

Don't put off buying your piano, or pianola, or organ, any longer. Seeing is believing here. Drop and convince yourself that you can now buy a strictly highest-grade, beautiful instrument at a price usually asked for a cheap, inferior grade.

Bear in mind that while we are here today, we may not be tomorrow. The entire lower floor will be vacated by tomorrow. We are simply remaining and doing business at the mercy and pleasure of the owner. At any rate, only a few days remain before we must pack up and get out. Piano and organ contracts are sure things. Look over our list of instruments, and we would rather sell the remaining fine pianos, pianolas, organs, etc., at a loss than to go to the heavy expense and additional trouble of carrying them indefinitely.

Remember any reasonable offer as to terms will be accepted. Eiders Piano House, 312 1/2 Washington street.

The REALM FEMININE

JOYOUS JUNE.

Brides and blossoms, commencement odes and bird carols. The world is reveling in its perennial youth, and life seems but an iridescent bubble midst a butterfly whirl of wings.

"And what is so rare as a day in June? 'Tis as easy now for the heart to be true As for grass to be green or skies to be blue." Lowell felt thus the rhythmic pulse of nature and voiced for mute hearts the song of June.

In Portland the month spells roses—roses for borders and hedges, trailing over trellises and clambering over cottages—more roses. The rarest varieties offer rich profusion of bloom, for as one proud citizen of the Rose City affirms: "We need not plant common kinds, for the rarest of roses will flourish here." So it is that the gallant "Jack," peerless American Beauty, golden Marochal Neil, exquisite La France and rivalries beguiling drive, not only in stately grounds, but in the humblest yards. Truly Portland roses show no meekish traits.

Millions of roses, and yet there are strangers within our gates, and children and invalids who would love to drink deeply of their fragrance and smooth the velvet richness of the petals—but they have no roses. Like those thirsting for water on a raft with the salt sea everywhere, they seek the blossoms on every hand but have none to clasp and hold. To such as these, oh ye householders and lucky possessors of a "wee bit of ground of your ain," give of your lavish stores of bloom. As an aid to those who are adding to or just beginning a rose garden, a notebook with memoranda concerning the now ever-present rose is invaluable. The names, coloring, habits of growth of the ones most admired, will be of assistance when it is time to order the bushes, as a rose catalogued at best, is something of a lottery. Let down also the place where a trellis is needed, the spot where a standard rose would show well, and the angle or barrenness which needs a charitable vine. When the planting time comes, there will be method in setting out the bushes so they will harmonize best with each other and their surroundings. The gathering of rose data is a pleasant pastime, indeed, for the eye must catch the glint of the blossoms and hold the beauty of contour, for no book, however voluminous, could hold adequate description of Portland's roses.

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MOST POPULAR WOMAN.

From M. A. F. If any one were curious enough to ask the question in St. Petersburg as to who is the most popular lady in Russia, there is little doubt the answer would be "the dowager empress."

Everyone in the court and outside it is unanimous in praise of "Marie Feodorovna," for the grace and winning tact she always displays toward her subjects have won all hearts. The empress takes a personal interest in everything and everybody, and none of the Russian leaders were allowed to depart for the recent war without first being called to Gatchina to receive the empress' blessing, together with a small gold medalion to be worn with the small charms that the Russians always wear suspended round their necks by a tiny chain as a safeguard against evil.

Those in court who have any particular grievance always turn to the empress for consolation, for they know that in her they will find not only ready sympathizer, but one who will do everything in her power to help them.

CARE IN CANNING.

Remember, that carelessness in putting up fruit is always punished. Don't let your failure be chance or luck, but take it home to yourself, where it belongs. You must be sure that your fruit is perfect—one little speck will sometimes spoil an entire cooking. Then, be sure that your cans are in good order, that the covers fit closely, and that there is a new rubber ring for every can. The old rings may hold through the winter; but new ones are sure to. If you must use old ones, however, you can at least beat the one or two thicknesses of cotton batting over the top of the can, securing it well around the edges of the cover. This prevents germs from getting through the crevices made by ill-fitting covers.

BLACK HATS ARE POPULAR.

Wearers of black hats with saucer-like brims have the comfort of know-

ing that they are supporting the latest thing in hats, but that doesn't relieve the strain on their nerves in trying to reconcile these brims to their coiffures on a windy day. On such occasions even long hampins prove that they are not to be trusted. Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs was seen a day or so ago in New York wearing a hat of this style that was a work of art. The brim was a true saucer and was heaped up with black plumes. Black hats, by the way, will be the most popular millinery to top light frocks this summer, putting more delicate and fragile looking hats completely in the shade.

NICHOLAS HAS GOOD RECORD IN HIS PROFESSION

Candidate for Circuit Judge Has Been Before Portland Bar Thirty Years.

H. B. Nicholas, candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of Judge of the circuit court, department No. 4, has been a practitioner before

the bar in Portland for the past 30 years. He has been prominent in legal and municipal circles, and served in the city council for a time.

Mr. Nicholas was born in Missouri just \$4,000. He came to Portland when a young man, and studied law in the office of the late Judge Shattuck. After completing his course he became associated with the late Judge Catlin.

SIX-STORY BUILDING FOR WASHINGTON STREET

Captain D. B. Buchanan has received a permit for a six-story brick building to be erected on Washington street, between Fourth and Fifth. The cost is \$67,000. A three-story frame structure will soon be put up by P. J. Brigham on Gilman street, at the corner of Eighteenth. It will be used as an apartment house. The cost is given as \$15,000.

JUDGMENT OF LOWER COURT IS REVERSED

Circuit Judge Frazer this morning reversed a ruling of County Judge Webster, holding that the will of Feder J. Martin was not made under undue influence. By the terms of the will all of Martin's property, valued at about \$6,000, was devised to his daughter, Della Hall, for taking care of him during several years. Three other daughters were left nothing, and they contested the probating of the will, charging that Mrs. Hall had unduly influenced their father to leave all the property to her. Judge Webster sustained their contention and refused to probate the will. Mrs. Hall appealed to the circuit court, and Judge Frazer this morning decided that there was no undue influence and that the will is valid.

GUARDSMEN ARE INDIGNANT OVER REPORT

The members of the Second Oregon regiment and other soldiers who fought with General William E. Finzer in the Spanish-American war are indignant over the published assertion that their former comrade and officer is attempting to use his position as adjutant-general as a shield against the National Guard as a body in line for Governor Chamberlain. They declare that the letter sent by General Finzer to A. W. Orton, the letter which has been heralded as a circular by the National Guard, was sent only to men who had fought with him in the Philippines, and with a few exceptions only to those who served in the Second Oregon.

DECLARE GENERAL FINZER IS NOT INTRODUCING POLITICS INTO THE ORGANIZATION.

"I want to deny the statement in this morning's Oregonian that I am attempting to bring the National Guard into politics," said General Finzer this morning. "That is an absolutely false accusation and there are no facts to back up any such charge. Never in the history of the state has the guard been so free from the control of politics as it is today. It has been my constant endeavor, ever since the day I took this office, to eliminate politics from the military organization of the state. Look at my past record, you will find no favoritism, political or otherwise. Political affiliations have cut no figure in the administration of this office. The letter referred to in the Oregonian was sent to a few personal friends with whom I served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and the following inscription."

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