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That apparently "closed the incident." A few days later the clerk, just recovering from a great fright, said to the San Franciscan: "Say you almost cost me my job by repeating what I said about dull times."

The clerk then related how he had been waited on by a committee of three prominent men, members of some sort of society that might be called the Defender of the Faith Committee—at any rate they were jealously guarding the reputation of the city, preventing injurious rumors, whether true or false.

The clerk became as wise as a serpent ever after, but he began to look into the workings of the inquisitorial body that had warned him. He discovered—the story runs—that the ramifications and activities of the defenders are such that the man who fails to heed the warning is discharged from employment and put on a blacklist that makes life a burden in Los Angeles.

THEY SHOULD BEWARE.

In Portland the plumbers trust is on the grill. Several plumbing firms have complained of being unable to purchase supplies of wholesalers because they are not members of the master plumbers' association. The members of the alleged trust are also accused of having caused the city plumbing ordinance to be invalidated and of having worked for the passage of another ordinance to further strengthen their hold on the situation.

As an outcome of the disclosures made the boycotted plumbers have been able to secure supplies and are also having all kinds of business tendered them out of sympathy. Many orders have been phoned them by parties who say they desire to aid them in fighting the combine. On the other hand the men in the combination are threatened with prosecution not only in the Portland municipal court but also in the federal court.

This is bad weather for trusts. Especially for those that operate upon a small scale. Now if the Portland plumbing combine was a real, genuine octopus like the Standard oil company or the sugar trust, it could break the law with impunity and get away. But since the trust is a small, amateurish affair the members had better look out. It would be just their luck to have to go to jail.

According to a London estimate the failure of parliament to pass the budget will disorganize the money market of the world. It is entirely possible for the money market is afraid of its own shadow. However the world seems to get along some way.

From appearance Colfax has suffered much the same as Pendleton suffered several years ago, though the flood at Colfax has evidently inflicted more damage than did our deluge. Build a big levee, Colfax.

The numerous trains in the O. R. & N. yard this morning gave Pendleton a decidedly metropolitan appearance. It is not every town that has seven or eight passenger trains on its tracks at one time.

Bad weather would not be so disagreeable in Pendleton were more of the streets improved. At this time some of the thoroughfares close to the business section resemble hog wallows.

That was a far reaching tragedy enacted at Wellington. All over the country there are saddened homes because of that long list of dead and missing.

Pendleton needs a band and it is encouraging to note the musicians are getting busy.

The question of the hour is, "What streets are to be used by the traction company?"

Brush away that pessimistic frown and see how it feels to smile.

THE SUPERSEDED.

As nearer comes crowd the fore We drop behind
 We have labored long and sore
 Times out of mind
 And keen are yet must not regret
 To drop behind.

Yet there are of us some who grieve
 To go behind,
 Stanch, strenuous souls who scarce believe
 Their fires declined
 And know none cares, remembers, spares
 Who go behind.

'Tis not that we have unforetold
 The drop behind,
 We feel the new must oust the old
 In every kind,
 But yet, we think, must we, must we,
 Too, drop behind?
 —Thomas Hardy.

LOS ANGELES PATRIOTISM.

If there is a more patriotic city than Los Angeles, we do not know where it is, says the Inland Herald. Spokane is pretty strong in this line, but the Southrons certainly exceed us in one respect—they gag the disloyal, expatriate the unpatriotic, and warn the imprudent.

We are not insinuating that there is a Ku-Klux organization down among the orange growers, but here is an instance that shows how the Los Angelans have borrowed an idea from Stepanak's "Underground Russia," that wonderful story of Siberia:

Some months ago a leading San Franciscan went to Los Angeles, stayed at a prominent hotel, played billiards, and became chummy with one of the clerks. In an unguarded moment the clerk confided to the guest that business was a little dull, that many business houses were vacant, and that some lines of business had been overdone.

A few days later the visitor chanced to remark to one of his friends, a merchant, that he noticed "many idle persons, a few hundred vacant houses," and so on. His assertion was challenged. Of course he innocently quoted the observation of the clerk to corroborate his opinion.

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LABOR WORLD NOTES

The new scale of the Minneapolis, Minn., Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' union calls for an eight-hour day at 37 1-2 cents an hour, a pay day at least every two weeks, and double time for overtime.

The officials of the Bricklayers' union have notified that the general headquarters of the International Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' union of America has been removed to Albany, N. Y.

The question of establishing an old age pension fund is being considered by several of the big international unions. The old age pension fund of the International Typographical union has been to \$215,000.

The Central Federated Union of New York City has issued an appeal to Samuel Gompers and other national labor leaders demanding the organization of a national labor party in this country modeled on the lines of the British labor party.

The New York Central railroad has granted an increase in wages to all its trainmen and laborers. This statement was made by J. P. Bradley, representing Vice President, Smith, who said the exact rate of increase would be fixed by compromise.

AFTERWHILE.

Afterwhile—we have in view
 A far scene to journey to,
 Where the old home is, and where
 The old mother waits us there,
 Peering, as the time grows late,
 Down the old path to the gate,
 How we'll click the latch that locks
 In the pinks and hollyhocks,
 And leap up the path once more
 Where she waits us at the door,
 How we'll greet the dear old smile
 And the warm tears—afterwhile!

Ah, the endless afterwhile!—
 Leagues on leagues and mile on mile,
 In the distance far withdrawn,
 Stretching on, and on, and on,
 Till the fancy is footed,
 And faints in the rust before
 The last milestone's granite face,
 Hacked with: Here Beginneth Space
 O, far-glimmering worlds and wings,
 Mystic smiles and beckonings,
 Lead us through the shady aisles
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