

### \$55 IN NICKELS AND DIMES STOLEN FROM CIGAR STORE

A daring burglar operating under the nose of the police entered the cigar store of Frank Ison on Main street after midnight Sunday night and secured between \$75 and \$80 in money, a half dozen merschaum pipes cigars and cigarettes. Indications point to the crime being the work of some one well acquainted with the habits of Mr. Wilson, and where he hid his money.

Entrance was effected by lifting up the window next to the bootblack stand. A hidden sack containing \$55 in dimes was found by the prowler. A sack containing seven pounds of nickels was also located. The weight is known because Mr. Wilson, out of curiosity, weighed them in the afternoon. About \$10 in nickels and dimes were taken from the cash register.

The cigar store is within 20 feet of the Nash Hotel, and a stone's throw of the police station. An arrest or two is scheduled.

### RESUME TRIAL OF COAL TRUST OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 26.—Defense of the four remaining defendants in the government's case against officers and employees of the Western Fuel company opened today before Federal Judge Dooling.

The first witness was Thomas R. Stockett, the company's superintendent at Nainimo, B. C.

The defendants still left in the case were James B. Smith, Frederick C. Mills, Ed W. Mayer and Edw. J. Smith, respectively the company's vice-president and general manager, superintendent, weigher and checker.

Unless the witnesses' cross-examination should be prolonged, E. J. McCutcheon, the defense's senior counsel, said the case would be completed within two weeks.

### LONG BEACH TRESTLE WEAKENED BY FLOOD

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 26.—The Los Cerritos trestle, two miles north of here, used by the Pacific Electric Los Angeles-Long Beach line, is weakened by floods, and is abandoned by cars today. Through cars transfer passengers afoot across the trestle and traffic at this end is cared for by local cars.

Long Beach-San Pedro traffic by the way of Wilmington is uninterrupted.

North Long Beach and portions of residential districts east are inundated, but no suffering is reported.

### STATE COMMISSION HEARS ARGUMENTS LOCAL COMPLAINTS

The grievance of William L. Reichstein, woodyard proprietor, against the Southern Pacific railroad for alleged "orneryness" in spotting his loaded cars will be heard at 2:30 this afternoon in the Medford hotel before Frank H. Miller of the state railway commission. The railroad is represented by Attorney W. H. Fenton and Mr. Reichstein by A. Torrey Gus Newbury. Mr. Miller arrived this morning to hear the evidence.

It is alleged that though the Reichstein woodyard is in the north part of the city, the train crews persist in "spotting" his loaded flat cars in the south part of town. He asks that the company be compelled to "spot" the cars on the side track near his place of business, saving him time and a haul of from six to ten blocks. The plaintiff asserts that complaints to Southern Pacific officials from the local manager of the Harriman lines to the head offices in New York have yielded no satisfaction.

The case brought by the Medford Warehouse company to secure a reduction in rates for shipping beans will also be heard, as will two applications for railroad crossings, one at Talent and one at Central Point.

### TRAVEL FROM ARCTIC REGIONS FOR WEDDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Miss Heid Naas of Oakland, Cal., and her fiancée, Gustave Bohlin, arrived here today on the steamer Cedric from Jemtland, in the Arctic circle. They are on their way to California, where the wedding is to be witnessed in Oakland by the girl's brother, said to be a merchant of that city.

Immigration inspectors, suspecting the couple were "soul mates," examined them closely when the steamer docked, but finally permitted both to enter.

Miss Naas displayed several trunks filled with household linen which she said the women of Jemtland gave her as a sign of good faith.

### OBITUARY.

**CASKEY**—At the family residence, 1129 Niantic street, Saturday, Jan. 24th, Louise Liver Caskey, aged 31 years. Native of Oregon, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caskey. Funeral services will be held at the Weeks & McGowan chapel, Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 2 p. m. Rev. Shields officiating. Services at the grave under the auspices of the Improved Order of Redmen. Interment I. O. O. F. cemetery, Medford.

**Good Wood.**  
If you want good wood, get it from Frank H. Ray.

### DELUGE CAUSES FLOOD CONDITIONS IN GOLDEN STATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 26.—Northern and Central California were slowly recovering today from the worst storm of the season. A southwest wind as strong, if not stronger, than those of the other recent storms, accompanied yesterday's downpour.

Swollen creeks and rivers threatened serious damage today at a number of valley towns. Reports from San Jose declared that hundreds of acres were flooded in the Santa Clara valley and that scores of ranchers living along the banks of the Coyote and Guadalupe had been forced to abandon their homes.

**Storm Is General**  
The rain was general all over the state. The Southern Pacific coast line was practically out of commission and all through trains were being detoured today via the valley line. These were run subject to heavy delays, as flooding creeks and landslides have worked havoc with roadbeds between Watsonville junction and San Luis Obispo. The Fresno division of the Southern Pacific also was tied up as a result of washouts, but it was expected this condition would be remedied before noon.

An unusually heavy fall of snow was reported in the mountains. It melted almost as rapidly as it fell, and as a result river conditions throughout the northern and central districts were critical.

**Situation Is Acute**  
Conditions were reported especially acute in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. At Gilroy, Uvas creek overflowed its banks and merchants were called out of their beds to prevent the water from entering their stores. At Coyote station the situation was equally as bad. Coyote creek left its banks at nightfall and at an early hour today was flowing five feet deep across the recently constructed state highway.

The wind played havoc along the south shore of Alameda. It uprooted trees, blew down fences and several sea walls and bulkheads collapsed before the high waves. Snapping trees dropped directly across several car tracks and delayed traffic for a time.

**Cyclone at Oroville**  
At Oroville the storm assumed the proportions of a cyclone. It swept the country around for a radius of thirty miles. Eight barns and two dwellings were demolished, and the Northern Electric depot was practically wrecked. Two horses and twenty head of cattle caught in collapsing barns were killed.

Two inches of rain fell at Marysville, but the damage there was slight.

Stockton reported one of the heaviest rains of the season. The Calaveras river was reported rising, but at an early hour today it was six inches lower than on Friday. A wide territory north of the river,

however, and quite a bit of land to the east was under water.

At Hanford the storm amounted almost to a cloudburst. More than 1.83 inches of rain fell in six hours.

**Towns Are Flooded**  
The Pajaro river rose rapidly. Early today it had overflowed its banks and several towns were reported flooded. From three to four feet of water was standing in the streets at Watsonville and many people living in low-lying districts were forced to leave their homes.

At high tide yesterday the waters of the ocean backed into the river

and caused a serious rise. With ebb tide the water receded, but the overflow still covers a large part of the city and countryside.

The wind played havoc with telegraph and telephone wires everywhere. Except for Los Angeles and other southern California points, San Francisco was cut off today from outside communication. Wires to the north and east were down. Neither the Western Union nor the Postal Telegraph company had any wires working to the coast, but this condition was expected to be remedied before noon.

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