

WORK OF THE PICKPOCKETS

Four Victims at the Postoffice Yesterday Morning.

FINE SKILL AND SHREWDNESS.

p. G. Herald, John Miller, A. Cross and Charles Mestrom Lose Their Money-Gang of Expert "Dips" in the City-Character of the Theft Indicates That the Thieves Are Not to Be Ranked as Amateurs.

A CARLOAD OF Bedding.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CARLOAD OF BLANKETS, COMFORTABLES, PILLOWS AND BEDDING. SPECIAL PRICES ON THESE GOODS.

FREDERICK, NELSON & MUNRO Furniture, Carpets, Stoves and Household Goods, RIALTO BLOCK, SECOND AVENUE.

not that it is a dangerous place when deft fingers are working the community. When Mr. Herald found himself in the crowd he noticed that a tall man with light-colored overcoat was close behind him. The man had his hand on Mr. Herald's shoulder. This annoyed Mr. Herald and he suggested that the man refrain from further indications of familiarity. This is the first time that Mr. Herald got to the actual taking of his purse. He got his mail and was about to leave the post office when he discovered that he had been robbed. The man who had placed his hand on Mr. Herald's shoulder was not to be seen.

LONGEST OF ALL THE LINES.

Telephone Wires to Stretch From San Diego to Nelson.

OVER TWO THOUSAND MILES.

Gaps Now Being Bridged and Message Work in the Siskiyou Mountains-Line Between Seattle and Spokane to Be Rebuilt-More Than Twice as Far as From Chicago to Boston.

Seattle will within the next three months become one of the most important points and relay stations on the longest long-distance telephone line in the world, the extremities as at present arranged being San Diego, Cal., and Nelson, B. C.

Chief Reed Convinced That He Did Not Rob Fernandez.

J. F. Hardee, one of the three men who were arrested Saturday afternoon on suspicion of picking Contractor S. E. Fernandez's pocket at the corner of Third and the Puget Sound National bank, was released from jail yesterday morning, after Chief Reed had become satisfied that Mr. Hardee had been a victim of mistaken identification. Mr. Hardee is an old miner, and is well known on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Hardee is in jail on suspicion of robbing Mr. Fernandez. He explained to Chief Reed yesterday that the twenty-four \$5 bills found in possession were his own money he had while he was in the gambling business in Detroit. The

STREET CARMEN.

Front Street Cable Railway Tied Up Yesterday.

THREATENED STRIKE IS ON.

Employees Declare They Will Not Go Back Unless Their Wages Are Raised-Cars Were Placed in the Barn-Receiver Colvin is Absent From the City-A. B. Stewart, of the Company, Makes a Statement.

The trainmen of the Front Street Cable railway struck at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and pulled their cars into the barn. The strike has been threatened for several days and is for an advance in wages from the present scale of 18, 19 and 20 cents an hour, according to the experience of the employe, to a flat rate of 2 1/2 cents. The advance is demanded on the ground that prices have gone up with the increased prosperity of the city, and that the men cannot live comfortably on their present wages. The other street car employes in the city have received a raise in wages and the Front Street men claim that as they have the hardest road in the city to work on they are entitled to increased pay. The road will be turned over by Receiver Colvin in a few days to a new company, which has offered to pay a flat rate of 20 cents. A committee of trainmen arranged to meet with representatives of the new company yesterday at 1 o'clock, but the company representatives were unable to be there. Accordingly, the cars were called in and the men quit work. They say it is for good unless their wages go up. Receiver Colvin is out of the city and until he returns it is not known what steps will be taken to get the road running again.

What Mr. Stewart Says. Mr. A. B. Stewart, who is a member of the company which will take charge of the road in a few days, made the following statement last night: "The trainmen called me on Friday night and asked if I would talk the situation over with them. They said that they intended to strike for more pay. I agreed to come out Sunday afternoon and talk with Mr. Maurice McKicken and the company committee. Saturday evening Mr. McKicken informed me that he could not come and proposed that I go on Monday evening. At noon today the telephone me that unless some one met with them they would go out. I told them that I was simply acting in a friendly way and proposed the date until 1 o'clock Monday evening. At noon today the telephone me that unless some one met with them they would go out. I told them that I was simply acting in a friendly way and proposed the date until 1 o'clock Monday evening. At noon today the telephone me that unless some one met with them they would go out. I told them that I was simply acting in a friendly way and proposed the date until 1 o'clock Monday evening."

Receiver Colvin Returns. Receiver Colvin returned late last night from Tacoma, where he had gone to meet Mrs. Colvin. He went at once to the power house and proposed that the men run the cars today and settle the wage matters with the directors this evening. The men declined unless they got 2 1/2 cents an hour for the day's work. This Receiver Colvin would not concede. He says some of the cars will run tomorrow. At midnight the following notice was posted at the power house:

To the Employees of the Front Street Cable Railway Company: Trainmen: A petition has been handed me by the superintendent asking for a raise of wages paid to the trainmen. The amount of the raise is 20 cents, to that of 2 1/2 cents per hour. As regards the operation of the road under a receiver will terminate within a few days, and during that period I will do my best to get the same wages that I have during the last three years. "It is the intention of the First Avenue Railway Company to commence operation within a few days, to pay a flat rate of 20 cents per hour. If it is any reason that you would like to discuss with me, you can see me at the power house, or room 111, New York Mutual Life building." C. D. COLVIN, Receiver.

The men claim that Receiver Colvin did not come to the power house at times when the men could find him, and they decided to strike at 2 o'clock on Friday morning. At the same time the company that is soon to take charge of the road, a conference between the committee and A. B. Stewart and Maurice McKicken was arranged, and the strike was delayed. The other day which was to have taken place at 1 o'clock yesterday, but was called off by Mr. Stewart and Mr. McKicken, who were unable to come. It was then decided to strike, and the cars were handed in to the barn at 2 o'clock. Superintendent W. M. Caldwell asked every one of the twenty-two trainmen, personally if they would take a car out. One conductor was willing to go out if an experienced gripman would go along. No volunteer offering, the conductor was soon persuaded to change his mind, and is now with the strikers.

The principal reason for the trainmen of the Front Street cable road going out at this time is one of wages. Some three years ago, when D. T. Denny & Sons were running the road and Superintendent Clarke was in charge, the wages were cut from 2 1/2 cents to the present scale. We objected to the cut at the time, but were promised that as soon as it was possible for the company to do so the wages would be put back to the old scale. Both Mr. Denny and Superintendent Clarke agreed that the Front Street cable was the hardest road in the city to run on and that 2 1/2 cents an hour was not any too low a consideration. The way in which the men handled the cars over the road, but to 20 cents. Every other road in the city has brought in wages from 18 cents to the Seattle Trunk Line company. Union Trunk Line and the Seattle & Tacoma Beach Company all pay their motor-men and conductors 20 cents an hour. The James street cable men get 22 cents. The Madison Street and Taylor street trainmen are paid 20 cents. On the Front Street line the responsibilities of the employes are greater and the work is much harder. Prices in all lines have gone up and we are unable to live comfortably on the present wages.

There is no friendly feeling between the men and Receiver Colvin. From the way he has been treating us, we have looked forward to the time when the receivership would be turned over to some one else who would take charge. Then we learned that he was to be in charge for the new company. This feeling brings about the strike. The help being brought by Receiver Colvin and the trainmen dates from the time we compelled him to put vestibule fronts on the cars as required by law. Since then he has tried to keep all the men under his thumb, and has been arrogant in his dealings. Then our wages have been held back in spite of the fact that every man is compelled to leave a

\$5 deposit. We were formerly paid on the 2d of each month for the preceding month. Then pay day was changed to the 10th, and finally to the 20th. During the last campaign he brought every influence to bear on the men to make them vote according to his belief. One man was bothered so much in this way that he left the road.

"The rules under which we run are very strict and increase our responsibilities. There are so many dangerous curves that we are obliged to caution our passengers to hold on. Every night and morning we have to move the 400-pound grips, which on other roads are handled by men hired for the purpose. If any man takes out a grip that is not in good condition, or does not keep it in such condition while running, he is fined \$5 or discharged. The same penalty attaches to a gripman's 'carrying in' a rope at 'let go' places. The engineers are going to quit on account of their low pay, but were given a raise. This does away with the theory that the receiver has not the power to raise the wages.

"We have not acted hastily in this matter, and will not go back to work. It seems that Receiver Colvin and the members of the new company were trying to avoid us, and we considered that they would hold off deciding the matter as long as we kept the cars running. If the receiver tries to run the road without us he will find how hard the work is. There is no one to break in the new grips, and it will take fully a week for them to learn the road so that the cars can run safely. We will not use force in backing up our demands, but there are other cables in the country if the company can set along without us. Every car was put into the barn, as usual, when we stopped. The report that the men had left the cars out on the track was started through an accidental stoppage in the cable a short time before the cars were hauled in."

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Slashing at shadows—those misguided women who use Pearline because "it must be the clothes." If Pearline is either hands or clothes, do you suppose that the woman who use it would be saying "The very ease of its washing keeps many from using Pearline. They've been brought to believe that easy washing is dangerous. So it is, often. That is a risk you run with and untried things. But Pearline, the first and only washing-compound, is as well-known as soap, and has proved to be equally harmless.

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GOOD WORK OF LABOR BUREAU.

Eleven Thousand People Were Furnished by It With Employment Last Year.

People who watch the progress of affairs at the city hall or who are patriotic enough to take an interest in matters of municipal government cannot fail to notice the good work done by the free labor employment bureau. During last month it secured work for 895 people, and for the year 1892 for more than 11,000.

These figures are all the more striking when compared with the previous records of the office, and show pretty clearly upon what an era of development the city has entered.

The number of people who were furnished employment by the bureau last month is not only far greater than for the corresponding month of last year, but is 35 per cent larger than for the three months of January, 1892, January, 1893, and January, 1897, all put together. The exact figures are as follows:

Table with columns for Month/Year and Average. For January, 1892: 180; For January, 1893: 162; For January, 1897: 319. Total for three Januaries: 661. Total for January, 1898: 895.

As the bureau was not started until April, 1894, there is no record for January preceding that date.

The statistics by years are equally striking, the total number of employments furnished last year being very nearly as great as for the three preceding years combined. The figures are as follows:

Table with columns for Year, Total, and Average Per Month. 1894: 2,967 Total; 40 Average. 1895: 3,779 Total; 48 Average. 1896: 3,402 Total; 28 Average. 1897: 11,026 Total; 98 Average.

These totals included hop-pickers as follows: 1894: 1,114; 1895: 2,650; 1896: 135; 1897: 2,820.

Chief thinks that the explanation is not good, as it is a curious coincidence that, whereas Mr. Fernandez lost forty \$5 bills, twenty-four \$5 bills were found on Nisbet. Mr. Fernandez thinks he saw one of the men who met him at the bank door on the street yesterday.

Died of His Injuries. John Plumb, aged 85 years, who fell off a trestle near the Myers company Saturday afternoon and sustained internal injuries, died yesterday. He was the son of A. F. Plumb, night watchman at Myers' cannery.

Fifth Ward Republicans. The Republican Club of the Fifth ward will meet at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening of this week, instead of Monday evening, as heretofore announced. FRANK P. LEWIS, President.

Brigadier Powell Coming to Seattle. SPOKANE, Feb. 6.—Brigadier Powell, commanding the Pacific division of the Salvation Army, left this evening for Seattle, where he goes to make preparations for receiving his wife and children, who will visit that city next month.

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AMUSEMENTS. "In Old Madrid." Don Jose Rodriguez, retired merchant, worth millions, wants more money. Donna Clementine, his wife, who would give him a million if she were not so poor. Mrs. Ella Marble Fernandez, their daughter, in love with millions. Miss Margaret Shaw Don Cosme, a wealthy slave dealer, who would give a million for a wife. John Navarro, adopted nephew, clerk of Don Jose. Francis Jones "In Old Madrid," the well known comedy, "For a Million," set down in Italian surroundings, with its characters in picturesque Spanish dress. The five people to whom the success or failure of "In Old Madrid" is entirely competent, and the result of the favorable impression created by them at the Third Avenue theater last night assures a week's good business. The house was packed to the doors, and the audience was apparently in the fullest sympathy with the performance. The piece, under its original name and in its old-time dress, is familiar and does not require any review. Mr. Jones is a young man with a good voice of light quality, particularly noticeable for clearness of enunciation. He sang the song which furnishes a name for the piece, as well as several others that were demanded. Mr. Marble is particularly good as Don Jose, and Mrs. Ella Marble as Donna Clementine was severe and picturesque as his wife and the mother of Fernandez. The last character was in the hands of Miss Margaret Shaw, whose most valuable contribution was a pretty Spanish dance, and a graceful encoffrante in the second act. John F. Bailey as Don Jose rendered the "Ting-a-Ling" song so as to earn applause. The demands on none of the characters are heavy, but Mr. Marble's fine experience makes his work conspicuous. "In Old Madrid" suggests almost everything in the way of entertainment except grand opera and tragedy. It is up for a week's engagement.

Yesterday's Band Concert. In spite of the inauspicious weather, a splendid audience gathered at the Seattle

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