FIRE DRIVES CREW ASHORE

American Bark Empire Makes a Blaze Off Hawaii.

Flames Start in Cargo and Vessel Is Burned to the Water.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 7.—News was received by the steamer Moana, which arrived to-night, of the destruction by fire of the American bark Empire off Mahukona, Hawaii. She arrived at Mahukona on the 24th of July after a voyage of seventy-three days from Newcastle with a cargo of coal.

Two days later it was discovered that her cargo was on fire, and despite all efforts made to quell it the bark burned to the water's edge a short distance from shore and everything was lost. The fire was first noticed in the afterpart of the vessel, but burned so fast that the captain and crew could not go below to investigate. Captain Knack at once sent his wife to another vessel at anchor, and all hands began to fight to put out the fire.

First the captain tried to beach the vessel with assistance from shore, but the wind drove the burning craft off shore. Smoke and flames were mounting high in the rigging and soon the flames spread below and the heat was so intense that it was impossible to even stand on deck. Finally the captain decided that the battle was useless and the vessel was deserted, all the crew rowing ashore.

The burning vessel with its furnace of flame was a grand spectacle from shore and was seen by many people. The Empire was owned by J. J. Moore of San Francisco.

BREAKS A LAW WITH A BRUSH

Pacific Grove Councilman Violates a New Ordinance.

PACIFIC GROVE, Aug. 7.—There is much excitement here over the breaking of the recently enacted absolute Sunday closing ordinance by City Councilman C. K. Tuttle. The fact that he was the prime mover in the passage of the measure and is the first to break it only adds more interest to the case.

Tuttle is the proprietor of the largest drugstore in town, and was arrested today on a charge of selling other things besides drugs on Sunday. He pleaded guilty and paid his fine without demur. According to his own statement a man came into his store Sunday morning to buy a hairbrush, saying that he and his wife arrived here late Saturday night and found they had forgotten a brush. Tuttle, believing the case to be urgent, sold the brush.

There is very strong feeling against the new ordinance, and since the Tuttle case has come out many persons declare they will cause its repeal if they have to take it to the Supreme Court. According to its provisions everything is closed except livery stables, transfer and news agencies, restaurants during specified hours and drugstores for the sale of drugs only. No milk, ice or bakery wagons are allowed to run, and great inconvenience is thereby occasioned.

PACIFIC COAST ROAD MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

New Double Track to San Anselmo and Better Line to San Rafael Contemplated.

For the past year the North Pacific Coast Railroad has been improving its roadbed between Sausalito and San Rafael and double-tracking the road between Corte Madera and San Anselmo. On the main line between San Anselmo and Cazadero bridge builders have been employed on all the high trestles and smaller bridges. All old timbers have been removed and new ones substituted, so that all crossings are now in first-class shape. Only a few years ago the old rails, which were of light weight, were taken up between San Anselmo and Point Reyes and new ties and rails put down. The company is preparing to put down new rails beyond Point Reyes all the way to Cazadero.

This section of country when the road was first built was a great freight producer, shipping large quantities of grain, potatoes and other agricultural products to the metropolis. But changes in crops to dairying and the working out of the great timber tracts deprived the road of its freight traffic, and, while in former years it was customary to see loaded freight trains moving south and empty cars northward every day in the week, now the freight business has fallen off to one freight train that goes up the road one day and comes back the next.

But within the past few years a new interest has been taken in that section of Sonoma County near the Russian River. Over 200 families have built inexpensive summer homes there and the number is constantly increasing. The future prospects for the road on that account warrant the improvements for which preparations are now under way. With the opening of next season the public may look for improved service to Cazadero and all way stations. The policy of the road is to increase the facilities just as fast as the public demand warrants.

GRAPE-NUTS.

A Pullman Palace Car Man ..ON.. GRAPE-NUTS

(See below.)

"In the morning, when you don't have very much of an appetite, just fill your coffee cup about one-third full of Grape-Nuts, then fill up with hot coffee, sweeten to taste, stir well and let settle. Now try your coffee. Why, man, it will make your hair curl. After drinking your coffee, add a little more sugar and eat your Grape-Nuts with a spoon, and my word for it you will feel like a fighting cock until dinner time. If you never have, and want something good, try it once."

The above is from a Pullman Palace Car man who starts out by saying that "Grape-Nuts are fine with cream, but let me tell you what to do when the old cow goes dry." We would further suggest that persons who have trouble in digesting coffee, use Postum Food Coffee for the morning meal and try the Grape-Nuts with it instead of with ordinary coffee.

Both Grape-Nuts and Postum contain certain elements that are of great value in rebuilding the human body.

CITIZENS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PAY TAXES THAT SHOULD COME FROM WATER CORPORATION

Oakland Council Purposes Lowering the Contra Costa Company's Franchise Assessment Nearly $1,000,000 and Raising Assessments of Individuals a Like Sum to Prevent Deficiency in the Budget That Would Otherwise Result

OAKLAND, Aug. 7.—If Councilman J. S. Wixson of the Second Ward had not been suddenly stricken with a chill of the pedal extremities last night, or if Councilman Andrew Ruch had been present, or if City Attorney Johnson had not been so positive in his opinions and statements, the proposed cut in the franchise assessment of the Contra Costa Water Company would have been made, and nothing would have remained to be done except raise the property assessments of the business portion of the city of Oakland in a sufficient amount to supply the revenue that will be lost by the reduction of the assessment of the water corporation.

But City Attorney James A. Johnson talked right out in meeting and said that the franchise of the Contra Costa Water Company was a thing of value and that it was assessable, and that it should be assessed in Oakland and not in San Francisco. The City Attorney supported his statements with a lot of law that was very dry and which few understood, but when it came to his final resume of the situation he said positively that his conclusions were that the franchise of the Contra Costa Water Company should be assessed, and should be assessed right in Oakland.

This caused embarrassment in the Council, for City Attorney Johnson is the legal adviser of that body. It is true that Emil Nusbaumer, attorney for the Contra Costa Water Company, did not agree with Mr. Johnson, and said so in extenso, but that did not help matters very much, for Mr. Nusbaumer represented the corporation and Mr. Johnson represented the city, and that is what is reputed to have chilled Councilman Wixson's feet.

President Louis Schaffer, who is wise in his day and generation, saw that something had gone wrong, and when Councilman Bon and Councilman Courtney wanted to make motions to reduce the assessment he ruled them out of order. They did not take the hint, and Councilman Courtney rushed to the front with a resolution to reduce the assessment as had been done by the County Supervisors.

Wixson Wanted Time.

Then the frost became evident, for with five votes to reduce Councilman Wixson declined to vote with his colleagues, asking for more time to consider. But as he would not vote for the resolution, he would not vote against it, and so the resolution failed for want of votes enough. There were but three votes against it, those of Dornin, Wallace and Fitzgerald, and two were absent, Cuvellier and Ruch. Cuvellier is sick and would have voted with the minority. Ruch has been voting with the majority of late when it is necessary, and the course of his vote in this matter is being watched with interest.

But the possibilities of this reduction are not dead yet. The reduction was once refused by the Supervisors, but enough votes were afterward secured to cause a reconsideration and the cut was made, so that hope has not been abandoned as to the Council. The matter will come up again to-morrow night and it is confidently asserted that either Wixson or Ruch will vote with Bishop, Boyer, Bon, Courtney and Schaffer to make the reduction.

A Question of Revenue.

There is another side to this reduction. It is the question of revenue.

The city of Oakland is always "hard up." Holes begin to make their appearance in the financial garments of the city about three or four months before the end of each fiscal year. Then a great "to do" is made about a deficit and all salaries are carried over into the next year and no deficit occurs. But under this system Oakland always starts each fiscal year with a deficit in the shape of three months' salaries that have been carried over.

Oakland started this year just as it always does, with three months' salaries to the bad. The City Council knows this. It also knows that the annual revenue of the city of Oakland is scarcely more than sufficient to maintain the city without an inheritance of debt from the year before.

Then the specter of the high water rates loomed up before them, for the water bills of the city for municipal purposes will be nearly double those of last year. The hydrant bills, which form the largest item of municipal water expenditure, will be double those of last year.

In the face of this the City Council is pledged to municipal improvements.

It was a gloomy outlook for the municipal improvements and those in the Council who could see into the future saw only a struggle for revenue with which to keep the city going and put on a few patches where it was breaking out at the elbows and running down at the heel.

Then came the proposition to reduce the assessment of the Contra Costa Water Company. The financiers of the Council saw that to do that would mean a decided reduction in the revenues of the city that were already too small. Something had to be done to fill the vacancy that was to be caused, and so the scheme of increasing the values of the property of the city was advanced.

Must Make Up Deficit.

It is argued, and this argument was advanced last night by Councilman Boyer at the meeting of the Council, sitting as a Board of Equalization, that the people would have to pay the taxes of the Contra Costa Water Company anyway, under Judge Hart's decision. While this is true it becomes a question of revenue for the city. It is money that is needed no matter from what sources the money comes, whether the people pay it through the Contra Costa Water Company or whether the property valuations are increased and they are made to pay it in that way. So if the Contra Costa Water Company's assessment is reduced a million of dollars somewhere about the city that million will have to be made up or Oakland will never be able to make both ends meet this year.

So it has been decided that the property assessments in the center of Oakland will be increased about a million, and the Council, sitting in its capacity as a Board of Equalization, has issued a series of citations to property owners to come before them and show why their assessments should not be raised. The first of these citations are returnable to-morrow evening, and then the troubles of the City Equalizers will begin.

Up to the present time it has been very plain sailing for the City Council and the Contra Costa Water Company.

Nothing remains of the burned books but the smoke.

Judge Hart fixed the valuation of the Contra Costa Water Company at a most satisfactory figure, and the burned books could not be brought into court to show what the plant cost.

The City Council has fixed water rates based upon this decision of the Sacramento jurist.

Supervisors Changed Minds.

It is true that there was threatened a slight hitch before the Board of Supervisors. When it came to a vote upon the reduction of the assessment upon the Contra Costa Water Company's franchise before that body on July 19, Supervisors Horner, Rowe, Talcott and Mitchell voted against reduction, while Supervisor Church stood alone for cutting the valuation.

But between July 19 and July 23 Supervisors Horner and Rowe discovered that it would be better to reduce the assessment upon the franchise than to reduce it upon the real property and took the ground that the company would fight the assessment and stood a better chance of knocking out the assessment upon the franchise than that upon the real property. So on July 23 things were restored to the harmony of their successful way and Supervisors Horner and Rowe voted with Church and reduced the franchise valuations from $1,450,000 to $9000.

Now it is "up to" the Council to do likewise, and great surprise has been expressed in many quarters over the fact that there should have been any hitch last night. That hitch was due entirely to the decided stand that City Attorney James A. Johnson took, which rather staggered the Council.

People Must Pay Piper.

These little matters of revenue and rates all get right back to the people, who have to pay the piper no matter whether it is because the Contra Costa Water Company fixes water rates or the City Council fixes revenue, or both. It only becomes a question of how much they have to pay the piper.

Judge Hart gave the water rates a lift on one side by his decision, and now the City Council is going to give the other side a lift and give the taxes a boost.

Up to the present time it has been a question that affected the people at large and the people at large seldom protest, for what is everybody's business is nobody's business. But when it becomes a question that involves individuals there will be a great, big, generous, wholesouled objection, and that objection will be registered to-morrow night when the property owners along Washington street will have to come forward and show cause why their assessments should not be raised, so that revenue sufficient to supply the deficiency made by the proposed Contra Costa reduction can be met.

The Council, for the purpose of this increase in the assessment roll, created three districts in which it is proposed to raise the value of the real estate, and one district in which it is proposed to raise the assessments upon mortgages to the faces of the mortgages.

The first district comprises the property owners on each side of Washington street from Seventh to Fourteenth street. The property owners who are affected in this district must appear to-morrow night before the Council sitting as a Board of Equalization.

Property-Owners Who Are Cited.

This list is composed of the following named:

Benjamin Ide Wheeler, trustee of the Sather property on the corner of Fourth street, for the University of California; Harriet W. Blake, Mary Matthews, George Uhl, J. C. Westphal, Harrold C. Martin, Joseph Boardman, J. T. Moran, Grove Investment Company, Masonic Temple Association, John A. Beckwith (president), J. and H. Abrahamson, Thomas Crellin, H. Kahn, Mrs. M. K. Blake, William R. Davis, Bacon Land and Loan Company, Henriette Levy, F. W. Schutz, Henry Sevening, F. G. Drum, Arthur Brown, Mary E. Dewing, Isabella A. Baldwin, V. D. Moody, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Joseph Boyd, The John Nicholl Company, Ann Reier, A. M. Snyder, T. W. Corder, Paul Schlotzhauer, O. Lamarche, Henry Evers, R. S. Foye, Eletta M. Brown, A. Michel, P. Bocqueraz, E. and R. Hancock, Edward Newlands and L. Campbell.

Following the creation of this district there was another, the property owners in which were cited. This second district is composed of the side streets from Seventh to Fourteenth, inclusive, running from Broadway to Clay street.

Here is a list of the property owners affected, who have been cited to appear to-morrow night with the Washington-street property owners:

Ernestine Delger, J. C. Westphal, William T. Hamilton, Harold L. Martin, president of the Theological Seminary, Joseph Boardman, William Clift, J. and H. Abrahamson, Mary Canning, Edson F. Adams, A. L. Moller, C. Bechtel, Emily S. Pardee, Kahn Brothers, B. Leary, Bacon Land and Loan Company, M. H. and M. M. Murphy, the Ainsworth Company, M. V. Sparks, James Eva Estate Company, A. Brown, F. G. Drum, Henry Sevening, H. Adrian, I. A. Baldwin, Joseph Lancaster, L. Trowbridge, M. Brown, A. C. Hentley, the John Nicholl Company, W. G. Wilson, M. A. Gooding, A. M. Snyder, L. W. Moffitt, M. E. Martin, E. Hindman, M. Reading, F. K. Shattuck, A. Meckler, Central Pacific Railroad Company, E. Newland, M. Newland, Theodore Gier, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, E. L. Hutchinson, A. N. Wachs, S. K. McLean, R. S. Farrelly, E. R. Tutt, J. T. Moran, J. E. Estale, Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company, E. Vrooman, Grove Investment Company, Oakland Masonic Temple Association, Young Men's Christian Association, E. M. Havens, William R. Davis, J. H. Nash, E. J. Russell, C. Rowe, L. M. B. Edwards, G. H. Collins, Paul Eppinger, M. S. Rudolph, E. J. Tennon, A. A. Kennedy, V. D. Moody, W. H. Rouse, the Salvation Army, C. W. Burgars, A. Wilson, John Simon, J. T. Quigley, J. S. Seulberger, G. M. Kimball, L. H. Briggs, E. M. Havens, Mrs. M. K. Blake, J. A. Nash, L. D. Brown, E. M. Read, J. F. Woodward, M. S. Rudolph, E. J. Fennon, George Ellis, A. Ellis, S. S. Kenney, V. D. Borland, Anna Johnson, C. M. Kielsberg, E. Henshaw, J. Barrett, J. McElroy, S. J. Fearn, Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company, Inez Demming, F. G. Drum, Loreta Kelley, Daniel E. Martin, H. R. Havens, A. H. Russell, Emil Bluming, Mary Vinest, the F. Galindo Estate, Martin Ryan, M. Longe, Hettie P. Henshaw, E. M. Brown, W. R. Foye, Henry Evers, O. Lamarche, P. Bocquerez, Albert Kayser, J. Barrett, J. D. Halsted, E. C. Farnum, E. Remillard, A. H. Morris, O. R. Smith and J. J. Shoo.

The third district that was created is bounded by Fourteenth, Seventeenth and Clay streets and San Pablo avenue, and the following named residents within it must appear before the board on August 13:

Thomas E. Hanson, C. R. Lewis, Martin M. Dunn, Charles Camdon, George C. Pardee, Maria Viard, Charles Jurgens, T. Harding, estate of E. W. Playter, Emily S. Pardee, Frank G. Dunn, Annie E. Bushell, S. H. Palmer, Martin V. Sparks, Nellie L. Edwards, J. Faure, A. S. Macdonald, G. and J. Scott, Mrs. Henrietta and Sylvester Clark, Jacob Werner, James Prespo, Claus B. Tackle, Margaret Hart, Central Bank, the Real Estate Combine, Alice F. Blake, James Moffitt, H. P. Witcher, John R. Spring, Bacon Land and Loan Company, Olive E. Stevens and Amelia E. Stevens.

The Council has secured information to show that in the territory bounded by the water front, Fourteenth street and from the Lake Merritt arm to Market street, there are several pieces of property that are not assessed as high as the mortgages upon them. It is now proposed to raise these pieces of property to the face of the mortgages at least. It is estimated that $250,000 can be added to the assessment roll by this move. These parties will have to appear on August 12:

Mortgagees—F. W. Schultz, Thomas D. Riordan, Remillard Brick Company, Pacific Surety Company, Thomas Mehan, Henry Busing, John McRae, Catherine Manchester, F. Ries, Equity Building and Loan Association, Hibernia Savings and Loan Association, A. H. Hitchcock, L. C. and L. S. Holcomb, Henry Hayes, Edna J. Aiken, Augusta Simons, Ella Clunie, G. Rosenck, Mae B. Waserwitz, Oakland Bank of Savings; Mary Keenan, Elizabeth Moon, H. C. Morrison, Union Savings Bank, I. L. Requa, W. S. Keyes, N. J. Stiles, J. West Martin Estate, D. Edward Collins, H. L. Tanner, L. L. Solomons, A. Craig, Katherine Brown, Edith M. Able, A. Lynde, Husband & Brooks, Elizabeth Mild, J. Mosbeck, Mary E. Powell, German Savings and Loan Society, Minna I. Thorne, F. H. Gray, Lowell J. Hardy, W. G. Henshaw, Humboldt Savings and Loan Society, Union National Bank, J. V. Harris, G. Sanderson, Marie Hillegass, C. W. Gibson, G. W. Hazeltine, H. C. Campbell, Thomas Smith, Dora B. Hubbard, Sarah M. Dunning, Louise Nordhausen, T. L. Barker, W. J. Dingee, Francis L. Berteline, H. B. Houghton and P. Bocqueraz.

Mortgagors—Knight & Littlefield, Pacific Coast Lumber and Mill Company, Elizabeth McNeill, Celia Callihan, Margaret McLaughlin, Lena Christensen, T. M. Anthony, I. Cresswell, Ingler, Atkinson & Young, J. M. Haven, Sarah J. Richardson, Fred Becker, Paul M. Barker, Germania Hall Association, L. Ringolsky, John Allman Estate, Methodist Episcopal Church Extension Society, Mrs. F. J. Kelly, A. C. Henry, Charles McCleverty Estate, W. C. Pond, Anna M. Johnson, Salvation Army of New York, Charles L. Stanley, A. C. Beck, George H. Barrett, W. D. English, F. Senram, The Ainsworth Company, Blanche I. Sherman, Mrs. M. F. E. Farren, George T. Hawley (trustee), J. V. and J. W. Harris, F. H. Rice, D. Husing, A. C. Dietz, Margaret Wythe, Louise Heeseman, Theodore Gier, Lucy P. and A. E. Lohse, Marie La Flache, Josephine E. Brown, Mary I. Meyers, Anna M. Robinson, Joseph Hutchinson, Marie I. Stone, H. A. Powell, Henrietta Levy, First Swedish Lutheran St. Ansgar's Church, W. R. Thomas, Hook Brothers, Mary E. Breck, Mary McCutchen, George Hallahan, Josephine L. Girard, John R. Glascock, Mary Gilbert, Kate Skinner, Hattie Chamberlain, Loraine Pammey, Marc Reading, Mary Kelley, Josephine B. Healy, Selesta Seering, Morris Wint, R. B. Melauoind, Joseph Harris, Kahn Brothers, Ida C. Kelsey, J. H. and A. S. McDonald, V. P. Mitchells and L. M. Cobbledick.

ONE MEMBER OF THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL WHOSE VOTE IS RECORDED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE FRANCHISE ASSESSMENT OF THE CONTRA COSTA WATER COMPANY AND SIX OTHERS WHO, IT IS SAID, WILL VOTE TO SAVE TO THE CORPORATION TAXES ON NEARLY $1,000,000.

SOME PHASES OF WATER COMPANY TROUBLES

Contra Costa Water Company burns its books.

Company sues the city of Oakland to force it to fix water rates upon a valuation of $8,000,000.

Judge Hart is imported from Sacramento to try the case.

Judge Hart fixes value of the Contra Costa Water Company at $7,000,000, upon which the city of Oakland must pay water rates.

Possession of the City Council is secured.

City Council fixes water rates in compliance with Judge Hart's decision.

Alameda County Supervisors cut assessment of Contra Costa Water Company's franchise nearly $1,500,000.

WHAT IS YET TO COME.

Franchise assessment of the Contra Costa Water Company to be cut nearly $1,000,000 in the city of Oakland.

Property valuations of the city of Oakland to be raised nearly $1,000,000 to make up for the cut in Contra Costa.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRM BUYS THE WAREHOUSES

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Make a Large Deal in Washington Grain District.

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—At Colfax to-day a deal was consummated by which Aaron Kuhn, the largest individual grain dealer and warehouse proprietor in the State, disposed of his warehouses in the Palouse country to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. of San Francisco and Liverpool. The sale includes sixteen warehouses located as follows: Moscow, Idaho; Pullman, Guy, Riverside, Colfax, Mockenemo, Diamond, Lees Siding, Endicott, Meeker, St. John, Sunset, Glenwood, Elberton, Wawawai and Granite Point.

All the warehouses are on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's system, except the last named, which is on the Northern Pacific, nine miles south of Pullman. All are in Whitman County except the first named, which is in Moscow, Idaho, one mile from the State line. The warehouse at Wawawai is in reality two houses connected with a tramway 9000 feet in length, one warehouse being at the top of the bluff overlooking Snake River, 4500 feet above the other warehouse, which is on the river bank and from which the grain is to be loaded on Oregon Railway and Navigation steamboats. The price paid is said to be $50,000. The new firm assumes control of the warehouses immediately and will handle this season's crop.

Correspondent Arrested as a Spy.

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The Berliner Tageblatt announces that Wilhelm Meyerbach, its correspondent with the Boers, has been arrested by the British on a charge of espionage.

WINDOW GLASS TRUST FORMING

Combination Will Embrace All the Factories of the World.

Two Financiers of Pittsburg Are at the Head of the Project.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 7.—The Times to-morrow will say: Another vast industrial combination, one of the greatest that has ever been planned, is evidently under way, and two prominent Pittsburgers are taking a leading part in the consummation of the project, that has for its object the world's supply of window glass by one corporation.

The proposed combination is to take in all of the window glass manufactories of the world, and if effected, the business will be conducted from Pittsburg, as the nucleus of the organization is the American Window Glass Company of this city. This company practically controls the window glass business of the United States and the only factories in Europe that amount to anything are located in Belgium.

A combination of these, judging from the item from Brussels, is now under way, and as one of the men, who is accredited with being one of Pittsburg's leading financiers, is one who has participated successfully in previous deals of a like nature, it is safe to assume that the present one will be consummated.

The Pittsburgers who are conducting negotiations are President James A. Chambers and Vice President M. K. Mullen of the American Window Glass Company. They left this city for Europe about ten days ago.

TURNS A GUN ON A SKIPPER

Fisherman in Suisun Bay Nearly Commits a Murder.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MARTINEZ, Aug. 7.—An Italian fisherman whose name and whereabouts are unknown shot and nearly killed Captain Olsen, the skipper of the schooner Nettie, in Suisun Bay this afternoon. Although the mariner will recover from the numerous wounds he received, the sight of his left eye is endangered and one of his arms is so riddled with buckshot that he may not be able to use it again.

The shooting was the result of Olsen's unintentional interference with the Italian's fishing net. The schooner became entangled in it and the Italian rebuked the skipper. For a few minutes there were warm words between the men. The verbal controversy culminated when the Italian raised a shotgun and opened fire on the captain of the schooner. The first charge of shot struck Olsen in the face. A second charge of shot caught him in the arm and disabled that member.

Satisfied that he had wrought sufficient damage or possibly fearful that Olsen's friends would retaliate with weapons, the Italian made off in his boat and has not been seen since. Olsen was sent to San Francisco to have his wounds dressed.

RAILROAD OFFICES TO BE CONSOLIDATED

Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Will Have New Northern Business Centers.

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—The Oregonian to-morrow will say: Another step in railroad consolidation is reported to take place in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle on the first of September. This will be no less than the consolidation of the city office of the Union Pacific (O. R. and N.) and the Southern Pacific. The general offices of the two companies in Portland are not yet to be disturbed. V. A. Schilling will be the agent and he will be assisted by C. W. Stinger and J. L. Slipp from the Southern Pacific office. Agent B. J. Kirkland of the Southern Pacific, it is understood, will be taken care of elsewhere.

On the same date it is said the offices of the two companies at Seattle and Tacoma will be consolidated in each place. This consolidation will be effected by putting all the business of both lines in that field in the hands of the present Oregon Railroad and Navigation agent, who will thereafter represent the interests of the Harriman group and not merely the separate Union Pacific. Wherever known this announcement is interpreted as a precursor of consolidation of the general offices in Portland. The impression is strong that General Freight and Passenger Agent Markham of the Southern Pacific will be made general freight agent of the combined interests and that Traffic Manager Campbell and General Passenger Agent Craig of the O. R. and N. will hold the same offices in the consolidation. Thus the traffic staff will be Campbell, Markham and Craig and they will have charge of the O. R. and N. and Oregon and California business. No date is yet set for this merger of general offices, but it is believed that it will not be postponed beyond the first of the coming year.

Calle.—Now, my little man, what is your parents' genealogical chart for? Bright Boy—To hide a tear in the parlor paper, sir.

Rheumatism

Rheumatism is due to an excess of acid in the blood. When this escapes through the pores of the skin, as it often does, it produces some form of skin eruption—some itching disease like Eczema or Tetter—but when these little tubes or sweat glands are suddenly closed by exposure to cold and sudden chilling of the body, then the poisons thrown off by the blood, finding no outlet, settle in membranes, muscles, tissues and nerves. These parts become greatly inflamed, feverish and hot; dagger-like, maddening pains follow in quick succession, the muscles become extremely tender, the nerves break down and the sufferer is soon reduced to a state of helplessness and misery. This acid poison penetrates the joints and seems to dry out the natural oils, and the legs, arms and fingers become so stiff and sore that every movement is attended with excruciating pains.

Liniments, plasters, electricity and baths, while their use may give temporary ease, cannot be called cures, for the disease returns with every change of the weather.

"Three years ago I had a severe attack of la grippe, which left me almost a physical wreck. To add to my wretched condition, a severe form of Rheumatism developed. I tried all the physicians in our city, but none of them could do me any permanent good. I used all the rheumatic cures I could hear of, but received no benefit. After beginning S. S. S. I was relieved of the pains and have gained in flesh and strength and my general health is better than for years. I consider S. S. S. the grandest blood medicine in the world, and heartily recommend it to any one seeking relief from the tortures of Rheumatism.
B. F. GREGORY, Union, S. C."

S. S. S. cures Rheumatism by working a complete change in the blood; the acids are neutralized, the circulation purified and the rich, healthy blood that is carried to the irritated, aching muscles and joints, soothes and heals them. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism even when inherited or brought on by the excessive use of mercury. Opium, in some form, is the basis of nearly all so-called Rheumatic Cures, which deaden the pain but do not touch the disease and lead to ruinous habits. Alkalies and the potash and mineral remedies so often prescribed, affect the tender lining of the stomach and weaken the digestion, thus adding another burden to the already weak and impoverished blood. S. S. S. contains no mineral or dangerous drug of any kind, but is a simple, vegetable remedy and the most perfect blood purifier known. Send for our book on Rheumatism and write our physicians if you wish any information or advice. We would be glad to mail you a book free; we charge nothing whatever for medical advice.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.