

MORSMAN GIVES TESTIMONY

Ex-President of Pacific Express Company Called to the Stand

AMOUNT OF THE SUDBOROUGH SHORTAGE

Witness Says that Accused Admitted Being a Defaulter. After Which He Was Removed from His Position.

It was almost noon before the examination of ex-Bookkeeper W. E. Nasson, was finished and then ex-President Edgar M. Morsman of the Pacific Express company was called to testify relative to a withdrawal of \$24,000 from the cash book in December, 1897.

Nasson admitted that questionable entries had been made on the cash book since 1897 and that it had been his duty to carry over part of the earnings from the good months and add them to the earnings of poor months so that a steady good business could be reported. He had to own that whatever evidence could be produced against the entries in the cash book, it was in the disbursement column of the classification book was of a doubtful character.

He identified the item of shortage amounting to \$24,000 on the cash book which was already in evidence, but in revealing Sudborough's talks with him, stated that all referred to matters which had occurred previous to 1894, and not covered in the information of the case.

"Sudborough came into my office of his own accord," he said, "and after a long conversation said he was sorry at his time of life to have to confess that he was a defaulter. I asked him how much. He said the books would show the amount that they were in his debt and Hunt would return to the city in a day or two. After Hunt returned we had another conversation in my office with Messrs. Bechel, Hunt and Nasson present. I asked Sudborough what the shortage was, and he pointed out the item of \$24,000. I told him that the company would have no further need of his services. He said to me, 'I wish you to understand that I never had all that money.'"

Mr. Morsman's testimony was brief. He was cross-examined in the afternoon on its most important features. Some of the contradictory of the evidence given by Bookkeeper Nasson he said he did not remember Sudborough having said during his conversation with him that the shortage of \$24,000, that the money had gone "for whisky." He did not recall that Sudborough had said any such thing. Indirectly, that testimony, that Sudborough's shortage was also a subject of discussion.

Nasson was recalled to identify pay rolls for the two months of April and May, 1898, and their corresponding drafts, which were all exhibited to the jury. Nasson's testimony did not harmonize very well with the statements made by him on the preliminary examination before the county court and the defense was prepared to point this out according to the transcript of the evidence in the court below. Nasson had said there was no system established in the auditor's department by which the funds could be abstracted, but a transcript in the hands of the prosecution quoted him as saying, "I don't know." But when he had given the matter much thought and he was inclined to believe such a system had been established. Still, there was no better evidence than the drafts themselves and they contained no indication of what person or persons got the money.

After him William D. Kenyon, who was Cashier Chamberlain's assistant until Chamberlain's death, when he succeeded to the position of cashier, was called. He had been in the cashier's employment for eight years. Ever since he had been there, he said, drafts had been presented by Sudborough to the treasurer's office for payment and nobody questioned them. He could say whether Hunt or Bechel had cashed drafts after 1895. He also stated that upon the drafts themselves there is nothing to indicate to whom the money had been paid. What the stamps put on by the treasurer's office would signify all depended and as regards the word "remitted," put on in the auditor's office, he was not in a position to tell.

Expert Witness Called. The balance of the afternoon was devoted to Expert Louis E. Wetting, who had been employed by Eugene Young in the spring of 1898 to examine the books of the Pacific Express Company. Wetting is the expert who checked the books of City Treasurer Bohn in 1892 and 1893. Part of the time he was examining the company's books Hunt had assisted him. He explained to the jury the "suspense" column of figures in red ink near the margin of the credit pages of the cash books had been entered upon the classification books by a system of false and fraudulent entries, short credits and overcharges. This had had the effect of making the company's earnings to seem the amount of the shortage from time to time. For a period of time from January 21, 1894, up to June 11, 1896, the auditor's statements of earnings would be entered upon the books at \$1,000 less in each instance, but taking the earnings that sum each time, but taking that much off the "suspense" column of the cash books. With the assistance of Mr. Aldridge, by means of the books and auditor's statements set before the jury, these particular entries were pointed out after another. On the latter date a statement showing \$24,000 was entered as

PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED

Rabbi Thorne Selects the Words of Isaiah for His Text

DECLARES THAT PEACE IS GENERAL

People Are Discovering the Theories of Government Found in the Teachings of the Prophets of Israel.

At Temple Israel Friday evening Rabbi Maurice Thorne occupied the pulpit and spoke of the time when the peace of God will be observed over all the earth. He took for his text the words of Isaiah, "and the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and a little child shall lead them." The rabbi called attention to the fact that the prophecy is even now true to a great extent. War today is not what it has been. The day of hand-to-hand conflict with the spear, arrow and sword, when the strongest was the man who was not killed, has passed.

"Ever since the days of Isaiah the prophecy has been being fulfilled," said the speaker. "Even today we may say that peace reigns in a true sense that we can say that war is the real king. While it is not perhaps literally true that the sword has been replaced by the plowshare, the dawn of that day is not far off. The nations of today are beginning to discover new things, new facts, new theories of government, but they are theories of government that can be found in the teachings of the prophets and sages of Israel."

"Some months ago I heard the eloquent Colored Baptist minister, Rev. J. J. Poppo, and he held it up to ridicule. 'How,' he asked, 'can any man with a grain of sense believe any such absurdity?' The trouble with Colored Israel is that he is not more ready with his wit than his common sense. This explanation did not, however, satisfy the owner of the colliery and as a consequence Noid was locked up on a charge of larceny."

Directors of Old Exposition. An attempt was made to hold a meeting of the directors of the Transmississippi Exposition yesterday afternoon, but owing to the fact that a quorum could not be secured the meeting went over until this afternoon. The meeting place will be at the Millard hotel.

Bakers Show Socialism. CHICAGO, March 10.—The convention of the Journeymen Bakers and Confectioners' international union today refused to adopt the platform of the socialist labor party and claimed to be a trade union movement. The strike fund of the international union was abolished. The money in hand, \$2,000, will be distributed among the local unions.

Passes Danger Point. CINCINNATI, March 10.—The Ohio river has fallen from 37 feet and 4 inches to 32 feet and 4 inches, and the difference of four feet has been made up in the last 24 hours. The Grand Central steamer was used tonight and all of the freight depots will be accessible tomorrow. The damage from the flood has been very slight here, but at some points along the river there has been great loss.

Signs' Bonds Are Attached. CHICAGO, March 10.—It is likely that J. M. Sistrup of New York will have to wait some time before he gets possession of the value containing \$100,000 worth of bonds and certificates of deposit which was recently stolen from him at the trunk street depot and afterwards recovered by the police. The value is in the hands of the Wells-Fargo Express company and was to have been forwarded to Sistrup, who is now in California.

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And the Tune He Played.— was \$20 to \$100 saved" and he saved it on a piano purchase by coming right to headquarters for the piano. We have a large room and a warehouse filled full of pianos—the quantities we sell enables us to buy cheaply and consequently save you money. There are Kimball, Knabe, Knicker and Bach, Hallett & Davis and Hupé pianos represented in this great stock—besides our low prices we make very easy terms that are about like playing rent.

A. HOSPE. We celebrate our 25th business anniversary Oct. 23rd, 1899. Music and Art. 1513 Douglas.

AMUSEMENTS

Happy is the man or woman who can get out of bed, weary and without suffering after a good night's sleep.

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