

Good Health to the Children.

At this season the children are eating dainties, and the housekeeper must look specially to their food.

As good cake can be made only with good eggs, so also a cake that is healthful as well as dainty must be raised with a pure and perfect baking powder.

Royal Baking Powder is indispensable in the preparation of the highest quality of food. It imparts that peculiar lightness, sweetness and flavor noticed in the finest cake, biscuit, doughnuts, crusts, etc., and what is more important renders the food wholesome and agreeable to young and old.

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The Fire Losses of the Year—Department Work.

SALT LAKE CITY'S fire department consists of 41 paid men, who, with the exception of every tenth day, are put in their whole time for the protection of life and property in this city. The pay roll of the department supports 201 of the city's population, as the great majority of firemen are married men. During the present year, the membership has been increased from 38 to 41. Last year the department secured a new engine called "Roosevelt," and this year there has been added to the equipment a fine new Seagrave 55 foot extension truck. Plans are now out

for a new fire house to be built at the rear of station No. 1, and when it is completed it will greatly add to the facilities of the department and afford better fire protection than ever before. Chief James Devine and his assistant, C. E. Wood, and in fact the entire department are entitled to great credit for the good record made this year. It can be said that perfect harmony exists throughout the department and that the men have been united in an effort to bring it up to a high standard of efficiency. The following figures, showing the cost of maintaining the department from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, and other expenses and department statistics, were furnished especially for the

"News" by Secretary Michael W. Earl of the department.

COST OF MAINTENANCE.			
For Month of	Salary	All other	Expenses
January	\$ 3,019.48	\$ 433.74	\$ 3,453.22
February	3,080.95	477.37	3,558.32
March	2,987.55	504.37	3,491.92
April	2,997.19	509.57	3,506.76
May	3,131.70	582.87	3,714.57
June	3,267.80	2,013.88	5,281.68
July	3,291.75	396.69	3,688.44
August	3,275.80	732.57	4,008.37
September	3,275.80	462.27	3,738.07
October	3,292.50	340.31	3,632.81
November	3,380.85	1,154.20	4,535.05
Total	\$35,000.38	\$7,072.05	\$42,072.43

Month	No. of fires	Miles traveled by department	No. feet of hose stretched	Gallons of chemicals used	Actual time in service at fire-house	Value of property exposed to fire	Insurance involved	Insurance paid	Actual loss	Loss over and above insurance paid
January	10	1,009	68	8 H. 15 M.	\$ 13,090.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
February	9	1,459	209	19 H. 35 M.	868,685.00	508,425.00	304,947.58	263,662.58	68,715.00	
March	14	2,289	163	8 H. 15 M.	42,175.00	30,200.00	625.00	640.00	15.00	
April	14	4,290	143	18 H. 30 M.	63,975.00	24,000.00	7,444.00	9,944.00	2,500.00	
May	12	5,550	69	14 H.	27,460.00	4,000.00	389.25	1,144.25	855.00	
June	19	6,300	202	23 H. 10 M.	300,275.00	220,750.00	5,002.00	5,468.00	4,465.00	
July	21	8,050	246	22 H. 20 M.	245,324.00	139,500.00	1,250.00	2,290.00	1,040.00	
August	24	9,850	255	20 H. 45 M.	128,235.00	25,300.00	1,975.50	2,800.55	625.00	
September	18	3,574	83	18 H. 5 M.	38,500.00	17,000.00	1,732.25	2,562.25	810.00	
October	10	2,150	50	10 H. 40 M.	22,145.00	4,800.00	1,043.15	1,433.15	390.00	
November	15	2,550	153	13 H. 10 M.	237,060.00	137,900.00	1,948.90	2,091.90	143.00	
Total	167	34,541	1,503	176 H. 45 M.	\$2,046,824.00	\$1,115,975.00	\$326,478.78	\$396,346.63	\$68,867.00	

Evidence in Gravelle Case.

Helena, Dec. 18.—In the Gravelle case today the efforts of the state were devoted to proving attempts to wreck trains and destroy rails. A number of railway engineers who were on trains that exploded dynamite, and section men who made repairs, testified. It developed by the testimony of Daniel Boyle, superintendent of the Montana division of the Northern Pacific, that no attention was paid to the threatening letters until after the partial destruction of the railroad bridge at Livingston, Aug. 2, and that three days later Mr. Boyle himself put the first signal on an engine to notify the dy-

nameters that the railroad company would enter into negotiations, Boyle testified that this signal was run on the engine of every passenger train on the Montana division until Sept. 10. One of the engineers who testified gave a vivid description of how an explosion broke every window in his cab and put out all the lights. M. E. Sheridan, a ranchman, identified Gravelle as the man who had been at his ranch east of Helena, Sept. 21 or 22, who had lost a spur there, which the witness had afterwards found. When Gravelle was arrested he had only one spur, and the one found by Sheridan matches it. Robert Collins, another ranchman,

HALF RATES

via Oregon Short Line.
For the Christmas Holidays. Tickets on sale Dec. 24th 25th and 31st, 1903, and Jan. 1st, 1904; good for return until Jan. 4th. Particulars on application to agents.

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Will Ignore MacArthur's Talk.

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LAND FRAUDS IN WESTERN STATES.

John A. Benson of San Francisco Charged by Interior Department With Being the Leader

SPECIFIC CHARGE IS BRIBERY.

Alleged He Gave Money to Woodford D. Harlan to Violate His Official Oath.

Washington, Dec. 18.—John A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, charged by the interior department with being the head of the alleged land frauds extending over a dozen western states and territories to which Secy. Hitchcock referred vigorously and at length in his annual report, was arrested here today at the Willard hotel by Secret Service Officer Burns just as Benson was preparing to leave the city for New York.

THE CHARGE.

The charge on which the arrest was made was bribery, it being alleged in the affidavit of Mr. Burns and in the warrant that Benson paid \$500 to Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the general land office and now a clerk in that office, March 15 of this year, for the purpose of extracting from him information regarding the investigation of his operations at that time being made by United States Commissioner Hanson S. Taylor and as Benson had been apprehended by Officer Burns he was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have the preliminary hearing of his case postponed, and the date for such hearing was fixed at Wednesday, Dec. 30. He gave bail for his appearance on that date, when the government attorneys will seek to have him held for the grand jury.

AN OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

The statement was made by an officer of the government regarding the information obtained regarding the alleged conspiracy indicates a number of persons at present employed in the interior department at Washington and elsewhere. Numerous arrests are expected to follow that of Benson in short order, and that some employees who may not be arrested will be dismissed from the service. It is said that Secy. Hitchcock and the special attorneys in the case have considered it absolutely necessary to the successful working of the case that no action be taken with respect to the other alleged offenders until the principals in the case have been apprehended.

The government attorneys, Arthur B. Fugh, who has been special attorney in charge of the department on the land frauds, and Oliver Fagin, assistant attorney of the department of justice, who has also been employed on the case, in addition for land and mail bond for Benson, that he had been guilty of bribery during his present visit to Washington since last Monday, and in the interior department aware that his standing he was fully aware that his connection with the alleged frauds was fully known by the department.

HITCHCOCK INCENSED.

The statement was made later that Secy. Hitchcock was so incensed at the fragrance of this alleged offense that he told the officers to have Benson arrested at once, although it had not been planned to do so at present. Another assertion of the government officers is that Benson came to Washington in answer to decoy letters and in the interior department aware that his land office who were in reality acting for the secret service.

GAVE MONEY TO HARLAN.

The warrant on which Benson was arrested charged on March 15 that he unlawfully gave "a sum of money to wit, \$500 to one Woodford D. Harlan, who was then and there an officer of the United States, to wit, chief of the special service division of the general land office of the United States, with intent to induce the said Woodford D. Harlan to do an act in violation of his lawful duty as such officer. This is to say, reveal to him, the said John A. Benson, the contents of the reports of certain of the subordinates in the office of the said Woodford D. Harlan, concerning an investigation of the conduct of the said John A. Benson and his associates in making fraudulent selections and entries of public lands of the United States in lieu of the lands owned by them within the limits of forest reserves theretofore established under the laws of the United States in the states of California and Oregon, and in committing trespass on the said public lands."

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Treatment Absolutely Free Until Permanently Cured.

ALL SUFFERERS FROM CATARRH OR ANY CATARRHAL CHRONIC DISEASES BEGINNING TREATMENT WITH DR. SHORES AT ONCE WILL BE TREATED ABSOLUTELY FREE UNTIL A "PERMANENT CURE" IS EFFECTED. This special offer is made, by Drs. Shores to demonstrate to the public of Salt Lake and vicinity that there is a PERMANENT CURE FOR CHRONIC DISEASES. Under this special offer Drs. Shores give their professional services free and their treatment free until the patient is cured "PERMANENTLY"—the only charge in any case will be FOR THE MEDICINES ACTUALLY USED. In the past ten years, at their offices in California, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah, Drs. Shores have PERSONALLY treated over 100,000 CASES of Catarrh, Deafness and all forms of Nervousness and CHRONIC Diseases, and they know from PERSONAL EXPERIENCE that there is a PERMANENT CURE FOR CHRONIC DISEASES, and to demonstrate that fact they will take all "curable" cases of Catarrh and Chronic Diseases until further notice and treat them absolutely free until the patient is permanently cured.

Do not delay, but start treatment at once. THE OFFER APPLIES TO ALL. It shows Drs. Shores' good faith in their system of treatment for Catarrh and Deafness and deep-seated Nervous and Chronic Diseases. DON'T BE LATE: start treatment at once. UNDER THIS SPECIAL OFFER, HUNDREDS WILL BE CURED PERMANENTLY OF THEIR ILLMENTS' PRACTICALLY FREE.

NOT TEMPORARY RELIEF, BUT PERMANENT CURES.

Drs. Shores not only claim that the new treatment gives quicker relief than any other treatment, but Drs. Shores claim for their treatment that it cures chronic diseases "permanently," and now to demonstrate this fact they will treat all who apply at once with deafness or catarrhal chronic disease absolutely free until the patient is cured "permanently"—the only charge in any case will be for "the cost of the medicines actually used."

Under this special offer Drs. Shores give their professional services free and their treatments free, until the patient is permanently cured to all who apply at once—THE ONLY EXPENSE IN ANY CASE WILL BE FOR THE MEDICINES ACTUALLY USED. The only restrictions the doctors place on this special offer is that you apply for treatment at once, for Drs. Shores reserve the right to withdraw the offer at any time the crowds become so large that the proper attention cannot be given to each case.

If you want a permanent cure practically free, begin your treatment at once. Do not wait until your case has become incurable. Remember all who apply to Drs. Shores at once with deafness, catarrh or any catarrhal nervous or chronic disease will be treated free until permanently cured. THE ONLY CHARGE IN ANY CASE WILL BE FOR THE MEDICINES USED.

Come and bring your friends. All are invited to take advantage of this special offer. Consultation free for any disease whether you take treatment or not.



J. H. HERR, West Jordan, Utah.

PERMANENT CURES COUNT.

Mr. Horr says: "I suffered from what I considered the worst case of Catarrh a man could possibly have. I could hardly swallow anything. I could not tell one food from another by smell. I blew scabs out of my nose two inches long. I could hardly speak at times, had constant colds, with head stopped up, and generally felt sick and run down. I had about given up hope of a cure until I went to our Home Doctors, Drs. Shores and Shores. "In a very few days I felt all right, all my old symptoms left me. My head got clear and to all outward appearance I was cured. I spoke of this splendid work to my friends from time to time, but I wanted to see if the cure was permanent, so I have waited now over fifteen months, and find no return of my trouble, but, on the contrary, I never felt better in my life. I have no trace of Catarrh; I weigh more than I ever did; have good appetite; sleep well, and I feel like a perfectly sound and healthy man, and I have concluded there is no doubt about my cure being absolutely permanent and complete."

WE TREAT AND CURE

CATARRH—Deafness, Nose and Throat Troubles, Eye, Ear, Discharge, Bronchial and Lung Troubles, Asthma, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Diseases, Bladder Troubles, Female Complaints, "Chronic" Diseases of Women and Children, Heart Disease, Nervous Diseases, Chorea (St. Vitus' Dance), Rickets, Epinal Trouble, Skin Diseases, Sciatica and Rheumatism, Diseases of the Bowels, Flatulency and Rectal Troubles, Gout (or Big Neck), Blood Diseases, Tape Worm, Hay Fever, Hysteria, Epilepsy, Insomnia, etc., and all curable Nervous and Chronic Diseases.

IN DISEASES OF MEN

Drs. Shores & Shores stand alone as the Specialists who believe in their treatment so much that they boldly say to Men suffering with private troubles— "PAY OUR FEE WHEN CURED." Contrast this honest plan with the "pay-it-all-cash" plan of the fraud and fakir. Did you ever hear of a fakir "refunding" a penny to a duped patient? Drs. Shores say keep your money in your pocket and pay our fee when cured.

DANGER SIGNALS

Aches and Pains Are the Danger Signals That You Are Sick and Need Treatment.

Read the following symptoms over carefully, mark those you feel in your case, and send or bring them to Drs. Shores and they will tell you whether you can be cured FREE OF CHARGE.

The Head and Throat.

This form of catarrh is most common—resulting from neglected colds—quickly cured with little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

The Bronchial Tubes.

When catarrh of the heat or throat is neglected or wrongly treated, it extends down the windpipe into the bronchial tubes, and after a while attacks the lungs. Quickly cured with little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

Of the Ears.

Catarrh extends from the ears along the eustachian tubes into the throat, causing partial or complete deafness. Quickly cured with little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

Catarrh of the Stomach.

Catarrh of the stomach is usually cured by swallowing quickly whole drops down from the head and throat at night. Quickly cured at little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

Kidney Disease.

Results in two ways, by taking cold and by overworking the kidneys in separating from the blood the catarrhal poisons which affect all organs. Quickly cured with little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

Liver Disease.

The liver is affected by Catarrhal poisons, extending from the stomach into the ducts of the liver. Quickly cured with little cost by Drs. Shores' famous treatment.

Symptoms of Diseases of the Nerves.

These are the seven simple signs indicating disease of the liver. If you have any or all of them, seek Drs. Shores now and be cured.

Symptoms of Diseases of the Nerves.

- "Is your hearing falling?"
- "Do your ears discharge?"
- "Is there pain in your ears?"
- "Do you hear better some days than others?"
- "Is your hearing worse when you have a cold?"
- "Don't neglect this until your hearing is irreparably destroyed. Drs. Shores can cure you."
- "Do your hands and feet swell?"
- "Is there pain in the small of the back?"
- "Has the perspiration a bad odor?"
- "Is there puffiness under the eyes?"
- "Do you have to get up often at night?"
- "Is there a deposit in urine if left standing?"
- "Don't neglect these signs and risk Bright's Disease killing you. Cure it now."
- "Are you easily dizzy?"
- "Do you have headache?"
- "Are you easily excited?"
- "Do your hands tremble?"
- "Are you easily irritated?"
- "Do you take cold easily?"
- "Do your muscles twitch?"
- "Is your temper irritable?"
- "Do you feel miserable?"
- "Do you get tired easy?"
- "Do you have hot flashes?"
- "Are your spirits low at times?"
- "Do you have rumbling in the bowels?"
- "Do you have a bitter taste in the mouth?"
- "Do you have a constant bad taste in the mouth?"
- "Do you belch up gas?"
- "Are you constipated?"
- "Is your tongue coated?"
- "Do you blot up after eating?"
- "Is there constant bad taste in the mouth?"
- "Now is the time to be permanently cured. Drs. Shores are curing hundreds every week."
- "The major troubles of the nervous system are caused by poisons in the blood. Poisons circulating in the blood irritates the brain and nerves, and such symptoms as these follow:"
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Steady Increase in Postoffice Business.

The following table shows the money order business at the Salt Lake postoffice for the eleven months ending Dec. 1 last, with the current month estimated.

For 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1903.	No. of Orders.	Amount.	Fees.
1903.	32,675	\$5,648.31	\$2,053.87
Dec. estimated	4,109	3,165.26	307.60
Total	36,784	\$8,813.57	\$2,361.47

REGISTRY BUSINESS.

Following is an estimate of the registered matter handled in the Salt Lake postoffice during the current year:

Quarter Ending	Stamps.	2nd Class Postage.	Box Rents.	Postal Deposits.	Total
March 31	\$3,931.07	\$ 268.25	\$ 80.30	\$14,762.75	\$15,042.37
June 30	41,949.24	3,260.36	852.50	15,238.20	46,280.30
September 30	41,609.78	3,207.09	856.75	12,651.71	48,324.33
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BIG INCREASE IN POSTOFFICE REVENUE.

The following table showing the gross receipts for 1903 in the Salt Lake postoffice gives a gratifying increase over the same figures for 1902. Only in one instance is there a decrease in the postal deposits, and that does not cut much of a figure.

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