

MADRID PRISON SCHEME IS GOING THE ROUNDS ONCE MORE

What has long since been summarized as one of the neatest, but now worn out, swindling games that trans-Atlantic mails carry, has bobbed up again in this city. Nearly a year has elapsed since the world-famous prisoner in a Madrid bastille who has a fortune willing to share with his liberator, has been heard from through letters to this vicinity but E. Polack is the latest. Offering a total reward of \$160,000 for certain duties he was to perform, the letter is an exact duplicate of those already circulated and which created considerable excitement a few years ago here. The letter is postmarked Madrid, Spain, all right, and was written there but how the writer has always picked Union county people as liable to purchase the golden pebble, is not known—neither is it known how he obtains information about the recipients of the letters as he does. The envelope was addressed: "E. Polack, Grocer, La Grande, U. S. A."

A newspaper clipping telling of the troubles that led the writer into prison from whence he now seeks to be liberated accompanies the letter. It is, too, an exact duplicate of clippings sent here about three years ago. Ivanovitch, the name the writer poses under, says in his letter:

Madrid, 1-3, 1913.

Dear Sir:
Although I know you only from

good references of your honesty my sad situation compels me to reveal you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune saving at the same time that of my darling daughter.

Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia as you will see by the enclosed article about me of many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 480,000 dollars I have in America and to come here to raise the seizure of my luggage by paying to the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum.

As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz: 160,000 dollars.

I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you must send a cablegram to a person of my acquaintance who will deliver it to me.

Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secret, I am, sir,

Yours truly,

IVANOVITCH.

First of all, answer by cable, not by letter, as follows:

Antonio Barriol

Lista Telegrafos, Santander, (Spain)
"Answer"

Polack.

Dayton Fire Spreads Long Holiday in Flood Zones

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could hear their cries two blocks away. Some cries came from the direction of the Becker house. All Dayton is likely to burn unless the fire is extinguished soon.

Women Taken First.

Women and children first is the rule in Dayton today. Hundreds of men are left behind in the flooded homes after the families were moved because there was not room in the boats. Many of these are facing death in the fire, while the anguished wives and children watch the flames from points of safety.

Already corpses of the flood victims are visible. From the south shore of the flooded district bodies are seen floating with the debris and carcasses of horses. It is believed few bodies will be recovered as they are floating down the river.

While little has been done to save the thousands imperiled by the flood in the fire ravaged city, every effort is bent to the work. Such few boats as are available are being worked at top speed.

Already scores of women and children, who were famishing and nearly freezing have been landed on higher spots of the city where the waters have receded. Bitter cold is retarding the rescuers.

New Soda Fountain.

A very complete and up-to-date soda fountain has been installed in the Newlin drug store. The fountain is of the 1913 model and is the only one of its kind in this part of the country. It is almost wholly triumphed in marble and has numerous light globes enclosed in tinted glass which gives the fountain an appearance that is different from anything of its kind heretofore known. The quality and service, it is said, is to be fully up to the exterior standard. The equipment was installed at a cost of \$7,000.

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000 homeless, with damage of at least \$10,000,000. At Delaware 13 are known to be dead and 1000 homeless. Loss a million.

At Zanesville 7 known to be dead, 4,000 homeless, loss million and a half.

At Hamilton 13 dead, hundreds are homeless and loss estimated at two million and a half.

At Middleton seven known to be dead and a hundred missing. Estimated loss, a half million.

At Dayton 25 policemen and a dozen firemen are missing. This includes Charles Phillips who leaped into the flood believing his family had perished.

The Lewiston and Grand reservoirs are still intact, and the same is true of the St. Mary's dam, though it was reported gone and the inhabitants given added fright.

Collapse of the Lewiston dam is seriously threatened however. Millions of gallons of water are retained by it.

Tomorrow at The Arcade

The Arcade offers for tomorrow "The International Conspiracy," produced by the Gaumont company in 3 reels. This picture is said to be the best and most sensational picture ever put out by this company. The climax is very thrilling, showing the exciting chase of a motor boat by a battleship and the blowing up of the motor boat.

Today there is a complete change of vaudeville featuring the Gypsy Musical and Singing Novelty act, with beautiful costumes, special scenery, electrical effects, etc.

Council Will Demonstrate Road Repair

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thoroughly cleaned of all dust or refuse; an application of bituminous material is made on the road of 1-4 gallon to the square yard followed by a uniform coating of screenings or fines. The road is then rolled, another application of 1-4 gallon to the square yard of bituminous material is made and the second course of screenings applied. Such depressions as develop are then of course, filled with screenings as the work proceeds and a sufficient excess of bituminous material should be given to such spots.

The demonstration is to take place on the worst places of North Second street, and the exact cost to do the work determined. Mayor Hall endorses the scheme heartily and he is backed by all members of the council who are anxious to have the defects in the streets mentioned repaired. The scheme suggested here is not original, having been found very satisfactory elsewhere.

All the members were present when Mayor Hall called the meeting to order. The street committee reported a proposition of selling its unused scales to D. M. Clark for \$100 and to permit the erection of the scales on Jefferson avenue despite the fact that the street is to be paved.

Plans and specifications for concrete culverts on Fourth street were filed and adopted.

The sewer and health committee filed a recommendation that the street committee be held responsible for the proper care of the sanitary sewer in not allowing the catch basins to be filled up and overflow. The need of a storm sewer is daily becoming a more serious problem with the city council.

The J. A. Matott petition to sell some water pipe running to property in South La Grande he recently sold, was acted on adversely by the committee and the council.

The old flusher report which has been off and on the table for some time was filed again last night advising the purchase of a Sanitary flusher for \$1025 f. o. b. La Grande, but later advice having been given the committee, the report was killed on the request of the committee that filed it, and later in the evening, the council decided to purchase the Studebaker flusher, which costs \$1050 f. o. b. La Grande, if the sprinkler attachment is not used and \$1090 if used. This, however, is a year's "time" deal the city paying only the amount of the freight required to ship it here, and the main amount a year hence. The Sanitary deal was cash. The city has a year's demonstration use of the machine and ample right to refuse to purchase the machine if unsatisfactory. The I. C. M. & M. company is the local dealer for the machine.

Residents on Oak and Jefferson petitioned for an arc light. It was referred.

The fire and police committee is considering a petition to have a fire alarm bell installed in the water superintendent's home.

C. T. Darley, a local engineer, filed with the council a communication urging specifications of the Portland Cement & Concrete company of Portland be placed on file.

An ordinance dealing with the manner of petitioning for and carrying out small improvement contracts was read the first time. It changes in some respects the method in the old ordinance.

Creation of a sub sewer district in the neighborhood of M. L. Third and Cedar, was taken last night and the city has passed a resolution of intentions to improve by building this sewer.

The city engineer has been instructed and empowered to re-survey the streets, the paved area especially, and lay and establish monuments where none now exist.

Steps to effectively pipe Jefferson avenue before the street is paved this summer and to improve the service of water on the north side all to cost in the neighborhood of \$3500 were taken last night after considerable debate. The question of advertising for bids to do the work and for bids on the material used, occupied con-

siderable time and attention, but the water committee was finally given power to lay before the council an ordinance embodying all the phases, and incidentally the ordinance will introduce a new policy of the council. All projects of importance will hereafter have been studied, and costs estimated, by the city engineer. It is likely, however, that the city engineer and water superintendent will do the supervision of construction of this extensive project, rather than letting the work to a contractor. This is one of the biggest projects the water department has undertaken in some little time, and the council is proceeding slowly and carefully with the details leading up to it.

The labor certificates will be paid from the road fund hereafter. The matter of allowing the finance committee to meet with the city recorder the first of each month, audit the labor certificates and allow them to be paid without the delay of waiting for the charter-provided methods, came up for discussion. The rights of the city's laborers prompt the councilmen to act thusly and the charter provision curbs such action, and just what will be done remains to be seen.

A resolution ordering a topographical survey of the West section of the city was adopted. It calls for measuring of the water that will come from Deal canyon this spring and on that data the engineer is to prepare plans for the proper diversion of the water, where to send it, how large the storm sewers need be, and in other ways prepare for the expeditious handling of the spring freshets. The council deems this one of the utmost necessity for the city, and careful readings of the volume of water coming down the canyon in the spring to be handled by residence sewers and private irrigation ditches, will be determined.

Method of raising improvement warrant interest is again up, the sewer fund having been suggested as the best medium to give ready cash for that purpose.

Bills and claims against the city will be published monthly hereafter.

To place the collection of water rents in the hands of the city recorder, and to provide for the continuous attendance of an office force during the noon hours and after the usual closing hours during the three evenings just previous to the tenth of the month, has been ordered. Hereafter there will be men on hand to receive water rent any hour of the day and part of the evening, part of the time. This is planned especially for laboring men and such others as can't come to the city offices in the usual working hours.

EXCAVATION IS STARTED

WEST-JACOBS BUILDING CONTRACTORS BEGIN SEASON.

Old Land Mark Removed to Make Room for Basement Excavators

Excavation of the site for the new West-Jacobs building at Elm and Adams has been commenced and thereby is the 1913 season of building started. It has been found necessary to increase the basement already there by about two feet and it is to do that that contractors are now removing debris and other impediments. The removal of the old shoe shop on the alley between Adams and Washington, on Elm, takes away one of the oldest landmarks in the heart of the city. It was occupied for several years by Gust Engledorf, a shoemaker and since he retired from the business, others had used the shack. It was run out on the street last evening and is now being moved away to permit excavation.

Notice to All B. of R. T. Men.

There will be a special meeting to-night called by Asst. President T. R. Dodge. A large attendance is requested.

C. W. WALDEN, President 315
3-27-11

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until 8 o'clock p. m., April 2, 1913, for the construction of approximately 400 lineal feet of cement walk to be built on the north and west sides of the west half of block 12, Coggan's addition, which lies on the east side of Tenth street, and the south side of Washington avenue. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for five per cent of the amount bid.

By order of the council March 12, 1913.

LEE WARNICK,
City Recorder.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon, will receive bids on the following specified equipment:

One Fairbanks cement testing machine No. 3184. One Fairbanks percentage scale, No. 485. Five two section gang molds, No. 3194; one set Gilmore needles, No. 3170; one 16 oz. graduated measuring glass; one small sized trowel for placing material in molds; cement test sieves No. 50, 100, 200, with brass frames Nos. 111, 112, 113; sand test sieves Nos. 20, 30, with brass frames No. 214, and 215. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m., April 2nd, 1913. The city reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

LEE WARNICK,
Recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Henceforth the Bussey taxi and bus line will have quarters at the Foley hotel. Phone Main 131. Day and night.

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