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PORTLAND LOCALS

Mrs. H. Morgan, of 464 Davis street, is on the sick list.
Mrs. A. Palmer, of Park and Everett streets, is seriously ill.
Arthur Wilson and Samuel Young, of Oakland, spent the week in our city.
Mrs. Frazier, of Mill and Eleventh streets, is quite ill with heart troubles.
Mrs. L. B. Lejeune, one of our pioneer citizens, is seriously ill at her residence, North Ninth and Gilson.
Mr. Ed Rutherford on last Tuesday was presented by his wife with a bouncing daughter. Mother and child are doing well.
Mr. H. Lawrence, an employe of the Oregon Brass Works, was severely injured by having another employe fall on his back.
Mr. J. E. Watson, who was severely injured by falling from a ladder whilst engaged in washing windows, is again able to follow his usual avocation.
Mrs. L. C. Flup was the guest of Mrs. D. M. Newman on Tuesday last whilst on her way from Spokane, Wash., to her home in San Diego, Cal.
Mr. Ellek Waters, late of Red Bluff, Cal., has accepted a position with the Lewis Stenger Barber Supply Co. in their new quarters at Tenth and Morrison streets.

moned into one of the dining rooms, presumably to take an order, when she occupant of the room closed the door and slashed her three times across the face with a razor. Miss Lee screamed and rushed back to the kitchen, where the proprietor was. At the same time her assailant ran out of the front door. From the nature of the wounds and the description of several who saw the person fleeing, it is thought that it was a woman disguised in men's clothing. Acting upon this theory the police have made several arrests of persons whom they thought likely to be influenced by jealousy into committing such a deed, but at the present time they have not a strong case against any of the suspects. Miss Lee was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital, where she is resting easy, with excellent chances of recovery, unless some unforeseen circumstances should arise. It is the earnest hope of the whole community that the guilty party be apprehended and punished.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14.—Announcements are out that Dr. J. William McDowell, of St. Louis, will engage in the practice of medicine in this city, May 1, 1907. Office announcement will be later. Residence, 351 Calumet avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Laura Wright, of 4830 Wabash avenue, is confined to her bed, but is improving slowly.
The next meeting of the National Defense League of Colored People of the United States has been called to meet at Ann Arbor, Mich., on July 5, 1907.
Mr. George W. Gough, 33, a prominent thirty-third degree Mason of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been appointed deputy for the state of Michigan for all the branches and departments of Freemasonry.
The next session of the National Federation of Friendly Societies among the colored people in the United States has been called to meet at Buffalo, N. Y., July 8, 1907. Each national organization is entitled to five delegates and each state organization is entitled to three delegates and every local organization is entitled to one delegate.
The attention of the public is again called to one Mrs. S. J. Gray and one William Gray, of this city, who are soliciting money, as they claim, for the purpose of building a home at Braidwood, Ill., for aged Baptist ministers. It will be remembered that only a short time ago that both of these individuals had been expelled and put out of several societies for misappropriation of funds.
Your correspondent is well informed and very familiar with the way and manner in which the spurious order of Elks was first started among the colored men in the United States. In the year 1898 Mr. Riggs, a colored man, living in Cincinnati, O., was employed on the railroad as a porter and was running on the railroad on the Cincinnati and Ohio, the Order of Elks among the white people was holding and having a large meeting at Cincinnati, O., at that time. One of the white members of the Order of Elks lost his secret ritual of the order, and Mr. Riggs found it, and in a short time after that Mr. Riggs, without any authority or power from anybody whatever, commenced to confer the degree of the Order of Elks and organized lodges among the colored men in the United States. So it is well settled and not denied but that Mr. Riggs was the first colored man in the United States to have the work and commence to confer degrees. It has been admitted time after time that Mr. Riggs or no other colored man up to the present time ever had any power or authority to establish lodges of Elks among the colored men in the United States, and no honest, intelligent and fair-minded man, who is in any way familiar with the origin and history of the Order of Elks among the colored men in the United States can honestly and truthfully say that it ever had or has now any legitimate origin, and that being true, it must be admitted that the establishing of lodges of Elks among the colored men in the United States is clandestine, unlawful and spurious.

The weekly socials held by the ladies of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, will be held on Wednesday evenings hereafter, instead of Tuesdays, as heretofore.
Mr. H. Woods, of Eleventh and Mill streets, was a victim of the thugs that are making a reign of terror in our city, being held up and relieved of \$19.75 on last Saturday evening.
Mrs. C. O. Coffee received the sad news of the death of her sister in Knoxville, Tenn. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. Mrs. Coffee has the sympathies of a host of friends in this hour of her bereavement.

The young people's meeting held at the Zion A. M. E. church, Thirteenth and Main streets, under the leadership of Mrs. Lulu Easton, was well attended on last Sunday evening and bids fair to become one of the popular institutions of the city. Their meetings are held each Sunday evening from 7 to 8 P. M.
The members of Household of Ruth, No. 844, G. U. O. of O. E. F., are sparing no pains to make the entertainment to be held at their hall February 12, for the benefit of their regalia fund, a success. The novel part of the program of having each member relate in verse their efforts to make (or get) a dollar promises an abundance of amusement, and may reveal to the audience another Paul Lawrence Dunbar or a Phillis Wheatly. Remember the date and place, February 12 at Trades Union hall, southeast corner Second and Yamhill streets.

The affairs of the Enterprise Investment Co., the only institution of a financial nature that the colored people of this city are connected with that is managed and controlled by themselves, shows a very encouraging state of affairs, the value of their holdings being at the present time \$13,500, an increase of \$3,000 in less than five years. This success is in large part due to the skillful management and untiring energy of Mr. J. C. Logan, the president of the association, and is another example of what can be done if our people would unite and pool their interests.

Mr. Benjamin Pratt, for a number of years an employe of the Hotel Portland, died on last Sunday night, after an illness of four days. Funeral services were held at Holman's undertaking parlors, Tuesday, at 3 P. M., Rev. Geo. E. Jackson, of the A. M. E. Zion church, officiating. It was largely attended by his friends and acquaintances. The remains were shipped to his former home in Newburyport, S. C. Mr. Pratt was universally respected and admired by all of his acquaintances. He left an estate valued at \$2,000. Mr. Ed Rutherford, who had worked with him for several years was appointed as administrator.

Again Oregon is in the lead. The climatic conditions of the past few days have been such as even the "oldest inhabitant" has to admit he has not seen, and few, if any, of those from other parts of the country even claim to have experienced similar conditions. The so-called "silver thaw," which covered trees, telegraph and telephone wires and poles with a glistening coat of ice, whilst at the same time a fine driving rain was falling, has never been experienced. The loss to our telegraph and telephone and electric light and power companies will run far up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fortunately it was not accompanied with a loss of life, and all are thankful that normal conditions again prevail.

On last Monday night at 11:30 Miss Mamie Lee, one of the waitresses employed at the Vestibule Cafe, 389 Flanders streets, was severely cut across the face several times by some unknown miscreant. She was sum-

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