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KRUPKE'S ASSASSIN.

There was a slight change for the bet-There was a slight change for the better yesterday in the condition of George Krupke, who was shot last Saturday night at Seventh and Montgomery streets, and the surgeons now think that Krupke's chances for recovery are good, unless new complications set in. The builtet has not yet been extracted.

The police have made no arressa in the case yet, and stated again yesterday from the witnesses they have examined that Krupke, in their opinion, was not held up and robbed of \$2\$ and his scart pin by two highwaymen, but that he was shot by a man who is still unknown.

A black Fedora hat, size Ta, was found

on this show here quarrel.

A friend of Krupke's, who would not consent to his name being used, made this statement: "When Krupke left the Hoffman House last Saturday night, I know he had no money, for he admitted as much to me. I don't think he was beld up and shot by robbers. I am of opinion he was shot by some unknown man who bears him ill will, and who wanted to put him out of the way because of a woman. I don't know who the association, and while some of the members said they would be glad to see the building put up this year, and cheap money could be had for the purpose, it would not be a good business proposition now.

George Joseph called at the police station peaternay and said he was confident that Krupke had been held up. While at Pifth and College atreets last Saturday alight. Mr. Joseph says that a tail man hear him, acted auspictously, and whiteled fabrilly, as if for his pal. This was about the time Krupke was shot, and Mr. Joseph thinks that the man who whistled may bely sixed the man who whistled the man who whistled may bely sixed the man who whistled may bely sixed the man who whistled may bely sixed the man who whistled the man who whistle may have signalled for his companion, who was just then busy with Krupke. Van Camp's Soups, loc.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Joseph heard the

pistol shots.

Friends of C, H. Thompson state that Mr. Thompson has been indisposed of late and was at his home Saturday hight and the first learned of the shooting of Krupke was from Sunday's Oregonian. They say that Mr. Thompson is not connected directly or indirectly in the remotest degree with any of the troubles of Krupke occurring Saturday night, and any statements published concerning a any statements published concerning a possible connection between the divorce case and the shooting of Krupke are entirely erroneous.

Masonic Building Association.

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A black Fedora hat, size 7a, was found by the police on Montgomery street, near Seventh, after the shooting, and there are those who think that this was the hat worn by the assassin when he was pursued by Krupke. A rumor started yesterday that this hat was a woman's, and that it was a woman dressed in man's Stothing who had shot Krupke, because of a pasious love quarrel.

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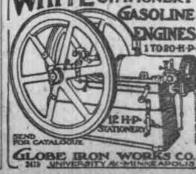


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