

FOR DUEL TO DEATH

"Chick" Houghton Receives Challenge and Gets Gun.

RIFLE IN HAND, HE STARTS OUT

Storekeeper Demands \$4 Pay—Ex-Pugilist Refuses and Lands in Jail—Who Is Mysterious "E. G. H."—Who Thirsts for Blood?

After having received a challenge to fight a duel to the death, either with pistol or sword, Charles Houghton, known as "Chick" Houghton, and pugilist, was arrested last night by Policeman Gassett, charged with stealing a rifle with which he proposed to fight the duel—from A. S. Kirk, who conducts an arms store at 120 Sixth street. Houghton asserts that he paid \$4 to Kirk's people for the rifle. Kirk denies this, and meanwhile Houghton languishes in the City Jail.

Houghton was considerably surprised last night when a messenger boy employed by the Pacific Messenger Company met him on the street, and said: "I know you. You're Chick Houghton, the fighter."

"G'way," retorted Houghton. "You ain't my size. See?"

"Well, I've got a letter for you. A sport just handed it in at our office," proceeded the boy, earnestly.

"Let's see it," said Houghton, and after he had torn open the envelope, this was the message that greeted the pugilist's eyes:

January 11, 1901.
Mr. "Chick" Houghton:
You and I are bitter enemies. I hereby challenge you to fight with pistols or swords, whichever you prefer. For the honor of the bartender here, as my second. E. G. H.

From Third and Taylor.
P. S.—All business to be conducted through my second, Mr. Pope.

"Where is he? Show me to him. Who gave you this?" yelled Houghton, in a passion.

"The whole I know is, a fellow threw this into our place, paid the money, and went right away," protested the boy. The latter lost no time in beating a retreat.

Mr. "Chick" Houghton frowned. What was he to do to an unknown individual who defied him on his native beach? Retreat was out of the question—honor was at stake, and Houghton's fighting spirit arose.

So he looked around for a rifle with which to meet his enemy, and chanced to pass Kirk's place, where arms of all sorts were on display. Houghton's eyes glittered as he began to fondle a trusty-looking rifle, and, like the war-horse, he scented the battle from afar.

The attendant meanwhile was keeping his weather eye on Houghton and the rifle, and observed that "Chick" cost you the rifle, and the attendant rushed after him and said: "There's the man who got my four plunks."

"Never did. And, what's more, I never saw you before," said that individual calmly. Suddenly Houghton found himself clutched by the coat collar, and somebody cried, "Police." This all happened on the sidewalk, and in about two minutes a crowd of about 200 men and boys gathered to see the edifying spectacle of "Chick" Houghton fighting with an unknown.

When questioned by the police Houghton said: "Who is that? E. G. H? Don't know and don't care. A fellow. Not much. It was to be a genuine scrap. I'd fight at the drop of the hat. I'm game."

"What made you carry off the rifle? To use in fighting this man?" one police official asked.

"Because I paid for it," said Houghton. "A man has only to say that he wants me, and I'm right there."

"But to fight with a gun?"

"Didn't the other fellow begin it?" said Houghton, in a rage.

An Oregonian representative went into the jail to talk to Houghton, and the latter said: "I'm pinched. Nothing to say. Good night," and he pulled his hat over his eyes.

The identity of the mysterious "Mr. E. G. H. of Third and Taylor streets," likewise that of "Bartender Pope" is wrapped in doubt. Oregonian reporters could not find these individuals last night, at the location given. The challenge to the duel was written, in ink, on the letter-head of the Pacific Messenger Company.

the Christian Union; Mrs. T. L. Elliot for the Church Calendar Committee; Mr. Herbert Lee for the Sunday School; Mrs. R. W. Wilbur for the Committee of Fifty; Miss Emily F. Davison for the Postoffice Mission.

Mr. Montague, from the chair, congratulated the society on the excellent work accomplished. A year ago the church was \$1700 in debt. Through devoted and energetic efforts of the Women's Auxiliary this debt had been raised, and there was now over \$200 in the treasury. After much pleasant conversation over a social cup of coffee the meeting adjourned.

FOR SWIMMING BATH FUND

School Children Will Present Cantata, "The Four-Leaf Clover."

Rehearsals are now in active progress for the presentation of the children's cantata, "The Four-Leaf Clover," otherwise known as "Chick Auf" at the Marquam Theater January 25, for the benefit of the free swimming bath, and the indications are that it will be a success. The chorus will consist of 50 children. The hardest work of all in preparing the venture and in organizing the chorus has been done by Miss Esther Siegel, a schoolgirl. Last September she suggested to the committee in charge of the bath fund that the cantata be given, and she alone undertook the difficult task of getting the singers together and arranging for rehearsals. Various people who promised to help her with the work of training the chorus dropped out when they found business engagements interfered, but little Miss Siegel pluckily got others in their places, and there is every indication now that the concert will be the means of contributing a handsome sum to the bath fund.

Miss Esther Siegel has been kindly assisted in the work of preparing the presentation of the cantata by Miss Ethel Webb, of St. Helen's Hall, Miss Schlotz, Professor Gustavus Eeman, Mrs. J. Frazer Watts, and others. Professor Eeman was the pianist at the rehearsal and he worked hard in drilling the chorus in the music. There are 11 principal parts in the cantata, and part of the cast will be: Coquette, Isabella, Mrs. J. Frazer Watts; Lady Ines, Miss Ethel Wingington; Lady Linda, Miss Blanche McBride; Pedro, Louis Merchant; Donald, Henry Michelson; Don Carlos, Robert Crane; Sir Ronald, James Vernon; Susan, Miss Carrie Thurman; Felemina, Miss Mollie Siegel; Gretchen, Miss Mary Robinson, and Gluck Auf, David Minsinger. The children will wear pretty costumes, and the music is sparkling and tuneful. The singers are mostly school children, and boys from church choirs. The Marquam Theater orchestra will play. The cantata consists of three acts, and when recently given at Fort Scott, Kan., instead of one performance, four performances were demanded, so successful was the affair.

There is now \$4000 drawing interest in a bank, at the credit of the bath fund, in addition to a balance with the treasurer and subscriptions not yet paid in. The money was deposited in the bank in blocks of \$100 each. The recent entertainment at the Arion Hall, under the direction of Miss Clara Clark and other girls netted the sum of \$100 for the bath fund, and this money was turned over yesterday by Mr. Holman to the treasurer.

BIDS ON NORTHRUP STREET

Three Contractors Offer to Do Improvement Work.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday afternoon Chairman Mills presided, and Messrs. Breymann, Chase, MacMaster and Williams were present. Bids for the improvement of Northrup street, from the double block between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, were opened, as follows:

Star Sand Company, \$125.35.
Smyth & Howard, \$112.25.
Francy & Kline, \$112.25.

The bids were referred to the Auditor for examination and report. The board accepted sewers just as completed, as follows:

Sewer on the Sandy road, by J. H. Simmons; on Commercial street, by Francy & Keating, and on East Ankeny street, by Portland Asphalt Company.

This being the business before the board, they resolved themselves into one of those delightfully informal gatherings, something in the nature of a 5 o'clock tea, and spent about an hour in a general discussion of streets and the various kinds of paving.

Mr. Williams brought up the subject of the improvement of Jefferson street, which, especially between Seventh and Fourteenth streets, is in a deplorable condition. He said the Portland Railway Company was improving the street between its tracks, and he thought the remainder of the street ought to be put in good order. He owns 150 feet of property on this street, and is willing to stand for any kind of good improvement. The board sympathized with him and was willing to accommodate him, and Engineer Chase said he would go out and look over the street and take notes, and endeavor to have the improvement attended to.

Washington street, especially that part between Twenty-third and the City Park, which Mr. MacMaster said was actually dangerous, was next taken under consideration, and it was agreed that the part of the street was in very bad condition and should be improved. Various kinds of pavement were considered. Engineer Chase will look over the ground and report.

VETERANS TO PLAY COLTS

Lively Game of Association Football for Saturday.

One of the most exciting games this season in Association football will be played Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, on the grounds of the Bishop Scott Academy between the Ancients and the Portland Football Club. The Ancients are composed of veteran players who were shining lights in the football horizon several years ago, and will be captained by E. S. Cawston. Their opponents will be of the present Portland Football Club, under the direction of A. E. King. There will be no charge for admission. The keen rivalry between the players has reached an acute stage. Municipal Judge Cameron will play fullback for the Ancients.

Another Artesian Well.

NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 14.—A flow of water at a depth of 578 feet was struck in G. H. Gano's artesian well, in the Moose this week. The well will be continued to a greater depth, about 250 feet more. It is thought, with the expectation of finding a heavier flow. The Gano well strikes a mile and a half from the Clark well, which the nearest to it was thought that the location might be outside of the artesian belt, but results proved it otherwise. There are now 24 artesian wells in the valley, and all are giving satisfaction to their owners.

Colored Men Fined.

Three colored men, John Jordan, George Smith and Burt McMahon, were before Municipal Judge Cameron yesterday, charged with being persons who have no visible means of support. Jordan and Smith were each sentenced to 10 days in jail, and McMahon was fined \$5.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

It is a well established fact that pneumonia can be prevented. This disease always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza. Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for these diseases, you will not find a single case that has ever resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dread disease. The fact is it counteracts any tendency of a cold or attack of the grip toward pneumonia. It is famous for its quick cures of cold and grip. Try it. All druggists sell it.

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Pillowcases
36x45 inches, torn and nicely hemstitched, only 12½c each.

Same of extra heavy muslin, plain hemmed, each 12c

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Satin finish, full size, now, each \$1.50

Richardson's Table Linens
Full bleached; three extra specials at 85c, \$1.05, \$1.25 yd.

Corsets
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Pretty Linen Pieces
A varied collection in Doilies, Centerpieces, etc., stamped or embroidered in white or colors. To close quickly, 5c, 9c, 17c, 27c and 64c each.

CLEARANCE SPECIALS IN UNDERWEAR.
Ladies' and children's in seasonable weights.
Child's Union Suits at half value for ages 3 to 10 years; all gray. Price, 15c only, each.
Child's Hose
Black cotton, worth 17 and 25c. To clean up small lots, pair 10c.
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Gray, well-finished, 65c garments only, each 35c.
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Our standard 35c grade 19c in black cotton, pair.
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Many may happen between the present and the session of the State Central Committee, and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that control of the committee may slip from Senator Simon's hands.

The Congressional fight is on in Wasco County. State Senator P. P. Mays, who went to The Dalles Monday with Senator Williamson, returned last night. Former Speaker L. B. Reeder, of Pendleton, who presided over the Lower House at the last session of the Legislature, was in Portland yesterday. Mr. Reeder is out of politics, according to an announcement made yesterday, and will not be a candidate at the next election. In discussing the situation in Umatilla County Mr. Reeder said:

"The candidate for Representative, who can convince the people of Umatilla County that he is in favor of and will work for the opening of the Columbia to Celilo will get the votes. It is a question that should be made a prominent issue in the campaign. There is a feeling that Mr. Moody has not done all that he might in this direction, and Mr. Williamson has not declared himself upon this question, so there is but an indifferent interest in the contest yet. The fact that Umatilla County will come before the convention with a candidate for Governor will preclude any attempt being made to nominate a candidate for Congress. Personally, I am out of politics, and expect to remain out."

LITTLE EXPECTS TO GO SOON.

Washington Fish Commissioner and Deputy Will Be Replaced.

E. C. McReavy, Deputy Fish Commissioner of the State of Washington, was in Portland yesterday, en route to Astoria on business connected with his office. Mr. McReavy has been serving under Fish Commissioner A. C. Little, and expects to go out of office when Governor McBride appoints that official's successor.

"Neither Mr. Little nor myself has resigned, but we expect to hear of our successors being appointed at any time," said Mr. McReavy yesterday. "From political gossip current in Olympia and elsewhere, the only question remaining to be settled is which of the aspirants will be the fortunate one."

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Traveling Necessities
Bargain chances in the third-floor Trunk and Bag store—Trunks of every size and quality—Traveling Bags, Suit Cases, Telescopes, are all marked at unusually low prices during the Clearance Sale.

Sewing Machines
Before buying a sewing machine compare ours with other advertised machines at an equal price—We have no fear of your decision—Remember "Willamette" and "Eldredge B" machines are full bearing, have swell front, and fully guaranteed for 10 years.
\$25.00 styles at \$21.50
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A Remarkable Season.
NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 14.—The present season is a remarkable one in that there is so little snow in the Cascade Mountains. About the headwaters of the Yakima River and tributary streams there are barely two feet of snow, while a year ago there were 10 or more. The early fall of snow as a rule remains longest upon the ground, but this year nearly all of that has been swept away by the warm winds and rains. It is not likely that the later falls will make up for the deficiency, as they do not pack as does a continuous fall. Miners fear that there will not be enough water to carry on mining operations in the Spring, but the farmers have most to fear, as a shortage in the water supply, such as is likely to result, would work untold hardship upon this part of Central Washington.

Regulation for Fife.
OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—Lyman Holcomb, Sheriff of Andrews County, Missouri, today presented a requisition to Governor McBride for the extradition of Stewart Fife, who is now in jail in North Yakima, this state. Fife is wanted for the murder of his partner, Richardson, in Andrews County, on Christmas morning, and left a communication for Sheriff Holcomb left for North Yakima to get his prisoner, who has signified his willingness to return to Missouri.

A Well-Planned Suicide.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—After having taken the precaution to direct the authorities to his room and effects, Anderson Sonteb, of whom little or nothing is known, visited the hall of justice this morning, and left a communication for Chief of Police Wittman, after which he repaired to his room in a lodging house on Kearney street and blew out his brains.

Applications for Loans Approved.
SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—The State Land Board today approved 39 applications for

loans from the school fund, aggregating \$51,650. This is the largest amount of loans ever made at one time. Five applications, aggregating \$700 were rejected.

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