

BEATEN BY POLICE

Henry C. Albers Clubbed to Insensibility at Fire.

HE IS NOW IN THE HOSPITAL

Set Upon by Sergeant Church While Trying to Save His Own Burning Property and Overpowered by Policemen's "Bills."

There was a hot time yesterday on the side lines of the fire. Henry C. Albers, of the firm of Albers & Schneider, whose property was entirely destroyed, was badly beaten by the police, and is confined in St. Vincent's Hospital from his wounds. He declares he was set upon by the police in a most brutal and savage manner for attempting to enter the burning building. The episode caused a great deal of comment and excitement all over town yesterday.

Inasmuch as Henry Albers is a member of the firm whose property was destroyed and was entitled not only to the privilege of free access to the burning premises but also to the protection of the police, there has been a great deal of criticism of the savage way in which the officers handled him.

Mr. Albers had been present from the time the fire started. After the police arrived and established their lines around the building, Mr. Albers attempted to enter the building. He was held up by Sergeant O. P. Church.

Church, who had charge of the detachment of police at the fire, was in citizen's clothes, with his overcoat buttoned to the chin, and the Albers and a number of spectators say, did not wear a star. Church says he had his star conspicuously displayed. Several other policemen make the same statement. Mr. Albers was, according to a number of people, in front of his burning building, talking to two or three men. Church, the same people said, stepped up to him, grabbed him by the shoulder and tried to lead him away.

These people are positive that Church did not wear a star. Mr. Albers, they said, apparently did not know Church was an officer, and refused to go with him. Church clung to him, however, and Frank Albers raised his umbrella and struck the officer twice on the head. Then they said, Junior Roberts rushed to Church's aid and several policemen came up. About seven policemen carried Frank and Henry Albers to the patrol wagon.

Club Bows Fall on Albers. Either the quarrel or mistreatment by the patrolman, aroused Henry Albers' fighting blood, for in the wagon a battle began. Several of the policemen say that a helmeted policeman struck Albers two or three times with a club. Albers said that at least 20 blows were struck and Albers received all of them. The police say that only two blows were struck. Albers, they say, was in a state of mind to fight. He was in a state of mind to fight. He was in a state of mind to fight.

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who, even then, I did not know was an officer. The way Henry was handled was most brutal. He was clubbed into insensibility and cast roughly into the patrol wagon. There certainly were enough officers engaged to deal with my brother without beating him. The assertion that he was intoxicated is as absurd as it is false.

BONDING ASSESSMENTS DUE

Notice Given for Annual Installments Levied by Common Council.

City Treasurer Werlein gives notice that the annual installments levied by the Common Council under the bonding act for street and sewer improvement assessments on property bonded prior to April 1, 1902, and unless paid before April 1, 1902, will be declared delinquent.

As there has been some misunderstanding in regard to payments of installments under the bonding act, Mr. Werlein gives the following information for the benefit of those who have taken advantage of the bonding act.

Under the act of 1901, all property bonded was required to pay one-tenth of the amount annually and interest on all deferred or delinquent payments only. All property bonded since March 23, 1901, pays one-tenth of the assessment annually, with interest at 6 per cent per annum on unpaid balances.

Ordinance 12549 makes a levy of a special tax, equal to the annual installments assessed for the cost of the improvement of certain streets and the laying of certain sewers, the owners of which property made application for their assessments for the cost of such improvements, by installments, as provided by an act of the Legislature of the State of Oregon. This ordinance was passed by the Common Council, and is now in the hands of City Treasurer Werlein, with a warrant instructing him to give public notice of the tax, and when the same becomes delinquent, immediately after April 1, 1902, the treasurer will make a report and return to the Common Council showing the amount of said special tax collected and the amount remaining unpaid.

There are over 400 lots assessed under the provisions of this ordinance, and all property-owners, to avoid a tedious wait, will do well to call at the Treasurer's office at once.

To facilitate and simplify the collection the City Treasurer has prepared an alphabetical index of each name, where it appears on the roll, the nature of the assessment and the amount.

Many people have an idea that property bonded under the provisions of the act passed by the Legislature February 23, 1901, does not bear interest. This is correct, so long as the installments are paid on time. If the installments are not paid, interest is charged and collected at the legal rate of interest, the city's authority in this matter having been passed upon by the Supreme Court of the state.

The operation of the law under the provisions of the act passed February 23, 1901, and of the act passed February 23, 1902, is different in regard to interest payments, the act of 1901 being construed by the courts to prevent interest collections on deferred payments only, while the act of 1902, directs the collection of interest on unpaid balances. This slight difference in the wording of the two laws has caused a heavy draft on the general fund to meet the deficiency in interest payments for the redemption of matters on hand.

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A RECORD-BREAKING Walking Skirt Sale

Today and while they last, we will sell a line of new Spring Walking Skirts, chalk-line striped, worth \$7.50 and \$8.50, at \$4.95. Be one of the early comers and get best selections.

Rare Bargains in Percales

4000 yards of 36-inch Percale, in full variety of spring 10c yd. colors, this week, while they last, at PLAIN MERCERIZED CHAMBRAYS, tan, pink, Nile, currant red and blue, colors absolutely fast, only 20c yd. OXFORDS, CHEVIOTS, SCOTCH ZEPHYRS and DIMITIES all here now—a choice variety of them.

Full Showing of Spring Dress Goods

Our stock is practically complete. Of course stragglers will keep coming, but for fullest assortments, come now. See our

MIXED VENETIANS, \$1.50 NEW ETAMINES, black and pretty colors. LIGHT-WEIGHT BROADCLOTHS, and ALBATROSS, black, white and colors. and invisible striped, \$1.75 WHITE VELOURS for waists. TAILOR CLOTHS, yard MOIRE SILKS, for tailor-made gowns. black, white and colors.

A Hint of Spring Dress Trimmings

Some Smart Spring Dress Trimmings Shown in our progressive Trimming Department.

Cut-out Chiffon Gallons, elegant things in black and white, narrow for waists, wide for skirts, from 30c to \$5.00 yard. Batiste Bands, cream, ecru and white, from 35c to \$2.50 yard. Allovers to match.

NEW FLORABEL CUSHIONS—NEW GIBSON CUSHIONS AND CUSHION COVERS—Art Dept.

EAST SIDE BUILDING BOOM

FOUNDATIONS FOR HUNDREDS OF DWELLINGS RISING.

Movement is General, and Fine Residences, Cottages and Flats Are Under Construction.

The building boom on the East Side has opened out for the year 1902 with great vigor. Foundations for hundreds of dwellings, ranging in cost from \$100 up to \$500, are being laid. No one district can claim the greatest activity so far, for it extends to every portion of the East Side. In Upper Albina 20 houses are under contract. Union and Vancouver avenues are being graded, about 20 teams and men being engaged on the job. The Dudley Evans property on Russell and Commercial streets will shortly be graded, and provisions are being made to direct the street through a dense undergrowth into the Montgomery ravine.

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Three Very Important Events Start Today

The Greatest Shoe Sale Ever Inaugurated

A \$75,000 Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing

The February Sale of All Kinds of Books

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IN CLOAK DEPARTMENT Correct Styles in Ladies' Spring, 1902 TAILOR-MADE SUITS In Eton, Blouse and Postillion styles. Made of newest Spring fabrics.

VIOLA ALLEN TONIGHT. Will appear in "In the Palace of the King" at the Marquam.

SHIRTWAIST MATERIALS AT WASH GOODS DEPT. White Silk Madras, \$1 yard. White Imported Madras, 50c, 75c. White English Damask, 70c, 90c. Dressed Stripe Grenadine, 40c to 80c. Colored Silk Madras, \$1. Mercerized Canvas, 65c. French Linen Batiste, 80c to \$1.50. French Linen Embroidered Batiste, \$1.50, \$1.75. French Linen Stripe Batiste, 50c, 60c, 70c. Lace Stripe Madras, 60c, 65c. Lace Stripe Mouseline de Soie, 50c, 60c.

Goddard-Kelly Shoe Co. A General Favorite. SPRING STYLE SHOES SEASON OF FREAKS We Have Them

Next Friday and Saturday nights at the Marquam Grand Theater Melbourne Macdonnell and Florence Stone will present Victor Sarnoff's great play "La Tosca." Mr. Macdonnell stands high among the leading actors of the country and for many years was the co-star with the late Barry Davenport. He is seen as Le Baron Searp, which, without doubt, is one of his strongest roles. Miss Stone is enjoying the most successful career in her life. The company is a large one and includes Harry Plimmer, Frederick Emmet, Wilfred Rogers, George Macdonnell, George Clifton, Clarence Arper, Edward Quillman, Fred Archer, Frank Noble, Percy Rhodes, Harold Franka, William Richardson, William Roseart, Marie Walker, Josephine Thyme and Lillian Johns.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Baker. Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a real blood-and-thunder version of the greatest of melodramas, will appear at the Baker for four nights and two matinees, beginning next Thursday. The production is said to be the best of its kind on the road, and is no theater-goer's ever miss. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has come to town, a tremendous success is expected. The company has been carefully selected, and includes many well-known players. Fine setting and costumes are promised.

Restoring Crippled Service. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The telegraph and telephone companies are slowly recovering from the big storm. All day today was spent in restoring the crippled service and stringing new wires to replace the old ones, which have been blown down in all directions. At noon Philadelphia was still cut off entirely from direct telegraphic and telephonic communication with this city. Baltimore

was in the same fix with Philadelphia, and Washington could be reached only by a long and circuitous route leading through the Middle West. Quarantine, Sundry Hook, Fire Island and many suburban communities were completely cut off from the metropolis, and the companies held out little hope for a respite until tomorrow morning. The South could be reached only through the West