

HOT SHOT AT M'KAY

Alleged Reformer Meets a Severe Rebuff.

HIS CRIMINAL RECORD EXPOSED

District Attorney Chamberlain Shows Him Up as an ex-Convict—Woodward, Clarke & Co. Say It Was Attempted Blackmail.

Grant McKay, the would-be reformer and earnest advocate of the enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance, did not succeed in persuading District Attorney Chamberlain to swear out warrants for the arrest of the proprietors of the store of Woodward, Clarke & Co. and August Erickson. He laid the foundation for a reputation as a man of his word and called upon the District Attorney yesterday morning, as he had promised. After a somewhat stormy interview with Mr. Chamberlain, in the presence of his nephew, he retired in chagrin, "with his tail-feathers drooping," so Mr. Chamberlain said.

Mr. McKay has addressed several letters to The Oregonian, protesting against the neglect of the city officials, or the District Attorney, to enforce the law prohibiting business houses, other than drug stores, and saloons to be open on Sunday. He declares that the notion department of Woodward, Clarke & Co. should not be allowed to do business on Sunday, and, to procure evidence, says that he purchased a small article there yesterday. Through McKay's communications to The Oregonian by mail, yet his address is unknown, and he could not be found yesterday.

When he called upon the District Attorney he found that that gentleman was thoroughly informed as to his past operations in this city and elsewhere, and had concluded that Mr. McKay had some ulterior motive in his presence. "Mr. McKay," said the District Attorney, "before this matter goes any further, I must tell you that I am not personally acquainted with you, and cannot make out these warrants unless you bring out if you are a person whose testimony could not be impeached if this case came to trial. Is it true that you served time in the State Penitentiary of California?"

"That is true," said McKay. "Is it so that you were once rejected from a Northern Pacific train for riding on a ticket bearing the name of another person?"

"Yes." "Were you married to Ella Wheeler, at Everett, Wash., while you had another wife living in this city?" "I married Ella Wheeler, but had no other wife living then."

"Well, Mr. McKay, I cannot have warrants sworn out for such men as these, except on the complaint of a reputable citizen. As you are a man whose testimony would be impeached the moment you came into court, and it is evident that your purpose is nothing more than blackmailing, if you wish to be instrumental in the enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance, you bring some reputable citizen to make the complaint. I consider you nothing but a blackmailer and a scoundrel." Then the disinterested advocate of the Sunday closing ordinance left the office.

"I will do all I can at any time to enforce that ordinance," said Mr. Chamberlain. "If the people show they expect the city officials, including the police department, will help me; but the work of a man like that will do nothing toward that end. The records show that he did actually have a wife here when he married again on the Sound, and his reputation in this city is well known."

"We have an accurate record of McKay's operations in Portland and elsewhere, and it makes very interesting reading," said Louis G. Clarke, of Woodward, Clarke & Co., Saturday. "He is related to many respectable people here, but they have not hesitated to give us full information about him. He has simply been preparing to blackmail us."

TO LICENSE AUTOMOBILES

Lovers of the New Machines Themselves Favor the Movement.

A movement is now being agitated to place a license upon all automobiles in the city. The automobilists themselves are in favor of the project, for the license will give them an indisputable right on the highways, and, though this has never been denied, yet should a damage suit occur, the plaintiff would doubtless dwell upon the fact of an unlicensed machine injuring a vehicle, which bore a license tax. Up to the present year automobiles have been so scarce in Portland that they have been considered almost curiosities, but the rapidly increasing number necessitates regulations in regard to them. In New York the law now requires that the initials of the owner be legibly inscribed on the rear of the automobile, so that, in case the automobile should cause any damage, it could be easily identified.

The automobiles used in Portland have heretofore been of an easily managed type, of moderate speed, but one regulation French racer has already been imported for use here, and it is expected to purchase another of still higher speed. These fast machines are naturally liable to cause more damage to pedestrians and other vehicles than the slower types, hence the license movement.

It is proposed that the license be \$3 per month, or possibly that amount for the first month only, and \$1 per month thereafter. As there are 21 automobiles now in Portland, a considerable revenue would be derived from that source. It is understood that the matter will be laid before the City Council at the next meeting.

SELECTING NEW MEMBERS

Fair Directors Will Suggest Ten Names to Stockholders.

An informal meeting of the directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair was held yesterday afternoon. Only six members were present. H. W. Corbett, W. D. Penton, Paul Westinger, A. L. Mills, Adolph Wolfe and J. F. O'Shea. At regular meetings eight members constitute a quorum. The directors discussed the election of 19 additional directors, who will be chosen next Monday afternoon at a meeting of the stockholders of the Fair corporation. This will be an adjourned meeting, the regular annual session having been held last July. It is understood that the directors are studying the map of the state in order to have at least half of the 19 new directors represent parts of Oregon outside of Portland. When these new members are chosen the fair will have 25 directors.

NOT WHAT THEY SEEMED

Demure Young Woman and Pompous Man at Postoffice.

pompous, elderly man, with all the outward tokens of a trust magnate. The clerk seemed to take a long time in tearing off the stamp. When it was delivered, it was not alone. There were enough sheets of stamps to use on the beds of an ordinary hotel, and the top strata of sheets were of 10-cent stamps. The demure young woman opened a portfolio and took out four 20-cent pieces, a few greenbacks and some loose silver, and then rolled up the bundle of stamp sheets and stuck them inside her dress. The trust magnate next in line moved up and said: "Please gimme a nickel's worth of postal cards."

FITZ TELLS HIS PLANS.

Actor-Pagelist Will Produce Another Play and Teach Physical Culture.

Robert Fitzsimmons takes things pretty seriously, and the trait that can never be attributed to him is purposelessness. Last night, in speaking of his future work, he said that his object in life was to teach others some of the things that long experience had taught him. "I have an idea," he remarked, "that what I undertake is worth carrying out, and as to cutting—that's not my style. After my fight with Ruhl, I decided that I could do some good on the stage, and here I am, trying to do my best. The play was written at my suggestion, and I outlined the scenes and the way it was to turn out. Then Mr. Gill wrote it for me, and I have



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ON NICE POINTS OF LAW

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Her Husband Gave Note for Premium Which Was Paid After His Death—Mutual Life Alleges Fraud.

In the suit of Maud Marie Stringham against the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to recover \$1000 on the life of her dead husband, Leroy Stringham, a motion for judgment on the pleadings was argued before Judge Sears yesterday by Dan R. Murphy, attorney for the plaintiff, and O. F. Faxton, for the defense. Stringham made application for a policy to the Portland agent, W. A. Cummins, on July 17, 1900, and signed a note for \$20, payable in 60 days, covering the first year's premium. Stringham died July 23, 1901, which was 11 days following the time of his application for insurance. Two days after Stringham's death his stepfather, W. P. Dillon, called at Cummins' office and paid the note. The application for the policy was sent by Cummins to Sherwood Gillespy, the general agent at Seattle, and thence to the principal office of the company at

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McCall Patterns are popular priced at 10c and give the very best satisfaction. NOTIONS. Notions and Sewing Requisites at exceedingly low prices—A timely sale of all the little things that most every woman needs just now—A notion sale that saves you money—hundreds of articles at half price and less—Dressmakers in particular should be interested—Make out your list, then glance through this table of bargains and you will immediately realize the saving.

Safety Pin Books, each .75c; Hairpin Cabinet, each .30c; Needle-pointed Pins, paper, 2c; Needle Books, each .10c; Hooks and Eyes on tape, black and white, yd .12c; Horn Bones, No. 8, 9, 10, dozen .9c; Genuine Bones, No. 8, 9, 10, dozen .17c; Brush Braid, colors, yd .4c; Whalebone Casings, black and colors, 9-yard pcs. .12c; Same in better grade, pc .17c; Cube Pins, black and white, each .4c; White Cotton Tape, 12-yard pieces .80c; Wire Hairpins, 2 dozen in package .1c; Aluminum Thimbles, ea .1c; Hairpin Cabinets, ea .30c; German Silver Thimbles, each .4c; Double Tapes, each .6c; Hairs, dozen .5c; Darning Eggs, each .2c; Standard Stockinet Shields, all sizes, pair .7c; Angora Skirt Braids blk. and colors, 5 yds. in piece .8c; 200 yards Linen Thread .7c; Merrick's Spool Cotton, black and white, all sizes, 7 spools for .25c; "Geneva" Silk-finish Thread, 500 yards, black only, per spool .8c; Hump Safety Hook and Eyes, black and white, card .3c; Ball-and-Socket Garment Fasteners, black and white, gross .4c; Binding Ribbon, colors only, piece .5c.

Dozens of other special offerings to be on sale. In the Cloak store new arrivals in rich Dress Suits and Separate Skirts. "Viyella," the non-shrinkable Flannel—Handsome designs, very best quality, \$1.00 yd. The largest and best line of Brass Beds in the city—Prices ranging from \$20.00 to \$65.00.

Pictures Great Flannel Sale. These are busy days at the Flannel counters—Exceptional values in new waist materials—Just the patterns and colorings that are most desirable, but remember, offerings like these don't last forever—Making early selections advisable. Oil Paintings, 20x24 framed in black with gilt liner—Beautiful scenes, value extraordinary \$4.25; 14x24 sizes for \$3.50; Colored pictures 9x15, 24-inch gilt frames .75c with ornaments, big 95c; Water Colors, 9x14, framed in black, brown and gilt, special values \$1.95; Colored Prints 9x9, framed in circle frames with ornaments, big value at .75c; Picture Framing To your order—The largest and best line of mouldings in the city—Orders executed promptly.—(2d floor.)

Silk Sale 15c Bath Towels. New stylish waist or dress Silk at a remarkable low price—About 3000 yards all told in fancy dots—all the leading shades, white, tan, reseda, red, old rose, green, yellow and pink, 49c yd. Enough Bath Towels for all who come today, tomorrow and the rest of the week—not ordinary bath towels—of initialed towels of good size colored border, fringed—We've sold about 300 dozen last two months, and the buyers are so pleased with them that they are coming for more—Buy all you want. 15c each. All Initials—See window display.

WOOL ALBATROSS for waists and dresses—Light dark and evening shades in a variety of 40 colorings, a very special offering for this week only at the low price of, yard 43c. Meier & Frank Company

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