

FACES HARD TASK

Dr. Elliot to Disburse \$50,000 for Charity.

MANY MAKE APPLICATIONS

Since Bequest of Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell He Has Been Besieged With Requests—Money Will Be Invested and Interest Spent.

The care and expenditure of \$50,000 for the benefit of mankind, with which Rev. T. L. Elliot was charged by the late Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell, bids fair to prove an unenviable task, for ever since the provisions of the will making this bequest to him have been known to the public, Mr. Elliot has been besieged with letters and petitions of every character, asking him for aid in the name of charity. The fact that the money was left Mr. Elliot without restriction as to the particular uses it was to be put to makes it rather difficult for him to discriminate or to refuse so many requests. Now that the County Court has been petitioned for the sale of the property, from which sale \$50,000 will be paid into Mr. Elliot's hands, there is renewed interest, and calls are being made on him from every side.

It is not Mr. Elliot's intention to expend any of the sum outright, however, but instead he will invest it and keep the principal intact, expending only the interest. So that, even after the cash comes into his hands, which may be some time yet, it will necessarily be a year before he realizes anything from the investments.

When questioned as to how he intended using the income when available, he replied that it was so far off that he had not determined the matter himself. "Mrs. Burrell was a woman who did a great deal of good in the world, and, having worked with her, I understand just about what she would like me to do, although she placed no restriction whatever upon me. I shall make it my aim to do as I think she would have wanted me to. I am convinced that she intended a part of it to go into the church, and I shall probably do for the church about what she did during her lifetime."

"I am going to invest the money as soon as it comes into my hands. I shall not make a speculative investment, but a good, sound one, and shall have the best of legal advice in the matter. I feel that I should realize at least \$3000 or \$5000 annually off this principal, and this I shall put wherever I think I can do the most good with it. I was intimately associated with Mrs. Burrell in her charitable work, but since her death I find she did a great deal more than I knew of, for many organizations have come to me asking if I would continue to help them as she had done."

"She was an excellent woman with a beautiful character, and I shall try to keep alive the sweet spirit of charity which she had kindled."

"It is my present intention to make provision for the continuance of the trust after my death. It was simply left to me without provision for the future, but my judgment is that more benefit can be derived from it by this plan than by spending the sum outright."

There is a bare possibility that all the charitable bequests made by Mrs. Burrell may not be paid in full, as they were added after the body of the will had been written, and were to be provided for "from the residue, if any." If the property does not bring the price anticipated by her some of these bequests may fall short.

RAISE CRY OF BUNCO.

Slot-Machine Manipulators Say They Were Bilked.

Some of the slot-machine manipulators declare they have been bilked. They say they understood that by paying \$10 apiece for their machines they would be allowed to run them for another month. For this reason they did not try to fight the charges in the Municipal Court, but paid over their hard-earned money meekly and without a murmur. After which they were told they would be immediately re-arrested if they did not turn their machines to the wall or cover up the money indicators. Several of the self-proclaimed victims declared these to be the facts yesterday, but none of them would perform that breach of gambling etiquette known as a "squel."

"Whatever they may have understood I do not know," said Chief Hunt, in discussing the affair. "If they had an impression that we meant to have a license system they didn't get the impression through anything I said. I told every man that we meant business and that there was no assurance that the \$10 would protect them for another month."

Jeff D. Nye, the well-known saloon man, says he will continue to keep his quarter-slot machines in operation, except that he will issue trade checks instead of money. He says he is as much entitled to this privilege as the owners of cigar machines. He also says the part played by the Chief of Police in the closing down of the slot machines is nothing that the head of the police department has cause to be proud of.

"I am reliably informed," said Mr. Nye, "that the Chief agreed to protect certain machine owners, and then when the Mayor insisted upon the machines being closed, he had to withdraw from his agreement. I know the city would not have got any such amount as \$2000 if the owners had not understood they were to be allowed to continue their machines in operation."

WHOLE FAMILY DESTITUTE.

Father, Mother, Seven Children and a Baby, Have Little to Eat.

Captain Anderson, of the Volunteers of America, reports a case of destitution which has just been brought to his notice which he deems worthy of the public's attention. A letter was received by him a few days ago which was signed by a woman who gave her address on Macadam Road. She stated that she had been told that the Volunteers gave away clothing and asked for anything in that line he might have to offer. A few days later another letter came from her stating that the family was entirely without provisions and that her husband was unable to find work. Matt Warner, who is interested in the work of the Volunteers, went to the address given to investigate the case and found conditions far worse than had been anticipated. He found the family huddled together in a small, dark, and cold room, with the exception of seven potatoes, which they were cooking on a small sheet-iron heating stove—the only fire in the house.

The family consists of the father and mother, seven children and one grandchild, making ten to feed and care for. The husband had had work occasionally for a few days at a time, but the wife's recent severe illness with pneumonia caused extra expenditure and every cent was soon gone. The children were so poorly clad that their nakedness was hardly covered, and there were not enough bedclothes in the house to supply one bed properly. All the children have been sleeping on the floor, as there is only one bed in the house. The eldest daughter, who is married and has a small babe, was deserted by her husband about five months ago. This child is sick and the

young mother is in tatters, not fit to accept any position which she might be able to secure. Every member of the family of ten are in need of warm clothing and nourishing food. Captain Anderson asks that any families in Portland having old clothes will telephone him or drop a card to the Volunteers of America, so that they may call and get them. Clothing for babies, children of all ages, and men and women can be used to great advantage by him among the poor of the city. Old shoes and wraps and overcoats are also in great demand. There is an unusual number of poor people in Portland this winter, many having come here in hopes of getting plenty of work in view of the coming Lewis and Clark Fair. Provisions for this and several other families, which he knows to be deserving, will also be most acceptable to him.

All families have more or less cast-off clothing, and if they will take a few minutes to gather it up and telephone to Hood 1241, which is Captain Anderson's office at 245 Ash street, a great deal of good can be accomplished by the act of charity. If any person is interested in this case Captain Anderson will furnish the name and address on application.

HIS WIFE AND BABY STARVING

Police Are Looking for Bartender Frank Shaw.

The police are looking for Frank Shaw, a bartender at the Majestic saloon. There is no charge against the man, but the officers wish to find him to give him some information concerning his family. Chief Hunt desires to tell him in particular that his wife and baby are destitute and starving in a rooming-house at Seventh and Flanders streets. The police say they would be glad to furnish this information with remarks of a sympathetic nature which would be all out nattering to Shaw.

According to Mrs. Shaw's story her husband deserted her then last seen. This was last Saturday, and she says he has not come near their dingy apartment since then or made any provision for her care or that of her babe, with the result that they are now without means.

VISITED BY BURGLARS.

Residence of J. P. Thomas and the Omaha Saloon Robbed.

The home of J. P. Thomas, at 231 Adams street, received a visit from burglars some time before daylight yesterday. The intruders searched the house completely without disturbing any of the inmates. A diamond ring, a gold locket and a lady's lace handkerchief were taken.

The Omaha saloon, at 233 North Sixteenth street, was also broken into during the night. After tapping the cash register for all its contents, \$10 in cash, the robbers turned their attention to the stock, getting away with several bottles of the best whiskey and a couple of boxes of cigars, apparently having a New Year's celebration in view. The police were notified in both instances, but found no tangible clues.

SEIZED HER PURSE AND RAN.

Well-Dressed Footpad Robs Miss Ethel Hunsacker.

Miss Ethel Hunsacker, of 310 Northwick street, complained to the police yesterday that she was accosted by a well-dressed young man Wednesday evening, who was impolite to such a degree that he snatched her purse from her belt and ran away with it.

The robbery occurred at Third and Morrison streets at 8:30 in the evening when the woman was seated at a table waiting for her car. The thief, with a crushing disregard for the police, ran down the crowded street and disappeared into a store. The purse he carried away contained \$15 in cash, a number of receipts and a gold locket containing the photograph of a young man.

SAMUEL DAILY BURIED.

Leatherworkers Resent Statements Reflecting on Deceased.

The remains of Samuel Daily, the collar maker, who committed suicide several days ago, were buried yesterday at the Lone Fir cemetery by the local order of the Order of Leatherworkers.

Officers of the order resent the statements of acquaintances of the deceased that he was worthless and would not work. Local President E. M. Hogue and National Vice-President R. H. McCallum say they both knew the deceased well and that he was an honest and industrious man. His adverse circumstances were due to the fact that he was unable to find employment, they say, and to the fact that he was confined to a hospital for several weeks.

NEW INVENTIONS.

Latest Scientific Means for Testing Sight Installed in the Oregon Optical Parlors.

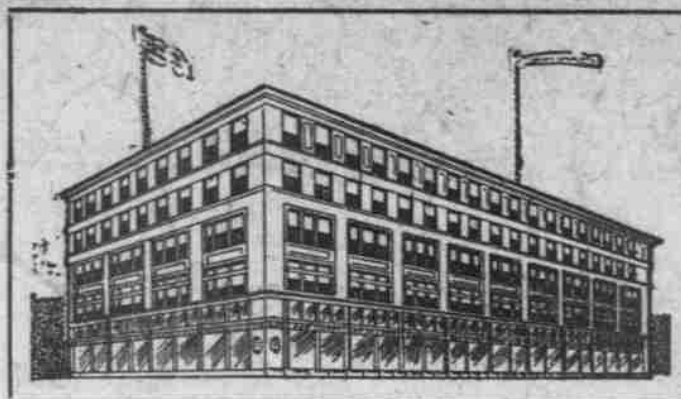
Robert A. Thompson, the eye expert of the Oregon Optical Co., located at 173 Fourth street, Y. M. C. A. building, has just installed the latest and most modern instruments in the world for detecting all defects of the eye.

Being a man educated and trained in this profession in the East, and also because he is in close touch with the manufacturers of all kinds of scientific apparatus, his optical parlors are equipped with all the latest means for testing human sight. Where the appliances are imperfect the service cannot be good, no matter how skillful the operator may be. This accounts for the large following that the Oregon Optical Parlors enjoy.

WHO SAID KNOWLEDGE IS POWER?

Some men think they know it all. Some men don't know anything, but don't care. Some men don't know it all and want to learn. It is for this class of men the Y. M. C. A. Night School is running. There is no man in the City of Portland who could not learn something of benefit in this school. It has more men and boys in attendance than any other school in Oregon. 60 classes are conducted by 15 teachers. Almost everything is taught from reading to steam engineering. The following are a few of the many subjects: Arithmetic, bookkeeping, typewriting, spelling, shorthand, grammar, steam engineering, telegraphy, architectural, mechanical and free-hand drawing, vocal music, public speaking, rhetoric, civil service, window-card writing, electricity, mandolin, guitar, manual training, carpentry, wood carving, etc.

The wise man knows he doesn't know it all, but wants to learn. Write or call for free illustrated catalogue giving description of this work. Y. M. C. A. Building, Fourth and Yamhill.



The Meier & Frank Co. Wishes Its Many Friends A Prosperous New Year

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY TODAY

The Great Annual Clearance Sale

Will continue the great store attraction through January. The time of the year when every article of merchandise in this mammoth stock is offered at a great reduction from the regular selling price. There's a great deal of merchandise made just to sell. A great deal of this kind is sold, but not in this store. A low price point is always commendable, providing it applies to a trustworthy article, but to quote low prices at the expense of quality is as dangerous as playing with fire. In order to reduce stock to its lowest point before inventory, we offer unlimited choice from a million (\$1,000,000) dollars' worth of high-class merchandise at a great sacrifice in prices. Everything in wearing apparel for women, men and children—Everything in Housefurnishing Goods. All mail orders received this month will be filled at clearance sale prices.

Laces and Embroideries



Prices on Laces and Embroideries lowered to the last notch. Valenciennes Laces, Torchons, Platte Vals, Point de Paris Laces, Bands, Appliques, Gallons, Allovers, Nets, Chiffons, Real Laces, Novelties. The handsomest variety we have ever shown and every yard at prices that will please you.

Embroideries Reduced

Edgings and Insertions, Nainsooks, Cambrics—all widths, sets, allover, flouncing, etc., daintiest patterns—everything reduced.

Dress Trimmings

Our entire stock of handsome Dress Trimmings radically reduced for the Great Annual Clearance Sale. Buy Dress Trimmings here at a big saving.

Gloves, Ribbons, Neckwear

Everything in Kid and Fabric Gloves, Ribbons and Ladies' Neckwear marked at marvelously low prices. Unequaled stock of the best merchandise for you to select from. "Perrin's" real French Kid Gloves, in all grades, all new styles, all sizes—every pair guaranteed—unusually low prices prevail.

Clearance Sale on Golf Gloves. RIBBONS—Silk Ribbons, all kinds, Satin Taffetas, Taffetas, Fancies, Satins, all widths—Velvet Ribbons, black and colors, every yard greatly reduced.

The largest and best stock of Ladies' Neckwear in the Far West at practically your own prices—Silk and Cotton Novelties, "Kaiser" Neckwear, Lace Collars, Ostrich Feather Boas, etc., etc. The lowest pricing ever known.



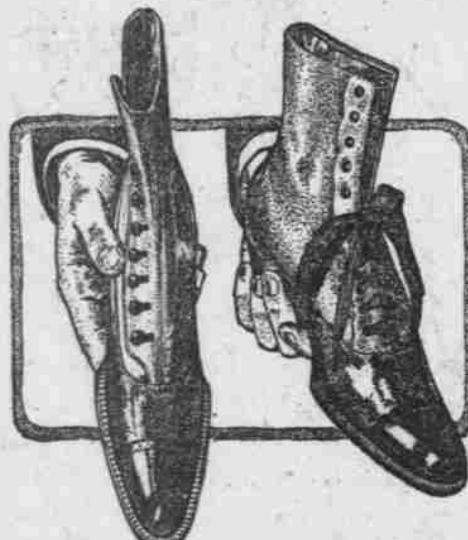
Linens, Cottons and White Goods

Table Linens, Bed Linens, White Goods, Cotton and Sheetings at prices that are bound to win the attention and admiration of all conservative people—John S. Brown & Sons' finest damasks, napkins and sets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, toweling, bath towels, bed spreads, cottons, sheetings, etc., etc., are all included—In white goods the finest India linens, organdies, Victoria linens and nainsooks are being offered at low prices—Our entire stock of wash fabrics, organdies, swisses, novelties, ginghams, percales, calicoes, prints, etc., at great price concessions—This is the time of the year for the shrewd buyer to stock up at a remarkable saving

Carpets, Rugs and Lace Curtains

Everything on our big third floor is included in the Great Clearance Sale Reductions. If you have any thought of furnishing up new or doing any renovating, this is your opportunity to practice economy. Axminster, Velvet, Brussels and Ingrain carpet—Rugs and Art Squares, Linoleums, Matting, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Tapestries, Curtain Materials, Beds, Mattresses, Blankets and Comforters—We've the biggest assortment for you to select from and we'll guarantee you the very lowest of prices—No trouble to convince you—Just visit our 3d floor.

Wonderful Shoe Selling



Going on here every day of the Clearance Sale. Every grade, every good style of footwear for women, men, boys and girls at prices below the actual cost of manufacturing. If there's shoe needs for yourself or family the saving to be effected by buying now is bound to please you. Remember, everything is included.

HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR

For the whole family at saving prices. The very best qualities and styles. Hundreds of shrewd buyers are stocking up. Don't fail to do so yourself at once.

Art Goods and Fancy Work at Clearance prices. 2d floor.

The Great "White Fair"

Thousands and thousands of pieces of dainty new Underwear in the Great "White Fair." Every garment new, clean, fresh goods made in sanitary factories by well-paid labor. Controlling as we do for Portland the product of the best Eastern manufacturers, the showing is bound to be the largest and best. You are quickly convinced of this fact after comparing the muslin underwear of other stores with this one. The extraordinary buying going on here every day is substantial proof that our underwear must be right. The old adage, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.



CORSET COVERS—Magnificent display, from 22c up to—"White Fair," second floor. SHORT SKIRTS—4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 13c, 14c, 15c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 20c, 21c, 22c, 23c, 24c, 25c, 26c, 27c, 28c, 29c, 30c, 31c, 32c, 33c, 34c, 35c, 36c, 37c, 38c, 39c, 40c, 41c, 42c, 43c, 44c, 45c, 46c, 47c, 48c, 49c, 50c, 51c, 52c, 53c, 54c, 55c, 56c, 57c, 58c, 59c, 60c, 61c, 62c, 63c, 64c, 65c, 66c, 67c, 68c, 69c, 70c, 71c, 72c, 73c, 74c, 75c, 76c, 77c, 78c, 79c, 80c, 81c, 82c, 83c, 84c, 85c, 86c, 87c, 88c, 89c, 90c, 91c, 92c, 93c, 94c, 95c, 96c, 97c, 98c, 99c, 100c.

Remember --- Every Article in Our Store Is Reduced

Crockery, Glassware, Kitchen Goods, Cutlery, Silverware, Cut Glass, Lamps, Fancy China Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, etc. All at Clearance Sale Prices. Books and Pictures at Clearance Prices. Drug Sundries and Stationery at Clearance Sale Prices. Leather Goods at Very Low Prices. Trunks and Bags at Clearance Sale Prices. "Willamette" Sewing Machines at Clearance Prices. "Peninsular" Stoves at Clearance Prices.

Silks and Dress Goods at Clearance Prices. Handkerchiefs at Special Low Prices. Suits, Jackets, Waists, Wrappers, Reduced. Children's Coats and Dresses Reduced. Corsets, Aprons, Knit Shawls all Reduced. Millinery Wonderfully Low Priced. Flannels, Eiderdown, Etc. Very Low Priced. Men's and Boys' Clothing Greatly Reduced. Men's Furnishing Goods Very Low Priced. Lowest Prices on Notions and Linings.

plous. Haring his brief experience with the Rough Riders, he has never drilled a company, a battalion, or a regiment. No body knows whether he could handle a brigade or a division. Yet it is now proposed to award him, at the age of 42, a rank which would give him the command of an army in the event of war, and which brings him within six numbers of the Lieutenant-Generalcy. If all the other officers in the service were similarly unskilled there might be some excuse for

this advancement. As it is, there are dozens who are more capable, and who are trained. In no other army in the world would this promotion of General Wood be proposed save in a joking spirit. Can any one imagine the advancement of a Prussian Brigadier until he had given conclusive proof of his ability to handle troops in large numbers? And how the press of the country would protest if a Naval Surgeon should suddenly be given command of a fleet!

A Solomon Needed. Kansas City Journal. If a cow gets into a sack of feed and eats of it till she dies, is the owner of the feed to blame for her death? This is the question that Justice Jenney will be called upon to decide. A complaint was filed with him by J. E. Savage against Frank Hudson, Lee Majors and L. J. Smith, charging that they, or one of them, was guilty as above, and asking that they be

required to pay him \$30, the value of his cow. According to Savage, who lives in Centropolis, he placed the cow in a pasture near by under lease to a firm by the name of Hudson & Majors. Then he says this firm allowed Smith, who is a contractor, to utilize part of the ground for a camp. In this camp was kept the feed which the cow consumed, so the owner hopes to recover the price of his beef from either the contractor or the lessee of the pasture. This is Mr. Savage's side

of the case, but Mr. Smith doesn't concur, and says he fails to see the justice of feeding a cow boisterously, even if it was unintentional, and then being called upon to pay for her because she died from over-eating.

Victims to Portland. Should not miss the delightful trip up and down the Columbia River. Particulars at E. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.