

MEN ARE CAUGHT

Detectives Arrest Those Who Fired Building.

CONFESSION IS OBTAINED

Man Who Set the Fire Says He Was Paid to Do It.

LESSEE IS THE INSTIGATOR

Offered Two Lodgers Fifty Dollars to Fire the Pooling-House Saturday Night, Endangering the Lives of Numerous Inmates.

A quick piece of detective work has placed three men in custody for arson. They are accused of setting fire to a room in the lodging-house at 213 Fifth street at midnight, Saturday night.

One of the perpetrators of the crime has confessed to his part in the dealings and has implicated his companion, whom he says placed the match to the wood. He has also caused the arrest of the lessee of the property, A. B. Coon, whom he says gave the pair of them \$50 to burn the building.

The first man to come into the tolls of the law was J. B. Bachelor, a hatter known to be intimate with Coon, who runs a saloon on the corner of Eighth and Burnside streets. He was merely held on suspicion, being arrested by Detective Hartman, Barney Miller, another hatter, who was close to both Coon and Bachelor, was also taken, but would say nothing more than that Coon was a friend of his.

Confessed the Crime. At this juncture Detective Snow and a couple of insurance detectives, who have been here watching a number of suspicious cases, butted in on the case, and took Bachelor in hand. They knew the man had been in trouble in Boise in a cutting affair, and that he was known to the police in all the Western cities.

A. B. Coon, who is the lessee of the lodging-house, offered them, a week ago \$50 if they would set it afire. He said he would make all the arrangements. All that they would have to do would be to go to the room and touch the match. He gave them a key to the room, which is on the second floor. They kept the room for several days, living in it, and finally agreed on Saturday night for the time of the fire.

Coon made all the preliminary arrangements, ran the confession. He placed kindling in the drawer of a commode, sprinkled it with kerosene and poured kerosene in various places about the room. Bachelor and Miller started out early in the evening to gather Dutch courage. They drank very freely and kept it up, stopping in every saloon all the way to the lodging-house, which they reached toward midnight. There Miller set fire to the kindling in the drawer, closing the drawer, and the room was lit and broke the lamp. Then they left. The lamp, pouring its oil everywhere, set the room on fire, though the kindling in the drawer did not burn after the drawer was shut.

Coon is arrested. On this information, obtained in what was apparently a ready confession, Detectives Hartman, Snow and Kerrigan set out for Coon's saloon, where he was found. They induced him to go to the Police Station easily enough, and then told him of the confession.

His jaw dropped and his face went white. He was speechless. He was held without bail. It is alleged that Coon has made a number of attempts to have this place set afire and did not have the nerve to do the trick himself. Mrs. Marie Fouchet, a lodger in the house, was told by Coon two weeks ago that he would give her \$50 if she set the place afire. This she told the night of the fire to Chief Campbell. Two months ago a fire of apparent incendiary origin was discovered in the house.

House of Little Value. Coon's interest in the house dates from last August, when he bought the furniture in it and took up the lease. The building belongs to Fred Westendorfer, living at 306 Madison street. The furniture in the building is not worth over \$200 and the building itself is old and of little value. It is a two-story structure standing on the southwest corner of Fifth and Madison streets.

It seemed at first, even after the two actual incendiaries had been arrested, that the clue would fall, for the two men held their own counsel very well. But finally one of the insurance detectives made a long shot with: "Where were you going with that alarm clock up the street a few days ago?"

Then Bachelor gave in and was taken aside by Detective Kerrigan, when he let out the whole story. The clock in question is set found in the room where the fire was set, and known to belong to Coon. The police believe that they have the three men who set the fire and have solved the mystery which surrounded the midnight still alarm of Saturday night.

Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today, Tomorrow and Wednesday Will Go on Your December Account

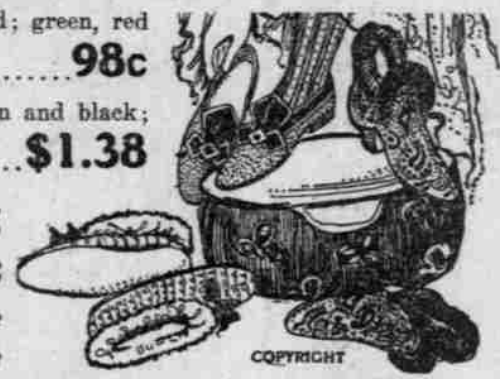
The Meier & Frank Store's "Toyland"

The largest and best in the city—Toys from everywhere, mechanical toys, steam toys, electric toys, iron toys, wooden toys, wheel goods, in the greatest assortments, the newest ideas—We call particular attention to our magnificent showing of high-grade mechanical toys, models that will delight big and little folks—We also call attention to our complete doll department, dressed and undressed dolls, doll wardrobes, dresses, outer garments, furs, millinery, shoes, hosiery, underclothing, jewelry, etc.—Holiday merchandise selected now will be stored free; delivered whenever you say—Shop early, avoid the rush

Warm Footwear for Women--Children

Genuine Felt Slippers at bargain prices—The best product of Alfred Doige & Sons and Daniel Green Co.—Opportunity to buy useful Christmas gifts at a big saving

- Women's Felt Juliettes, hand-turned, black fur trimmed; green, red and brown; best \$1.25 values, in all sizes, at the low price of—pair..... 98c
Women's Felt Juliettes, low wood heel, red, wine, green and black; with or without fur trimming; all sizes; best \$1.75 value, for—pair..... \$1.38
500 pairs of Women's Felt Juliettes, fur-trimmed, black, blue, wine, green, red; some stores have the courage to ask \$1.50 pair for this grade; our \$1.00 values—pair..... 73c
Misses' sizes 12 to 2, at—pair..... 68c
Children's sizes, 8 to 11, at—pair..... 63c



WOMEN'S SHOES \$2.18 PAIR For Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1000 pairs of Women's Shoes, in vici kid, patent colt, patent leather, lace of Blucher styles, light or heavy soles, kid or patent tips, all the newest and best styles shown this season; every pair guaranteed equal to the best \$3.50 values on the market; your choice, all sizes and widths—pair..... \$2.18

SALE OF MEN'S SLIPPERS \$4.00-\$5.00 values in Men's Slippers, four lots, consisting of red kid booties, patent Corona Opera Slippers, genuine monkey-skin Opera Slippers, in tans and blue; genuine lizard, alligator and walrus Slippers, all sizes; \$4.00-\$5.00 values..... \$2.92
300 pairs of Men's \$3.00 Slippers, in various styles and all sizes—pair..... \$2.22
\$1.75-\$2.00 Slippers, all leathers—pair..... \$1.43

Xmas Handkerchief Sale Holiday Goods

Buy your Christmas Handkerchiefs this week and the saving will help make some of your other Holiday purchases
Women's unlaundered All- linen hand-embroidered initial Handkerchiefs, three different styles; best 25c values, at—3 for..... 50c
Women's hemstitched all- linen Handkerchiefs, 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4-inch hems, full size, value extraordinary, each..... 6c
Women's Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and embroidered, also scalloped edge and embroidered, 20c and 25c values for—2 for..... 25c
Women's hemstitched and initial unlaundered Handkerchiefs, all initials; great special values for this sale—each..... 5c
Children's plain white initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, fancy box; great value—box..... 18c
Children's Colored-Border Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes; great special values at—box..... 15c

Mail Orders Will Be Filled
French Gray Jewel Boxes, silk lined, \$1 values, at..... 74c
Women's Chatelaine Watches, guaranteed movements; great special values at \$3.25 and \$4.25..... \$2.45
Baby Spoons of sterling silver, engraved bowls; best \$1.00 values, for..... 79c
Women's Back Combs, mounted—latest effects; \$1.00 values..... 73c
Sterling Silver Mounted Collar Buttons, Covers..... 68c
Wood Souvenir Match Boxes, Smoking Sets, Ink Wells, Calendars, Thermometers, etc.; values extraordinary at..... 9c
GOLD SHELL RINGS \$ 25 values reduced to, each..... 17c
1.50 values reduced to, each..... 20c
1.00 values reduced to, each..... 62c
BEAUTY PINS LOW PRICED 25c pair values for, pair..... 18c
25c pair values for, pair..... 28c
60c pair values for, pair..... 37c
75c pair values for, pair..... 52c
Sterling Top Hat Pins, each..... 17c
Albums For Kodak Pictures 75c values reduced to, each..... 62c
50c values reduced to, each..... 35c
25c values reduced to, each..... 21c
15c values reduced to, each..... 17c
15c box Stationery, boxes..... 10c
Fancy Crystal Crepe Paper, roll..... 10c
1905 Calendars in immense variety. Newest ideas. All prices.

Great Picture Department Specials

Framed Pastel Pictures, \$1.50 to \$2.75 values, framed in handsome gilt picture frames. Great special bargains at the low price of..... \$1.89
Oregon scenes mounted on burnt wood, make pleasing holiday gifts..... 34c
Ornate burnt wood plaques—fish and game subjects, suitable for dining-room. \$1.25 values..... \$1.19
\$2.25 burnt wood Novelties, 10x20 inches, for sale at, each..... \$1.19
Hand-painted Pictures in gilt frames, size 10x11 inches..... 59c
Artistic Picture Framing to your order. New moldings. Lowest prices. Second floor.

The Meier & Frank Fur Store

No Walking Suit without its accompanying Furs—That is the edict of the season—The fashionable girl is to be the fur girl; the well-dressed matron, she who from the moment the first cold weather comes is never without her furs—The splendid stock to be found here appeals to fashionable people, the prices to economical people—You'll find our 1904-5 assortment the largest and best we have ever shown—Every piece carries the Meier & Frank guarantee—These special values on sale this week

Black Coney Cluster Scarf, six tails, best \$2.50 Searf money can buy; your choice, each..... \$1.89
Brown Opossum Cluster Scarf with six tails; our best \$5.00 value; fur stores ask \$7.50; sale price—each..... \$3.72
Long Black Coney Scarf, six tails, \$5.00 value—each..... \$3.55
Sable and Isabella Fox Scarf, two large handsome tails, best \$12.50 value, your choice—each..... \$9.25
Long Isabella Fox Scarfs, large variety, \$8.00 to \$42.00. Complete line of small novelty neck pieces, \$12.00 to \$45.00. Electric Seal Jackets, 22-in. length, \$25.00 to \$38.00. Astrachan Jackets, 22-in. length, \$35.00 and \$38.00. Immense line of Children's White Sets and Collars. Prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$12.50. Second floor. Mail orders promptly and satisfactorily filled.



Evening Costumes, Wraps, 25 % Off

Choose all this week from our entire magnificent stock of Evening Costumes and Wraps at a reduction of 25 per cent from regular selling prices—Evening Costumes, Theater and Party Dresses, Evening Wraps, Carriage Wraps, imported and domestic models in silk, velvet, broadcloth, voiles—A superb showing of the season's most beautiful creations—Regular prices range from \$20.00 to \$500.00 Take Elevators to Second Floor

- \$14 Tourist Coats \$9.25 Each 200 handsome new Tourist Coats in black Kersey, light and dark mannish mixtures, notch collar, belted back, slot seams; very stylish, serviceable garments, selling by the hundreds at \$12.00 and \$14.00 regularly; Holiday sale price..... \$9.25
\$20 Tourist Coats \$14.98 Women's Tan Covert Tourist Coats with or without collar, satin lined, belted back, single or double-breasted styles, regular \$18 and \$20 garments for..... \$14.98
\$14 Walking Skirts \$8.95 Each 100 Women's high-grade Walking Skirts, in Broadcloths, Cheviot, Cashmere, Voile and mannish mixtures; black, blue, brown, gray; 7, 9 and 14-gore; plain flare, kilted, box-plaited and yoke-trimmed styles; all are this season's best \$12.50 and \$14.00 values; your choice..... \$8.95



\$27 Cravenettes \$19.45 Two great lots of Women's Cravenettes, blouse styles, collarless, fancy button trimmed, new style sleeve, long shoulder; tans, olives and Oxfords, also box-plaited styles with belt all around; collarless, tans, olives and Oxfords; the best bargain in high-grade Rain-coats we have offered this season—
\$25 and \$27 Values for \$19.45 Each
\$18 Values in the Above Styles for \$14.25 Each
Women's \$36 Suits for \$25.45 Women's Suits in tight-fitting, blouse or Directoire Jackets, with or without vests, medium and 3/4-lengths; materials are Broadcloth, Cheviot, mannish mixtures and Coverts, in black, navy, tan, grays, light and dark mixtures; all this season's handsomest Suits; selling regularly at \$34.00, \$35 and \$36.00; your choice during the Holiday sale..... \$25.45
Women's \$44.00 Suits for \$29.45 Women's \$40.00, \$42.00 and \$44.00 Suits in Cheviots, Coverts, Tweeds; blouse, tight-fitting and Directoire Jackets, with or without vests; medium and 3/4-length styles; navy, tan, gray, light and dark mixtures; \$40.00, \$42.00 and \$44.00 Suits; during the Holiday sale at..... \$29.45

Sterling Silver Novelties

For one week, pretty, useful pieces of Sterling Silver suitable for Christmas gifts, will be offered at special sale prices—Don't miss this opportunity
75c Pocket Combs with sterling silver case, great bargain, each..... 39c
65c Sterling Silver-Handled Curling Irons and Button Hooks, for, each..... 29c
40c Sterling Top Inkwells, great special values at, each..... 19c
35c Sterling Silver-Handled Button Hooks, Letter Seals, Curling Irons..... 16c
25c Sterling Silver-Handled Button Hooks, Silettes, Crochet Hooks, etc., each..... 12c
Children's French Gray Metal Purses, wonderful values, each..... 16c

New Clocks, Toilet Sets, Watches, Novelties, Stationery, etc., etc.

Drug Sundries

25c Soaps, 3 cakes in box, all odors, for, box..... 17c
Cameo Castile Soap and Wash Rag, 10c value, 3 for..... 25c
15c Witch Hazel Soap, box..... 10c
10c bars pure Glycerine Soap..... 7c
1000-sheet roll 10c Toilet Paper..... 7c
500-sheet roll Toilet Paper..... 4c
500-sheet package Toilet Paper..... 4c

50c Sheet Music 15c Copy

All three popular "hits"—"Karama," vocal and instrumental, "Make a Fuss Over Me," 15c "Alexandre," copy..... 15c

Knit Underwear Sale

Winter Underwear Stock is too heavy for late November—Present mild weather has limited the demand for Winter Underwear, but there's no telling how soon the thermometer will drop—You can save money by taking advantage of the following:
Women's nonshrinkable fine ribbed wool Vests and Pants, light gray or white hand-made, finished; best \$1.50 Underwear for..... \$1.27 Each
Women's "Harvard Mills" heavy fleeced-lined ribbed cotton Vests and Pants, Vests long or quarter-sleeve; best 65c value..... 47c Each
Women's heavy cotton ribbed Coats, Vests, high neck, long sleeves, 65c values..... 49c Each
Children's mixed wool and cotton Union Suits, buttons across the chest, white or gray; regular 75 values..... 49c Each
Children's heavy ribbed cotton Vests and Pants, white or gray, 55c values..... 23c Each

New Line of Brass Beds, Beautiful Models—Sole Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Patent Felt Mattress

Pillows, Pillow Tops
Oriental stripe Sofa Pillows, 20-inch square, tasseled on each corner; great special values at—
75c Each
Bungalow Sofa Pillows, burly p covered, button leather applique trimmed; twenty in. square; great special value at—
\$1.75 Each
Silk velvet Pillow Tops, Oriental and novelty patterns, handsome colorings, all new tops, 24 inches square..... \$1.50 Each
Satin Pillow Tops, Empire and Oriental patterns, new colorings, great value..... 75c Each
Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Best Materials and Workmanship—Lowest Prices Guaranteed



Rolling Pin MAKER OF WASHINGTON ST. PORTLAND OREGON. MENS. CLOTHES

BLACK EYE CAUSES TROUBLE

"Judge" Marks Finds That It Brings a Person Into Disrepute. "Judge" S. W. Marks, formerly a well-known East Side politician, can testify that it is inconvenient to wear a black eye. Two weeks ago he dove into a gravel pit out in Woodlawn, and emerged with a damaged eye, which soon gathered a shroud about itself broad enough to cover the left side of his face. Beefsteak and other antidotes, prescribed by friends, did not stay the progress of the inflammation. He tried a case in Justice Seton's court a few days ago in which one of the parties was up for threatening to kill. It was the impression of the spectators that the wrong man was on trial, and that Marks should be plaintiff instead of counsel. A policeman stopped him the other day and asked him, "what happens?" "Scrap," replied Judge Marks.

Strengthening Lake Labish Bridge.

CHEMAMAWA, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special).—The Southern Pacific has all of the material for the construction of the depot at Chemamawa now on the ground and work will commence at once. The depot will be quite commodious and will be built on the same general plan of other stations along the line. The company is putting in new timbers in the bridge over Lake Labish. A large force of men is engaged on the work. Besides putting in new timbers the bridge will be strengthened with extra braces. Lake Labish was the scene of one of the worst wrecks on this division of the road some years ago. At that time part of the bridge gave way. The bridge is much shorter than it once was, the company having filled in over half of the distance.

ON WAY TO COURTMARTIAL.

Army Officers Go to Preside at Trial of Major Harry L. Rees. The court-martial of Major Harry L. Rees, who is accused of misappropriating funds of the Government while in the Pay Department of the regular Army, will commence this morning, the court convening at Vancouver at 10 o'clock. Last night Colonel G. B. Grimes, of the cavalry at Fort Worden, who is the president of the tribunal, was at the Portland on his way to attend the trial. He was accompanied by Major L. H. Walker, of Lake Casey; Colonel W. H. Conya, of the Pay Department at San Francisco, and Colonel E. Z. Steever. The party will leave this morning in time to reach Vancouver at the hour appointed for the trial. In addition to those mentioned, the court will consist of Major F. G. Hodgson, of the Quartermaster's Department at Vancouver; Lieutenant-Colonel E. B. Bolton,

Composition in Courses.

Corahill Magazine. Southey was another methodical and rapid literary craftsman. I am a quiet, patient, easygoing back of the mule breed; regular as clockwork in my pace, sure-footed, bearing the burden which is laid on me, and only obstinate in choosing my own path," he wrote to a friend. But his method was by no means simple. He was a poet, a historian, a critic and a miscellaneous writer; he turned out an enormous quantity of matter, and succeeded in doing so by working 14 hours a day and diversifying his labors within his daily round. He had six tables in his

How Scotch Hold On.

Pittsburg Dispatch. Robert Moffatt is about to give up Mid-neck farm, Westerick, Dumfries, Scotland. The farm was originally granted to Thomas Moffatt by Robert Bruce in 1281. In 1590 the Moffatts sold it to the Duke of Buccleuch, but continued as tenants to this day.