ATTIRED IN SKIRTS

Masculine Criminal Attempts Bold Trick.

TRIES TO RANSACK ROOMS

Landlady of Templeton Flats Sees Through Clever Disguise and Drives Intruder From Building—Police Are Notified.

NEW CRIMINAL APPEARS.

Attired as a woman, a new and dangerous criminal yesterday morning attempted a trick which for boldness and daring has never been surpassed in Portland. As soon as the figure was seen by Mrs. Smith, in charge of the Templeton Flats, it was discovered to be a man. With a bunch of keys in hand, he was trying various doors. He was driven out of the place by the plucky landlady and the case reported to the police.

In broad daylight in the Templeton flats, Washington, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, a criminal whose advent here marks a new and sensational feature in police annals, attempted to ransack the rooms at 10 o'clock, but was caught in the act and driven out by Mrs. Smith, who has charge of the place for the owner. The man was dressed in stylish female attire, but his awkward movements quickly revealed his sex to the woman's keen eye.

"What are you doing here, sir?" was the query put to the daring prowler by Mrs. Smith, when she entered the hallway and saw him trying doors with a bunch of keys.

"I'm looking for a friend, but guess she is not up yet," was the day burglar's reply.

"Well, you're here for no good purpose—you're a man, you get out of here just as quick as you can, sir, or it will not be a bit healthy for you," answered Mrs. Smith. She was badly frightened, but stood her ground so bravely that the man was startled and lost no time in leaving.

"Mrs. Smith telephoned to me of the occurrence," said Dr. Templeton, the owner of the flats. "It struck me as a case that should be reported to the police, so I notified them. The man got nothing for his trouble, but I guess it was because of the fortunate appearance of Mrs. Smith on the scene before he had time to work."

While waiting in the hallway, Mrs. Smith had time to secure a good description of the man, which she gave to the police. The man wore a blond wig with a dark brown hat, trimmed in blue and white. The waist was of pink material, while the skirt was black. He wore a long, black ulster. His movements were so clearly masculine that Mrs. Smith immediately discerned the attempt at disguise.

Detectives were detailed to attempt a capture, but have thus far had no success.

Suit Against Heinze Continued.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 30.—The suit of the Boston & Montana Company against F. Augustus Heinze and others to recover $1,750,000 alleged to have been unlawfully extracted from various veins belonging to the plaintiff company, came up in Judge Boreman's court today on an order to show cause why the answer of the defendant, F. Augustus Heinze, should not be stricken from the files.

The motion is made on the ground that in giving his deposition in the case before Notary Public George H. MacDougall the defendant failed to answer some questions truthfully, while there was a point-blank refusal to answer other questions, and the witness also failed and refused, as alleged, to produce certain stope books and records of ore extracted from the Minnie Healy mine.

Attorneys James M. Denny and Charles Leonard appeared for Defendant Heinze today and presented objections to the hearing of the order to show cause and the motion to strike the answer from the records in the case. The further hearing of the matter was continued till Wednesday.

GROSS POLICE CORRUPTION.

San Francisco Grand Jury in Possession of Incriminating Testimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The police committee of the grand jury has submitted a partial report of its investigations into the charges made by ex-Commissioner Hutton against Sergeants W. F. Brophy, P. E. Fraher and T. P. Ellis, and Patrolmen E. Heize, W. Doran, H. T. McGrath, C. B. Munn and R. R. O'Brien. The report says in part:

"The committee is in possession of evidence and information tending to establish the existence of a regularly organized system of gross police corruption in Chinatown; the committee has in its possession bribe money which has actually passed; it has in its possession confessions of several police officers, and it has other valuable evidence and information. Such evidence and information does not disclose the full extent to which the corruption has reached in official circles and the committee is advised that in order to render some of the evidence before it is legally available some additional corroborative proof is required, and upon this phase of the matter the committee is at present engaged."

The committee's report was accepted by the grand jury and presented to Presiding Judge Lawlor, of the Superior Court, with a request that it be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners, asking them to defer action until the police committee has completed its investigation. Judge Lawlor announced that the report would be given due consideration and that he would take whatever action might be deemed necessary.

German Squadron Made Welcome.

MANILA, Jan. 30.—Admiral von Prittwitz, of the German squadron in Asiatic waters, who arrived here January 18 on his flagship, the Fuerst Bismarck, sailed today.

During the Admiral's stay in Manila he was entertained on an elaborate scale by the Army, the Navy and the Civil Government. Major-General Corbin, Rear-Admiral Stirling and Governor Wright taking an active and prominent part in all the festivities. Admiral von Prittwitz feelingly expressed his appreciation of the courtesies shown him and referred to the good will existing between his country and that of those who entertained him.

China Creates New Province.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.—A new province, called Kiyghaust, has been formed from part of the Province of Kiangsu, north of the Yangtse River. This will divide China proper into 19 provinces. E. N. Shen has been appointed Governor of the new province, under Chou Fu, the new Viceroy at Nanking.

POLICE MAKE RAID

Descend on "Big Mitt" Game in Lodging House.

SEVEN PLAYERS ARRESTED

Chips and Cards Are Collected as Evidence to Be Used Against Prisoners in the Municipal Court Today.

A raid was made on a "big mitt" game in the Winchester Annex last night and a sackful of poker chips and seven prisoners were seized by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow and Sergeant of Police Hogeboom. Charges of gambling were placed against the men and the evidence is held against them. All spent the night in the City Jail, by order of Captain Moore.

The raid was a success. It was planned early yesterday morning, when Detectives Kerrigan and Snow went to Chief of Police Hunt and told him of the presence of the "big mitt" outfit. He ordered the arrest of every person found in the room and the seizure of the gambling evidence, should it be found in the place.

At 10 o'clock Detectives Kerrigan and Snow went to the Winchester Annex, Burnside between Third and Fourth streets, and waited until they were certain there were a number of men in the room, which was located at the top of the stairs. They then called up Police Headquarters for a patrol wagon. When it arrived they were in possession of the room and were holding the seven men prisoners. Acting Sergeant Hogeboom, by prearrangement, hurried to the place and assisted in escorting the prisoners to the wagon and in taking the poker chips.

So carefully had the raid been planned, and so cautiously was it executed, that not one of the men in the room got away, neither did they have any opportunity to hide the evidence of their guilt. All went willingly, as they saw there was no way of escape.

Men giving the names of Ed Williams, John Wesley and Percy Bell are said by the officers to have been the proprietors of the "big mitt" game. There is a fourth man interested in it, but he was not present when the raid occurred. He will probably be arrested later. The names of the four visitors to the place were given as Charles Hoffman, F. B. Campbell, Charles Wagner and W. H. Gregory.

This is the first "big mitt" game to be raided and the proprietors arrested for a long time. Such places have been kept out, but the police expect much trouble from them in future, owing to the many who are coming here in anticipation of reaping rich rewards. Chief Hunt says he is determined to crush all such, and will not tolerate any kind of bunko games to run at all.

The detectives believe that the two men who robbed a stranger of $35 by means of an antiquated lock trick Saturday operated from the room in which the raid was made last night.

Funeral Services Today.

Funeral services for Mrs. Batter, who was killed by being struck by the steps of a passenger train, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Finley's chapel. Interment will be made in Lone Fir Cemetery. Mr. Batter is attached to the United States Army Engineer Corps, and served in the Philippine campaign. There will be many of his comrades in attendance. There was some doubt at first as to the cause of Mrs. Batter's death, but a post mortem by Dr. William W. Hicks, made at the request of Deputy Coroner A. L. Finley, proved beyond doubt she was struck by the steps of a passenger train.

"Nachur-Man" Now in Tahiti

E. W. Darling Is Welcomed by the Natives, and Takes Up Abode in a "Kokanut" Grove.

ERNEST W. DARLING, formerly of Portland, who calls himself the "Nachur-man" and believes in a kind of life not combative with the European form of civilization, has gone to the land where clothes when worn are looked upon as ornaments merely and are generally not worn at all, which is just what appeals to Professor Darling. He has sent a "P. O. Kard" to The Oregonian from Papeete, Tahiti, which is somewhere in that large and scattered locality known as the South Sea Islands, and addresses it to the residents of the native state. The postal card bears evidence that Professor Darling has gone to a place where he will at least seem a brother to his fellow-men, though his "10 commandments ov natur" will hardly entitle him to the role of prophet which he essayed in this country. Following is his postal card:

"PAPEETE, Tahiti, Jan. 15, 1905.—To My Deer Oregonians: Intent on establishing a Nature Sanitarium in the best lokality in the world, I left S. F. 2 wks ago for Tahiti. Fine trip on Mariposa. Nativs krouded around 2 reseev my kards bearing foto & '10 kommandments ov nature.' Tha herd I waz a frutarian, so quikly stokt me with bananaz, orangez, mangoz, papiaz, &c., enuf for a week. I hav a very suitabl residenz in a kokanut grove by the warm roling surf.

"PROF. E. W. DARLING."

PORTLAND BOY MAKES GOOD.

James R. Gleason Chosen by Manager McCreedie as Utility Man.

James R. Gleason, the clever shortstop, who has been doing good work on the baseball team of Columbia University of Portland, has been chosen by Manager McCreedie, of the Portland baseball team, as a utility man. The boy is a fast ball player and one of the best infielders that the amateur game has produced in Portland for a long time. He was one of the strongest men on the Columbia nine for several years and last Summer at Chautauqua did splendid work. Judge McCreedie, president of the Portland baseball club, knows the boy personally and has been very much pleased with his game. In taking him into the professional ranks, he believes he is going to develop a star.

The Catholic colleges all over the United States regularly furnish material of the highest class for professional ball, but this is the first man to go from Columbia.

Tacoma Land Company Wins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In an opinion of Justice Brewer, the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the opinion of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington in the case of Susan A. Ramsey vs. the Tacoma Land Company. The case arose out of a controversy over the land in Pierce County, Washington, that Mrs. Ramsey claimed by virtue of a homestead entry, while the Tacoma company asserted title by virtue of purchase from the Northern Pacific Railway Company. The decision was favorable to the land company and the Northern Pacific title.

TO TAKE THE TRIP

Councilmen Vote in Favor of California Journey.

SPECIAL MEETING IS HELD

Seven Members of the Council Discuss the Subject and End by Adopting Resolution to Vote Appropriation of $1500.

Seven Councilmen yesterday in a special meeting agreed to pass a resolution at the Council meeting next Wednesday appropriating $1500 to pay for a trip to Los Angeles for the purpose of investigating the Empire Electric Company's telephone instruments, any amount not used to be returned to the fund. The Councilmen will leave Portland Monday night, February 13, and return February 22. City Auditor Devlin and City Attorney McNary will accompany the party.

Councilmen Zimmerman, Sharkey, Sherrett, Albee, Flegel, Bentley and Whiting were present in the City Hall attending various committee meetings and insofar as there has been much conjecture as to whether or not the trip would be made it was decided to take the matter under consideration at once.

Some were in favor of paying their own expenses, feeling that as a great deal of adverse criticism has resulted from the proposed trip, any attempt to carry it out would be the occasion for a public upheaval. This, however, was bitterly opposed by the majority, who averred that the trip was not a "junket," as some were wont to term it, but purely a business trip. The Councilmen, they argued, would not only see the virtues of the automatic telephones demonstrated, but they would also learn something of methods adopted in other cities for the regulation of street improvements and car systems.

The trip is to be such as officials of other large cities make, the journey of a body of Salt Lake officers being cited. As a matter of fact, it was asserted, that the money in question which will be used to pay for the trip has been laid aside for that express purpose. According to some of the Councilmen, public opinion is heartily in favor of the journey.

"I have heard on every side," said

Resolution Adopted.

Councilman Albee, "'If you are going to give us a better telephone service, go.'"

This expressed the remarks of other Councilmen. There was some doubt as to the attitudes of Councilmen Foeller and Merrill. Mr. Sharkey stated that he was sure Mr. Merrill was in favor of the trip and would join the others. Mr. Foeller stated to a reporter that he was going to Los Angeles if he paid his own way.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Bentley and seconded by Mr. Sharkey. It was carried without a dissenting voice.

"Now," said Mr. Bentley, "we will have to make some provision for the adjournment of the Council while we are away."

"Oh, Rumelin can meet and adjourn," said Mr. Flegel.

The itinerary, although not as yet decided upon, will include San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles and Sacramento with a day's stop in each city.

J. N. H. Patrick, Union Veteran.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 30.—J. N. H. Patrick, a Nebraska pioneer, is dead, aged 70 years. Mr. Patrick raised the first Nebraska regiment at the outbreak of the Civil War, through which he served, attaining the rank of Colonel. Later he distinguished himself in battles with the Indians on the frontier, and was for several years a Government director of the Union Pacific. He had amassed considerable wealth.

RUNNING THE LAST LAP.

Work of Present Federal Grand Jury Is About to Come to an End.

The federal grand jury has entered into the last lap of its long race, and another week will see the work practically done and the members of the body scattered to their respective homes.

W. M. Piper, of Fossil, was one of the witnesses of yesterday, having been called to tell what he knew of the doings of the Butte Creek Land and Livestock Company. He was followed by J. W. Newkirk, cashier of the First National Bank of Portland, and one of the witnesses in the Puter-Watson trial of November last.

To judge from the witnesses who are being called before the jury, the Government is now tying up the little ends of the cases which have been and are now being considered. It is stated that the session will last for the rest of the present week, and perhaps until the middle of the week to come. Since the return of the Sorenson indictment for perjury the jury has worked silently and persistently, and yet nothing has apparently come of its labors. No intimation of what has been accomplished has drifted from the juryroom, but it is the firm conviction that many things have been taking place behind the shelter of the partition that will make sensational news when they are announced in court.

Indictments against leading men of the state have been long pending in the common mind, and it is thoroughly believed that these are now on the eve of being returned. Witnesses have been called before the jury who have had obvious connection with those high in power in times which have passed. What their testimony has been is not known, but it is believed that it has pointed to those not yet dragged into the net, or if they have been mentioned, that other charges are pending and are now ready of announcement.

It is whispered that another day may bring developments which have not been dreamed of up to this time, and an air of expectation is hanging over the Federal Building as the days of the jury are drawing to a close. Before the end of the week something will happen, and the long work of the jurors will have been accomplished for this present term at least. When the jury is adjourned it will not be called again until March for the regular session.

Mr. Heney is becoming anxious to go to San Francisco to attend to private business waiting for him there, and will hurry the remainder of the investigations through with all possible haste. One reason, it is alleged, that has prolonged the work of the jury is that a great deal of documentary evidence has been considered of late by the jury which has made the work slow and tedious.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. C. Seachrest, North Pacific Coast Agent of the New York Central lines, is in Seattle for a short visit. The New York Central system has opened, or will open, a new office in Seattle, and this will be under the charge of Mr. Seachrest. He is now in Seattle to look after the opening of the office.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at the New York hotels today as follows:

From Pasco, Wash.—J. Golden, at the Wellington.

From Spokane—B. Bast, at the St. Andrews; O. Jeldness and wife, at the St. Denis; W. H. Burtt, at the Imperial; R. Weil, J. Hendry, N. Weil, at the Hoffman.

From Seattle—W. H. Treasand wife, at the Marie Antoinette; L. V. Stevens, at the Spalding; W. J. Fisher, at the Hoffman; D. B. Patterson, at the Victoria.

From Tacoma—T. Feist, at the Astor.

Timber-Haulers on Strike.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Nine hundred lumber wagon-drivers struck here today. Operations of 100 firms, comprising the Lumbermen's Association, were affected. The members of the association assert that they will stand together in opposing the demands of the drivers. The drivers demand an increase of wages for drivers of two-horse wagons from $13 to $14 a week.

A strike of 250 planing-mill employes also is said to be pending.