

ATTACKED ON HER OWN DOORSTEP

Masked Thugs Gag, Bind and Attempt to Chloroform Miss Maud Sheek.

FIGHTS TO SAVE HONOR

Girl Succeeds in Putting Assaultants to Flight After Desperate Battle—Police Hope to Catch Them.

With a sponge soaked in chloroform pressed to her nostrils, a doll's wig and a wet band of cloth tied over her mouth as a gag, her eyes blindfolded and stout ropes knotted to her lower limbs, Miss Maud Sheek, who lives with the family of F. Elrath, 499 Schuyler street, battled with two masked men in the rear yard of the Elrath residence last night and succeeded in driving the two men away before they could do her bodily harm or kidnap her.

Then she screamed and had almost fainted before assistance could reach her. Elrath heard her cries and rushed out of the house armed with a revolver. The thugs on the approach of Elrath made their escape through a clump of trees not, however, before Elrath had fired a shot at one of them. It was too dark to discover last night whether he had scored a hit.

Miss Sheek, who is 21 years old, was not overcome after her hand-to-hand conflict, and was able to give Sergeant Hochbaum and Policeman Parker so many details of the crime that her assailants may be captured.

Attacked on Doorstep.

The young woman was attacked by the two men as she was going from the residence to a woodshed in the rear of the lot. It is supposed that they had lain in wait with the intention of kidnaping her. As soon as she had left the rear steps she was seized around the waist and an attempt was made to tie her arms behind her. In the scuffle which followed her waist was torn and her clothing disarranged. While struggling with the men the doll's wig was pressed into her mouth and the wet cloth was placed over her mouth and eyes. She fought so desperately that the attempt to pinion her arms was unsuccessful.

An attempt was then made to chloroform her. She managed to free one of her arms from the grasp of her assailants, and, tearing the mask from his face and the gag bandage from her mouth she shouted for help.

After some unintelligible remark which the girl could not remember, the two men ran. That an attempt was made to kidnap the young woman is believed.

Men Seen in a Buggy.

Two men answering the descriptions of Miss Sheek's assailants were seen driving away from the neighborhood, and were also seen to enter a buggy at an attempted crime. Buggy tracks in an unfrequented spot were found by the police a short distance from where the men were seen to disappear in the timber.

Although Miss Sheek obtained a good look at one of the men, she did not know of the attempt to kidnap Miss Sheek until two hours after it had happened, took up the case last night, and will set detectives to work today. Although he has not succeeded in capturing a hold-up man since he was appointed he is of the opinion that there is a good chance to run down the men who assaulted Miss Sheek.

PUT FOOTPADS TO FLIGHT

Man and Woman Hammer Thugs Over Heads With Coffee-Roaster.

When they were hammered over the heads with a coffee-roaster two young highwaymen were compelled to flee from a man and woman at Milwaukee and Tugger streets at 1 o'clock last night after they had attempted to hold them up. Policemen Adams, who patrols a beat in the neighborhood, was near enough to see what was taking place and, not waiting to inquire the particulars, pursued the two men.

The highwaymen, who are thought to be not more than 17 years of age, outran the policeman and made their escape. The man and woman did not report the hold-up to the police and their names could not be learned.

Burglars Visit Two Homes.

Burglars ransacked the residence of E. P. Hisebe at 651 Holly street some time between 7 and 10 o'clock last night and stole money and jewelry amounting to more than \$50. While the family was absent entrance was gained to the house by means of a skeleton key. A woman's gold watch, two rings set with precious stones and \$20 in money was taken by the burglars.

The residence of W. T. Scott at 354 East Ninth street was broken into by burglars last night, entrance being

gained through the rear door. A small amount of money and a few valuables were stolen.

HEARD IN THE ROTUNDAS

THE most brilliant banquet ever given in Portland will be the feature of the meeting of the Hotel Men's Association in Portland some time this coming Spring. The banquet will be given at the Hotel Portland, and it is said that all previous affairs of this kind will be eclipsed in the lavishness of the decorations. The Hotel Men's Association will meet in Portland either in May or June, the exact date not having been decided as yet.

The Hotel Men's Association holds meetings every year, and everything possible is done for their entertainment and enjoyment. At the hotels where the members stay, special pains are taken to provide for their comfort, every hotel man trying to outdo the others who had entertained the association. The Hotel Men's Association is composed largely of managers of hotels. It is estimated that about 150 of the leading hotel men of the United States will attend the meeting in Portland.

PORTLAND hotel managers are very enthusiastic over the outlook for Spring. They are of the opinion that

EAST SIDE FILLS

Work Is Rushed on Morrison Street Embankment.

WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

Other Work Which Is Contemplated for the Filling Up of Sloughs and Quagmires Across the Willamette River.

The improvement of East Morrison between East Morrison street and Union avenue, with a solid fill, is progressing rapidly. The Pacific Bridge Company has the contract for the main portion of the work at 30 cents a cubic yard. For the entire em-

bankment it would require a little over 60,000 cubic yards of earth, but between 15,000 and 20,000 cubic yards had already been dumped through the elevated roadway before this contract was let to the Pacific Bridge Company, so there is left something more than 40,000 cubic yards. The earth is brought in from North Mount Tabor by dump-cars over the electric railway, and it is composed of sand and gravel, which readily packs. The exact cost of this fill has not been ascertained, as that will depend on the number of cubic yards that will be dumped into the street to complete the embankment, but it will be about \$15,000, including a plank roadway laid on the top. The plank roadway is being put down on the fill for the reason that the embankment is sure to settle considerably before it becomes fixed, and when the plank wears out some durable pavement will be used to carry the tremendous traffic that passes over the Morrison bridge.

Other East Side Fills. Other fills on the East Side are being talked up, but until the dredge makes its trial run to ascertain if it is practical to pump material from the bottom of the river, no definite action will be taken. However, now that a start has been made on this kind of improvement it is not probable that any more extensive elevated roadways will be built.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

ADVANCE SALE TODAY.

Exchange and Sale of Musician's Concert Tickets at Marquam.

This morning at 10 o'clock at the box-office of the Marquam Grand Theatre the advance sale and exchange of tickets for the Musician's Mutual Association grand concert and monster vaudeville entertainment Wednesday evening, January 31, will open. Those who have bought tickets from Ben Selling's Clothing Company, Skidmore's Drug Company, Woodward & Clarke's Drug Company, Graver Music Store and the different professional musicians in the city, must exchange them at

CLOSE FAIR GROUNDS

High Fence Will Exclude the Public.

WRECKING SOON TO BEGIN

Yesterday Was the Last Day That Visitors Were Permitted on the Site of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The gates of the Lewis and Clark Exposition were finally closed last night, and the fine weather of yesterday brought out several thousand people who walked about the grounds, not realizing, however, that they were taking advantage of the last day the Fair site would be open. Today

GRAY'S GREAT OFFERING TO THE MEN OF PORTLAND

Today, Tuesday and Wednesday, all fancy Suits and Overcoats in the store included in this great sale

All \$15.00 and \$18.00 values, special price.....	\$11.00
All \$20.00 and \$22.50 values, special price.....	\$13.75
All \$25.00 Suits, special price.....	\$19.00
All \$30.00 Suits, special price.....	\$23.50
All \$35.00 Suits, special price.....	\$26.50
Sale on fine Negligee Shirts; \$2.00 and \$2.50 Shirts at special price.....	\$1.65
SPECIAL SALE FINE NECKWEAR, \$1.50 grades at.....	75c
SPECIAL SALE MEN'S FINE UNDERWEAR.	
25 per cent discount on all Winter weights.	

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS

R. M. GRAY

269-271 MORRISON STREET

wrecking company are the Agricultural, Transportation, Manufacturers', Foreign Exhibits, Oriental, Washington, California and entrance colonnade and buildings. The Oregon building will be wrecked under a special contract by the same company. It is desired to take the structure apart carefully, numbering each timber so it can be reproduced later. No final disposition has yet been made of it, but it is probable it will be made into a lodge, home or similar structure, as it is well fitted for the purpose. The Coos building, too, will be wrecked with special care, in order not to mar the fine finishings of native Oregon woods. The famous Coos Bay myrtle has been used extensively in completing the building, and this can be used in other construction in the city.

Dissolution of Exposition.

The Exposition grounds now present anything but an attractive sight. Guild's Lake has fallen about eight feet since the Exposition pumps, intended to keep it at a high stage, were stopped. The portions of the lake between the mainland and the peninsula are largely mud flats. The Bridge of Nations stands up on piling that is now exposed, and Neptune, posted midway on the bridge, holds aloft his trident, appears to be standing on six-foot stilts. In pools of the lake, boys fish for catfish. The trail is largely a wreck, trenches run about the grounds where pipes have been dug up, plaster statuary lies blackened and broken in many places and a visit affords only a ghastly sort of pleasure. The dissolution of the Exposition is one with the decay and ruin of a deserted city.

Pending the taking over of the grounds by the wrecking company, the tract is in charge of the Pence Company, which is rapidly completing its fumes along the hillsides northwest of Portland, preliminary to building them into the Exposition grounds. The fuming of the materials from the wrecked buildings into the lake will not be undertaken until next fall. The Pence project will gather the waters in the basin of Balch Gulch, together with a quantity beyond the range of hills west of Guild's Lake, now flowing into the Tualatin River, in Washington County, and divert it by pipe lines and a tunnel through the highest hills to the slopes near the lake.

Make Warehouse Sites.

The ultimate filling in of large tracts near the Northern Pacific line through the low grounds along the lake, making valuable warehouse sites in that district, is a strong probability as a result of the Pence hydraulic projects. The first work begun by the company will be that of terracing and leveling the hills near the lake for residence property, and this will begin within a short time. The first work will be the hydraulicking by means of giants, the hill known as the "Scotch Knob," 400 feet above the lake, owned

PURITY BY POLITICS.

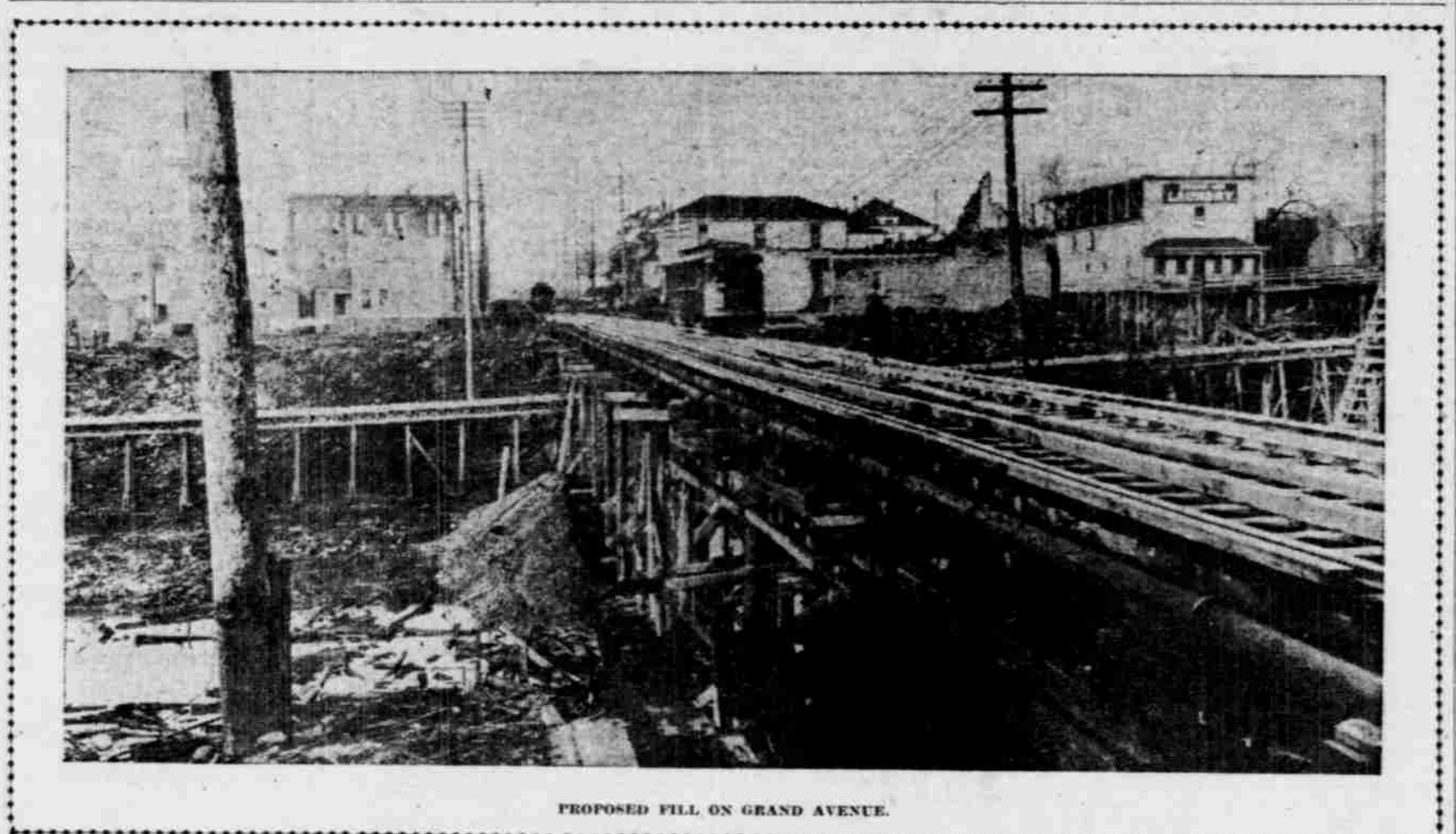
Dr. Baker Urges Young Men to Go In to Save Land From Misrule.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—At the Majestic Theater 110 men heard "Purity" Baker, of Ohio, talk on Christian politics and local option. State Senator Alfred R. Page presided and in presenting Dr. Baker, who is National superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, the Senator said:

"He more than any other man brought about the overthrow of Boss Cox in Ohio." Mr. Baker said in part: "Every man should be an American before being either a Democrat or Republican. Partisan politics always produces Crookism, Murphyism, etc. I advise every clear-headed, clean-hearted, manly young man to go into politics and stay in politics till our land is redeemed from misrule. If there is any man here who is too holy to stand boldly for clean streets and good lights, pure water and good laws, well enforced, then he is overdue in heaven." Dr. Baker spoke earnestly in behalf of local option generally.

Bu Hammar Raids Rifles.

MADRID, Jan. 28.—According to a dispatch from Melilla, a Spanish seaport on the north coast of Morocco, the troops of the pretender, Bu Hammar, have ravaged the Rif region, a coast range of heights and mountains in Northern Morocco, bordering on the Mediterranean, wild and difficult of access and in great part inhabited by the Rifas. There was much fighting in which the Khilife tribesmen were invariably beaten.



with the advent of Spring a crowd of tourists will flow from California in such numbers as have never before visited this section. The managers expect the hotels to be crowded to their fullest capacity. They say the rush of tourists will begin about March 1 or two or three weeks later.

These base their predictions upon the fact that California is crowded with tourists, all records having been broken this year, and that a large percentage of those from the East will return to their homes by the way of Portland and Seattle. The Lewis and Clark Exposition brought the Northwest to the front, and its scenic beauties are gaining more renown each year. Many of those now in California were here during the Fair, and were so delighted with Portland and Oregon that they are anxious to pay this section a return visit.

STREET preacher, who found it rather disagreeable converting sinners in the rain, wandered into the lobby of the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon. As soon as he was thawed out his chilled limbs his religious fervor asserted itself. The corridor was crowded at the time with dozens of commercial men and travelers, and the happy thought struck him to preach to them in the warm and comfortable lobby instead of the cold and cheerless street corners where listeners were hard to find.

Taking a position in the center of the corridor he introduced himself to the crowd and began to preach. Now preaching in the lobby is not the common custom at the Hotel Portland and the mad duty fell upon Nathaniel Clarke, the popular clerk who was on duty, to acquaint the exhorter of this fact. During a lull of a few seconds, when the preacher was regaining his breath after a regular old-fashioned fire-and-brimstone sermon, Mr. Clarke called the stranger to the desk. "I am very sorry sir, but we would prefer if you would not preach in the lobby," said Mr. Clarke in a polite tone of voice. "If the guests at the hotel wanted to hear a sermon they would go to one of the churches," he continued. "Besides I think the majority of them were at church this morning and do not care to hear another sermon in the afternoon."

"Why, I never thought of that," replied the street preacher. "Of course traveling men go to church as well as other persons."

With that he fell upon his knees and prayed for fully 15 minutes. Then he arose, shook hands with Mr. Clarke and went out on the streets to continue his interrupted sermon.

Will Complete Embankment.

It is expected that the embankment will be finished some time next month. While the street-cars have continued to be operated over the street, teams are shut off. Pedestrians are not excluded. The contractors are laying the plank along the north side of the embankment as fast as that portion is finished, so that the public will be inconvenienced as little as possible. Notwithstanding the efforts of the contractors business men along the street are greatly inconvenienced and are suffering loss of patronage, but they can console themselves that it will not happen again.

Fill on Grand Avenue.

The next extensive fill on the East Side is the one on Grand avenue, between East Stark and East Pine streets, a distance of about 300 feet. This embankment will be a high one, and will take an immense amount of earth, estimated at about 40,000 cubic yards. The slough at this point is a quagmire of great depth, and will settle under the weight of the fill for some time. A wooden culvert is being built under the street to carry off the water from Hawthorne Springs which will be 44 feet in the clear. It will rest on solid pile foundation and be built of timbers 12x12 to stand the weight. The Pacific Bridge Company has the contract for this embankment, and the cost will be about \$12,000. Work will be started on Grand avenue as soon

the box-office of the theater for coupon reserved seats.

This entertainment will consist of a grand concert by 50 musicians, under the direction of Edgar E. Courson. Songs by Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, Mrs. Walter Reed and the blind boy pianist, Frankie Richter. The second half of the entertainment will be devoted to five "top-liner" vaudeville acts, donated by the respective managers of the several vaudeville houses in the city.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Cannon King at Pantages.

The grand feature of the new bill that opens at Pantages' today is nothing less than Captain John Holtum, the cannon king, who catches 21-pound cannonballs fired at him across the stage from a genuine cannon loaded with powder. There is no optical illusion about this act, nor is it a device fitted up with springs. Captain Holtum actually catches the ball fired from a loaded cannon. A committee will be invited to witness the loading, and when not on the stage the old cannon will be on public exhibition in front of the theater. The rest of the programme is of more than ordinary merit. The Scofield, Sidding Ruben, have something new in the comedy line; Crawford and Duff are a pair of exceptional comedians; Pumes and Hale have a great novelty act; Jones and Barton infuse a lot of good music and fancy dancing into the bill; Leo White will sing a new illustrated song, and the biograph will show a great drama, "The Night Before Christmas."

Grand.

All who patronize the theaters will remember Ralph Cummings, who was here for a season at the head of his own stock company. Cummings returns to Portland today for the first time since his stock days, and will be at the Grand as a vaudeville headliner with his company, presenting a screaming farce called "A Game of Hearts." Although there have been various kinds of whiffs here before, there has never been anything like the motor cycle which which Tinkham and company will give. George Delmas, the noted expert on the rings, will have a place on the programme, as will also the Gayotte Brothers, violin virtuosos. Juveniles are the Carrell Sisters, dancers and dancers. Harold Hoff will sing "Would You Care?" and the Grandioso will tell the story of child robbers.

Star.

This afternoon the Star management will present a vaudeville entertainment which will be exactly what the public likes best. The bill will run all week. At the top of the list is the famous Marinetti Trio, acrobats who come direct from Paris, where they have held the highest recognition in the varieties for several years. Gibbons and Gibson have a strange act, which they call "A Burger's K.H." Everyone knows what a burger's lift is, but it remains for the Gibbons to show what can be done with the lift on the vaudeville stage. Smith and Ellis have a farcical sketch, and Vontella and Nina will do strange feats on the flying Roman ring. Caprice will be a sensation in her charming change art. W. H. Hartford sings "A Peac for Two" and the Starscope shows pictures of Paris.

Works After Ribs Are Broken.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Miss Lila Ashley fell into an unguarded excavation Friday evening, and was able to go to her home and work the next day, though feeling badly. She finally was obliged to go to her bed and call a doctor, who found that she had broken two ribs, and her left side was terribly bruised.

This Postmaster Resigned.

MERLIN, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I see in your list of Northwest Postmasters you have "J. Linterman removed." I wish to state that I resigned on December 7, and my resignation was accepted. I have held the office 20 years, and resigned, and was not removed. J. LINTERMAN, P. M.

DELIGHTFUL NEWPORT.

Splendid Weather at This Popular Pacific Coast Resort. Delightful in every particular is the weather at Newport, and the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern railroads have resumed their cheap rates to this place for the Winter. Particulars asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.



THE FILL ON EAST MORRISON STREET AS NOW UNDER WAY.

VIEW SHOWING CONDITION OF EAST WATER STREET, BETWEEN EAST MORRISON AND BELMONT STREETS.