

BOILER EXPLODES ONE MAN KILLED

Portland Rendering Co. Plant Is Destroyed—Frank Pelton Dies From Injuries.

F. F. LENT IS BURNED

Defects in Tank in Which Tallow Is Melted—Cause the Explo- sion—Damage Will Reach \$3000.

The plant of the Portland Rendering Company, on the Columbia Slough road near Peninsula, was yesterday afternoon completely destroyed by explosion of a boiler used for melting tallow. Frank Pelton, a workman, received injuries from which he died soon after, and F. F. Lent, one of the owners, who was also working near by, received severe internal injuries and burns. The damage to the plant, which was completely wrecked, will probably aggregate \$3000.

Caused by Defects in Tank.

The explosion seems to have been caused by defects in the tank wherein the tallow for the rendered lard is melted. There seems to have been no safety valve on the boiler, and Coroner Finley will probably order an inquest and examine into the facts in the case.

At a few minutes after 4 o'clock the tank suddenly blew up with a terrific impact. The boiler itself was about six feet in diameter, and this was literally torn to pieces. The building was wrecked and portions of the woodwork were blown nearly a block. Near-by residents were immediately attracted to the scene, and as soon as possible the injured men were removed from the debris. The patrol wagon was sent for, but no physician could be secured.

Pelton Dies in Patrol Wagon.

Pelton, who was unconscious, was laid out on the ground, and Lent had already been removed to his home at 12th Street and Avenue, a short distance away. It was seen that Pelton could not survive, as his head was badly crushed, but as quickly as possible he was placed in the wagon and the horses started for the city on the run. When near Piedmont the unfortunate man expired, and the body was then taken direct to the Coroner's office. Pelton was 40 years of age, and resided near the factory where he met his death. He leaves a wife and three children.

Lent's Injuries Not Fatal.

Lent was not fatally injured. A doctor was not called to attend him till late in the evening, but no time was lost in attending to him, and it is not thought that he received any other than severe bruises.

KILLED BY FLYING LATHS

ACCIDENT AT MULTNOMAH BOX FACTORY ENDS FATALY.

Edward H. Conroy, a Young Machin- ist, Struck in Stomach and Dies Suddenly 20 Minutes Later.

What at first appeared to be a trifling accident turned out to be a tragedy, yesterday afternoon, when Edward H. Conroy, a young machinist, was struck in the stomach by flying laths. Twenty minutes later he was dead. The blow was not severe enough to bruise the flesh at the surface. While an internal rupture must have been caused, an autopsy will be necessary to determine the exact cause of death. Coroner Finley has directed that the autopsy be held.

The accident occurred shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the Multnomah Box Factory, where Conroy was employed. At the time he was working on a supply of sticks on the lath machine. He saw a sudden jerk and scattered the sticks in every direction. Conroy was struck in the stomach, by C. C. Corbin, of 831 Macadam street, who was working near by, had his thumb lacerated.

Conroy dropped to the floor, but did not lose consciousness. It was not thought he was seriously hurt. He was assisted to a place to lie down. His condition at once grew worse. He died in 20 minutes. Coroner Finley was at once notified, and after investigating the case had the body removed to the morgue. An examination failed to show any abrasions of the skin or external bruises. The Coroner then decided upon an autopsy, which will be held during this forenoon.

Conroy was 25 years old, and made his home at Arleta. He left a young wife and baby.

FINE CONCERT PROGRAMME

City Band Will Play at Hawthorne Park This Evening.

Bandmaster Charles L. Brown has arranged a fine programme for this evening's concert at Hawthorne Park. Among the numbers will be a new medley, "Rossiter's Sunny Song," which is said to be very pretty. The Russian "Carriage Song" (Thornton) is a characteristic number and carries the thread of a weird melody. Scenes from "Robin Hood," the overture, "In a Cory Corner," the Idyll, "Mill in the Forest," and the Intermezzo. "The Sun" are well known. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock. The programme is full:

- March, "Caesar's Triumphant"..... Mitchell
- Waltz, "Murmuring Waters"..... Hall
- Overture, "Light Cavalry"..... Suppe
- Nocturne, "In a Cory Corner"..... Rossiter
- Medley, "Rossiter's Sunny Song" (New)
- Intermission
- Characteristic, "Russian Carriage Song"..... Thornton
- Scenes from "Robin Hood"..... DeKoven
- Intermezzo, "Anna and the Butterflies"..... Grey
- Idyll, "The Mill in the Forest"..... Blumenthal
- Two-step, "Love of Liberty"..... Scouton
- Charles L. Brown, Conductor.

Closing Week of Series.

The closing week of the series with Seattle begins at Recreation Park this afternoon. So far the Glants have had no difficulty in putting a quietus on the aspirations of the Siwash, and if they continue their ratio of wins this week they will come near making a record in the way of continued victories.

Sole Portland Agents for the "Vudor" Porch Shades in All Sizes—Third Floor
"Willamette" Sewing Machines—15 Models—\$18 to \$35 Each—10 Years' Guarantee

The Meier & Frank Store

Ruffled Net and Swiss Curtains

1000 Pairs at \$1.45 Pair



Great Mid-Summer Sale of 1000 pairs of ruffled Net and Swiss Curtains—36 inches wide by 3 yards long—Nets with inserting and edges, both white and Arabian color—Swiss with large figured centers and plain ruffles—An immense variety to select from—An advantageous deal with a large eastern importer enables us to offer them at the extremely low price of \$1.45 a pair. Just the curtain you want for bedrooms, dining-rooms, spare rooms, etc. Buy all you want of them today and tomorrow at this very low price, pair

\$1.45

Mail Orders Will Be Promptly Filled

\$2.50 Oriental Tapestry Couch Covers, 60 inches wide by 3 yards long, fringed all around; a handsome high-grade Gas Range of the best \$1.95 val. for a few days only at this low price, each. Heavy Mercerized Portieres, fringed top and bottom, all the popular colorings; regular \$6.75 values on \$4.95 sale at, pair. All rope and leather Portieres, \$2.00 to \$10.00 values reduced to \$1.00 to \$7.00 a pair—wonderful val.—3d Floor. Custom Shade and Drapery work our specialty.

50 Fine Gas Ranges at \$9.98 Each

Special 3 days' sale of 50 high-grade Gas Ranges, 2-burner, extension top, 18-inch oven, lever valve, can be used with tube or stationary connection made; a handsome high-grade Gas Range of the best \$9.98 model; our regular \$11.75 value on sale at the special low price of, each. We do our own connecting, prompt and satisfactory workmanship. Gas Ranges, Stoves and Hotplates—the best showing in the city—Basement. White Mountain Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers, sole Portland agents. "Peninsular" Stoves and Steel Ranges—50 models, every good size and style.

Men's Wear Specials Today



The Men's Wear Section continues to offer rare bargains in seasonable furnishings of every description—Here are a few of the extra special values—Take advantage

- 100 dozen Men's Golf Shirts in Madras, Oxfords and Percales, very large assortment of patterns and colorings in light and dark effects, also plain tan and blue chambrays; regular \$1.00 values on sale at 69c
- Special lot of Men's Golf Shirts, attached or detached cuffs, coat style, this season's very best styles in checks, stripes and fig-ures; regular \$1.50 values for \$1.15
- Men's "Shawknit" Half Hose in a splendid assortment of styles, all sizes; great value at 17c pair or three pairs for 50c
- Cooper's form-fitting Underwear for men, shirts and drawers in blue and pink, Summer weight, all sizes; regular \$1.00 values on sale at this low price 59c
- Men's light colored Madras Negligee Shirts, soft attached collar, made full size and well finished, all sizes; extraordinary value at, each 37c
- Men's new White Stock Ties for, each 50c
- All straw Sailor and Panama Hats reduced.

\$1.00 Silks 59c

1000 yards of beautiful new Silk Foulards, in dots and figured effects, for waists and suitings; all this season's styles, in the very best colorings; cool, stylish and serviceable; \$1.00 values at yard 59c

2000 yards of new Suiting Silks, in all the best designs and color combinations; neat, pretty effects; regular \$1.00 values, being closed out at this wonderfully low price, yard 60c

900 yards of all-wool Challies, in the best designs and colorings; splendid assortment, at yard 35c

Largest and best showing of gray dress materials in the city; all grades, best values.

New black Dress Goods; new black and white checked Silks; all grades, all prices, handsome styles.

Drug Sundries, Stationery, Jewelry

- Solid steel Manicure Scissors, fully guaranteed, 65c val. 49c
- Steel Nail Files, all sizes and styles, on sale at 19c
- Large size Bath Sponges 19c
- Women's all-rubber Vaginal Syringes; special value at 49c
- Whirling Spray Syringes \$1.59
- Powder and Perf Boxes, pink, blue and white, special at 28c
- Bathsoot Toilet Soap; 19c
- Value, cake, special 19c
- Superfluous Hair Remover 79c
- Whisk Brooms, special 8c
- Benzoin and Almond Lotion—19c
- Best skin preparation 19c
- Okayed Toilet Paper, dozen rolls, at 35c
- Royal Silk Bond Paper, assorted colors; regular 35c pound; special at, per pound 19c
- Our entire line of Memo. Books, including imitation and real leather covers; all ruling, at 20 per cent reduction.
- Lewis and Clark Souvenir Books, \$1 value, for, each 39c
- and white, special at 28c
- Oregon Scenic Beauties—beautiful little book, full of Portland and Oregon views; great value at, each 15c
- 1-day Mission Clock \$1.49
- Pearl Bead Necklaces 33c
- Gold-filled Cuff Links, pair 59c
- Sterling Silver Waist Sets 49c
- French Novelty Brooches 28c

The Meier & Frank Store

HAND-MADE

Waists Reduced

We've made very unusual reductions on our entire stock of imported hand-made waists; magnificent styles, beautifully designed embroidery and lace-trimmed effects—waists of the highest grade; dainty, rich novelties, in sizes 34 to 38 only—Grand values

\$15.00 French Waists \$9.25
\$18.00 French Waists \$12.45
\$21.00 French Waists \$14.85
\$25.00 French Waists \$17.25
\$28.00 French Waists \$19.25
\$35.00 French Waists \$26.85
\$45.00 French Waists \$32.25
\$60.00 French Waists \$46.00

Another large shipment of "Peter Pan" Waists just received—white percales, with colored cuffs and collar, or large and small polka-dot effects; the ideal outfitting garment; each \$1.75

The Meier & Frank Store

Clearance Sale Millinery



Entire stock of Trimmed Dress Hats marked at prices far below cost.

Women's Sailor Hats worth up to \$2.95 each on sale at this low price \$1.00

Women's Duck Hats low priced. Children's Trimmed Leghorn Hats, mull and silk, all colors. Best shapes for wear with wash dresses, all marked at exceptionally low prices.

Untrimmed shapes in all this season's styles—prices the lowest in the city.

Infants' Bonnets at special prices.

Children's Straw Sailors and Duck Hats marked at special low prices.

Hats for outing and coast wear. Sun-bonnets, etc., all at reduced prices—Millinery Department, Second Floor.

July Bargains in Women's Apparel



Handsome new Tourist Coats, 42-inch length garments, Tweeds, alpaca and cashmeres, self strapped, trimmed, patch-pockets, black velvet collar, gray mixtures, checks, plaids and light stripes, very nobby coats for immediate wear and the styles and materials that will be in greatest demand this Fall and Winter—All sizes, regular \$14.00 values, your choice while they last at, each

\$8.45

All new, up-to-date styles in serges, Panama cloths and mohairs—Made in circular effect, 15 to 17 gores, panel styles, large and small checks in black, blue, gray, tan and green combinations—Skirts that find ready sale at \$16.00 and \$18.00 each—Your choice of the lot

\$12.45

of 60 at the low price of.....

Special lot of 90 women's Shirtwaist Suits, in grass linen and black and white figured percales; the linen suits are trimmed with lace—percales trimmed with embroidery, skirts full flounce and panel front; all sizes; regular \$3.25 and \$3.50 values; choice while they last at this low price, suit..... \$1.78

Special lot of 15 dozen women's Shirtwaists, embroidered down the front or fancy yokes; very pretty styles—all new, clean, fresh merchandise, all sizes. Remember, only 300 of them; you'll have to come early if you want one; \$2.00 values at..... \$1.18

Underwear

"Harvard Mills" Union Suits for women, silk and lisle made, with no sleeve and knee-length pants, or high neck and long sleeves with ankle-length pants, all sizes; best \$2.00 values on sale at, suit..... \$1.68

Women's Swiss Ribbed Vests—low neck and no sleeves; fancy yokes, handsome underwests; regular 65c values on sale at 43c

Women's fine ribbed white lisle Union Suits, low neck, no sleeves, knee length; best 65c values, in all sizes at, suit..... 47c

65c HOSIERY 39c PAIR

Women's fine lisle Hose in black and tan, all over lace and lace boot effects; great assortment, all sizes; best 65c values on sale at this low price, pair..... 39c

Women's \$3.50 Shoes \$2.10 Pair

Women's standard Footwear priced below manufacturing cost—900 pairs Shoes and Oxfords in patent colt, vici kid, Russia calf and tan chocolate kid welt and turn soles—This season's best lasts in all sizes and widths—Shoes made by two of the most reputable houses in the country and whose product you have been buying for 20 years with entire satisfaction—Regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 values at this remarkably low price, pair

\$2.10

Men's \$3.50 Shoes \$2.45 Pair

400 pairs of men's fine Shoes at a low price, velour calf, box calf and vici kid—Lace and Blucher styles—All sizes and widths—Every pair guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or your money cheerfully refunded—\$3.50 values, on sale at this low price, pr.

\$2.45

Trunk Dept.

34-inch canvas-covered Trunks, waterproof painted; leather-bound, full lined-lined; two trays; regular \$13.25 value, on sale at this spec. price \$11.30

32-inch Trunks, rawhide bound, steel edge, canvas covered; two trays; regular \$18.00 value on sale at this low price \$15.30

32-inch Trunks, leather-bound, canvas-covered, two trays; regular \$19.00 value for..... \$16.15

24-inch leather Suitcase, leather lined, with shirt fold; regular \$12.00 value for..... \$10.25

24-inch leather Suitcase, leather lined and straps; regular \$11.50 value for..... \$9.75

Ribbon Sale

Sale extraordinary of 15,000 yards of 5-inch all pure silk taffeta Ribbons, extra good quality, in black, white, cream, brown, tan, mode, mais, navy, gray, green, light blue, pink and many other desirable colors; best 35c quality, on sale at, yard..... 18c

Special assortment of fine Dresden and Print Warp Ribbons, 5 to 7 inches wide; beautiful floral and conventional designs, in all the dainty color combinations, for sashes, dress trimming, fancy work and millinery purposes; regular 75c to \$1.25 values, on sale at this low price, yard 58c

Lace Dept.

Another special sale of fine embroideries—5000 yards Edgings and Insertions, in Swiss and nainsook—a very desirable lot; handsome patterns in great assortment; 2 to 9 inches wide; values up to 65c yard at 19c

1000 yards of new Swiss Shir-twaist Bands, 2 to 9 inches wide; values up to 75c a yard, on sale at this low price..... 39c

900 yards of Allover Swiss Embroidery for Shirtwaists—Beautiful designs; values up to \$2 a yd.; on sale at low price 89c

WIFE BEATER SHOT

George Washington Seriously Wounded by His Spouse.

INJURIES MAY BE FATAL

Negro Strikes His Wife Several Times and Enraged Woman Se- cures Revolver and Fires.

Police Make Arrests.

George Washington, a negro employed as porter at the Marquam barber shop, essayed to beat his wife at their home, 144 North Tenth street. Mrs. Washington, after sustaining several severe blows, seized a revolver from a trunk and shot her abusive husband through the abdomen. The wounded man ran from the house, despite his injury, to a near-by saloon several blocks away, where the police found him lying on the floor with his head in the lap of Mrs. Washington, who had followed him there.

The negro was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where the bullet was removed and his wounds sewed up as best possible. The wound is a very serious one, and, since the intestines were perforated in several places, it is doubtful whether the injured man can survive.

The shooting was the outcome of a

family quarrel. Washington had been drinking, and, according to S. E. Smith, a colored eye-witness, he had several times struck his wife, and otherwise abused her. Enraged at such treatment, the woman secured a revolver and shot her abusive spouse.

Acting Detectives Smith and Hill brought the woman to the station, where she was locked up pending a hearing this morning and awaiting the outcome of her husband's wound.

Detective Mears located Smith, the only witness to the shooting, and he also was locked up. Smith says the man was drinking, and that his assault on his wife was without provocation.

CHARGED WITH STEALING

Daniel Balch Arraigned in the East Side Court.

Daniel Balch, a boy of about 17 years of age, was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Justice Olson on a charge of the larceny of \$15 in money from Mrs. J. Levitt, who was visiting at the home of William Burger, on the Estacada railway. He pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for a hearing this morning in the East Side Court, at 9 o'clock.

Balch had been working in the hayfield for Burger at Luther, and, having finished, came to Portland Saturday, when he was arrested by a Deputy Sheriff and lodged in jail. He is charged with taking \$15 in currency and \$5 in gold from Mrs. Levitt, a guest of the Burger family. Balch denies his guilt most emphatically. He is alone here, but has relatives at Seattle.

For Loss of Appetite
HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE
It nourishes, strengthens and imparts new life and vigor. An excellent general tonic.

TODIE OR NOTTODIE

Street-Car Men's Union Will Decide Tonight.

ITS BACKBONE IS BROKEN

Increase of Wages by Portland Rail- way Company Stifles Union Sen- timent—Labor Agitators Go to San Francisco.

Apparently at the end of its rope, Local 151, A. A. E. R. E. A., which is the union lately organized among street-railway men of Portland, is expected to die a quiet death or at the best be barely kept alive by a scant number of faithful retainers.

The enthusiasm that was worked up when the organization was first formed, has ebbed and the defeat of the late strike movement has put a quietus to the claims of the most earnest unionists. The increase in the wages of the men, which came in response to a petition from the nonunion employees of the local traction lines, was the last straw that broke the back of unionism.

The executive board of the local street-car union met last night in the headquarters on First street to outline future plans that will be given to the members

for their consideration at a union meeting tonight in Drew hall. The session last night was attended by Organizer Burton, President Sorenson of the union and President G. H. Gram of the State Federation of Labor. It is reported that the members of the executive board were strong for the retention of the charter of the union by the men and advised the building up of the organization with the ultimate view of securing recognition and making the influence of the body felt. This is expected to be the substance of the report to be given to the union men tonight. Whether the union will be kept together is an open question.

Organizer Burton and Secretary McKenney will leave within a short time for California, where it is said they will take an active part in the labor difficulties now in progress there. These two were among the most active in the recent agitation for a strike among the men and their departure will probably have the effect of quieting the union agitation, and matters are expected to soon settle back to normal.

BASE LINE ROAD IS OILED

Residents and Property-Owners Pay Cost of Improvement.

Through the efforts of residents and property-owners, the Base Line road, between East Fortieth street and Mount Tabor, has been oiled, and gives excellent satisfaction. The oil treatment was given a strip 16 feet wide in the center of the roadway, and it has served well to lay dust and provide a smooth pavement. Hereafter the people living along the road beyond East Fortieth street have lived in a cloud of dust from morning until night. W. F. Prior started a subscription to pay the expense of oiling the road, and, with the assistance of the Mount Tabor Improvement Association, the money was raised.

NO SALE IN SIGHT

A. B. Hammond Not Negotiat- ing With Hill or Harriman.

HOLDINGS NOT ON MARKET

Shrewd Railroad Magnate and Tim- ber Man Started Life as Trad- er's Clerk, and Is Now Worth Millions.

A. B. Hammond, railroad magnate and timber baron, reached Portland last night from San Francisco, and is staying at the Portland Hotel. He is accompanied by his wife. The two will remain in Portland several days. Mr. Hammond is on one of his regular tours of inspection of this territory, as he comes to Portland and to keep in touch with the managers of his two Oregon railroads, the Astoria & Columbia River and the Corvallis & Eastern.

Mr. Hammond cannot confirm the report intended purchase of his properties by either Hill or Harriman, and disclaims any negotiations with either sys-

tem. His present visit is said to have nothing to do with such a disposition of his holdings.

Mr. Hammond was not feeling well last night and retired early. He has not as yet had time to look about the city nor to hold conferences with his officials. He will go about town a great deal during the next few days.

The owner of the Corvallis and Eastern and Astoria and Columbia roads is a decided contrast to most railroad men, who have grown up in the business from telegraph operator or office clerk. Mr. Hammond had no connection with railroads until he was 60 years old. Prior to that time, he confined his efforts to merchandising, banking and timbering.

He is a Canadian by birth and when a young man became trader's clerk at a fur trading post in Montana. Later he became trader at the post. In this business he laid the foundations of the fortune that he has accumulated. He became interested in banking in Montana and in the timber business.

A few years ago he was able to pick up a bargain small the Corvallis & Eastern was disposed of at forced sale. Mr. Hammond bid the property in for \$100,000. The value of the track and grade alone is at least worth \$1,000,000. Estimates of the value of the property, including steamers owned at the time of the transfer, place the property purchased at a much smaller sum up in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Hammond, with shrewd Canadian thrift, has not only been able to accumulate a great fortune through his business enterprises, but he is adding to the value of his holdings rapidly. He is now 66 years old and should he retain the active management of his properties for a number of years, he will unquestionably be one of the Coast's richest men.

Mr. Hammond intended coming to Portland on his annual visit earlier in the Summer, but the San Francisco disaster hindered him and he was forced to postpone the trip.