# STRONG EVIDENCE TO PROVE MURDER

Two Men Heard Running From Scene of the Death of Dr. Johnson.

### WITNESSES ARE RELIABLE

Circumstances of Terrible Tragedy of Ford-Street Bridge Combine to Prove Police Theory of

Sulcide Untenable

# CHIEF RECOGNIZES OFFER OF

REWARD. The undersigned is authorized and relatives of the Philip Edwards Johnson to offer a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of, or \$500 for informa-tion leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who murdered Dr. Johnson in this city on the aight of January 7, 1907, C. GRITZMACHER,

Acting Chief of Police. BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

A week has passed by since Dr. Philip and this is the first recognition that the police of the city have given that Dr. Johnson met his death at the hands of thugs. The notice was put up by Acting Chief Gritzmacher, Saturday night and the mere posting must have been as bitter as gall to Acting Chief of Detec-tives Bruin, for he was as iraseible as a grown man with a noon-day colic.

Acting Chief of Detectives! Well the known as early as Tuesday morning, instend of hiding behind his false suicide ory, that two men, on the night that Johnson was murdered, were heard ming from the scene of the murder, Phese witnesses are Conductor J. E. Feak, of the Council Crest carline and David T. Honeyman. But it is not on record that firm, or any of his socalled detectives made an attempt to gather information that would tend to disprove their concected theory of suicide. If firmin, or any of his men, would have taken as much pains to solve the murder of Dr. Johnson as they have taken ase their stily deduction of suitcide would have learned from Conducto Feak that on Monday night, between 7:45 him, and then when he was a safe dishe would have found that shortly before o'clock, Mr. Honeyman, who was abo o make a call at the bome of C. E. Wood, while he stood on the doorste walting for a response to his ring, heard the footfalls of a man running north on Ford street, and just as he reached the end of the bridge, stumble and fall.

# Police Know Feak's Story.

Saturday because Conductor Feak told it to a man who said he was a detective. about at the same hour, as nearly as time acting chief of detectives made up his

nind quick on the night of the murder hat Dr. Johnson had committed suicide, ind unlike that saying of the wiscacre, 'that a wise man changes his mind, but a fool, never," in spite of the accumulative evidence that has come up since the night of the tragedy, he doggedly retuses to drop the suicide theory,

Conductor Feak, who told his story Sat-urday afternoon to R. W. Lewis and my-self: is not a man who would, just for slicer notoriety, concoct the story of hav. ing met this running man on Monday lieved and trusted. Feak lives on the in charge of a car on the Council Crest ine, and it is his custom to get his can o the burn by 7 o'clock. Monday night, as usual, he reached the barn at 7 o'clock and after "cashing up, he started home. The power was about the time he reached Washings and Twenty-third streets and with waiting for a car, he started to walk He noticed as he passed St. Helen's Hall that the light was out and near this point he recalls passing a man walking lowards Washington street, Feak is not sure that the light was burning on the bridge at the time, for the wind was blowing a gale and having a clear sweep up the canyon, the force of the wind on

# the bridge was terrific. He walked along the footpath on the right elde of the bridge and several times he was jostled against the railing. Overtaken by Running Man.

Feak fixes the time that he crossed the bridge, as nearly as he can remember, at 7:50 or 7:55. He was in a hurry to get home and never having been mo-lested in his many trips across the bridge, he gave no heed to the time. On reaching the south end of the orldge he turned down the Terrace tond towards the city. He had gone out a few hundred yards from the bridge when he was startled by the footfalls of a man running behind him. It was pitch dark and he stopped and turned around. Suddenly he saw a man coming towards him. The man, who was running, caught sight of Feak at the same time, and stopped running, slowing down to a fast walk. In an instant Feak says he thought of a holdup and he was ready to throw in his hands. The stranger continued to walk briskly toward Feak, brushed past him hurrledly and then just as soon as he got past, broke out to a run again. Thought it strange, said Feak, but was so relieved to find myself unmolested, that I hurried home as fast as I could. When the man passed me I did not look at him because I thought it was a holdup and was ready to throw up my hands. I could feel that he was sixing me up, but when he came even with me, he kept his face turned away and I could not tell whether he was white or black. He was a big

ing to be a detective asked me about it Story of David T. Honeyman.

This is the story of Conductor Feak. David T. Honeyman was not in the city resterday, but the story he tells, coupled with that of Conductor Feak, should prove even to Acting Detective Bruin that Dr. Johnson was murdered and that the deed was committed by two men, and that these two murderous thugs, after hurling Dr. Johnson's unconscious body over the railing, sep-arated, one running south and turning down the Terrace Road and the other north on Ford street. It has been Mr. Honeyman's custom to visit the Wood home about 8 o'clock or a few minutes earlier. On Monday night he made his usual call, and it was while waiting for the door to open he heard a man running, and later stumble and fall, Mr. Honeyman, in telling of the ocurrence, said that his first impulse on hearing the man fall was to go and see if he could be of any aid to him, but just at that time the door was opened and he entered the house and forgot the incident. The moment, how-ever, he learned of Dr. Johnson's death Mr. Honeyman recalled the occurrence and he regrets most sincerely that he did not follow out his original inten- a man had no motive for seeking self-

That not all of the policemen in the department support the Bruin theory was evidenced Saturday when Police- other than that their relationship was of

Monday night was dark and it was as easy to commit the crime there as at either approach. With the wind blowing as it was on that night it would be an easy task for the murderers to have slipped up behind Dr. Johnson and slugged him. Conductor Feak says it would have been extremely easy for a man to walk up behind him and he not know it, for the wind would have deadened all sound. Another argument of the police is, that if robbery and murder had been done, the bridge being dark, the thieves would have carried off the pocket book. They say it would have been too dark to have discovered that the pocket book did not contain money and they would have waited until they got where there was a light before they examined the contents. A thief who was capable of committing that murder would readily

#### have been able to tell by feeling whether he pocket book contained money. Johnson's Domestic Relations.

ances of the murdered man, in an effort to find out if there were a bit of truth destruction, that man was Dr. Johnson. At the Nortonia, where the couple lived, not a person can be found that will say man Gotts reported that on Monday the happiest. In fact there was comment night about 11 colock a man giving among the guests that Dr. and Mrs. the name of A. Holler and greatly ex-

Attempt Made to Burn Notorious North-End Resorts.

# KEROSENE FREELY USED

Blaze Started in Midway Saloo Building, Adjoining Paris House of Unsavory Fame\_Other

Rookeries Damaged.

with destruction yesterday. The first

EVERYTHING IN READINESS TO COMMENCE EAST SIXTH STREET FILL

SCENE OF OPERATIONS AT EAST SIXTH AND EAST WASHINGTON

The Pacific Bridge Company is preparing to start on the big fill on East Sixth street, between East Washington and East Oak streets. A piledriver is on the ground at East Washington street preparatory to driving piles for the treatle to carry the gravel trains. This fill will be two blocks long and will require about 100,000 cubic yards of material. At present the company is finishing the fill on East Oak street, where the work will take up the rest of the month, when the dump

was a chimney fire at 501 Columbia street, and was easily extinguished.

# ADVOCATES TAX REFORMS

H. D. Wagnon Discusses Railroad Land Grant Before People's Forum.

"The Southern Pacific Land Grant" was

the topic discussed at the People's Forum last night. H. D. Wagnon was the speaker of the evening. Only the most constant attendants of the Forum were present. H. C. McAllister presided and as no subject for discussion had been de-cided upon at the last meeting, Mr. Wag-non proposed the land grant question.

"The trouble with our local government," said Mr. Wagnon, "is that we make a little Czar of our assessor. We should have our property assessed at its full cash value. At the next election we propose to frame a law that will exempt all buildings used as residences from tax-ation. We also propose to ask that no tax be\_levied on any manufacturing establishment or firm that in employing labor does good for the community. In the city we place a tax on worthless dogs cendiary origin, threatened several so that we will not be bothered by the blocks of frame buildings in the red snimals. Then why tax our manufacturing establishments ing establishments.
"We should tax the land, for it is the property owner who profits by these enfire destroyed the frame building at terprises. Then if a man wants to hold st Fourth street, while the house at large tracts of land let him do so. All, so had the roof badly damaged, and taxes should be placed on the land alone.

bia streets about 6:30 P. M. The blaze and C. T. Groat; Woodlawn-W. T. was a chimney fire at 501 Columbia Vaughan and J. T. Gregg; Northeastern mprovement Association—George F. Frank and G. E. Crump; East Side Improvement Association—H. H. Newhall and Thomas Hislop; East Side Business Men's Club—Dan Kellaher and V. C. Dunning. The executive board meets at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and at that time recommendations will be made for discommendations will be made for discommendations. tribution of lights, fire apparatus, sirect cleaning department and other matters and these delegates will look after their respective neighborhoods.

### TRY TO FLEECE DOCTOR

It Was Proposed He Put Up \$5000 to Win \$200,000-Arrests Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—What is charged by the police to be a scheme to defraud a Washington physician out of \$5000 led to the arrest today of rank F. Homans, of Paris, France, and David T. Tanner, alias Townsend, of White Plains, N. Y., on the charge of conspiracy.

to enter a deal to put any gamblinghouse out of business."

Dr. Kemp declared the men assure him that by investing \$5000 he could easily win \$100,000 to \$300,000 within

was that Dr. Kemp was to pay \$5000 and Tanner, who claimed to be man ager of the gambling-house, was to "tip Homans and the physician off or the run of the cards in a faro game."

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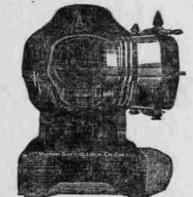
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the room for two days and in paying talked happily through their dinner. his rent tendered the man a \$1) gold piece. He rettred at once and stayed in bed until late Tuesday and then disappeared, and has not been seen since. This man departed in such haste that he left a pair of gray trousers, black coat, a pair of shoes and an under-shirt. Detective Kellyer was assigned

trains will start on the East Sixth-street fill.

would such a murder case be so wretchthe murdered man that the talk of suibelieve that the police were not hunt-

working on the case would be stating something that is not true, for they have, but those who have been working with Bruin have been working their heads off trying to find something tenable to hang the suicide theory on Bruin was cunning enough last Mon-day night when the murder was die shrouded the crime. In his owl-like wisdom he knew that by trying to outline the bridge the police would not have to bother about trying to find who committed the deed, and that no blame could be laid at the doors of his self-sufficiency and the insufficiency of the department under him. Had Bruin been a detective, even by instinct, he would have placed policemen to guard the bridge and the roadway below on Monday night. Not only this, he would have had his de-tectives at the stene of the murder as soon as it was fight enough to see and was pleased.

Captain Bruin's Theory, As nearly as can be learned, the only thing that Bruin has to base his deduc

tion of anicide on is the manner in while Mrs. Johnson received the news of th death of her husband. To a man of Bruin mental makeup this was unimpeachable evidence that the unhappy woman did not care. He could not understand that such shocking news could deaden all evidence of emotion and tears. Had Mrs. ridow to get possession of the keys. To did strike one of the robbers, and after by to boloter up a case of suicide Brain being singged into unconsciousness be as serached in vain for some evidence was thrown over the bridge in revenge. of domestic trouble. He perhaps has One thing is sure, Dr. Johnson was mur-Historied with interest to some of the allty goesin to the errect that Dr. Johnson was in financial difficulty. It he did he learned that Dr. Johnson, while he Pythians Install Officers. was not wealthy, had some money of this own and that the fortune of his wife was at his disposal.

Another line of reason that has been

There was some gossip that they had quarreled over the plans of the new home which they contemplated building but this, like much other bubble, could not be

man of impulse and not one among his whose companionship was sought. This rom men who went through college with dm were charmates and knew him for ears. Of the friends he made during his frief two months stay in Portland. the same story of his jovial, light-heartedness is told. So if he committed sui-cide, it must have been from impulse and Without & motive. Then, too, if he had made up his mind to destroy himself, as a

A theory that some have indulged in is Coroner Finley, when he learned there cas some talk of possible suicide bould have had the contents of Dr ohnson's stomach examined. The absence of poison would have set at rest this kind Another thing that both the poll-he Coroner should have done,

they had met with opposition, have insisted upon it, was a thorough examina-Not Work of Eastern Crooks. The theory that the murder was com-mitted by Eastern crooks will hardly hold water. Retired detectives and men

on the force who do not share the Bruin idea believe it was done by Portland crooks. Some of them believe it was the work of negroes, and this opinion is shared by men who have done their bit in quad and are familiar with the meth-ods of men capable of committing such a fillurder. One of these men was asked was given a chance there is no doubt but hat he did give the murderers a battle the condition of his coat, with the bur-ons torn off and the rip in the coa-

# Pythians Install Officers.

followed by Bruin and his corps of detectives in that no man or set of men would have attempted robbery in the middle of a bridge, where a "get away" M. Esson: O. G., J. R. Gerr, L. G., telephoning the police, but I didn't was not easy. It is true that no matter L. W. Brunson; M. of F. G. G. Goold: think they would pay any attention who the thief is, the first thought is that M. of E. E. S. Currier, K. R. S. J. H. of E. E. S. Currier, K. R. S. J. H.

M, and the fire department responded to an alarm from box 142. The blaze started in the rear of No. 84, and soon the structure was a mass of flames. the inmates being forced to flee in The buildings were nearly deserted at that hour and the women who were

awakened by the fire took refuge in neighboring houses. The blaze burned nercely for a time, and a call for extra apparatus was sent in by Chief

Campbell.

The buildings damaged by this blaze are under losse to Myer Kutner, of SS First street. The loss is estimated at about \$5000, covered by insurance. noticed smoke issuing from the front of the Midway saloon, which was re-cently closed by the police. He ran to the place and saisted by other citizens succeeded in breaking in the door and quenching the flames with a few buckers of water. Parrolman Goitz appeared on the Scene at this juncture and started to investigate. No one was occupy-A large pile of kindling wood, half burned, was found near the front of the saloon. This wood had been songer with kerosene and the remnants of an old broom, which had also been can half full of oll and this with the broom handle he turned over to Cap-

The evident purpose of the person who started the blaze was to destroy the large building known as the Paris House, which was recently closed by the police. This house adjoins the Midway. The closing of the two places has been the cause of more or less Hiligation during the past rew weeks. The former proprietor of the Midway, 7. Michel, recently swore out warrants against several immates of North End resorts, at which time he said that if he could not conduct his place of business no one else should be permitted to do so in that locality. Michel falled to prosecute his charges and the cases of several women arrested were dis-

Later Constable Wagner was called open to arrest the inmates of the dis-orderly houses and several of them were taken into custody. The buildng known as the Midway, which adins the Paris House on the south, is used to Mrs. Edith Jones. She says the does not know of anyone who holds a gruuge against her and who would be likely to try to burn her property.

Lessees and occupants of the buildings in the red light quarter are greatly excited over the incendiary fire, and have commenced organizing a commenced organization. He announces that he proposes to hire a the places are deserted.

nothing on the improvements. Then there

# WILL RESTRAIN PICKETS Striking Carmen Are Not Allowed to

Because of alleged efforts of striking

Captain Slover last night detailed a squad of policemen under Sergeant Cole to stop the practice. The squad was instructed to take any man into custody who persists n clinging to the entrance of a car in the effort to persuade the car crew to join the strikers. The charge will be disorder. According to information given the police, several instances have occurred where two or more strikers would mount the steps of a car and engage in an argument with the conductor and at the same ond persons on the car desiring to get of were delayed in alighting.

Sergeant Cole took Patrolmen Sloan, Hoesley Wade, Patton and Petersen, and stationed his men at the corners of Third and Washington streets. Third and Morrison streets, and at other points where

Clubs Visit Executive Board. Following are the joint committees from e East Side Push Clubs that will ma call on the executive board today: Mo willa Board of Trade-C. T. Evans a Dr. William De Veny; Brooklyn Republi can Club-M. G. Griffin and Waldems Saton: Holladay Addition-J. Wood Smit and J. J. O'Donnell; Montavilla Improve ment League-H. B. Dickinson and O. F. Carter; Sellwood Board of Trade-W.
Adams and L. J. Hicks; Mount Tabor
Improvement Association-Frank J. Perkins and W. Oberturffer; Woodstock Push Club-J. Frank Porter and Ben C. Reis

the strikers may make efforts for recruits.

# FOOD OF ACTRESS

A young lady well known to the "In December, 1892, I was laid up with a sick spell, at the expiration I was very weak, nervous and extremely delicate, so much so that when I attempted to sume rehearsals such a faintness seized me that I was compelled to stop.

"My strength returned very slowly an I spent my time in lying down an worrying, till my mother persuaded m to try Grape-Nuts food for my breakfast. "I am more than glad that I did. quickly brought back my lost strength made my nerves strong and health again, and gave me increased bealth an

weight. I always carry it with me now I find that some hotels to not keep ape-Nuts food has emphatically destrated itself a blessfus for heal strength, brain and nerves, in my case, Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek,