

GO TO DOMINO MASK AT SKATING RINK

Nob Hill Robber Tells About Bit of Cloth That Made Crime Famous.

HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE

Says Detectives Will Have Trouble Proving Charges—Tells Where Property Stolen From Henry Hahn Can Be Recovered.

The budding career of a young criminal, who eventually would have left Raffles in a secondary class, was nipped with the arrest of Ernest Lane, alias Frank Davis, the pink-domino burglar, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Much was learned of the young man's habits and methods yesterday enough to establish him as one of the most remarkable thieves who thus far have favored the Coast. He went about burgling music boxes, watches and ambitious young man of 19 would apply his talents to honest pursuits. Robbery was not altogether unknown to him, but a business-like professional and which he rapidly was becoming more and more proficient.

Young Lane selected the homes only of persons residing in well-to-do. His operations were limited almost entirely to the Nob Hill district. He invariably appeared before his startled victims in neat attire. Instead of the long black coat of the hardened thief was the thin pink domino, covering only a small part of the face. Lately he has been wearing a black domino, the pink one having become altogether too notorious.

Notwithstanding his Fifth-avenue methods, Lane is an Oregon boy—the product of a small settlement in Oregon. He has ways has been had, having spent much time in the Reform School at Salem. The police, in fact, established his identity yesterday by referring to the local rogues' gallery collection. Three years ago they arrested him for petty robberies and had him sentenced to the Reform School, where he had already spent several years. When paroled a few months later, he disappeared. On the occasion of his previous arrest, he was going under the assumed name of Earl Lewis. His latest alias is John Davis.

San Francisco Training.

San Francisco is the field wherein he has spent the past two years, and undoubtedly it was there he graduated from the amateur class. There are many able crooks in San Francisco, and Lane shows the effects of contact with their talents. The police have learned positively that he has been living in San Francisco, a member of the department. In fact, having seen him there Summer before last. Becoming weary of the art of burglary, he doubtless decided to give his native state the benefit of his talents.

Added to the elements of weakness in his nature which directed him to crime are all the accessories that make for a successful burglar. He is big, strong and nervy—numerous exhibitions of this kind usually having resulted in the least of which was his fight against the three men who overpowered and arrested him in the Cosmos lodging-house.

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"I'm not talking about that."

"How many houses have you robbed?"

"I'm not saying. But they accuse me of everything under the sun. Since this morning I've been accused of more crimes than I ever knew of. I've only been back from prison two months."

"How did you come to adopt the pink domino mask like the one the police found in your pocket?"

"That's easy. I've been going to roller skating parties. They have mask parties quite often and you have to go either in fancy costume or with a domino mask on. I wore the pink domino generally. When it got dirty I bought a black domino."

The young man smiled as he made this explanation. "How often did you go to these parties?"

"As often as they happened. I came to last night. That was how I came to have the domino in my pocket when these fellows jumped on me at the room."

"Have you been working in the city?"

"No, not here in the city. I had money enough to live on for awhile. I didn't have any money in the bank, but then I

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FREE WATER BILL GETS BODY BLOW

Council Refuses to Give Charter Amendment Place on the Ballot.

RESCINDS FORMER ORDER

Bases Action on Alleged Misrepresentations Made Concerning the Omission of Bridge Tax Provision—Wagon Will Fight.

The free water charter amendment will not go before the people at the June election unless the courts order City Auditor Devlin to put the measure on the official ballot. The Council yesterday passed a resolution instructing the Auditor to withhold the amendment from the ballot and Mr. Devlin last night said he would follow the instructions of the Council. H. D. Wagon, the father of the amendment, declared in the Council meeting yesterday that the matter would be taken into the courts.

"I shall follow the instructions of the Council and will not place the amendment on the ballot," said Mr. Devlin last night. "I am simply the clerk of the Council and must do as I am directed."

It is the opinion of City Attorney McNary that Mr. Devlin has power to withhold the amendment, now that he has been authorized by the Council to do so, though it is discretionary with him. According to Mr. McNary there is nothing to prevent the Auditor from placing the amendment upon the ballot should he desire to do so.

The Council, however, admitted that the members of the Council assert that they ordered the amendment placed on the ballot as a result of misrepresentations. They say they know nothing of the omission of the portion of the charter which provides for a bridge tax. Mr. Wagon declares they were well aware of the omission.

Wagon Charges Treachery.

Mr. Wagon, even before a vote was taken on the resolution, charged the Council with desiring to defeat the will of the people by subterfuge. He said he believed the Council had first ordered the amendment, knowing of the omission of the bridge tax section, so that later and after the 60-day limit had expired, they could pretend to rescind the amendment. He said that it was simply a trick on the part of the Council.

Mr. Wagon, however, admitted that when the petition was circulated it was not generally known that it altered the charter in respect to the building of bridges. This is what the Councilmen contended and gave as justification of their action.

When the resolution came up yesterday two communications were read from the Taxpayers' League. One was from J. N. Teal and the other from the executive committee of the organization. Both communications urged that the Council keep its amendment off the ballot, and the latter characterized the Taxpayers' League as the "Joe Teal crowd."

"I think there is a good deal of hypocrisy in your attempt to rescind your action," said Mr. Wagon, as he swung an accusing finger about the room. "You people all knew that the provision about bridges was out."

"It is common talk about the city that you know about it and I tell you gentlemen the people know it," he continued. "You wanted to wait until the 60-day limit was up so that you could announce that you wanted to kill the whole bill. You had all copies of the amendment and had plenty of time in which to go over it. We're going to take it into the courts just as sure as you pass that resolution."

Bridge Tax Is Vicious.

Mr. Wagon then referred to the "viciousness" of the tax for bridges. He declared that it was enacted for special interests and that the Portland Railway Company derived the benefits. He had been misinformed on certain things, as he soon discovered. He was told that the street-railway company had to pay one-third of the cost of the bridges it used.

"What about the Portland Heights bridge, built for the Portland Railway Company?" shouted Mr. Wagon, pointing his finger to the west. "Who uses that but the railway company? And who paid for it?"

"The Portland Railway Company," answered Deputy Auditor Grutz. "Wagon, blushing up to the roots of his hair, sat down."

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sards this amendment," said Councilman Williams. "If they wanted free water, why didn't they keep it alone. There wasn't anything said in the Council about the bridge tax."

Williams said that a great many names on the petition presented to the Council were fictitious. Councilman Bennett said that Mr. Wagon's statement that all the Councilmen knew the full intent of the amendment was absolutely untrue, as he, for one, did not know of the omission.

"I would like to know whether the people who signed that petition knew about the bridges," inquired Gray.

"The people who circulated the petition," said Mr. Wagon, "generally told the people who signed it that it was a free water petition."

Gray's Pertinent Question.

"Then I take it that it was not explained to the people that it would revoke the 2-mill bridge tax," said Gray.

Mr. Wagon said that it was explained that certain sections of the charter would be omitted, but that very little was said about bridges. In fact, he said, that he himself had forgotten about the omission of that section of the charter or he would have said more about it.

"I had forgotten about it until it was brought up recently," he concluded.

"I doubt the sincerity of Mr. Wagon," declared Menefee, who introduced the resolution before the house. "He comes here and adds insult to injury by accusing the Council of knowledge of what he purposely left out of the charter."

Menefee said that he thought that the measure should go to the people for their decision. Mayor Lane called for a vote on the passage of the resolution. Rushlight was the only one heard to vote in the negative.

COFFEY CHOICE OF LABOR WINS INDORSEMENT FOR MAYORALTY BY BIG MAJORITY.

Silverstone for Municipal Judge and McGarry for City Attorney Wn. The Vote in Detail.

John E. Coffey has been declared the choice of organized labor for Mayor, having received 2347 votes, as against 80 for Thomas C. Devlin and 23 for George H. Thomas.

The Council from the referendum election were received last night from 41 of the 48 labor unions that are affiliated with the labor party, by which the returns were canvassed. Although only seven of the 48 unions failed to take part in the election, the total vote cast represents but about 35 per cent of the actual membership of the unions that participated. The relative smallness of the vote is accounted for by the fact that in a majority of instances the vote cast for the candidates was but a small representation of the members was present. Secretary Leabo, of the labor party, says the 48 unions of the city have a total membership of over 4000, while the unions that took a vote in the referendum election represent fully 4500. The total number of votes cast for the candidates for any one office did not exceed 2450.

Julius Silverstone is the unanimous choice for Municipal Judge, receiving 2218 votes. For City Attorney, William R. McGarry had 2164 votes, as against J. P. Kavanaugh, H. J. Sirard had no opposition for City Treasurer and received a vote of 277. The vote for Auditor was split, three candidates being named: M. J. Allen, 217; M. J. Driscoll, 216; Fred T. Merrill, 142; H. G. Parsons, 318. The following candidates have been named for Councilman: First Ward, Robert Henderson, 189; Fourth, F. C. King, 178; Sixth, H. A. Belding, 212.

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FAVOR NEW BRIDGES

Councilmen Heed Complaints From East Side.

GULCHES TO BE SPANNED

Reinforced Concrete Structure on East Twenty-Eighth Street Authorized—Irvington Sewer Assessment Protests Heard.

East Twenty-eighth street at last is to have a bridge across Sullivan's Gulch. The Council at its meeting yesterday afternoon passed an ordinance authorizing the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge, the cost of which will be met by the bridge tax levy next year. The Council has virtually agreed, also, to authorize the construction of a new bridge across the gulch on Union avenue. The Twenty-eighth street structure will cost about \$75,000. If the Wagon free water amendment should be placed on the ballot at the coming election against the opposition of the Council, there is no chance to be enacted by the people, no tax could be levied with which to pay for either bridge.

Councilman Menefee and several property owners spoke on the ordinance. It was explained that Irvington and the Holladay Park addition are practically without fire protection and that the bridge would enable the fire apparatus to reach that portion of the city. There is a station on East Twenty-eighth and Davis streets, which takes from 30 to 50 minutes. When the bridge is built the department will be enabled to cross the gulch within three minutes.

Councilman Menefee has been endeavoring to secure a new bridge on Union avenue, and after several of the Councilmen had pledged their support he was unable to get the Twenty-eighth-street bridge. The Councilmen believe that the two bridges should be built this year and an arrangement can be made whereby the tax will be paid when the bridge tax is levied next year. There is no money in the bridge fund at this time.

The Council will hold a special meeting Wednesday to consider the Irvington district sewer, as several hundred property owners assert that they will not be treated fairly if the assessment is made as planned. A dozen or more property owners were present yesterday at the meeting and the matter was discussed. The sewer committee will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock to listen to the complaints of the property owners and will report to the Council Wednesday.

Those who live at Vernon say that the natural drainage is not toward the sewer and that they should not be assessed for its construction. They say that where they can make connections the grade is such that the cost would be almost prohibitory. City Engineer Taylor said that the district was laid out before he went into office, but that the contour map showed that the natural drainage is toward the sewer. City Attorney McGarry explained that the Council could not alter the boundaries of the district, but that it might reduce or increase the assessment on certain property within the district. The sewer will cost \$142,700.

The amendment to the occupation tax ordinance, as recommended by the ways and means committee, was laid over until the next meeting. Several of the Councilmen wanted more time in which to study the proposed changes.

Two ordinances were introduced by Sharkey, by request, to grant the Oregon Traction Company and the United Railways Company more time in which to comply with their franchise. The ordinances would extend the time in which the lines must be built until April 1910. The franchise of the Oregon Traction Company was acquired by the United Railways Company, which is now expending about \$20,000 a month in construction work. The ordinances were referred to the streets committee.

A resolution authorizing the ways and means committee to negotiate for a site for a new police station and emergency hospital was passed. A quarter block will be purchased in the vicinity of the Park blocks.

Cold Snap in Prairie State.

NORFOLK, Neb., April 17.—The temperature over Northern Nebraska and Southern South Dakota dropped to 14 degrees above zero during the night. It is not thought much damage to fruit has been done.

Illinois to Vote on Local Option.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 17.—The Senate today passed the bill providing for local option in licensing, cities and villages, the question to be voted upon at a general election.

Medals for Eminent Engineers.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The dedicatory exercises of the new home presented to the United Engineering Societies by Andrew Carnegie were continued today. The exercises included the presentation of the John Rankin medals to Alexander Graham Bell for the invention and introduction of the telephone. Commemorative medals were presented to R. W. Pope, secretary of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; E. R. Hutton, for many years secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and J. W. Hill, secretary of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

"THE LINE OF HIGHEST MERIT"



There are some things that cannot be copied. That is to say, that while there is no mechanical obstruction to copying in the broader sense, the copies and imitations never equal the originals. This fact is most apparent in the CHICKERING PIANO.

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SOCIALISTS NAME TICKET

CANDIDATES PUT IN FIELD FOR CITY ELECTION.

M. E. Dorfman, for Mayor, Heads List—Platform Tells Evils of Individualism.

Portland's Socialists met at Socialist Hall, 20 Davis street, last night, and nominated the following candidates for city offices at the coming election: Mayor, M. E. Dorfman; Auditor, J. W. Pettit; Treasurer, A. E. Halalain; Municipal Judge, Otto Neumann; City Attorney, Thomas Shadden; Councilmen-at-Large, J. D. Smith, J. T. McDonald, Joseph Franklin; First ward, B. Peterson; Fourth ward, George L. Prior; Fifth ward, H. F. Fuchs; Sixth ward, E. K. Jones; Seventh ward, A. Salmela; Eighth ward, M. E. McFarley.

The Socialist platform is as follows: We, the Socialists of the City of Portland in convention assembled, do hereby reassert our adherence to the principles and programs of international, revolutionary socialism. In view of the fact that the working-class, by their intelligence, industry and skill, create every object of (artificial) wealth in the world, we are, through private ownership of the tools and means of production and distribution, denied access to the very wealth which their own hands alone have created, and as we believe that the vesting of this power to withhold from the masses by a powerful few the surplus value which has been created by their masses, leaving them but a bare subsistence, is a privilege granted by a political force, the creature of these dominant few, the capitalist-class, and as we further believe that this class government, this private creature of the dominant few, of a necessity must become the public servant of the democratic whole.

Therefore, we assert that the Socialists of the city of Portland enter the political field as a fraction of the international Socialist movement which aspires to wrest from the capitalist-class the powers of government and to use these powers in the interest of the working-class. Our aim in doing this is the abolition of all laws which vest in the individual the right to own privately what is needed for use by all, in other words, the abolition of the wage system. And with this aim in view we place in the field a ticket which is composed of distinguished members of the Socialist party, all of whom must have been a member of the party at least one year. We demand of them that they pledge themselves, if elected, to act in accordance with instructions from their party organization and not as individuals.

And so, without any attempt to mislead any person, we lay before the voters this platform of our principles and aims. If you believe in the taking over of the tools and means of production and distribution by society and the rendering to the worker the full value of his labor, vote the Socialist ticket as a whole, not for the Socialist as an individual. If you believe in the private ownership of these social necessities, vote against the Socialist ticket. We stand for a belief in the strongest kind of partisanship. Our only viewpoint is a class viewpoint. We stand for the interest of the working-class. For the capitalist-class we have no concern.

HEYBURN SLOWLY GAINS

Returned to Washington, but Cannot Attend to Business.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who has been very ill in Philadelphia, was brought to this city today. He is improving slowly, though still very weak, and there is much ground to be gained before his condition will permit him to attend to any official business. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Heyburn, W. B. Sans, his private secretary, and a trained nurse. Today was the first time Mr. Heyburn was able to be moved since the inception of his attack of acute indigestion.

Department Store Scorched.

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—The damage from the fire in Kroeger Bros' big department store early today did not exceed \$75,000. The stock is valued at \$200,000.

When you feel all tired out and broken up generally, take Hood's Sarraparilla.

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\$21.00 values, special	.. \$17.50	\$30.00 values, special	.. \$25.75
\$31.00 values, special	.. \$26.50	\$36.00 values, special	.. \$30.75
\$33.00 values, special	.. \$28.25	\$37.50 values, special	.. \$32.25
\$35.00 values, special	.. \$30.00	\$40.00 values, special	.. \$34.50
\$42.00 values, special	.. \$36.50	\$ 75.00 values, special	.. \$ 64.50
\$45.00 values, special	.. \$38.50	\$ 85.00 values, special	.. \$ 73.00
\$48.00 values, special	.. \$41.50	\$ 90.00 values, special	.. \$ 78.00
\$50.00 values, special	.. \$43.00	\$100.00 values, special	.. \$ 86.00
\$55.00 values, special	.. \$48.00	\$125.00 values, special	.. \$108.00
\$60.00 values, special	.. \$51.75	\$135.00 values, special	.. \$116.00
\$65.00 values, special	.. \$56.00	\$140.00 values, special	.. \$120.00
\$70.00 values, special	.. \$60.00	\$150.00 values, special	.. \$128.00

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Ohic, becoming Millinery, bargained almost beyond belief, for this one day's selling. Trimm'd dress Hats that reflect the best turns of fashion, constructed of the best sorts of materials and all Eastern models in pressed and handmade shapes. They come in small and medium-sized shapes, and all the leading colors. Take it all in all, we think this is quite the best headgear value you've been offered in many a day. Read well the prices and investigate the values:

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Trimm'd Hats that sell regularly for up to \$5 each, on sale today for	.. \$3.49