POLICE BACK MAN WHO LASHES HORSE

Samuel Kerr Gets No Support Until Forced Before Judge Cameron.

A STUDY IN COPPER WIRE

James Fagan Sells It as a Speculator, but Unfortunately Gets 12 Months as a Thief—Shadows of the Police Court.

"The poor man has no business being a humanitarian. So says Samuel Kerr; in the light of his latest experiences in the field Mr. Kerr ought to know. In order to be a humanitarian with any degree of success it is necessary first to hoard up a fortune like the Carnegie millions. Then your feelings will have some weight. Kerr has decided to retire, for the time being at least, from all efforts in behalf of the goodly cause.

Kerr saw a man beating a horse Wednesday. The whipping was being administered by a horseshoer named Boyd, who has a blacksmith shop on North Fourth street. The animal had resented having iron shoes nailed to its hoofs and was being severely chastised with a rawhide when the humanitarian chanced along and saw the inhumane exhibition.

Following a natural and laudable impulse, Kerr called on the horseshoer to desist in his abuse of the horse. Boyd's response was far too terse and too much to the point to bear reproduction.

"We'll see about this," said Kerr.

He called the police. Patrolmen Thorpe and Ananson responded. The difficulty was explained to them.

"Move on, old fellow, and mind your own business," was the contribution made by the policemen to the cause.

Kerr felt he had been doubly humiliated. He flashed a scratch pad and pencil and proceeded to jot down the numbers of the policemen.

In collecting this data Kerr was too slow to suit the beat-walkers. They told him to hasten and when he seemed inclined to exercise his rights as a citizen

Fate of the Humanitarian.

and be deliberate, they used their meager authority and marched him to the police station.

Judge Cameron heard the facts in the case, for the police insisted on having Kerr tried on a charge of refusing to move on. The court decided that the great men had been too imperious. He said Kerr had done nothing wrong, had attempted to do right and that the case would be dismissed.

"That will cost the Judge 12 votes at the coming election," said one of the minions afterwards.

It may likewise influence a similar number of votes from those outside the department who do not believe an $80 policeman should exercise the prerogatives of a mediaeval monarch.

James Fagan is either a good speculator or a poor thief. The law is inclined to place him in the class last named.

Fagan sold 150 pounds of copper wire at a junkshop, receiving $30 for it. About the same time a similar quantity of copper wire disappeared from a supply shed of the local streetcar company. The two incidents were connected by a private detective and Fagan was called on to explain. He said he bought the wire for $15, knowing he could realize on the investment. After holding it two days he sold at an increase of 100 per cent, which is a better showing than the average financier is able to make. While impressed with his ability as a speculator, the court was not impressed with his veracity.

Inasmuch as Fagan had not yet attained to Wall street proportions he was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

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John Jacobs called his offense socialism. He was walking down the railroad track when he came upon four sacks of wheat which had fallen from an O. R. & N. train. There seemed to be no owner, the chickens at home were in need of wheat, so Jacobs decided to put the cereal at their disposal.

Jacobs was not backward in carrying out this programme, once he had decided upon it. He borrowed a wheelbarrow from the terminal grounds and used it in hauling away the grain. He asked neither for the grain nor the vehicle.

When he returned with the 'barrow he found a railroad detective waiting for him.

Jacobs' Socialistic Coup.

The offender tried to convince the officer his act was merely socialism and not larceny. The corporation man could not see the point.

Judge Cameron said he would not decide the case offhand. He will sleep over it a couple of nights before returning his verdict.

Has the musical profession overlooked something or was M. G. Dillinger's arm broken by a club, as he says it was? There is much evidence on both sides.

It has long been known that rapid eating and disputes over a meal causes indigestion and kindred ailments. But there is nothing in the history of surgery to show that such a case may produce a fractured limb. Dillinger got his arm broken in a Sixth-street restaurant conducted by D. B. Leaming. He was finding fault with the food when the proprietor objected and a melee followed. The injured man swore in court yesterday forenoon that Leaming struck him with a club, causing the fracture. Leaming denied that such was the case. Dillinger said the only other way he could have sustained the injury was in the eating of his dinner, since he had taken no violent exercise in many days.

It was one man's word against another's with no evidence either way. Frank Ruckheimer, the one man who could have thrown any light on the subject, was too much of a sprinter to take in details. He was there when the melee started, but he was not there when it ended. He admitted having taken to his heels as soon as there seemed any chance of his getting hurt. He is a pianist and doesn't fancy pugilism, he said.

Judge Cameron will let the Circuit Court figure the thing out. He held Leaming to the higher tribunal under a bond of $250.

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If Ah Hin, a Chinese gambler, was really writing a letter to his folks in China, it was an expensive letter.

Patrolman Anderson noted the heathen at work in a Second-street den. He thought Ah's symbolical penmanship looked like lottery tickets in the making. Ah Hin was arrested on a charge of having lottery tickets in his possession. They were offered in evidence in court yesterday morning and when the author insisted he had been writing home and nothing more, an interpreter was called in. He perused Ah Hin's communication and said it was lottery designs. Ah Hin paid $25.

BOILERMAKERS ON STRIKE

WALKOUT PARTLY TIES UP THE WILLAMETTE IRON WORKS.

Moulders' Threatened Strike May 1 Will Cripple the Big Plant Still More Seriously.

Boilermakers at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works went on strike Wednesday noon for an increase in wages from $3.50 and $3.75 per day to $4. The request was denied by the management and the men walked out.

About 25 men are affected and the walking out seriously affects operation of the plant. It is not yet known if other men can be secured, and unless recruits are mustered the output of the works will be seriously curtailed. It is understood no request was preferred by the men for shorter hours. They now work nine hours a day.

A strike of molders, which will be even more serious than the walkout of the boilermakers, is scheduled at all the Portland foundries on May 1. The strike promises to tie up the Willamette plant, which is the largest in the city, for an indefinite time. The molders will strike for an eight-hour day. They now work nine hours. The molders strike is expected to be general all over the Pacific Coast. The demand for the eight-hour day has been turned down by the employers and the threatened walkout seems certain.

LOSES $575 IN A RESORT

Andrew Johnson's Money Recovered and Colored Women Arrested.

The notorious colored resort at 269 Flanders street is to be closed if Chief of Police Gritzmacher can accomplish the task, and the latest complaint against the place, together with evidence acquired by the police, is expected to furnish the basis of such a proceeding, according to the officials.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock Andrew Johnson visited the resort, which is kept by Beatrice Lewis, and when he left, found himself minus about $575 of $1300 in his possession when he entered the house. Johnson immediately hunted up Patrolman John Goltz, who accompanied him back to the resort and placed Beatrice Lewis and Grace Reed under arrest. Both women were locked up in default of $2500 bail.

After making the arrest four officers returned to the house to hunt the money taken from Johnson. Every nook and cranny in the building was gone over thoroughly and for a time it appeared as though the missing sum would not be recovered. During the search the police were accompanied by George Harding, who acted as agent of the Lewis woman, and slyly averted any attempt to search an old clothesbasket until Patrolman Peterson became suspicious and in the basket found about $540 in bills. Three more bills amounting to $25 were found by Detective Tichnor crumpled where they were hidden behind the telephone. $217 was found in a purse carelessly thrown behind a trunk by one of the women arrested, and $205 was taken from Beatrice Lewis when searched by Matron Simmons.

Complaints of robbery from this resort have been so numerous in the past that the police have been using every endeavor to secure enough evidence to gain a conviction against the women inmates, but heretofore alleged victims have always failed to appear at a prosecution, or when complaining to the police, announced themselves as opposed to a prosecution. It was from this resort the police took clever Marguerite Washington, the extroubadour from Black Patti's Minstrels, who had been holding up men on the street and relieving them of their pocketbooks and who was arrested after having stolen $20 from a visitor.

Several times Beatrice Lewis has been arrested for "touching" persons in her house, but outside of a fine or so, she has not been penalized and during the past three months hardly a week has passed but what one to six or seven complaints have been lodged with the police about robberies occurring there. The present episode is expected by the police to lead to the closing up of the resort, if not to conviction of the inmates.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

Opera "Ernani" at Ellers Recital Hall Today—You Are Invited.

The first of a series of phonograph concerts to be given in the new recital hall at Ellers Piano House will occur this afternoon at 2:15. The popular opera, "Ernani," will be rendered, introducing the latest production of the Victor Company, the new Auxetophone, by which the volume of sound is rendered so nearly like the original that the reproduction is practically as realistic as though the actual performers were before the audience.

Admission will be by ticket, and those who call at Ellers Piano House this morning may secure reserved seat coupons without charge so long as the supply holds out.

Dangers of the Grip.

The greatest danger from the grip is of its resulting in pneumonia. We have never known this to occur, however, when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, allays the cough and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Millions of people have used it with the most satisfactory results. For sale by all druggists.

HORSES IN CLOVER

Faithful Fire Department Trio Pensioned for Life.

COLONEL, BOB AND PETE

Summers to Be Spent Luxuriating on Ross Island; Winters at Well-Filled Mangers at the Expense of the City.

Old horses owned by the city are to be pensioned for life. This was brought out at a meeting of the Fire Board yesterday afternoon when Fire Chief Campbell was instructed by Mayor Lane to make arrangements for the care of three faithful fire horses who have become so old as to be of no use to the department.

The three horses are Colonel, Bob and Pete. Instead of being sold to a junk dealer or peddler, who might drive the poor animals until some day they would drop dead from exhaustion, the three horses are to spend the remainder of their days amid all the luxuries of equine life. All they will have to do will be to eat, sleep and sun themselves. In the Summer they will be turned loose on Ross Island, where there will be no one to bother them. In the Winter the old veterans of the fire department will be fed and housed by some kind master, who will be paid by the City of Portland.

Yesterday, just at the close of the meeting of the Fire Board, Chief Campbell said he had something to present to the Board. There was a perceptible tinge of sadness or regret in his voice and Mayor Lane and several of the others instantly inquired what was the matter.

"Well," said the Chief, lingering over the words, "we have several horses in the department which are too old to work. I don't know what to do with them and I would hate to see them mistreated, as they have been with us a great many years."

"I wonder," mused the Mayor, "if we cannot create a sentiment to raise a fund to care for the old horses owned by the city. We must provide for them; they deserve it. I tell you what you do, Chief, turn them out in the Summer and the city will pay for their care in the Winter. Have they been good horses?"

All Have Been Good Horses.

"Colonel, Bob and Pete have never given us any trouble and are as faithful as they make them. Really, Mayor, no better horses ever lived," was the reply.

Chief Campbell went away as elated as though good luck had come to him personally. It did not take him long to tell his subordinates of the disposition of the animals and all the firemen, who have known and loved the horses for years, were delighted.

Old Colonel, one of the horses, is something of a character. He has been in the department for more than a dozen years and not once during that time until recently did he ever miss a call, either from sickness, disablement or any other cause. He is an immense gray horse, with long white mane and tail. About a year ago an entertainment was given in the Marquam Grand for the Boys and Girls' Aid Society.

A man dressed up to represent Chief Campbell was supposed to present the horse to W. T. Shanahan, of the Humane Society, who was to see that he was given a good home. The scene was supposed to create a feeleing for aged animals. At that time old Colonel, who had been washed and his mane and tail braided, was led out upon the stage and the hundreds of children and others present cheered him to an echo.

Still Heeds Every Alarm.

Since then the horse has been staying with Engine Company No. 10, but has not answered any alarms for months. Every time an alarm comes in he acts as if crazy and when the other horses dash out he whinnies and stamps about in a manner that causes a lump to rise up in the throats of the firemen. Rather than allow old Colonel to be sold, it is said that some of the kind-hearted firemen are willing to dig down into their own pockets to secure for their old favorite a safe, warm berth during his declining years.

GOLDFIELD A DEAD TOWN

Industrial Workers Aggression Did It, Says Gold Camp Arrival.

"Business conditions in Goldfield are seriously paralyzed," said W. Curtice, who reached Portland yesterday from the Nevada gold district, "and the population of that once bustling mining town, estimated to have been fully 20,000 five weeks ago, does not now exceed 10,000. All this is the result of the agitation of the Industrial Workers of the World, which reached a climax about March 15, when the mineowners closed down their plants and many of the business houses suspended business and discharged their employes. Ever since then inhabitants of the place have been leaving for other locations on every outgoing train.

"The Industrial Workers of the World first invaded Goldfield several months ago and thoroughly organized all of the different trades unions under that organization. Having done this, they insisted that the miners, who were affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners, should also become identified with the same central body. The miners were entirely satisfied with their wages and their hours of labor and were opposed to transferring their affiliation from the Western Federation of Miners to the Industrial Workers of the World. That was the only issue in the controversy.

"The mineowners took sides with their employes and on March 15 last closed down their mines. Like action was taken throughout the gold district surrounding Gildfield and thousands of men were thrown out of work. Business men acted likewise and discharged all their employes who were members of the Industrial Workers of the World. This made it necessary to suspend business.

"But this concerted action on the part of the business men and the mineowners has failed to solve the problem. Conferences are held at frequent intervals, but the business and mining interests of the afflicted section have thus far been unable to reach any agreement with the labor organization. The outcome is hard to foretell, but I do not believe any settlement can be effected before next month, by which time I believe the situation will have reached a stage that will demand concessions, if not intervention, to restore normal conditions.

Candidates, but Not Nominees.

PORTLAND, April 18.—(To the Editor.)—I notice around town large posters of two candidates—Devlin and Kellaher—stating they are the Republican candidates for Mayor. I thought the primaries were on the 4th of May. WILLIAM REA.

KISER FOR SCENIC PHOTOS.
Lobby Imperial Hotel.

WHERE IS GHEEN'S $3500?

DIVORCED MAN MUST SHOW RECEIPTS OR THE CASH.

Frazer Sets Precedent by Decision That Divorcees May Remarry at Once After Uncontested Suits.

George I. Gheen must either produce bills and receipts in Judge Sears' Court by Monday to show what disposition he has made of $3500 he claims to have deposited in a Washington bank or turn the money over to the court to satisfy the $2750 alimony granted his wife at the time of their divorce—and $25 per month, neither of which she has received.

Gheen was grilled on the stand about his uncertain methods of keeping accounts and also questioned closely as to how he spent his money. Lawyer Bond, for Mrs. Gheen, brought out that Gheen was a player at the races, loved fast horses, lost $500 on elections and bought two automobiles. The wife alleges that in order to keep her out of the alimony he has drawn the money from the bank and secreted it. The purpose of the action is to locate the money.

Rosanna Williams wants her divorce decree modified to give her the custody of her three children. Leigh Williams is fighting her contention on the ground that she is not a fit person to take charge of them. The wife alleges that her ex-husband has not properly provided for her nor sent her the money agreed upon to take care of the children. Williams testified that her present husband, B. B. Segur, came as a friend to their house, won his wife's affections from him, broke up their home and ruined his life.

An attempt was made by Lawyer Bloomfield to throw the case out of court on the ground that Mrs. Segur had married nine days after the divorce was granted. Judge Frazer decided that if no contest had been entered, it was legal for either party to marry within the six months. The ruling practically makes a precedent, and gives leave for divorced persons to remarry immediately if they choose where no contest has been made.

The testimony was all in by 5 o'clock, and Judge Frazer will render his decision this morning. The closing arguments developed the fact that the custody of the children will be given to the mother, as Williams, according to his testimony, has not been able to make enough to keep even himself.

TRIO TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

William McBride, Petty Thief, Out of the Way for 45 Months.

Sheriff L. C. Stevens and Deputy Archie Leonard took three prisoners to the Penitentiary at Salem yesterday afternoon. They were: David G. Van Houten, convicted of a statutory offense against his 9-year-old daughter, sentenced for life; William McBride, found guilty of grand larceny, three years and nine months; and Peter Garritz, tried for murder and found insane by a lunacy commission consisting of the jury impaneled to try him on the murder charge. He was committed to the state insane asylum, to be returned to this county for trial on the same charge at any time he is declared sane. McBride's case was quickly disposed of. He was arrested a few days ago for the theft of 12 suits of clothes, several gold watches and some money. He appeared before Judge Sears yesterday and pleaded guilty.

Will of John W. Brock.

The will of the late John W. Brock was filed yesterday with the County Clerk for admission to probate. The estate is valued at $7000. Phebe M. Brock, the widow, is named as executrix, and Wilbur F. Brock, the son, is executor. According to the provisions of the will $1000 is left to the permanent endowment fund of Willamette University, Salem; $300 to the building and improvement fund of the Methodist Church at Lents, Or.; 40 acres of land to Wilbur F. Brock, and the balance of the estate, consisting of 345 acres in Umatilla County, 134 acres in Walla Walla, 80 acres in Cowlitz County, Wash., the family residence and all personal property and money at Lentz, Or., is left to the widow.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

"THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON"

Play at the Baker This Week Wins Commendation From All.

"The Admirable Crichton" at the Baker this week is a most delightful comedy, and from the pen of J. M. Barrie. It is not likely there will be a better play seen in Portland this season. It is unusual, and to thoroughly appreciate it, one should be more or less up on class distinctions in England.

"Hello, Bill," at the Empire.

There are only three more chances left to laugh at the screaming comedy "Hello Bill" at the Empire, tonight, tomorrow matinee and for the last time tomorrow night. The farce has a long record, and never fails to make people laugh. Don't fail to see "Hello Bill."

Indians and Soldiers.

Indians and soldiers in a fierce battle form one of the many sensational scenes in "Northern Lights," the Western military drama which the Allen Stock Company is playing at the Star Theater this week. It is considered one of the strongest Western dramas on the American stage and the plot is based on one of the most noted Indian uprisings in Montana.

GOODWIN'S SALE TOMORROW

Advance Seat Sale Will Open for Nat C. Goodwin at Heilig Theater.

Tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock the advance seat sale will open for America's famous actor and comedian, Nat C. Goodwin, who comes to the Heilig Theater next week, supported by Edna Goodrich and an excellent company of players. The opening bill Tuesday night, April 23, will be "An American Citizen"; Wednesday afternoon, April 24, "When We Were Twenty-one"; Wednesday night, "A Gilded Fool." These three society comedies have been Mr. Goodwin's greatest successes.

"The Prodigal Son," Next Week.

"The Prodigal Son," which will be the Baker company's play all next week, is one of Hall Caine's great successes, and tells a most interesting and absorbing story. Many have considered it superior to "The Christian" in many ways, though treating, as it does, of an entirely different theme.

Return Engagement "Mrs. Wiggs."

A special return engagement of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be given at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, next Thursday night, April 25. Seat sale opens next Tuesday, April 23, at box-office of Heilig Theater.

A New Stock Company Next Week.

The new stock company will open at the Empire next week and considerable interest has been manifested as to who the different people are who will bid for theatergoers' favor. The principal members are from the East and are well-known in the profession.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Send the Children to the Grand.

Send the children to the Grand tomorrow afternoon to see the best dog act which has been given here in a vaudeville theater. Herbert's dogs are born acrobats and they perform tricks which a monkey would not do. This is an act which the youngsters will like and one which they will talk of for several weeks.

Action at Pantages.

There's action in every minute of the show at Pantages Theater this week. It is a comedy bill with a wide variety of fun on tap—fun produced by the very best funsters in the vaudeville business. You will enjoy the Broadway trio, the Bartenos, the Griffin sisters, Frances Seymour and all the others.

Figure 8 Drive a Portland Feature

Winding Over Portland Heights and Council Crest, It Promises To Become as Famous as California and Seattle Scenic Drives

"JUMP in and I'll take you over our figure eight drive."

That invitation is extended to many visitors by residents who desire to show their friends what Portland looks like from the hills to the west, and what beauties in nature are spread out below as the automobile or carriage glides around the slopes of the heights.

The Riverside drive of Seattle, the Corbett road in San Francisco, the Pasadena drive from Los Angeles, the 17-mile road at Monterey—these are what the figure eight drive is to Portland.

The trip extends from the City Park out Market street drive, out Carter street, Jefferson-street canyon, Patton road, past Mount Zion, connecting with Fairmount boulevard, winding around Council Crest, the whole describing the figure from which the journey takes its name. The drive at no point exceeds a three per cent grade.

Residents and property-holders along the 16-mile drive are taking steps to widen and otherwise improve this road, and if plans under consideration are carried out the drive will surpass any in the country.

Judge M. C. George is said to have offered to donate enough land along the Market-street drive to permit a width of 60 feet, and if the boulevard idea is carried to a successful finish, the entire distance will have an equal width of roadway.

Part of the plan in contemplation is to secure the services of the famous Boston landscape architect, Frederick Olmsted, to lay out the system in the most approved manner, so as to secure both desirable sites for building and to get the best effects in natural scenery.

Already some of the finest residences in the city are located on the Heights along this drive, and its approaches from the city proper. Joseph Gaston is parking a large tract at Sixteenth and College, in the midst of which the Shaw mansion of the Heights is to be erected.

Five Decisions This Morning.

Judge Sears will this morning announce decisions in the following cases. A. Schmidt against H. Kubick, demurrer to complaint in equity; Ernest Miller against May Froessner, demurrer to complaint; K. Kleinsorge against Rosa Rhose, suit to foreclose mortgage; William F. Laisner against Martha Leisner, suit to modify decree and secure custody of child; S. A. Miller against Thomas Darling, demurrer to cross-complaint.