

ACCUSED OF ARSON

John Phenline Charged With Burning Dwelling.

RESIDENCE OF HIS NEPHEW

Uncle Who Had Quarreled With James Mullen Is Caught Leaving Building Just After Blaze Breaks Out.

Under circumstances which point emphatically to incendiarism, fire completely destroyed the one and one-half frame cottage at Fourteenth and Sixtyfour streets, on the Irvington race-track property, at 8 o'clock last night. John Phenline, aged 47 years, is now locked up in the City Jail accused of having maliciously set fire to the building through spite. His accusers are James Mullen, an ex-fireman, and wife, who occupied the cottage, and with whom Phenline, who is Mullen's uncle, made his home. There is sufficient direct evidence against Phenline, who was seen to leave the building just as the fire broke out, to cause the police to hold him until the matter can be thoroughly investigated, when it is probable a charge against him will be prepared by the District Attorney.

Presumptive and circumstantial evidence against Phenline is very strong and the police express confidence of convicting him for arson. That Phenline and Mullen had a quarrel on Friday last in which Mullen struck Phenline and later threatened to "fix" Mullen and his wife in a point brought out by investigation made last night by Policeman Drugg. The fire broke out while Mr. Mullen was away. Phenline and Mrs. Mullen was alone in the yard where she was busy transplanting flowers. Phenline, who had been away from the house since the day of his threat to "fix" the Mullens, suddenly appeared yesterday and entered the house. Mrs. Mullen did not call to him but supposed that he had returned on a friendly mission, and had forgotten the quarrel. A few minutes later he came down from his room, which was upstairs, and immediately smoke and flames burst from the room he had left.

Joe Globesh, a contractor superintending work on the race-track grounds, saw the fire and accompanied by Joe Willett and O. H. Loomis, teamsters, and George Grundlach, timekeeper, ran to the dwelling. Another man noticed Mr. Mullen, who was driving a team of horse blocks away. These men caught Phenline and held him until the arrival later of three policemen, who took him in charge.

Mr. Mullen, having been recognized as a fire fighter, took command of the situation and by hard work he and the other men saved nearly all of the furnishings of the house. The fire department answered the alarm but the blaze had gained such headway that it could not be controlled and the building was burned to the ground.

When taken to the police station, Phenline maintained a sullen attitude and refused to give any explanation of his conduct. Mrs. Mullen, the principal witness against Phenline, was completely prostrated by the occurrence and could not go down town to swear to an information before the District Attorney, so the police held Phenline under the nominal charge of disorderly conduct on the complaint of Mr. Mullen. The more serious charge will be sworn to today.

"I cannot understand Phenline's action," said Mr. Mullen last night. "There is no doubt in my mind but that he did this to even up his imaginary grudge against us. It is true that we had a quarrel last Friday. He used profane language to my wife and when I remonstrated with him, showed fight and I just had to strike him. There was nothing in the world we wouldn't have done for him if he had kept sober and peaceable. He might have lived on with us forever. If he hadn't been a drinking man, he is my uncle and he and I took some clearing contracts together this winter and got along splendidly except for his occasional slips with liquor. He first came to live with us when he and I took the clearing contracts. He treated my wife so shamefully in my absence that I will never forgive him and I'll see that he is prosecuted to the hilt." Mullen for several years was a member of Truck Company No. 1, of the Portland fire department, but resigned last August. He occupies the position of taker of the race-track grounds. The cottage was the property of Diamond & Rountree, real estate dealers.

WHAT SINGLE TAXERS NEGLECT

Real Opportunities For Reform Are Overlooked by Them.

PORTLAND, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—If the Single-Taxers are actuated by the altruistic motives they pretend, and which merely to level up opportunities by an attack on an "unearned increment," making such bear all the burden of taxation, why do they not tackle the corporations owning franchises. By far the heaviest tax on Portland property is the street assessments. There is now pending in the courts an amendment to the charter practically taking all votes in the matter of street improvements away from property owners, yet forcing upon them much the greater part of the costs, probably about 30 per cent. The result of such rapacious proceeding will doubtless be the formation of a corporation pool for the improvement of streets, an advance in prices, a reckless expenditure involving millions of money for which abutting property will be bonded. So far a graft will not lack for those to take advantage of it. So pernicious a proceeding will not avail for innocent purposes.

Yet the Single Taxers are not satisfied and speak mollusiously of "unearned increment." Their measure is not a tax measure. It is a Socialistic measure for confiscation by the state of all lands—a reversal of the established system of encouragement by the state of the absorption of the public domain into private ownership. So revolutionary a proceeding would needlessly disturb existing values and economic conditions, and probably would precipitate a panic in our now too well settled present state. It will mark the beginning of a political class war between the most respectable, safest and conservative elements of the people on the one side, and a combination of the irresponsible riff-raff under the leadership of rapacious capitalists seeking franchises and exemptions on the other.

The landowners of Portland technically own the streets and pay the costs of same, yet franchises have given the actual ownership of these streets to corporations, which pay for them an annual sum of \$1500.

A city block contains 40,000 square feet of private land and 27,000 square feet of street. Millions of dollars and crossings are dedicated almost as completely to the use of the street railways as is possible. Their franchise fees are the same as the street earning power is such that, I am told, the combined franchises, with attached plants and rights have been capitalized

at \$30,000,000. Let a conservative interest be figured on this capitalization, or on the "land value" of the streets they use, and you will find that instead of \$1000 as the annual value of these franchises, you will have at least \$150,000. Yet, your Single Taxer has made no kick here, either on the \$1500 income to the city or the 5 cent fare paid by the people. And there is no doubt about the income-producing value of the streets being common property, although costs are assessed to the abutting property instead of the city, and the enormous increase in the stock values based on their use being an "unearned increment." Here is where the millions of the grinding corporations come from—here and from tariff and trust-protected manufactures like steel, flour, lumber, wool, paper; and not from the ownership of land. If these people own land, it is only as a necessary contingency, and they will get rid of it the first opportunity. They are not farmers and want no land. They have better game, and the Single Taxers are, as they well know, helping them do that game to a turn. In a modern democratic state, the land belongs to the common people; other ownership is temporary and abnormal, your Single Taxer sophistries to the contrary notwithstanding, and in fastening all tax upon the land, you apply a remedy more destructive than the disease. A better remedy for the abuses complained of would be an honest, energetic, intelligent, self-respecting, clean citizenship, exacting the laws we have, rather than this vain "proletkin" with illusive schemes to fatten on the possessions of others. There are laws and procedures and personal habits failors to preserve to the people the unearned increment. If they do not use them, it is their fault. It takes both good laws and good men to enforce a good principle. If a good law is left in the hands of bad men, the good men have no recourse against their own weakness, and no amount of new legislation or unearned increment will ever benefit them.

J. B. ZIEGLER.

ENTER FLOATS IN PARADE

SOUTHERN OREGON CITIES TO BE REPRESENTED.

One Hundred Eugene Men Dressed in White Will Form Division of Festival Pageant.

Grants Pass, Roseburg and Medford, according to reports received yesterday from G. B. Thomas, representing the Portland Rose Festival Association, will have representation of one kind or another in the "Spirit of the Golden West" parade, which is to be one of the leading drawing cards of the week of festivities in June. Mr. Thomas has been making a thorough canvass of the cities of the Willamette Valley and is now in Southern Oregon. He declares in his report that the festival idea has taken strong hold in all the places he has visited.

It is not clear from the letters received from him that the above-mentioned cities will enter floats in the parade, but he has addressed commercial organizations in each place and they have voted to participate in some way which will show their spirit of co-operation.

Eugene, instead of having a float as originally intended, will probably arrange for a separate division in the All-Oregon festival pageant. A long-range telephone communication from there yesterday indicated that a delegation of 100 men, all garbed in white and carrying white parasols would be the entry of the university town to this particular cavalcade.

The East Side Improvement organizations affiliated with the United East Side Push Clubs are taking zealous interest in the plan to hold a general house-cleaning day sometime before the week of the festival. The East Side Business Men's League is assuming the responsibility for cleaning up the central business district, while the Kenilworth Improvement Association is endeavoring to enlist the support of the district push clubs in the general scheme to rid that portion of the city of all rubbish and refuse.

The scope of the plan is so broad that Mayor Lane may be requested to declare a civic renovation day, when business will be generally suspended and everybody young and old join hands in the municipal housecleaning. Similar campaigns are conducted annually in a number of Eastern cities, particularly in old New England, and there are plenty of New Englanders in Portland who are taking an active interest in the movement.

The Business Men's League and the Federation of Improvement Clubs of the East Side are a unit on the proposition, and about half the roster of individual clubs stand ready to clean up their own districts. Senator Bourne has been asked to keep the festival people advised as to the situation in the battleship controversy.

CADETS from the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, may be a feature of the Rose Festival. President Kerr, of that institution, is making arrangements to have a regiment of cadets participate in the exercises here early in June. There are 12 companies in the cadet regiment and it is believed their presence here will add greatly to the success of the parade during festival week.

FAST TRAIN SERVICE.

Commencing April 21, the Canadian Pacific will place in effect a new time card via the Soo-Spokane route, giving a 57-hour running time Portland to Spokane. The equipment is the most up-to-date of any operated in the west. Electric-lighted trains. Library-buffet-compartment observation cars. Excellent dining car service. For full particulars apply at local office, 142 Third street.

ON SALE TODAY.

Women's \$20.00 and \$25.00 sample suits at \$2.95; 35-inch black taffeta silk, 38c; 35c; sleeveless black taffeta silk, 38c; 35c; women's silk hose, 25c; a pair; men's \$1.25 soft front shirts, 75c. Special reduced prices on children's white dresses. McClellan & McDonnell, Third and Morrison streets.

"BUNS, BUNS, BUNS!"

Honor the gold, old custom and delight your palate; order Hot Cross Buns today or tomorrow. Eldier, Washington or Morrison-street branch, Royal Bakery & Confectionery.

14 [X] CONGRESSMAN W. R. ELLIS. Has steadily lined up with Roosevelt's anti-trust policies at Washington. Vote to keep him there.

ROGER B. SINNOTT—34. For District Attorney. "Indict by Grand Jury."

Both Senators from Western Oregon and the Representative from Eastern Oregon. Vote for ex-Governor Geer for Congress.

Swell tan shoes at Rosenthal's.



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Mrs. S. A. Williams, of Gardiner, Maine, writes:

"I was a great sufferer from female troubles, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored me to health in three months, after my physician declared that an operation was absolutely necessary."

Mrs. Alvina Sperling, of 154 Cleybourne Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes: "I suffered from female troubles, a tumor and much inflammation. Two of the best doctors in Chicago decided that an operation was necessary to save my life. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely cured me without an operation."

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Lipman-Wolfe's 'OWL' CUT-RATE Drugstore Sells Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at CUT RATES

Devilfish on Display in Local Market

Grasping Creature of the Deep, Caught in Puget Sound, Is Concrete Sample of Seattle Spirit.

WHEN it comes to a matter of real fishing, Portland must take off its metaphorical hat to Seattle. A specimen of the deep-sea "things" caught in the uneasy waters of Puget Sound is on exhibition in front of a Third street market in the shape of a devilfish. In the annals of piscatorial achievements along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, no record is made of the taking of a devilfish; Oregon fishermen yank from their watery habitat such fish as salmon, black trout, carp, perch, coonpie, salmon trout, sturgeon, but the first devilfish yet to be caught feeling its tentacles way in the only fresh-water harbor of the Pacific.

The brute with long rows of suckers strewn along its several uncanny arms, looks like an advertisement of the Seattle spirit—grab hold of everything in sight and hold on as long as there is anything to be had out of it. Figures on the placard announce that the devilfish is 12 feet long and weighed 55 pounds when taken. The placard evidently was made in Portland, for if the data had been prepared in Seattle, judging from what is usually sent out from that city in the way of statistics, the fish would be something like 1500 feet long and weigh hundreds of tons.

Devilfish of larger dimensions than this one have been displayed in Portland before. Several years ago one weighing 125 pounds was brought to this city from the Sound and created much interest.

The fish now on exhibition is the first one seen in this city for some years and surprised comments are heard from the spectators. One looking at the fish yesterday afternoon remarked: "Well, I'll be damned, I thought that talk about devilfish was all hooey, but that thing doesn't seem to be a fake, even if it did come from Seattle."

INCREASE IN STAMP SALES

Eleven Days of April Show 20 Per Cent Gain.

It is with such frequency the Portland Postoffice established in the volume of business transacted that the announcement of another step forward attracts but little attention. However, during the first 11 days of this month the stamp sales at the Portland office aggregated \$1,886.42, against \$1,425.50 for the corresponding period last year. This represents an increase of 20 per cent something never before approached in the history of the Portland office.

There are only two reasons for this remarkable increase in the postal receipts of the Portland office, said Postmaster Mintz yesterday. "Foremost of these is the increased population of this city and secondly, some of the merchants are sending out their catalogues and other advertising matter earlier than usual. But aside from this, the business of the office is gradually approaching enormous proportions. Yesterday in the city department there were cancelled stamps on 41,000 letters that were mailed for city delivery. This is the largest number of letters first-class mail that has been posted in the Portland office in any one day in its history. If the record for the month of April continues, the receipts for the month from stamp sales will exceed those of December, 1907, which is the high record of the local office."

THE PRICE OF CLOTHING

Has Been Greatly Reduced.

On account of the reduction in the cost of manufacturing good clothing we have made a general cut in prices of from 10 to 20 per cent on all lines of men's and boys' clothing. This cut in prices is in keeping with our policy to give our customers the full benefit of every dollar above a fair and reasonable profit for this store. We invite the trade of men who want good clothing at a reasonable price. Brownville Woolen Mill Store, Third and Stark streets.

A DENIAL Mr. Ladd Contradicts False Rumor THE rumor circulating to the effect that lots in Ladd's Addition were being sold only under a ninety-nine-year lease is entirely untrue. There is not and never has been the slightest foundation for the report. We have never in the past entertained such a scheme, nor will we consider any proposition to lease lots in Ladd's Addition. A full Warranty Deed, as well as a complete abstract, is given to the purchaser of every lot. Lots can be purchased on the installment plan, with easy payments and interest at six per cent. Every deed will convey an absolute title, with no restrictions or reservations, excepting only those Building Restrictions required to insure the best class of buildings. ESTATE OF W. S. LADD OWNERS OF LADD'S ADDITION [Signature] F. W. Torgler, Sales Agent, 106 Sherlock Bldg., Portland, Or.

Small Boy Gives Lesson in Electricity Dr. C. H. Rafferty learns that Current Will Not Run Backwards, and His Automobile is in Operation Again.

WATER will not run uphill—electricity will not run backwards. Dr. C. H. Rafferty has been a member of the water committee long enough to have learned its qualities, but he had to be shown that electricity would not run backwards. He owns an automobile which runs sometimes and sometimes does not run. Just how seldom it runs and how often it does not run Dr. Rafferty alone can tell, but he won't. However, recently he had a powerful engine installed in his automobile, so powerful, he declares, that he can easily climb telephone poles and scale the side of a 10-story skyscraper. But in spite of all these improvements, the other day the auto stopped when Dr. C. H. was on the way to a meeting of the water committee and had only half a minute to make 2 1/2 miles in. That was on East Alder street between a foundry and vinegar factory. When in difficulties of this sort Dr. C. H. does not know what to do. He always feels better, and is less inclined to swear with a lot of people looking on. He tried to reason with the auto that it "ought to" go, but it wouldn't budge. Then he got red in the face and remarked: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

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