

GAS-PIPE BUGS

Second-Street Merchant, Horribly Beaten, Found Unconscious.

NO CLEW TO CRIMINALS

Second Similar Assault in 17 Hours Puts Police Force on Their Mettle—Crime Believed to Be That of Maniac.

THREE DARK CRIMES IN HEART OF THE CITY.

May 11—Nathan Wolff, pawnbroker, attacked in his place at 165 First street at about 6 P. M., shot in the neck, hacked to death with a hatchet and robbed of money, watch and sock worth about \$300. Edward H. Martin is now in jail accused of this brutal crime.

May 11—Max Hermann, junk and second-hand dealer, 267 Couch street, attacked in his store by thugs, who beat him into insensibility. The weapon used is a thick piece of iron taken from a brakebeam, and bears a slight coat of rust. The assault occurred at about 6 P. M. and the victim, after being robbed, is left lying unconscious in full view of the sidewalk. His recovery is looked for by C. W. Wagner, policeman, who is on suspicion, is seemingly excited by occurrence of second and similar crime 17 hours later.

May 12—H. Neuman, second-hand dealer, terribly beaten in the middle of the day at Second and Couch streets, sustaining fracture of skull which may result fatally. Is found unconscious in his store and says two men entered his place, one of them attacking him with a section of gas-pipe wrapped in paper. The motive does not appear to be robbery, as nothing was taken from the place.



BOURNE'S DEFEAT IS NOW CERTAIN

Yamhill, Washington, Polk, Columbia, Josephine, Coos, Klamath, Malheur, Benton, Lane, Marion, Linn, Union and Wasco counties. Among the delegates arriving last night from Eastern Oregon were: Umatilla, E. M. McComas and N. C. Richard; Gilliam, R. R. Butler, Jay Bowerman and C. A. Daneman; Wheeler, J. H. Putnam; Sherman, W. H. Ragsdale, Julius Wiley and L. Barnum.

REALIZES THAT HE HAS LOST

Bourne Unwilling to Be Member of Instructed Delegation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—Senator Bourne is about ready to concede defeat in the Republican State Convention next Thursday. Discussing the outlook today, he said: "It seemed almost certain that Oregon's delegation to the Republican National Convention would be instructed for Taft."

"If it is," said Senator Bourne, "I will not serve as a delegate, if I should be chosen. Under no circumstances will I go to Chicago under instructions binding me to vote for Taft. If chosen under such instructions, I will decline to act as a delegate."

For some time the Senator has been pulling every available string in hope of securing an uninstructed delegation. He has even appealed to his colleagues in the Congressional delegation to use their influence at home to prevent instructions for Taft. From the first, however, Senator Fulton has been an avowed Taft man and has taken issue with Bourne on this question, favoring selection of delegates who will vote for Taft first, last and all the time. Fulton is confident that Taft is to be nominated, and he wants Oregon to get her share of credit out of the convention. Neither Congressman Ellis nor Congressman Hawley has taken any hand in the preparations for the state convention, notwithstanding Bourne's appeals. They do not feel that members of the Congressional delegation should be sent as delegates to the National convention, and have, therefore, allowed party leaders at home to manage things as they deemed best.

Senator Bourne has grown unusually gloomy during the past two weeks. He does not even enthuse over the second elective term propaganda. He has never been known to admit, in so many words, that Taft will be nominated, but little remarks he drops from time to time indicate that he has practically no hope of pursuing his Roosevelt campaign to a successful termination. He felt keenly the action of the State Central Committee in unanimously endorsing Taft over his protest, and then followed quickly the absolute failure of his attempt to arrange for stampeding the Chicago convention for Roosevelt. Failure of other third-term men to attend that meeting was ample indication that they have abandoned hope of forcing the nomination upon Roosevelt.

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BIRTHDAY OF INSTITUTE

SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY OBSERVES ITS FOUNDING.

Institution Has Been in Existence for Past 30 Years in Portland.

The 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Portland Seamen's Friend Society was commemorated last night in Taylor-street Methodist Church, where the society was organized in 1878. The meeting last night was presided over by Dr. Benjamin Young, pastor of the Taylor-street Methodist Church. Addresses were delivered by E. Quackenbush, president of the society; Chaplain E. H. Roper, Dr. Messervy, Dr. Luther R. Dyott, Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, and Dr. Joseph B. Wise also spoke in commendation of the institution, and pledging the support of their congregations. A movement that shall be undertaken for its furtherance.

Two musical numbers were rendered by the Lakme Quartet, consisting of Miss May Dearborn Schwab, Miss Ethel M. Lytle, Miss Petronella Connolly, Mrs. W. A. Bushong, Mrs. W. E. Thomas, accompanied by Professor Wheeler, male chorus also gave two musical numbers. One of the songs of the Norwegian singer Nordal, sang two solos, one of which was in Norwegian.

Mr. Quackenbush, in his address, gave a brief history of the organization, supplementing his remarks by reading a number of letters from sailors who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Portland Institute, in which they expressed their appreciation of the kindness shown them. These letters were significant from the fact that they are an endorsement of the esteem in which the Institute is held by seamen. During the past year, Mr. Quackenbush said, the Institute had welcomed 35,000 sailors, and during the past three months the concerts given have been attended by over 300 seamen each week. The attendance at the religious services was also shown to be large.

The Portland Seamen's Friend Society was organized July 31, 1878, in Taylor-street Methodist Church. It fulfilled its mission for 21 years, and in 1899, owing to lack of funds, in 1899, following the visit of Secretary Hunter, of the American Seamen's Friend Society, of New York, the local institute was reorganized, and in 1906 Chaplain and Mrs. E. H. Roper were sent to Portland to carry on the work.

Following Mr. Quackenbush's remarks, Chaplain Roper delivered an address, in which he asked for the co-operation of the churches and the business men of Portland in an effort to build up the present institute. He referred to Portland's growing importance as a seaport, and the increasing number of seamen visiting this harbor. He declared that the efficiency of the institute should keep pace with Portland's commercial advancement.

"I wish those men who are advertising Portland could realize how a first-class seamen's institute could advertise this port," he said. "Talk about your Rose Festival as an advertising medium. It is not to be compared with the advertisement these men bring from other ports. It will tell you of this or that port in the Old Country, some port in Australia or Canada, and will say: 'I have seen a pretty good sort of a place, but the institute is better.' They don't know how to run an institute. The people think they're too good to come in contact with a sailor. But some day a fellow will go from Portland to some other port and tell them that Portland has the best Seamen's Institute in the whole world. What you want is a non-sectarian institute, and it is as free to a Jew as to a Gentile; as free to a Catholic as to a Methodist. That is the kind of an institute that I have organized, by the grace of God and the help of President Quackenbush."

SENATOR BOURNE'S DENIAL

Not Bartering in Postoffices, but Will Fight the Unfair.

PORTLAND, May 12.—(To the Editor.) A few days ago the Oregonian published a report, said to come from Columbia County, to the effect that Senator Bourne was "bartering postoffices for support of delegates in the Republican state convention," and your Washington correspondent, in a somewhat extended dispatch, treated the matter with serious concern from his side of the spit. Under date of the 11th instant Senator Bourne wired me from Washington:

"You are authorized to state for me in papers that I brand as malicious lies the claims that I am trying to secure support of delegates to the Oregon Republican state convention by promise of postoffices or other patronage," and adds: "But I shall exercise my Senatorial rights to oppose such stories, first saying he was injured by accident and later saying two men attacked him. His story of the occurrence is believed, except as to the number involved, although even in that he may have been correct."

He said he was alone in the store when two men entered. He paid no particular attention to them, except to note that one was carrying a long, slender parcel. They walked up to him and, without saying a word, the one with the concealed gas-pipe struck him across the head. He was knocked senseless. As to a description of the men, he was able to say nothing that was of use to the officers.

The fact that the Neuman place was not robbed is the basis of the theory advanced by the police that the work was that of a vicious lunatic or some dangerous pervert bent on revenge. A considerable sum in small silver was in the cash drawer and easily accessible, but a careful examination of this till showed it had not even been tampered with.

RALLY IN SOUTH PORTLAND

W. S. U'Ren and W. R. McGarry to Debate Recall Bill.

The campaign will be opened by the South Portland Republican Club tonight, when a rousing rally will be held at Jones' Hall, on Front and Gibbs streets. The feature will be a debate between W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, and W. R. McGarry on the recall bill. Other speakers who have been invited to be present are: Sheriff Stevens, Judge Cameron, R. G. Morrow, C. N. McArthur and Waldemar Seton. A fine musical and literary programme has been arranged by Miss Lena Harvas and Frank D. Hennessy, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

SELLS WESTERN PACIFIC NOTES.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, acting for the Western Pacific, has it was announced this afternoon, sold \$15,000,000 two-year, 6 per cent notes, with the privilege of extending them for three years from 1910. Proceeds of the sales of these notes will be used in completion of the construction of the Western Pacific.

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ASKS FAIR PLAY FOR MARTIN

Friend of Prisoner's Parents Will Befriend Him.

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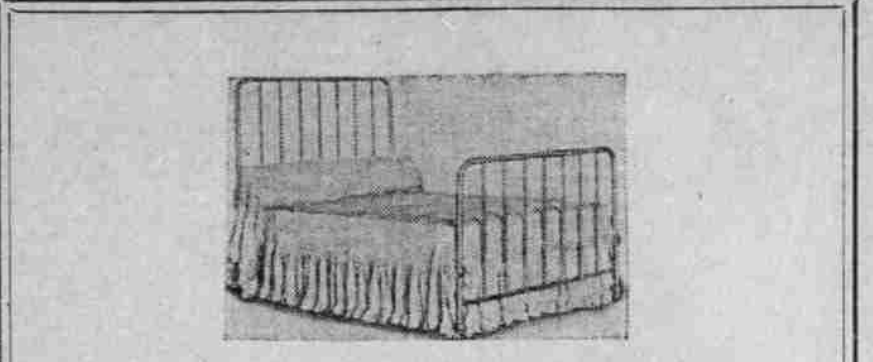
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J.G. MACK & CO FIFTH AND STARK STREETS

YORK, parents of Edward H. Martin, while aboard a steamer on the Mediterranean. From casual traveling acquaintances they became close friends, and made the trip marked in the appraisal as missing are a \$5 signet ring and a \$7 rifle. The mounted diamond goods owned by Wolff are valued at \$2,800.

Judge Webster has issued an order authorizing the administrator, Mrs. Wolff, to sell the entire stock at public auction, at not less than the appraised value.

SUSPECT WAS NOT MARTIN

Man Seen in Wolff's Store Does Not Answer Description.

E. L. Giles, an employee of the Jacobs-Stine Company, who was said to have expressed his belief that Martin is the man he saw conversing with Nathan Wolff at 8:30 o'clock on the night the latter was murdered, says he has been misquoted with regard to the matter. Mr. Giles said:

"The man I saw does not answer the description of Martin, as the papers give it. I have not seen him and, therefore, am not able to say. I passed Mr. Wolff's pawn shop at 5:35 o'clock on Friday night on my way home. I looked in the display in the window and observed a man in consultation with the proprietor. They were in full view and I glanced at the man two or three times. He looked at me a time or two. His face was covered with about a week's growth of beard. He wore a black derby hat and a long cravenette coat of grayish brown material. I should certainly know the man again if I saw him. I did not say that I would go to the jail and identify the man. I have had no desire to be mixed up in the case and had not thought my testimony necessary, but if it should be considered so, I am quite ready to give it."

Form Inland Empire League.

PENDLETON, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The Inland Empire Baseball League was organized in this city tonight. W. L. Thompson, cashier of the Commercial National Bank of this city, was elected president and treasurer. The league will be in class D, under the National Association, and will have a salary limit of \$750. The four towns comprised are Eugene, Astoria, Walla Walla, Baker City and La Grande, each of which was represented at the meeting held here tonight and each of which has put up the guarantee that the schedule will be played. The season will be opened Thursday, May 21, and four games are to be played each week. Pendleton opens at Walla Walla and La Grande at Baker City.

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