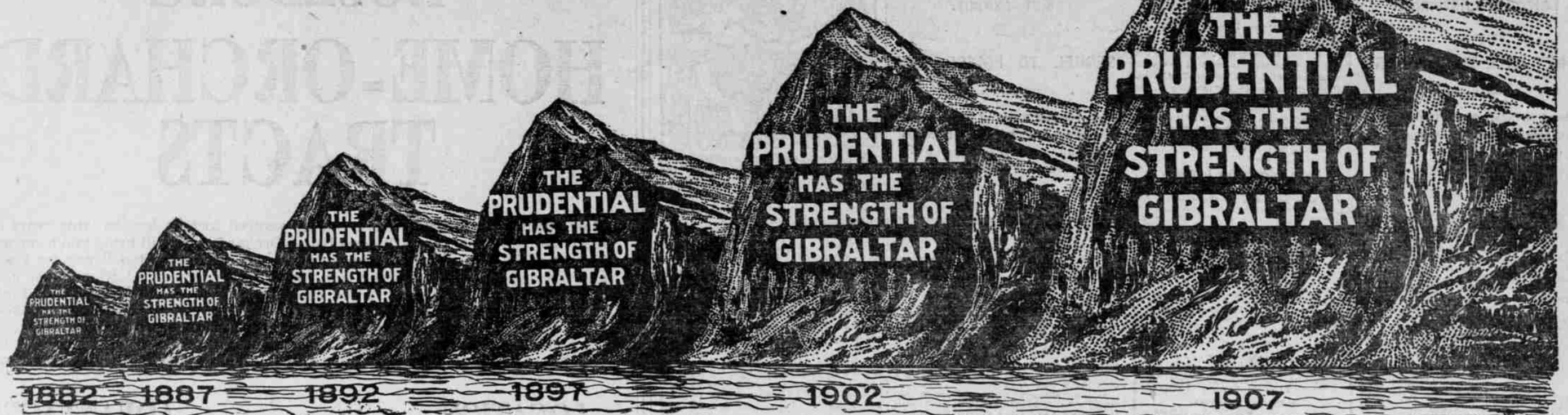


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Farchi's Inaccuracy Saves His Relatives.

WIFE NOW ASKS DIVORCE

Besides Firing Fusillade at Home of Mother-in-Law, Defendant Is Charged With Ejecting Family From House.

The determination of William Tell, without the accuracy of that historic archer, is said to be possessed by Louis Farchi. Instead of using his talent to secure his freedom, however, Farchi took 14 shots at his mother-in-law's house, none of which took effect. Evidently there was something the matter with the repeating rifle, or Farchi's inaccuracy might have been due to the darkness of the night.

It was not alone his mother-in-law whom Farchi was trying to pepper with bullets, but his sister-in-law and her fiancée as well. In a divorce complaint filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by Geleolina Farchi she says her husband tried to get her to arise from bed at 10 P. M. on September 11, 1906, and go with him to her mother's house, so he could shoot the occupants. She refused and received a thrashing.

Farchi threw a drinking glass at his wife in November, 1906. She dodged and the glass hit the lamp globe and chimney, breaking both.

In September of the year previous, Mrs. Farchi says, her husband pulled her out of bed when her child was three days old, so he could occupy it. Last December he went so far as to put both her and the children out of the house.

The couple were married in Portland October 9, 1904, and Farchi's cruelty began two months later, on Christmas day, when he beat his wife with his fists, and followed it up with a slap on the face. As Mrs. Farchi is no prize fighter she wishes a divorce and the custody of the children.

OWNER NEED NOT PAY LIEN

Posting of Notices Protects From Contractors' Bills.

That the owner of a building who posts notices in the building to the effect that he will not pay for repairs made cannot be compelled to pay contractors on mechanics' liens was the decision of Judge Cleland in the Circuit Court yesterday.

The court dismissed the complaint and cross-complaint in the suit of Garrett J. Eaton against the Northwest Development Company and W. D. Hofus. The latter, who is the owner of the Chamber of Commerce building, let a contract for repairing the two upper stories to the Northwest Company. That firm purchased washes, doors and other materials from Eaton, who is the proprietor of a planing mill on the East Side. Eaton, alleging that his bills are unpaid, brought suit to foreclose a mechanics' lien against the building, in which he failed.

Judge Cleland denied the motion of M. L. Holbrook for a new trial of the suit brought against him by Charles Lehner. Lehner sued for \$550 damages because he leased the Holbrook brick block in St. John for two years, and was not per-

FAILS TO RECOVER DAUGHTER

Mrs. Annie Foster Must File Suit in Clackamas.

Mrs. Annie Foster's effort to gain possession of her 7-year-old girl came to an unsuccessful end yesterday, so far as the Multnomah County Circuit Court is concerned, when Presiding Judge O'Day upheld the motion of Hattie Myers to quash the writ of habeas corpus. The motion to quash was interposed on the ground that as the Clackamas County Court, at Oregon City, passed on the custody of the child a year ago, refusing to return it to the mother, the latter must go to that court for redress.

It appears that Mrs. Myers took the child, whose name is Loreta Hoag, in January, 1906, when the mother was ill. Mrs. Foster now says Mrs. Myers agreed to return the little one when requested to do so, but that, after repeated requests during the last year, she has refused on the ground that the mother is not able properly to care for the girl.

Court Gives Dog to Mrs. McKern.

Mrs. Stella McKern will regain possession of the white Spitz dog over which there has been so much litigation. This was the decision of Judge Cleland in the Circuit Court yesterday morning. He also decided that the dog is worth \$50, and that Lou Wagner must pay \$5 damages for its detention. That portion of the case which connected E. J. Davey with the dog's ownership was dismissed. Judge Cleland did not say who is the owner of the dog, and if Davey wishes to prove his ownership he will be obliged to bring another suit.

Court Rules Against Drake.

J. Francis Drake and M. B. Rankin did not enter into a partnership June 12, 1904, as alleged by Drake, according to the decision of Judge Cleland yesterday. It will therefore be impossible for Drake to recover the \$3000 damages which he asked, or the appointment of a receiver. Rankin testified that Drake invested some money with him, and that he (Rankin) paid him \$4000 in settlement of all claims.

GREAT CORSET SALE.

Thomson's glove fitting cable net corsets, famous H. S. style, lace trimmed, hose supporters front and sides, best \$2.25 grade, 50c; Thomson's new ballet corset for medium figures, \$1.25 grade, 50c. On sale today and tomorrow. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

Stock-Owners Suffer Loss.

In the recent burning of the Dexter Stables, where 61 valuable animals were destroyed, it develops that only eight animals of the 100 or more that were in the building were covered by insurance. These were owned by William Gadsby & Sons, furniture dealers, and were partially covered by a policy for \$1000 held in the National Livestock Insurance Association of Portland. Only two of their five gray animals were saved. A special feature of policies issued by the National Livestock Insurance Association is that it insures against death by accident or disease the same as from fire. The loss sustained by Wm. Gadsby & Sons has been adjusted on the six animals for \$1050, the full amount carried by them.

Tomorrow, Friday, will positively be the last day for discount on West Side gas bills. Portland Gas Co.

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MERCURY TO DROP

Hot Wave Has Passed, Says Forecaster Beals.

HEAT HAS INJURED GRAIN

Rain Is Badly Needed in Interior, Especially in Oregon Counties Lying Along Columbia—Willamette Is Falling.

It will be cooler today, promises Weather Forecaster Beals. The hot wave of the past few days has passed, he says, and one's heels will not go so far into the asphalt as yesterday. In fact yesterday was somewhat cooler than the preceding day, although few people around town noticed it. The greatest heat yesterday was reached at 4 o'clock, when the official thermometer in the weather office at the custom house stood at 90 degrees. Then it began to recede and it was quite comfortable long before dark.

Unfortunately, the local weather office has no way of making comparisons of humidity in the air here with that in the Eastern cities. The observations here are taken at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M., while the humidity carried in the atmosphere varies greatly from hour to hour. Observations in the cities of the Atlantic Coast cities are taken three hours from the time they are taken here.

So it is impossible to make accurate comparisons between the oppressive humidity in the air in the East and that here, but everyone who has experienced the heat of an Eastern Summer says the moisture in the air here is much greater than on the Pacific Coast. There are many ways of telling this, notably by the fact that perspiration does not dry so readily in the East as in the more dry heat of this section of the country.

The continued dry weather is not proving beneficial to the grain crop for rain is needed in the interior and the heat keeps drying the soil more and more. In the Palouse country the latest reports are that grain is damaged only in spots and that the Spring grain, the Fall sown wheat being in good shape. Fortunately most of the grain in the Palouse was sown last Fall. But in the tier of Oregon counties lying directly south of the Columbia River, grain is in a bad way and needs rain badly.

Happily, Oregon soil is very retentive of moisture, say those who have studied the matter, and as the dry, hot northerly winds have been absent during the hot spell, it is believed that not so much damage has been done as would have been the case had the dry winds come up.

The river is receding daily at Portland about three or four inches, the snow on the lower levels of the mountains having about all melted. This is shown by the fact that the hot weather of the past few days has caused no rise in the waters of the river and it is expected that the Willamette at Portland will reach its normal stage in two weeks or less.

Hourly temperatures for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock last night were as follows: 7 P. M., July 7, 88; 8-83; 9-80; 10-76; 11-73; 12-72; 1 A. M., July 8, 69; 2-65; 3-54; 4-63; 5-62; 6-55; 7-65; 8-70; 9-73; 10-77; 11-79; 12 noon-82; 1 P. M.-85; 2-89; 3-89; 4-90; 5-85; 6-82; 7-79.

Better Mail Service in Valley.
GERVAIS, Or., July 8.—(Special).—

The Postoffice Department has ordered a pouch service on train No. 18 for Salem, Brooks, Gervais and Canby, Sunday excepted. This will be of great benefit to merchants at all these points. A movement is on foot to get regular service on train 18 with a clerk in charge. If this prevails, all the Valley towns between Cottage Grove and Portland will have improved mail facilities.

How Horses May Escape From Burning Barns

Joseph Buchtel, Veteran Fireman, Has Plan to Drive Horses From Stalls by Means of Water.

THOROUGHLY original and even more humanitarian is the plan of Joseph Buchtel, a veteran fireman, for providing for the escape of horses from burning barns. Mr. Buchtel offers the suggestion in order to prevent terrible suffering to the animals and for the sake of economy. The idea has occurred to him in view of the recent livery barn fires in this city.

"Stalls in the barns should be so built," he says, "that a perforated inch pipe may extend through them at the heads of the horses. The animals are to be fastened with rings so attached that by moving a lever at the end of a row of stalls every horse is instantly released by the moving of the long pipe. At the same instant water is automatically turned on through the pipes, both being accomplished by the movement of a single lever.

"Water will drive horses from their stalls," explained Mr. Buchtel. "I would also suggest that a hose be fastened at the far end of the barn from which water may be sent through the barn and the horses driven out after being released from their stalls. Horses will run from water, but strangely enough will run straight into a fire.

"I think an ordinance should be passed by the Council compelling the proprietors of all barns to equip their places in some such manner."

Thug Is Appeased by Flask of Whisky

Eddie Malloy Chats Sociably With Highwayman, and Is Rewarded by Return of Week's Salary.

EDDIE MALLOY has enjoyed the distinction of being one of Portland's premier mixologists for some 20 years, and Tuesday night he found his ability to "spread the con talk" most profitable. Incidentally Eddy also found a pint flask of spirits of considerable assistance.

Malloy was walking to his home in North Portland and had occasion to cut across a vacant lot when he encountered a bold, bad highwayman wearing a black mask and who pointed the threatening muzzle of a blue-barreled revolver in the direction of Eddy's sky-piece. Not desiring to become acquainted with the contents of the weapon, Malloy obligingly handed out his week's salary which had rested snugly in his trousers pocket. The successful knight of the highway was about to amble on when a happy thought struck his victim.

"Say, partner, you seem to be a pretty good sort of a fellow. Have a little nip," and accompanying this remark Eddy flashed the pint flask. The amber fluid looked enticing to the roadagent, and he accepted the invitation.

The two sat down on a nearby log and began to swap stories of their past life, while engaged in the task of quaffing the contents of the little bottle. The spirit contained in the flask seemed to put the highwayman in good humor and incidentally in a mood as generous as

that of his victim. After taking the last drag at the little bottle the highwayman remarked:


"Old sport, I don't intend that you shall have anything on me in this good-fellowship business. Much as I need the money here's your coin," and he handed Malloy his week's wages and started to go.

Malloy halted the thug and handed him a dollar with the remark: "Friend, you must have needed the money or you wouldn't have held me up. Take this case, it will get you a room and a feed in the morning."

"You can bet I need the money. Thank you and I'm glad I didn't take your coin for there's worse men than you in the world, who have more and can spare it. So long." And the highwayman departed on his way. Eddie watched him a mo-

ment, and then with his heart rejoicing at his good luck—the first in many months—he wended his way rapidly to his home, where he related his experience to his invalid wife. Malloy's friends got hold of the story and commenced its circulation. When asked about it, he smilingly confirmed it.

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