

TREIF, AS HE OBS, OFFERS APOLOGY

Gentleman Burglar Tells Victim He Will Return "Loan" With Interest.

ROBBER CHATS, HOLDS GUN

Entering Residence, He Turns on Light in Bedroom While He Converses With Man and Wife in Their Bed.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—After completely ransacking the residence of J. Webster Hancock, East 524 Eighteenth avenue, about midnight last night, securing \$19 and jewelry, a well-dressed masked burglar entered the bedroom of Mr. Hancock and his wife, turned on the light and, with revolver in hand, chatted with the owner for 30 minutes.

Calmly selecting a comfortable chair, he tilted back against the wall and told the occupants: "You see, I am pretty well dressed and the fly cops will never be able to catch me. The best part about my work is that I have no pals to give me away. The only way to do burglar work is to do it alone, and we been in the business a long time, too, and I know, I was a gentleman once, a bookkeeper at San Francisco, until I went wrong."

Apology Offered for Intrusion. "Is this 75 cents all you have?" he asked, drawing some change from his pocket.

"It is," said Mr. Hancock, turning over and facing the burglar. Turning the trousers inside down, the thief saw a \$10 gold piece roll to the floor.

"I am sorry you led to me," quoth the thief, and he took the gold piece. After chatting for 15 minutes he asked: "How are you paying for this home?"

Return of "Loan" Promised. "By small payments," said Mr. Hancock.

"I regret to thus intrude upon the sanctity of your bedroom," said the burglar, "but it is necessary to secure the money I owe to do it. In July I will return this with 7 per cent interest."

"No, I will not leave any writing around," said the burglar, when asked to sign a note, "but to show you I am a man of honor I will cut a notch in this window all and some night in July you will find your money and interest there," and he bowed himself out.

PROFESSORS QUIT JOBS

University of Idaho Loses Valuable Men to Corporations.

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 24.—(Special.)—At the session of the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho, which closed Saturday, there were handed in several important resignations by members of the faculty.

Eugene J. Clark, superintendent of the grounds, resigned to go into the stockraising business on a large ranch in Nebraska. Dr. Kanaga resigned as director of the gymnasium and physical culture and to accept a position as professor at the University of Idaho.

Elias Nelson, irrigationist in charge of a subdivision in Central Idaho, resigned to accept a position as superintendent of a large orchard company's business at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Professor Glykoff, assistant chemist, has accepted a position in the Government service and will leave after commencement in June. Professor Stina, assistant engineer, resigned and Professor Hearst was appointed to succeed him.

WOODMEN LODGES MERGE

Troutdale Body Transfers Membership to Multnomah Camp.

GRESHAM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Troutdale Camp, Woodmen of the World, has transferred its entire membership to Multnomah Camp, No. 7, of Portland. Corbett Camp, beyond the Sandy River, is also making arrangements for a transfer, and its members will soon be a part of the big city camp.

The camp at Gresham led the way nearly two years ago. The tendency is for the smaller lodges to consolidate with the larger ones as a matter of economy and expediency. There are still in existence one at Orient and another at Sandy, which will probably follow.

Four Macabee lodges on the east side recently consolidated with the one in East Portland, making it the second in size in Multnomah County.

NEW CITY CHARTER IS UP

Klamath Falls Is Considering Important Local Measures.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—At the city election, which will be held May 2 there will be in addition to election of a Mayor, Police Judge, City Treasurer and Councilmen from the five different wards, several important measures looking toward a Greater Klamath Falls to be voted upon.

The most important of these is the adoption of a new city charter, which gives the city an opportunity to make many municipal improvements.

Pasco Defeats Walla Walla.

PASCO, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—In a slugging match yesterday, the Pasco baseball team succeeded in defeating Walla Walla's crack team by a score of 12 to 7. Walla Walla was credited with ten errors and Pasco five. The first game to be played in the new Central Washington league, comprising Ellensburg, North Yakima, Toppenish and Pasco, will be played next Sunday.

LaFarge, Great Artist, Dying.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Little hope was held out today for the recovery of John LaFarge, the greatest living American artist, who is critically ill at his residence in Fifth avenue.

A Healthful Hint.

A bottle of the Hood Brewing Company's famous Book Beer to ward off that tired feeling. Phone E. 138, B. 1219.

FAMOUS OLD SPELLING MATCH, REVIVED, CAUSES UNUSUAL INTEREST AT McMINNVILLE.



MARTHA KNOP, HARRY STEWART, ESTHER WHIRRY

WINNERS OF RECENT CONTEST WHO RECEIVED GOLD MEDALS FOR ABILITY AS SPELLERS OF OVER 2000 WORDS.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—The fame of the big county spelling match, conducted in this city last week, assisted by the teachers and school officers, has quickly spread over the state, and Mr. Belt is already receiving inquiries from school officers in neighboring counties who contemplate the adoption of the educational innovation in their own counties.

Plans for Professor Belt's county event were laid by him early in the present school year, when he recommended to teachers and school officers the holding of district spelling bees. From the start the pupils took hold of the contests with vim, and as the work progressed and the county spelling match became an object of the future they worked harder than ever.

At the close of the series of district contests the local champions came as participants in the big county contest—300 of them—from the small rural schools and the big graded schools alike, bright-looking, keen-eyed youngsters from all over the county, eager for the fray. Ranged in six divisions, each consisting of two grades, beginning with the first and second, and up to the eleventh and twelfth, the young folks were given a list of 2000 words, which they exhausted and had to be given a new list of strange words before the champions could be determined.

The winners in the county contest were as follows: Esther Whirry, McMinnville, first division; Hazel and Martha Knope, Oak Ridge, near North Yamhill, second and third divisions; Eva Beacom, Whitson, fourth division; Harry Stewart, McMinnville, fifth division; Leland Sackett, Sheridan, sixth division. Each of the winners was awarded a beautiful gold medal. Many districts paid the expenses of their representatives to the meeting here.

TIES SEVERED IN NEVADA

MRS. JEAN HAMMERSTEIN IS GRANTED DIVORCE.

Woman Pleads With Judge and Is Finally Allowed to Resume Her Maiden Name.

RENO, Nev., April 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jean Hammerstein was granted a decree of divorce on grounds of failure to provide for her children, from Arthur Hammerstein, manager of the Princess Theater, New York, son of Oscar Hammerstein, the great impresario.

The case was called in the District Court before Judge Pike. Mrs. Hammerstein testified that she was married in Jersey City when it was years ago. She had never been an actress because she was married too soon. Her domestic troubles came to a climax two years ago in Philadelphia, when Hammerstein, who was building a theater there, told her he did not love her any more. Then she left him.

Mrs. Hammerstein asked that her maiden name, Jean Allison, be given her. This the court refused to do until she explained that Hammerstein has three brothers in Europe of the same name and that he was going to marry again, therefore she did not want the name.

By special request the court did not decide upon the custody of their child, a 14-year-old girl, now going to school in Philadelphia. There was no money set aside for the child. Mrs. Hammerstein had sufficient property rights of her own.

POULTRY PAY BIG PROFIT

Pasco Homesteader Buys Dozen Hens for \$6; Net Gain \$41.25.

PASCO, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—That the poultry business is destined to become an important industry in the Columbia River Basin is shown by the following experience of a young man named Howard Mitchell, who has recently made final proof on a homestead near Pasco. On April 28 last year Mr. Mitchell purchased one dozen Barred Plymouth Rock hens, paying \$6 for them. Mr. Mitchell has kept an accurate account of the eggs received, the cost of keeping and the price received for the eggs, with the following results:

Eggs received as follows: April (four days), 24; May, 230; June, 176; July, 164; August, 120; September, 239; October, 204; November, 162; December, 49; January, 84; February, 168; March, 43; April (two days), 25; total, 1773 or 14 dozen.

Mr. Mitchell sold these eggs at prices varying from 25 to 60 cents per dozen and received \$54.90 for his products. Mr. Mitchell built his poultry house from odds and ends of lumber picked up around the place. He paid \$25 for netting. The feed that was purchased for the flock cost \$10.40, leaving a net profit of \$41.25 cents.

FARMER'S DEATH SUDDEN

Young Man Succumbs to Appendix While at Work.

COLEFAX, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—James A. White, aged 28, resident of Whitman County, 28 years and a prominent Mason, dropped dead today at his ranch home near Colfax, falling on a narrow to which he had just hitched his team. He was found shortly afterward by a hired man. Apoplexy caused his death.

He leaves a wife, a son 4 years old, a daughter, a week old, a mother, four brothers and two sisters. His wife is in a sanitarium in Spokane.

FIGURE JURY OUT

Attorneys in Murder Trial Conclude Arguments.

DEFENDANT NOT ON STAND

Ill-Will Borne by Knappka Toward Accused Man Is Brought Out as Strong Point in Fight for Life of Old Woodsman.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Shortly after noon, the state closed its rebuttal and the defense rested in the trial of James McGuire, charged with the murder of neighbor named Knappka. The case went to the jury at 6 P. M.

Both sides during the course of the proceedings, have labored under trying circumstances for the lack of direct testimony. The state's case rests principally upon the admissions of the defendant to the Sheriff on January 12. Uncommunicated threats told of by the defense in an attempt to show that the murdered man was not on friendly terms with McGuire. Notwithstanding the fact that the defendant made damaging admissions at the time of the tragedy, he was not put upon the stand but rested contentedly upon a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

It was shown by evidence today that Knappka had, without provocation, torn down the gate that kept McGuire's mules in the corral. This incident occurred two years ago. The position of the shells ejected from McGuire's gun in the path and behind a tree would seem to indicate a deliberate position of McGuire, according to testimony brought out today. This point was not overcome by the defense.

As harrowing details were told in the summing up of the case McGuire leaned back in his chair and without any change of expression listened intently to the arguments of the attorneys. The defense is confident of either an acquittal or at most, a verdict of manslaughter.

EARLY ACTION REQUIRED

DESERT LAND BOARD GIVES NOTICE TO COMPANIES.

Foreclosure Proceedings Will Begin Unless Eastern Oregon Projects Are Hurried to Completion.

SALEM, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Desert Land Board this afternoon it was determined to notify the Portland Irrigation Company and the Deschutes Irrigation Company to proceed with their reclamation projects within 60 days.

In case the companies fail to make some substantial showing within the time specified, the board will set a date not later than 30 days after the expiration of the 60-day period, when a sale of the uncompleted works of the companies will be held, the money thus realized to revert to the State Treasury.

The Portland Irrigation Company's project embraces 12,047 acres of land in Lake County, and the project has been held up for some time. The board has determined to bring it to a focus without further delay. The step taken today amounts virtually to the cancellation of the project.

The state has three contracts with the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, which are now in the hands of a receiver, and since a sale of the company's property appears to be inevitable the board desires to push the matter along as rapidly as possible, so that there may be no unnecessary delay in having the land, which is now in great demand, placed on the market. The project is in the Deschutes Valley, and under one of the contracts considerable work has been done, including the building of all main canals and some of the main laterals.

The board today voted to increase the salary of H. S. Brodie, of Portland, chief of the board, from \$100 to \$125 a month.

SURVEY WORK COMPLETED

Albany & Interurban Electric Line to Build to Sweet Home.

ALBANY, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—The survey of the Albany & Interurban electric line from Albany to Sweet Home by way of Lebanon and the South Santiam Valley is almost completed, and the promoters expect to return to Albany this week to begin the survey of the line to Sweet Home by way of Brownsville and the Cascade Valley.

The promoters of the new railroad company state that they expect to build from this city to Sweet Home by both routes but have not announced on which route work will begin first. A decision on this matter will probably not be made until both surveys are complete and efforts to secure rights of way have been made.

INSULT COSTS MAN \$60

Cle Elum Schoolman Avenged for Remark of F. H. Reiger.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—F. H. Reiger, arrested for insulting a Cle Elum school teacher, was released on the paying of his fine of \$60 and costs. Reiger's arrest is believed to have been the first one in the state for this particular offense.

The school code, passed in the 1903 session of the Legislature, contains a section which makes it a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of from 10 to 30 days for insulting a teacher in the presence of her pupils.

Reiger is alleged to have been dissatisfied with the treatment given his son, expatriated to the teacher and was arrested and fined under the new law.

Husum Tract Sells at \$100 Acre.

HUSUM, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Forty acres of the Simpson ranch, four miles east, was recently sold to W. Nelson, of San Francisco, for \$100 per acre. The land is unimproved and is located in a higher altitude than the valley proper.

Council Crest.

Amusements open evenings, weather permitting.

To relieve itching and irritation instantly, apply a little Sanitiseptic Lotion.

Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Housefurnishings Sold on Easy Terms. Portland's Largest Homefurnishers. Morrison at Seventh. Most Complete Showing of Craftsman Furniture—Third Floor. Refrigerators and Gas Ranges on Easy Terms—Basement.

Conspicuous Savings in the Sale of Odd Waists. \$3.95 For Waists Worth \$5.95, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10.00. Lace Waists, Net Waists, Silk Waists, Chiffon Waists, Messaline Waists.

A Third Off On Lace Coats. Regular Vals. \$18.50, \$25, \$35, \$50 and to \$100. Beautiful Hand-made Coats of crocheted lace, embroidery and net, in black, white, cream, ecru and natural linen and in many different lengths. Those in the white and natural can be dyed to match the shade of gown or dress.

Mattress Special \$9.75. Offered at this unusually low price is a 45-lb. Cotton Felt Mattress of good quality—made of layers of pure white cotton and covered in art ticking. Full size and three-quarter size. Sale ends tomorrow. Buying Terms \$2 Down—\$2 Week.

Splendid Bargains in Odd Chiffoniers. Today ends this opportunity for buying one of these bedroom pieces at the remarkable reductions shown here. If such a piece is among your "furniture needs," you should take advantage.

\$19.00 Chiffonier at \$11.75—In mahogany finish, with 12-in. by 20-in. mirror. Top of case measures 34 in. by 20 in. \$17.00 Chiffonier at \$11.25—In solid golden oak, with good mirror measuring 11 1/2 in. by 20 in. Case is 33 inches wide. \$36.00 Chiffonier at \$19.75—In all quarter-sawn golden oak; case 30 inches wide, plain front. \$44.00 Chiffonier at \$24.50—Of mahogany, with mirror measuring 20 inches by 22 inches. Top of case is 34 inches wide and 20 inches deep.

\$75,000 DITCH PLANNED. GILLIAM COUNTY TO GET IRRIGATION PROJECT SOON. Enterprise Is Backed Entirely by Landowners on Rock Creek to Feed 15,000 Acres.

MILD WASH CURES ECZEMA. Ordinary oil of wintergreen, mixed with Thymol, glycerine and other ingredients, is known to cure skin disease. This prescription, known as D. D. D. Prescription, can now be obtained on special offer in a 25c bottle. Instant relief from the itch; you will feel soothed and refreshed at once.

PIMPLES DISAPPEAR. New Healing Agent Makes Quick Work of Them. The dispensers of poslam, the new skin discovery, asks that notice be given that no one is urged to purchase it without first obtaining the sample package which will be sent free to any one who writes to the Emergency Laboratories, 23 West 25th street, New York. This alone is sufficient to clear the complexion and to rid the face of pimples.

Do You Have Headache. Painless Dentistry. Out of town people can have their teeth and jaw-work repaired in 24 hours. All work fully guaranteed. Modern electric equipment. Best methods used.

There is a Difference. Scott's Emulsion is the original Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and has been the world's standard for 35 years. There are thousands of so-called Emulsions, but they are cheap, worthless imitations and never half as good as the standard. They are like thin milk.

Hand Sapolio. It insures an enjoyable, invigorating bath; makes every pore respond; removes dead skin. ENERGIZES THE WHOLE BODY, starts the circulation, and leaves a glow equal to a Turkish bath.

Knox Hats. The ability to discern quality, includes the capacity to appreciate it. have established a record for universal appreciation. Buffum & Pendleton Olds, Wortman & King.

Better BAKING at less COST. KG 25 COOKING POWDER. Sold by druggists everywhere, who are authorized to return price of first package if they fail to benefit. WILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.