

FATHER SHELDOING SON IS SENTENCED

De Rome Wood Claims as His All Blame in Offense Against Girl.

WILLIAM WOOD IS FREED

Aged Man Sent to Prison for Indeterminate Term and Youth Who Married 14-Year-Old Mabel Seekatz Is Let Go.

De Rome Wood, aged 65, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate sentence of from 3 to 15 years in the State Penitentiary by Presiding Judge Gatens yesterday. He pleaded guilty in answering an indictment in which he was charged with a serious statutory offense against Mabel Seekatz, aged 14, the girl whom he induced to marry.

The indictment against the son, William Wood, aged 22, to marry.

The indictment against the son, William Wood, who was charged with taking away and marrying the Seekatz girl, a minor, without the consent of her father, A. A. Seekatz, was dismissed by Judge Gatens on motion of Deputy District Attorney Michels.

The Judge declared that the young man had been the victim of his father's desire to save himself and did not hesitate to grant the request of the District Attorney's office.

Parent Takes Blame.

The father took all the blame, declaring that he alone was at fault and exonerating his son from everything except a desire to help his father out of trouble. Gray-haired, stooped and wrinkled, the old man presented a pathetic picture as he meekly stood to receive sentence and proffered a good deal of sympathy. It has been estimated that he is slightly erratic mentally.

The third son, Darwin Wood, who swears before Deputy Clerk Noonan when the license was being secured that the girl was of age, was let go by the grand jury, before which he pleaded that he was told by his father that the Seekatz girl was old enough to be married and that he was unaware that he was doing wrong in swearing that he had personal knowledge to that effect.

"It is unnecessary for me to lecture a man of your years on the enormity of your crime," said Judge Gatens to the old man. "You are the man who is that it strikes at the very root of our social system. Our girls must be protected."

Sentence Duty is Unpleasant.

"It is a very unpleasant duty for me, a young man, to pass sentence on a man of your years, and it is regretfully that I do it. You may obtain your release at the end of the minimum sentence provided by law, and I sincerely hope that you shall, also that you will not thereafter be guilty of law violation."

"Thank you, Your Honor," said Wood, as he backed away and started emptying his pockets of various articles and handing them to his son.

The other two indictments against Wood, which charge statutory offenses against girls even younger than the Seekatz girl, were dismissed on motion of the prosecution.

Suit has been started in Circuit Court to have an annulment declared of the marriage of Mabel Seekatz to William Wood.

MULTNOMAH OPENING NEAR

Widespread Interest Manifest in Big New Hotel.

With the date of opening of the Hotel Multnomah but nine days away, public interest in the completion of the latest and largest addition to Portland's hoteleries is being aroused to an extent never before manifested except in events of exceptional civic importance.

Several hundred workmen are industriously toiling night and day in attaining the finishing touches on the interior of the caravansary and everything will be in readiness for the reception of guests and the entertainment of the public on Thursday evening, February 8.

The electric equipment was given its final test last night; the immense French ranges and kitchen machinery were tried out Saturday; the ice plant, bake ovens, laundry appliances and elevators have been found to work perfectly and the installation of the Pompeian fountain in the Areadian garden is now going forward. All of the furniture and furnishings are in place in the rooms and the Persian rugs, tapestries and divans for the lobby will be in position by Thursday night.

Ernest Hausslein, the chef of the new hotel and his kitchen assistants to the number of 12 arrived from New York this morning via San Francisco, having traveled by the Southern route. Hausslein expresses himself as delighted with the culinary department and says that the kitchens of the Multnomah are as well equipped in many ways as superior to those of the Hotel Astor, New York.

That theatregoers may have an opportunity of attending the opening banquet at the Multnomah, Calvin Helbig, manager of the Helbig, has announced that on Thursday, February 8, the opening preceding the performance of "The Red Rose" will not commence until 8:30 P. M., and other playhouses are expected to take similar action.

There's no waste to a "KOH-I-NOOR" Pencil. The leads are highly compressed, evenly tempered, very durable. Ask your dealer.

For Dyspepsia

You Risk Nothing by Trying This Remedy

We want everyone troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia to come to our store and obtain a box of Huxall's Dyspepsia Tablets. They contain Bismuth-Sulphate and Peppin prepared by a process which develops their greatest power to overcome digestive disturbance.

Huxall's Dyspepsia Tablets are very pleasant to take. They soothe the irritable, weak stomach, strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs, relieve nausea and indigestion, promote nutrition and bring about a feeling of comfort.

If you give Huxall's Dyspepsia Tablets a reasonable trial we will return your money if you are not satisfied with the result. Three sizes, 35 cents, 49 cents and \$1.00.

Sold only by the Owl Drug Co. Stores in Portland, Seattle, Spokane, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

Ask for Folder Containing List of Books on Social Hygiene in the Basement Book Store—Valentines in Great Variety All Credit Purchases Today Go on Your February Accounts, Payable March First—Free Rental Bureau, 4th Floor

MEIER & FRANK CO., 5th, 6th, Morrison and Alder Sts. MEIER & FRANK'S THE MEIER & FRANK COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1857

Last Day to Close Out Small Lots Before Inventory!

Final Day of Suits at Exactly Half Price



SECOND FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING ORDER BY MAIL.
NINE big racks of Women's Winter Suits at half price and today is the last day that you may purchase them at this phenomenal reduction.

You'll see many an offering of Suits at half price—but we're confident that the reduction here remains supreme. Only smart, modish garments are included in the great groups.

Every style—from the plainest of smart, severely tailored models to the dressier types for afternoon wear.

Colors and fabrics of every kind—rich worsteds, tweeds, twilled chevots, broadcloths, etc. Suits suitable for present and early Spring wear. They're a wonderful Pre-Inventory offering at half their regular prices.

- \$25 Suits, \$12.50
- \$30 Suits, \$15.00
- \$35 Suits, \$17.50
- \$40 Suits, \$20.00
- \$45 Suits, \$22.50
- \$50 Suits, \$25.00
- \$55 Tailored Suits at \$27.50



THROUGHOUT the store, you'll find the small lots—worthy, desirable merchandise withal—at prices bound to effect a quick cleanup for this last day of our fiscal year!

Glance below—\$3.50 Long Kid Gloves 25c!—many other items almost as ridiculously low, although we only mention a few. Be here early!

Our Second Special Buyers' Car Leaves for the East Saturday!

The second special Meier & Frank Pullman of department managers from Portland, since the first of the year, leaves Saturday night for Eastern markets! Owing to the large number which went on our first special car, this Pullman will be shared by other parties further on in the journey.

Already the first contingent are busy in the manufacturing and style centers of the East, assembling our New Spring and Summer stocks. On February 10, the Oceanic sails from New York with our buyers for European markets.

50c Imported Voiles, 19c

FIRST FLOOR—NEW BUILDING ORDER BY MAIL.
LESS than half for these beautiful Imported Voiles—surely at this price, there won't be a yard left to Inventory tonight!

Splendid 50c quality—thin, and sheer—for new Spring and Summer dresses, which you'll soon be planning. Dozens of fancy designs, figures, florals and two-tone effects. For the last day of the Pre-Inventory Sale we price them at, yard

Rich, shimmering Silk-and-Linen Poplins, in a wide variety of colors and figures, plain and fancy, for mid-Winter party frocks and new Spring dresses. Our 75c grades, priced at only, yd. 50c

Boys,--Make a Model Aeroplane

Entries are coming in by the scores for our Third Annual Amateur Aviation Contest!

Every boy has an equal chance of winning the first prize of \$30, or one of the ten other prizes. Every boy will receive something for his efforts.

Contest is in charge of an expert aeroplane builder, who will be found on the fifth floor with plans, specifications and model aeroplanes, ready to help any boy. Ask for folder with full particulars.

Final date of entry, February 12 at 6 P. M.

'Graustark,' 50c

Read the books "Graustark" and "Beverly of Graustark" before seeing the play at the Baker this week. They're by the favored author, George Barr McCutcheon. On sale in book store, 50c

OTHER \$1.18 BOOKS AT 50c WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAMATIZED

"When a Man Marries"—by Rhinehart.

"Half a Chance"—Frederick S. Isham.

"A Million a Minute"—Douglass.

"The Kingdom of Slender Swords"—Rives.

"The Climax"—E. F. Benson.

"The Music Master"—Chas. Klein.

Long Black Kid Gloves, 25c--And Ribbons, Kerchiefs, Neckwear

\$3.50 Long Kid Gloves—glace kid, mousquetaire style, 16-button length in black only. Sizes 5½ and 5¾. For the woman who can wear 25c these sizes it's the greatest Glove special of year. Pr.

25c to 40c Ribbons—odd lines of plain and fancies, 4 to 5 inches wide and in a varied assortment of colors and patterns. Short ends from the Clearance Sales. 10c Cleanup today at only, yd.

12c to 20c Handkerchiefs—odd lines, slightly soiled and mussed from handling. Plain and fancy styles. Embroidered corners and edges. While they last we priced them at 4 for 25c, or each at only 7c

25c to 50c Neckwear—a cleanup of broken lines. Some show handling. All styles—Vassar Ties, Jabots, Rabats, Cascades, Dutch Collars, etc. For quick cleanup today, 3 for 25c, or each only 10c

35c to 65c Underwear—for women. Fine ribbed Vests and Pants. Heavy fleeced cotton and medium weight lisle. Broken line of sizes. In the Pre-Inventory Cleanup today at the very low price 19c

Pioneers in Pure Foods

LONG before the agitation of the Pure Food question became a National subject The Meier & Frank Store established for their Grocery the "Pure Food Policy." It formed the nucleus from which this great section has grown and expanded—until today it is acknowledged supreme as the most successful Pure Food Grocery in the Northwest.



TELEPHONE CLERKS HERE AT 7 A. M. TO TAKE ORDERS

Shrimp Specials—Many a dainty dish made from a can of wholesome Shrimps. The 25c cans, 2 for 35c; the 12½c cans, 3 FOR 25c

Mexican Beans, 5 pounds for 26c
Olives, large bottles, only 40c
Cream Rolled Oats, the sack, 45c
Cornmeal in sacks for only 26c
Jap Style Rice, 5 pounds for 25c
Holly Milk, 4 cans for only 30c
Sperry's Rolled Oats, 2 pks., 25c
Sperry's Flaked Hominy at 10c

Royal Banquet Butter—Deliciously fresh, made daily and sent direct to us; order a supply; there's no better at any price; 2 POUNDS 75c

Imported Sardines, 3 cans, 25c
Red Ribbon Early June Peas, 15c
All 10c Spices, 3 boxes for 23c
Pancy Oranges, a dozen, at 25c
Apricots, Peaches, Pears, can, 15c
Sapallo, four 10c cakes only 30c
Raisins, 3 packages for only 25c
Table Salt, three 5c-sacks for 10c

TRY OUR DELICIOUS FRENCH PASTRY AND BAKERY GOODS

Men---Today Is the Last Day to Buy \$15 to \$20

Suits and Overcoat \$10.85

THE man who wants a popular priced Suit or Overcoat and doesn't take advantage of this Pre-Inventory special today will miss one of the best offerings we've ever had in "The Men's Store," third floor.

Splendidly hand-tailored garments from the best makers in the land. Handsome fabrics—rich unobtrusive shades. Weights for present and early Spring wear. Smart, nobby models, every one. All sizes for men of all builds.

Broken lines of our regular \$15, \$18 and \$20 Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats \$10.85 today for the last time at only \$10.85



Final Cleanup Men's 20c to 35c Socks, 12½c

FIRST FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING ORDER BY MAIL.
WE'VE combined two big tables of Men's 20c, 25c and 35c Socks for this final day before Inventory at 12½c!

Fine Egyptian cotton, silk lisle and Maco cotton in every plain color and an almost endless assortment of fancy striped and figured patterns. Buy them by the dozen pairs today 12½c

The balance of a special purchase of men's \$1.50 finest Silk Half Hose! Extra heavy lisle tops, double soles and heels, colors only; today, the pair 49c

To 75c Ties for Today 23c

To \$1.50 Underw'r, 74c

Broken lines of our regular 50c and 75c silk Four-in-Hands, wide ends, French fold and reversible styles; a splendid variety of patterns and colors; 50c and only 23c

A double table filled with man's celebrated Bradford, Park Mills and other makes of men's \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Underwear; wool shirts and drawers, all sizes 74c



Regular 35c Mufflers

Splendid mercerized Mufflers for men, women and children, made fitted at neck; also throat and cheek protectors; black, white and colors; cleanup, only 12½c

Fifth Floor Annex for Odd Pieces of Furniture

FIFTH FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING.
WE'VE sorted out all the single pieces of Furniture, of which we have no duplicates and placed them on the fifth floor, main building, for Pre-Inventory Sale, at a third, a half and even more off original prices. Many new pieces included today.



Embroidery Strips

A cleanup of manufacturers' sample strips of Embroideries, Edges and Insertions, 1 to 12 inches wide, in eyelet and floral designs; average length of strips, 4½ and 5 yds. long. 75c to \$1.25 grades, the strip, 50c \$1.25 to \$2 grades, the strip, 98c

To \$8 Lace Curtains

A special purchase of samples of single pairs of Curtains; Cluny lace, Battenberg, serim and Brussels styles; full size, white and ecru; today, special at only, pr., \$2.69

White Skirt Specials

Prettily made Skirts in the new, close-fitting styles, trimmed in laces, embroideries and tucks.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Skirts at only 89c
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Skirts only \$1.59
\$3.50 to \$5.00 Skirts, cleanup, \$2.73

75c Photo Albums

—Neat, black, silk-covered Albums, in large 10x12 size, made with 50 leaves. Nothing quite so convenient for a large number of snapshots or photos; today only 33c

ODD MAHOGANY ROCKERS
\$ 8.50 Mahog. Rockers, \$ 5.25
\$14.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$ 8.25
\$15.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$ 9.25
\$15.50 Mahog. Rockers, \$10.00
\$15.75 Mahog. Rockers, \$10.15
\$16.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$10.75
\$16.50 Mahog. Rockers, \$11.50
\$17.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$11.75
\$18.75 Mahog. Rockers, \$12.00
\$20.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$12.50
\$22.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$13.50
\$30.00 Mahog. Rockers, \$14.50

THE WHITE STEEL SANITARY FURNITURE
\$13.00 Towel Stands only \$5.00
\$12.00 Costumers at only \$7.00
\$12.75 Kitchen Tables at \$8.00
\$15.00 Kitchen Tables at \$9.50
\$21 Manicure Tables at \$11.00
\$25 Bath Chiffoniers, \$13.00
\$32.50 Toilet Tables at \$18.75
\$40.00 Bathroom Dressers, \$23
\$84 Instrument Cases, \$37.50

5c Flotilla Soap

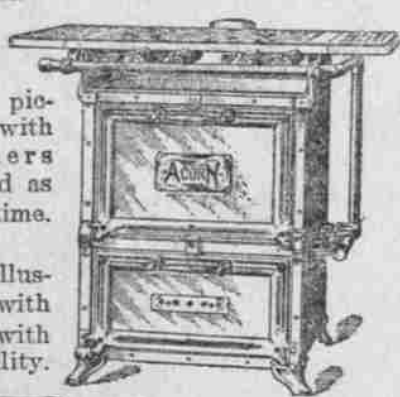
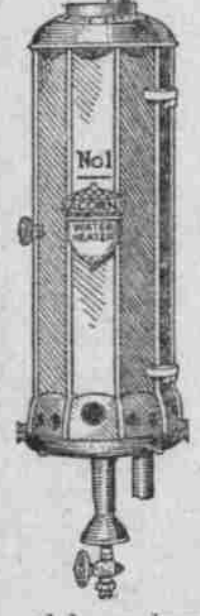
—the famous Armour make. A good, pure, cleansing soothing Soap that sells everywhere at 5c a cake. For the Pre-Inventory today at 12 Bars 39c

\$39 Acorn Gas Range and Water Heater, \$31.49

FOURTH FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING.
IT'S the sort of an offer that many a housewife has been waiting for—this special combination price on the famous Acorn Gas Range and Acorn Gas Water Heater, complete.

High-grade in every particular—the Ranges just as pictured below with four top burners and lower burners so arranged as to bake and broil at the same time. And they bake even!

The Hot Water Heaters, as illustrated are finished complete with brass fittings. Rusty water with this Acorn model an impossibility.



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MEIER & FRANK STORE
TELEPHONES—PACIFIC, PRIVATE EXCHANGE 4; HOME, A 6101

\$22 Acorn Gas Range,
\$17 Gas Water Heater,
A \$39 Outfit at
\$31.49

Boys' to \$1.50 Shirts

Of good, firm madrases, percales and shirtings; plain and plaided styles, solid and colors, neat stripes; sizes 12 to 14½; splendid for school wear; today, special, 59c

Boys' to \$2.50 Shoes

Made for long wear and neat appearing, in box calf, vic kid, kangaroo and casca calf leathers; 99 style, with heavy, long-wearing soles; broken lines, though all boys' sizes, 4, 4½, 5 and 5½ 89c

To 50c Tea Aprons

Ready-made, of sheer white lawns, prettily trimmed with lace and insertions, stamped for embroidering in a large assortment of dainty designs; for quick cleanup, at 19c

Cleanup of Umbrellas

Men's and women's guarantee fast black Rainproof Umbrellas; 26 to 28-inch frames; 7 and 8-inch ribbed paragon steel frames, covered with silk and linen union taffeta.

\$1.50 and \$1.69 Umbrellas for \$1.19
\$1.99 Umbrellas, preinventory, \$1.69
\$2.69 and \$2.98 Umbrellas at \$2.47
\$4.98 Umbrellas, preinventory, \$3.47

35c Photo Frames

—For various size pictures; of neat black leather, with standard; grouped for a quick pre-inventory cleanup today; kodak section, first 19c floor, at the low price of only