

BUNCO ARTISTS AT WORK IN PORTLAND

Gang of Swindlers Operating in Northwest Reach City, Think Police.

RETIRED MERCHANT VICTIM

Mike Koppel Reports Loss of \$1795 When Two Take Steps to Re-engage Him in Business—Washington Farmer Worsted.

HARVEST REAPED BY BUNCO MEN IN PORTLAND.

Mar. 1910—Portland bank swindled of \$2000 by Charles Barrett, Orville Cavanna and others.

October, 1910—Washington loses \$200 by "take office" trick in City Park.

January, 1911—Edward Welch and wife reap harvest by working on fraternal orders.

January, 1911—Quintillo Desideri loses \$1500 by "switched tickets."

March, 1911—H. R. Newman, of Twin Falls, Idaho, saved by police from investing \$5000 in fake race.

Feb. Williams arrested.

May, 1911—Carl Polking loses \$1200 in card game in North End saloon.

November, 1911—J. C. La France, intended victim, exposes race-track swindlers; three arrested.

March, 1912—Farmer from Minnesota loses \$3000 on fake races; coup made in Seattle, game arranged here. Recovered \$200.

April, 1912—G. Walker Wilson swindles doctor in lake lodge.

August, 1912—Joe Pugh robbed of \$425 and Michael Kokkel of \$1795 by pair of alien swindlers.

Presence in Portland of a gang of swindlers who have committed two crimes here and who answer closely to the description of men who operated similarly in Spokane recently, was established yesterday, when Mike Koppel, a retired merchant, living at 567 Front street, reported that he had lost \$1795 through their operations. The gang is composed of young men and one appeared to be Koppel's while another was an Italian. In this they tally with the description of the swindlers in the former cases.

Koppel, who is retired from business, had been marked as a victim for a month. It appears from his story. One of the men gained a casual acquaintance with him at that time and gradually led up to a proposal that Koppel should re-enter business. The idea appealed to the old man and its features were discussed at length. The questions, it now appears, were artfully framed to bring out a revelation of Koppel's resources. Completion of the details were deferred till the arrival of the second man, who purported to be a business partner of the first.

Strong Box Located.

He arrived within the past few days and the negotiations took a decided turn. The swindlers, "to show good faith," displayed a large sum of money and suggested that Koppel keep it with his own. Previously it had been ascertained that the old man kept his wealth stored in a tin box at his home. As soon as the swindlers had turned over the money, incidentally learning the hiding place of Koppel, they proposed luncheon, and induced the victim to go with them to a restaurant. While there, one made an excuse to leave and returned to Koppel's house, where he removed the money and substituted stones. Soon afterward the second man left, arranging another meeting today. Koppel went home and discovered that his money had been taken. He reported to Captain Baty yesterday and Detectives Maloney and Swennes were assigned to the case.

Farmer Is "Strong-Armed."

There seems to be little doubt that the two men are the same who "strong-armed" Joe Pugh, a farmer, from Ridgefield, Wash., last week. The descriptions tally as to nationality and with less accuracy as to age. Pugh met the men in a saloon and was engaged in conversation leading up to a business deal. He displayed \$425 and was followed when he left the saloon and in broad daylight was held and robbed, the two men escaping with ease.

The same two men, apparently, engaged Carl Polking in a game of cards in a North End saloon over a year ago and made away with \$1200 of his money.

ROOSEVELT WOMEN MEET

Nine Members of Fair Sex Organize Club in His Interests.

In response to the public call issued by Mrs. Lora C. Little, nine women met Tuesday night in room 603 in the Maegly-Tichener building and effected the organization of the "Oregon Women's Roosevelt Club."

The following women were elected to the offices of the league: President, Mrs. Lora C. Little; secretary, Mary E. Hill; treasurer, Mrs. L. G. Carpenter; executive committee, Mrs. Nettie M. Abbott, Mrs. Emily Foster, Mrs. L. G. Reno, vice-president, Mrs. Theodore Hewitt, Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, Lillian Roosevelt Rourke, Mrs. John H. Boyd, Lizzie N. Gee, Mrs. Charles T. McPherson. Except for the women named for the vice-presidencies, all of the elected officers were present at the embryo meeting.

A constitution was read and approved designating the bandana tie as the emblem of the club, 50 cents as the monthly dues and a quorum as seven, including the president, who is named. The intention is to hold bi-monthly meetings at the East Side Library, the Monday evenings alternating with the meeting nights of the Progressive party. At the next meeting L. M. Lepper will give a lecture on "The Roosevelt Panama Canal."

Five thousand enrollment cards were ordered printed with which to engage in a strenuous membership campaign.

BROWNELL TO TAKE STUMP

Tour Will Be Made Through Oregon to Aid Suffragists.

For the future the advisory board of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association, will meet in conjunction with the executive board every Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. This was decided at the regular meeting at headquarters in the Selling building yesterday.

The state central campaign committee has always met on Thursday at

2:30, and many of its members are also on the other boards, the plan has been adopted to avoid the necessity of being present on two separate days of the week. Under the new management the members will attend the advisory and executive board meetings first and it will close its session in time to allow them to be present at the opening of the campaign committee meeting.

George C. Brownell has accepted an invitation to speak at several outdoor meetings to be held in Portland in the near future, but the dates have not definitely fixed as yet. In conjunction with other citizens he will speak in September, some time after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt at Astoria, in Clackamas County, and in many other parts of the state. Details of the latter campaign are being arranged by W. M. Davis, the president of the Men's Equal Suffrage Association.

Seven names were added to the membership of the advisory board of the State Suffrage Association yesterday, Mrs. William Wood, Mrs. William F.

"DON'T" IS ACTRESS' ADVICE TO YOUNG GIRLS WHO WOULD GO ON STAGE.

Catherine Counts.



"Such letters as this make my heart ache," said Catherine Counts just after her afternoon mail was delivered to her between acts of "Divorcées" at the Hellig yesterday.

"It is only one of many such. The writer is a young girl in a small town in Oregon, whose spirit rebels against a narrow environment, and who is sure she could be a great actress if she could just obtain a start. And she is only one of thousands who have not the faintest conception of what a hard-working life ours is, and how desperate the struggles and disappointments, even for the most fortunate."

"In a nutshell, my advice to the average girl who wants to go upon the stage can be summed up in the one word, 'Don't!' Success comes to the few; disaster and disappointment to the many. There are always hundreds of competent players idle in New York and perhaps never before so many as just now."

Gate Receipts to Pay.

G. E. A. Bond, manager of the Land Products Show, is more emphatic even than Mr. Beall in his opinion that the funds advanced by the businessmen are to be a loan, not a donation.

"There is the slightest doubt that the Land and Dairy Products Show will make more than pay for itself in the gate receipts, and that we will be able to refund to the businessmen all the money they have loaned us, which alone will make it possible for us to go forward with our preparations for the show," he said.

BURNSIDE BRIDGE SAFE

SPAN WILL LAST FOR YEARS, SAYS ENGINEERS' REPORT.

Few Minor Repairs Recommended

When Convenient—Added Car Traffic Not to Be Feared.

That there need be no cause for alarm on account of the increased traffic now being conveyed over the Burnside bridge, growing out of the disuse of the railroad bridge and the delayed opening of car traffic on the new Harriman bridge, is the gist of a report filed by Robert Wakefield and W. A. Grondahl, contractors, and the special inspectors recommended by the County Commissioners. But, after a complete examination of the Burnside bridge, the bridge laid up some time in the near future in order that several minor repairs may be made.

The concluding opinion of the report is that "the bridge is in fair serviceable condition, and we would recommend that no unusual restrictions be placed on the traffic over it, that in the very near future, when arrangements can be made for the handling of the traffic over some one of the other bridges, it should be laid up, the span being kept up on the project of the turntable and other minor repairs mentioned made, after which it will be useful for a number of years to come."

Because of the fact that the original plans and specifications were unobtainable the examiners were obliged to go over the entire structure in detail to secure measurements and to prepare complete stress and sectional diagrams. A diver was engaged to make soundings at the bases of the piers which reported no serious scour or defect.

The report was made pursuant to the appointment conferred July 27, by the County Commissioners.

"DRY" SPEAKER IS EGGED

Foul Mistle Is Thrown at C. O. Stillman at Philomath.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—While C. O. Stillman, prohibition candidate for Congress and a member of B. Lee Page's party, was addressing a meeting at Philomath last night, a rotten egg was thrown at him. It failed to hit him and Mr. Stillman did not pay any attention to the episode. It was not until this morning that he learned the character of the missile thrown at him.

A woman in the crowd, it was ascertained, suffered a damaged dress and was obliged to leave the meeting. As Philomath is a strong prohibition town and a large crowd listened to the speaker, the act is thought to have been the work of a hoodlum and not the work of an anti-prohibitionist.

LAND SHOW IN DOUBT

Public Asked to Aid in Preparation for Exhibition.

TEMPORARY LOANS NEEDED

Products of Soil and Dairy Will Be Displayed Yearly for Benefit of Immigrants and Incoming Settlers.

Whether preparations for the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show scheduled to be held in Portland November 18-23 shall be continued or abandoned will depend to a large extent upon the willingness shown by the citizens of Portland to support it. A meeting of the board of directors in charge of the show and of businessmen of Portland who are interested in seeing the project carried to a successful conclusion has been called by the chairman, John S. Beall, and will be held as a luncheon at the Portland Commercial Club at 12:15 today.

"We realize that the businessmen of Portland have been heavily called upon of late to contribute to the support of various projects," says Mr. Beall. "Our canvass among them for funds for the land show is not, however, in reality a call for out-and-out donations, from which no returns are to come. We are asking merely for a loan, sufficient to guarantee the show and to make it possible for us to continue the project. Only when the show is safe to say that for every \$100 donated at this time, the committee will be able to return to the donor after the close of the show the amount of the loan plus interest on all expenses, or nearly so. All we need now from the businessmen is the loan of funds to carry out our plans."

"I am not talking idly when I say that we will be able to return all or the greater part of the money collected at this time to support the show. The Spokane Apple Show, which is a comparable enterprise, has been held in the state to make it a permanent annual affair.

"If we seek to bring immigrants to Oregon, it is necessary for us to demonstrate to them what we have got, and the proposed Land Products Show, on which we are working, together with the Dairy Products Show, to be held at the same time, offers the best possible opportunity.

"Citizens of Portland will, however, have to come forward and help the committee this year. The project started, and do not wait for us to come around and make persistent appeals to every individual. I hope that every businessman who is sincerely interested in the upbuilding of the state and the city will be present at the meeting called for Thursday at the Commercial Club."

Jack "Devildare" Chapeaux, a monoplane aviator, is at the Lenox for a few days, returning from the meets at Los Angeles and Oakland, and now going to the National aviation meet that will be held next month at Chicago.

In speaking of aviation in the United States, M. Chapeaux said: "It is too much like the way the circuses are conducted, on the trust business. Wright and Curtiss combination of aviator companies practically control all aviation meets in this country, with foreign-made machines, barbed wire at the front and back, and a few men in Chicago this will be different. I use a Bleriot 70-horsepower monoplane, and these machines have every aerial record for height, distance and speed.

"I have been personally interested in aviation since 1902, when connected with Professor Langley in his experiments at Dayton, Ohio. I then spent two years at the Bleriot school in France, under the supervision of that government, where the monoplane has reached its present perfection.

"The object of the school is to commercialize the machines, and it is now assured that they can carry with safety five people at a speed of 104 miles an hour.

"In this country aviation is considered as a circus trick, and just due to not given its commercial value. I have watched young Christoffersen in several flights, and his work is excellent, but he takes unnecessary risks."

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. W. Thebaud, of Albany, is at the Cornellus.

Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, is at the Cornellus.

David Fraser, a Seattle contractor, is at the Perkins.

G. S. Hewins, a civil engineer of Bull Run, is at the Bowers.

L. E. Hadley, a merchant of La Center, is at the Perkins.

Dr. R. F. McKaig, of Wever, Ia., is registered at the Cornellus.

J. F. McAfee, an Ellensburg merchant, is at the Perkins.

George McKay, a stockman of Waterman, is at the Perkins.

W. G. Ayre, the sheep king of Baker County, is at the Portland.

William H. Danforth, a St. Louis banker, is at the Portland.

C. W. Dirks, a Boise businessman, is registered at the Multnomah.

Louis A. Ward, a timberman of San Francisco, is at the Portland.

L. B. Bridgman, a wholesale druggist of Denver, is at the Portland.

J. B. Dunham, a tourist from Oneida, Ia., is registered at the Bowers.

J. H. Mahon, a sheepman of Burns, is registered at the Imperial.

Charles Gates and Mrs. Gates and Mrs. John W. Gates, of New York, on

a tour of the Pacific Northwest, were at the Multnomah yesterday.

J. H. Mattison, a lumberman of Grants Pass, is at the Oregon.

William Matlock, Mayor of Pendleton, is registered at the Perkins.

E. J. Beck, postmaster of Lexington, is registered at the Perkins.

P. J. Mulkey, a merchant of Arlington, is registered at the Perkins.

Monroe Goldstein started for New York yesterday on a business trip.

Edward Murphy, a Yaocit lumberman, is registered at the Oregon.

J. R. Backerby, an attorney of Ontario, is registered at the Imperial.

G. J. Sharlach, a hat manufacturer of San Francisco, is at the Portland.

F. W. Gaston, an insurance adjuster of Tacoma, is registered at the Portland.

E. E. Bryn, a lumber manufacturer of Everett, is registered at the Portland.

J. E. Withrow, of the Mountain Lumber Company, of Kalama, is at the Bowers.

Louis G. Engel, a retired brewer of Brooklyn, N. Y., is registered at the Portland.

Dr. G. W. Tape, manager of the Brimley Inn, of Los Angeles, is at the Portland.

J. D. Sherwood, a Spokane capitalist, is at the Multnomah returning from a trip to California.

E. B. Kirk and wife arrived yesterday from Ogden in their auto and are stopping at the Perkins.

John D. Elliott, connected with the Northern Pacific at Minneapolis, is registered at the Portland.

Charles G. Bittel and Mrs. Bittel, of St. Louis, are at the Portland en route to Alaska on a Summer trip.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Newcastle and son, Charles, who recently returned from a three weeks' cruise in Alaskan waters, have left for Newport and will be away until the middle of September.

GHOST TO WALK OFTENER

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPROVES SEMI-MONTHLY PAYDAY.

Clyde Ordinance Is Recommended and Is Blow to Loan Sharks

Preying on City Employees.

If recommendations made yesterday by the ways and means committee of the City Council are adopted by the Council, city employees will be paid twice a month instead of once as under the present system. The semi-monthly payday ordinance recently introduced by Councilman Clyde was adopted by the committee by unanimous vote.

The measure is a blow to the loan sharks who have piled their vocation very successfully at the City Hall, it is said. The Clyde ordinance was backed by the Grocers' Association and others who declare that the semi-monthly payday will make it possible for the employees to keep their bills straightened up better than they do at present. The new system will require the hiring of additional help in the City Auditor's department, but this expense, the committee decided, will be offset by the benefits received by the employees.

A delegation of the Social Service League, headed by R. E. Wood, urged the ways and means committee to appropriate \$2000 to help pay the expense of making a survey of playground and dance hall conditions in the city. The plan is to have him work out a report on the actual conditions and to have him formulate a scheme whereby the playgrounds can be made factors in the cultivation of character in children. He has performed similar work in Seattle and Tacoma. A report which he has prepared was read to the committee. In this it is shown that the proposed survey of conditions is essential to the development of the playgrounds system.

An ordinance introduced by Councilman Monks prohibiting patent medicine dealers from selling, peddling or advertising their products on the streets was considered by the committee. Action was deferred until the committee can ascertain whether or not the proposed measure interferes with the general license ordinances.

CONCERTS TO END SUNDAY

City Park Band Will Play Tonight at Peninsula Playground.

The last concert of the season by the City Park band will be given at the City Park at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The band will render a programme on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Columbia Park, on the St. John's carline. Tonight at 8 o'clock the band will give a concert at Peninsula Park. The following programme will be rendered:

March, "A Deed of the Pen".....Moret

Overture, "Light Cavalry".....Suppe

Waltz, "Dreams of Childhood".....Waldteufel

Paraphrase, "My Old Kentucky Home" (request).....Palmy

Grand selection "Faust".....Gounod

Intermission.

Serenade, "La Saloma" (request).....Yradier

Plantation songs.....Lampe

Ballet, "Flight of the Biplane".....Rice

Waltz, "The Wizard of the Nile".....Herbert

March, "High Pride".....Hood

Rosenenthal's for shoe bargains. **

Wilbur Buys Woolen Mills.

John P. Wilbur has purchased the Stayton Woolen Mills and will reorganize the plant and operate it under the name Santiam Woolen Mills. Mr. Wilbur is from Union, where he op-

ERATED FOR MANY YEARS THE UNION WOOLEN MILLS.

Mr. Wilbur is now in Portland arranging final details in closing the deal and preparing for operation under the reorganization.

CITY MAY LOSE RELICS

Historical Collection Must Be Assigned Quarters at Once.

Unless provision is made by the County Commissioners to have the museum of the Oregon Historical Society installed in quarters in the new Courthouse it is possible that the historical collection will be removed to Salem in closing the deal and preparing for operation under the reorganization.

The Commissioners are not as yet able to make a definite statement as to whether or not they can comply with the request, as all branches of the county administration have not now been provided for in the county building. It is believed that the city auditorium, when built, will contain space for the historical relics and exhibits.

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MILWAUKIE GETS SERVICE

Locals Will Be Run in Addition to Oregon City Trains.

A local service, in addition to the regular Oregon City trains, will be placed in effect, commencing Monday, August 26, upon the Oregon City line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company between Portland and Milwaukie.

These trains will leave Milwaukie at 7:17 and 7:47 in the morning, following the regular trains, which will make no stops between Island Station and Portland.

In the evening at 5:53 and 6 o'clock two-car trains giving local service will leave First and Alder streets for Milwaukie, following the regular Oregon City trains which leave at the same time.

The regular Oregon City trains leaving Portland at 5:53 and 6 o'clock P. M. will make no stops between Portland and Island Station, but will stop at Milwaukie. The local service to be established Monday will subsequently be expanded as the traffic conditions warrant.

Work Resumed in Echo Fields.

ECHO, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Work was resumed in the harvest fields yesterday after the enforced delay caused by the heavy rains of last week. Barring the delay little, if any damage was done to the grain. Already large quantities of wheat and barley are stored in the warehouses at this place.

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"I received a letter full of kind advice, which I followed, and if I had only written her a year ago I would have been saved so much suffering, for today I am a well woman. I am now keeping house again and do every bit of my own work. Every one in this part of the country knows it was Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that has restored me to health, and everywhere I go I recommend it to suffering women."—Mrs. LIZZIE SCOTT, Buckner, Mo.

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