

# GIRLS EAT POISONED CANDY AND FRUIT

## Strychnine Placed in All Food While Mrs. Della Earl, of Montavilla, Is Away.

# FORMER ROOMER IS HELD

## J. B. Beare, Arrested by Sheriff After Investigation, Denies Guilt. Recent Quarrel Is Basis for Placing of Suspicion.

Strychnine on the sugar, the candy, the fruit, in fact on every edible in the house, and her daughter and her daughter's playmate lying seriously ill was what greeted Mrs. Della Earl, who lives on Ninety-second and Hoyt streets, Montavilla, on her return last night from a visit to her married daughter. As a result of a quarrel with J. B. Beare, who was arrested, charged with poisoning the food.

Mrs. Earl left last Friday, leaving her daughter, Ruby, who is only 12 years old, under the care of neighbors. The girl stayed with them all the time until yesterday afternoon, when she returned to the house to prepare for her mother's return.

With her went her playmate. The two ate some candy that was in the house and immediately became violently ill. The mother arrived shortly afterwards.

### Emetic Is Poisoned, Too.

Her first idea was to administer an emetic. To do this she procured some salt and poured over it the water in the kettle. Her daughter had no sooner tasted it than she spat it all out, exclaiming, "It tastes the same as the candy."

Mrs. Earl then discovered that strychnine literally covered all the food. She telephoned to Sheriff Word. Last night the Sheriff, accompanied by deputies, made an investigation and found that the case in no way had been exaggerated. They brought back numerous samples of the poisoned food and continued to work on the case all night.

The candy that the girls ate was palatable when the mother left home on Friday, for all had eaten of it.

### Suspicion Rests on Beare.

After questioning Mrs. Earl, Sheriff Word learned that J. B. Beare, who had lived at the house for the last three or four years of and on, had left owing to a disagreement. He came to Portland in 1907, having separated two years previously from his wife, whom he married in New York in 1904. He and Mrs. Earl were planning to build a house, but had had a disagreement over the proportion to be borne by each, so Mrs. Earl said. There other matters crept into the story, Beare alleging that Mrs. Earl had too many friends. On one occasion the police were called in late at night to arbitrate a quarrel and the two parted on by no means good terms on January 12.

Sheriff Word last night went to the Troutman Hotel, Second and Madison streets, and arrested Beare. He was taken to the County Jail where he is held, charged with an attempt to poison the girls.

Beare, at the jail, denied all knowledge of the affair, saying that he had separated only on a misunderstanding and that nothing was further from his mind than such a deed.

# SECRET BALLOT IS TAKEN

## Telephone Men May Have Voted Contrary to Offer Made.

With 250 members present and proxies of fully 190 more in the hands of the secretary, the election was taken last night at a meeting of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 125, as to the acceptance of the proposition of the Telephone & Telegraph Company with reference to the demand for an increase of wages. The secret ballot will be sent to San Francisco to the district court to be canvassed and from all the different locals in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona and part of Idaho that were taken at the same time.

The demand made by the Electrical Workers was for a flat rise of 50 cents a day and this was replied to by the company with an offer of a rise of one cent a day for about 40 per cent of its employees, and it is on this offer that the secret ballot is being taken. At the meeting the only indication of how the vote was cast was that about 80 per cent of those present spoke against the acceptance of the offer of the company.

# 95 SOLDIERS EXECUTED

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tion on the understanding that Gomez will be appointed in his stead. David de la Fuente, chief of staff to Inez Salazar, the rebel General who had accepted the Gomez claims, will take the proffered position on the Huerta Cabinet.

### Demands May Be Met.

In this way it is expected to put in immediate effect the rebel demands for distribution of public lands. As Minister of Agriculture, Gomez would be empowered to settle the agrarian problem to the satisfaction of the rebels, it is asserted by rebel agents here. This arrangement is given as the reason for the failure of Aldape and de la Fuente to accept the positions offered by Huerta, fearing to arouse complications with the followers of Gomez, who had been offered nothing by the party in power at Mexico City.

### Adape, now at San Antonio, Tex., will leave soon for the national capital to lay the plans for pacification of the northern rebels before General Huerta and his advisers. De la Fuente and Gomez are both under bond on Federal indictments issued in Texas.

### BUSINESS IS AT STANDSTILL

New York Firms Fail to Deliver Orders to Mexico.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Exporters and importers with Mexican connections awaited with anxiety today further advice of the situation in Mexico. Shipments and contracts aggregating millions of dollars are held up, pending restoration of order. Much of this business is for foreign account, chiefly French and German. It is understood that a contract recently made by the Mexican government with a big electrical concern here has been canceled.

Wall street heard today that scores of American and foreign corporations were preparing to fight claims against

the Mexican government. These are in addition to damages sustained by the Southern Pacific company in the recent revolution, and range from a few thousand dollars to sizable fractions of millions. They probably will be presented to the State Department at Washington.

Bankers identified with the Mexican government during the Diaz regime took orders to deny all knowledge of a reported loan to the new administration.

### BORDER WILL BE PROTECTED

## Governor Colquhoun Gets Assurance That Troops Will Be Sent.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 24.—Governor Colquhoun received a telegram today informing him that the Federal troops will move back to their former positions along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend section of Texas.

This region, embracing about 200 miles of border, was left unguarded by a recent movement of the Federal troops.

# TURN VEREIN ATTRACTS

## RUSSIAN DANCE IS MOST SPECTACULAR EVENT.

### Professor R. Geiseroski Trains 200 Athletes of Both Sexes Who Perform at Heilig Theater.

The Portland Social Turn Verein's annual gymnastic exhibition at the Heilig Theater last night was greeted with a packed audience which was enthusiastic in its applause. Professor R. Geiseroski had trained 200 athletes of both sexes and all ages ranging from 7 up, and 14 different exhibitions resulted.

The most spectacular number was the Russian dance of the women's class. Dressed in vari-colored Russian costumes and timed with Russian music, this group overpowered the feelings of the audience, which kept applauding long after the curtain went down, but there were no encores given. The march of all the classes at the beginning and ending of the exhibition was a feature. Even an usher said: "I usually read during the shows, but I won't miss any of this one." The snap introduced into everything, including the walking in the exhibition, was the result of the rhythm caused by the drill soon had everybody "doing it," that is, keeping time by drumming with their hands or feet.

"The Loreley," a classic dancing drill of the second girls' class, accompanied by a song by the girls, who were dressed in white with long hair, was second only to the Russian dance in popularity.

The advanced exercises on the horizontal bar by the prize-winning team was an exhibition of wonderful skill and strength, but the similar exercises, as performed by boys who preceded this team, were even more popular on account of the skill shown by the youths under 12 years.

The apparatus exercises by girls under 16, performed on parallel bars, German horse and jumping rod, demonstrated clearly how much can be accomplished by girls when properly trained by an efficient gymnastic instructor. The Indian club swinging of the grown-up women was a contrast to the dumbbell exercises of the girls under 12, inasmuch as the children were lively and the grown-ups serious and sedate.

The pyramids of the junior men's class found the partakers in all kinds of perilous positions. Other numbers were the wand exercises and tug-of-war by boys under 15, marching, running exercises and games by boys under 12 and a Swedish folk dance by girls under 12.

The entire exhibition was marked with one of the most healthy gatherings of young people that might be found anywhere. Giant physiques, beautiful figures and pink complexions won the admiration of everybody present.

# VETO MAY HIT RIVER BILL

## President Said to Obect to Amendments as Added.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill was passed today by the Senate, after a prolonged fight. Amendments added to the bill brought predictions that it would be vetoed by the President. One of those amendments was the Connecticut River dam bill, which had been passed by the Senate a week ago.

The bill was reported to the Senate from committee carried an appropriation of \$48,991,745, an increase of \$7,218,787 over the amount authorized by the House. Several amendments adopted by the Senate increased this sum materially and those, together with the committee amendments, will be threshed out in conference with the House.

The bill of Senator Newlands, of Nevada, providing for the creation of a river regulation board to take over all river improvement work, also was adopted.

# OFFICER LOSES PRISONER

## One of Three Arrested by Patrolman Adams Makes Getaway.

Breaking loose from Patrolman Adams, one of three men he had arrested made good his escape last night on Williams avenue, despite the fact that a couple of bullets from the policeman's gun winged their way after him.

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# NEGRO IS SERIOUSLY ILL

## Johnson Reported Worse, but Doctor Makes Denial.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist who has been ill here for some days with pneumonia, was reported worse tonight and rumors were circulated that he was dead. His physician, however, stated that Johnson had rallied and was not in danger. The crisis of the pneumonia is some days away.

Adam Smith is Arrested.

Adam Smith was arrested last night by Patrolman Schirmer on a charge of assaulting Fred Dubbs with a dangerous weapon. The two men were in conversation at 95 North Third street, when Smith suddenly pulled out a jack knife and stabbed Dubbs with it, but not seriously. He had the knife on him when arrested. He was taken to the police station.

# WILSON TO DECIDE FATE OF "OREGON"

## Present Administration Will Take No Action on Relegating Old Warrior.

# PROTEST NOT UNEXPECTED

## Secretary of the Navy Disposed to Let Question of "Scraping" Old Sea Fighter Go Over to Successor in Office.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 24.—It will be up to the next Administration to determine whether or not the battleship Oregon shall be "scrapped," as recommended by bureau chiefs of the Navy Department.

Secretary Meyer, to whom this recommendation was made is not disposed to act on it, inasmuch as officers who regard the Oregon as obsolete, are willing she shall remain on the active list until after the completion of the Panama Canal, in order to lead the naval parade through that waterway. Secretary Meyer is disposed to let recommendations lay over for the next Secretary of the Navy.

The Navy Department is not surprised at the storm of protest that has arisen over the action of bureau chiefs. In fact such protest was anticipated, but officers who favor "scrapping" the Oregon maintain that sentiment care not be considered, when it comes to maintaining an efficient Navy. It has always been the custom of the Navy to dispose of warships when they become obsolete and those who now recommend that the Oregon be "scrapped," insist this rule should apply to historic battleships as well as to less famous craft.

However, it is admitted that with a change of Administration there may come a change of policy and there is a possibility that President Wilson and his Secretary of the Navy may disagree with those who want to throw the Oregon in the discard.

By the time the new Administration opens the Navy Department will be flooded with protests against "scrapping" the Oregon. At the same time the upkeep of the Oregon is costing several hundred thousand dollars each year and Democrats of the naval committee of the Senate and House are likely to endorse some plan taking the Oregon off the active list.

# CLUBMEN ARE HELD UP

## ROBBERS STOP MULTINOMAH MEMBERS; GET NOTHING.

### Others Are Informed of Affair and Search Is Made but No Trace of Footpads Is Found.

Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club was seething with excitement last night, a pair of holdup men, evidently from their actions, fruitlessly attempting to reap a golden harvest from Winged "M" members. Dick Grant, of the Hill Military Academy sprinter, who is a prospective member of the Multnomah Club track squad, and Otto Mattern, another member, were waylaid by the gunmen.

Grant was leaving the club about 9:30 o'clock, after a strenuous evening of indoor gymnastics, and had reached a point opposite the King residence near Stout and Salmon streets, in the shade of the Multnomah Club iron fence, when a man stepped out from the shadows and another ran across the street, each presenting a pistol with the cry of "hands up."

Up went Grant's hands, but his wits remained in their customary location, and when he informed his attackers that he had no money with him they backed him down the alley where the club fence turns and then walked rapidly away.

Grant entered the club from the field and sounded the alarm, a half dozen fellow-members rushing for Council, in an effort to catch the law-breakers. Ere they had walked 50 feet Otto Mattern came tearing towards them with the cry that the robbers had been approached by the holdups, but had proved too fleet of foot for them and thus escaped.

The clubmen scoured the neighborhood for half an hour, but no traces of the men were discovered.

# BLOCK SIGNALS INSTALLED

## Automatic System Between Vancouver and Tenino in Operation.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The new automatic block system installed between Vancouver and Tenino, on the Northern Pacific, was completed today and now trains leave here without running orders, except where they should be cautious, owing to soft track, or other dangers.

The blocks work by batteries, the rails carrying the current. On straight track, the blocks are about two miles apart, but on curves and more dangerous places are closer. When the track is clear the blocks read green, where there is a train in the block, they read red, or other danger signals.

# CITY WARRANT WITHDRAWN

## Vancouver Citizens Protest Purchase of Burial Ground.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The \$7500 warrant issued by the City Council some time ago for the purchase of a cemetery site, payment of which was held up by court proceedings, was officially withdrawn tonight at a special meeting of the Council.

Wide-spread protest voiced against extension of the burying ground within the city limits was given as the cause for this action.

# Torpedo-Boat Bid Requested.

## VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 24.—The Navy Department ordered the Mare Island Navy-Yard today to submit bids for the cost of constructing torpedo-boat tender No. 2, authorized at the last session of Congress, with a cost limit of \$1,400,000. Plans and specifications will be forwarded at an early date.

# JEWELER RELATES HIS GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE

## Thinks Plant Juice Is a Wonderful Remedy and Tells of Its Benefits to Him.

There is probably no more popular man in San Francisco than Mr. M. Green, of the well-known firm of Green Brothers, wholesale jewelers, at 137 Market street there. Mr. Green now belongs to the Plant Juice enthusiasts, and is warm in his praise of the new remedy that has won so many friends in the short time that it has been on the market in the West. Mr. Green said:

"The Plant Juice was certainly the 'candy' in my case excessive smoking had irritated my throat until it finally caused a catarrhal condition. In trying to clear my throat of the accumulations I would bring on a fit of coughing that would jar my whole body so that I felt sore as though I had been bruised by a fist. I would cough until my eyes would get blood-shot and badly puffed underneath; my throat was so bad that I thought my tonsils were affected. Plant Juice had stopped all this; my throat does not feel as though there had ever been anything the matter with it, the swelling has all gone down from under my eyes. I would not have believed it possible for any remedy to effect the change in me that Plant Juice has in such a short time."

Plant Juice is new, made from the juices of fresh medicinal plants gathered from all over the world and combined with the greatest skill of modern science in a rare combination of all that is newest and best, and its effects upon the human organism are truly wonderful. This is an age of city slick people, dyspeptic, brain fagged, nerve-racked, liver and kidney diseased, the result of modern ways of living. People are surfeited with medicines that clog the system; their nerves crave some new essence, their vital organs demand some new life force. Plant Juice gives them this; it is different from anything they have ever tried at The Health Drug and Washinton, today and get a bottle from the special Plant Juice man there. If it does not do you more good than anything else you have ever taken your money will be returned.

It is understood that the department intends rushing work on the collar.

# VOTER'S JOB IS HUSTLER

## Two Hundred Women Register in One Day, but Only 10 Men.

About 200 Portland women and ten men registered yesterday. The noticeable feature of the women's method of registering is that they give the information called for promptly.

From Foster road came a number of women who registered as "independents." From another precinct two women of the same family registered at the same time. Their place of residence is the same. The elder registered as a Socialist, the younger as a Socialist.

The Socialist and the Democratic vote is about equal. The Progressive vote is practically negligible. The Republican vote is 95 per cent of the total so far.

# THREE BOYS ARRESTED

## POLICE NIP IN BUD PLOT TO ROB J. K. HAVELY'S OFFICE.

Two Lads Who Make Escape as Officers Enter, Are Found in Bed Presumably Fast Asleep.

Gaining entrance with a fled-gling key, at their second attempt, three boys were caught at 10:30 o'clock last night before they had had time to steal anything of value from the offices of J. K. Havely, a district magazine agent.

When Patrolmen Schirmer, Lelsy and Evans arrived on the scene they found John Conley hiding under the desk, but the other two had made good their escape. From the one, however, the officers gained the addresses of his companions, and after taking John to the police station went after the other two. One of these was William Conley, brother of the first boy, who has been up before Judge Gatens in the Juvenile Court on a charge of stealing bananas and oranges. William Conley was in bed at 591 Fourth street, presumably fast asleep.

# DEER SLAYERS SENTENCED

## Prolific Hunting Camp Maintained on Lindsay Creek Is Report.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Martin Frank, Martin Stahl and Wesley J. Coon, Indians, and Gust George, who pleaded guilty this morning before Justice of the Peace Buck to charges of slaughtering deer out of season were fined \$50 each. They were unable to pay and were sentenced to jail for 25 days each.

The men had camped on Lindsay Creek, about 15 miles east of the city, and had been killing deer for two weeks, according to reports from the city. Louis S. Fritz, deputy game warden of The Dalles, learned of the hunting camp Friday. The officer says the men killed eight deer last week. They had three when arrested.

# BIG DREDGE IS DYNAMITED

## Guggenheim Property on Alaskan Creek Damaged \$25,000.

DAWSON, Y. T., Feb. 24.—Dynamited by some person or persons unknown, the Guggenheim dredge, No. 1, at the mouth of the Bonanza Creek, was practically completely destroyed last night and damage amounting to approximately \$25,000 was caused.

The action was malicious, the dynamite having been stolen from two powder-houses near the scene of the outrage. Explosives were evidently placed in the hull of the dredge, which was of the Bucyrus type and originally cost \$25,000, being the finest in the North. So far no clue likely to point to the identity of those responsible for the destruction has been found.

# NEW NICKEL OUT SATURDAY

## Treasury Department Has Orders for 2,000,000 of Small Coins.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The new nickel of Indian head and buffalo design will be put into general circulation on Saturday.

Already the Treasury Department has received orders for 2,000,000 of them.

# Hogrowers Are Busy.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Hogrowers are taking every advantage of the fine weather to clean up the yards. The farms in the Chehalis and Newaukum Valleys are busy just now, for the fruit trees and orchards are also active. Cold, frosty nights recently have tended to keep the fruit buds and up to date conditions are good for trees.

# Snow Prevents Fighting.

SOPIA, Feb. 24.—A heavy snow, which has fallen along the whole of the Bulgarian lines at the front will prevent military operations for some days.

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No one would ever suspect that you stained your hair after you use this splendid preparation. It only takes you a few minutes once a month to apply Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Tint Hair Stain. Stains only the hair, is easily and quickly applied, and it is free from lead, sulphur, silver and all metallic compounds. Has no odor, no wash-out, no streaking. One bottle of Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Tint Hair Stain should last you a year. Sells for \$1.00 per bottle at first-class druggists. We guarantee satisfaction. Don't accept a substitute.

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Or send small strand of hair for us to stain as sample. FREE. If you send sample of hair, indicate shade desired.

### DAILY CITY STATISTICS

**Marriage Licenses.**  
 LYONS-BOOTH—Tracey S. Lyons, Condon, Or. 27, and Merta J. Booth, 25.  
 HILDEBRAND-TUTTLE—Colonel Hildebrand, city, 28, and Anara Tuttle, 21.  
 MACKER-FRANKE—Raymond L. Macker, city, 31, and Nettie F. Franke, 21.  
 BROWN-KESTERSON—Frank H. Brown, city, 35, and Bess Kesteron, 29.  
 SUMMERS-WHITE—Bruce W. Summers, city, 35, and Hettie White, 34.  
 FAUSCHER-WATZ—Fred Faucher, Jr., Hillsdale, 27, and Pauline Watz, 28.  
 WEEKES-JURSON—Farcy E. Weekes, Oakland, Cal., 29, and Bess Gould Judson, 25.  
 HOWARD-CUMMINS—G. A. Howard, city, 28, and Pearl Cummins, 27.  
 COOKE-BRODE—Herbert Cook, city, 22, and Emma Rhode, 18.  
 DENNIS-NEITZEL—Burt B. Dennis, city, 30, and Adelaide M. Neitzel, 20.

**Births.**  
 BERNSTEIN—To the wife of Henry Bernstein, 707 Wayne street, February 11, a girl.  
 LAMBERSON—To the wife of R. A. Lamberon, 483 Rodney avenue, February 12, a girl.  
 ARMSTRONG—To the wife of George Armstrong, 932 Thurman street, February 11, a girl.  
 HUGHES—To the wife of J. R. Hughes, 381 Fifth street, February 22, a girl.  
 BROCKER—To the wife of H. A. Brocker, 8834 Forty-eighth avenue Southeast, February 17, a son.  
 NOONAN—To the wife of Robert Noonan, 1227 Sandy Boulevard, February 18, twin boys.  
 PANTLE—To the wife of T. V. Pantle, 2127 Seventy-eighth street, February 20, twin boys.  
 CASTELL—To the wife of A. K. Castell, 205 Gordon street, February 17, a girl.  
 DOUPEL—To the wife of Charles Doupe, 3483 East Main, February 1, a girl.  
 HAMILTON—To the wife of G. B. Hamilton, East Fifty-second and Holgate, February 19, a daughter.  
 STANIELS—To the wife of H. B. Staniel, 108 North Sixteenth street, February 19, a son.  
 JOHNSON—To the wife of F. Johnson, 475 Morrison street, February 21, a girl.

# What a man will do for a drink, a bartender tells.

## Get his story in The American Magazine for March and you will understand why the bartender himself does not drink