

MAN OF MYSTERY REFUSES TO TALK

Detectives to Communicate With Alleged Women Victims of H. M. Hudson.

LACES AND LINGERIE FOUND

Complete Assortment of Expensive and Stylish Raiment of Member of Fair Sex Discovered in Prisoner's Trunk.

Standing mute while detectives are working at the top of their energy to trace his recent movements and his alleged fraudulent transactions with from a dozen to a score of women, H. M. Hudson, the story of whose arrest was told exclusively in The Oregonian yesterday, presents an attitude of mystery which only time can shake.

Hudson is one of the class of men the tailors describe as "particular." On his bureau in the private house where he lodged, was every little refinement of the toilet, even to a sizable bottle of perfume; silver-mounted accessories and all that goes with them. The perfume even permeated the large jar of high-priced tobacco kept at his elbow.

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MINSTRELS AGAIN SCORE

Second Performance at High School Largely Attended.

The minstrels of Washington High School "came back" Saturday night in their second production at the High School auditorium, and before a larger crowd than had greeted them on the preceding night, fairly outdid themselves.

SLOUGH INTAKE DESIRED

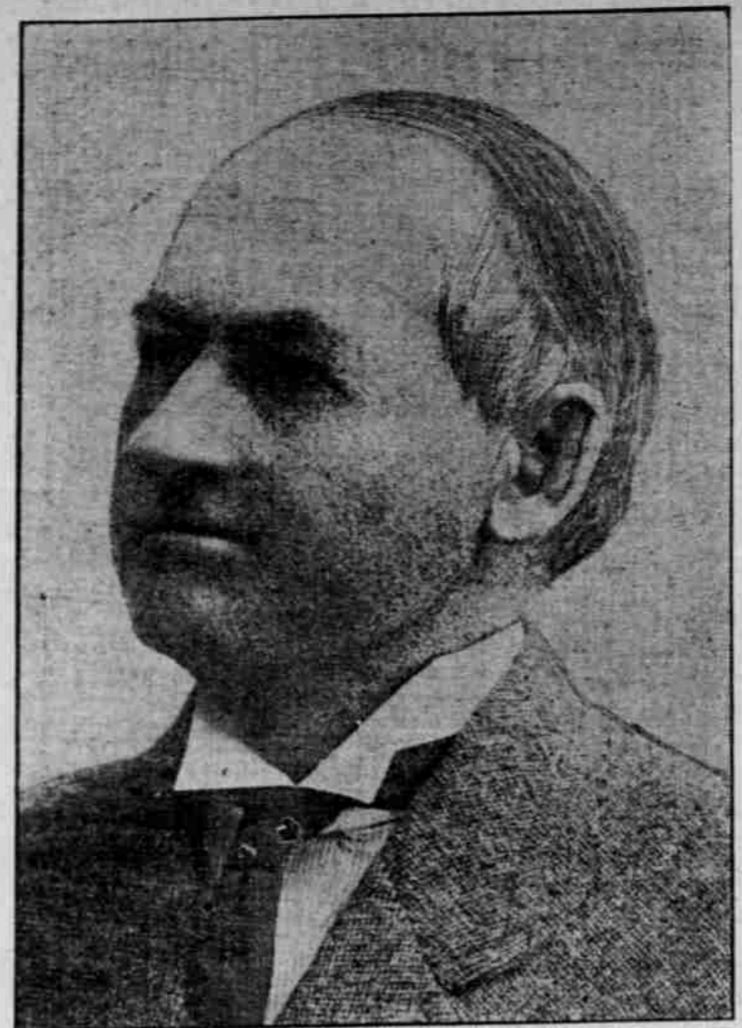
Council Will Be Asked to Make Appropriation for Initial Work.

That the intake at the east end of Columbia Slough must be opened, in order to provide a career for the water in the Willamette River was the decision of the committees which met at Woodlawn yesterday.

MAN'S NECK BROKEN BY KICK

Reedling, Cal., April 6.—In a fight here today, Fred Pickens, a logger, kicked Tom Ryan on the head and broke his neck. Ryan died a few minutes later. Pickens was arrested.

BAKER MAN SUGGESTED FOR COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS



THOMAS CARRICK BURKE.

BAKER, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Thomas Carrick Burke, who is suggested as the next Collector of Customs at the Port of Portland, and President Wilson were born in the same month, December, 1855.

He was graduated with the degree of bachelor of science from the Iowa State College at Ames. He was twice elected Judge of the Municipal Court of Des Moines, against what seemed the overwhelming strength of the dominant party.

He was active in making Baker the first city in the West to adopt the "Des Moines plan" of city government. He was chairman of the Oregon delegation to the Baltimore convention and has been active in the Democratic party in this part of the country.

He is president of the Oregon State Board of Immigration. Judge Baker was married in 1898 to Frances Strelgel, and they have two children, Jocelyn, 8 years old, and Thomas Carrick, Jr., 4 years old.

RUMOR IS DENIED

Power Companies Say Consolidation Not Considered.

Clyde Believes Report Councilman Says Franchise Given Northwestern Is Faulty Because It Permits of Competitors Being "Swallowed Up."

Heads of both the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and the Northwestern Electric Company yesterday denied emphatically the rumor of proposed consolidation of these companies, which provoked from Councilman Clyde a resolution to the City Council providing for an investigation of the matter by the City Attorney.

"I do not believe that it is true that such a consolidation is under consideration, and so far as I know there is nothing at all to the rumors mentioned by Mr. Clyde in his resolution," said R. K. Jocelyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

"The first intimation I received that such rumors were afoot was in the stories that appeared in the newspapers this morning announcing that he had presented his resolution calling for an investigation.

"If such a move had been under consideration, I would have been informed of it as soon as anyone else, and for that reason I do not hesitate to say that no such transaction is contemplated. Such an investigation as Councilman Clyde calls for is invited by the franchise with which I am associated, and will quickly demonstrate the baselessness of the rumor."

W. H. Conner, vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Electric Company, confirmed the statement of Mr. Jocelyn.

"I should certainly have known about it if it were true, and I am associated with it," he said. "I am associated with it, and I must say that these rumors mentioned by Mr. Clyde are news to me." he said.

Loophole Is Seen. Councilman Clyde says that he does not know whether there is any foundation to the rumors he has heard, but declared that they came from sources which he believed to be reliable.

"While the Northwestern Company in the terms of its franchise cannot be swallowed up by a competing company, I have found that there is nothing in the franchise to prevent it from swallowing up a competing company," says Councilman Clyde.

NEW SCALE FOR STORE EMPLOYEES

Meier & Frank Company Announces Eight-Hour Day and Minimum Wage.

1800 EMPLOYEES AFFECTED

Social Workers Approve Measure Anticipatory of New Law, While Department Heads Predict Increase in Efficiency.

Announcement by the Meier & Frank Company that, on May 1, a general eight-hour day for all employees and a minimum wage of \$8 a week, or \$35 a month, for women employees, with minimum of \$6 a week for apprentices and minors, will be adopted, marks one of the important steps on the part of this big department store, by a modification of both wage and hour scales, to adapt to changes in modern industrial conditions.

The minimum wage scale contemplated, while it does not affect the store, is nevertheless a feature of great importance in the company's business, since an increase of wages means an increase of the employees means an additional outlay of many thousand dollars a year.

The eight-hour provision in the new system, which the Meier & Frank Company has established in celebration of the 57th anniversary of its business, reaches to all of the 1800 employees, from the apprentice boys to the highest department heads and expert salesmen, and is a most popular move among the employees.

Increased Efficiency Expected. It is conceded that the inauguration of the new eight-hour system will have a powerful influence for increasing efficiency in all departments, and also that the new wage scale will work to the same end by bringing about a standardization of efficiency which will demand of the employees, who are to live up to it, an increased degree of skill. It will be the result of a more careful selection of employees, which will bring the standard of the service to as high a point as possible.

Father O'Hara Approves Step. Father O'Hara, of the Consumers' League committee which prepared the draft of the minimum wage bill, last night expressed his pleasure at the decision taken by this department store.

"I am highly gratified," he said, "to see this anticipatory action, which places the company in line with the public sentiment, even before the laws expressing that sentiment have become effective. This active step on the part of the Meier & Frank Company to meet the spirit of the minimum wage law is worthy of commendation."

Employees Predict Benefit. Employees of the company in general, while they are uniformly most deeply interested in the far-reaching effects of the eight-hour provision, predict valuable results also from the minimum wage scale.

W. L. Hartman, who has been in the employment of the company for 25 years, and is now in the silk buying department, expressed his approval of the initiative taken by the department store.

The scale announced by the Meier & Frank Company, she said, "raises the standard of wages materially, I believe, and is most encouraging. The stand they have taken is a good more substantial one than the general trend of public sentiment on the question."

Club to Indorse Demand Killingsworth-Avenue Folk Favor Cross-Town Carline.

Notes From St. Johns S. T. JOHNS, Oc., April 6.—(Special.)—On reorganization of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Demsey, Judge Williams has dismissed a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses on which J. J. Hamilton was being prosecuted on complaint of Mrs. Frank Pacer, of Oregon City.

PASTOR ENDS MINISTRY Rev. E. Nelson Allen Celebrates Final Communion Service Here.

will leave in June for the East, M. A. Poppleton was ordained an elder. Dr. Allen has been giving a series of illustrated lectures Sunday nights, the illustrations being partly from pictures he obtained during his trip in the holy land and also from the paintings of William Hole. These lectures have covered the most important features of the life of Christ. It is expected that Dr. Allen's pastoral relations with Hawthorne Church will be dissolved at the Spring meeting of Portland Presbytery, this month.

STUDENTS FACE RECKONING

Vancouver Boys Are Ordered Before Board for Attending Ball Game.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—What is going to happen to the dozen or more high school students who "ditched" their classes to attend the baseball game between the American Colored Giants and the Soldiers in Vancouver Barracks Thursday, when they report to the school board tomorrow morning, is one of the big questions in local school circles.

FAMILIAR STAGE FIGURE IN PORTLAND RETURNS AS STAR AT EMPRESS



Al Lewis.

Al Lewis, who was a familiar figure in the stage world of Portland more than 10 years ago, has returned with 125 fiddles, some of which he will be required to smash into pieces here.

Mr. Lewis was in Portland he was associated with Lot Hoars, co-star with Bondia, now touring England with "Wine, Women and Song." Lewis and Hoars played at the old Star Theater here in 1902, when Chris O. Brown, now general booking agent for Sullivan & Conditine, was manager of that playhouse.

In his present visit to Portland Mr. Lewis comes as the star of "The New Leader," the headline comedy to be staged at the Empress this week. A few weeks ago the same sketch was presented at the Orpheum with Sam Mann in the title role. Lewis is supported in the comedy by the same cast that accompanied Mann on a tour of the Orpheum circuit two seasons ago, and the three women and three men with Lewis in the Empress playlet staged "The New Leader" with Sam Mann when that comedian made the greatest hit of his career on Broadway.

In the finale of "The New Leader," Lewis, in anger, breaks a fiddle in a fight with the stage manager. Lewis keeps 125 "prop" fiddles on hand for the destructive climax of his comedy. The comedy also requires Lewis to drink three quarts and three-quarters of beer a day with an additional mug on Sunday for the extra stage Lewis drinks the beer while he directs from the orchestra pit the vaudeville rehearsal on which "The New Leader" is based. The bare stage is the only setting used in the comedy, which was written by Aaron Hoffman.

LONG SEPARATION TO END

Nels Larson, of South Dakota, Will Meet Sister Last Seen in 1871.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Nels Larson, 52 years old, a resident of South Dakota, is visiting Henry Falk, of Vancouver, and tomorrow will visit his sister, Mrs. Charles Saleen, on Willamette Slough, whom he has not seen since 1871.

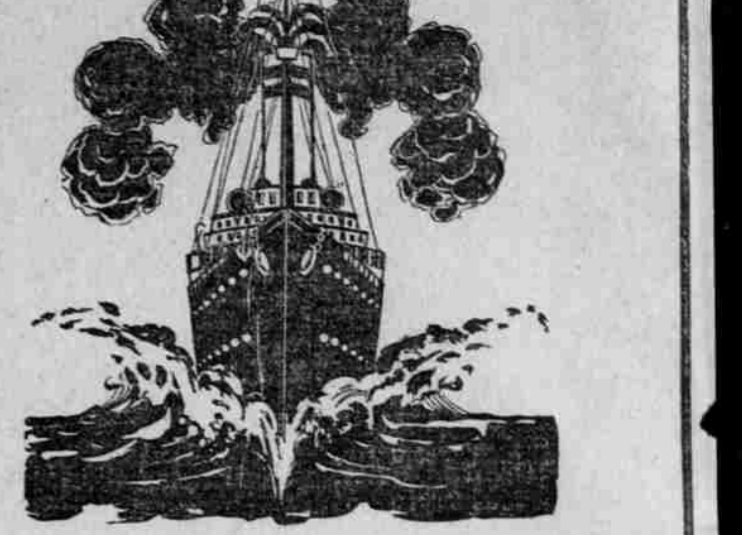
Mr. Larson and his sister last met before the Chicago fire, which separated them, both being burned out. At that time railroad transportation was furnished free to the fire sufferers and on that point they chose to go. Mrs. Saleen, then Miss Christina Larson, chose Portland, where she married Charles Saleen a sea captain.

GRANGE MAKES SAVING

COST OF GOODS PURCHASED 10 PER CENT LESS. Evening Star Members Receive \$250 Worth of Groceries on Co-operative Plan.

The hall of Evening Star Grange, Section Line road, might have been taken for a grocery store Saturday, as the front rooms on the lower floor were filled with articles which had been purchased by Andrew Holm, the manager of the new plan of co-operative buying for Grange members. It was delivery day for the past month, about \$250 worth of articles, food for stock and groceries, covering everything used in the family, were stored in the hall, and later taken to the homes of the members. They saved an average of 10 and 15 per cent under this method of co-operative buying.

A MINIMUM WAGE. In commemoration of the 57th Anniversary of this business, we will, on May 1st next, establish a wage schedule based upon a graduated scale of increase for efficiency, no woman employe to receive less than \$8 per week or \$35 per month. Apprentices and minors to receive not less than \$6.00 per week or \$24.00 per month. MEIER & FRANK CO.



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CHARGE OF ARSON IS MADE

Detectives to Take Peter Panagiotaras to San Francisco.

Charged with setting fire to his restaurant in San Francisco, Peter Panagiotaras, a Greek, with numerous aliases, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Mallet and Price, and has consented to return without fighting extradition. A San Francisco officer will leave at once with requisition papers.

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