

STRAN IS TELING MRS. LA FRANCE

Wife Says She and Her Babies Will Await Release of Alleged Swindler.

TROUBLE IS AGING WOMAN

She Believed Body Found That of Her Husband and Says It Was Like Dead Coming to Life When He Returned to Her.

"I would wait for my husband, should he be sent away, until the recurrence, if necessary," said Mrs. Emeline La France, yesterday afternoon, wife of J. C. La France, charged with obtaining \$18,500 insurance through palming off a dead body as his own.

Mrs. La France caressed her youngest born, Vendora, who cuddled in her lap, as she spoke, while Grace, 3 years of age, stood holding to her mother's right arm.

"They are such dear children," continued the mother, "and we are in such a plight. I suppose they will send my husband away, but I hope not. And if they do all I ask is that I be allowed to leave here and get a little home somewhere so I can take care of my babies."

"You don't think they will do anything to me, do you? How can they? I mean to no harm and I don't want to be convicted of a crime when they see these little children."

All Thought Corpse La France's. From the Artisans everybody thought the corpse found in the river was that of her husband. I believed it was and mourned him as dead. It was a terrible blow. And when he came to see us for the first time it was like a dead coming to life. I could hardly realize it was he. I was glad and yet I thought of the money.

"I gave him the money and he told me to collect it, and he dominated me. I did not refuse. I collected the money and gave it to him. It did me no good. Most of it he invested in a sawmill at Bandon and in timber land in Coos County. I think the property can be sold for enough to pay all back."

"I never asked him where he got the body that was thought to have been his. I was so worried over the money that I did not want to learn any more. I just did as he said and worried myself almost to death."

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When it was suggested to Mrs. La France that she looked to be younger than 32, she said:

WOMAN ACCUSED OF DEFAUDING INSURANCE COMPANY AND HER CHILDREN.



MRS. EMELINE LA FRANCE AND HER BABIES, GRACE, 3 YEARS OF AGE, AND VENDORA, 3 MONTHS OF AGE.

FAIR VOTERS FILMED

Mrs. Duniway and Others Make Debut in 'Movie' World.

NOTABLES IN RACE SHOWN

Motion Pictures Depict Happiness of Portland Women Casting First Ballots During Primary Election.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, "Mother of Suffrage," not only cast her first vote Saturday but made her debut in the "movie" world, a moving-picture operator tracking his camera on the venerable suffragist from the time she left her automobile for the polls.

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AT THE THEATERS

"MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH"

A Play in Three Acts, Presented at the Baker Theater. CAST: Mrs. Wiggs, Alice Fleming; Lovely Mary, Alice Patek; Mrs. Hazy, Mary Edgett; Miss Lucy, Jean Devereaux; Mrs. Elchorn, Nan McDonald; Mrs. Schultz, Elizabeth Ross; Asia, Nan McDonald; Australia, Lucille Traglio; Europa, Nondas Wayne; Cuba, By Himself; Mrs. Stubbins, Charles East; Mr. Wiggs, Robert Wynn; Mr. Bob, William Bernard; Billy Wiggs, William Lloyd; Mrs. Elchorn, Thea Van Run; Joe Elchorn, Thea Van Run; Brother Spicer, Clifford Lancaster; Deacon Bagby, Claude Archer; Mr. Schultz, Walter Kelly; Mr. Elchorn, Robert Knox; Mrs. Elchorn, Thea Van Run; Eddie Schultz, C. Buck; Mickey Boney, Oscar Van Runk; Tina Viner, May Vokes; Lena Krausmier, Claire Kent; Postman, Charles East; Little Tommy, Beverly Traglio.

THAT familiar and delectably beloved story by Alice Hegan Rice, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," with its chronicle of the homely philosophies and happinesses in the lowly existence of the plain folk of the cabbage patch, has come back to hold forth at the Baker Theater for one week. Mrs. Rice surely knew human nature.

As the spinless, helpless and hoping old spinster Mrs. Hazy, Mary Edgett, but exceedingly kind and wholesome little old guiding spirit of the cabbage patch life. The homely phrases fall from her lips naturally and she puts quiet dignity and subtle understanding into the role. She mothers the entire neighborhood, adjusts the machinery of the various troubled love affairs of her neighbors, weds off Mrs. Hazy, divorces her willy-nilly and rejoices when the derelict Mr. Wiggs returns.

John Summer is right in his element this week as the war hero, Mr. Stubbins. His interpretation of that back-sliding groom who looks on the beer when it foams is a gem in character understanding.

One of the real big pieces of acting, although it is a smaller one than most he has done, is Robert Wynn's study of Mr. Wiggs. He makes a powerful part of it. Jean Devereaux is dainty as Miss Lucy, the Southern girl who, but for Mrs. Wiggs, would let her pride interfere with her wedding to Mr. Bob, of the Herald, a role played by William Bernard.

The construction of what is known as No. 2 jetty at Cape Town docks has been authorized at a cost of \$400,000.

NEW COMIC OPERA COMPANY OPENS AT LYRIC.



Beginning with a matinee this afternoon, the new comic opera company will open an indefinite theater-goers. The new company includes such players of prominence as H. Guy Woodward, Fritzie Guy, Billie Oswald, Vera Alwya, Paul Stanhope, William McMurray. With such a raft of exceptionally good musical productions the new company is sure of an enthusiastic reception.

OPENING OF OAKS SECTOR MAY 24

Grounds Are Replanted and Floral Decorations Provide Wealth of Color.

CHOICE MUSIC PROMISED

Manager Cordray Announces Employment of Specialist for Arrangement of Club and Organization Excursions.

Official announcement that the Oaks amusement park will open Saturday, May 24, was made yesterday by John F. Cordray, manager, as he inspected the Oaks and pointed out the many improvements and changes to be noted since last season.

While the Oaks has always been of scenic interest, the resort has been entirely replanted, and already a beds class with banks of flowering colors. Perhaps the most unique floral change to be observed is that all the fences surrounding the Oaks station have been mounted with flower boxes, and it is planned to make these box displays representative of every known Oregon flower. Thus the district view of the Oaks will now be tier after tier of color.

A thorough renovation of the Trail, with its numerous attractions, has been made. New to the Blue Streak—the 65-mile-an-hour ride—will be found the giant whirl, which used to whirl over the river. The flying boats of the whirl are being run over the glare of the lights and the bustle that always surrounded the Trail.

Barrel of Fun New Feature. One of the new attractions will be the barrel of fun, and this is declared to be a new name for a popular game.

The various concessionaires are fixing up their places, while in the Oaks proper Mr. Cordray has 120 men at work, so that when the gates are opened the park will be in perfect condition.

There will be somewhat of a reversal in the musical policy of the Oaks, Mr. Cordray declares. A first-class band, with ten soloists, and a leader who will make his first public debut in the West, are among the features now being closed. There will be daily vaudeville acts and the complete bill in this respect, it is announced, will change weekly.

Clubs to Be Entertained. "The Oaks this year will make a particular appeal to organizations and societies," said Mr. Cordray.

"We have just added to the staff at the Oaks an Eastern expert in arranging these special days. The commercial clubs of two Oregon cities already have announced their intention of fathering excursions of from 500 to 1000 persons on two different days in the season, and I have every reason to believe that this year this plan will be somewhat general in Oregon. At the same time the larger societies, Sunday schools and similar organizations already have announced their intention to provide them here with an afternoon's clean and hearty fun."

Personally, I am chafing to open the Oaks, and I am in my bones that the Oaks and Portland are destined to have the finest season the century has yet produced."

COUNCILMEN MAY ASK PAY

Eight Members Find Terms of Office Chopped Off in Middle.

Portland may be obliged to pay the salaries of eight Councilmen for the two years of their terms which will be cut in half by the new commission charter. The Council is to be abolished June 2 and its place taken by a commission. Eight Council members will find their terms of office chopped off in the middle by the new arrangement.

STORY OF CHAMPOEG TOLD

George H. Himes, of Historical Society, Addresses Grange.

George H. Himes, of the Oregon Historical Society, was one of the principal speakers at the meeting of Evening Star Grange, Saturday, in the hall on the Section Line road, his subject being "Champoeg and Its History." Mr. Himes told why the celebration of Champoeg is held annually. Talks also were given by Mrs. W. J. Pawkins, James G. Kelly and others.

Kalama Takes Declamatory Honors.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Floyd Hoggart and Verma Miller, both of Kalama, carried off the honors in the annual Clallam County declamatory contest at Woodland, Friday night. The judges found great difficulty in selecting the winners, as all of the declamations were excellent. The schools in the contest were Castle Rock, Oak Point, Shoghton, Kalama, Kelson, Woodland, Silver Lake and Toutle.

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MENACES ARE SEEN

Dr. James McGaw Says United States Is Facing Crises.

LEGALIZED SIN IS FEARED

Prevention by Christianizing Nations of World Vision and Purpose of Christian Citizenship, Declaration of Worker.

Dr. James S. McGaw, general field secretary of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference, presented the history and purpose of the sessions to be held in this city June 29 to July 6 in a sermon yesterday morning at 6 in the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church. Tracing the history of the National Reform Association, under whose auspices the conference is held, and emphasizing the crisis facing the United States, he concluded with a vision of the nations of the world Christianized and recognizing a supreme being in governmental institutions and laws.

"This second World's Christian Citizenship Conference is not an experiment," he declared. "The first, which was held in Philadelphia in November, 1910, was a success beyond all expectations of its promoters. Back of it was 50 years of thought and labor on the part of the National Reform Association, which was organized following the crisis of the Civil War with the purpose of fortifying the Christian institution which this Government was founded."

Dr. McGaw maintained, as menaces to Christian institutions, the immigration of a million Chinese a year, the great majority of whom are not in harmony with the life and government of the people of the United States, who do not learn our language, and establish in our cities "Little Russia," "Little Hungary," "Little Italy," and other foreign sections. Sitting at an entrance of Lincoln Park for an hour, he said, he counted the number of American and foreign people who passed, and only two in that time spoke the English language.

"In our prosperity at home and our prestige abroad, in our rush for wealth the Government is approaching a state of legalized sins and commercialized iniquity. While we have always been opposed to the union of state and church, that is a vastly different thing from the divorce of government from religion. The secret of England's power is the Christian religion," said Queen Victoria, and the secret of the supremacy of the United States is Christianity.

"There are numerous organizations in the United States, he said, definitely organized for the purpose of undermining the Christian principles on which this Government was founded, and he urged that Christian citizenship establish a Christian democracy and that the National life be preserved through the sanctity of the home and the loyalty of Christian patriots."

Linton Artisans to Give Dance. LINTON, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—The United Artisans will give a dance next Saturday to raise funds to assist the Rosarions in entertaining Finnish

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All of the East Side theaters, the Tivoli, Sunnyside and Crystal, presented new and carefully selected entertainments and acceptably cared for unusually large Sunday crowds.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Major McIndoe, in charge of the government fishery work in the Willamette, has replied to the letter sent him by the Oregon City Commercial Club in behalf of gillnet fishermen, and has notified President E. T. McIndoe, of the club, that he has issued instructions to the dredgers to lower all cables to the bottom of the river at night time, and in other ways to refrain from any work that will interfere with fishing during the 30-day season open to local commercial fishermen.

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