

PRYOR ROBBED BY FRIENDS, HE SAYS

Associate Said to Have Decamped After Disposing of Prisoner's Valuables.

VICTIM HAS HEROIC RECORD

Motion-Picture Man Says "Mrs. Cowan" Is Really Former Wife of Sam J. Raber, Sentenced to Death for Woman's Murder.

Dr. Charles A. Pryor, head of a film company in El Paso, Tex., complained to the police yesterday that while he was in jail Friday night on a charge of grand larceny from San Francisco, I. F. Cowan, his traveling companion, and Mrs. Estelle Raber, of San Francisco, who has been traveling as Cowan's wife, left town after selling to a stranger a lot of jewelry worth \$1000. He said that Cowan also took a deed to his entire property, his automobile in San Francisco and a \$2500 interest in his \$150,000 share of an estate, recently bequeathed to Cowan that Cowan might be his bondsman on the San Francisco charge. Dr. Pryor says that he gave the deed to Cowan that Cowan might be his bondsman on the San Francisco charge. Dr. Pryor was released from custody Friday night, however, Cowan went to the office of Court Clerk Beutgen and drew down his bail in the evening. He was taken into custody late in the evening.

Arrest Follows Bail Withdrawal. Because of the hour Dr. Pryor was unable to give bond and was forced to stay in jail until Saturday morning, something was planned against him, he enlisted the services of Detective Sergeant Day, who went to the Multnomah Hotel and arrested Cowan. Cowan told him, Day says, that he owned the \$2000 worth of diamonds which he had in his possession and which Dr. Pryor said were his. Cowan was being further questioned, admitted that he had "borrowed" the gems for the use of himself and Mrs. Estelle Raber, and he gave them to Day. Early Saturday morning Cowan left town, checking his baggage to Vancouver, Wash., and then re-checking it north.

Dr. Pryor went to Salem in custody of an officer Saturday and explained his case to Governor West. The arrest had followed in the morning of film to arrive at Cincinnati at the proper time for the complainant to use it. It arrived three days late by express, but on Pryor's promise to adjust the difficulty to the satisfaction of the complainant he was discharged and the requisition refused the San Francisco officer.

Cowan's Perfidy Told. Returning to Portland, he found, he says, that Cowan had sold a building lot, conveyed under the deed to him for \$200 and had decamped. "The deed was made solely for the purpose of getting bond for me," said Dr. Pryor, "and it was so understood. Cowan is a piano player whom I found in a racketeer in San Francisco and took along with me as an assistant. With him was Mrs. Estelle Raber, at one time wife of Sam J. Raber, piano player, who is now under sentence of death in California for the murder of Cherry St. Maurice, keeper of a disorderly house at Fourth and K streets, in Sacramento. I tried to help them both and many times have gone in company with Mrs. Raber and Attorney Luman, of Sacramento, to the jail to help Raber get all possible comforts. Mrs. Raber was going under the name of Mrs. Cowan in Portland.

The San Francisco papers said that Raber's wife was dead, but that is a mistake. The present Mrs. Cowan was married to Raber in Des Moines, Ia. She is a Missoula (Mont.) girl and her folks are respectable and well-to-do people there. Her maiden name was Estelle Davis.

"These people took advantage of my unfortunate position to get away with everything I have. They have now decamped to the film known as the 'Great Mexican War,' which I took, many times under rifle and machine gun fire in Northern Mexico. They have no right to the office fixtures and all supplies of the El Paso Feature Film Company, my own camera, deed to my \$3000 automobile and \$2500 share in an estate from which I recently received a bequest of \$150,000. They also had a deed to the property which they sold.

"Tomorrow I will seek warrants for both of them and will charge them with converting my property to their own use. The best piece of ingenuity that I have ever had worked on me, but I was going to get the rest of the bequest soon, and it is probably just as well that I got my lesson in such good time," said Dr. Pryor.

Dr. Pryor acted as a newspaper correspondent in the heavy fighting before the battle of Torreon, and in the campaign in the north of Mexico. He took most of the films which he owns while under gun fire. When he jumped from the federal army to the constitutionalists after one battle, he was seized as a spy and was held for three days in jail under sentence of death. Among other of his exploits was taking a moving picture of William S. Benson, the British ranchman, who was "executed" by Villa.

Mrs. Raber, who Dr. Pryor says he will charge equally with Cowan, is a safe entertainer. Raber's conviction was of interest to Portland people in that he was at one time an entertainer in a Linton road resort, and after his arrest local detectives declared that he planned but never executed a plot to steal the valuable jewelry of Adela Beebe, keeper of the 15 Couch street. The plot fell through, and it was through a miscarriage of a similar plot directed against Cherry St. Maurice that Raber and a companion called Drumgoole killed her. Anna Held, the actress, afterwards announced that she received a large share of the fortune of Mrs. St. Maurice, whose particular relationship to her she refused to divulge.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John H. Geddes, of Astoria, is at the Seward. W. C. Smith, of Baker, is at the Oregon. C. M. Friend, of San Francisco, is at the Seward. Miss L. M. Glidden and Miss A. L.

Campbell, of Tacoma, are at the Multnomah. E. L. Ritter, of Seattle, is at the Benson. H. H. Collins, of Tacoma, is at the Benson. O. A. Berger, of Seattle, is at the Corneliuss. R. W. Gray, of San Francisco, is at the Benson. Walter R. Bilyeu, of Albany, is at the Imperial. Mrs. H. W. Douglas, of Salem, is at the Imperial. Mrs. William Riley, of Baker, is at the Imperial. S. Whiteway, of Victoria, B. C., is at the Oregon. J. D. Zuercher, of Roseburg, is at the Corneliuss. L. L. Jewell, of Grants Pass, Or., is at the Imperial. John Mitchell, of Anaconda, Mont., is at the Imperial. C. F. Cathart, of Raymond, Wash., is at the Carlton. A. H. McDonald, of Eugene, Or., is at the Imperial. Mrs. Frank M. Moore, of Eugene, is at the Washington. Mrs. E. L. Sproule, of Ontario, Or., is at the Carlton. Mrs. A. G. McCarthy, of Ashland, is at the Washington. Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore, of Eugene, is at the Washington. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crandall, of Vale, Or., are at the Oregon. Sheriff Crenshaw, of Tillamook County, is at the Imperial. Miss N. A. Hutchins and Miss A.

WILD BUFFALO HERE

Big Bull Arrives From Yellowstone National Park.

LONG JOURNEY TIRES HIM

Truck and Four Horses Used to Transfer Animal From Special Car to Park and He Causes No Trouble for Captors.

A wild bull buffalo from Yellowstone National Park arrived at the City Park yesterday. He made the trip to Portland in a special car, because he is too large to get through the door of an ordinary express car. He is three years old, fat and in the best of condition. He is considered a fine specimen. He was tired after the trip, however,

those who demand a scientific religion, a religion that agrees with the findings and verdicts of science. "Still others are demanding a social gospel that will give us a perfect social order. Others insist on an ethical religion that will give us a clear outline of human duty and a set of rules to govern us in business, politics and social life. While in this intensely practical age everybody wants a practical religion. "Now I do not want to depreciate the value of all these different viewpoints for I find this text recognizes them all and goes a little farther. We have here renewed vision, energy and patience and they all come from waiting upon God. "We are asked for a demonstration and I gladly accept the challenge. All other things being equal the man who waits upon God is a better business man, statesman, professional man, soldier, laborer, citizen, husband and father and if there are any other activities of life, he has the advantage there too. "Into the Men's Resort at Fourth and Burnside streets come men who are defeated, discouraged, soured, prejudiced and deceived. From the gospel meeting, Bible class and prayer service, waiting upon God, I have seen them go out with a new vision and a new hope to tackle the task of living. We delight in the ministry of sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, but we feel this alone would be barren, indeed, without the waiting on God.

FIRE LOSS IS \$8000

Two Frame Buildings Damaged by Early Morning Blaze.

SEVERAL STORES AFFECTED

Dancing Hall Ruined When Structures at Corner of Twenty-Third and Washington Streets Burn.

Fire caused \$8000 damage to the two frame buildings at the corner of Twenty-third and Washington street early yesterday morning. Business of eight kinds was affected by the blaze, which started in the rear of the buildings in a storeroom. The fire ate its way upward into Murlark Hall, long a fashionable dancing floor, and did considerable damage to it. It spread to the rear of the Wardrobe tailor shop, 751 Washington street, a plumbing shop next door, a barber shop, a confectionery at 753 Washington street, and a drug store on the corner. On Twenty-third street the King Hill delicatessen, the King Hill shoe shop, the Portland Oyster Company and the Roberts grocery were damaged. All were insured to cover the damage. Fireman had considerable difficulty extinguishing the blaze, which, though controlled within an hour, was considered dangerous for an hour longer. A bulkhead system, in the attic of the dancing hall, confined the fire to the east or rear end, but the dancing floor, which was the main attraction, and the grocery are in an adjoining frame building on Twenty-third street, and the flames eating through the second floor wall of Murlark Hall into a light shaft, scorched the apartments above the grocery. Much of the damage was from water.

Flags and Bunting, Sixth Floor, Temporary Annex

1857 MEIER & FRANK'S 1914 Increased Telephone Service BEGINNING TODAY!

THE Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has just completed the installation of a new Multiple Type, Four-Position Private Exchange Switchboard in our Store. This Switchboard has been installed at a cost of \$5000. The continued growth of our business and our plans for a Greater Store have made it imperative to give to our patrons the greatest possible accommodations through our Telephone Service and we are gratified to announce that, beginning today, we will operate, for both our Temporary Annex and Sixth Street Building, the most complete Private Telephone Exchange to be found in any Western Store. This service comprises 727 lines and gives us now a capacity for Telephone Service sufficient to place you in instant communication with any section of this great Store. We are certain you will find this a splendid means of shopping when you find it inconvenient to come down town.

OUR FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT In Sunday Papers Is a Remarkable Shopping Guide FOR TODAY!

Today's Grocery Specials

- FANCY HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE - Several well-known brands, in No. 2 1/2 cans, always sold at 25c; the can, 20c - the dozen, \$2.25. Grated Pineapple - Hawaiian pack, No. 2 cans, dozen, \$1.40. Imported Beans - La Forest String, dozen, \$2.75. Queen Olives - Cherry bottles, filled with fine fruit, 40c. Oregon Prunes - Large 30 to 40 size, pound, 15c. Cane Sugar - 20 pounds, \$1.00 - 9 pounds, 50c. Fancy Hams - Finest Eastern cure, pound, 20c. Baker's Coconut - 1-lb. package, 29c - 1/2-lb. package, 15c. Vanilla Extract - 4-ounce bottle, 45c - 2-ounce bottle, 25c. Oregon Crab - Fancy quality, No. 1 cans, 40c. Ripe Olives - Medium-size pint cans, 25c. Ceylon Tea - Royal Banquet, 60c grade, pound, 49c. Cabinet Coffee - Fresh and fragrant, pound, 30c. Seeded Raisins - Fancy grade, No. 1 package, 3 for, 25c. LAUNDRY AIDS White Soap - Cotton Ball, 6 bars for, 25c. Gloss Starch - Kingsford's 6-pound wooden boxes, 55c. Ball Bluing - German make, 1/2-pound boxes, 10c. Parson's Ammonia - Large bottle, 40c - pint bottle, 20c. Efficient Telephone Service, Starting at 8 A. M. - Basement, Sixth-St. Bldg. - Alder Street Entrance.

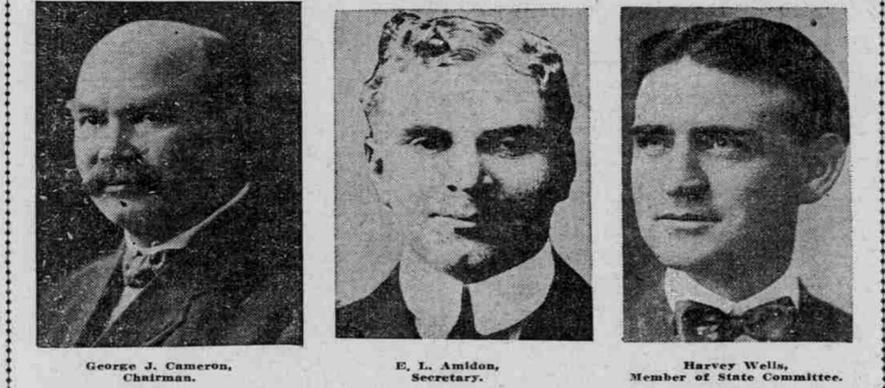
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WOODMEN HONOR DEAD Memorial services were held in the hall of Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, East Sixth and East Alder streets, yesterday afternoon. Several hundred members attended. The hall was decorated for the occasion. A monument representative of the monuments erected in the cemeteries was placed in the center of the hall. Mount Hood Circle, No. 151, Women of Woodcraft, participated in the ceremonies. Officers and guards of the camp and circle and the uniform team of the camp entered the hall, forming the "wedge" around the monument. Then the services of decorating the monument followed. Rev. J. H. Bennett, camp adviser, delivered the address. Remarks were made by the council commander. Then came the rollcall of camp and circle. Selections were given by the Multnomah Camp Orchestra. Songs were rendered by Miss Eloise Hall, Mrs. Eva Wells-Abbott and A. B. Cain. Lou Ellen Cornell read a poem.

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OFFICERS OF REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.



George J. Cameron, Chairman. E. L. Amidon, Secretary. Harvey Wells, Member of State Committee.

Hutchins, of Cambridge, Mass., are at the Washington. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dahlem, of Seattle, are at the Seward. Z. W. Drake, of White Salmon, Wash., are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kemmer, of Toronto, are at the Benson. A. J. Stewart, of Aberdeen, Wash., is registered at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hayden, of Walla Walla, are at the Imperial. Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Sweetland, Jr., of Salem, are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. R. Wiley, of Hood River, are at the Multnomah. A. D. Flannigan and family, of Oregon City, are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. Ad W. Rettig, of New York, are at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, of Eugene, are at the Benson. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Farmer, of Wallowa, Or., are at the Benson. D. H. Welch and Miss Nancy M. Welch, of Astoria, are at the Corneliuss. H. Clay Breeden and Mrs. Breeden, of Los Angeles, are at the Multnomah. Miss Olive Jones, of Multino, Or., and Mrs. M. H. Scholberg, of Minot, N. D., are registered at the Washington.

and made no trouble for his captors. A truck and four horses were used to haul him from the car to the park. The buffalo leaned disconsolately against the side of the crate, protesting only by an occasional moaning below. When the crate was opened in the paddock, he ventured forth with caution, shaking his shaggy head and glaring at the bystanders. Not until he felt the familiar turf under his feet, which were tender from standing on the car floor, did he manifest any interest in life. Then, with a revival of the prairie spirit, he galloped around the pen, kicking his heels in the air and stopping only for a defiant bellow at his captors. The buffalo started on his journey last Monday. He traveled to the railroad, 60 miles, in a wagon. Other additions to the City Park Zoo are two baby elk. One was born Friday, the other yesterday. The elk born Friday was the first born in the zoo this year. He is said to be an excellent specimen of the elk native to the Yellowstone National Park and the Jackson Hole country.

that heals the soul and renews the life. "The same food, medicine and rest that restores the physical powers of the most cultured, will restore the physical powers of the Hottentot, and the only way to restore the moral and spiritual life is by waiting on God. Do you wonder then that we are making the dominant note at the Men's Resort the invitation to men to wait upon God?"

"SAFETY" EXHIBIT MADE

RAILROAD DISPLAY WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC TODAY.

Views of Employer's Instruction Card, Traveling Hospital and Charts of Interest to Trainmen and Public.

The installation of the Southern Pacific "Safety First" exhibit was completed at 266 Washington street last night and will be open to visitors this morning. The exhibit will be open every day and evening during the Rose Festival.

The interior of the building has been divided into booths of white lattice work, on the walls of which appear 125 maps, charts, photos and statements of interest to the traveling public, as well as to the railroad man.

Beginning with a map in color showing the 2552 miles of Southern Pacific lines that are protected by block signals, charts are shown giving comprehensive information concerning the reduction in railroad accidents all over the country during the past year. The company itself determines whether they are "avoidable" or "unavoidable." "Laws of employees' instruction card and traveling hospital card for employees, with its operating room and berths for patients, are shown. Views of the various hospitals maintained by the company during the 45 years it has been interested in caring for the health of its employees, and sets of pictures of the various emergency hospitals along the lines of the company and information as to where they are located are displayed.

One of the features not generally known to the public is the company system of employee's club, which is maintained by the company and which was a pet idea with the late E. H. Harman. It is said that these clubhouses, with their sanitary kitchens from which club members obtain wholesome foods at all hours, have done much to increase the efficiency of the trainmen and the safety of the exhibit will be taken to Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and other points.

"The railroads are doing their best to increase the efficiency of employees and remove practically all danger to the simplicity and power of Apostolic faith and emphasis is placed on historic religion," he said. "Then there are

LODGES HONOR DEAD

PORTLAND ODDFELLOWS HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Rev. Lorin K. Grimes, of Hawthorne Presbyterian Church, Tells of Far-reaching, Humanizing Work.

Memorial services for members who have died during the past year were held at the hall of Orient Lodge, No. 17, East Sixth and East Alder streets yesterday by Portland Oddfellows and Rebekahs. Vacant chairs, eloquent of the departed brothers and sisters, were decorated in remembrance of them. The decorations of the hall were elaborate and tasteful. Roses predominated. W. P. Lewis, past grand and past grand chief patriarch, who presided, delivered a short address. Rev. Lorin K. Grimes, of the Hawthorne Presbyterian Church, who delivered the memorial sermon, told of the far-reaching work of the humanizing influences of Oddfellowship. "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was sung by the Oregon Male Quartet. A. W. Ledbury, J. A. Gauthier, A. A. Atstock, M. J. Keating, with Mrs. Mollie Tausher as accompanist. Then came the calling of the roll of missing brothers and sisters, during which the vacant chairs were decorated with floral tributes. The services closed with music.

PARTY WORKERS PICKED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN CHOSEN.

Fifteen Members Form War Cabinet to Handle Campaign in County Before November Election.

George J. Cameron, the new chairman of the Republican county central committee of Multnomah County, last night announced the personnel of his executive committee. This committee, composed of 15 members, is practically the cabinet of the chairman. On it Mr. Cameron appointed: Charles H. Siggle, of 581 Lovejoy street; J. C. Walsh, of 45 East Sixty-seventh street; D. F. Hardman, of 27 Glenn street; C. R. Hochstetler, of 543 East Thirty-seventh street; Fred W. Valentine, of St. Johns; F. R. Peterson, of Lents; O. A. Neal, of 936 East Couch street; C. T. Evans, of 1447 Malloy street; J. L. Day, of 405 East Seventh street North; J. P. McAllister, of 794 Mississippi avenue; Francis Capell, of Sellwood; J. L. Hammersley, of 249 East Fifteenth street; Lou Wagner, of 931 Thurman street; Dan Powers, of 152 East Twenty-eighth street, and Charles Cleveland, of Gresham.

E. L. Amidon, secretary of the county central committee, is a member of the executive committee of the Lincoln Republican Club. In that capacity he did energetic campaign work to bring out a large Republican registration before the primary election. The Multnomah County representative on the state central committee, elected from the county central committee, is Harvey Wells. Mr. Wells is the present state committeeman from this county, and was re-elected. He is also treasurer of the state organization.

WILD BULL BUFFALO ADDED TO CITY ZOO.



THREE-YEAR-OLD FROM YELLOWSTONE PARK.

DR. HAMPTON IS CANDIDATE

Aspirant for Place on School Board Tells Her Qualifications.

Dr. L. Victoria Hampton, candidate for school director at the election to be held on June 15, made a formal statement yesterday of her reasons for entering the race. "I have been a resident and taxpayer of Portland for 27 years, and during that time I have been an earnest and consistent worker for the benefit of all the inhabitants of this city, and became a candidate for the office of school director," her statement says, "so that I can, if elected, assist in protecting the interests of the taxpayers of School District No. 1; using all the means at my disposal to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful scene enacted at the Army last December, during the so-called taxpayers' meeting, which the press characterized as a near-riot. "As an expert chemist my knowledge of building materials and heating values of coals will be of assistance to the other members of the board. One of the five directors should be a woman, for the mothers of the school children, the 750 women teachers and the girl pupils are entitled to a representative on the School Board. "By education, training and a business experience of 27 years I am well qualified, and if elected will represent all of the people. Those who voted against me and those who voted against me, at all times standing for an honest administration."

"WAITING ON GOD" TOPIC

Rev. Levi Johnson Tells of Work of Men's Resort.

Preaching on "The Universal Need" at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, Rev. Levi Johnson, the assistant pastor, said: "We are told in these days that our great need is to get back to the simplicity and power of Apostolic faith and emphasis is placed on historic religion," he said. "Then there are