

BUNCO GAME COSTS MERCHANT \$3000

P. Macchi Swindled by Two Who Change Dummy Box for One With Bills.

CHARITY SCHEME WORKED

Men Make Switch of Boxes, Go Out "for Cigars" and Take Money Put Up as Proof of Ability to Handle \$20,000 Enterprise.

To prove to a strange Italian whom he met yesterday through introduction by a friend of three weeks acquaintance that he was a responsible person and capable of handling \$20,000 for charitable work in Portland, P. Macchi, proprietor of the Growers' Produce Company, of 149 Front street, drew \$3000 in currency from the Ladd & Tilton Bank yesterday noon.

He placed the black strong-box in the room of the stranger, at 88 Sixth street. Macchi was left to guard the treasure while the other two men went to get some cigars. An hour later, suspicious, he pried open the box. It contained three silver dollars, old Sunday newspapers and a rubber stamp.

"It's the old bunco games that work the best," declared Detective Captain Baty, when Macchi rushed to police headquarters at 4 o'clock, with the dummy box and asked that men be sent out to scour the city for the swindlers without a moment's delay.

Men Leave No Trace. Up to a late hour last night no trace of the men had been found, and the police were of the opinion that the men had had an opportunity to leave the city before Macchi realized that a swindle had been perpetrated.

The two Italians who made away with Macchi's money were dressed much alike, according to the description he was able to give the police. The name of one is Zaner, said Macchi, but the other he did not know.

The \$2000 was in two bundles of \$20 bills, and four bundles of \$10 bills. Macchi, who is partner with T. M. Kirk, in the produce business, met the man whose name was given as Zaner, about three weeks ago. Zaner declared that he was a cook from San Francisco and was planning to return to the exposition city on the Northern Pacific.

The two became quite friendly. Yesterday morning, by "accident," the two met the third man on the street. He was introduced to Macchi as an Alaskan, the son of a wealthy miner. He had had news for his friend Zaner. His father had died about three weeks ago in Alaska, and he had been left alone in the world, with \$30,000. By his father's will, he was commanded to take \$20,000 of this amount to Portland and there devote it to the sweet cause of charity.

But this third man was not acquainted in Portland. He could scarcely speak English. It was necessary to find a reputable merchant, a man of wealth and integrity, to handle the fund for him. Was there such a man in Portland?

Proof Wanted. Produced. Taken. There was Mr. Macchi, a wealthy produce man. The stranger was certain that any man his friend Zaner recommended was all right, but, as a matter of business, it would be desirable if he might have proof that Mr. Macchi had a large bank account and was responsible. Easily done, by a check on Ladd & Tilton Bank.

The rest was simple. A black deposit box in the stranger's apartments in an obscure rooming-house, a stiller "loaded" box; "We'll go out and get the cigars"; and Mr. Macchi left, figuratively, holding the sack.

City Detectives Leonard, La Salle and Moloney were detailed on the case by Captain Baty, but could not find the men yesterday. Baty's men were short in stature with dark brown hair, brown suits and soft hats. One had a black mustache, beyond upwards, and the other a prominent gold-filled tooth.

CLASS OF 8 GRADUATE

EXERCISES HELD AT JAMES JOHN HIGH SCHOOL, ST. JOHNS.

Rev. Frank L. Loveland, Speaker—Senior Class Play Given Tuesday and \$40 Is Raised.

Commencement exercises of the James John High School were held last night, attended by a large audience of friends. Eight students received their diplomas. The class was composed of John McGregor, president; Arline Shaw, vice-president; William L. Testsch, secretary; Alice Winkler, treasurer; Harold Baybrook, Marie Redson, Pearl Evans and Gladys Palmer. The class colors, mauve and malise, were displayed. Class flower was sunburst rose and the class motto, "Out of the harbor into the deep."

Rev. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Portland, delivered the address to the class, which was replete with practical suggestions. The full programme was as follows: Overture, "Mantles"; Mastitick High School Orchestra. "Carmen"; Lane Wilson Mixed Chorus.

Commencement address. Nottingham Laces, Bobbinette and Scrime, in a very large variety of styles. Only one pair of kind. —Temporary Annex, 9th Fl.

Presentation of diplomas. F. P. Drinker, president of School Board; J. C. Schaefer, Schaefer; "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"; Knight Mixed Chorus.

Tuesday night the senior class gave the class play, "The Sky Riders," for the benefit of charity and about \$40 was turned over to the local relief committee. Last evening, the faculty entertained the senior class at a dinner party given in the Hazelwood in Portland. Tonight the Alumni Association will hold an annual reunion and banquet at the James John High School in honor of the class, to which all graduates are invited.

PARK PROJECT IS OPPOSED

Laurelhurst Residents Want Natural Beauty Retained.

Believing that the natural beauty of Laurelhurst Park should be perpetuated, it is probable the Laurelhurst Club will go on record as opposed to the plan of establishing a swimming tank and playground in the park, as proposed by residents of Mount Tabor, Montavilla and other districts in the vicinity of Laurelhurst.

At a meeting of the Laurelhurst Club tomorrow night the proposition will be

PRESERVE BABY'S FIRST SHOES BY HAVING THEM "METALIZED"—BABY'S NAME ETCHED ON SOLE—JEWELRY DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, SIXTH-STREET BUILDING

Our 1324th Friday Surprise Event Enters Our Removal Sale With Hundreds of New Bargains

Every Article in the Entire Store Is Reduced except contract goods, "Silk Maid" hosiery and groceries. Never has there been such an occasion in Portland's history.

Embroidery Flouncings 25c Worth 50c to 85c

Our Butterick Patterns Are Best by Any Test.

Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND

Another Call for Your Furs Phone Us At Once.

Men's Khaki Norfolk Coats 98c Regularly \$2 to \$2.50

Trimmed Millinery \$3.45 Regularly \$5 to \$8.50

Men's Chalmers Porosknit Underwear 25c Garments That Are Always Priced at, Each, 50c

Women's Pure Silk Hose 98c Famous \$1.50 Make

Wash Silk Blouses at \$1.18 Jap Silk Fabrics

One-Piece Dresses At \$5.15 Of Wool or Satin. All good styles, every size

An Entire Bathing Outfit \$2.13 Bathing Suits Utility Bags Bathing Caps

Women's New Neckwear 28c All 50c Values

Boys' K. & E. or Bell Blouses 25c Regularly 50c

Women's Union Suits 39c Regularly 65c

Women's Pumps, Oxfords \$1.00 Discontinued \$3 and \$3.50 Grades

These Wearever All Aluminum STEW PANS

Women's Kid Gloves 49c Closing Out \$1.00 to \$1.50 Grades

Plain or Fancy Silk Ribbon 10c 19c, 25c, 35c Grades

Short Lengths Chiffons, Laces 25c Worth 40c to 85c

Dressing Sacques for 92c \$2-\$2.50 Ordinarily

3 Cans Mt. Vernon Milk 19c Popular brand produced on the Coast.

Fancy Lace Drape Veils 19c Formerly 50c and 75c

Women's Handkerchiefs 10c 25c Values, Odd Lots

Ivory Puff Box, Hair Receiver \$1.01 Regularly Each 75c

Single Disc Records at 18c By a Famous Maker

Good Floor Matting, Yard 19c Reg. 30c & 35c Grades

Children's Sulkies at 98c That Were \$2 to \$2.50

Odd Pairs of Curtains at 1/2 Price At 75c to \$2.50

PRESERVE BABY'S FIRST SHOES BY HAVING THEM "METALIZED"—BABY'S NAME ETCHED ON SOLE—JEWELRY DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, SIXTH-STREET BUILDING

brought up for consideration. The Laurelhurst Company, which stands opposed to the tank and playground in the park, has submitted a counter proposition to the city whereby block 95 in Laurelhurst can be used for a period of five years, the only consideration being that the city take care of the taxes. It is the agreement of the company that in the event the city wishes to continue the tank and playground after five years that the land would be transferred to the city for \$70,787.23.

andlinger Hermann, ex-Commissioner of the General Land Office, are among those who have promised to be present. The principal addresses will be made by Senator Lane and Judge Benson.

WOOD PRICE TO STAY UP City Will Not Offer Its Supply Below \$5 a Cord.

Price-slashing is to be no part of the city's plan in entering the retail wood business in an effort to unload 10,000 cords of wood produced last winter at the woodyards for the unemployed. Although the market price of first-growth wood is \$4.50 a cord now, the council decided yesterday to hold the municipal wood for \$5 a cord and 10 cents a cord for each half mile to be hauled beyond the first from Twenty-seventh and Raleigh streets, where the wood is stored.

PUPILS' ASSISTANCE URGED Marshal Suggests Credits for Extinguishing of Fires.

In a communication to Superintendent of Schools Alderman, Fire Marshal Stevens has made a request that the schoolboys of the city, particularly the older ones, co-operate with the fire bureau in the extinguishing of small grass and brush fires this summer. He also urges their co-operation in not setting out fires themselves.

SCHOOL BOARDS INVITED Superintendent Wants Teachers and Directors to Meet.

A. P. Armstrong, County Superintendent of Schools, has announced he has invited all the members of school boards in the county to attend the annual teachers' institute, September 1, 2 and 3. He believes the opportunity for the teachers and school directors to meet and plan for the year's work before the opening of the term will be productive of benefits to the schools.

Kryptok Lenses ONE OF THE GREATEST OPTICAL DISCOVERIES OF ANY AGE.

STAPLES, The Jeweler-Optician 162 First Street Near Morrison, Portland, Or.