

## BOY NEEDED SUICIDE; INTENT IS MYSTERY

Louis Osborn Believed to Have  
Overplayed Jealous Bluff  
While Maudlin.

## MAN AND WOMAN RELEASED

Shooting Is Aftermath of Drinking  
Party—Companions Say Youth  
Killed Himself While Being  
Coaxed to Go Home.

Did 17-year-old Louis Osborn pretend that he would shoot himself because the girl he loved was paying too much attention to another and carry the bluff too far?

This solution of the dramatic death of the young man at Kenton Saturday night was suggested by pretty Mrs. Nellie Stout, with whom Osborn and Harold Palmer were walking home-ward, when she said yesterday that she did not really believe Osborn really intended to commit suicide.

Further strengthening this conclusion was the assertion of Palmer, who said that the other had often told him that he had made such threats to the girl if she would not marry him when she secured her divorce, and had laughed in the telling.

That Osborn became crazed with jealousy when Mrs. Stout took Palmer's arm and began dancing along the dark street to a whistling air, was indicated yesterday in the statements of Mrs. Stout and Palmer. According to Palmer, the shooting was more or less deliberate, as Osborn laid down in the middle of the street and pulled the trigger after Palmer's arguments to desert in what he thought was only a bluff or joke.

## Liquor Affects Boy.

That liquor the three had been drinking at the Osborn boy's home, 1724 1/2 Derby street, had made the boy somewhat muddled, both agreed in statements made to Deputy District Attorney Deich and Detective Mallett yesterday. Their tales of the death differed slightly in detail, but not materially so, and Mr. Deich came to the conclusion that there was not sufficient evidence to connect either criminally with the shooting. Both were released from custody.

The boy was identified with the girl, it appears, or at least told her that he thought a great deal of her. "I remember asking Louis one time," said Palmer, "whether or not he loved the girl, and he said that he really didn't know."

Only two days ago, Osborn asked Mrs. Stout, she said, if she would marry him when she got a divorce from her husband, which is pending. "I told him of course not, and that he was foolish to think of such a thing," she asserted. "I pointed out that he was only a boy of 17, and I was a woman, and that it was not wise for him to think of such things now, as it was only a passing fancy and he had probably thought the same of other girls. I promised that if he felt the same way several years from now I would marry him."

**Husband's Plea Refused.**  
Mrs. Stout is pretty and of the brunette type. She is 28 years old, and the mother of a 13-month-old infant. Her husband, Earl Stout, is being sued for divorce on grounds of non-support and desertion. Charles Schaefer, attorney for Stout, maintains that there is no reason for divorce except that Mrs. Stout had never shown any interest in him, and that he had been another man, who is not concerned in the shooting. Stout appeared at the police station yesterday and sought reconciliation with his wife, but she refused to see him.

Mrs. Stout had known Osborn since July, having met him while working in a Kenton restaurant. She had been acquainted with Palmer, who recently came back from Mare Island, Cal., where he had been refused admittance to the Navy, longer than that, but said they were only friends.

That Osborn was jealous of Palmer, both she and Palmer assumed might be true, though she had never shown any jealousy much, and was intimate with Palmer, whom he had known for three years. Palmer is 19 years old.

**Drinking Is Admitted.**  
The girl, according to her story, ended a shopping tour downtown early Saturday night and, going out to Kenton, decided she would call upon Osborn. She had done so before, but only when Mrs. Osborn was home. The boy was alone in the house, but Harold Palmer soon arrived and was invited in. One bottle of beer and two bottles of whiskey were taken out, and then the girl declared she must go home to her baby.

Osborn offered to escort her, and she invited Palmer to accompany them because, she said, she believed the former was too much under the influence of liquor. She added that this may have made the difference, which increased when she danced a few steps with Palmer, as they went toward her home, 218 Hunt street.

Two revolvers, one belonging to his father, were taken by Osborn, one of which he was in the habit of carrying at night. At a lonely spot on the way Osborn stopped and went to get farther, desiring, said Palmer, to be coaxed, as was a habit of his.

Both tried to persuade him to go on, and finally he said that Osborn had gone alone and for Harold to take Louis home. "I'll see you tomorrow," she called to Osborn.

## Girl Tries Coaxing.

According to Palmer he stood aside while the girl tried to coax Osborn and overheard her say, "Put that gun back and don't do anything foolish." Palmer was with the boy when the shot was fired, and said that Osborn lay down on the ground on his side and fired. The revolver had only four cartridges in it, and in pulling the trigger, Osborn may have gone further than he intended or may have thought he would strike an empty chamber of the six-shooter. The cylinder of the revolver was defective. It was later found, and none have slipped from the chamber on which Osborn set it.

## Dance Party Has Collision.

H. C. Charlton, son of A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, with L. D. Winters and three young women, were motoring on Twenty-first street at an early hour yesterday morning on their homeward way from a dance when another automobile collided with the machine, badly damaging the Charlton car. He was hurt. The matter was reported to the police. The identity of the other driver was not learned.

## STUDENT ACTORS WHO WILL BE SEEN IN SENIOR CLASS PLAY AT WASHINGTON HIGH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS.



(1) Clara Schaefer, Cost. for Joan Carr; (2) Holt Ganong, Dr. Willoughby; (3) Gilbert Benson, Rev. Mr. Spelman; (4) Viola Harrington, Caroline Carr; (5) John Lee, Mr. Carr; (6) Ava Owen, Mrs. Carr.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, December 17 and 18, the February, '16, class of Washington High School will present the class play, "Stop Thief." In giving this play the class is following an established precedent of the school in presenting modern comedy. The funds obtained are to be used in the publication of a special number of the Lens, the school paper, which will be devoted to the graduating class.

"Stop Thief" is full of comedy and action. It was chosen as offering excellent opportunity for members of the cast to study the fine points of acting and to provide unadulterated entertainment. The cast will be as follows: Jack Doogan, Arvo Simola; Neil, Helen Stoddard; Mrs. Carr, Ava Owen; Mr. Carr, John Lee; Madge Carr, Marion Grebel; James, Jerry Stevens; Joan Carr, Clara Schaefer; Dr. Willoughby, Holt Ganong; Caroline Carr, Viola Harrington; Rev. Mr. Spelman, Gilbert Benson; Rush, Glen; Police-men, Ward Foster, Harlan Green and Earl Martin; Detective, Wayne Williams.

The young man had been subject to fainting spells since his school days. At a debate at Lincoln High School in 1904, Mr. Hawkins fainted as his turn came to speak. About a year ago he was seized with an attack of what was diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning, and later while traveling had a similar attack.

Mr. Hawkins was a salesman for the Blumauer-Frank Drug Company. His school days were spent in Portland and he attended the University of Oregon in 1911-1912. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, but the services probably will be held Tuesday from the Pearson undertaking parlors.

Mr. Hawkins is survived by his mother and father, three brothers, Martin and Henry, of Portland, and Emil, of La Center, and a sister, Miss Esther Hawkins.

**AUDITORIUM TO BE TOPIC**  
PLANS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT CHAMBER MEETING TODAY.

Commissioner Baker is to consider opinions that may be given on construction details.

A thorough discussion of the plans for the municipal auditorium will be made at the meeting of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today. Not only will the subject be spoken of by experts and by representatives of the municipal government, but the general membership of the Chamber will have an opportunity to express its opinions on the project.

## ORPHEUM HAS 'FIND'

One Headliner Is Booked and  
Public Picks Another.

## SINGER AND COWBOYS VIE

Remainder of Bill Includes Fatima,  
Turkish Dancer; Comedy Sketch  
With Punch, Crack Cyclists  
and Keen Travesty.

## BY LEONE CARR BARE.

There's a couple headliners at the Orpheum this week, although Martin Beck has arranged for only one. The accredited one is Cecil Cunningham, a fascinating, golden-girl, with a sweet singing voice of surprising range. The other headliner, elected of the "people," is Bert Le Mont and his six cowboys in a roundup of mirth and melody.

Then there's Fatima, looking like an animated "Turkish Trophy" and who, rumor and Frank McDougall say, ran away from a Sultan's harem. Another act that everyone agrees upon as being delightful in its newness is that of gay little Harriette Lee and her partner, Ben Ryan.

Also there is a sketch, an out-of-the-ordinary comedy with a serious punch in it, presented by Harry Fern and a little company of players. And just to round up and heap over the measure of good things on the bill, there's Leo Jackson and Mae—sister or wife—who are novelty cyclists, and a keen travesty on all the bromides of life presented by Leone, Tauber and Harry Madison.

**Songs Are Unusual.**  
The Cunningham prima donna one has plenty of elusive personality, a vibrant soprano voice, an up-to-the-minute frock and has been provided with an unusual songbook by Jean C. Haver, who does that sort of thing remarkably and tunefully well. He has given Miss Cunningham of his cleverest. Naturally, he would, since he is her husband and very, very proud of her talents.

Full of puns and double-edged satire are the lines of the songs. There's one, "Publicity," which takes in a lot of good souls from Henry Ford to W. J. B.—there's "Reuben's Courtship," a melody of bucolic ballads; there's "Reminiscences," telling of a visit to a song shop, and a lot more. The lovely Cunningham tells a few stories, too, and invariably puts go and glitter into her songs.

In chaps, spurs, pistols and happy animal spirits Bert Le Mont and his six cowboys loll about or cut up capers in front of an optimistic Southern fire-lighted bunkhouse, while they join their splendidly-blended voices in song. Happy song it is, too, and chosen for harmony's sake and to give pleasure. The audience loved this act.

## Dance Act Is Hit.

Also it got all fussed up over Ben Ryan and his whirling dervish-like partner, Harriette Lee. In a comedy skit, "You've Spoiled It," they won instant favor. Each accuses the other of spoiling various attempts made at entertainment, and is hilariously funny done and so hilariously funny that everybody laughs at their antics and are loath to have them leave.

Fatima is a clever comedian, who appears as a dusky Henry Washington in the sketch, "Veterans," a lively comedy, with heart-rending touches. Fern's role is that of an optimistic Southern dandy, whose native arts adjust a peck of trouble which has befallen an old soldier. An excellent cast supports Mr. Fern.

## Types Are Realistic.

Leona Thaurer and Harry Madison's "Shopping Tour" is full of pleasant satire and faithful to types we meet. Harry is a clever dancer, too, and Leo Jackson has the finest bicycle act of any ever seen here, bar none. He is swift and certain in his maneuvers, original in his achievements, and performs with unerring precision. Lovely Mae Jackson assists ably.

## Periscope Bonnet—Mashers' Foe—Seen in Portland.

Mirror in Facing Shows Who's Behind and Pursued Beauty May Fly—or Wait.

LET trailing mashers beware. The periscope bonnet has arrived in Portland. The first exponent appeared on Sixth street yesterday.

To explain—be it known to the uninitiated that a periscope bonnet is a little chapeau containing in the facing a tiny mirror that reflects the actions of those who would follow the fair wearer.

Of course, the idea is ultra faddish, but after all, is it not practical? That's the question in girls who plan to get them are saying.

When the bold, mad masher begins to close in on a fair pedestrian she will be able to see him and if she wishes, she may flee, or call for help.

"The periscope bonnet came out a short time ago and we have received the design," said Z. Smith, of one of the large millinery firms, yesterday.

"But it is only within the last few days that much interest has been shown in them. They are freakish and faddish, but decidedly cute and stylish."

Some of them have appeared in the Eastern cities quite recently and have created a big stir.

## GAME OF "CRAPS" IMMUNE

Players at Old Exposition Grounds Able to Elude Police.

The ghosts of games of chance on the Trail at the Lewis and Clark Exposition must have hovered in uneasy interest over the defunct fair grounds yesterday afternoon as they watched a score of young men engaged in the engrossing pastime of "shooting craps."

Much whiskey was being consumed also by the players, reported Patrolmen Rudolph and McCulloch, who viewed the scene from afar.

At the approach of the officers the young men migrated to "Government Island" and there continued their games. The officers saw no way to approach without all taking flight, as there was a lookout posted for blue coats. The assemblage is said to meet there every Sunday.

## BIG SEATTLE CAFE QUILTS

Rathskeller Closes Doors on Decision on Prohibition Law.

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## Christmas Sale of Men's Shirts at 95c

continues today. To accommodate those who wish to buy shirts and facilitate undisturbed selection as much as possible, this wonderful assortment of new \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 grades has been moved to the Mezzanine Floor, Fifth Street. Note location well and purchase shirts liberally today at this astounding low price, 95c.

—Mezzanine Floor, Fifth Street.

## Andirons and Fire Sets

in a great pre-Christmas sale. Plentiful stocks to select from at reductions that will more than handsomely repay you for a visit to our eighth floor today. Whatever finish you desire, whatever will harmonize best with your room furnishings, you'll find here at radical underprices.

## Andirons Reduced

—\$2.00 Black Andirons at \$1.59 —\$6.50 Brass Andirons at \$5.19  
—\$3.00 Black Andirons at \$2.39 —\$9.00 Brass Andirons at \$7.19  
—\$3.75 Black Andirons at \$2.99 —\$10.00 Brass Andirons at \$7.99  
—\$5.00 Black Andirons at \$3.99 —\$12.50 Brass Andirons at \$9.99

## Fire Sets Reduced

—\$2.75 Black Fire Sets at \$2.19 —\$6.50 Brass Fire Sets at \$5.19  
—\$4.50 Black Fire Sets at \$3.59 —\$8.00 Brass Fire Sets at \$6.39  
—\$5.00 Black Fire Sets at \$3.99 —\$10.00 Brass Fire Sets at \$7.99  
—\$6.00 Black Fire Sets at \$4.79 —\$12.00 Brass Fire Sets at \$9.59

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—This low price in face of a rapidly advancing market. Supply your needs today for a long time to come. For one day only at \$1.39.

Bleached Raisins, best for fruit cake, pound 10c.  
Seedless Raisins, grown without seeds, lb., 12 1/2c.  
Asparagus, R. R., high-grade brand, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$2.75, can 25c.  
Beans, imported, green or Lima variety, dozen \$2.50, can for only 22c.  
Chow Chow, Cross & Blackwell's, half pints 20c, pints for 30c.

Peas, imported, fine quality, dozen \$1.95, can 18c.  
Syrup, Log Cabin, gallon can priced \$1.29.  
Force, the popular cereal, package 10c.  
Oregon Plums, "3 Sisters" brand, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$1.25, can 12c.  
Table Salt, Morton's free-running, pkg., 7 1/2c.  
Crystal Rice, finest milled, No. 2 1/2 pkg. 20c.

Cocoa Shells, Baker's, package priced 15c.  
Fruit Peels, Orange and Lemon, pound 18c.  
Napha Soap, Economy brand, 10 bars 20c.  
White Soap, Premium brand, 7 bars 25c.  
Gloss Starch, Kingsford, 6-lb. boxes 50c.  
Good Brooms, No. 6, 3 rows of sewing, 30c.

Some Good Things From the Daylight Bakery  
Fruit Cake, Christmas, pound, 50c.  
Plum Pudding, home made, the pound, 40c.  
Pies, all kinds, each, 25c.  
Fruit Cake, decorated, any motto, pound, 50c.  
French Pastry, dozen, 60c.

Layer Cake, each, 60c, 50c and 40c.  
Cream Pastry, dozen, 80c.  
Angel Food, each, 40c.

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## ROSARIAN BAND TO PLAY

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Business Men's Organization Will Render Numbers Rehearsed for Trip to Honolulu.

The first concert of the Rosarian Band for the season will be given at the Chamber of Commerce tonight, under the direction of Joel B. Ettinger, who has been the leading spirit in developing the organization to its present state of excellence.

The band has had its headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce for several months and has been rehearsing regularly in preparation for the proposed trip of the Rosarians to Honolulu. A short time ago the band appeared before a meeting of the Rosarians to entertain a delegate from Honolulu, who brought the official invitation to the organization from the island or organization, but the programme tonight will be the most elaborate that has yet been given.

Mrs. Grace A. Ettinger will appear in the concert as soloist. "This band is composed of business and professional men who give their time and abilities for the love of the cause and the organization has reached a degree of proficiency that causes the Rosarians to be exceedingly proud of that organization."

"Tonight we hope to have a capacity crowd of musical people to listen to the programme, that they may understand that Portland is going to be well represented on the trip to the islands. We want every Chamber of Commerce member to bring his family and pick up a few neighbors."

## WAR ECONOMICS IS TOPIC

Chamber to Hear Boston Man Representing National Body.

Edward A. Filene, one of the most prominent business men of Boston, will address the members of the Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, at luncheon at the Chamber, on "The Economic Effects of the War on American Business." Mr. Filene is making the trip

In the interests of the United States Chamber of Commerce, of which the Portland Chamber is a member, the Reports of his recent address in Seattle have aroused great interest among the business men of Portland and it is expected that the attendance at the meeting Wednesday will fill the dining-room to capacity.

**MARCELLUS TRIAL TODAY**  
Physician Calls No Witnesses in Defense in Council Hearing.

The City Council investigation and trial of Dr. M. B. Marcellus, city health officer, on charges preferred by Commissioner Daly, will begin at 9 o'clock this morning in the City Hall.

Although the Commissioners who have the hatchet out for Dr. Marcellus are understood to have caused numerous subpoenas to be served on witnesses wanted at the hearing, Dr. Marcellus said last night that he had not subpoenaed anyone. He doesn't yet know what he is charged with doing, he said, and has not prepared any defense.

Dr. Marcellus said he was ready, nevertheless, to go ahead with the hearing. He has engaged Attorneys John E. Logan and J. J. Fitzgerald.

**PRESS CLUB JINKS SET**  
First of Elaborate Programmes Is to Be Held December 16.

Jinks at the Portland Press Club have been set for Thursday evening, December 16. The rooms of the club in the Elks' building have been newly painted and tinted during the past two weeks and the plan for winter events will now be resumed.

The jinks are in charge of Charles Ryngaert, who has prepared a big programme, composed of the best talent in the city. This will be one of the chief entertainments of the winter.

The club members are attractive in their new dress. Other entertainments are in preparation for the Christmas season, including an afternoon Christmas tree for ladies and children.

**Girl Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fox.**  
The arrival of an eight-pound baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fox, 3112 Ninety-fifth street Southeast, was announced last night by Mr. Fox, who is secretary of the

Oregon Prohibition party. The baby is the first in the Fox family. The child and mother were reported doing well. The baby arrived early last night.

Experts of the Department of Agriculture have estimated that the seaweeds of the Pacific Coast of the United States can be made to yield fertilizer worth more than \$100,000,000 a year.

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