

MAN PAYS \$250 FOR BANCOC GOLD SECRET

Ex-Bartender Invests in Old, Old, Confidence Game—Two Men Are Held in Jail.

VICTIM SEES "MIRACLE"

"Feat" of Alchemy Is Performed in Seattle—Prisoners Protest Innocence, but Possess Bills With Described Numbers.

The transmutation of base metals into gold, said to be the original confidence game, was the way in which Harry Turner, of 4004 Sixty-second street, Southeast, rose. His gullibility cost him exactly \$250, he said. Robert B. Wason and John Brannin were arrested late yesterday afternoon and lodged in the city jail as accomplices in the alleged scheme to separate Turner from his cash.

Turner is an ex-bartender. He prided himself on knowing all the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, it is said. Brannin and Wason approached him with a wondrous story of alchemy. They are said to have told him of a fluid that would transmute metals to gold as deftly as ever the touch of Midas. In Seattle was a man who possessed the secret. They are alleged to have shown him gold pieces that were said to be products of the miraculous formula.

Miracle Is Seen. To Seattle went Turner, and met the marvel-worker. Before his astonished eyes the man lowered a nugget of base metal into a bottle of the solution. It came forth gold. They gave him \$250 gold pieces, which he took to a bank and found to be genuine. With only \$100 in his keeping, he proffered it all. The miracle man shook his head in negation. It could not be procured, sufficient chemical, he said, than \$250. But for every dollar invested Turner was to receive \$6.

Turner had taken but one precaution before he handed over his money—he had noted the numbers of some of the currency. The officers, in checking over the money taken from the prisoners in search, found a number of bills which they said tallied with the numbers of Turner's vanished roll.

Turner was held here for investigation, awaiting developments at Seattle. They will be returned to that city if the case against them strengthens by the arrest of the third operator. Otherwise, so far as Portland is concerned, they are merely to be tried as vagrants.

Arrest Made in Seattle. A. J. Burns, said to be the accomplice of the two men arrested here, was arrested in the Hotel Seattle, in Seattle, Wash., last night. The Portland police were notified that moola for making counterfeit money were found in the man's possession. Acting Detective Captain Joe Day notified the Federal authorities, who will investigate the counterfeiting end of the alleged swindle.

Grade Teachers Elect. Miss Viola Ortschild retained as President of Association.

Miss Viola Ortschild was re-elected president of the Portland Grade Teachers' Association yesterday at the annual meeting in the library.

Other officers chosen were: Corresponding secretary, Miss Eugenia Morris; recording secretary, Miss Lottie Cook; treasurer, Mrs. Hoye, of St. Johns. The vice-presidents will be announced later.

The teachers adjourned to the Hotel Imperial for a dinner. Judge Muny and S. G. Lockwood, of the School Board, spoke.

Bird Expert Is Coming. Government Sends Mr. Martin to Aid in Animal Life Survey.

William Martin, commissioned by the United States Biological Survey to spend eight months studying animal and bird life of Oregon, will arrive here in a few days and will collaborate with

William L. Finley, State Biologist, also R. Bruce Hamfall and Stanley Jewett, both employed by the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission. Mr. Finley on his trip to the East made arrangements to obtain from the Federal biological department a man to aid in gaining data for compiling a natural history of the state. The officials of the Federal department wished to retain Mr. Jewett. Mr. Finley asked that Mr. Jewett be allowed to continue with the state. Mr. Martin's appointment was then announced.

BOY DIES IN WHIRPOOL

EARL SIDMONS DROWNED, CHUM RESCUED, AT HAWLEY PLANT.

Fishing Boat Upset in Swift Waters, But Earl Kinney Hangs on to Craft Till Help Arrives.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Earl Sidmons, aged 16, son of Mrs. E. J. Sidmons, a widow living at Milton, Or., today was drowned in the Willamette River near the millrace, at the Hawley paper plant, and his school chum, Earl Kinney, aged 15, was saved from a similar fate only by the heroic efforts of Oscar Smith and William Freeman, who were in a launch near where the Sidmons' boat capsized.

PAMPHLET MONEY SAVED

GOVERNOR MAJOR WITHDRAWS SOLE DEMOCRATIC STATEMENT.

Action Is Taken When Vice-Presidential Candidate Is Told Cost to Oregon Would Be \$700.

SALEM, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—No Democratic campaign pamphlet will be printed this year Secretary of State Elliott announced today, as a result of Elliott W. Major, Governor of Missouri, Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination, having withdrawn his publicity matter submitted for the pamphlet. Governor Major was the only Democrat to submit a statement for the Democratic pamphlet, and he withdrew it today when notified that to print his statement and mail it to the 50,000 Democratic voters of Oregon would cost the state approximately \$700.

Withdrawal of his statement was requested by the Innominate Club of Portland, composed of more than 100 young men of both parties. The club's request was telegraphed to Governor Major by Secretary Elliott. The club assured Governor Major that it would work to give him all possible publicity.

In his reply Governor Major said in part: "Under no circumstances would I permit the State of Oregon to spend \$700 publishing a campaign book in order to place my candidacy before the people of your commonwealth. If the matter submitted is the only matter requiring publication in such pamphlet, then the same is considered withdrawn and you are hereby relieved of the necessity of printing said candidate's pamphlet."

VERBAL CONTRACT BINDING

T. C. Peebler Loses Rental Suit Involving Interesting Point.

A tenant occupying a building under a verbal contract can be compelled to carry out the terms of the agreement if the owner has gone to the expense of remodeling the building as a consideration of the lease. This, in effect, was a decision by Judge Bell in the District Court yesterday.

The evidence in the case showed to the satisfaction of the court that T. C. Peebler, a grocer, had occupied a building near the east end of the Broadway bridge on a verbal lease of one year, the lease to begin after the owner had completed stipulated alterations. Peebler, however, moved out before the year was up. He was sued for rent under the terms of the agreement, and the court decided that he must pay. Although the amount involved was small, the disputed point of law lent considerable interest to the case.

BETTING LAW IS DELAYED

Council Defers Action on Ordinance So Both Sides Can Be Heard.

Proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance to prohibit card playing and betting on sporting events in pool and billiard halls will each be given an inning before the City Council at a special meeting at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The ordinance proposed by Commissioner Bigelow was before the Council yesterday, when it was decided that both sides should be heard.

The ordinance as presented would prohibit card playing in any pool or billiard room or in any room adjoining it, either directly or indirectly, and would prohibit betting on sporting events or boosting of betting.

SCHOOL ELECTION CARRIED

Milwaukie Votes \$25,000 Bond Issue for Building.

MILWAUKIE, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—By a vote of 121 to 75 Milwaukie today voted in favor of a bond issue of \$25,000 to build a new schoolhouse. It is planned to erect two-story school building which will house the grammar grades, and the present Milwaukie school building will be devoted to the high school. The vote today means that the new building will result in the separation of the grammar and high school students. Directors will take immediate action to carry out plans for the new building.

PYTHIANS KNIGHT 75

Albany Is Scene of Big Ceremonial Session.

FOUNDER'S BIBLE IS USED

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal of Order in Person Obligates Candidates—Many Prominent Men in Class.

ALBANY, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Using the Bible which Justice H. Rathbone instituted the Order of Knights of Pythias in Washington, D. C., 52 years ago, Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, supreme keeper of records and seal of that order, obligated a class of 75 in the first rank of that fraternity in a big ceremonial session in Albany tonight.

The lodges of Albany, Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, Dallas, Independence, Silverton, Lebanon, Brownsville, and Seio were represented, and approximately 350 members of the order were present. Of the class, which was one of the largest ever initiated in Oregon at one time, Albany furnished 45 candidates, Corvallis 19, Seio 8, Independence 5, Dallas 3 and Eugene and Lebanon each 2.

Among the candidates were E. D. Cusick, State Senator from Linn and Lane counties; Dr. F. H. Gassbraecht, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany; City Recorder Llewelling, City Attorney Oliver, and many others prominent in the business and professional life of the Central Willamette Valley. A unique feature was that a father and two sons were members of the class. O. A. Archibald, cashier of the First National Bank of Albany, and his sons, Sanford and Harold, being among the initiated.

Mr. Wheaton personally obligated the class, and the usual ceremony was carried out with every position in the lodge filled by a grand lodge officer or past grand chancellor.

Among officers participating were Willard L. Marks, of Albany, grand chancellor; H. G. Wortman, of Medford, grand vice-chancellor; Walter G. Gleason, of Portland, grand keeper of records and seal; Jesse Spencer, of Corvallis, grand master-at-arms; Past Grand Chancellors L. M. Culp and J. L. Hill, of Albany; D. E. Moran, of Eugene, and Frank S. Grant, of Portland; Grand Representatives Leslie E. Crouch and W. J. H. Clark, of Portland, and J. B. E. Bourne, of Rainier.

When Mr. Wheaton reached Albany this evening he was met at the Oregon Electric depot by the local visiting lodges, accompanied by the Albany band, and an automobile parade conducted him to the lodge hall.

By the prominent lodge men present and a banquet concluded the session.

CITIES HAVE PLANS LAID

SEVERAL WANT TRADE EXCURSION TO STAY LONGER.

Chamber Asks Little Entertainment, but Plenty of Opportunity for Business Men to Meet.

Walla Walla, North Yakima, Tappanish, Maktoan and numerous other cities in Eastern Washington along the route which is to be followed by the Chamber of Commerce of Portland in its trade excursion April 24-29 are overhauling the Chamber with letters urging longer stops at each place and outlining plans for the entertainment of the Portland visitors.

The committee which is handling the excursion, however, is making it clear that the party desires the entertainment features held to the minimum, so that the Portland business men may have all the time possible for informal meetings and conversation with the business men of the places they visit.

At Walla Walla it has been arranged so that the Portland men shall each entertain two of the business men of Walla Walla at luncheon and that the Walla Walla men shall return the compliment at the evening banquet. A town announces that a band will meet the party at the station. Tappanish is eager for a longer stop.

Already more than half a hundred business houses of the city have made reservations for their representatives in the excursion. The aim is to get representation from practically every house of importance to send a representative with the excursion and to have the party contain not less than 125 business men of the city.

PERSIANS TAKE Foe HEADS

Tribes Loyal to Russia Capture Turco-German Faction Leaders.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 19.—A dispatch to a semi-official news agency from Teheran says: "The chief of one of the loyal tribes has captured near Burjistan the principal leaders in the Turco-German faction in Persia, including the German Consul, Chupmann, at Kermanshah; Major Chilandier, former leader of the insurgent gendarmes; Emir Hirschmet, who, in December, 1915, attempted to capture Teheran; Prince Suleiman

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has been watched carefully by detectives and a bodyguard has already been designated to flank its sides in today's ovation. The chassis will be mounted on a motor truck followed by some 60 or 60 cars driven by Portland owners.

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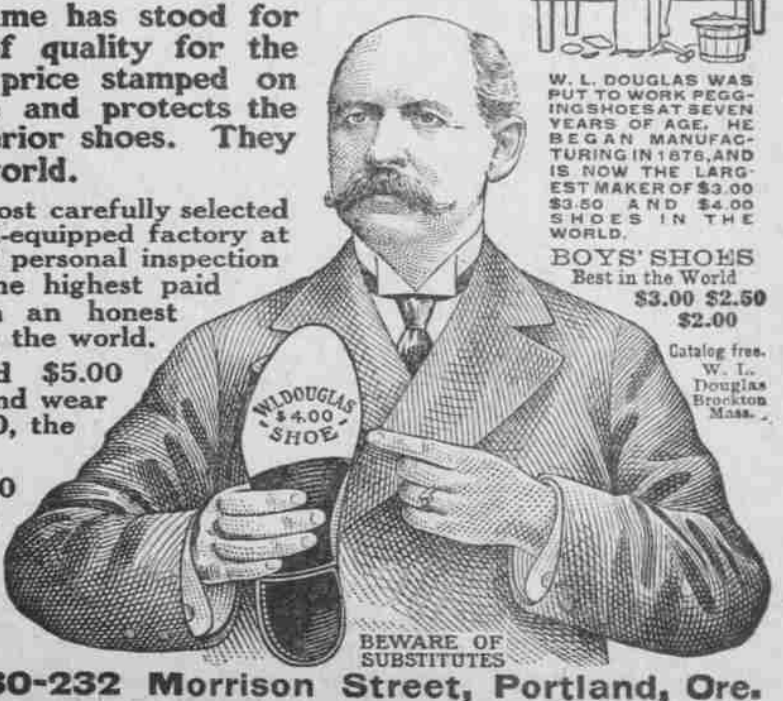
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