'BLUEBEARD' VICTIM BLAMES CURIOSITY

Correspondence, However, Does Not Lead to Altar.

PERSONAL 'AD' ANSWERED

Mrs. Bert Fritch, Formerly Mrs. Myrtle Briggs, Tells of Becoming Ensnared on Dare.

"I never knew it to fail; a woman's curiosity is always certain to get her into some sort of trouble."

Such was the frank admission of Mrs. Bert Fritch of Vancouver, Wash., formerly Mrs. Myrtle Briggs, 210 Elbridge apartments, Portland, who told a reporter of The Oregonian yesterday that she had carried on matrimonial correspondence with Richard Huirt, alias Watson, the Los Angeles "Bluebeard," who is said to have married a score of women during recent years.

Mrs. Fritch, however, insists that their brief letter-writing courtship did not terminate at the altar, and in spite of the notoriety which she feels certain must come to her as a result of her letter-writing escapade, she finds solace in the fact that she cannot be listed as one of Huirt's numerous wives.

Bride Has Worry.

Mrs. Fritch, who embarked on her third matrimonial venture about three months ago, is a strikingly handsome woman of about 40 years, and her chief concern yesterday was in wondering what her bridegroom of three months might say when he learned that she must be brought into the romantic tangle of the much-married Huirt.

"It was either last September or October, while living at Spokane, when I saw a personal in a Spokane Sunday newspaper in which Huirt, under the name of Andrews, advertised for a wife," said Mrs. Fritch. "The personal stated that he was a lonely man of great wealth and could furnish the highest references as to his financial standing and good moral character.

"He gave his address at the time at a prominent hotel in Portland. One of my Spokane friends dared me to answer the personal, and I did. I am frank to admit that I was not adverse to finding out something about the man, although I am not in the habit of picking up with strangers.

Marriage Offer Made.

"A short time after that I moved to Portland, and it was after I arrived here that I received an answer. Huirt, or Andrews, expressed a strong desire to meet me and wanted to know if I was really serious in consenting to consider his matrimonial offer.

"I had forgotten all about the man until I received that letter, and then my daughter-in-law thought it would be good fun to continue the correspondence. It was my son's daughter who wrote the next letter. At that time I believe he was either in Spokane or Seattle. It was then we got a reply in which he made the offer to marry. He promised to take the bride on a wedding trip to Honolulu and to give her everything possible for her pleasure and comfort.

"In this letter he said he would be in Portland soon and would stop at the Benson hotel. Later I called up the Benson hotel and learned that he had left the city the day before I telephoned.

"And that is as far as my dealings with the man went."

The report that Mrs. Carl Stoike, 214 East Ninth street, Vancouver, was one of Huirt's numerous wives proved to be unfounded yesterday when investigation disclosed that Mrs. Stoike, formerly Mrs. Margaret Meyers of Spokane, is living happily with her husband, who is a machinist employed by the Union Machinery Supply company at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoike explained that relatives in Spokane had jumped at conclusions and expressed fear that she had married Huirt because she had left Spokane suddenly to marry Stoike at Vancouver in January.

The Vancouver police chief yesterday telegraphed the Los Angeles officials that it was a plain case of mistaken identity.

Mrs. Bert Fritch, who answered matrimonial ad of the Los Angeles "Bluebeard."

SALEM WOMAN ADDED TO LIST

Mrs. Katheryn Kruse Believed to Be Victim of "Bluebeard."

SALEM, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Katheryn Kruse, who the Salem police believe is the wife of James P. Watson, alias Richard Huirt, held in Los Angeles while the authorities are investigating charges that he married at least 20 women, left here today for California to aid in the identification of the prisoner. Chief of Police Welsh received a telegram last night that Mrs. Kruse was in Salem and had no difficulty in locating her in a local lodging house. She said she married a man giving his name as James P. Watson in Nelson, B. C., on June 13, 1913, and came to Salem only a few weeks ago. She refused to divulge the circumstances attendant to her husband's departure from this city.

The police say Mrs. Kruse was a transient and was known to only a few people in Salem. When question by the police she wept and said she did not believe her husband was the man held in Los Angeles. She apparently had plenty of money and lived in almost complete seclusion.

Upon instructions of the Los Angeles officers, Chief Welch withheld all information regarding Mrs. Kruse' departure for Los Angeles until the receipt of an Associated Press dispatch at noon today.

CHICKENS CAUSE ARREST

13 Fowls Stolen April 13—Fine of $25 Is Imposed.

It was chickens that brought about the downfall of Richard White, 24, of 1605 East Eleventh street and C. C. Beck, 25, of 663 Hood street.

They had 13 fowls in a sack which they had stolen on the 13th of the month from J. R. Edwards, on the Linnton road, when they were arrested on their way to Portland early yesterday morning by Motorcycle Officers Wiles and Matthews.

"We did it to support our wives and babies," they are said to have declared. Each man is married and each wife has an infant.

Judge Rossman in municipal court fined them $25 each and sentenced them to pay for the stolen chickens.

CANDIDATES ARE SCARCE

Committee Appointed to Induce Citizens to Seek Office.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—Up to the present only three candidates have filed their nominating petitions with the county clerk, but through the efforts of the Union county republican central committee a republican ticket has been named and committees are now trying to induce the proposed candidates to run.

As matters look now, Judge J. W. Knowles will succeed himself unopposed for the judgeship of Union and Wallowa counties.

Republicans will indorse Albert Hunter for representative, and the committee is urging Bruce Dennis to go out for state senator.

John Frawley will again run for county treasurer, and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe for county school superintendent.

W. W. Randall has filed for assessor, and Charles Calkins sheriff. The present sheriff, Lee Warnick, will no doubt run unopposed on the democratic ticket.

CASES OF EGGS STOLEN

THIEF REPORTED OPERATING AROUND PUBLIC MARKET.

Several Complaints Reach Police Station of Houses Being Entered by Burglars.

The police are trying to catch a thief who has been operating in the public market and vicinity for several days, and who has taken several cases of eggs, besides other loot.

Patrolman Healey was advised that no less than three men had lost cases of eggs through the activities of the thief. In addition a store at 189 Third street was broken into and a box of cigars, a box of cigarettes and a jar of chewing gum taken.

Those reporting losses of eggs are T. W. Cook, Milwaukie, Or.; J. E. Carpenter, Meadowvale farm, and John Grea of Clackamas station. The store broken into is run by O. Martell.

A thief who was apparently preparing for the fishing season broke into the home of Mrs. E. Swearingdue, East Morrison and Thirty-ninth streets. Mrs. Swearingdue reported that several trout and salmon reels, some fishlines, hooks and flies were taken from the basement.

M. B. Meacham, 1634 Water street, reported his home burglarized and four stickpins, a watch and a chain taken.

A store at 408 Morrison street was broken into and a string of Japanese pearls, a jersey sweater and a watch stolen. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

Mrs. J. R. Welty, 759 Hancock street, reported to the police that someone had made an effort to enter her house by using a jimmy on the dining room window.

MRS. CONNETT ARRESTED

Oregon's Premier Woman Moonshiner Again in Toils.

Mrs. Nettie Connett, the first woman in Oregon to be convicted of moonshining, was re-arrested late Tuesday night near Bull Run by revenue agents and was charged with a second offense against the prohibition law in a complaint filed yseterday by Assistant United States Attorney Reames.

Mrs. Connett was found guilty of operating a still near Bull Run by a federal court jury two weeks ago. She has been at liberty under bail pending sentence. She now faces another preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Drake, prior to a grand jury investigation. Revenue officers say they caught her with a quantity of moonshine whiskey in her possessioin. Everett Lowther, who was with her Tuesday night, was also arrested and is held on a similar charge.

LOUIS E. BEAN WILL RUN

W. T. Gordon Also Is Candidate for Place in Legislature.

EUGENE, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—Louis E. Bean, attorney and member of the state legislature for a number of terms, and W. T. Gordon, assistant cashier of the First National bank of Eugene, have announced their candidacy for nomination at the polls in May for representative from Lane county.

Mr. Gordon is a brother of Herbert Gordon, member of the legislature from Multnomah county.

E. J. Adams, former state highway commissioner, who some time ago announced that he would run for the legislature, upon learning that Mr. Gordon had decided to run, stated last night that he would not become a candidate.

H. C. Wheeler, a farmer of Pleasant Hill, is considering announcing his candidacy for a place on the legislative ticket also.

Freshman Best Shot.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 14.—(Special.)—Orvin T. Gant, a freshman from Myrtle Point, won the title and accompanying prize (a safety razor), as the champion marksman of the reserve officers' training corps on the indoor rifle range for the winter term. Gant made 30 perfect scores out of 60 sets of five shots each. Charles G. Robertson, a sophomore from Salem, and E. D. McAllister, a freshman from Eugene, tied for second place. Robertson turned in 28 perfect cards out of 58 scores shot, and McAlister made 25 out of 52.

Baker Teachers Re-elected.

BAKER, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—Teachers employed in the Baker public schools who desired to remain have been re-elected for the next school year. Eleven additional teachers were chosen at a recent meeting of the school board. There are still several vacancies.

CITY PROPOSES BOND ISSUE OF 5 MILLIONS

Relief for Trolley Company to Go to Voters.

RECENT RULING FOLLOWED

Trackage Will Not Be Acquired; Rise in Fare One Cent Is Expected.

Decision to submit to the voters of Portland at the general election the bond issue of $5,525,000 was reached at a meeting yesterday of the special committee of the council composed of City Commissioners Bigelow, Barbour and Mann.

The proposed issue is to carry out the suggestions of the public service commission in its recent carfare decision, with the exception of the acquisition of trackage, which was considered impossible because of constitutional restrictions. These items include license and franchise taxes, removal of the major portion of present bridge tolls, abandonment of free carriage of city employes and deferred paving reconstruction which should have been handled during 1919.

In addition the relief to the company planned in the bond issue would relieve the company of a portion of the costs of new paving and of the costs of reconstructing old hard surface streets during the next 13 years.

Bonds to Be 13 Years.

Authority will be sought to issue one-year bonds, to bear not to exceed six per cent interest. It is planned to issue not to exceed one-half million dollars of bonds each year and retire such bonds at the expiration of year from the date of issuance.

The voters will be asked for the authority to issue such bonds for a period of 13 years, the term of life of the present franchise ordinance of the Portland Railway Light & Power company.

If the bond issue is approved, the council will be able to give the traction company an average yearly relief of $392,000 which would cost the general taxpayers an average of $425,120 yearly.

Under the council committee's plan, the abutting property owners on streets where car lines have been established, will pay for the costs of pavement on the same basis as do property owners on streets where cars are not operated. Extra charges for pavement, resulting from necessity of laying reinforcements under the rails, and all extra work required because of the presence of the tracks in the street, will be assessed to the traction company.

Tax to Pay Interest.

Remaining charges removed from the company will be paid for from the proceeds of the bond issue, it was announced. A tax levy each year will be required to pay interest charges and retire the bonds which are sold.

According to figures accepted by the committee yesterday, the annual charge which can be removed from the car riders by passage of the bond issue for the items suggested by the public service commission would be approximately $160,000. The deferred pavement reconstruction item is placed at $219,000, new pavement during the next 13 years is estimated at $753,920 and the reconstruction of old pavement throughout the city on streets where car lines are operated is estimated at $2,469,000.

Deputy City Attorneys Tomlinson and Latourette were yesterday instructed to prepart the necessary papers incident to submission of the bond issue. It is expected that this work can be completed by Saturday. The committee will then submit the proposal to the entire council for approval.

The calling of the special election must be made before the end of the present month, as the state law requires that notice of a special election must be given at least 20 days in advance of the election day.

One Cent Raise Predicted.

Members of the special committee believe that with the relief granted to the company by the voters of Portland, an increase of 1 cent over the present fare will cover the annual deficit which is now faced by the streetcar company, and on which is based its application for increased rates. This deficit has been placed at $1,220,000 by City Engineer Laurgaard, and the relief measures included in the bond issue total almost $400,000 annually. However, it will devolve upon the public service commission to reopen the fare case as soon as the decision of the voters on the bond issue is known.

Baker Candidates File.

BAKER, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—Henry Loennig has filed his petition as democratic candidate for nomination as county commissioner. Ira Hoffman, republican, also has filed for county surveyor. J. B. Messick, former county judge before William Duby's term, is out for that office on the democratic ticket, and promises to make the race an interesting one. Larry Reeves, candidate for the republican nomination for county sheriff, has announced that he will file next Saturday.

WOODBURN WILL PAVE

Street Improvement Petitions Are Approved by City Council.

WOODBURN, Or., April 14.—(Special.)—The city council has decided to pave Hayes street from First street to Settlemier avenue, the pavement to be 18 feet in width. East Lincoln street, from the Southern Pacific railroad to the Pacific highway, will have a pavement 16 feet in width. A petition from the majority of the property-owners on South Front street, from the end of the Front street pavement to the intersection of Settlemier avenue, calling for a pavement 16 feet wide, has been referred to the street committee.

Marshal Allie Engle has resigned and will retire from office May 1. His successor will be Y. W. Snyder, who will go on duty April 20.

Sophomore Is Expert Shot.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 14.—(Special.)—Charles G. Robertson, a sophomore from Salem, qualified as an expert rifleman, the highest qualification given in the regular army service, during the target practice held on the reserve officers' training corps range south of the city of Eugene, during the spring vacation. Robertson made 270 out of a possible 300 at six different outdoor ranges. The army requirement for the rating is 253 out of 300.

Oregon to Hear Rabbi Wise.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 14.—(Special.)—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, formerly of Portland, will speak at the University June 24, before the students of the summer school, according to word received by Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the summer session.

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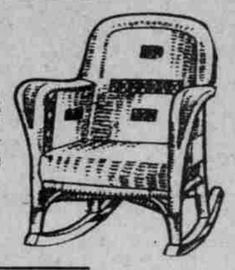

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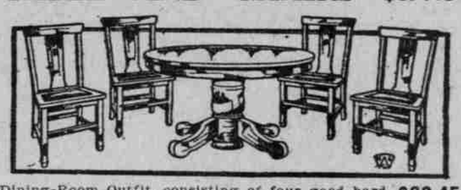

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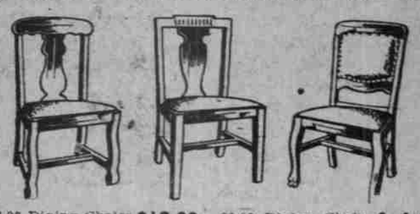

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9x12-ft. Axminster Rugs go at	$47.85	9x12 Grass Rugs, reg. $15 value, now	$13.00
8-3x10-6 Velvet Rugs go at	$39.95	8x10 Grass Rugs, reg. $12 value, now	$10.00
8x10 Heavy Rag Rugs go at	$15.50	6x9 Grass Rugs, now at	$ 7.75

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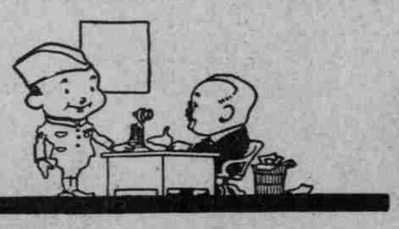

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