

WHEEL WAS FIXED

Bratnaber Paid \$30,000 to Find It Out.

WENT AGAINST ELECTRICITY

Fugitive Seattle Gambler Finds Rich Prey in Wealthy Mining Man, Who Gains Valuable Experience at Roulette From Him.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Jan. 31.—(Special).—The Rossland Miner says that the recent visit here of Fazen, the well-known Seattle gambler, has brought to light a hitherto unwritten passage in the life of Henry Bratnaber, an eminent mining engineer and practically the head of the Exploration Company of London, which is Rossland's venture in the mining world. Fazen was the central figure in the gambling privileges at the Rainier-Grand Hotel in Seattle, owned by Colonel Dunbar. When the grand jury got to work in Seattle it indicted both Fazen and Dunbar, but the gambler jumped the city and came to Spokane, then headed into British Columbia.

The story is that among Fazen's paraphernalia at the Rainier-Grand was a wheel device with an electrical contrivance, whereby the wheel was under the control of the dealer and could be manipulated to win or lose as desired. One of the last men to go up against the crooked wheel was Henry Bratnaber, well known in Rossland through his connections with the Le Roi Company affairs here about 15 months ago. Bratnaber is a wealthy man and noted for his tenacity of purpose. He losses at the wheel were not heavy at the start, but he determined to beat the game, and before he closed was \$20,000 behind. As he is several times a millionaire, according to all reports, the loss was not as serious as might otherwise have been the case. But his disgust can better be imagined than described when he learned that the game was crooked and that he never had a chance to become even.

The statement is made that when the case came to light the electrician who put in the crooked electrical apparatus to place it under the dealer's control gave up the secret of the game, and that the whole facts will be brought out in open court as soon as the Rainier-Grand's case is reached on the long docket now before the court.

The Bratnaber story has not been related up to this time and probably would never have leaked out had it not been for the recent visit to the Golden City of Fazen.



Doctor CUPID.

One of His Prescriptions.

THAT Love sometimes cures disease is a fact that has recently been called to the attention of the public by a prominent physician and college professor. In some nervous diseases of women, such as hysteria, this physician gives instances where women were put in a pleasant frame of mind, were made happy by falling in love, and in consequence were cured of their nervous troubles—the weak, nervous system toned and stimulated by little Dr. Cupid—became strong and vigorous, almost without their knowledge. Love is not, however, the cure for all women. Many a woman is nervous and irritable, feels dragged down and worn out for no reason that she can think of. She may be ever so much in love, but Dr. Cupid fails to cure her. In such cases the body is not sound—the nervousness and other symptoms are telegraphed all over the body by the nerves (which is the telegraphic system of the human body) because the weak spot demands attention. In ninety-nine per cent. of these cases it is the womanly organism which requires attention; the weak back, dizzy spells and

black circles about the eyes, are only symptoms. Go to the source of the trouble and correct the irregularities, the drains on the womanly system and the other symptoms disappear. This can be done easily and intelligently. So sure it is the World's Dispensary Medical Association, proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, that they offer

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to the credit of any preparation especially designed for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments. This wonderful remedy, therefore, stands absolutely alone as the only one possessed of such remarkable curative properties as would warrant its makers in publishing such a marvelous offer as is above made in the utmost good faith.

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Mrs. Effie Walls, of Chelsea, Mich., says: "It is with pleasure I write to you of the benefits I have received from Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For about two years I felt completely tired out; was thin in flesh, skin yellow, had no ambition. Some eight months ago I took a severe pain in my back. Had read so much about your 'Favorite Prescription' that I thought I would try it. I purchased one bottle and it helped me so much I have now taken over three bottles. My heart doesn't bother me and I feel well all the time. Your 'Favorite Prescription' is the best medicine ever tried. I wish I could get all sick and weak people to try it."

Mrs. Martha D. Bruce, of Rochester, Wash., writes: "I will enclose the amount of stamps in payment for your valuable book 'Medical Adviser.' I prize it above books; I would not be without one. I also prize your medicines very highly for the good I have received. I am sure the 'Favorite Prescription' carried me through a critical period when I do not think a doctor could have saved me. I have recommended it to other sufferers far and near. I am so glad for such blessings as your medicines, and hope you may live long and enjoy the blessings of your labors and the sunshine of God's love."

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FOR UNION OF SCHOOLS

KUYKENDALL'S BILLS PASS SENATE WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

Provides for Consolidation of School Districts and Transportation of Pupils to and From School.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—Senator Kuykendall's bills for the consolidation of school districts and authorizing school districts to provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school, were passed by the Senate today without a dissenting vote. When the bills came up on third reading Senator Kuykendall was absent. The bills were championed by Senator Miller, of Linn, who has given considerable attention to the same subject. He said that the consolidation of school districts has been successfully tried in Ohio and Michigan, and that the efficiency of the schools of Oregon will be increased by the passage of this bill.

The first of these measures, Senate bill 25, first introduced by Senator Miller, authorized by a majority vote of the legal voters present at any legally called school meeting, to furnish transportation to and from school to any pupil living more than two miles from the school building; and also requires district school boards, when so authorized by a majority vote of the legal voters, to suspend the district school and make arrangements with another district for the instruction of the pupils residing therein, and to provide for the transportation of any or all of such pupils to the other district.

The second measure, Senate bill 26, provides that when two or more contiguous school districts desire to consolidate they may do so upon the approval of the legal voters of both districts at an election specially called for that purpose.

Brownell's Bill for Clackamas. SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—A bill was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Brownell, of Clackamas, repealing the law creating a separate Board of County Commissioners for the transaction of county business in Clackamas County. Under the bill the county judge, created by the bill referred to the County Judge with two County Commissioners, will transact the county business. A second bill was introduced by Senator Brownell, repealing the law creating a separate Board of County Commissioners for the transaction of county business in Clackamas County. Under the bill the county judge, created by the bill referred to the County Judge with two County Commissioners, will transact the county business. A second bill was introduced by Senator Brownell, repealing the law creating a separate Board of County Commissioners for the transaction of county business in Clackamas County. Under the bill the county judge, created by the bill referred to the County Judge with two County Commissioners, will transact the county business.

VICTIM OF VENDETTA.

Prominent Pittsburger Shot Down at His Door at Midnight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 31.—C. B. Allison, a well-known electrical contractor of this city, was called to the front door of his home in Sheridan, a suburb, at 1:45 o'clock this morning, and shot down by an unknown person. The bullet entered Mr. Allison's left side near the heart, but it probably will recover.

Mr. Allison was awakened by loud ringing and knocking. Securing his revolver he descended the stairs and opened the door. No one was there, and he stepped onto the porch and was peering into the darkness when a shot was fired from the side of the house. Mr. Allison fired three shots at the assassin. Mrs. Allison, on hearing the shot, ran to the stairs and found her husband half kneeling and half hanging on the porch.

No reason was known for the attempt on Mr. Allison's life, and the identity of the man who fired the shot is a mystery. It is said that an infernal machine was sent to Mr. Allison last Thursday, but it failed to work when the box was opened. This morning it was said that the shooting is the result of political trouble which Mr. Allison has had in the past. Another reason given for the shooting is that he had been engaged in a fight with a man named George, who was a member of the anti-saloon league, as the box containing the infernal machine was directed to "C. B. Allison, Secretary of the League, 123 Third Street, Portland, Ore."

It was denied that Mr. Allison is in any way connected with the league.

After an examination of the wound this morning the physicians stated that Mr. Allison was in a very bad way. He entered the left breast and, without piercing the lung, lodged in the right shoulder. Mr. Allison is 48 years of age and is man-

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BIG SACRAMENTO FIRE.

Department Store Burned, Entailing Loss of \$500,000.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The great department store of Weinstein, Lubin & Co. was destroyed by fire this morning. Frank Casbolt, a fireman, was killed by a falling wall. Al Prichard's back was broken and he will die. Several others were badly injured.

The store was one of the largest in California. It was a four-story brick and cement building, covering a large area of ground. An immense stock of department-store goods was carried, as in addition to being the leading store in Sacramento it did a large business throughout Central and Northern California.

Colonel Weinstein, who owned the company's directors have decided to rebuild at once. Meanwhile, the debris will be cleared away and temporary warehouses put up. About 400 people are thrown out of employment.

The total insurance is estimated by Colonel Weinstein at about \$500,000. Loss probably \$500,000.

Reported Suicide of Presley.

MISSOULA, Mont., Jan. 31.—News from Pack, Mich., is that Ira Presley, tried here recently and acquitted of having murdered his wife at their ranch near Iron Mountain, has committed suicide there. Presley and his wife were living at their farm in the Iron Mountain country. One day a neighbor found Presley lying in the yard with his throat cut from ear to ear and his wife in an inside room with her head badly beaten and her throat cut. Mrs. Presley died a few hours later. Presley recovered. At his trial he claimed he was attacked by an unknown man.

Lived 40 Years in Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special).—James Boise, aged 80 years, for 40 years a resident of the Walla Walla valley, died at his home near the state line yesterday. The deceased was born in New York. He leaves no known relatives. He was a farmer, and was in comfortable circumstances.

Brewers to Test City Law.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 31.—Out-of-town brewers will, on Monday, test the legality of the city ordinance requiring payment of a \$400 license fee to sell beer in Everett. These manufacturers state that such demands are made in no other city on the coast.

Boy Accidentally Shot Dead.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 31.—Herbert Hupp, the other son of William Hupp, a Frenchtown farmer, was shot by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, the contents of which took effect in his left side and shoulder.

BRING BILL IN EQUITY.

Bay State Gas Company Goes After Mercantile Trust Company.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—Joseph K. Doherty and Thomas J. Egan, in behalf of themselves and other stockholders of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware, brought a bill in equity in the Superior Court today against the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, and others, with a view of having the four Boston gas companies ordered to meet the sinking fund requirements and interest of the United Gas bonds and turn over the excess to the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware. Damages are placed at \$10,000,000.

The plaintiffs allege that the directors of the Boston, South Boston, Roxbury and Bay State Gas Companies of Massachusetts, have withheld fraudulently, dividends and profits earned by the companies which should have been paid to the Mercantile Trust Company to satisfy the sinking fund requirements and interest on the United Gas bonds. The bill will be heard next Tuesday.

Morgan Objects to Tax Increase.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Among the visitors to the tax office yesterday was J. Pierpont Morgan, who was on the tax books for a personal assessment of \$50,000. Mr. Morgan said that though he was not liable for any personal assessment, he believed it to be the duty of every citizen to contribute to the support of the government for a personal assessment of \$50,000, as he did last year.

SURPLUS SCHOOL FUND

HOUSE PASSES BILL PROVIDING FOR INVESTMENT.

Would Put Money Into Bonds and Warrants Issued by Various Schools of the State.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—The House this morning passed an important bill (substitute for H. B. 46, by the judiciary committee), providing for the investment of the surplus school fund, in the hands of the State Land Board. The bill provides that "any surplus of the irreducible school fund, university fund, or Agricultural College fund, or any other fund held by the State Land Board not loaned in accordance with the provisions of law, should be invested as far as possible in bonds and warrants issued by the State of Oregon, under the direction of the said State Land Board."

The measure provides that school district officers shall give due notice to the Land Board of the proposed issue of war-

Taxable Value of all Property in State of Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special).—The total of the summaries of the assessment rolls of all the counties of the state, made public today, shows that the total taxable value of all the property in the state is \$438,092,501 for the year 1902, as against \$414,298,513 for 1901. This is an increase of \$23,794,000. Every county reports an increase in valuations except Klamath, Umatilla and Yamhill. Each of these three reports a decrease. Multnomah reports an increase of 50 per cent, while Tillamook leads with an increase of about 90 per cent. The comparative values by counties for the years 1901 and 1902 are as follows:

County	1901	1902
Baker	3,823,340.00	4,726,100.00
Benton	2,238,208.00	2,590,105.00
Clackamas	1,747,483.00	1,828,000.00
Clatsop	2,938,067.00	3,180,000.00
Columbia	1,617,845.00	1,598,200.00
Cook	4,206,824.00	4,589,000.00
Crook	1,799,388.00	1,832,281.00
Curry	516,672.00	569,884.00
Douglas	4,206,824.00	4,589,000.00
Gilliam	1,009,735.00	1,164,635.00
Grant	1,701,922.00	1,760,618.00
Harney	2,194,026.00	2,620,325.00
Harrison	1,420,014.00	1,502,800.00
Idaho	41,196,922.00	43,822,250.00
Jackson	1,250,047.00	1,777,669.00
Josephine	1,250,047.00	1,777,669.00
Klamath	1,832,184.00	1,586,902.00
Lane	5,708,853.00	6,890,745.00
Lincoln	72,927.00	80,051.00
Linn	6,772,000.00	6,937,185.00
Multnomah	1,420,014.00	1,502,800.00
Morrow	1,420,014.00	1,502,800.00
Union	3,375,449.00	3,501,134.00
Walla Walla	1,284,120.00	1,567,083.00
Washington	2,463,396.00	2,543,993.00
Wheeler	567,321.00	1,048,855.00
Yamhill	4,701,654.00	4,807,757.00
Total	\$414,298,513	\$438,092,501

rents or bonds, and the board shall have the preferential right to purchase them at their par value. Section 4 is:

Sec. 4. Any purchase by said State Land Board may be made payable in any number of years not less than one, and due in any number of years not to exceed 20, and any such bonds or warrants purchased by said State Land Board may be written or printed, with or without coupons, and the denomination may be in any such amount not exceeding \$10,000, as may be agreed upon by the parties, and the interest shall not be less than 5 per cent per annum.

The power of sale of any such bonds or warrants at any time is vested in the board. It is made to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third Street, Portland, Or.

ager of the Sheridan Electric Company, with offices in this city.

Will Run Down Robbers.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—The police department has the names of two men who, it is alleged, assisted Jerry Richtmeyer in robbing the bank at Steeleville, Ill. Chief of Police Kieley is authority for the statement that Richtmeyer has revealed the names of the men. The two men are not in St. Louis and their present whereabouts are not known, but photographs and descriptions of the men will be sent out immediately, and as they are well-known crooks confidence is felt that they will soon be under arrest.

Traylor's Assassin Indicted.

ELY, Nev., Jan. 31.—A grand jury called by Judge Brown to investigate the tragedy which occurred on January 7, in which three men were killed and two wounded, closed its session today. Mine Manager Traylor and Chalkley were exonerated, but two indictments were brought in against William Lloyd, president of the Miners' Union, who is charged with having concocted a scheme for getting rid of Traylor, either by kidnapping him or taking his life.

No Action in Goebel Case.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 31.—The Franklin County grand jury adjourned today. Notwithstanding the fact that Henry E. Youtsey, serving a life sentence as accessory to the murder of Governor Goebel,

GOVERNMENT LOSES CASE

Cannot Collect From Bondsmen of Postal Defaulter Neely.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—Judge Morris in the United States Court today decided against the Government in a demurrer to a replication in the suit of Martin C. Feeney, former Director-General of Posts for the Island of Cuba, against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, surety of Charles F. W. Neely, formerly connected with the Cuban postal service. Neely defaulted for several thousand dollars and the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company was on his bond for \$5000. It is said that other bonds amounting to the aggregate to \$100,000 are involved in the case.

Judge Norris decided that if the government of Cuba, through its courts, had released Neely from civil liability, the United States government had no right in its own court to impeach its decrees and sue the bondsmen of Neely. District Attorney John C. Rose appeared for the government. While the point seems vital to the case it is not stated that the decision makes an end of the proceedings.

There is not the slightest cause for fear or anxiety at this period if Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is used. It gives health of body and cheerfulness of mind, and by its aid the pains and aches of this critical period are prevented or cured.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is woman's medicine with a wonderful record of cures of womanly diseases. Diseases that all other medicines had failed to cure, have been perfectly and permanently cured by the use of "Favorite Prescription."

"I feel it my duty to write you as I have received so much benefit from the use of your medicine," says Mrs. Lillian A. Bowman, of New Matamoras, Washington Co., Ohio. "I have taken four bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' for female weakness and change of life. Before I began taking it I could not do anything. I had such pains in my head and in the back of my neck that I thought I would lose my mind. Now I can work every day. I recommend 'Favorite Prescription' to all females suffering in the period of change of life. It is the best medicine I have found."

"Favorite Prescription" has the testimony of thousands of women to its complete cure of womanly diseases. Do not accept an unknown and unproved substitute in its place. Keep the bowels healthy by the timely use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

was before the jury for over a week, no indictments in the Goebel case were returned.

MONEY IN DANGER BY FIRE

New York Assay Office Ablaze—Millions of Bullion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Fire broke out today in a laboratory in the second story of the United States Assay Office, which is next door to the United States Sub-Treasury, and destroyed a portion of the roof and upper story and some of the apparatus. Chief Assayer Torrey said the loss on the building would be nominal. He thought the business of the assay office, which amounted to about \$500,000 in bullion in the vaults and about \$100,000 lying outside in various parts of the building. The \$1,000,000 and about \$100,000 in a melted state, as well as the books of account and records were hastily locked in the vaults. Then the employees hurried out of the building for their own safety.

The building used by the assay office is historic. Before it began to be used as an assay office, 40 years ago, it was a Government mint, and for a time it was the United States or Government Bank. The structure is of gray stone and brick and very old fashioned.

THEORIES ABOUT FOOD.

Also a Few Facts on the Same Subject.

We hear much nowadays about health foods and hygienic living, about vegetarianism and many other fads along the same line. Restaurants may be found in the larger cities where no meat, poultry or game is served and the food cranks in its glory and arguments and theories galore advanced to prove that meat was never intended for human stomachs, and almost make us believe that our sturdy ancestors who lived four-score years in robust health on roast beef, pork and mutton must have been grossly ignorant of the laws of health.

Our forefathers had other things to do than formulate theories about the food they ate. A warm welcome was extended to any kind from bacon to corn, and a healthy appetite and common sense are excellent guides to follow in matters of diet, and a mixed diet of grains, fruits and meats is undoubtedly the best.

As compared with grains and vegetables, meat furnishes the most nutriment in a highly concentrated form and is digested and is assimilated more quickly than vegetables and grains.

Dr. Julius Remmon on this subject says: "Nervous persons, people run down in health and of low vitality should eat meat and plenty of it. If the digestion is too feeble at first, it may be easily corrected by the regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal. Two of these excellent tablets taken after dinner will digest several thousand grains of meat, eggs and other animal food in three hours, and no matter how weak the stomach may be, no trouble will be experienced if a regular practice is made of using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply the pepsin and diastase necessary to perfect digestion, and every form of indigestion will be overcome by their use."

That large class of people who come under the head of nervous dyspepsia should eat plenty of meat and insure its proper digestion by the use of a safe, harmless digestive medicine like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, composed of the natural digestive principles, pepsin, diastase, fruit acids and salts which actually perform the work of digestion. Cheap cathartic medicines, masquerading under the name of dyspepsia cures, are useless for indigestion, as they have absolutely no effect upon the actual digestion of food.

Dyspepsia in all its many forms is simply a failure of the stomach to digest food and the sensible way to solve the riddle and cure the dyspepsia is to make daily use at meal time of a preparation like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which is endorsed by the best medical profession and known to contain active digestive principles.

Body of General Clat Arrives.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—By holding the body of General C. M. Clat, of Cincinnati, O., met the steamer Lahn on her arrival yesterday and took charge of the body of General C. M. Clat, of Cincinnati, who died in Rome while seeking health there. General Clat served in