

NO DESIRE FOR RUSH COMPANY

Offer of Dugdale to Buy the Portland Club Quickly Turned Down.

M'CREIDIE MAKES COUNTER

Offers to Consider Application From Tacoma, Seattle and Either Vancouver, or Spokane for an Eight-Team League.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—(Special.)

D. E. Dugdale, of Seattle, on behalf of the Pacific Northwest League, made a weak attempt to buy the Portland territory from the Pacific Coasters, but discovered there was nothing for sale.

Offer and Its Reply.

The telegraphic correspondence that passed between Judge McCreddie at this end and D. E. Dugdale at the other was as follows: "Judge W. W. McCreddie, San Francisco, Cal.—It is satisfactory to you, make the Coast League an offer for Portland territory and same is reasonable, Northwest League will pay price for you, D. E. DUGDALE."

Four-Team Schedule Adopted.

The annual meeting of the league came to a close this afternoon. Judge McCreddie presented an invitation to the directors to hold their next annual meeting in Portland, and this was so voted. The date of the meeting was not set, this being left to President Ewing for settlement.

BIDDER FOR ATHLETIC HONORS

Portland Club Launched in Albina With Large Membership.

The Portland Athletic Club was successfully organized last week in the club house on Russell street, near Williams avenue. There was an enthusiastic gathering, including business men and club members.

MULTNOMAH BEATS Y. M. C. A.

Club Wins From Association at Basketball, 19 to 5.

The basketball game between the Multnomah Club and Y. M. C. A. teams, played last night in the Multnomah Club gymnasium, resulted in a decisive victory in favor of Multnomah. The score at the end of the first half was 8 to 5 in favor of Multnomah.

GIRLS PLAY WHIRLWIND GAME

Albany Basketball Team Sweeps Woodburn Off Its Feet.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The high schools of Albany and Woodburn divided honors in a double-header basketball contest in this city last evening. In the girls' game, Albany won by a score of 25 to 2, while in the boys' game, Woodburn triumphed by a score of 29 to 20.

had secured a lead of 12 to 10 at the end of the first half and maintained an even score until the middle of the last half.

FORBES PLAYS GREAT GAME

Ex-Yale Star Furnishes Sensation for Seattle Sports.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The playing of Robert Forbes, the ex-Yale end, and the man who coached West Point during the season just closed, was the feature of the New Year's game between the Seattle and Spokane Athletic clubs. Forbes played tackle for the Seattle eleven, and put up a game that branded him as the greatest player ever seen in the West.

On defense, Forbes would elbow his way to the center of hostilities and nail the man with the ball. No yardage was made over his side of the line, as he always broke up the Spokane plays before they were started.

WEAK, BUT STILL HOPES TO WIN

Transcontinental Pedestrian Leaves Hospital and Walks Onward.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 4.—John Walsh, the pedestrian, who is walking from San Francisco to New York on a wager of \$500, today left the Johnstown Hospital, where he has been ill with pneumonia, since December 23.

Aberdeen Will Have Team.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Manager Brown of the Aberdeen baseball club, said tonight that after a canvass of business men he is prepared to keep the name of the city which will be maintained here next season.

More Albany Boosters.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A number of Albany business men are in process of formation in Albany. A number of young business men are inaugurating the venture.

May Sutton May Contest Abroad.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 4.—May Sutton, holder of the woman's international tennis championship, announced her readiness to compete in the Olympic games to be held in London this year, when women players from many countries will compete in the tennis feature.

CLEANS UP THE FORCE

Commissioner Bingham After the "Crooks" in Department.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—For the second time Police Commissioner Bingham yesterday dismissed a patrolman from the police force and did so in a speech which was listened to by all the officers' comrades that could be spared for the occasion. The offending officer was Leonard E. Terhune, who was found guilty of perjury before the trial deputy at a department trial.

FIND A STARTLING CLEW

Police Make Discovery About Murdered Woman's Jewels.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—An important discovery, which, the police state, will enable them to name the slayer of Mrs. Letta Whitmore, the victim of the Lamplack Swamp murder, near Harrison, N. J., whose husband, Theodore Whitmore, is now held in custody pending a further investigation of the crime, was made today when all of the jewelry of the dead woman was found in the safe of Harry A. Radin, a saloonkeeper of Brooklyne. Radin said Whitmore had given him the box containing the jewelry several days after the body was found in the pond.

Cruiser Marion Burns.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The old cruiser Marion was burned to the water's edge yesterday in Visitation Bay, three miles south of Hunter's Point, in San Francisco Bay. The Marion was launched in 1875 to perpetuate the name of the ship-of-war Marion, the timber of which was used in the work of reconstruction. For a time she was in service on the China station. In 1886 she was given by the government to the naval reserve as a training ship and was eventually sold.

SIXTEEN WIVES TO GET HUSBANDS

Nebraska Woman Would Delight the Soul of George Meredith.

SOME LIVING, SOME DEAD

Just "Naturally Kept on Trying Till She Got One That Sulted"—Has Been All on Good Terms and All Like Their Ex-Wife.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Sixteen husbands is the matrimonial record of Mrs. Jennie Phoebe Zoover Euren Birchell Harris Scott Bigford, Etc., Townsend, who now lives in Dodge, Nebraska, with her sixteenth and last acquisition, A. W. Townsend, an old soldier, who is very much in love with his wife and firmly believes her to be a matrimonial prize, barring she has been drawn some sixteen times in the shuffle.

Husbands Like a New Gown.

She acquired husbands with the same ease with which women select new gowns and rejected them with the same cheerfulness. Her four children became so accustomed to seeing a new step-father in the home that they found it difficult to keep track of the different ones. One of her sons recently complained that he could not know the name of her latest man and therefore could not direct the letter properly.

Husbands All on Good Terms.

Her former husbands speak well of her and are always glad to welcome another husband into their society of "has-beens." Many of them speak of her in terms of the greatest good will. She has a winning way and a kindly smile that wins her hearts in spite of all.

Has One Now That Suits.

Last summer, having found single life in the intervals of matrimony somewhat monotonous, she advertised for her sixteenth husband. Within a few weeks she found him in the person of A. W. Townsend, a wealthy retired farmer and old soldier.

CRIMES ARE VERY SIMILAR

Two Chicago Police Officers Killed in Exactly Same Manner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—While City Detective William R. Mooney was lying on his death bed in Grace Hospital last night, just after identifying the chief who shot him down on Thursday, another policeman was shot and fatally wounded by another thief under circumstances almost identical with the Mooney case. The first of the two victims, Detective Mooney, died early today.

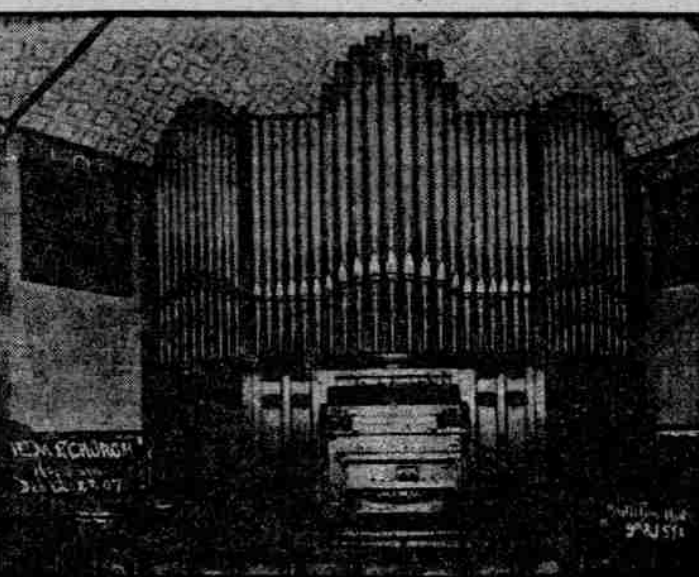
Effects of Explosion.

Dr. Walter M. Cross, City Chemist, an expert on high explosives tonight gave his positive opinion that the explosion was caused by dynamite powder, nitroglycerine or a combination of the three. Investigation developed the fact that the bomb had been placed in a toilet-room in the northwest corner of the basement, 20 feet from the main vault. The toilet-room was 13 by 30 feet square and was separated from the adjoining room by a three-inch plaster partition.

FINE NEW ORGANS FOR TWO CHURCHES

First Methodist, of Hoquiam, Installs Splendid \$2500 Kimball, and St. Joseph's, of Portland, Secures One of the Famous Vocalions.

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\$2500 Kimball Organ, First Methodist Church, Hoquiam.

The dedication of the splendid new \$2500 Kimball Pipe Organ installed by the First Methodist Church of Hoquiam occurred last Sunday. This organ is the first to be installed in any church in Southwestern Washington, and is an instrument which certainly will prove a credit to the church and congregation.

FIRE BOMB IN BANK

Cranks or Criminals Cause a Great Explosion.

ALL KANSAS CITY SHAKEN

Basement of Beautiful Marble Building Wrecked and Ten Persons Injured—High Explosive Certainly Used.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—The explosion of a bomb in the basement of the beautiful marble building of the First National Bank few minutes after noon today caused a concussion which was felt throughout the city, injured ten persons and did about \$100 worth of damage to the building.

SEND UTES BACK TO UTAH

Young Men Work on Railroads Until Spring.

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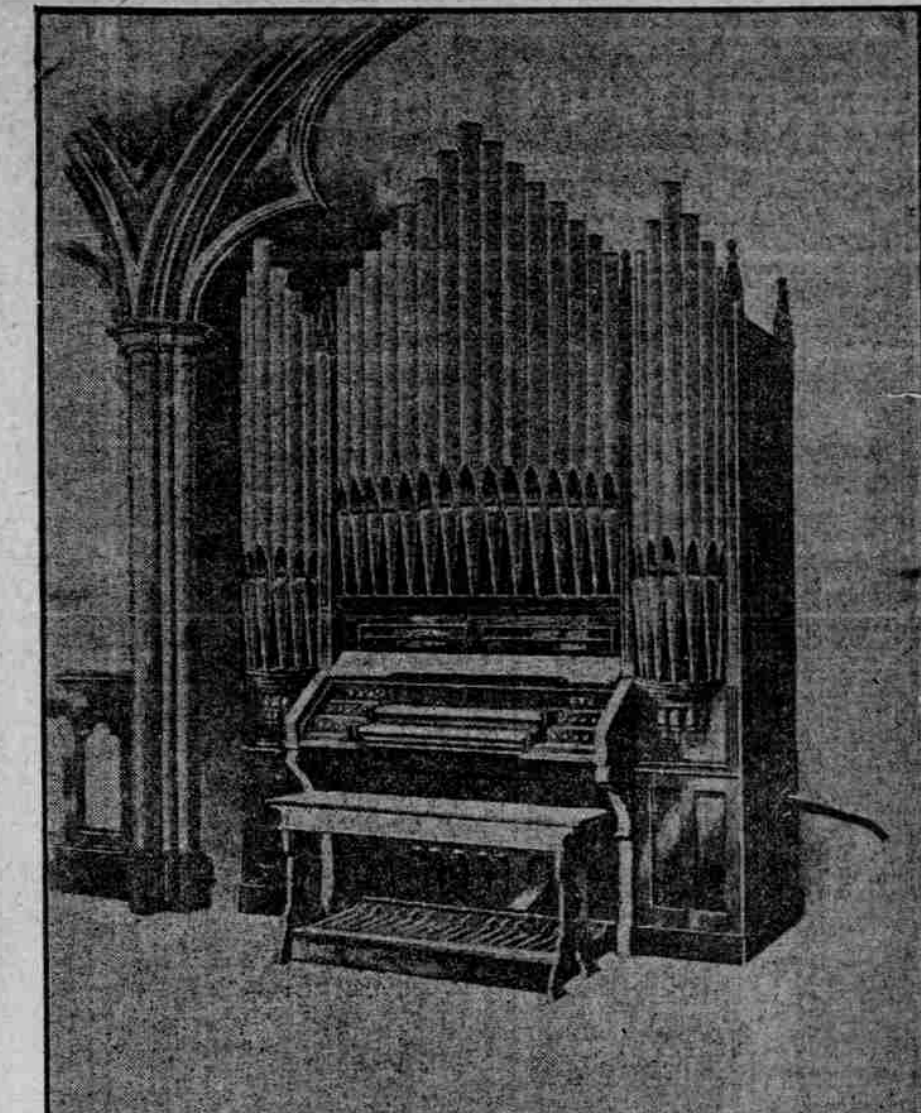
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Splendid Vocalion Installed by St. Joseph's Church of Portland.

The new Vocalion installed by St. Joseph's Church of Portland, and heard for the first time Christmas day, possesses rare beauty of tone, exquisitely pure, and striking beauty of design. It is a richly finished instrument with illuminated pipe-front, and with a case of solid quartered oak.

TROOPS CURB MUNCIE MOB

STREETCAR RIOTS STOP WHEN GUNS ARE SHOWN.

GOVERNOR DECLARES MARTIAL LAW

Anarchy Ceases—Military Guard Is on the Streets.

TONG WAR COMES TO END

Lasts Seven Years and Costs Lives of More Than 50.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 4.—With a proclamation from Governor Hanly declaring martial law and 60 state troops camped in the very heart of the city, the citizens of Muncie tonight are quiet and peaceable.

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