# FASHION'S DECREE ON SPRING STYLES

## Cloak and Suit Manufacturers Vote for Hipless and Vertical Effects.

## SKIRTS SMALL AT BOTTOM

**Convention Adopts Styles for Women—Coats to Have Narrow Sleeves—Skirts Will Be High-Waisted.**

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 12.—The official edict has been issued and now the husband may picture how his wife will appear in the coming new Spring toggery. The ukase went forth today from the semi-annual convention of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers. The main feature about the new styles for women appears to be the vertical effect given the wearers. The suits will come in one, two and three pieces, all hipless, and one of the strongest features in the change will be the reduced size at the bottom of both separate and suit skirts.

**Official Decree on Styles.**

The official decree on styles is as follows:

Two-piece tailored suits—Hipless and half-fitted jackets, cutaway and straight fronts 34 to 42 inches long and 30 to 36 inches long for misses. Long narrow coat sleeves.

Skirts—To be gored and of diminished fullness, with a tendency to high-waisted effects.

Three-piece suits—without sleeves, with net or lace yokes, or made to be worn over waists with hipless jackets, cutaway fronts predominating. Long, smaller sleeves.

**How to Build Tailored Dresses.**

Tailored dress—One-piece complete dresses in both Princess and raised from the waists. Guimpe dresses, more particularly for misses and juniors.

Separate coats—Hipless, and semi-fitted cloth jackets with some tendency toward cutaway effects, 32 to 42 inches long for ladies, and 30 to 36 inches long for misses.

Coat-sleeved, tailoring or touring coats—Half-fitted Empire or hipless effects, 52 to 54 inches long.

Silk and satin coats—All lengths.

Separate skirts, similar to suit skirts, but show more trimming, mainly in vertical effects.

# FIGHTS FOR HER PICTURE

**Woman Objects to Having Much-Owned Representation Taken.**

Possession of a picture representing a scene in an English court caused a quarrel which might have terminated seriously yesterday when Constable Wagner and Deputy Kiernan sought to remove it from a rooming-house at Third and Burnside streets. A woman, who refused to state whether or not she conducted the place, armed herself with a revolver and threatened to shoot any one who attempted to removed the picture.

The rooming-house is conducted by G. Dunn, who claimed ownership of the picture. It was also claimed by the proprietor of Erickson's saloon, who sought the aid of the Justice Court and Constable to recover it.

Dunn was absent when the officers called yesterday, but the woman, who seemed to be in charge, secured a revolver and held them at bay. She lay the weapon down for a few moments, however, and the officers seized it. They then carried the picture away, the woman standing by and swearing vengeance.

# TWO ESTATES AT ONCE

**That of Murderer and Slain Both Probated in One Petition.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Petitions for the appointment of administrators in the estate of Herman Swingle and A. B. J. Lowell were filed at the same time today with the County Clerk, and the same check paid the filing fees in each case, the entire transaction for both estates being conducted by the same law firm, Back & McMaster. The incident is curious, in view of the fact that Swingle murdered Lowell at Amboy, in this county, on Thanksgiving Day.

The single petition asked that B. A. Curtice be appointed administrator of the estate of Lowell, and the other that William Healy be appointed administrator of Swingle's estate.

Lowell's estate is valued at $5300, and Swingle's amounts to $40 in cash, $155.55 in deposit certificates and the revolver with which he shot Lowell.

# MURPHY CASE WITH JURY

**Langdon Accuses Lawyer of Perjury to Escape Penitentiary.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The jury which is trying Frank J. Murphy for attempting to bribe a prospective juror in the Ruef case retired at noon and had not agreed up to midnight.

The closing argument for the prosecution was made by District Attorney Langdon, who said:

"Arthur Blake, already convicted of the same crime," said the District Attorney, "perjured himself in his testimony in attempting to escape the meshes of the law, for the same reason that Frank J. Murphy came on the stand the other day and perjured himself in one great, despairing effort to keep out of the state penitentiary."

# RUEF GETS ANOTHER WEEK

**Convicted Briber to Be Sentenced Next Saturday.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Abraham Ruef, convicted last Thursday of offering a bribe, was today granted a delay of one week before receiving sentence. The continuance of the case until next Saturday, December 19, was with the assent of the District Attorney's office, represented by Assistant John O'Gara. Thomas H. Dozier, of the defense, based his motion for a week's respite on the ground that sufficient time had not been given the defense to prepare the motions and arguments in arrest of judgment and for a new trial. The inability of Henry Ach, Ruef's chief counsel, to appear in court was assigned as a further reason.

While it was generally known that judgment would not be pronounced today, there was the usual crowd in attendance at the session, and there was no diminution of the police guard. Ruef was brought from the county jail in the prison van and was hurried to a seat between Attorney Dozier and A. Altmann, his brother-in-law. Mr. Dozier made the motion for a continuance immediately after the proceedings were inaugurated, but Judge Lawlor declined to permit the entry to be recorded, and ordered Ruef to stand up for arraignment.

With his hands in his pockets and with his gaze directed alternately toward the Judge and the crowd behind his seat, Ruef remained on his feet almost a quarter of an hour, during which time Judge Lawlor read into the record the legal history of every one of the 106 days consumed in the trial, concluding with a repetition of the jury's verdict. Mr. Dozier was then permitted to interpose his reasons for delay and the order for a continuance was officially made. A similar order was made in two other cases against Ruef before the brief session adjourned.

Ruef, whose conviction has made little change in his outward appearance, chatted freely with friends and newspaper men before he left the courtroom. He spoke with bitter sarcasm of some of the articles published in local newspapers since his conviction and charged that the visit of Prosecutor Francis J. Heney to the courtroom a few minutes before he was adjudged guilty "was arranged for dramatic effect." In this connection he said:

"I was advised by a friend that there was a wagon, bearing notice of a meeting of the League of Justice for that night, traversing the streets while the jury was deliberating. The visit of the late prosecutor to the courtroom was arranged for the dramatic effect it was intended to have. The jurymen upstairs heard the cheers and cries in the street and courtroom and, fearing that they would be hanged if they did not convict, some of them changed their votes."

Ruef expressed a belief that he would be admitted to bail after judgment had been pronounced and cited numerous instances where courts had granted this privilege to defendants. He declined to state the exact grounds upon which motions for a new trial would be granted, and contradicted a report that Henry Ach intended to withdraw from his defense.

"Ach won't withdraw until he drops dead," said Ruef, confidently. "Of course, if his health won't permit, he cannot appear. I know personally that he has lost thousands of dollars in fees since he assumed charge of my case early this year."

# AWAITS PORTLAND'S VOICE

**FULTON WILL LET IT GUIDE HIM ON POSTMASTER.**

**If Concerted Protest Comes He Will Fight Young, Otherwise Let Senate Decide Case.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—There will be no action of any sort on the nomination of John C. Young as Postmaster at Portland until Congress reconvenes in January, after the holiday recess. By that time Senator Fulton says he expects to have a comprehensive idea of the wish of the people of Portland.

If they, in some concerted way, make it plain that Mr. Young's appointment is obnoxious, he will enter a protest against a favorable report on the nomination, but if the people show no particular interest and only a few individual protests are received, he will submit the facts to the committee and allow that body and the Senate to exercise their own judgment.

**REMINDS ELKINS OF PLEDGE**

**Fulton Revives Rate Law Amendment.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Fulton has served notice on Chairman Elkins, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, that he looks to him to fulfill the pledge given in open Senate last Spring that he would report favorably from his committee Mr. Fulton's bill, amending the interstate commerce law so as to prohibit any advance in interstate railroad rates until the Commission shall have held such advance to be reasonable.

Mr Elkins is inclined to squirm, but Mr. Fulton says Mr. Elkins' pledge is noted in the Congressional Record and, if there is any dodging, it will be incumbent upon him publicly to remind the chairman of his promise. That promise merely guaranteed a report before the Christmas adjournment, and it looks now as though the bill, if reported, will come out of committee the last day before recess. There are also strong indications that it will be debated at length, and there is a disposition among the "railroad Senators" to filibuster it to defeat.

**CALL FOR ESTIMATE ON LOCKS**

**Fulton Will Try to Get Matter Before House.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec 12.—Senator Fulton will endeavor before the holiday recess to secure the adoption in the House of his resolution calling on the War Department for an estimate of the expenditure necessary to acquire and repair the Willamette locks at Oregon City. Anticipating the resolution, the War Department has prepared estimates showing that about $800,000 will be required.

As the State of Oregon has appropriated $300,000, it will be for Congress to appropriate but $500,000 additional. The engineers have their report and estimates ready to submit to Congress whenever called for, and, if this report can be secured before the river and harbor bill is framed, it will aid materially in securing favorable legislation.

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# HEROIC EFFORTS TO SAVE YANKEE

## Warm Praise to Engineer Wotherspoon and Diver Micnot, of Cruiser.

## RISKED LIVES TO SAVE SHIP

**Commander Marsh Tells of Desperate Efforts to Close Airport, Through Which Water Poured Into Ship.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Warm praise for heroic work on the part of Engineer Wotherspoon and a French-Canadian diver named Micnot aboard the cruiser Yankee, while an effort was being made to tow the vessel to New Bedford after she had been cleared of Spindle Rock, is given in a report to the Navy Department by Captain Charles C. Marsh, of the vessel. Captain Marsh, after reciting that the airport was found open, says:

**Strives to Stop Leak.**

"Some time in the early morning, perhaps about 1 o'clock, word came up that the air compressors had stopped; also the news came of the open airport. The latter information was given to the engineer. He went below, and then sent for a diver. The behavior of these two men cannot go by unnoticed. The open airport was in the stateroom on the berth deck, starboard side, next to the air compressors. Mr. Wotherspoon went into this stateroom and shut the door. He then tried to close the airport, got one dog partly in place and then hung up his lantern so as to use both hands.

**Trapped in Darkness.**

The light was blown out and he was left in total darkness. The pressure against the port was too great for him and he found himself in water up to his neck in this closed room. Fortunately the pressure eventually carried away the door and he was thrown out onto the berth deck.

"In the meantime a French-Canadan diver named Micnot put on his diving suit and in darkness went down into the sinking ship to lend his hand at closing the airport. The diving pump was tended by Mr. Wotherspoon and one of the company whose name at this time I do not remember.

**No Greater Devotion.**

"For devotion to their work and for courage I know nothing better than these actions. Again word was brought to me that not only were the air compressors stopped, but that water through the airport had gone into the fireroom, extinguishing the fires in our boiler-room, and hence all pumps were stopped."

The ship later sank. She now rests upright in 45 feet of water.

# FIND YOUNG WOMAN'S BODY

**LOCKED ROOM HIDES GREWSOME MURDER SECRET.**

**New York Police Baffled at Tragedy in Apartment House—Head Almost Severed From Body.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—With only the bloody finger prints of the murderer to assist them, the police today are scouring the city for some trace of the man who committed what now appears to be one of the most baffling crimes in the city's criminal history.

His victim, the young woman whose body was found last night in a padlocked and barricaded apartment at 337 East Eleventh street, has not yet been identified, and a thorough search of the rooms have revealed nothing which will aid the police in their task. Every distinguishing mark had been removed from the woman's clothing, and pictures had been cut from their frames and burned, together with several pieces of paper which may have borne addresses. On every hand there was to be found evidence of the crafty care used by the murderer to baffle pursuit.

The discovery of the crime came about through the anxiety of the janitress of the house to collect rent for the apartment, nearly two weeks overdue. The man and the woman who occupied the rooms for more than two months, had paid promptly up to the first of the present month, but since that time the apartment had been closed, the door locked with a padlock on the outside, and neither the woman nor the man had been seen. When entrance had been forced, the woman's body, with the head almost severed, was lying on the blood-soaked bed.

Under the woman's body lay a razor, its edge hacked and broken. The condition of the body indicated that the woman had been dead less than two weeks. On the door knob and on the sheets were the finger prints of the murderer.

The murdered woman had told her landlady that she had come from Santa Clara, Cal. The man who had shared the flat with her gave the name of Botello, said his companion's name was Flora and that he came from California.

**NOT KNOWN IN SANTA CLARA**

**Search Fails to Learn Identity of Murdered Woman.**

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Dec. 12.—Inquiry here tonight failed to develop any clew to identity of the young woman who was murdered in an apartment-house in New York and who had told the landlady several weeks before her body was discovered that her name was "Flora" and that she had lived in this city. None could be found who knew the man "Botello," who had rented the apartment with the woman and who said that he also was from California.

# GOLD STRUGGLE IS REAL

**During Melodrama Performance on Stage, Act Goes on Behind Scenes.**

There was a struggle for gold last night at the Star Theater, where "A Struggle for Gold" is being presented by Roy Carlysle and his company. The "Struggle for Gold" on the stage was mimic, of course, for it was a play; but the struggle for gold that was enacted behind the scenes, where the audience couldn't see, was sordidly real and had little of the elements of art.

The characters in the mummer's "Struggle for Gold' are all printed on the programme, but the characters who participated in the real thing were Constable Lou Wagner, Clara De Mar, an actress; Manager Carlysle and those other members of the company who could get away from the stage for a few moments.

The cause of the trouble and coin scramble was a suit filed in the Justice Court yesterday by Miss De Mar, a character actress, against Roy Carlysle, manager of the company, to recover $47.70 alleged to be due in salary. Constable Wagner served the attachment papers last night during the progress of the performance and caused a panic.

The actors and actresses gathered about him in the dressing-rooms, denouncing the woman who had brought the suit and caused the attachment proceedings. The audience, of course, didn't know what was going on behind the scenes, and for a time there were threats of an abrupt end to the performance. However, the matter was finally adjusted and the play proceeded.

# PROSPERITY AND PIANOS

A most significant indication, not only of Portland's prosperity, but also of the high appreciation on the part of Portland's music lovers for the very choicest and best pianos is the record at Eilers Piano House last evening after supper.

Between the hours of 6 and 10:30 P. M. last night, in addition to numerous less expensive kinds, no less than seven of the costliest pianos were sold by Eilers Piano House, not one of which cost less than $750.

Two magnificent Chickering Baby Grands; two $1060 and $1100 Weber Pianola Pianos; one mahogany Wheelock Pianola Piano; a superb mahogany Weber art upright; a very elaborate carved Kimball exhibition piano, and the magnificent exhibition style Story & Clark Piano in the show-window were taken. It is doubtful if ever such a record was made in any city in the United States, not excepting New York, Boston or Philadelphia.

**DRESSMAKERS' TRIMMINGS**

A few choice laces and allovers—left us by Mr. Max—are being offered at importer's cost. Drake & Swan Co., 415 Washington st.

**Von Plank May Recover.**

A telegram was received Friday afternoon from Mrs. M. Von Plank, at Bakersfield, advising that she had just arrived there and had found her son in better condition than she had expected, and that he now has a good chance of recovering. Mrs. Von Plank left Portland for California the morning after the news of the shooting reached here.

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**WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SUITS $15, $19.50, $25**

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**MISSES' LONG COATS**

Our misses' Long Coats demand your attention. Stylish coats for young ladies, in cheviots, broadcloth, worsteds, etc., of many of the best colors, fitted and semi-fitted styles, collars and cuffs of same cloth or velvet, with or without trimmings. At **$4.90, $7.50, $8.50, $12.50.**

**RUBBERIZED SILK TAFFETA COATS $12.50**

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AT **12½¢**—A fine assortmentof imported Swiss Handkerchiefs, elaborately embroidered designs. These are new and pretty. Regular 35c value, specially priced for this sale, tomorrow.....**12½¢**

AT **19¢**—A showing of dainty Handkerchiefs, made of excellent quality material and handsomely embroidered in pretty designs. An enormous assortment ready now, at the extremely low price...**19¢**

**LOT 5—GREAT VALUES! FANCY BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS.**

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