

WIFE'S TRUE TO ALLEGED SWINDLER

Young Helpmeet of J. E. Hamlin Prostrated by Shock of Husband's Arrest.

WAILS OUT HER SORROW

Maintains Officers Have Wrong Man and Sobbingly Declares She Will Never Be Parted—Record in Oregon an Exciting One.

"He's innocent of any crime! He didn't do it—he couldn't do it! They never can part us. I'll stand by him to the end! Jack is the only man I ever loved and I love him more now than ever!"

This was sobbed out by the pretty 19-year-old bride of J. E. Hamlin, arrested as an ex-convict bank thief and swindler, in their cosy little home at 436 Marguerite street last night. It was here the alleged criminal was captured by Henry E. von Groenewald, superintendent of the local branch of the Pinkerton detective agency and Archie Leonard, Deputy Sheriff, early yesterday morning.

"Those cruel men came and took Jack from me," she said. "They had a right to. He is an honorable man and always was. He never stole anything, as they say he did—now they take him from me and put him in prison."

Broken in health and in a weakened condition from the ravages of a fever which she has suffered recently, she gave away to her anxious, presently she composed herself and told in a reluctant manner of her first acquaintance and knowledge of her husband's past.

Wife Believes Him Innocent.

In the remarks that followed, the little woman emphatically declared she was positive in her conviction that her husband is innocent of any crime. She made no effort to keep back any knowledge she possessed relative to Hamlin's past. "He always told me he was a blacksmith and a machinist," said the troubled little wife, "and often said he could return to his home in the immediate vicinity of Hamlin's home here in Portland. He did not work since we came to Portland to live."

When closely questioned as to her first acquaintance and subsequent marriage to the alleged ex-convict, she again broke down.

"I love him and I married him. Few knew about our marriage until it was all over. He has a number of relatives here in Portland and they objected to our marriage. They said he was foolish in marrying me on little to do with him since. His brother, Charles, lives in Gresham, but I have never met him."

"The only comfort of the wife was in her hour of the night, she said, sister, Mrs. W. A. Turner, of Baker City, who has been visiting with her for several weeks. It is apparent from the assertions made by the wife that she is in the immediate vicinity of Hamlin's home that the couple had little to do with them."

Neighbors Say Couple Attached.

"The couple moved into the home they now occupy last May," said one of the neighbors. "They purchased the contents of the home, furniture and all, from a family that occupied the place a few months before and moved away. We saw very little of them, except when they were together. They spent a great deal of time riding in a new automobile they purchased a month ago."

It is apparent from the information gleaned from people in the vicinity of Hamlin's home that he was greatly devoted to his girl-wife and spent considerable of his time with her. When arrested by the officers yesterday he was busy engaged in the erection of a garage for his automobile. He formerly owned another automobile, which was consumed by a fire of mysterious origin which destroyed the garage on the same spot the new one was being erected. The fire occurred three months ago and the contents were said to have been insured.

Mrs. Hamlin, when asked about the attachment made by Deputy Sheriff Leonard upon the new automobile yesterday at the indication of a bank at Winlock, Wash., said: "They had no right to take that machine away from me along with my husband. It's my machine—Jack gave it to me," she declared in an emphatic manner. She refused to state under what circumstances the car came into her possession, but maintained that legally the automobile was owned by her husband.

Furniture Not Owned.

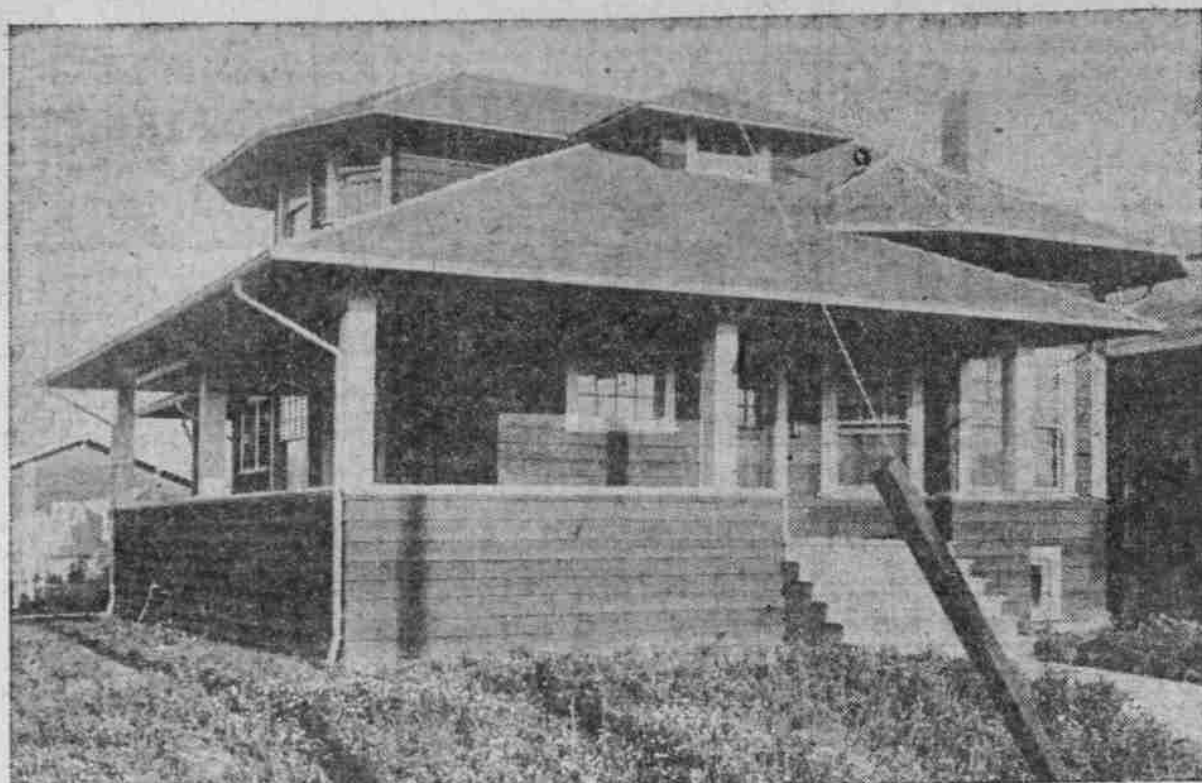
"I don't care what they do with the furniture and everything here in the house," she said. "They can attach that if they want to; it doesn't belong to us. We never paid for it, and won't now. If they are going to take everything away, I never knew Jack and any property. He never told me he owned any. We always had money and I never asked him for anything that he would not give me. I desired to own a car, and when told it was rumored her husband was the possessor of considerable realty in Nampa, Idaho, Baker City and Pendleton, Or., and Elsie, Cal., as well as several valuable lots in Sunny-side, and a 4000-acre residence in this city, Mrs. Hamlin stated in astonishment:

"Now I know they have the wrong man," she declared in a joyous vein. "I know Jack would not deceive me; he would tell me all about it if he owned anything. Now I know they have the wrong man."

When pressed for information concerning her future plans should the authorities prove the guilt of her husband and a sentence to the penitentiary follow, she said: "They can put him in prison forever, but they shall never part Jack and me. I'll go to them on their little farm near Grass Valley and there I'll live and wait until Jack comes to me."

The crimes with which the husband of the faithful girl-wife is charged are voluminous, according to the authorities, and cover a span of years during which he has served two terms in the penitentiary. Under the aliases of Jack

HOME OF NOTORIOUS BANK SWINDLER, HIS PORTRAIT AND THAT OF HIS WIFE.



HAMLIN'S RESIDENCE, 436 MARGUERITE AVENUE.

Hamlin, J. F. Hunt, J. E. Coy and C. G. Parker, he is said to have operated extensively in the Northwest. For a forgery committed in Eugene, he was committed in 1899 and released April 16, 1901. On August 21, 1902, he was sent up from Forest Grove, Or., for six years for a similar offense.

HAMLIN HAS EXCITING RECORD

Alleged Swindler Operated in Washington County, but Finally Caught.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special)—J. E. Hamlin, alias J. H. Burke, who operated in this vicinity several years ago, has a criminal record of many years' standing. During his career he has operated in California as well as Oregon and Washington, and on one occasion, by some miscarriage of justice, he evaded extradition to California on his discharge from the Oregon Penitentiary.

Hamlin's first introduction to the authorities of this county was in 1903. On the morning of August 27 of that year Hamlin tried to cash a forged note on the cashier of the E. W. Haines Bank at Forest Grove. The day before the attempt Hamlin, who gave his name as Burke, went to the bank and asked Cashier Frank T. Kane if his note, with the late Walter Bernard as surety, would be good for \$300. The cashier informed him that it would be good for any reasonable amount and Hamlin departed, with the information that he was a farmer residing near Thatcher, a little town in this county, and added that Bernard was his friend. He also stated that he would return next day for the money.

He left the bank and but for the fact that Cashier Kane happened to drive by the Bernard place that night and stopped, the confidence man would probably have been paid the money. At it was Kane mentioned the matter to Bernard and the old man denied all knowledge or willingness to act as surety for any one. On his return to Forest Grove, Kane informed President Haines of the occurrence, and preparations were made to capture the forger.

The next morning Hamlin presented himself at the bank and tendered his forged note, bearing an excellent imitation of Bernard's signature. The cashier engaged him in conversation long enough to permit President Haines to slip out to the front of the bank, and both he and Kane drew revolvers, covering Hamlin simultaneously. He surrendered quietly and was taken to the jail without trouble.

Hamlin had procured a copy of Bernard's signature by visiting the Bernard place and palming himself off as the representative of an Eastern implement concern that desired to send the farmer some valuable reading matter pertaining to various farming methods. Bernard complied with his request to write his name and address in a little book he presented.

At this time Hamlin was also wanted at Lebanon for forging the name of Ed. Myer to a note for \$200. He followed practically the same tactics at Lebanon that he did at Forest Grove. Going to Banker Scroggin at that place he told him he was a friend of Myer and that he needed ready cash to purchase a team of horses, and that Myer had agreed to give him a surety. He succeeded in getting the money and making his escape. He is also said to have victimized a baker at Medford, and at the time of his operations in this vicinity he was wanted in San Francisco for a crooked deal for which a reward of \$100 was offered for his arrest by Baker & Hamilton, a San Francisco firm.

In default of \$2500, Hamlin was placed in the Hillsboro jail. Deputy District Attorney Tongue, now District Attorney, having asked his commitment. He was a model prisoner while awaiting trial, and nothing happened until September 5. On that night, in company with John T. McNamara, another prisoner, Hamlin broke jail by cutting a hole through the brick wall and escaping in safety.

Dan J. Trombley, who occupied a cell in the jail at the time, and who was later armed and feathered, was a witness to the dual escape, but refused to give the alarm because, as he later stated, the two fugitives had threatened to kill him if he made any outcry. Hamlin went to the Dalles from here, passing through Troutdale, where his wife lived at the time. Later he was captured by Sheriff Totten of Skamania County, Wash., while on his way to Stevenson. He managed to dodge into the brush along a country road and again fled, but the following day he was captured by a Deputy Sheriff while on his way to the lower Cascades.

Again he succeeded in making his escape, but for the act of the subservient prisoner until he came to a convenient spot, when he suddenly rushed the officer and fled. He was taken to Hillsboro, and again on October 25 he attempted a third jail break, but this was frustrated. A short time before he was visited by his wife, and when searched after the attempt, \$200 in currency was found on his person, as well as some skeleton keys.

Shortly after this, Hamlin, or Burke, was arraigned before Judge McBride, and in conviction was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. After serving one year he asked for a pardon, in which he was not successful, though he was



Jack Hamlin.



Mrs. Jack Hamlin.

Local Man of Medals Becomes Famous

Harry Lavery, Steward of Portland Elks' Club, Has Unique and Valuable Remembrance of Los Angeles Convention.

HARRY LAVERY, steward of the Elks' Club in Portland, was a figure that attracted attention and interest at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Elks held at Los Angeles. Most of the delegates to the convention came adorned with a badge, or medal of some sort. This was the chance for the famous local "BILL." When he was not busy extolling the merits of Portland as a meeting place for the convention in 1902, he was busy, separating 25 pieces and players will be chosen with great care in order to get only the best musicians. After playing at Pendleton, the band will probably go to the Walla Walla and The Dalles fairs. Mr. McElroy is a native Oregonian, the son of the late E. B. McElroy, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Over 150 medals, representing every section of the country from which the antlered herds gathered, has a place on the sash of the man of the famous and popular local steward. Although he toiled assiduously in getting his collec-



Harry Lavery, Steward of Local Elks' Club, in His Coat of Many Medals.

tion at Los Angeles, Mr. Lavery has donated the results of his efforts to the local clubroom, where they occupy an honored place amid the luxurious furnishings of the home of the Portland lodge. The value of the collection is conservatively estimated at over \$100.

BAND LEADER IS CHOSEN

W. E. McElroy to Furnish Music for Various Fairs of State.

W. E. McElroy, of this city, has again been selected to lead the band this year at the State Fair to be held September 13-18 at Salem. Mr. McElroy has held this position for several years. He will also lead the band at the Portland Fair and Livestock Exposition September 26-28, and at its conclusion will go to Pendleton to lead the band

at the Third District Fair of Eastern Oregon, to be held at Pendleton September 27 to October 2.

Mr. McElroy has had several years' experience as a band leader and is thoroughly competent to handle such an organization. He was formerly a member of the United States Band and Second Regiment Band of Chicago, and also appeared with the Rosenbecker Orchestra of that city.

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PINCHOT TO SPEAK HERE

Chief Forester Will Lecture August 30 at First Unitarian Church.

Under the auspices of the Oregon Conservation Association, Gifford Pinchot, chief of the National Forest Service, will address the Portland public at the First Unitarian Church Monday night, August 30. The subject of Mr. Pinchot's address will be "Conservation and the Plain People."

A. B. Wastell, secretary of the Conservation Association, said yesterday that the complete Metroville Piano in a prophetic visit of Mr. Pinchot it was assumed that his address would be listened to by a large audience. Mr. Pinchot will be introduced by F. W. Mulkey, president of the Conservation Association, and it is proposed that a general discussion, including the asking of questions touching on the subject of conservation, shall follow the principal address of the occasion.

RAILROADS NOT SUFFICIENT

Congressman Moore Contends for River and Harbor Improvement.

In an address at the Portland Commercial Club yesterday, J. Hampton Moore, Congressman from Pennsylvania, contended that from the fact that the railroads in the United States are inadequate to accommodate the commerce of the country the demand for the improvement of rivers and harbors was imperative. Permanent improvement all

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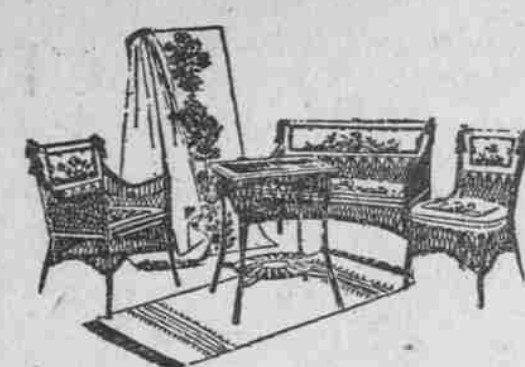
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Our stocks of the well-known Bigelow Axminster and Wilton Velvet Carpets are now complete and are unequalled in extent and variety of pattern and beauty of color. Many of the new patterns are of double width. The designs are exclusive.

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FIFTH AND STARK

"BEESWAX," SAYS CHEMIST

Material Found on Nehalem Beach Not Mineral Substance.

According to an analysis made by a New York chemist, the substance found at the mouth of the Nehalem River is not the residue of hydrocarbon oil, as it was recently declared to be. In the communication received by S. G. Reed, the chemist in question advises that

Crowds Increase at Columbia Beach.

COLUMBIA BEACH, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special)—During the past week the crowd of people at the beach has been materially augmented by fresh arrivals at cottage, tent and hotel. From the strand to Idylwild Park life and action is seen. There is something doing every moment.

Oregonian Turkish Baths moved to the Drexel, 2d and Yamhill.

TALKS ON TEETH

The Rex Dental Co.

THE TREND OF THE TEETH

To successfully circumvent anything you must move a little quicker than it moves. The trend of the teeth is toward dissolution; and it is a very rapid process. Once it gets a good start it has force, unless you invoke the aid of dentistry that is vastly more skillful than the trend is active.

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Let us suppose that your teeth are, many of them, missing. You have lost them. You have been advised to have them extracted and have been told that there is nothing for you but a plate of teeth—about the most abominable thing you can put in your mouth. Unhappily, for that matter, if one could see oneself as others see them, the doctor's method the Alveolar Process. It is a full supply of perfectly natural teeth, firm, sturdy, lifelike, serviceable, good as they ever were for all practical purposes. No whole plate, no partial plate, no vestige of a plate at all!

Now this is the biggest stride that has ever been made in dentistry. On the face of it, it looks incredible. Lots of practicing dentists will tell you it is IMPOSSIBLE! But, really, as a matter of fact, it is so possible, so practical, so credible, so absolutely certain and proven that when Dr. Rex demonstrated his Alveolar Process before the dental faculty they said "yes," because they saw it. The doctor calls his method the Alveolar Process. It is a full supply of perfectly natural teeth, firm, sturdy, lifelike, serviceable, good as they ever were for all practical purposes. No whole plate, no partial plate, no vestige of a plate at all!

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If you are teeth worried over so little call on the Rex Dental Company. We invite you to call for consultation and examination, for which there is no charge. We have published a book entitled Alveolar Dentistry. It is worth reading by anybody; but to one who is in need of teeth it is invaluable. Bear in mind please that the best in dentistry is the cheapest and most satisfactory.

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Initial Shipments Will Arrive Within the Next Forty Days.

Much has been written in American Music Trade Journals about an alleged consolidation of the Weber Piano and the Planola makers and another of New York's great pianos, the Steinway. A great deal proved to be conjecture and guesswork. Nevertheless there was foundation to many of the rumors. Eilers Piano House is in a position today to announce the birth of the Steinway-Planola. Samples of these instruments will be on display at Eilers Piano House within a very few weeks.

The Weber was the first of the great American pianos to consolidate with the makers of the Planola and to embody the Planola and Metroville and Theodist features within its piano, thus constituting the new world famous Weber-Planola piano.

The success of the Weber has been positively phenomenal. Instantly it was accorded recognition in the highest musical and social circles. It has been said that the Weber Piano factory was the only one of America's highest grade piano factories that did not experience any decline in orders and output during the many months of the financial depression from which the country now is so splendidly emerging.

The Planola Piano is a combination of an upright piano of the highest grade and the complete Metroville Planola in a single instrument. It costs no more than the two instruments in separate form. The Planola Piano is always available for hand playing without being limited to the piano. It is like any piano in that when manual dexterity can go no farther, or when the fingers tire or more especially when there is no one in the home who can play at all—it is only necessary to slide back a panel for the Planola to perform the music rolls, and step immediately into the field of all the music in the world.

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