BEAL ESTATE MAN ALLEGED SWINDLER

L. C. Houtchens, Formerly of Portland, Placed Under Arrest at Walla Walla.

WIDOW DUPED, SHE SAYS

Asserting That She Was Victim of Swindle After Wedding, Mrs. Caroline Bruce Seeks Recovery of Property or Value \$3500.

Accused of swindling a widow of all her property, valued at \$300, and then marrying her with the implied purpose of invalidating her testimony as a witness against him, L. C. Houtchens, formerly a real estate agent in this city, was arrested yesterday at Walla Walla, Wash, upon telegraphic advices from Constable Lou Wagner. An officer left last night to bring him back to this city.

The transaction for which Houtchens is accused, is alleged to have occurred over five years ago. In the course of some real estate negotiations, Houtchens became acquainted with Caroline Bruce, a German woman, 60, at that time. Bruce, a German woman, 60, at that time. He learned that her husband, who had been dead for two years, had left Mrs. Bruce a little property, consisting of some land in Montana and about \$2500 in securities. It is alleged that Houtchens wormed his way into the woman's confidence and led her to trust him with the management of her business. He is said to have represented to her that he could find a sale for her Montana property, and eventually did sell it under authority from her.

Misrepresentation Is Charged.

After he had sold the property, Mrs. Bruce says, Houtchens still represented to her that the deed had not been delivered and the money paid over, whereas he had \$1000 for the land then in his

A little later Houtchens reported to A little later Houtchens reported to Mrs. Bruce that Joseph Kellogg wished to borrow \$2500, and that he would pay better interest than her securities were drawing. Influenced by his representations, Mrs. Houtchens secured \$2500, which, it is alleged, she turned over to Houtchens, to lend to Kellogg. She says that he never did so, but converted the money to his own use, at the same time telling her that the loan had been made and that she would get her interest money in due time.

These transactions occurred in April, 1903. Later Mrs. Bruce began to press

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Houtchens for some accounting, and in
June of the same year he induced her
to go with him to Albany, and there
married her. She was about 60 years old
at the time and he was 35.

Widow Alleges She Is Duped.

Immediately after the marriage, Houtchens disappeared and the widow realized that she had been duped. Since then five years have elapsed, during which she has besieged attorneys for some recourse against her fugitive spouse, but without results.

Prosecution was withheld, in the hope that some civil settlement might be obtained whereby the woman could recover some part oy her property. Frequent efforts have been made to get Houtchens back to Portland, but without effect. At last, despairing of success in recovering her property, Mrs. Bruce laid her case before the District Attorney's office and a warant was issued. Houtchens was known to be in Dayton, Wash, and a telegraphic warrant was sent to that place. It was learned that he left a day or two before the warrant arrived and went to Walla Walla. The Chief of Police there was notified and succeeded in picking up the man yesterday.

A strange feature of the affair is that a strange feature of the affair is th

The statute of limitations does not run in favor of Houtchens, because he has been out of the state ever since the commission of the alleged crime.

POSTOFFICE TO BE ALTERED

Bids for Improvements and Repairs to Be Called For Next Week.

Plans and specifications for the improvement of the Postoffice building were received yesterday, and bids will be called for next week. The contemplated changes include the construction of a registry room in the southwest corner of the basement, the installation of an hydraulic elevator, suspending galleries in the malling room, remodeling the plumbing throughout the lavatories, and placing an iron comice over the stone cornice Plans and specifications for the iman iron cornice over the stone cornice which now surrounds the building. The latter has been crumbling for the past few months, small sections having fallen to the ground and endangered the

lives of persons on the sidewalks.

One contract will be let covering the entire list of repairs, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check covering two per cent of the total amount bid. Ninety per cent of the cost will be paid when the work is completed, the remainder when finally accented.

BIG GUN PRACTICE ENDS

Corporal Donaldson, Gunner, Makes

Fine Record at Fort Stevens.

FORT STEVENS, Or., July 16,-Tar-get practice is completed, the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth companies doing record firing at the last practice yesterday.

Both companies fired from three-inch rapid-fire rifles. The Thirty-third Company scored six hits in 16 shots The Thirty-fourth Company smashed a record, 16 shots tearing through the canvas target as it was towed rapidly

Corporal Donaldson, the gunner wha ing his second enlistment in the Thirty-fourth Company. He is a veteran of the Spanish War and has a good war record, both for bravery and high ef-ficiency.

IRON HURLED AT TEAMSTER

Unknown Assailant Seriously Injures Harry Lanaker.

While Harry Lanaker, a teamster, home. Spring Valley Wine Co. .. was unloading metal lath at the Wickersham Apartments, Eighteenth Harris Trunk Co. for trunks and bags.

and Flanders streets, yesterday afternoon, some unknown person threw a block of wood at him and followed it with a piece of iron, which hit Lanaker on the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound. No trace of the assailant was

found.

That Lanaker was not killed by the heavy piece of iron is ascribed to the fact that intervening trees broke the force of its momentum. The injured man was picked up by Patrolman Becker, who took him to the police station. Dr. Riggs dressed the wound and the injured man was discharged.

The tables were turned when a non-union watchman at the stables of the Portland Delivery Company, Third and East Pine streets, isld open the scalp of Adolph C. Braun, a union picket, with a piece of brick. The watchman, who is an old man, has allowed the presence of the pickets to annoy him, and when Braun attempted to enter the stable yesterday he was met by a piece of brick, which inflicted an ugly cut. of brick, which inflicted an ugly cut.
Captain Baty and Officer Leisy went
to the place with the police automobile
and took Braun to the station, where
his wound was dressed. He said that did not wish to prosecute his as

YOUNG WIFE RUNS AWAY

HUSBAND ASKS POLICE TO AID IN CLEARING HIM.

Woman's Father Hints at Charges Against Wheatley If She Does Not Reappear Soon.

Having lost his young wife and being accused by her father of having made away with her, W. L. Wheatley, a laborer, living at 2931/2 Weidler street, laid the case before the city police yesterday and asked that an investigation be made. The woman disappeared from this city



rs. Iva Wheatley, Who Left Her Husband June 5 and Is Now Being Sought by Police.

on June 5 and nothing has been heard from her since. Wheatley, when he falled to hear from his wife at Albany, where she was supposed to have gone, at once communicated with her father, who is employed in the Courthouse there, and yesterday received a letter from him son and the identification by Mrs. Defrom her since. Wheatley, when he failed

Folice there was notified and succeeded in picking up the man yesterday.

A strange feature of the affair is that in his correspondence with Mrs. Bruce, of which there has been a considerable amount. Houtchens has never called her by his name or referred in any way to the marriage.

Mrs. Bruce discontented at home, she went to work for Mrs. Labowitch at Seaside and he thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now thinks it is possible that she is there now the nor the property of the first property of t thinks it is possible that she is there now.

She started for Albany on June 5 and
he went to the station with her. She had

him wait outside while she bought her ticket and he does not know to what point she secured it, but believes that she took, a train that stood where the Seaside train usually stands. Wheatley communicated with the Labowitches at Seaside, but says that they refused to tell him anything, saying that his wife wished to disappear from him anyhow. He says that a man living on Route No. 6, Albany, has written to her often since her marriage and he her often since her marriage and he thinks it possible that she went to him. He also suspects a weman of doubtful character who visited his wife frequently and showed great interest in her, and who, he believes, has dealings in the

'white slave' trade.

The missing woman is 5 feet, 4 inches tall, has brown hair, a burnt scar on the right side of her face and a decayed tooth in front.

HIBERNIANS ENTERTAINED

Views Showing Where and How Fruit Forming Centerpiece at 2000-Place Banquet Was Grown.

The Lewiston Land & Water Co. are cordially inviting National convention delegates and visitors in the city to call in at their display rooms, any aft-ernoon or evening during their stay

Comfortable seats, telephones and other conveniences have been arranged in the ground-floor exhibit room at the Stark-street entrance to the New Lum-bermens building, corner Stark street, one block from the Imperial and Perkins Hotels.

A special display of stereopticon views and photographic enlargements illustrates fully modern methods of fruit culture; the only complete underground irrigation system in the Northwest; and particularly how non-resident owners may discriminate between a doubtful and unwise speculation and an investment which is attractive, secure, permanent and highly successful.

These views are of special interest for the reason that they illustrate how and where the fruit comprising the center piece at the banquet of next Wednesday was grown.

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Near Grand Theater.

Beer, \$1 dor. quarts, delivered to your ome. Spring Valley Wine Co.

WOMAN SLAPS HARD

Blows in Face Attend Identification of Prisoner.

IS SCENE

Mrs. M. Delahunty Strikes Burglar Suspect Through Bars-Severe Arraignment of Captive Accompanies Belaboring.

Thrusting her daintily-gloved hand through the bars of the City Jail, Mrs. M. Delahunty struck Joe Sanchez twice in the face, bringing a livid red mark each time. "Yes, that's the man." she said. "You whelp, you will break into my house and frighten my old mother,

Sanchez was suspected of a burglary committed several days age at 73 East Tenth street North, and Mrs. Delahunty was called to the station to make the identification. Accompanied by Detectives Endicott and Sloan, she went into

tives Endicott and Sloan, she went into the corridor and Sanchez was called up to the other side of the bars. After the fashion of prisoners, he caught the bars in his hands and leaned his forehead against them.

Mrs. Delahunty was quick and forceful in her identification. Bing! went one little fits between the bars and landed on Sanchez' cheek. Biff! went its mate when, like a good Christian, Sanchez turned the other cheek. Then he backed away in a hurry.

"Yes," said the woman, "you back away from me now, but you didn't back away from my feeble old mother."

Mrs. Delauinty was told by the officers to be in the court room Monday morning. "All right," she said, "and you'll have that fellow out where I can hit him good, won't you?"

Aged Woman Frightened.

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The home of Mrs. M. Farrell, mother of Mrs. Delahunty, was entered about noon, one day recently, while the aged woman was at the telephone. She heard someone upstairs but thought it was one of the family, and called, but received no answer. About 30 minutes later a man came down the stairs and passed her in the kitchen, giving her a fright from which she was a long time recovering. The burglar ran away and was pursued by Virgil May, a boy, on a bicycle, who lost the trail after a long chase.

long chase.

The same night a man was seen prowiing about the Farrell place and was caught by some of the inmates. Mrs. Delahunty was among those who saw him. The man was a Mexican and gave as his excuse that he was picking some flowers for his wife. He had a few roses in his hands.

Friday night, at a Socialist meeting at Sixth and Washington streets Pa-

at Sixth and Washington streets, Pa-trolman Grisim saw Jose Sanchez, a well-known crook, going through the crowd and arrested him. Several in the crowd said that he had made attempts

on their pockets.

When the prisoners were turned out yesterday for the usual morning "show-up" Detectives Endicott and Sloan recognized Sanchez as an old offender who lahunty of Sanchez as the man who was found prowling about the Farrell home, added another link to the chain.

Burglar Makes Confession.

Sanchez was questioned by Detectives Endicott and Sloan yesterday afternoon and finally admitted that he had robbed the Farrell home and turned most of the stolen articles over to a companion to sell. A search is being made for the receiver of the goods, Complaints of depredations com-

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This beautiful bedroom furniture, always so popular, is particularly in favor this season. Its distinctive prettiness, its air of clean and cool restfulness, make it charming for the bedroom. Used with enameled woodwork, well-selected rugs or carpets, and soft draperies, it makes a most attractive room. Our stock of enameled furniture is large and interesting. It includes sample dressers at \$28.50, beds at \$25.00, as well as many intermediate grades, ranging up to the fine five-pieced Louis XVI suite with caned panels, displayed in our corner window. We show enameled bedroom furniture in white, cream and gray. Designs are French and pure Colonial reproductions.

Immense and extensive stocks of carpets, rugs, drapery fabrics and wallpapers of every sort make the selection of harmonious furnishings a simple matter. The services of our decorators are at all times at the disposal of our patrons.

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BLUE CALLED HERO

Commander of Yorktown Holds Fine War Record.

WORK IN 1898 REMEMBERED

With Sampsion Before Santiago Visiting Naval Officer Carried Out One of Bravest Coups of Spanish Conflict.

what they call the man who made one YORKTOWN TO SAIL MONDAY of the finest records during the Spanish American war, for Lieutenant Blue, as he was then, performed an act of thrilling bravery such as the war saw but few of. The commander of the Yorktown, who was then assigned to the Suwanee, penetrated the Spanish lines in full unimost of the stolen articles over to a companion to sell. A search is being made for the receiver of the goods, Complaints of depredations committed by Mexicans have become steadily more numerous of late. A large chare of the petty thefts committed in North End salcons have been traced to the swarthy members of the Mexican colony in that district.

Yesterday afternoon Patrolmen Martine and Johnson rounded up six Mexicans who spend much of their time around Burnside street and took them to the station. They were warned that they must get to work or get out of town, and all promised to do so.

disguised. He pointed out to Blue that if Blue went in uniform he could obtain the courtesy of a prisoner of war by holding up his hands, where a disguised spy would be hung out of hand.

Lieutenant Blue would not agree to the disguise because the suit of clothes was dirty and he did not like it. However, he told the Major that in case of capture he would resist arrest and fall with his disguised friends.

With this understanding the small party

With this understanding the small party landed at Asserados, 15 miles west of Santiago. They made their way through the brush, infested as it was with Spanish sharpshooters. Approaching the lines they crawled through, eventually lying behind the trenches and hearing the Spanish officers discuss conditions. By this means Lieutenant Blue, who understood the language, obtained the most valuable information.

Finally on June 25, 1898, Blue reached the shores of the bay and charted every Spanish vessel in Cervera's fleet. He was recommended for promotion ten numbers

to say about it.

Every day during the week visitors swarmed the decks of the Yorktown and there has been great rivalry among the bluejackets in showing parties about the ship, particularly when parties were composed of beautiful young women. They have all been attentive and courteous and all visitors spoke in the highest terms of their conduct while highest terms of their conduct while aboard ship.

FREE MUSIC LESSONS.

The most liberal offer ever made by any concern is now offered by Eilers Music House at \$53 Washington street to members of Eilers Piano Clubs. In addition to the extraordinary reduced prices on pianos, members are absolutely given free music lessons. That's not all, either—they also get free tuning, free delivery and free insurance. Members actually save \$113 to \$258 off net prices of pianos purchased—not list prices. Clubs close in a few days.

HARD TO PLEASE Regarding the Morning Cup.

"Oh, how hard it was to part with coffee, but the continued trouble with constipation and belching was such that I finally brought myself to leave

"Then the question was, what should we use for the morning drink? Tea was worse for us than coffee; chocolate and cocoa were soon tired of; milk was not liked very well, and hot water we could

"About two years ago we struck upon Postum and have never been without it

"We have seven children. Our baby now eighteen months old would not take milk, so we tried Postum and found she liked it and it agreed with her perfectly. She is today, and has been, one of the healthlest babies in

Ever read the above letter! A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

ORS IN SWEET PEA CONTEST.

Ex-Governor Geer and Mrs. Dubriuelle Are Second-Rose City Park Is Complimented.

Foster W. Henderson, 590 East Fifty-sixth street, North, won the first Finally on June 25, 1838, Blue reached the shores of the bay and charted every Spanish vessel in Cervera's fleet. He was recommended for promotion ten numbers by Admiral Sampson. Eventually he received a grade of five.

It is practically impossible to get Commander Blue to talk of his exploit. He is one of the most modest of men, frowning upon publicity of any kind.

YORKTOWN TO SAIL MONDAY

Portland People Have Last Chance to Visit Gunboat Today.

Today is the last opportunity Portlanders will have to visit the gunboat Yorktown. From 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. visitors will be received. The warship will sail tomorrow morning.

Officers and men of the Yorktown have enjoyed their visit to Portland more than any port along the Coast because of the warm reception given them. They have made many friends during the week and they would gladly prolong their visit if they had anything to say about it.

Every day during the week visitors swammed the decks of the Yorktown swammed the sweet and contest held yesterd the samplece of the Rose City Park Improvement League. These awards of the Rose City Park Improvement League. These awards were for the best assorted and the selection of seeds, which were in the best assorted and extended far above a man's head.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer won second prize in the class for the best assorted sweet peas. Archederic of the selection of seeds, which were in the best assorted expecial care in the selection of seeds, which prizes in the first and second classes in the sweet pea contest held yesterday

agement from the Improvement League

BLOSSOMS W.N PRIZES Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Merrick accompanied the judges yesterday.

The judges were unanimous in complimenting the people of Rose City Park who entered the contest, there being 16 entries.

The next contest, which will be de-

The next contest, which will be decided August 15, includes the flower and vegetable gardens, orchards, best arranged and kept grounds as a whole and the best parking between the curb and walk. These contests were inaugurated by the Improvement League as a means of beautifying Rose City Park.

LODGE PLANS COMPLETED

Woodmen Will Entertain Head Officers While in City.

Preparations for the 10th terennial National encampment of the Woodmen of the World, which will convene at Woodmen Temple, July 23, having been practically completed, the visiting head officers and delegates now in the city

officers and delegates now in the city will be given a week of festivities. Automobile trips and trolley rides will be taken during the week, and several luncheons by different organizations of the city will be given complimentary to the visitors.

On next Friday evening, Webfoot Camp will hold a social session in their forest on Eleventh street. For the occasion a programme of unique features has been arranged. All of the head camp officers and those affiliated with the head office of the order are expected to be present. A general invitation to all Woodmen residing or visiting in the city is extended.

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The first day's session of the encampment will be concluded in the evening, when an open meeting will be heid.
Several speeches will be made, including an address of welcome by Mayor Simon.

WOMAN DISCOVERS NEW SYSTEM

FOR RETAINING FIRE AND CONSERVING FUEL MRS. M. A. MALLOY, OF PORTLAND, Constructs Range Which Bakes Continuously for Seven

MALLOY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 372 East Oak Street, Making and Demonstrating the MALLOY FIRE RETAINER SYSTEM for Heating and Cooking, Which Will Do With One Ton of Coal What Cannot Be Done With Three Tons of Coal in Any Other System Now Known.

Hours With 17 Pounds of Soft Coal.

THE WORLD'S TENTH WONDER

The housewife for the past generations has always been troubled with continual fire-making when she wanted to bake or use the range or stove. It remains for a woman of genius, Mrs. M. A. Malloy, to devise a plan and discover a system known as the Malloy Fire Retainer System, which takes the women out of bondage and leads the men into happiness.

Stoves, ranges and furnaces with 10 pounds of coal what cannot be done as the with 300 pounds of coal in any other system or stove on earth.

The principal truth is: The Malloy Fire Retainer System extracts and saves for your own use 25 per cent of the heat units, as you need it.

The demonstrations made by the Malloy Manufacturing Company to the Malloy Manufacturing Company.

men into happiness.

On Saturday, at 12:30, the Malley Manufacturing Company entertained quite a number at luncheon, the company having just finished its first range, and this was the first meal cooked on the range. The first fire placed in this range was at 1:30 o'clock Friday, and the oven was kept at extra-hot with one fire of coal (8 ibs.) from 1:40 to 7:40 Friday night.

The fire made in the range Saturday

been, one of the healthlest bables in the state.

"I use about two-thirds Postum and one-third milk and a teaspoon of sugar, and put it into her bottle. If you could have seen her eyes sparkle and hear her say "good" today when I gave it to her, you would believe me that she likes it.

"If I was matron of an infants' home, every child would be raised on Postum. Many of my friends say, 'You are looking so well." I reply, 'I am well; I drink Postum. I have no more trouble with constipation, and know that I owe my good health to God and Postum."

"I am writing this letter because I want to tell you how much good Postum has done us, but if you knew how I shrink from publicity, you would not publish this letter, at least not over my name."

Pead the little book "The Road to the range was at 1:30 o'clock in the oven was kept at extra-hot with one fire of coal (8 ibs.) from 1:40 to 7:40 Friday, and the oven was kept at extra-hot with one fire of coal (8 ibs.) from 1:40 to 7:40 Friday night.

The fire made in the range Saturday for the purpose of baking and cooking luncheon was made at 9 o'clock, and a continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking and cooking luncheon was made at 9 o'clock, and a continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking and cooking luncheon was made at 9 o'clock, and a continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking and cooking luncheon was made at 9 o'clock, and a continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking hot fire was first but the addition of another ounce of fuel, three raspberry pies being baked seven hours after the fire was first made. This was accomplished by controlling the drafts.

In the discovery of this principle, known as the Malloy Pire Retainer system and used in the range hat at continuous regular baking hat continuous regular baking

not publish this letter, at least not over my name."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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Among those who enjoyed luncheon yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Malloy, W. F. Weigand, C. N. Atkinson, W. P. Andrus, S. P. Hanawalt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morgan, E. A. Lynds, Miss Lena Haugg, O. P. Melchins, William Nokes, Otto Nedvidek, and others, all who can testify to this wonderful discovery and invention.

All persons are interested in saving

All persons are interested in saving the heat which you pay for in your coal, wood or oil, therefore, all should be interested enough to investigate this

Tenth Wonder of the World. This company is planning to erect a building 50x100 feet, three or four stories high, together with a foundry on its own property 100x133 feet, corner East Seventh and East Clay streets, this city.

Write or call for further information, MALLOY MANUFACTUR-ING COMPANY, 372 East Oak Street, Portland, Or



YORKTOWN COMMANDER HAS FAMOUS RECORD.

CAPTAIN VICTOR BLUE, WHO LOCATED SANTIAGO.