KRUSE SEEN NORTH WITH STRANGERS

Missing Hotelman Enters Cafe in Seattle Accompanied by Two Men.

FRIENDS STILL BAFFLED

His Attorneys, Bankers and Business Men Are Mystified Over Disappearance — Temporary Insanity Ascribed Cause.

More profound at every turn grows the mystery shrouding the disappearance of Theodore E. Kruse, wealthy cafe and hotel-owner of this city, who vanished on the morning of August 21. With all his financial affairs in excellent shape and with those who have had business or social relations with him speaking highly of him as a methodical, exact and sober-minded man, his friends are dumbfounded at the unusual circumstances of the case.

Henry Cress, a Portland resident, of 23 West Humboldt avenue, called at the Louvre Restaurant last evening and said that he had seen Kruse in Seattle, at the Rathskeller, at 5 P. M. August 22, the day after Mr. Kruse telegraphed from Seattle to Mrs. Kruse in Portland. He said Mr. Kruse was in the company of a tall, slender man and also a heavy-set man. He simply noticed Mr. Kruse in passing as the party was entering the restaurant and had no conversation with him. Mr. Cress returned from Seattle last evening. He was surprised when he read in The Oregonian yesterday morning the account of Mr. Kruse's disappearance. So far as known at present, Mr. Cress is the last person to have seen Mr. Kruse in Seattle.

Since sending the telegram from Seattle absolutely no other clew which might lead to the discovery of his whereabouts has been unearthed.

Bauer & Green, his attorneys, say his dealings were always precise and businesslike. They have been attorneys for him for a year and declare they have never had reason to believe that his finances were in any but the best condition. Even were he pressed for money, they say, they have private assurance that his credit was such that he could have had $25,000 or $30,000 from bankers at any time. The officials at the United States National Bank, through which Kruse transacted his business, say his accounts are and have always been in perfect condition and that his credit there was of the best.

Holdings Are Large.

Kruse holds considerable property. His attorneys place the valuation of his assets at from $75,000 to $100,000. His property consists of lots and cottages at Gearhart Park, a ranch midway between Portland and Oregon City, his interests as lessee in the Belvedere and in the Louvre, and the amount he expended toward taking over the Carlton, and various scattered holdings.

Kruse's interest in the Carlton consisted of a contract for a lease from I. Gevurtz & Sons, which was to have been taken up Friday. I. Gevurtz & Sons had leased the building from I. Lowengart, who owned it and constructed it, and had contracted to sublease it to Kruse, who had made elaborate plans to conduct the caravansary. He had planned to quit his interest in the Belvedere and the Louvre as soon as his lease expired, and to devote all his time to the Carlton. It was his intention to by-name the hotel "The Ritz-Carlton of the Northwest."

Hotel Contract Lost.

The Gevurtz firm was to furnish the building at a cost of not less than $35,000, and Kruse had deposited $15,000 to bind the contract. This was forfeited by his failure to take over the lease last Friday. I. Gevurtz & Sons have arranged to conduct the hotel and open it next Monday. Phil Gevurtz, manager of the firm, declares Kruse "is out of it," and that if he reappears a new deal will have to be made, which, he hinted, might be considered. Mr. Gevurtz says that up to this time all of his business dealings with Kruse have been satisfactory, and ascribes temporary insanity as the cause of the hotel man's disappearance.

Kruse formerly owned the entire Gearhart Park property, but sold most all of it two years ago to the present owners, through O. W. Taylor, the manager. Mr. Taylor says all of his dealing with Kruse were pleasant, and that he kept all his agreements to the letter. He is mystified by Kruse's disappearance. Kruse had bought the property at Gearhart from M. J. Kinney, a lumberman with offices in the Corbett building, six years ago. He started to develop it, and had completed the present large hotel with the exception of the interior finishing when he disposed of it. Mr. Taylor said he was not at liberty to make public the purchase price of the property, but said all the property was bought for cash, and that there were no outstanding incumbrances on it, even the hotel having been paid for as far as it was completed. Mr. Taylor expressed the belief that Kruse has met with foul play.

Manner of Leaving Baffles.

A point which puzzles friends of Kruse is that—if he left Oregon over financial or other difficulties—he did not take anything with him. It would have been easy for him to have obtained from $50,000 to $75,000 on short notice, while he left with little money on his person, from all that can be learned. He wore his usual business suit, and carried no satchel or baggage of any kind. Another point pointed to as upsetting the secret departure theory is that he telegraphed to Mrs. Kruse from Seattle the evening of his disappearance. The tall, slender young man who appeared with Kruse when he delivered the telegraph message at the Seattle office adds to the mystery and some say the case hangs on the unidentified youth.

Kruse was a resident of Portland for 25 years. Four years ago he took over the lease of Louvre and the Belvedere. Before that time he conducted a restaurant at Fourth and Stark streets, where the Railway Exchange building now stands, which was known as Kruse's Restaurant. He was in business there about ten years. His venture in the Louvre and in the Belvedere is reported by many, who are in a position to know, to have been highly profitable.

Ranch Home Occupied.

Kruse, of late, made his home at his ranch between Portland and Oregon City, and was accustomed to go there every evening. His domestic relations are reported to have been pleasant. The present Mrs. Kruse is his third wife. He was divorced from his first wife and also about three years ago from his second wife, who at the time of marrying him was a divorcee. She is reported to be in the East. Kruse married his present wife about two years ago. She is the widow of F. E. Daggart, who opened the Hotel Lenox, and who died about three years ago.

Kruse is said not to drink to excess, and had not taken trips of any length without notifying his wife or relatives. His lawyers say he avoided intimacy in all his business relations, and that they did not think there is a person in town, with the possible exception of his wife, to whom he confided all his business affairs. Mrs. Kruse is prostrated with worry over her husband's disappearance and could not see anyone yesterday.

HUNT FOR JONES FUTILE

Mind May Be Unbalanced, Is Belief of Missing Man's Friends.

Mental aberration, which causes him to wander about the city, is the reason of the disappearance of Charles W. Jones, of the Oregon Hotel, it is believed by the party that searched for the missing man yesterday. The private papers and business affairs of Jones were thoroughly investigated. Nothing was found that would indicate a motive for Jones leaving Portland. His books at the Oregon Hotel, where he was employed for the past six years, were also examined and found without mistake.

Mrs. Jones recalled yesterday that her husband acted queerly on the day of his disappearance, making apparently meaningless remarks and being altogether different from his usual self. Remarks also made to clerks in the hotel Tuesday, which were passed over at the time, were remembered yesterday and are thought to have indicated a temporarily unbalanced mind.

That Jones did not buy bait for his intended fishing trip at any of his customary places was discovered yesterday. It was also established conclusively by the searching party that he boarded a Waverly-Richmond car, which passes within one block of his home, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning bound down town, but his actions after that are unknown. The searchers expect the conductor of the car, who must know Jones from his daily trips to and from home, to come forward with the information where Jones alighted from the car.

It is possible, it was suggested yesterday, that Jones, if mentally deranged, may have gone to the cities on Puget Sound, where he formerly lived and where he was largely acquainted. The searching party has communicated the disappearance to men who knew Jones in Seattle and Tacoma and await word from them of his reappearance there.

REED COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR COMES WEST ON HONEYMOON TOUR.

Arthur E. Wood.

Arthur Evans Wood, who has been elected instructor of social sciences in Reed College, will leave Portland, Me., for Portland, Or. tomorrow. For Mr. and Mrs. Wood this will be virtually a wedding journey, as they were married in Chatham Woods Camp in New Hampshire last week. Mrs. Wood, whose maiden name was Julia Bishop, was a student at Smith College, and later instructor in physical education at Bryn Mawr College. They expect to reach Portland September 10. Mr. Wood will give a course in history the opening year of the college, and will have charge of the college chapel.

NEW IDEAS FOR MEN

Window Display at Store of Steinbach & Co. Attractive.

Mr. Steinbach, who returned recently from an extensive European trip and a visit to the Eastern markets, is very enthusiastic in his praises of the artistic tastes of Portland men, which is manifested so markedly in the style of clothing they wear.

Mr. Steinbach said: "The men and boys of Portland keep right up to the minute so far as style, ideas and modish clothing is concerned. One feature which has impressed me so forcibly, and has been overlooked by many merchants, is the proper display of their goods that the buying public might know at a glance great diligence and wisdom had been exercised in the selection of style, fabric and model.

"In order that my patrons may have the very newest creations from fashion's center, I make several trips East each year, which fact is known to many of Portland's well-dressed men. I have learned by close observation that it is characteristic with most men to want to see these new styles displayed in the show windows before they arrive at a decision to make a purchase, in this manner they are afforded an opportunity to draw their own conclusions. The prevailing custom of merchants in the larger Eastern cities is to attractively display their clothing in artistic show windows, and the question arises, why not such action result profitably in Portland. The 48 years I have been in business in this city I have endeavored to keep abreast of the times and my ambition is to continue to be aggressive in this respect.

"Our Morrison-street window is an indication of our progressiveness. This display is arranged by Mr. E. T. Ryan, who enjoys a National reputation as a window dresser and advertising man. Mr. Ryan recently became associated with our company and will permanently look after this feature of the business. It will be greatly to the interest of every man, woman and child to watch the changes made in our windows for the newest creations will only be shown therein."

This week Mr. Steinbach says that the Fall styles will be prominently displayed, which will be in keeping with the character of merchandise entirely new in Portland. **

The average yield of potatoes in Maine last year was 210 bushels an acre; in New York 102, Pennsylvania 88 and Ohio 82 bushels.

WOMAN ATTACKED BY PAIR OF MEN

Trained Nurse Refuses to Undertake Case Requiring Illegal Act.

CLOTHES TORN OFF BODY

Mrs. D. P. Holt Beaten and Driven Hysterical by Daring Maltreatment When She Declines to Go to Wronged Woman.

Because she resisted an attempt to kidnap her, take her to Oregon City and force her to perform an illegal operation, Mrs. D. P. Holt, a trained nurse, was Friday night beaten and driven into hysteria at Lents, while her clothes were torn to shreds. The two men who attacked Mrs. Holt escaped in a waiting automobile. Constable Hall, of Lents, and private parties are following clews.

The two men, whom Mrs. Holt is unable to describe, approached her some time ago and asked her to perform an illegal operation on a girl in Oregon City. When she understood the nature of the act, she refused.

Mrs. Holt, who lives at Grays Crossing, was returning from the home of a friend near Lents. She had been left near Fourth street, in Lents, by her companion and had started on her way alone, when she saw the automobile and the two men coming toward her. The men jumped from the auto and again proposed that she undertake the case, promising high pay.

She refused and they seized her and attempted to put her into the automobile. She fought vigorously and, with her screams, frightened the two men away after they had torn her clothes almost from her body and had lacerated her flesh. She fell to the ground when released.

Her moaning brought Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilson, of Lents, in front of whose home the attack occurred, and they took her into their house and telephoned for a doctor. Dr. J. H. McSloy, of Lents, responded and, with Charles F. Runkel, carried the woman to his office. Her hysteria was so great that she was unable to give her name for several hours after the occurrence. She was reported much better late last night.

PORTLAND DEEMED BEST

EASTERN INVESTORS DECLARED TO FAVOR THIS CITY.

H. C. Wortman, Back From Trip, Says Prosperity of Oregon Metropolis Is Widely Noted.

That Eastern investors and manufacturers look upon Portland as the most substantial city on the Pacific Coast is the declaration of H. C. Wortman, of Olds, Wortman & King, who has just returned from New York and other Atlantic Coast cities after a two months' purchasing trip. Mr. Wortman says that business conditions in the East are not as good as they are in this territory at the present time.

"There is a general impression in the East that the Pacific Coast offers the best field for investments of any section in the United States," said Mr. Wortman. "Eastern investors are keeping in close touch with the situation here. They know that we are harvesting immense crops, that prices for most of the products will be above the average and that business generally is good. The healthy progress of the city is making a big impression and everywhere I went I heard nothing but good reports about Portland.

"Eastern capital is seeking investment in this territory. I think we can look for a considerable investment of new wealth in Oregon in the next few years.

"In the East and the Middle West business conditions are not so encouraging, especially with the bankers, manufacturers and large retailers. They do not look for the situation to improve much until after the Presidential election. Some of the large textile mills have curtailed their output on account of the unsettled conditions. The contrast between conditions there and this territory is pronounced. I was glad to learn that this section was entirely free of any suspicion on the part of investors. The people of the East are becoming more interested in the Northwest than ever before."

JOBS FOUND FOR 3537

CITY EMPLOYMENT OFFICE HAS NEW AUGUST RECORD.

Proposal Is Now Made That Portland Establish Pawn Shop for Aid of Those in Need.

All previous records for furnishing employment made by the office were broken in August by the municipal free employment office, when jobs were found for 3537 persons, of whom 162 were women. Of the positions 3026 were inside the city and 511 outside.

The best previous record was made made in August, 1910, when the number who secured work through the office was 2997.

Councilman Clyde, chairman of the Board of Control, is preparing an ordinance for consideration by the City Council establishing a municipal pawnshop. The idea has been worked out successfully in other cities. Frequently those for whom work is found find it necessary to pawn some article of value in order to secure funds for temporary purposes, and the idea is to give them an opportunity to "soak" such articles without sacrificing a large part of their value and paying exorbitant rates of interest.

State Labor Commissioner Hoff has written Chairman Clyde that his deputies will be glad to co-operate with the office. These deputies travel all over the state, and it is believed they will be of material assistance in securing positions for the surplus applicants.

The free employment office has been notified to vacate the rented quarters at 270 Madison street by the first of next month, and the Board is now casting about for a location. In the new place it is proposed to provide rest accommodations.

In the month just ended, John G. Schroeder, clerk of the office, caused the arrest of two men suspected of being "spotters" for agencies, which are operated on the profit plan, but it became necessary to release the suspects because the exact nature of charges on which convictions could be secured could not be determined. These "spotters" have caused the office considerable worry. Their system is to learn of positions which the office is seeking to fill and make efforts to fill them before the municipal office has come in touch with suitable applicants.

CHEAP RATES EAST.

Only four more days for sale of excursion tickets to the East. The Canadian Pacific makes the rates and gives the service. Office 142 Third street. *

Socialists' Meetings Change.

The regular Sunday evening meetings of Branch 4 of the Socialist party will not be held today at Ringler's hall, but will be held next Sunday evening at Drew hall, at the corner of Second and Morrison streets. The speakers will be B. F. Ramp, of Brooks, Or. Meetings will be held there every Sunday evening hereafter.

The "Coffey Farm" to be sold. See classified farms for sale. **

In Honor of the American Laboring Man, This Store Will Remain Closed the Entire Day Tomorrow, Labor Day—Great Harvest Sale Starts Tuesday

The Meier & Frank Store's

Over 1000 Famous Makers Unite With Us in This Gigantic Event!

PLANNED on even a more gigantic sale than our first great effort of last year, the Second Golden Harvest and Manufacturers' Sale begins at Meier & Frank's Tuesday morning!

Over 1000 of the most famous American and European manufacturers, for which we are the sole or principal Portland agents, have co-operated with us. In addition to the colossal regular stocks of new Fall and Winter merchandise, these makers have sent us their samples, surpluses and special lots of dependable goods which we can sell away underprice.

The detailed announcement appears in Monday night and Tuesday morning papers. Additional features will appear from day to day as the sale progresses.

A Partial List of the Manufacturers Represented:

Ostermoor Mattresses.
Gustave Stickley's Original Craftsman Furniture.
Lifetime Mission Furniture.
Rogers' 1847 Silverware.
Clark's Cut Glass.
Eastman's Kodaks.
Emmerich's Pillows.
No-Sag Handbags.
R. & H. Shell Novelties.
Taylor & Knowles Crockery.
Haviland & Co. French China.
Angle Lamps.
Royal Steel Enamelware.
Fuller's Paint and Varnishes.
Acorn Stoves and Ranges.
Willamette Sewing Machines.
Butterick Patterns and Publications.
Victor Talking Machines.
Columbia Phonographs.
Wm. Read's Dress Goods.
R. & S. Silk Poplins.
J. & T. Cousins' Shoes.
J. E. French Men's Shoes.
Stonefield-Evans Men's Shoes.
Irving Drew Women's Shoes.
Kayser Silk Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear.
Perrin's French Kid Gloves.
La Trefousse Gloves.
Lord & Taylor's Onyx Hosiery.
Lord & Taylor's Harvard Mills Underwear.
Munsing Underwear, for Men, Women and Children.
Max M. Schwartz, Women's Apparel.
A. Beller & Co., Women's Garments.
Rubel & Co., Women's Garments.
Matzen Mfg. Co., Women's Garments.
Edward L. Mayer, Women's Costumes.
Highland Bloomer Dresses, for Children.
S. H. & M. Guaranteed Petticoats.
Eppo Silk Petticoats.
Freedman Bros., Women's Garments.
Zimmerman's Knit Goods.
Victor Guaranteed Hose for Women and Children.
Ajax Guaranteed Socks for Men.
C. Stern & Mayer, Men's Cravats.
Boston Velvet Grip Garters.
Velvet Grip Supporters.
Plexo Suspenders.
Pennsylvania Knit Goods.
Titus, Blatter & Co., Imported Lace Curtains, Handkerchiefs, Etc.
Standish Mills Draperies.
Hodges Fiber Rugs and Carpets.
Potter's Linoleums.
Adler-Rochester Clothes for Men.
Washington Company's Clothes for Men.
Adler-Rochester Clothes.
Nufangl Trousers, Present & Co.
Sampeck Clothes for Boys and Children.
Schwartz & Jaffee, makers of our famous $5 Suits for Boys.
Hyland Trimmed Hats.
Ostrich Plumes and Feathers, W. C. Ayer & Co.
Regina Trimmed Hats, Frankel-Frank & Co.
Elyria American-Val. Laces.
Women's No. 90 Silk Hose, O'Callaghan & Fadden.
Kleinert's Dress Shields.
Omo Dress Shields.
Naiad Dress Shields.
Charter Oak Thread.
Carlson-Currier's Spool and Embroidery Silks.
Stronghair Veils and Veilings.
Hydegrade Linings.
Gilverta Flounces.
Warner Bros. Corsets.
Redfern Corsets.
Nemo Corsets.
Madame Irene Corsets.
Le Grecque Corsets.
De Bevoise Brassieres.
American Undermuslins.
Arnold's Knit Goods.
L. H. Best, Infants' Wear.
Junoform Corset Accessories.
Drucker's Guaranteed Trunks.
Fiber Specialty Co.'s Trunks and Suitcases.
Burok, Madeira and Spanish Embroidered Linen, W. Ollendorf.
John S. Brown's Linens.
Tokalon Toilet and Drug Specialties.
Kiser's Hand-Colored Views of the Northwest.
Monopole Canned and Glass Goods, Wadham & Kerr Bros.
Victor Flour, Portland Flouring Mills.
Morris & Co.'s Hams, Bacon, Lard, Etc.

First Amateur Photo Contest Opens Tomorrow--Final Entries Extended

IN THE lobby of our Tea Room Beautiful, 7th floor, the first Great Amateur Photo Contest, open to the Northwest, begins Tuesday morning. Hundreds of entries—probably the finest collection of Amateur Photographic work ever assembled in the West—are being arranged for convenient viewing.

Because of the inclement weather many were unable to come in Saturday, so we have decided to extend the entries until 5 o'clock Tuesday.

Remember, $280 in prizes are offered. First prize, $75 for best collection of 6 pictures or over. Second prize, $40 cash for best single picture. Third prize, $25 cash for second best single picture.

And 14 class prizes, $10 each in photo goods. BRING TO 7TH FLOOR LOBBY OF OUR TEA ROOM BEAUTIFUL.

PAUL'S MIND INGENIOUS

PET OF ORPHEUM STAGE WANTS FOR BIG DOG.

Magic Wand of Miss Shone Thought Capable of Making Over Big Jimmy Cantwell Into Canine.

This story is just a chapter out of the mind of a child.

At the Orpheum is a little 3-year-old chap, blue-eyed, a dimple in either cheek, always smiling and quiet, manly, independent, but just as lovable a mite as ever gladdened a mother's heart, Paul Wilson, the mascot of the company and the pet of the stage, from Maurice Barrymore Smith, on the stage door with his toothache and thousand other ills, to big Jimmy Cantwell and his 300 pounds of harmony. Little Paul could easily be concealed in one of the pockets of Cantwell's trousers.

But to the brain and imagination of little Paul the work of Miss Hermine Shone as Venus in "The Little Goddess," is real. Every afternoon and night Paul stands in the wings and with rounded eyes watches the fire balls shoot from Venus' magic wand. He sees the red flames dart out from the electrical machines at the order of the Goddess, and laughs when Mephistopheles bobs up in the mirror. It is the real thing so far as Paul is concerned.

So strongly does he believe in the magic of that wand that yesterday he walked up to Miss Shone and asked her to please turn big Jimmy Cantwell into a dog, so the lad could play with the canine.

"Please, Miss Shone," said Paul. "He would make a dog big enough for me to ride around on his back. And he would not let any bad man steal me, either."

Last night Paul came to the theater with a bone to feed his dog as soon as he got possession of him.

34 SPIRITUALISTS MEET

State Association Re-elects Old Officers for Ensuing Year.

At the annual meeting of the State Spiritualists' Association of Oregon yesterday at the headquarters at 501 Yamhill street, officers of the organization were re-elected for the ensuing year. There were present at the meeting 22 delegates from the Ministers' and Mediums' Spiritualist Association, three delegates from the Rose City Spiritualist Church and nine members of the State Board. Reports read by the secretary showed the association's affairs to be in a satisfactory condition, with large increases in membership and revenues. Following are the officers chosen: Honorary president, Mrs. Lucy A. Mallory; president, Mrs. Sophia B. Seip; vice-president, J. H. Lucas; secretary, Saint Martine; treasurer, Ira Taylor; trustees, Mrs. Mary Martine, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Staley, Mrs. Llewllyn Cornell and Miss Edna Knoch.

Mr. and Mrs. Saint Martine were appointed missionaries-at-large. Mrs. Llewllyn Cornell was appointed vice-president for Multnomah County.

Forest Grove Bankers Go East.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—W. H. Hollis, secretary of the Bankers' and Merchants' Mutual Fire Relief Association; E. W. Haines, president of the First National Bank, and Thomas G. Todd, a director in the Forest Grove National Bank, left this week on a trip to New York. Judge Hollis goes to attend the National Convention of the Mutual insurancies companies and Mr. Haines will look after urgent business matters, while Mr. Todd is to visit relatives and friends in his native state. The party will return the last of the month.

Former Portland Resident Ill.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special).—Paul W. Reid, formerly of Portland, is seriously ill of yellow fever at Porto Velho, Brazil, according to word received by his brother, Professor C. R. Reid, of the University of Oregon. Young Reid has been employed for over a year as electrical engineer for a railroad company. He made enviable athletic records in the middle distances while in the University of Oregon, from which he was a graduate in 1909.