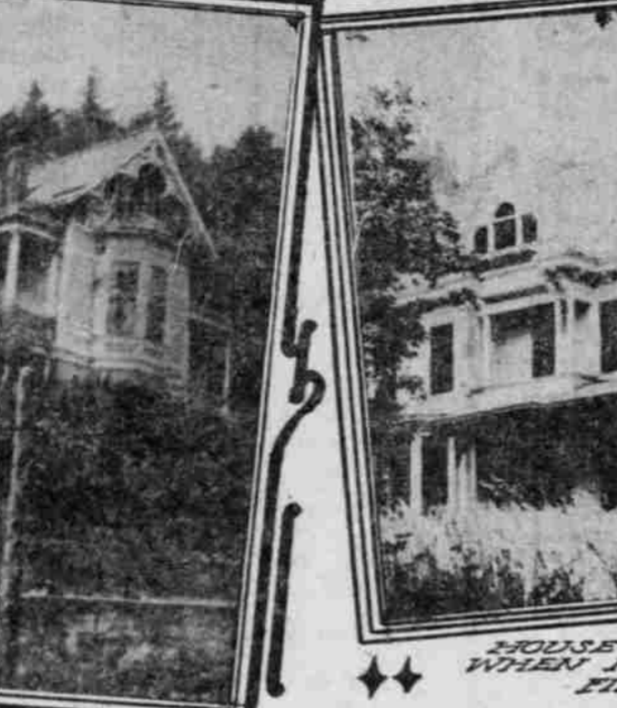


# SCORE OF PORTLAND HOUSES ARE GHOST HAUNTED

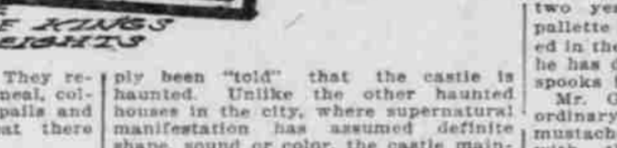
Strange Manifestations Prove Riddle Past Man's Power to Solve, Declare Investigator.



**E**VEN to the most skeptical there is something uncanny about a haunted house. The investigator, with mind convinced there is no such thing as a ghost and determined to prove it, is on the alert when he steps over the threshold of a haunted house and involuntarily starts at the sound of his footsteps reverberating through the empty chambers and desolate halls, the ramparts and runways of prowling specters.



He pricks up his ears to catch the slightest noise that might indicate supernatural manifestation and listens intently for the creaking stairs, whispering voices, shuffling feet and moans of distress. He furtively glances from right to left to see that mystic shadows do not approach from behind or any angle without his knowledge, and strains his eyes peering into the darkest corners, hoping that a flickering light will appear and diffuse into the haze of a spirit from the other world.



**Fear Is Omnipotent.**  
No investigator ever opened the closed door in a haunted house with the nonchalance he would employ for the purpose of selecting a suit from his wardrobe. All of his faculties are keyed up to the highest tension, although he fears no violence from spectral hands for his intrusion. He laughs at his timidity, but, try as he will, he cannot shake off a peculiar restless feeling that comes over him the instant he realizes he is alone in the silent, dilapidated, haunted house.

**Castle Haunt of Ghosts.**  
Almost on the comb of Council Crest, far above the head of Seventh street, in The Haunted Castle known to every man, woman and child in Portland. Against the steep hillside, shorn of trees and underbrush, the outlines of turret and structure accentuated by the bold background, the castle stands, dignified and lonely. The broken windows, loose flapping cornices, the weatherstained bricks, the overgrown weeds that have long since obliterated all signs of human habitation, the desolation and musty odor of decay, all go to make up an ideal abode for ghosts and a typical haunted house.

**Spooks Tamper With Gas Meter.**  
On the East Side is a handsome residence occupied by the owner, that is said to be haunted. When some one at some mysterious lights have been seen to fill from room to room and the month's gas and electric light bills are then augmented due to this cause. The spooks that ostensibly turn on all the lights for the fun of seeing the meters go round. It is also said that this haunted house, in the neighborhood where it is in, windows suddenly fly open and strange sounds, that cannot be accounted for, are heard in all parts of the building.

**Weld Told of How the Castle Became Haunted.** What happened to induce ghostly habitations what has been seen and heard in the grimy old pile, are as varied and numerous as the hallucinations of Poe. No one knows "exactly" what happened and what is seen and heard. The talebearers have sim-

**Skirting the base of Kings Heights** is a group of so-called haunted houses. One of these residences was abandoned when half finished about 25 years ago. The neighborhood gossip has it that three workmen lost their lives in rapid succession while the house was under construction and the owner stopped the work, as he said in the fancy circles, to live in it because of superstition. But a more material explanation of the abandoned house is that litigation tied up the premises in such a way that it could not be completed.

**Spooks Talk of Men's Power to Solve.** Many of the San Francisco and Oakland strikers have left the city and gone elsewhere in search of employment. Technically speaking, one might say that the strike was still in effect, but when strikers are leaving the scene of hostilities, it is another good proof that they have thrown their hands up in the air and are ready to quit.

**Workmen Put in Hour.**  
The visitation of the supernatural in this house is said to be of a peculiar nature. One story is told of how a number of workmen in the vicinity decided to become investigators and agreed to visit their lunch at the house regularly for a week and neither saw nor heard anything out of the ordinary. Then, one day while they were munching their noon meal, scuffling at ghosts and ridiculing those who believe in them, there was a hurried exit, dinner-dishes were kicked over in the rush for the door and the men fairly tumbled over each other into the street.

**President Sproule Pleas.**  
No little comment has come about in railroad circles as regards the appointment of William Sproule as the new president of the Southern Pacific in this territory. Old railroad men declare that this is a complete reversal of conditions that existed under Hartman. Instead of a central head to whom all of the authority was delegated, there are now local presidents in the various sections of the country, who have the authority and will be held responsible for results. In the past, railroad matters in California have been left to subordinates, with the actual head of affairs 2000 miles away. That brought about an endless amount of red tape, in addition to doing away with such conditions, the new state of affairs will tend to bring the railroad company closer to the people, something that in this day and age is much to be desired.

**The last remnant of the Spanish Inquisition in California penitentiaries has been abolished.** A method of punishment known to convicts as the "drunk," which has prevailed in Folsom for years under Warden W. H. Kelly, a disciplinarian of the old school, is forbidden henceforth under an order issued at the last meeting of the State Board of Prison Directors. It was used only in extreme cases of rebellious conduct. When the sentence had been given, the prisoner had his

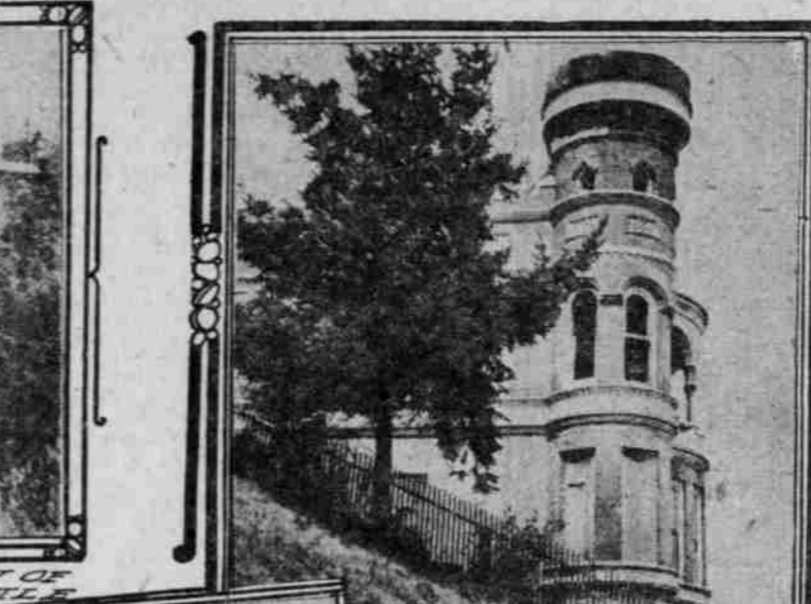
**Wrist buckled behind his back in handcuffs.** He was then backed to a wall under a hook several feet above his head. A rope was run through the iron brackets and the victim was lifted from his feet and triced up to the hook like a butchered steer.

**When the special hurricane had sent things better sheltered, all that was found were dust-covered attic and boards that had lain undisturbed for**

**With the weight of his whole body pulling on his wrists and arms, twisted almost out of their sockets, the convict was compelled to hang, so it is reported, for a period of an hour and 15 minutes.** He was then lowered for 15 minutes' rest and hoisted for another period, until his spirit was broken or the length of punishment meted out.

**San Mateo, the Indian who has been acting as interpreter, has decided to go home.** He has a cabin of his own on the banks of the Sacramento River above Redding. To this the college people have given their consent as they have figured out that Ishi, left to his own resources, will be more quickly learned the English language.

**It may sound a little premature but on the word of those best versed in Chinese affairs, Theodore Vogt, a San Francisco composer and bandmaster, has been appointed official musician of the Chinese republic now in the throes of birth.** He received his commission this week. It was written on a narrow strip of paper three feet long and Vogt had to get some one to translate it for him.



**Two years, his brushes, easel and palette his only companions.** Barricaded in the castle against public intrusion he has devoted his time to art and the spooks have never molested him.

**Mr. Gegoux is a man below the ordinary size and his hair and mustache are plentifully mixed with the silver that marks the other side of the crest of life.** He is very quiet, although he exhibits high nervous temperament that determination and close application to his work has subdued. When asked how he came to make his home in the mystic surroundings and if he had been molested by spooks, his clear gray eyes twinkled and he laughingly said: "Ghosts! I haven't seen any and never heard any. I have always been an investigator of mysticism and the supernatural along with my painting. The Castle seemed to afford the dual opportunity of offering an ideal place to live and the presence of the supernatural and paint. I am a skeptic, but at the same time my mind is always open to conviction—it has always been my desire to ascertain the truth. Besides having the excellent opportunity to investigate the 'Haunted Castle' by living in it day and night, I am up here where it is quiet, where no one disturbs me and I can work to the best advantage.

**The first night I spent in the Castle something happened and startled me for a few minutes and that is the only**

**It is said that Mr. and Mrs. M. H. DeYoung and their two daughters, the Duke and the Countess, are to attend the Durbar at Delhi.** They are a hot party and in the King George and Queen Mary are to receive the homage of their Indian subjects and be crowned as the Empress of India. They will be direct from England Marine Gilliot, the actress who is so popular in local society, the Count and Countess of Grandard and Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Ward and the Countess Grandard are cousins of Jennie Crocker. They wanted her to go with them, according to local society chatter, but she preferred to leave the Wintoner in her own home. Mrs. Ward is the daughter of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, while the Countess is his niece. The DeYongs are the best of terms with the various connections of Ambassador Reid and with the latter himself, so their visit to Delhi promises on that point at least to be a success, to be as pleasant as they might wish for.

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**And, the residents say, much to the benefit of the community.** There are five nice churches, and two congregations not having houses of worship of their own. Also the usual complement of lodges and secret and semi-secret societies. There are two strong banks, Brooks Brothers and the Goldenstate State Bank. There is also a bank at the near-by town of Centerville. There are two department stores, Ledbetter-Glander Company and S. Waters, and these stores carry very large stocks. A large planing mill and lumber yard, a flouring mill, drug stores, hardware stores—in fact, all manner and branches of business are represented and every place shows business thrift. There are three good newspapers, above the average for news and editorial ability. These are the Agricultural, W. J. Stone, editor and owner; Independent, O. C. Nelson at the helm, and the Sentinel, for which I. H. Bath is responsible. I give them in their alphabetical order so as to show no favoritism, not knowing which is the oldest of the three or the best. I know they are all well filled with town and county news, and their advertising pages show a healthy patronage.

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**Klickitat has grown very rapidly of late years.** In 1899 the population was 2167. In 1900 this had swelled to 2467. But the present "good times" came on them, and in 1910 the census gave them 10,180 showing an increase of 62 per cent. That is a mighty good showing, but the country is filling up now more rapidly than ever before. People are beginning to see that land prices are low and the opportunities there great. And the beauty of it is, the beauty of it is all well-to-do of the West, that the newcomers are almost all going onto the land as producers.

**Well, like a recent story in the Sat-**

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Thursday Evening Post, the writer is prone to "ramble" in so big a tale as the story of the Klickitat Valley. But the picture would not be complete unless mention was made of the "lay of the land." The valley is made up of several valleys—Pleasant Valley, Swale district, Dutch flat, String street, Crofton prairie, Blockhouse and others. But these are only separated by the rolling nature of the country, and really all go to form the one grand valley which lies along the Little Klickitat River, which passes through Goldendale and flows into the Big Klickitat 15 miles to the west.

**Writer Loses 30 Cents.**  
And another fact (or one of hundreds) was overlooked, and that is a fine mineral spring about eight miles about the same distance north of Centerville. It is in the Blockhouse district and will one day be a famous resort. A good hotel has been recently erected there, and it is now open to the public. The waters have great curative value for rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc. An analysis shows they contain silica, iron oxide, lime, magnesium carbonate, sodium, potassium, chlorides and sulfates. The medical can figure the matter out. Anyhow, from the days of the aborigines, it is said cures rheumatic and similar troubles have been made there. I can only say that the taste of the water, which is quite warm, almost hot, is far better than the average from mineral springs. And the long drink I took of it surely did me more good than harm.

**Home of Thackeray Stories.**  
London Chronicle.  
The most interesting of all Thackeray shines in London is in (formerly 13) Young street, Kensington, for there, in a room on the second story, overlooking an open space of orchards and gardens, he wrote "Vanity Fair," "Pendennis," and "Henry Esmond." It was there that he gave the famous party to Charlotte Bronte, at which the Carlyles and many other notable folk were present; but which for some reason or other proved such a dismal failure that after Charlotte's departure Thackeray quietly slipped away and took refuge at his club, leaving the other guests to amuse themselves as best they could.

**LIVE CAMELS ON STAGE**  
"The Garden of Allah" Will Have Real Desert Atmosphere.

New York Evening Telegram.  
Four chocolate-colored camels strolled up Central Park West about 8 o'clock at night. They pretended not to be impressed by the crowd of admiring gamins at their heels. They even ignored all the other excitement they created. But they glanced appreciatively over the park, which in its present impoverished condition reminded them of their desert home.

Then they turned in at the stage door of the Century Theater and rehearsed their roles in "The Garden of Allah" for the first time.

Naturally they feel a little lousy and are inclined to look down on their confederates, the Barbary sheep, the desert goats and such small fry.

One little kid skipped about under their feet and presently found his mother.

"Rather piebald, I call that. Eh, what?" said the second camel, employing an English accent out of deference

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When George III used a bathing machine at Weymouth, a supplementary machine filled with fiddlers was sent into the sea to play the national anthem. This was at a time when bathing machines were still a new idea, so that majesty patronizing them was an occasion demanding extraordinary emphasis.