

MOTHER KILLS SON; ATTEMPTS OWN LIFE

Poison Given to Boy of 6, Who Also Is Shot by Mrs. Charles Byers.

FEARS PREY ON MIND

Threat on Husband's Life Blamed for Attack of Acute Nervousness, for Which She Was Being Treated—Life May Be Saved.

Acute nervousness, for which she was under a physician's care, intensified by worry occasioned by threats against her husband's life, caused Mrs. Rose Byers, wife of Charles Byers, construction superintendent on the Columbia River Highway work, while temporarily deranged yesterday morning to kill her younger son, Lincoln, aged 6, and to attempt suicide. She is now at the Good Samaritan hospital in a precarious condition from the effects of carbolic acid poisoning and a bullet wound, self-inflicted. The youngster was told to drink a solution of carbolic acid and was then shot in the left shoulder by his mother.

AMERICAN WOMAN CORRESPONDENT EXPELLED FROM BERLIN.



Carolyn Wilson.

Carolyn Wilson, correspondent of a Chicago paper, has been expelled from Berlin. She had lived in Berlin some years before the war and returned there to act as war correspondent. German authorities thought she displayed too much interest in matters of armament, etc., and arrested her. Through the intervention of American consular officials she was released, but on condition that she should leave Berlin. Miss Wilson's home is in Beverly, Mass.

Son Sees Nothing Wrong.

Friday young Oscar Byers came home to spend the week-end. He is a student at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. His mother appeared to be well and he sat up and talked with her until nearly 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He had no intimation of her state of mind. He was alone in the house with his brother and mother, the latter being out and Dr. Short had told Mrs. Byers that she might discontinue the medicine that she had been taking as a sedative, early last week. Friday had called at the house and found that she was worse. He had ordered her then to take the medicine again. She would have had opposition to this taken but two days according to directions, before the affair of the early morning, and the medicine would not have had time to produce a quieting effect.

C. E. WARNER IS PRESIDENT

Portland Jovian League Organizes and Elects Officers at Benson.

The Portland Jovian League was organized at a luncheon at the Benson Hotel Friday. The new organization is aimed to shed light on the electrical business in all its branches and bring the men engaged in that scientific, industrial, and engineering departments are represented by more than 50 firms in the league.

Meetings will be held every Friday at 12:15 P. M. in the crystal dining room of the Benson Hotel and special speakers and other entertainment will be provided along with luncheon. The meetings will adjourn promptly at 1:15 P. M.

Accept for the election of officers, the meeting was entirely informal, brief addresses being made by six or seven men. The officers elected were: President, C. E. Warner; vice-president, C. E. Stubbs; secretary and treasurer, F. D. Weber; executive committee, J. H. Sroufe, F. O. Brouil, E. A. West and S. C. Jaeger.

FIRE CHIEF NARRATES ANECDOTES OF CAREER

"John, Give Me a Lift," Brings All Company 10 to Leader's Assistance. Grocer Phones For Department Pump and Gets Ice Cream.

BY FIRE CHIEF DOWELL. ONE day in 1910 I was supervising the construction of a concrete basement at the house of Engine Company No. 10. I was chief of the station were all willing and anxious to help with the work. I had occasion to lift some lumber and needed someone to help me so I said: "John, come give me a lift." Immediately every fireman standing near every fireman in the station had John as his first name. That's why Engine Company No. 10 holds the name even today of the "John Company." Here is the roster of the company: Captain, John Williams; lieutenant, John Bush; hose engineer, John Houser; stoker, John Peterson; hoseman, John Metzler; hose engineer, John Houser; stoker, John Peterson; hoseman, John Metzler; hose engineer, John Houser; stoker, John Peterson; hoseman, John Metzler.

Along about May, 1907, when we kept two men on watch in stations, we had in Engine Company 22 a man named M. R. Stark, and another named Des Bouillon. When Stark went on duty he wrote down his name in the company's journal "M. R. Stark." When Bouillon came on duty he wrote his name under that of Stark in the following fashion, "Des Bouillon." And ever since then his name is not used without the Mister.

A grocer at Eleventh and Washington streets left a fire in his store and

LABOR SEES DANGER

War Over "First Aid" Measure Predicted at Olympia.

FRIENDLY LAWS MAY GO

Governor Opposed Initiative With Promise of Fair Provision and Is Confronted Now With Bill Prepared by Employers.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 20. (Special.)—Faced by unfriendly legislation on every side, leaders of organized labor are reported to be seeking an opportunity to heal their former breach with Governor Lister and seek executive aid against pending hostile measures. The first aid question, which during its four years as a political issue has left behind it a trail of broken promises and political friendships, apparently is farther from being settled today than it was in the beginning, and is causing the labor men their greatest concern. But the proposed repeal of the full crew act, the eight-hour law for women and the eight-hour public works law, all backed strongly by the Legislature, and other bills in the Legislature, are other measures are pending with fair chances for success, including an anti-picketing law, repeal of the direct initiative provision, and revision of the State Labor Department.

During the remainder of the present session the first aid issue promises to evoke the sharpest fight of the Legislature. Ever since 1911, when the Legislature eliminated the "first aid" or medical attendance clause from the original draft of the compensation act, labor has been seeking its enactment. Governor Lister estranged labor support during the last campaign when he opposed the initiative first aid bill sponsored by the State Federation of Labor, promising to appoint a commission later to draft a bill that would be fair to all parties. It is now expected that the Governor greatly prefers the first aid bill drafted by his own commission to the Kiebb bill, drafted by employers, whether he will approve or veto the latter if it is submitted to him, is not known. Labor leaders, however, announce that they would prefer to have no "first aid" measure whatever than the Kiebb bill. If this passes they threaten to invoke the referendum. The Kiebb bill, while providing equal contributions by employers and employees under one plan to pay cost of medical attendance, also allows "mutual agreements" between employers and employees abrogating this rule, provides a 10-day waiting period during which no compensation would be paid, gives the state no effective control over the medical attendance, provides for contract hospital system and allows liability insurance companies to re-enter the field. It also provides for 50 per cent compensation for alien workmen, which the labor men assert would encourage their employment in preference to residents.

SIFTING OF VOTERS IS DUE

Scratching of Names From Registration Books to Begin on Tuesday.

Registration books will be opened Tuesday, February 23, to clear the records of all registered voters who are not full-fledged citizens of the United States. The books will remain open for this purpose for 15 days, it was stated yesterday by Deputy County Clerk B. J. B. The books again will be opened at the request of the City Council, and will remain open 30 days to receive new registrations for the city election. No formal notice of this demand has been received by County Clerk Coffey, but the Council has passed upon it. During the 15-day period beginning next Tuesday, no new registrations will be accepted. The opening of the books is in accordance with the bill passed by the Legislature ordering all County Clerks to clear the books of the names of voters who are not citizens, in accordance with the constitutional amendment passed in November. Hundreds of foreign-born voters, it is said, registered by exhibiting their first papers, and these must be stricken from the books. Each voter must formally of the action to be taken, and a chance will be given each to exhibit final papers, if such have been granted. The bill passed by the Legislature carries an emergency clause, which puts it into effect immediately.

Woman Here to Get Aid for Poles.

Mrs. Helen Stas, of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city in the interest of her Polish countrymen who are suffering from the devastating effects of the European war. She intends to organize a relief committee here on the plan of those now in San Francisco, Chicago and New York City.

BUS RULES TO BE LAID

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE ASKED FOR WEDNESDAY TO FIX PRICES.

With Jitney Statistics Complete, Mr. Daly Expects to Offer Ordinance That Will Meet Situation.

Following the completion tomorrow or Tuesday of a compilation of facts, figures and information concerning the operation of jitney automobiles and buses in Portland and other cities, Commissioner Daly will ask for a special meeting of the City Council for Wednesday or Thursday to formulate an ordinance regulating the business. Establishment of jitney districts is said by Mr. Daly to be the basis of proposed legislation. He has worked out districts covering the entire city within which he proposes to require the automobiles and buses to operate under a license or permit system. Mr. Daly will suggest to the Council various ways of controlling the jitneys. One plan is to deal with them individually under a license system. By this plan, each machine would have to pay a license and would have to live up to certain conditions of service. Failure would cause a revocation of the license. Another plan is to force all jitneys into one company or organization. This plan, Mr. Daly says, seems to be the most feasible. City Attorney LaRoche has drafted into definite form a number of suggestions which Mr. Daly has made. These deal with the details of regulation, such as the overloading of machines, the lighting of the cars and the furnishing of adequate service. In gathering his information, Mr.

NOW THEY ARE READY

Nearly Two Hundred Used Pianos—Sale Starts Tomorrow

Many Prominent Makes, Including Grand Pianos, Player Pianos and Straight Upright Pianos. Fully Warranted and First-Class Instruments, Affording Greatest Opportunity for Piano Buying Ever Known.

We proceed this week in real earnest to close out all used instruments. The greatest variety of standard makes, grand pianos, player pianos, and straight pianos that have ever been exhibited under one roof.

Most of these instruments have seen very little use, by reason of the fact that there are many families with no one to play them. During the months of November and December, while we were conducting our great Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale, many of these instruments were taken in exchange as part payment toward new instruments. Then, again, in January, while we were conducting our Exhibition Sale of costly grands, uprights, and player pianos, many more were received in exchange in the same manner. They have all been thoroughly gone over, polished, tuned and regulated, and are now on display in our main salesrooms.

Many successful piano sales have been held in years past under prosperous conditions, but never before have we felt compelled to offer a purchaser so really good, dependable piano for so little money as we shall do during this sale.

Even though such open cuts in prices as we have marked on each and every instrument may disarrange the immediate future music trade, we feel obliged to make the sacrifice in order to dispose of these instruments within the next several days, at which time we must have them all out of the way. It is always the custom with us to make stock move lively, and if prices, terms, together with quality, will be any inducement, this is your opportunity to get a good piano for very little money.

Space here will not permit us to mention all the pianos on sale. However, we enumerate below a few of the specially low-priced instruments which are offered in this sale:

- Ludwig, largest size, fancy upright, in quartered oak, \$225
Another Ludwig, also in oak case, older style, 150
Emerson, large-size upright, in mahogany case, practically new, 245
Another Emerson, in rosewood case, 135
Hamilton upright, good as new, has been completely refinished, fancy mahogany case, 220
Weber upright, rosewood case, 162
Weser Bros. piano, handsome style, mahogany case, having mandolin attachment, 157
Hardman upright, fancy case, walnut finish, 185
Schilling & Sons, magnolia, walnut case, 167
Hazelton upright, rosewood case, 145
Kimball, French walnut finish, fancy Kimball, large size, fancy figured mahogany, 245
Another Kimball, full size, in quartered oak, 260
Smith & Barnes, in fancy quarter-sawn oak, 210
Another one in mahogany, 195
Kingsbury, in walnut case, 140
A beautiful art case Schumann—one of the finest pianos ever shown—at 265
Two Marshall & Wendells, largest size, one in mahogany, the other at 235
Singer piano, in mahogany, which has just been refinished, 162
Burmeister, in dark oak, 140
Webster, in dark weathered oak, mission design, 180
Story & Clark, finished in specially choice walnut, 240
Wintertooth, in fancy figured Flemish oak, 145
Whitney, in quartered golden oak, 172

Hoffmann, only slightly used, in mahogany, \$178
Ellington piano, large size and fancy style, \$170
Two Steinways, verti-grand style, \$160 and \$190



PLAYER PIANOS

We have included in this stock so many used pianos, a number of slightly used player pianos, some that have been out in the hands of agents, and others that have been used for demonstration purposes. Some have been rented to tourists stopping at the prominent hotels, while others have been taken in exchange as part payment toward the very latest improved, up-to-date Chickering and Autopiano Electric. These instruments are guaranteed to be in perfect condition, and rank among the latest type of 88-note players. We include a large quantity of music with each instrument and a handsome player bench to match.

Herewith we enumerate a few of them. Terms, \$20.00 cash, balance in twenty-four to thirty equal monthly payments, or a stated amount each six months, as may be desired:

- Farrand Cecilia, latest style, just about new, \$485
Jacob Doll, mahogany, 88-note, 295
Steinway player piano, oak case, 198
Lester, nearly new, 493
Kingsbury, 88-note, 318
Playola, 88-note, 290
Hallet & Davis, new, 88-note, 465
Playautoma, Cir. walnut, new, 88-note, 325
And many other standard makes.

Retail buyers will be given the preference. Dealers must apply to our wholesale manager, Mr. Foley, in the morning, during this sale, before 10 o'clock.

The regular two-year exchange agreement will be given with each instrument, meaning that a buyer may have the free use of any one of these instruments for at least two years, then such instrument may be given back to us in part payment on any new piano of higher price, the sale price now paid being then allowed toward payment of a new instrument.

TELEPHONE OR WRITE QUICK

Those living out of town should write or telephone for descriptive lists and number. We send these instruments anywhere for examination. A deposit of amount stated in this advertisement should be sent to show good faith. This sale, as above, will continue

until every instrument is sold, and most likely will end by next Saturday night. Remember, every one is fully guaranteed, and at the low prices quoted each instrument should find a buyer quickly. Eilers Music House, the Nation's Largest Dealers, Eilers Building, Broadway at Alder.



ABOUT USED GRAND PIANOS

To be able to purchase grand pianos at special sale prices is indeed very unusual. By our far-reaching methods, doing by far the largest volume of piano business throughout the Pacific Coast, we are enabled to supply the purchaser with most any kind of piano wanted, especially the better ones. At this particular time we have a much larger assortment of the standard makes of grand pianos than usual. Don't let the word "used" stand in the way of your pride in purchasing a piano, for many of these instruments cannot be told from actual brand new. See the partial list below:

- Chickering large grand, in the choicest mahogany. This piano new is easily worth \$1200. In order to dispose of it at once, we will take \$585
Wegman, small baby grand, in mahogany, at 475
Kimball grand, in mahogany, at 425

Another Kimball, slightly larger, at \$500
A Gilbert small apartment-house grand at 385
A Steinway beautifully figured mahogany baby grand at 575
Still another nearly new Steinway mahogany baby grand at 675
Knabe, large grand, in ebony case, a splendid piano, cost new \$1500—to close out at 525

Don't let the word "used" stand in the way of your pride in purchasing one of these pianos, for many of them cannot be told from brand new. Don't miss this sale—'twill open a new world of enjoyment and education to the home, no matter how little is invested, be it \$45 or \$645. Call or write today.



LUELLA SAUER FILES SUIT

Girl, Thrice Wedded, Is After Annulment of Second.

Luella Sauer, the 18-year-old girl who has been married three times, and who is now in the County Jail on a kidnapping charge, yesterday filed suit to annul her marriage to Frank Sauer, her second husband. The girl was returned from Tacoma last month after she had gone to that city with the baby of Mrs. Emma Johnson. When she was 15 years old, Luella Smith married Wilbert Heyting. Her father secured an annulment of the marriage and a few days later the Sauer marriage before marrying Dunn.

CLUB WISHES JOY TO FAIR

Progressive Business Men Congratulate Panama-Pacific Officials.

Among the congratulatory messages sent to officials of the Panama-Pacific Exposition from Oregon was the following sent yesterday by the Progressive Business Men's Club: "We, the 400 members of the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland, Or., extend to your our heartiest congratulations upon the successful opening of your and our Panama-Pacific Exposition. We are proud of San Francisco's achievement and wish you a continued success commensurate with your magnificent preparation. We all are planning to attend."

WILSON CLUB IS FORMED

Report Has It That Many Ardent Democrats Balk at \$5 Fee.

Democrats of the city, it is understood, are arming for the fray in 1916.

lawyers asked on grounds that Judge McGinn, Mr. Clark, and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, whom Mrs. Clark is suing for slander, are all members of the same political party.

WRITING FEAT IS STARTED

Boothblack With Long Name to Put It at Many Hotels.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—If Christopher Nieberberederopolous, a San Mateo (Cal.) boothblack, keeps the solemn pledge which he took recently, when he started on his first vacation in three years, it will be necessary for him to "travel some," and also to spend a considerable portion of his vacation in exercising his penmanship. Christopher, who usually deletes the first few inches of his real name and goes under the title of Opolous, has sworn that he will spend every cent of his three years' savings in traveling from city to city until he has inscribed his full name on as many hotel registers as there are letters in his name. This means that he must become a guest in 33 hotels, in as many different cities. It also means that in the act of registration alone he must form more than 1000 letters. Fortunately, Christopher's savings amount to \$1200, so he should have ample funds and ample time to carry out the programme he has mapped out for himself.

Another feature of Christopher's peregrinations is that he has made a bet with a fellow boothblack to carry out the terms of his pledge and be back in San Mateo within three months.

An Old Dog and Tricks.

Nothing can succeed unless it has hired agents to create a demand for it. When there is an uprising of the people, investigation will reveal that it

was long preceded by careful work in its interest, and this work was done by hired agents.

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