## **ARSONDISCLOSURES** INVOLVE 6 PERSONS

Ex-Lieutenant of City Fire Department Is Jailed as Head of Ring.

THREE SUSPECTS CONFESS

'wo Women and Supposed National Guard Officer Are Implicated in Crimes, According to District Attorney.

At least six persons are involved in the latest arson ring which has been uncovered by District Attorney Evans' office and Fire Marshal Jay H. Stevens.

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Monte Keeney, ex-lieutenant in the Portland Fire Department, is in the County Jali as the leader of the newest arson ring, and George L. Woolette has been released on his own recognizance. Others implicated by Mr. Evans are two Portland women, a man who is said to hold a lieutenant's commission in the Oregon National Guard, and a in the Oregon National Guard, and a woman who is now in California. The names of these are being withheld by District Attorney Evans and his depu-According to the officials, the al-

leged Keeney ring is connected with the gang of which Sanford W. Currier, now under indictment and in the County Jail here, is said to have been the leader. The District Attorney doesn't say that there was a solid organization of firebugs for the purpose of setting fires, and that two organizations of the same kind recognized each other. But he does say that there were a large number of men and women on the Pacific Coast who were "on the inside" of what Currier did, and some of these also knew of Keeney's alleged operations.

"I know him when I see him."
Keeney said he wanted to talk to
his attorney before he said anything
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to anyone. He hadn't selected an attorney yet, he said.
According to Mr. Evans, the alleged Keeney ring had a few peculiar methods of operation. After a fire, they listed with the underwriter quantities of cut glass and Haviland china. The underwriter would protest that there could not have been any such expensive goods in the house.

The man whose house burned down then would rake through the ashes and

then would rake through the ashes and bring forth pieces of real Haviland and real cut glass.

"The way they did it was this," said Mr. Evans. "They would go to glass stores and chinaware stores and buy up all their broken glass and broken Havfland china. Before a fire they would sprinkle this broken stuff around where the buffet was supposed to be."

Insurance Stockholder Patronized. They had a peculiar sense of the fit-ness of things, too, according to the District Attorney. They insured most of their houses in the Pacific States Fire Insurance Company. They happened to know that F. E. Beach was a heavy stockholder in this company. Mr. Beach runs a paint and oil store. So, just to preserve this sterned Street. Se, just to preserve this eternal sitness of things, says Mr. Evans, the alleged firebugs bought the turpentine-var-nish-linseed oil mixture from Man nish-linseed oil mixture from Mr. Beach, and then used it to burn down house which was insured by his com-

'In one case that we know of," said the District Attorney, "they bought the oil mixture from Beach and had it charged to their account and didn't pay it until they collected the insurance from his company,"

The cases of Keeney and Weolette

probably will be taken before the grand jury directly. Another incendiary fire occurred

Thursday, said Mr. Evans, and a wo-man has confessed that she set the fire. This case, however, is not connected in any way with the "arson rings." according to the District At-torney. He is withholding the name of the woman because of her physical prostration

"She told me she had become de-spondent, afraid they never were going to get out of debt, and she burned the place to get the insurance so they could pay out. She fainted after she through telling me the story,

## SINGING WOLFIS FEATURE

JOHN A. WEST BRINGS ATTRAC-TION TO EMPRESS.

Bruin Is Declared to Have Finer Notes Than Human Being and

Carrying Capacity Wonderful. When John A. West, the trainer of singing animals, talks of great performers he has known, he means four-footed creatures which have vocal possibilities, and particularly welves.

Mr. West never speaks of human singers as being in the same category as musical animals. The trainer con-

as musical animals. The trainer con-tends that the notes of the voice of the common, ordinary timber wolf are far finer than anything that ever camout of a human throat, and today he expects to prove it. Mr. West is bring-ing his famous singing wolf to the

ing his famous singing wolf to the Empress for the week and will give the first performance today.

"I know a lot of Portland people will think that this is a human being in the skin of a wolf, but I assure you this is no Red Riding Hood act," said Manager Conlon. "It is a real wolf, and the brute actually attempts to sing the notes his trainer gives him. "Mr. West began his study of the wolf to determine in what way the animal was enabled to send his call to such distances and with such clearness. His voice will carry farther than that of any other animal, as men who have of any other animal, as men who have been in the big timber or in the North will testify. Mr. West wanted to apply his knowledge to teaching voice culture. Then he discovered the love of the wolf for music and he started out to teach him a scale.

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PICTURE ROUSES MEMORIES

out to teach him a scale. "The wolf will be here to sing for

Early Day Rivalry of Fire Boys Recalled by Jack Flynn.

A photograph of the East Portland interview. He admitted the Cobb, but Volunteer Fire Company Hose Team, won't acknowledge the corn.

taken in 1888, which appeared in The Sunday Oregonian July 11, last, has aroused memories of the days when Portland was young in the minds of old residents, and among these is Jack Flynn, a resident of Portland for 48 years, who built the hose truck shown in the picture.

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This truck, he says, was the property of the West Portland Fire Company, East and West Portland being distinct cities in those days. Jimmy Kiernan, he says, helped furnish the material for the truck, and Ed Thayer helped build it. Harry Morgan was then Chief of the Fire Department of West Portland.

The truck, says Mr. Flynn, won seven races out of nine in which it was entered. Among those on the West Portland team were David Campbell, Fred Hicks, Dr. E. A. Sommer, Dode Baker and Ben Hirsch. "There was the keenest rivalry be-



lonte Keeney, ex-Lieutenant Portland Fire Department, Involved in Arson Charges. .........

tween the two cities in those days," said Mr. Flynn, "and the hose teams ran their best. The race referred to in The Oregonian, when the picture of the East Portland Hose Team was shown, was run in August, 1388, and West Portland won by three seconds.

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Prisoner Declines to Talk.

"No. I have nothing to say. Don't want to say a thing," said Keeney yesterday. He was silent and unresponsive when called from the jail corridor.

"Do you know Currier?"

Keeney pondered a minute.

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ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 11.—The tango is passe. New York can have that worn-out and overdone species of the terpsichorean art if it wants, but it's far too slow for speedy Philadelphia. Members of the Philadelphia Dancing Masters' Association, in semi-monthis session on the Grant will tell of the results, there are bright prospects for a basketful of plump heads, Also there is said to be reasonable assurance that some of the uneasiness on the part of men receiving sang salaries is not without cause. Through resignation and dismissals some of the department payrolls already have been reduced considerably session on the Grant will tell of the results, there are bright prospects for a basketful of plump heads, Also there is said to be reasonable assurance that some of the uneasiness on the part of men receiving some of the department payrolls already have been reduced considerably session on the Grant will tell of the results, there are bright prospects for a basketful of plump heads, Also there is said to be reasonable assurance that some of the uneasiness on the part of men receiving some of the department payrolls already to the prospects for a basketful of plump heads, Also there is said to be reasonable assurance that some of the uneasiness on the part of men receiving some of the department payrolls already alrea

# **EMPLOYES OF CITY** ON ANXIOUS SEAT

With Expense Cut Imperative, Higher-Priced Servants Face Cut or Dismissal.

PRUNING KNIVES WHETTED

Commissioner Baker, Leading Crusade, Assured of Support in Keeping Costs Down, in View of Loss of Liquor Revenue.

With municipal economy not only desired by a majority of the Council, but absolutely necessary, uneasiness is the prevailing spirit at the City Hall now that the budget making for next year has been started. If it is not uneasiness about being lopped off the payroll altogether it is uneasiness about salary reduction.

The only people in the service who are not doing much worrying about prospects for position and salary after December 1 are the Commissioners themselves and the men and women who are doing work that cannot be dispensed with and who are now receiving less than \$100 a month. They are safe.

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Preliminary budget operations are well under way in the various depart-ments. Figures in detail are being prepared ready for submission to the Council October 4, which is the last day for filing. In the department bud-sets virtually everything in the way of special appropriations is being trimmed

some of the higher ups down to the men and women now scaling the lad-der above \$100 m month, has been caused by the investigations which are

known to be going on to ascertain points of vantage for the ax.

Commissioner Baker heads what has come to be known as the "City Hall budget bushwhacking brigade" or "the pruning squad." He says he has prom-ise of sufficient support to go down the line for economy. While time only will tell of the results, there are bright

Members of the Philadelphia Dancing It is probable that such vacancies will Masters' Association, in semi-monthly session on the Grand Pier, refused or 12 policemen, some men in the quite positively to consider the tange, even after Professor Morris Eschner, Eineer, an assistant city engineer and of Atlantic City, with the aid of a mumber of others.

This year the desire to trim exhaud endeavored to demonstrate that penses is general among the Commis-

The first use of the treadmill was in China, where it did service in remote times in irrigating the land.



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ad all other nationalities in the total deposits, and Austrians are second.

issians have \$28,690 to their credit. Many appear greatly disappointed be-cause they cannot deposit more than \$100 a month and not more than a total of \$500.

DYING COST COMES HIGH

Why and Wherefore of the Profits

of Undertakers.

Pictorial Review.

In the United States there are totay

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Assessor Reed Has Plan of Greater Portland.

ADDITIONS ARE

Present Area Is Defined and All Increases to Original Corporate Limits Are Clearly Marked Out.

An attractive as well as useful map of Portland has been compiled by em-ployes of the County Assessor's office.

contained but 2.1 square miles and had as ambitious rivals Linnton and Mil-waukie. At the absorption of the former town by Portland recently one of the rivals was disposed of. When Portland was first incorporat-

ed, two towns were a possibility. They were Albina and East Portland, Before the Legislative Assembly prior Before the Legislative Assembly prior to 1891 met and decided to put the question of annexation of the two East Side towns with Portland, both Albina and East Portland had as much or more territory than Portland proper. Consolidation of these three occurred in 1891, and the boundaries of Portland work increased greatly.

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The map also shows several of the parcels of land that have come into percels of land that have come into possession of the city, only to be ruled out, and later again acquired. With the consolidation of Albina, East Portland and Portland, part of St. Johns became a part of Portland. It was later taken over by St. Johns in 1905, A parcel of land that lies between the limits of Portland and St. Johns, prior to annexation of St. Johns, was lost to both cities in the boundary adjustment of 1905, It contains 42.1 acres and is owned by the United Artisans. It is bounded by McKenna, Ida street extended, Willamette boulevard and the Willamette River. It lies now wholly

Williamette River. It lies now wholly within the corporate limits of Portland. The buildings of the Peninsula Lumber Company occupy part of the grounds.

WOODARD, CLARKE & COMPANY OBSERVE SOTH ANNIVERSARY.

First Prescription Filled by Old-Time Business House From Dr. Davenport, Prominent in Eurly Days.

Prescription orders that were filled out for our mothers and fathers form part of the window display in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the firm of Woodard tion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the firm of Woodard, Clarke & Co. A sketch of the first building occupied by the drug firm and the methods used by the employes 50 years ago contrasted with the methods of making "pills" are of the display.

whose names appear on the prescription in three weeks. For the confiles are Dr. R. B. Wilson, father of whole, the average was less

modern methods of making "pills" are also part of the display.

The first prescription was ordered by Dr. Davenport, one of the oldest and best-known of the professional men of the early days. It contained one-half dram iodide suiphur, one-half dram glycerine and one-half ounce cerate cetacium.

The first prescription was ordered to the paper, 410 undertakers in Chicago. On the average, each undertaker secured a trifle more than one funeral a week. In New York City there were 1100 undertakers and about 74,000 deaths annually, which gave each undertaker an average of less than four funerals.

Some of the old-time practitioners an average of less than four funerals in three weeks. For the country as a

ne: "There is every cent of \$50,000 in impaid bills on our books. We have to make up that loss or we could not stay in business. So we have to charge high prices and the people who do pay make up for those who don't."

### **AUTO DIAGNOSIS COSTS \$10**

Racer Finds Trouble With Machine

Is Only Broken Spring. ST. PAUL. Minn. Sept. 12.—Oscar Lindeke, 1825 Summit avenue, gazed at his racy-looking rendster in disgust. What made the darn thing rattle? He overhauled it himself in an effort to ascertain the trouble. His work was in vain. The car rattled as usual after three hours of examination. He took it to a garage. Expert mechanics overhauled the car. They willed the carburetor apart They pried

chanics overhauled the car. They pulled the carburetor apart. They pried among the connecting rods. They overhauled the motor. They dissected the shaft and gears, The next day Mr. Lindeke took the car out for a spin. The thing rattled as much as ever.

Curses! Curseal
In a fit of desperation Mr. Lindeke
a salesman on the Lindeke, Warner &
Sona' force, confided his troubles to an
acquaintance at a downtown hotel.
"O. F. Haihe, the automobile racer,
is here at this hotel," advised the
friend. "Why not ask him if he can
tell you the trouble."
"Mr. Haibe," asked Mr. Lindeke, after he had found the racer, "I will
give you \$10 if you will tell me what give you \$10 if you will tell me what makes my car rattle."

Not being averse to picking up \$10, Haibe suggested they take a spin around the block. On the trip the car

rattled as usual.
"Give me the \$19," said Haibe. The money was handed over. "Now." said Haibe, "why not have that broken rear axle spring fixed?"

### RARE VOLUME IS LOANED

Montana Man Is Owner of Martin Luther Bible of 1565.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 14 .- One of the most valuable books in the world-a Martin Luther Bible, estimated to be worth \$12,000—has been loaned to the Montana State Historical Library by Richard Manger, of Meagher County, who will leave it in the care of the library until his son grows up and claims the relic as his inheritance.

The volume was published at Frankfort-on-the-Main in 1565 from manuscript furnished by Martin Luther, Only seven copies of the volume were published, and four years' time was required to print the edition.

One of the seven copies came into the possession of the Manger family at the time of its publication and has been Montana State Historical Library by time of its publication and has been

Doctor Killed in Experiment.

handed down from father to son ever

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 12 .- An MILWAUKEE, Wis, Sept. 12.—An explosion the other day during experiments to find a process of manufacturing potash caused injuries which proved fatal to Dr. Frederick C. Gillen, 919 Newhall street, prominent physician, and may result in the loss of both eyes to his brother, William H. Gillen, a contractor. The experiments were being conducted in the yard of Dr. Gillen's home.

