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## FEDERATION PRACTISE.

ONE feature of the case set up by the defense in the Haywood murder trial and which is creating attention as it is cast over in the minds of the general public is the explanation given for the practise of the officials of the Western Federation in going to the defense of all its members accused of certain classes of crimes and expending large sums from the Federation treasury in their behalf.

It has been stated officially by the attorneys for the defense that such has been the practise of the organization. The same statement was made by Mr. Moyer on the stand, and he further testified that, in pursuance of that policy, they gave Fred Miller \$1500 for the defense of Harry Orchard.

The statement of the practise is that they defend a member anywhere accused of any kind of crime. The observation of the public has been that they at once go to the defense of anyone of their members who is accused of a crime against mine owners, in their person or property, against officials who may be endeavoring to protect the lives and property of mine owners or their agents, or against any others whose interests are thought to be allied with the mine owners' interests at some point.

There may be records showing that the officials of the Western Federation of Miners have gone to the defense of members of that organization who have been accused of other classes of crimes, but the public has not been advised of them.

As a matter of fact, suspicion has been drawn on itself by what is designated as the inner circle because it has always sought to shield persons accused of offenses in connection with mining troubles, or in connection with matters growing out of such troubles. This has seemed to be the unvarying rule, and it is certain it has built up a belief that persons committing crimes of that character will be shielded so far as possible and defended if arrested and brought before the bar of justice.

At the time of the assassination of Governor Steunenberg it was felt that, if the assassin had any connection with the inner circle of the Federation, the officials of that organization would come to his assistance. When he was arraigned in the probate court at Caldwell on January 2, and was asked if he had an attorney, he replied that, if the matter should get into the papers, one and perhaps two attorneys would start for Caldwell immediately to defend him. He added that one of these was in Spokane and the other in Denver.

It was a very significant statement to the minds of those who understood the methods of the inner circle. It was known they had one firm employed in Spokane and one in Denver. The man under arrest had made an effort to communicate with either and he made no such effort, but the next day he received a dispatch from the firm in Spokane announcing that one of their members would start for Caldwell the following morning to look after his case. That was Mr. Miller. He did leave Spokane the next morning, but, for reasons that are fully understood, he turned back.

Then J. L. Simpkins telegraphed to Secretary Haywood that he could not secure an attorney in Spokane to defend "Hogan." Four or five days later, Haywood publicly opened communication with the union at Silver City, asking it to send an attorney to look after the matter. His dispatch to the union was given out to the press at once, and this seemed to be for the purpose of blinding the public as to the significance of the sending of Miller to take up the case. Mr. Miller continued to represent Orchard until the latter made a clean breast of the whole business; then he abandoned him and came out as one of the attorneys for the defense in

the cases against the Federation officials. For such services as he had performed for Orchard, he had been paid, prior to Orchard's confession, the sum of \$1500.

The question that will arise in every mind is whether Mr. Moyer and Mr. Haywood or Jack Simpkins would have sent Fred Miller to Caldwell to defend Thomas Hogan had the latter's crime been of the ordinary character? Would the attorney have been sent if he had killed some man in no wise connected with any matter affecting the interests of the inner circle? Would the Federation officials have dispatched aid to him had he been arrested for burglary, or any other kind of offense? It is not likely.

It is not possible that any organization on the face of the earth would extend blanket protection to any of its members, who, wandering through the world anywhere and everywhere, should commit crime of any character and fall into the hands of the law to answer for their offenses. It is inconceivable that any organization would take such a position. It is contrary to all reason. It would be so detrimental to public interests that no organization would undertake it, and, indeed, should any adopt such a policy, the pressure of public opinion would destroy it.

The officials of the Federation went to the defense of Harry Orchard because he had committed a crime of that class in connection with which they had uniformly extended assistance to members of the organization who have fallen into the hands of the law on the charge of having committed them. There is no other organization of men that proclaim such a policy to the world, there is no other organization that has such a policy, and it has not been the policy of the Western Federation officials, so far as the public knows, to make itself the defender of any of its members accused of any kind of crimes. This policy has been announced in this case solely because of the great number of instances in which the inner circle has aided men to escape after the commission of crimes of a particular class or has gone to their defense when they have been arrested or arraigned.

What it all means can only be surmised, but, to the observer watching the developments of this case, it looks as though the claim had been put forward that the Federation extends blanket protection to all under all circumstances and conditions simply for the purpose of offering to the public and to the jury an explanation of the record to which reference has been made, and thus make it appear that the sending of an attorney to defend Thomas Hogan, who had committed one of the most villainous crimes ever perpetrated in the west, was in pursuance of an openly established policy on the part of the organization.—Boise Statesman.

## JOTTINGS FROM A REPORTER'S BOOK

Containing Some Philosophy; Some Humor and a Dash of Nonsense

A new joke arrived in Marshfield yesterday and through its arrival, there are several sore humorists. In fact, there is some doubt in these men's minds as to whether the joke is a joke. Anyway, the reader can judge for himself. The joker asks the victim if he has a dollar. The unsuspecting victim immediately hauls out the required coin, and hands it to the questioner. The joker thanks the victim and handing him a card, departs and spends the money for ice cream or other as satisfying refreshments.

The victim reads the card and finds he is up against a game something like the lodge of Buffaloes, which had such a growth several years since. "But the Buffaloes were not robbers," said one of the victims in relating the new scheme and its beauties to the reporter. "They were modest and only charged a man 11 cents for learning the trick while this gag requires a day's wages and often takes the last cent a man has outside the bank."

The card reads as follows: "Thanks for your money Mr. E. Z. Mark. You are now a full-fledged member of the Lemon Club. Squeeze, brother, squeeze. It's now up to you to get a new one."

Joe Mann, chief engineer on the Alliance, is responsible for the several shortages and the victims are laying plans for evening-up with him.

A regular Coos Bay outing day means the very highest conception the human being can form of perfection. To enjoy such a day, means

not only to live out one's three score year and ten, but to remove some of the reasons that have threatened to make one unwilling to do so. Taking the climate then for granted, thankful for the daily return of so much beauty, as air and sky at their clearest and best express, let us turn to Coos river.

Board the Alert at 7:30 Sunday morning and spend a pleasant day at Piper's Grove, on the North Fork of the river, returning in the evening on the same boat; or board the launch Tioga and journey up the South Fork. Here one enjoys the marvelous scenery peculiar to our land, where each corner, each nook represents rollicking streams, wild tangles of vegetation, and groves of tall, graceful myrtle and alder.

Or go to Millington by road. It is a pleasant drive. Here the strawberries are in blossom and in fruit; tall fern fronds unroll their curling pendants in shadows of trees, the music of many song-birds is ever heard, all these details combine satisfactorily in a day's excursion. Follow westward and enter the beach realm—Charleston Bay offers all the pleasures of the sea side. Here one can note the huge swell come bowling in, and walk for miles on smooth firm sand.

Visit Sunset Bay, and enjoy a plunge in the ocean where no deep undertow threatens the life, and where the deliciousness of the atmosphere is something only known in this paradise. Then, there are the Sand Hills situated, which form the harbor of Coos Bay. These shut off its peaceful waters from the rolling sea beyond, allowing only a channel some 400 yards wide for the passage of vessels. Just beyond the surf, that in long curling lines of green and white, rolls for miles away on either hand, the deep sea fish raises its shiny head into the bright sunlight.

Flocks of sea gulls ride like ships at anchor upon the smooth back of some long swell or wing their way solemnly above it, while others wander about, through the sunlight above.

In the west, beyond where the gulls are trying to rival one another's graceful curves in the air, the bold rocky group of Rocky Point rises in sharp butlines above the bay's smiling face.

Here you gaze upon the long smooth slope of sand that rolls toward the bay, while beyond them are the foot hills of the Coast Range mountains. They glow rosy when the sinking sun is leaving the land, or blue as the light departs.

No matter where one may go there is always a scene whose strangely contrasting spirit almost makes the gazer forget that he is standing in the midst of a rush of invading civilization and progress.

## LAND OFFICE ISSUES WARNING.

**Federal Officials Seek Frank King for Committing Frauds.**

Washington, July 19.—A warning is being issued by the General Land Office against the operations of a swindler, who, under the name of Frank King, has victimized people in Juneau, Alaska, and Portland, Or., and who is supposed to be in the vicinity of San Francisco. King's method is to prepare and execute "notices of location" purporting to cover valuable coal claims, file the same for record as required by law, but forging the preliminary signature of the land officials as to the filing thereof in any land office. The location notice makes King the agent for some mythical person whose rights are then assigned to the purchaser, when a victim is found. Investigations made of locations by purchasers of coal claims, through his operations, find in every case that they convey no legal rights. The General Land Office is seeking to apprehend King and cause his punishment in order to protect the public.

# Ladies

DO NOT THINK WE CLEAN GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES ONLY. WE ARE NOW IN OUR NEW QUARTERS AND ARE PREPARED TO HANDLE ALL CLASSES OF CLEANING AND DYEING, AND DELIVER THE GOODS WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.

**Unique Pantatorium BAYLISS & MERCER**

We call for and deliver suits. PHONE 1444.

# Help -- Help

## WE MUST HAVE MORE ROOM

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE IMMENSE STOCK OF GOODS ORDERED, WE ARE COMPELLED TO MAKE SACRIFICES IN THE WAY OF BIG REDUCTIONS ON ALL LIGHT-WEIGHT DRESS GOODS, WAISTINGS, SHIRT WAISTS, KIMONOS AND MUSLIN UNDER-GARMENTS; ALSO MEN'S, LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TAN SHOES IN HIGH OR LOW CUTS, INCLUDING CANVAS WHITES.

NO RESERVATIONS DURING THIS SALE, EVERYTHING UNDER THE ABOVE HEAD LINES GOES.

## Dress Goods Department

We have a few exclusive Dress Patterns left in this department, quite an assortment of patterns in poplins, silk mulls, silk organdies, mercerized lawns and dimities, which will be closed out as follows:

12 yard	Cuts formerly \$10	on sale	\$7.50
12 "	" " " "	" "	6.37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
12 "	" " " "	" "	5.45
11 "	" " " "	" "	3.75

On account of the late deliveries, we have left a line of light weight silk and wool mixed suitings in very beautiful designs. There is only one suit of a kind to be had on the bay and not a bad pattern in the whole lot. In order to dispose of them quickly we have marked them at a loss.

Fancy striped or checked silk and wool mixed mohairs in light blue, gray or tan; sold for \$12.50.	Sale price	8.35
Fancy striped or checked silk and wool mixed suitings in blue, tan or gray mixtures; sold for \$10.00.	Sale price	6.65
Fancy wool suitings in various colors, comes in stripes or plaids and exclusive patterns; sold for \$7.50.	Sale price	5.00
Silk and wool mixed waistings; sold for 75c.	Sale price, per yard	57 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Silk and wool mixed waistings; sold for 60c.	Sale price, per yard	45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Silk and wool mixed waistings; sold for 50c.	Sale price, per yard	37 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Mercerized gingham, lawns, schallies, organdies, etc., retailing for 35c to 40c.	Sale price, per yard	27 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Beautiful shimmery figured organdies and lawns, retailing at 25c and 30c.	Sale price, per yard	18 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Lawns and organdies, sold for 20c.	Sale price, per yard	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d
Figured lawns and organdies; regular 15c quality.	Sale price, per yard	10

We have gone through our stock and find a good many short ends; these will be closed out at big reductions. There is enough yardage in a good many of these pieces to make a dress; so come early and make your selection before they are all picked over.

A GENERAL REDUCTION OF 25 Per cent will be made on our entire line of SHIRT WAISTS, KIMONOS and MUSLIN UNDER-GARMENTS. A big stock to select from.

## Shoes Shoes

We have a few tan shoes still remaining and in order to close them out quickly we have marked them far below factory prices. We have a complete line of sizes, so you are sure of not being disappointed.

Ladies' low and high cut Tan Shoes; regular \$3.50 quality.	Sale price	2.65
Ladies' low and high cut Tan Shoes; regular \$3.00 quality.	Sale price	2.25

A GENERAL REDUCTION OF 25 Per cent on ALL GENTS', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S TAN AND CANVAS SHOES and OXFORDS.

Any goods bought during the sale cannot be exchanged.

# Merchant Bros.

## DRY GOODS