

# "JAIL-BREAKER" DEFIES ALL MANACLES OF THE POLICE

## Cunning Escapes From Oregon Boots and Handcuffs With Ease.

The Marvel of the Present Age in the Line of Moving Pictures Will Be Introduced for the Benefit of Astoria Theatergoers at Hedrick's Popular Theater Next Week.

Read what the Salt Lake Telegram says of Cuning, whose puzzling performances mystified the police of that city:

Cuning, "the jail-breaker," was the guest of the police department Wednesday afternoon, and a heavily manacled prisoner in the office of Chief of Police Lynch for exactly seven minutes and 57 seconds.

Cuning called at the police station at 3 o'clock and asked an audience with Chief Lynch, stating that he desired to give an exhibition to show how futile it would be to attempt to confine him in manacles.

A crowd of perhaps 250 persons had been attracted to the jail by the announcement that Cuning was to defy the police. These persons waited expectantly while Cuning and a few newspaper men and friends went into the office of the chief, with a number of policemen, to make the test.

Chief Lynch, Sergeant Hempel and a couple of patrolmen searched Cuning, and found that he had no keys or wires concealed about his person, and then manacled him more securely than ever a desperate criminal was manacled in the city jail.

Cuning had an "Oregon boot" weighing 15 pounds locked tightly onto each leg, between the knee and the ankle, and two pairs of the latest improved handcuffs were snapped tightly about his wrists. He asked for additional handcuffs, but the policemen and detectives thought they would be willing to give the man a chance, so declined to encumber him further.

### Asks Only 15 Minutes.

Cuning then went into the locker-room, adjoining the office of Chief Lynch, and asked to be left alone for a quarter of an hour.

The room had previously been searched and carefully inspected, and it was certain that there were no keys concealed in the room. The crowd laughed at Cuning when they saw how heavily he was weighted down with chains and irons, not believing it a possibility that he could escape.

Seven minutes and 57 seconds from the time the door was closed on Cuning, a tap was heard, and Cuning walked into the office of the chief carrying in his hands the Oregon boots and the handcuffs linked together. The handcuffs were more securely fastened together by a padlock which he had picked and taken from the door of a policeman's locker.

The appearance of Cuning was greeter with a burst of applause which was all the more hearty because before the test he expressed doubt that he would be able to accomplish the feat.

### Police Are Mystified.

Chief Lynch, the policemen and others who witnessed the feat were astonished and could not account for the quick time in which it was accomplished.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Cuning, the Wonder of the Age, at Hedrick's. Manager Hedrick has been success-

ful in booking one of the greatest attractions ever seen on this coast, in the person of Mr. Cuning, the handcuff man, who defies anybody to lock him up, so that he can not get out in five minutes' time. Cuning goes to jail here with shackles, Oregon boots, and all kinds of handcuffs on, is locked up in the safest way possible for the authorities to lock anybody up, and is free and outside the jail in five minutes. He has a steel cage that may be thoroughly examined by any one who cares to do so, sitting on the stage, with four locks on it, which locks up, filled with sealing wax after being locked, and in two minutes makes his appearance on the outside of the cage. Mr. Cuning sets the pace for all jail breakers, and the authorities in San Francisco said that they had no solution of his getting away, unless that he unscrewed his hands and feet.

Below is a clipping from the Portland Oregonian of Wednesday, September 28.

### Wonder-Working Cuning.

"If I ever get that man in custody I will have to kill him, I can't hold him any other way," said Sheriff Tom Word yesterday after witnessing the performance of Cuning, the world-famous jail breaker and master of manacles now appearing at the Lyric. They say that love laughs at locksmiths, but love's laughter isn't a marker to the merry ha! ha! which Cuning gives to makers of prison cells, handcuffs, leg irons and other bonds which are supposed to hold evildoers. Tom Word was right. The only way to hold Cuning in custody is to kill him. You'll agree with the sheriff after seeing Cuning's marvelous performance.

Mr. Cuning appears at Hedrick's theater Monday, October 3, and for the balance of the week.

### At Hedrick's Next Week.

There will be matinees every day at 2:45 at Hedrick's theater from the 3rd until further notice. He is going to make special efforts for matinees, and would like to have you remember that the children are free to all matinees, if accompanied by a paid ticket. Besides Mr. Cuning, one of the strongest attractions procurable, there are several others on the bill that will be found to be up to date: Miltons in a clever rube act; Murray Hill, one of the best singers appearing in vaudeville, direct from San Francisco, and last, but not least, Lulu Thies, the coon shouter, and the finest whistling woman in the world.

### DEATH COMES PEACEFULLY TO GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR

Massachusetts Senator Passes Away This Morning After Long Career as Public Man of Much Note.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 30.—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 o'clock this (Friday) morning. The end followed a period of unconsciousness that had lasted since early Tuesday, and came

so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of the exact moment of his ending.

On Sunday last all hope was abandoned after a last unsuccessful attempt to administer medicine and nourishment. There were brief lucid intervals, followed by longer durations of unconsciousness, until Tuesday morning, when the venerable statesman sank into a state of coma, from which all efforts to rouse him proved futile.

(George Frisbie Hoar was born at Concord, Mass., August 29, 1826. He was graduated at Harvard in 1846, and later was graduated from the Dane law school. He settled at Worcester, where he first practiced. He first held public office in 1860, when he was city collector of Worcester. In 1852 he was elected to the state legislature, and in 1857 became a member of the state senate. He was elected to the 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 44th congresses, and declined the nomination for the 45th congress. He was an overseer of Harvard from 1874 to 1880, declined reelection, but was again elected in 1896, and re-elected in 1900 for a term of six years. Mr. Hoar was elected to the United States senate to succeed George S. Boutwell and took his seat March 5, 1877. He was re-elected in 1883, 1889, 1895 and 1901. His term would have ended March 3, 1907. The senator had a long public career and was prominently identified with scores of societies. He had received the degree of doctor of laws from William and Mary, Amherst, Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth colleges.)

### FIRE THREATENS LARGE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT

Stubborn Blaze Originates in Smoke-house and Causes Damage to Extent of \$5000.

Fire which broke out in the smokehouse at the rear of Ross, Higgins & Co.'s grocery store about 9 o'clock last night damaged the stock and the property of the people living on the second floor to the extent of about \$5000, and for a time threatened destruction of the big establishment. The fire made its way from the smokehouse to the apartment house above, where M. R. Pomeroy and Victor Rost live. After about an hour's work the fire department supposed the blaze was extinguished, but it broke out again, and it was 11 o'clock before the fire was out. Even after the apparatus had been gathered up by the firemen another small blaze was discovered, and for the third time the fire-fighters went to work. There was considerable excitement among the occupants of the upper floor, as the smoke from the fire below filled the rooming house. Furniture was thrown from the windows and much damage resulted in this manner. The loss to the occupants of the second floor is total, as no insurance was carried by them. A number of men, with the clerks employed at the store, carried the stock stored in the rear of the building to a place of safety. The rear portion of the building, as well as the office, was filled with water. The premises are very dark and much difficulty was experienced in getting at the fire. There seemed to be more or less unnecessary excitement on the part of the fire-fighters, and some complaint was registered last evening because of the language used. Ross, Higgins & Co. will probably lose nothing, as they carried \$11,500 insurance on the stock. They will be open for business today as usual.

### France's Action Condemned.

New York, Sept. 29.—One thousand Roman Catholics attending the third

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general eucharistic congress today adopted resolutions condemning the recent action of France in curtailing the scope of the Romish church, as affecting the religious liberty of the people.

### Payne Has Heart Trouble.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Postmaster General Payne is admitted tonight to have been in very serious condition during the day, but tonight is resting easier. His physician has issued a statement saying that Payne shows decided symptoms of heart trouble.

### St. Paul Gets Pennant.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—At a special meeting of the magnates of the American Baseball Association, the pennant for 1904 was officially awarded to the St. Paul club.

### Missing Torpedo Found.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—The second of the two torpedoes lost in the bay Friday has been recovered.

### Fearful Odds Against Him.

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