

A NOTED CROOK CAUGHT AT LAST

Operated in This Country for Years.

He Came to Grief in Australia, Where He Acted as a "Spiritualist."

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Advice from Australia tell of the arrest there of Arthur Bentley Worthington on the charge of obtaining a large sum of money by false pretenses from a woman who had become interested in his teachings and work as a leader of a spiritualist movement called "Students of Truth."

These advices give the local police their first information as to the whereabouts of a man who, a quarter of a century ago, was one of the best-known criminals in the United States, but of whom nothing has been heard or known for many years.

Worthington was variously known in this country as a lawyer, banker, political orator, real estate operator, spiritualist, lecturer, mining speculator and organizer, bigamist and confidence man generally. Many of the confidence games now well known to the general public were originated by him, and he is known to have made thousands of dollars out of his schemes. The police records of 30 and 40 years ago show that he operated extensively in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Utah, Kansas, California, West Virginia, Georgia and Washington. He appears to have been born in New York State in 1847 or 1848, his real name being Samuel Oakley Crawford. He enlisted in the Union army in 1864, reappeared after the war was over as a temperance lecturer, studied law for a short while, but in 1867 professed religion and preached as a Methodist minister in New Jersey. In 1868 he married his first wife, one Josephine Emerson Moore. The following year he deserted his wife and infant daughter, and shortly after turned up in Albany. There he obtained a large sum of money from an ignorant farmer, was arrested, and in 1870 was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. When he was released he was fairly launched on his career of crime.

In 1874 he married (No. 2), in Chicago, the daughter of a Boston physician, whom he speedily deserted, for later in the same year he was in Ohio getting married to No. 3, who was the daughter of a well-known judge, whose name he forged to a note for \$5,000. Kansas City afforded him a refuge, but he was arrested on a brief return from these complications early in 1876, but he left his shelter with a reward of \$50 offered for his capture. A brief period of law work in Peoria, under the patronage of a leading light of a Christian association, was interrupted by the expostulations of wife No. 2, which ended in his flight to San Francisco. Here marriage with a wealthy widow, of whom he had borrowed a trifle of \$2,000, was dramatically frustrated by the receipt of a telegram as the ceremony was beginning, and the baffled but persevering bridegroom sought a more congenial sphere in Salt Lake City, where he became a Mormon, and set to work preaching in the temple, and got away to Texas in 1878, with great expedition, and the best part of \$5,000 lent by the confident followers of Brigham Young.

In 1878, the Apostle of Truth had found it well to remove to Detroit, where he joined a traveling company of actors. In this city, again, in the same year, he married (No. 4) a Miss Eliza Huxton, under the name of "Barnerton." Abandoning the stage, he settled in New Lisbon, Wis., where he practiced as a lawyer for some time, gaining great confidence in the place, but borrowing money and forging a number of bonds and checks. When an indictment for forgery was found against him his partner stood bail for him, and the prophet escaped, leaving wife No. 4.

During 1882 and 1883, the records show that "Worthington" traveled the Northwest as an English tourist, visiting many towns on the Northern Pacific Railway, and cashing drafts for unknown amounts, which proved worthless. In 1888 he went

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to Boston, where he entered into partnership with a lawyer, and lived in great style. Here he made the acquaintance of a Mrs. John P. Sargent, a married woman, with a leaning to spiritualism, and the control of some money. Having met her at a seance the prophet developed great assiduity in spiritualistic studies, and in February, 1888, he induced the woman to fly with him to West Virginia, leaving her husband, but not her money, behind. The pair resided in Charleston, where a Mr. Dana was victimized to the tune of \$1,000. About 1890, the man disappeared altogether, and the police authorities of the leading cities in this country where he was well but not favorably known, had supposed him dead until word was received this week from Melbourne showing that he was at his old tricks in that far-off land.

BUCKEYES HOLD SOCIAL

Members of Ohio Society Will Effect Permanent Organization.

At a social meeting of the Ohio Society held last evening in Alisky Hall, a committee was appointed to arrange for the permanent organization of the society. The following were appointed members of the committee: Dr. B. E. Miller, chairman; Messrs. Chase, Bell, Wilson, Bancroft, Clark, Capron, Cuke, Shaw, Ward, Oglesby and Messdames Banks, Johnson, Sheppard, Strowbridge and Brown.

MINNESOTA Y. W. C. A.

NORTHFIELD, Minn., Nov. 7.—The Young Women's Christian Association of Minnesota began its eighth annual convention at Carleton College today and will continue in session through the remainder of the week. The attendance is large and this combined with an interesting program gives promise of the most successful convention in the history of the association.

Ask for Queen Bee Cough Drops.

DARELY ESCAPE DEATH BY WATER

Dam Broke and Flooded Valley in the Night.

Warning Was Given Residents of Eagle River Canyon But Property Loss Great.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Nov. 7.—Hundreds of settlers along the Eagle River Canyon and lower down in the valley had a narrow escape from death last night, when they were warned barely in time to permit of their making their escape from the very forefoot of a giant flood that swept down upon them from the broken dam at Padon.

The mighty wall of water tore down along the valley and swallowed horses, cattle, farm houses and every article of husbandry and civilization that came within its path. There may have been human lives lost, but it is not believed this was the case, as the warning, although it preceded the avalanche of hurtling debris but a short time, was ample to permit of inhabitants escaping to higher ground, never very far from the homes.

The dam was used to conserve water for irrigation purposes. From the giant reservoir thus formed ditches led into the valley below. The dam was the result of months of toil and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars. All this will be a total loss. Fortunately crops had been harvested, and, with the exception of some slight produce that was stored, there will be no losses of this nature.

A cloudburst near the head of Eagle River was responsible for the bursting of the dam, which had been tested and declared perfectly safe. The water banked up behind it until the concrete and sand could not stand the strain and gave way.

TOBACCO WAR.

The Retailers to Fight the Cigar Combine.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Local tobacco men are showing great strength for the part of the fight the retailers and independent manufacturers of the country are preparing to wage against the cigar combine.

The "Clear Dealers' Association of America" will deal in goods made by the independent manufacturers and will discourage trade in the combine's goods so far as individual interests will permit. It is the purpose to establish in this city a distributing house, to be the chief depot for independent goods.

Efforts will be made to have big jobbing houses, which have been handling both independent and combine goods confine their stocks to only the non-combine articles.

The local cigar dealers, some 18,000 in number, will be approached and asked to handle nothing but independent cigars. A directory of clear dealers' names will be compiled, a distinction being made between those who sell independent goods and those who handle the combine cigars.

The biggest part of the fight will be fought in this city at the start, and representatives of all the big independent concerns of the country will use their best efforts in exploiting their products here.

With the general headquarters will be established a bureau for the dissemination among the retailers of trade news. This bureau will also furnish details and plans of the operations of the association and the independent retailers in other cities, who may wish to start a similar movement.

For the last month the Chicago leaders in the anti-combine movement have been sending communications to dealers in every important city in the country. It is the purpose of the independent manufacturers to form an association of their own soon, but they will work as much as possible along the lines being laid down by the retailers.

ACROSS THE RIVER TO IMPROVE STREETS

Work to Be Begun on East Morrison Street Next Week.

The work of replanking East Morrison street, from East Water street to Union avenue, will be begun, according to John P. Sharkey, the latter part of next week.

At the last meeting of the city council, Mr. Sharkey, who is councilman from the Ninth Ward, succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$600 for that purpose. According to the estimates of City Engineer Elliott, it will take \$3,000 feet of lumber to complete the work, exclusive of that which will have to be done by the City & Suburban Company.

"This," said Mr. Sharkey, "is the first instance in which the city has appropriated money for the improving of the property of individuals. East Morrison street, being the main artery of travel between the East and West sides of the river, makes the expense of keeping up the elevated roadway at this point very heavy, and more than the property will bear. The street was replanked a couple of years ago by the property owners, and they do not feel that they can stand the expense at this time.

"Furthermore," continued Mr. Sharkey, "the property owners have already begun the work of filling in the street with earth. The work would have been finished at this time if they had not been disappointed in the securing of some earth from excavations on the West Side.

6,000 YARDS TO FILL. "It will take 6,000 yards of earth to fill the street, a third of which has already been deposited. The property owners assure me that they will continue the work of filling next Spring, and expect to complete it ready for use in about 12 months.

"If we had not secured this appropriation, East Morrison street would have had to be fenced up in a few days. Then all the traffic which usually crossed that bridge will be thrown to the Madison and Burnside street bridges. It would be impossible to use the Morrison street structure at all. The roadway leading to the Madison street bridge is already unsafe.

EAST SIDE TO BOOM

Councilman Sharkey Says Things Will Hum in That Section.

John P. Sharkey, councilman of the Ninth Ward, is a firm believer in that section of the city as a residence and business section.

According to Mr. Sharkey, the East Side will receive a much larger boom commencing next year than ever in her history.

"Although I am not at liberty to divulge everything at present, I will say, however, that the grunting of that franchise to the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company was one of the best things that the city council has ever done for the East Side. I am firmly convinced that before many years have passed practically all of the elevated roadways will be filled in and substantial buildings erected.

PREDICTS MANY FACTORIES. "The route of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's track on the river will be filled with many factories and employing many thousands of working hands. I would like to tell you all about it, but am not at liberty to do so just yet."

DANGER OF FIRE

In Future Fire Department Will Walk on Elevated Roadways.

Central East Portland is in great danger of being destroyed by fire.

Orders have been issued by the Fire Department to all the drivers in the department's service that hereafter when driving over elevated roadway they must not go faster than a walk—no mat-

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TROUBLE OVER GAS

East Side Saloon Man Doesn't Need Meter.

C. M. Vaughn, an East Side saloon man, is in trouble.

Vaughn runs an establishment at the corner of Grand avenue and East Morrison street. There was some dispute over the payment of a gas bill and a representative of the Portland Gas Company went into the saloon yesterday afternoon and removed the meter.

This did not deter Vaughn from getting his regular supply of gas last evening, for it is said that he got a piece of pipe and connected the main up again. The company received information to that effect, and last evening a man was sent over to the East Side to cause the saloon man's arrest. A number of police officers, who were in the vicinity, were approached, but did not want to take any action unless they had a warrant. It is likely that one will be secured today.

Vaughn has been in a great deal of trouble lately, being defendant in a suit brought in the East Side Justice Court for the possession of some furniture bought on the installment plan.

RESIST PAYMENT.

East Burnside Not Improved According to Contract.

A. A. Kaderly, a well-known East Side business man, and a property owner on East Burnside street, is one of the many owners of real estate on that thoroughfare who will resist the paying of the assessment for East Burnside's recent improving.

Mr. Kaderly says that the traveling was not done according to specifications, and that he doesn't care to pay for something that he didn't receive. A suit will be brought in the courts to enjoin the city from selling the property of the complaining owners on account of not paying the portion of the assessment. An attorney has already been engaged.

Four Boards Meet Tonight.

Tonight is the meeting night of four East Side boards of trade. The Central Albina Board will hold an election of officers and discuss railway franchises. The Sellwood Board's principal topic will be the securing of a free ferry for that section. At Montavilla the local trade organization will discuss the much talked-of annexation project. At Gones Hall, on Russell street, the Albina Improvement Association will talk of public affairs concerning Lower Albina.

Rev. H. L. Pratt III.

Word has been received from Joliet, Ill. that Rev. H. L. Pratt, pastor of the



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MINISTER RESIGNS

Rev. Randall Says Things Are Unpleasant in Church.

At a red-hot business meeting at the Second Baptist Church, East Seventh and East Ankeny streets, last evening, it was decided by a vote of 60 to 40 to accept the resignation of the pastor, Rev. William E. Randall. Trouble had been brewing in the church organization for many years, and already three pastors have resigned on that account.

Old Veteran Dies.

Christian F. Schroeder, a well-known East Side resident, died at his home, 615 Powell street, Wednesday evening. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having participated in the famous battle of Gettysburg and the Wilderness. He was a member of the Twenty-seventh Michigan Regiment. Coming to Portland about 15 years ago, he has been very prominent in East Side affairs. A widow and six children survive him. The funeral will take place from the F. S. Dunning undertaking parlors, East Sixth and East Alder streets, Sunday, and will be in charge of the local Grand Army posts. Interment will be at Lone Fir cemetery.

Ladies to Give Entertainment.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Missionary Congregational Church are making extensive preparations for an entertainment at the church next Friday evening. The program will consist of an apron bazaar and well-selected musical and literary specialties. The proceeds will be used in church work.

To Use Lanterns and Bells.

The East Side police have received many complaints lately on account of the large number of bicyclists who use the sidewalks and do not carry either a lantern or bell. Many accidents have been caused as a result.

Driftwood Comes Down.

Scow dwellers along the East Side wa-

Sunday School Entertainment.

The Kenilworth Sunday School will give a literary, musical and social entertainment at the church next Friday evening, November 14. The proceeds will be used in church work.

East Side Resident Dies.

Mrs. Jennie Drenner, wife of H. Drenner, a prominent East Side resident, died at her home, 215 East 21st street, yesterday, aged 31 years. She leaves a husband and several children. The funeral will be held Sunday.

OHIO TEACHERS MEET.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 7.—Attracted by the reputation of the model public school system of Indianapolis, the Central Ohio Teachers' Association began its annual convention in this city today, the meeting being the first ever held by the organization outside of the home state.

The visiting teachers, nearly 1,000 in number, spent today in visiting the local schools. The convention will be formally opened in Tomlinson Hall this evening, and the sessions will be continued and concluded tomorrow. Among the prominent educators whose names appear on the program are William H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools of New York city; C. B. Gilbert, superintendent of schools of Rochester, N. Y.; William Warfield of Dayton, and William Hawley Smith of Chicago.

TEXAS BAPTISTS MEET.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 7.—The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the general Baptist convention of Texas, which began its sessions today, has attracted to Waco between 3,000 and 4,000 members of the denomination from all parts of the state. The gathering was formally opened at 10 o'clock this morning with Dr. R. C. Buckner in the chair. Reports of officers show the affairs of the denomination to be in good shape.

The Baptist Women Missionary Workers are also in annual session, with Mrs. W. L. Williams presiding.

SHOW'S HOMECOMING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The Barnum & Bailey circus, which has been traveling in Europe for five years, is expected to arrive here tomorrow on the chartered steamer Minnehaha. The show will go at once to its old winter quarters at Bridgeport, Conn., and will open the season in Madison Square Garden in March.

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