

POPULAR PLAYS FOR THE PEOPLE

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"I LOVE YOU, LADY, 'DEED I DO!"

LAST OF DRYDOCK BONDS ARE SOLD

PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSION ACCEPTS TENDER OF E. H. ROLLINS & SONS OF CHICAGO, REALIZING FAIR PRICES TO ADAPT RATES FOR DOCKING.

At a meeting of the Port of Portland commission yesterday afternoon drydock bonds to the amount of \$215,000 were sold to E. H. Rollins & Son of Chicago at \$94.89, making them realize \$204,013.50. In other words, they were sold at practically \$11,000 below par. The bonds were 30 years and bear four per cent interest. Taking the reduction from the face value into consideration the firm buying them will in reality realize a 1-5 per cent interest on the investment. Contracts were drawn up by both sides and the Chicago buyers, through their local agent, deposited a check of \$1,000 guaranteeing that they would take over the issue within the next two weeks.

Out of the eight bids submitted the commission considered the one accepted by far the best offer. Several of the firms bid only on a fractional part of the \$215,000. Among these was the Minneapolis National bank, which offered to take \$15,000 worth of bonds at \$13,000.

The bids follow: E. H. Rollins & Son, \$215,000 at \$94.89; Denison, Prior & Co., \$215,000 at 90 1-8 cents; the Minneapolis National bank, \$15,000 worth for \$13,000; George Good, \$30,000 at 85 cents and \$10,000 worth at 87.5; J. W. Cruthers & Co., \$30,000 at 88.25; Fuller, Parsons & Co., \$19,470 offered for whole issue; W. J. Hayes & Sons offered \$185,000 for the full amount.

The entire issue of \$400,000 drydock bonds authorized by law has now been disposed of, \$55,000 having been sold several months ago.

Superintendent McIntosh was in attendance, and the prices of the bonds charged for vessels docking at the Port of Portland drydock were discussed at some length. The superintendent had with him copies of the rate of charges.

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made for this kind of work at other ports along the Pacific coast, as well as at Hongkong, and the expressed intention was to fix the local fee at a medium point. But no satisfactory conclusion could be reached and upon motion of Treasurer Adams, Commissioners Pease, Thomas and President Swiger were appointed as a committee to make further investigations of this subject and to fix the rate of charges for docking. They were also empowered to draw up a set of rules for the government of those engaged in operating the drydock, as well as the ship owners who have vessels taken on it.

VIOLATE THE CITY GARBAGE LAWS

Residents of the city in the vicinity of Tenth and Northrup streets have complained repeatedly to the city authorities that the law prohibiting dumping of garbage in the city is being constantly violated in the neighborhood. At the corner there is a vacant lot which is used as a place to dump garbage by the families complained of. Efforts to stop the practice have been futile, however, and none of the guilty ones has been caught.

Notices were recently posted by Special Officer Caswell and no more garbage was deposited at the corner during the day. Each night, however, a fresh supply is added to the lot until residents of that neighborhood say the place will become an incubator for disease. Officer Caswell has used every means at his command to apprehend those who are guilty, but has failed. "They will be caught, though," he said today. "I will fix up some scheme which will accomplish desired results. And when they are caught, an example will be made of them and I will do everything in my power to see that the heaviest fine in the limit of the law is imposed."

CRIMES IN THE FUR TRADE.

From Report of Commercial Agent Greener, Vladivostok.

A report has been received from Eastern Russia that furs have gone down in price, and it has created a panic in the trade. The drop ranges from 20 to 50 per cent. As the population of the Maritime Province, equal in size to four of the large provinces of European Russia, finds its principal means of existence in hunting fur animals, the reduction in price has an important bearing. Fashion seems to be the cause of the fall in price, though the successful and widespread improvement in the manufacture of imitation furs has an important consideration.

In this latter business chemical skill and artistic work have produced marvelous results. A common hare skin can be manufactured to represent a valuable dark-brown fox, and to such perfection that only an expert may discover the difference.

No wonder, then, that cheap colts, marmots, rabbits, and even rats, find sale, and valuable fables and foxes, for their greater necessary cost, become unsalable stock.

A common arctic fox skin, originally cost only \$2.50, transported to Leningrad is deftly turned into a first-class dark-brown fox, worth \$30 to \$50.

A marmot skin, after treatment, successfully represents a sable skin; a rabbit is made to imitate a fur seal skin, and even the mole turns up a valuable fur.

Salary and Dignity in Congress.

From the New York Tribune.

Nor is it certain that an increased salary attached to the office of congressman, the dignity or quality of service in congress. A seat in the house or senate has attractions far more potent to the American mind than its mere money value. The compensation now allowed puts a career in congress within the reach of any aspirant, regardless of his private means or income; and it would be a serious departure from American tradition to put on such service a strictly commercial value or to encourage needy statesmen to enter congress as a mere means of livelihood.

CHILDREN'S WORK IN CITY LIBRARY

COLLECTIONS OF MATERIAL FOR CIRCULATION IN CITY SCHOOLS RAPIDLY INCREASING—BIRTH-DAYS OF NOTED PEOPLE ARE ILLUSTRATED DAILY.

The children's department of the Portland library is steadily enlarging the collection of matter for the circulating displays for the city schools. Miss Hassler is now arranging an industrial collection, picturing a lamp chimney factory at Pittsburgh, a cotton factory at Memphis and the leading industries of other cities. These are placed in the school room while the subject of geography is under study, to impress the children more lastingly with the characteristics of different parts of the country. Similar collections have been made by Miss Hassler and her assistant, Miss Pratt, in nature study, minerals, birds, processes of various industries and numerous other subjects.

In addition to this work, Miss Hassler conducts informal class work for children. A short story hour is held at 4 o'clock on each Wednesday. Last Monday a collection of Raphael pictures was displayed in the children's room in honor of the artist's birthday. Tuesday last was Rosa Bonheur's anniversary and that artist's paintings were displayed. April is an unusually rich month in birthdays, with Shakespeare, Hans Christian Andersen and King Christian of Denmark. All will in turn be properly illustrated.

Miss Hassler said today: "The children feel the warmest interest in their work. The children's room makes them feel a responsibility which develops in them the beginnings of independence. They gradually grow into the habit of asking for the books they want instead of being told, and later they begin to find these books for themselves. They become so attached to their room that even when they are old enough to go into the large room, they hang on lingeringly. There are several overgrown boys of 15 and 16 who still stay because they feel at home here."

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THE GRAY DIAMOND

(From the German of Viggo Tøpfer)

The famous Cafe Bauer, "Unter den Linden," was crowded. Elegant, toilettes and glittering uniforms were everywhere and the air rang with peals of laughter and the humming of many voices.

A hilarious but exceedingly select company was gathered in the corner which by time-honored custom was reserved for diplomats and their guests, and for the time being they were eagerly discussing two ladies, evidently strangers, who had invaded the sacred diplomatic territory. It was clear that they were mother and daughter, and the young girl who was unusually pretty, was clearly not a day over 18.

Lieutenant von Brandengels, a handsome young officer in the uniform of an exclusive regiment of the guard, whispered to his neighbor, a young secretary from the Austrian legation: "Thoroughly, I tell you, Baron, there is no doubt about that. How would it be to invite them to join us?"

"Why, of course we will invite," Baron von Feiden said. "It is no more than our duty to distinguished strangers."

All the others readily agreed, and Colonel Count Gerolshelm of the Grand Culrassiers, who was the oldest in the company, politely approached the older lady and extended a hearty invitation in the name of his distinguished comrades.

The older lady, though apparently at first greatly embarrassed, at last gave way to the count's persuasion and a few minutes afterwards the two ladies seemed perfectly at ease among the aristocratic company.

The head waiter, who had evidently been watching the proceedings, judging from his sly smile, whispered something to one of his underlings and in a moment the choicest refreshments of the season were placed in front of the two guests of honor.

The older lady still seemed to hesitate, but the younger started to remove her elegant gaiters de Suede. The gaze of the men rested admiringly on her long tapering aristocratic fingers adorned with costly rings. One ring especially attracted their attention. It was in form of a snake of dull gold, the head being a large diamond of unusual fire and color. Not one of the gentlemen present had ever seen anything like it in color and form.

Prince Slatory, a son of one of the oldest and bluest-blooded families of Poland, could not conceal his enthusiasm, and exclaimed: "Forgive my inquisitiveness, your Grace, but you have on your finger a ring the like of which I have never seen, though I take great pride in my knowledge of diamonds."

Everybody laughed, and Baron von Feiden cried across the table: "I hope the ladies will forgive my remark when it comes to diamonds Prince Slatory is like one possessed."

"I am exceedingly sorry that I have to disillusion the Prince, whose enthusiasm will probably vanish when I tell him that the ring is not a diamond. It is given to me by a very dear friend. It is of no value, except for the gold in it, the stone being only Bohemian glass, very finely cut, but, after all, nothing but glass."

Her words came as a surprise to everybody and the Prince shook his head. "Your Grace," he said, "I am an expert on diamonds, and I assure you that I cannot be mistaken. Will you oblige me by letting me look at it close by?"

She slipped the ring from her finger and handed it to the Prince, who examined it very carefully. Then he suddenly rose from the table. "If your Grace will leave the ring with me for 15 minutes, I should like to take it to my jeweler, who lives only a few blocks from here, and who can tell the exact value of the gem."

"Why, with the greatest of pleasure, my dear Prince; but I tell you that you will only be disappointed."

Slatory smiled and went toward the door. "Be sure and do not run away with it," Baron von Feiden called to him as he left the cafe.

The Prince, however, heard nothing. Calling a cab, he jumped in and soon reached the jeweler's, where he was cordially received by the principal.

Slatory put out the ring. "My dear Mr. Rubenstein," he said, "I have here a ring which has been in the possession of our family for many years, and which I have always considered very valuable. Some of my friends, however, insist that it is only an imitation, and I should like to have your opinion as to its true value."

The jeweler took the ring, examined it carefully near the window, removed

the stone from its setting, weighed it, and said: "This is an old family heirloom which I cannot sell. Should I, however, ever decide to do so, I will let you have the first chance. At present I should like you to give me a written declaration that you value the ring at 20,000 marks."

"With this declaration in his pocket, the Prince started back toward Cafe Bauer. He did not take any cab, but walked rather slowly, as he thought by himself.

"The last letter from the old man was rather unpleasant. Once more, and for the very last time, he writes, he has paid my debts and needs me 10,000 gulden, that is about 16,000 marks, and that is all I can ever expect to get. Rather hard lines, I should say. I wonder what Lolo will say to this?"

Suddenly he stopped, as a new idea struck him. "Donnerwetter! that's no bad scheme. To be sure, it is not very gentleman-like, but then I am hard up and that must be my excuse. I really sometimes have ideas worthy of a great diplomat."

The worried expression disappeared from his face as if by magic and, while he was thus musing, the "Pleidermaus," he hurried toward the cafe.

He was greeted by a storm of applause from his friends.

"Well, tell us all about it, Slatory; did you find out your mistake?" cried Baron von Feiden.

The Prince only smiled, and, turning toward the young girl, he said: "Your Grace, my jeweler assures me that the stone is genuine, though not as valuable as I thought."

"Oh, Prince, was her laughing answer, 'you may as well confess that you say this only to conceal your defeat.'"

"Upon my word of honor I am telling you the truth, and to prove this I offer to buy the ring from you for 10,000 marks."

"But that is ridiculous, Prince; the stone is not genuine and both mamma and I know it no matter what a hundred jewelers say."

The Prince insisted on buying, however, and finally the young girl handed him the ring.

"You have almost forced me to do this, Prince Slatory, but I call all these gentlemen as witnesses, that to the last I have told you that it is only an imitation."

In the morning a clerk from his bankers called upon the Prince and asked if a check for 10,000 marks signed by the Prince and payable to bearer was genuine. The Prince wrote a few words on his card and gave it to the clerk, who bowed his way out.

When he had dressed and finished his breakfast he hurried to his jeweler to dispose of the ring, and on the way he decided to buy a necklace for Lolo with half of the 10,000 marks, which would come to him as profits, and add to his thoughts the delight of the beautiful chorus girl.

Full of confidence, he handed the ring to Rubenstein, who looked at it once more and an expression of surprise spread over his face.

"Your Highness, this is not the same ring which I looked at yesterday, though it resembles it very much. The stone is only a clever but worthless imitation made from Bohemian glass."

"What do you mean? Do you think I am a swindler?"

"By no means, Your Highness, but some one has played a trick on you. I can swear that this is not the stone you showed me yesterday. I should advise you to notify the police at once."

Without another word the Prince rushed out of the door. His carriage in a few minutes took him to the office of the Chief of Police.

Though thoroughly ashamed, he told the Chief the whole affair.

When he had finished the Chief said with a smile: "If you will take my advice you will let this matter drop. There is no doubt that you have been the victim of a clever swindle. The ladies evidently knew both your passion for diamonds and your financial embarrassment and substituted the imitation when handing you the ring, and as you say she told you it was an imitation, we can do nothing for you."

How the Prince squared himself with his father and Lolo is not known, but he resigned from the diplomatic service immediately afterward and disappeared from Berlin.

Among the indictments which may be returned by the grand jury Monday it is regarded as likely that two or three will be against the rowdies alleged to have assaulted Louise Bernard at the Occidental hotel, as a result of which she temporarily lost her reason. The jurors had her case under consideration yesterday afternoon. One of the witnesses was Detective H. H. Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, who investigated the case.

Louise Bernard came to Portland from Prineville. She is a pretty girl, but not very bright. She was decoyed into the Occidental hotel and kept there all night. When discovered by the authorities she was in a pitiable mental and physical condition. She was examined by the county court as to her sanity, but had so far recovered that it was decided not to send her to the asylum, awaiting developments. She is now in the custody of the matron at the county jail.

That the girl was given into the custody of the Florence Crittenden home in this city, and that money for her care was furnished the home by Mrs. R. P. Harrington of Prineville, is stated in a letter from Mrs. George Summers, postmistress of that town, received yesterday by Detective Hawley. It is also charged that after the money was paid to some one in authority there, the girl was turned out. This was under the former management, as it occurred about one year ago. Mrs. Harrington holds a receipt for the \$20 she paid.

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