

POTENTIAL MURDER OF PHYSICIAN

Brooklyn Car Conductor Causes Victim to Suffer Lingering Tortures.

PLANNED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTERWARDS

Draw Back From Killing Himself So That Others Might Learn of His Revenge—Thought Doctor the Cause of His Beloved's Death.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 8.—Dr. Charles Wilcox Townsend, who was fatally shot two weeks ago as he lay in bed beside his wife in their home at New Brighton, Staten Island, was, the police declare, the victim of John Bell's vengeance—a vengeance which had been the ruling passion of the street-car conductor's life for nearly a year.

To kill the physician, whom he blamed for the death of his young wife, had been Bell's unspoken thought since the day he buried her in Cypress Hills, according to the facts the police learned. It was the thought uppermost in his mind all the hours that he went about his work as a car conductor, and he lay down at night with a prayer on his lips that the morrow would suggest a plan which, according to the workings of his poor distorted brain, would enable him to put out of life the man he believed to be his wife's slayer.

Blooding Led to Crime.

This brooding finally led Bell to a diabolical conception of the means he would employ in taking the life which, he was persuaded, was forfeit to him. He followed the conclusion with relentlessness and cunning.

Bell determined that Townsend should die on the day and within the hour that his "Sis"—that was his wife's pet name, and it was forever on his lips—breathed her last in the Staten Island infirmary, where she had been under the physician's treatment. He vowed that he would shoot Townsend so that Townsend must know the pain and suffering that "Sis" had undergone before death took her. When Townsend was gone he would go to the girl's grave at Cypress Hills and put a bullet through his own head.

Carved His Tombstone.

But when Dr. Townsend was dead Bell drew back from committing suicide. He must tell others that it was he who had killed the physician. It was his pride of revenge that put him in the hands of the police and solved a mystery that otherwise might never have been explained.

If Bell had not been arrested when he was he would have been found dead a little while at Cypress Hills. His tombstone is waiting him there. He ordered it carved two months ago, to be in readiness "by the end of January." Deep in the stone is this inscription: "Life is sweet, but revenge is sweeter."

DR. PFUNDER DIES AT HOSPITAL

For Thirty-Eight Years Deceased Was in Retail Drug Business in Portland.

Dr. William Pfunder, of German birth, and one of Portland's pioneer druggists, died this morning at the Good Samaritan hospital. He was born in Baden, Germany, in 1846 and came directly to Portland in 1869 and entered immediately in the drug business, for which he had been educated in his native country. He was first connected with the large drug store on First street, then called the Dispensary, but shortly started in business for himself. While experimenting in this city he manufactured and sold a proprietary medicine, for which he secured exclusive rights and which enabled him to accumulate some property. He owned the building and the quarter block on the southwest corner of Sixth and Couch streets, at present a very valuable piece of realty.

In 1878 he was married in Portland, but lost his wife in 1881. He had but one child, a married daughter, and a brother, Louis Pfunder, a florist with a retail store on Sixth street. He had no relatives in the city. He had been a member of the German Aid society ever since his residence in this city and was also a thirty-second degree Mason of the Harmony blue lodge, Scottish Rite.

His funeral will be held from the Scottish Rite cathedral Sunday, February 10, at 1:30 o'clock. The El Kader lodge of the same name will have interment will be in the Riverview cemetery.

MILLINER DECAMPS LEAVING MANY CREDITORS

Woman Owning Chain of Stores in California Mysteriously Disappears.

(Journal Special Service.) San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 8.—Mrs. E. Mabel Thompson, owner of four of the leading millinery establishments in this valley, two here, one at Colton and another at Rialto, has disappeared, and her husband has assigned to the sheriff for the benefit of her creditors, estimating her liabilities at \$4,975.

Mrs. Thompson established these stores 18 months ago with funds obtained from her husband, Eli Thompson, for 15 years a cattle dealer of Reno, she bought out two first-class establishments here, giving notes. At the time of her marriage, two years ago, she told Thompson she would inherit a \$1,000,000 estate in England. Last summer she spent several weeks in Europe, explaining to him that she was engaged in settling her estate.

Six weeks ago she disappeared. Thompson later received a letter inclosing a power of attorney and declaring that she would never meet again, as she would not stand the disgrace of her failure.

Only Two Days More--Now for the Windup of the BIG BANKRUPT SHOE SALE

The last 2 days to be the greatest of all, for every price has been marked down again—cut to the very bottom in order to make a clean sweep of every pair that's left. Now for the most furious selling of the entire sale—now for bargains that put to shame all past records for cheap selling. You actually get

Two, Three and Four Pairs for the Price of One

No, ifs, no ands about it, every pair of the Hartman-Wise stock goes now, and at a price that will make you buy if you but see them. At 8 tomorrow morning the most sensational selling of the entire lot begins. Come.



All the Odds and Ends of Women's \$1.50 to \$3 Shoes and Slippers 49c



Choice 98c the Pair for Shoes Worth \$4.00

Yes, worth up to \$4, and 98c a pair takes your choice of the lot

All odds and ends bunched in one great lot, and there's hundreds of pairs to pick from. All odd lots, 10, 20 and 30 pairs of a kind; Shoes worth up to \$4.00—all marked at 98¢ to make this the most exciting selling of the entire sale. All broken lines of Hartman Wise's best, including Ladies' High Shoes, Oxfords and Slippers; Oxfords and Shoes in French vici kid and patent leathers, Slippers in satin, patent kid, dull kid, French and Cuban heels, in fact the finest and dressiest footwear Hartman Wise had in stock. None worth less than \$2.50 up to \$4.00. There's plenty of \$4.00 ones to go, but early comers will get them, so be here when the doors open at 8 and pick out \$4.00 Shoes and Oxfords at 98¢ pair

COME EARLY And get first pick. The best will go to those that are here when the doors open. Ninety-Eight Cents Pair

CHILD'S \$1.50 SHOES Odds and ends and broken lines; most all sizes. Pair 49c

MEN'S WORK SHOES All solid leather; none worth less than \$2.50. Pair \$1.49

BOYS' \$2.50 SHOES Lace and blucher styles, all solid leather, and all sizes. Pair \$1.55

Clean Sweep of Hartman & Wise's Odd Lots of Finest Men's and Women's \$5 and \$6 Shoes

You simply go through the stock and pick the best of the odd lots of the Hartman-Wise stock at \$1.98—and there's many in the lot that are worth \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00—

All their finest, all their best. Shoes that are the most exquisite high-class productions, for Hartman Wise were noted for their extremely high-class footwear. Women's Shoes and Men's Shoes of every description, made of all the best leathers and including the finest patent leathers. Shoes made for fine dress wear, and you couldn't buy better ones no matter what you pay. All sizes; all widths, and all styles. Pick out the best \$6.00 Shoes if you want. There's no reserve. All go in one great lot at, choice

10c and 15c Shoe Polish 5,000 bottles 10c and 15c Shoe Polish, Shinola, Black Shine, Bixby's Blackola and others. Choice 5c Bottle

Women's \$2 Shoes About 50 pairs in all, and values up to \$2.00. Choice, 49c

Men's \$5 Shoes The finest dress and patent leather shoes; all H. W. best \$5.00 grade \$1.89

Best 30c Rubber Heels 1,000 pairs rubber heels for men's and women's shoes; all over at 25c and 30c. Bargain Friday 16c Pair

Extraordinary Offering of Women's 59c KIMONOS 25c Ea.

Five hundred of them only, and but one to a customer—Women's fancy Lawn Kimonos, in all colors, well made; all sizes; every one a \$9c value; but one to a customer. While they last, special, each 25c

100 CASES EXTRA FINE Toilet Soaps 5c

One Day Only, Choice of 50 Doz. Infant's Caps Worth to 75c In Wool and Silk, while they last 15c

Another Giant Scoop—A Great New York Maker Goes Broke—We Capture Over 800 Women's \$6 and \$7.50 Dress Skirts



Think of it—new Spring Skirts at less than cost of material alone. Every one guaranteed \$6 to \$7.50 values or your money back. Now you get them at \$3.98.

The Latest, Newest Styles \$3.98

Any Woman's Long Cloak in the House Not one reserved—silk and satin lined, plaids, checks, and mixtures; worth up to \$30.00, even \$35.00. Choice 59c

Big Scoop of 200 Dozen 39c and 50c CORSETS 24c Ea.

The odd lots from one of the best makers, fine coutil, medium shapes and also Girdles in white, pink and blue; sizes 18 to 26, and every one a guaranteed 39c to 50c Corset. While they last, choice 24c

SATURDAY'S BIG SALE Sheet Music 17c

SENSATIONAL HOSIERY SELLING TWO MONSTER BARGAINS TO CROWD THE STORE TOMORROW—READ ON Women's Black Hose 35c Boy's Sandow Hose 19c

GROCERIES At Cut Prices The store that points the way to save on your living expenses. 22 lbs. Granulated SUGAR \$1.00

A SALE OF IMPORTANCE TO EVERY MAN IN TOWN GREAT AUCTION PURCHASE OF 200 DOZEN MEN'S 50 CENT NECKTIES 24c

CROCKERY At Big Reductions A one day sale that should crowd this section from end to end.

5,000 lbs. best Ginger Snaps, lb. 10c Reg. 35c bottle pure Maple Syrup 15c 100 cases extra large fancy Navel Oranges, this skinned, reg. 30c kind; dozen 17c 10 cases fancy Lemons; sold all over at 25c; dozen 12c Reg. 10c Cream 15c 2 cans for 25c Seeded Raisins, 2 packages for 25c 10c fancy bleached Seedless Raisins, lb. 10c 1,000 reg. 15c bottles fancy Catsup 8c

Latest 4-in-Hands--All Pure Silk The newest and best of this season's styles in all the most popular widths, plain black, white, pinks, grays, and all light colorings, also the handsomest of figured effects. See the great Third street window display; look at them and judge if this isn't really the greatest Neckwear sale you've ever seen. All 50c Ties, and the finest ever sold for the money. Remember all pure silk—there's not a cotton thread in them. Choice, 24c each.

2-qt. fancy Porcelain Jugs; reg. 45c size 23c Wire Carpet Beaters 14c always sell at 25c—1c value. Amed. Dish Pans, cheap at 35c; cut to 18c 1,000 best 30c Gas 7c Lighters, go at 25c 15-inch Spirit Level; 25c value 14c 3c Sand Paper 1c 5c Mouse Traps 3c 1c Cocoa Door Mats 50c \$1.25 large 17-qt em-ameled Dish Pans, 50c 35c imitation Cut Glass Butter Dish 14c 5,000 regular 5c large size boxes wood Tooth Picks, from 10 to 12 o'clock, one box to a customer, at, box 1c

AT THE THEATRES Crane-Jeffreys Tonight at Hellig. The attraction at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight and tomorrow night, with a matinee tomorrow afternoon, will be the celebrated players, William H. Crane and Willie Jeffreys, in their smash's great comedy, "The Stoops to Conquer." They are supported by an all-star cast, including George Oldens, Harry Addison Pitt, Margaret Dale, Walter Hale, Herbert Heath and Fred Thorne. Seats are now selling at the box office.

True Love in "Human Hearts." Not only are the prettiest possible love scenes a strong part of "Human Hearts," next week's play at the Empire, but there are scenes that stir the blood of the audience. The production of "Human Hearts" will in many respects surpass any heretofore seen in Portland. The new bill begins with the Sunday matinee.

A Great Sale of Men's \$3 Corduroy Pants Every pair a \$3.00 value or your money back—Men's extra heavy Corduroy Pants, double stitched and well finished; all size waists and lengths; the best \$3.00 men's Pants ever sold. One day only, \$1.69 a pair

THREE MONTHS IN JAIL INSTEAD OF THE LASH Hans Holt, the longshoreman who was yesterday adjudged guilty by a jury of beating his wife, escaped by the whipping post. Judge Cleland today sentenced him to three months' confinement in the county jail.