

# CLUB WOMEN STABBED UP OVER COMING PLAY

### Denounces in Soothing Terms Mrs. Warren's Profession, to Be Presented in Portland—Club Members Say the Whole Trend of Production Is Morally Debasing.

George Bernard Shaw evidently likes to stir up commotion, to arouse a hurricane and to startle conservative conventionalism out of its rutted groove. Probably in no play has he better succeeded in this than in "Mrs. Warren's Profession," the boldness of which set London agog when it was first published and has been setting all the dramatic world agog ever since whenever attempt has been made at its presentation.

In New York the play met the same fate as "Salome" with its bloody intrigues has since met. In Seattle it caused consternation among the minds of the custodians of public morality and it was again pushed off the boards by the shocked quasi-public, with blue and all colors of the rainbow, and with hands over the eyes. If the fingers parted and allowed a little peep now and then who would offer reproach?

The much disputed play is to be presented here in the near future and through it Shaw will be introduced to the theatre-going public of Portland. The play sparkles with clever dialogue as do most of Shaw's plays, but the matters under discussion are not always the subjects spoken of in polite society.

Mrs. Warren has a daughter who has been separated from her during the years of her education. When the daughter finally joins her mother at a country home she is puzzled to learn her mother's means of living. Her horror at first learning that Mrs. Warren's income is from houses of ill repute and that she owns several in big cities on the continent, is later overcome by her mother's pitiful story and she finds herself taking her mother's part, and giving justification against the profession into which the mother was forced as a girl when in poverty, and in which she claims that she can give girls a easier and more comfortable home.

Club Women Denounce It. The girl finally leaves her mother to go into legitimate business for herself, but though she refuses to marry because of the standing of her mother she will bear no word against her parent and the conflict merely goes on within her of the difference between right and wrong.

Mrs. W. Wynne Johnson asserts that such a play cannot be good production on the stage. "I know it only through reviews," she said, "and through excerpts which did not appeal to me, but it seems to me to have no good. Every play must leave some influence, either good or bad, and I cannot see how this one can leave a good one. Very often these moral or problem plays teach a good lesson but I cannot find one in this."

"About three months ago we gave an afternoon at the Woman's club to the study of this play and one of the women read extracts from this play. It did not take well at all. It did not appeal to the club women and I think as a rule they will object to its presentation here, and it should meet with the same treatment as other cities have accorded it."

Nothing very immoral or suggestive should or could be given on the stage," she said "and so it seems to me there can be nothing very bad about this play. Nothing offensive is in the action; nothing is really shown, it is only talked about. The only evil influence in the play, I think, is in the fact that the daughter is brought around to the mother's way of thinking in the end. I have only read it and when played a drama seems very different sometimes and so I can't say, but don't think there can be any harm in its presentation."

While I have not read the play myself I know something about it," she said, "and I know that it has a very shady reputation. One half of what is shown on the billboards should be eliminated anyway. I object to vaudeville theatre seriously and the influence it has on the young, and I object particularly to this kind of play. And with it I class "Salome." So many girls are put into evil associations through the theatres and such plays as this color their minds."

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# DEATH FOLLOWS BLOW IN FACE

### Henry Robinson Dies After Being Knocked Down by Hans Holt.

## ASSAILANT ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

### Assault Occurred in Frits's Saloon Yesterday Afternoon—Robinson Was Intoxicated When Struck—Inquest Will Be Held Today.

As the result of a barroom brawl in Fred Frits's Burnside street saloon, Henry Robinson, a former employee of Smyth & Howard, contractor, lies dead at Frits's undertaking parlors and Hans Holt, an ex-drummer, occupies a cell in the city prison, facing a charge of murder.

The tragedy occurred yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and Robinson came to his death from a fractured skull, caused by being knocked to the tiled floor of the saloon by a blow on the jaw delivered by Holt. Robinson died before the arrival of a surgeon and the body was taken in charge by the coroner. Holt was arrested on a charge of homicide.

According to the story told by Holt to District Attorney Manning, and corroborated by several witnesses, he was standing at the bar with William Morrow, an ironworker residing at 821 Jefferson street, when Robinson, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, approached and offered to shake hands with the two men. Holt informed Robinson that he did not know him and ordered him to go about his business. This aroused the ire of the fellow and he retorted: "I am just as good a man as you are."

In order to avoid any difficulty Holt and Morrow adjourned to the sidewalk, but Robinson followed them out of the saloon and again repeated his declaration about being as good as the former fireman. Holt and his friend thereupon walked back into the saloon and as Robinson continued to annoy him, Holt struck the man in the face, knocking him to the floor.

Robinson's head struck the tiling and he was rendered unconscious. Several employees of the saloon carried the senseless man to a side room and a doctor called in before the doctor's arrival, however, death had occurred. Evidently not realizing that Robinson was dead, Holt remained in the resort until the arrival of Sergeant Goits and Patrolman Anderson.

Holt has been in considerable difficulty during the past year and in 1915 was arrested for larceny. He was recently released from the county jail, where he served a three months' sentence for assaulting his wife. Holt was formerly a member of the freboat hose company, but was discharged from the department owing to his continued ill-treatment of his wife.

Robinson was married and it is understood that his wife is in business at Lewis river. Corner Finlay will hold an inquest this afternoon.

## HOW HARRIMAN THROTTLED DEVELOPMENT

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river gorge, where they undertook to block construction of the Hill railroads from Spokane to Portland. Upwards of \$250,000 was spent by the Harriman interests to obstruct the building of the Portland & Pacific by the latter into a non-competitive agreement and prevent him from invading Oregon with railroad transportation. But here Mr. Harriman met more than his match and was defeated.

Closing Ogden Gateway. The same policies were seen in Harriman's closing of the Ogden gateway to the Denver & Rio Grande and shutting out competition from Willamette valley shippers. Prior to acquisition of the Southern Pacific by the latter, the Pacific system the former road enabled the Denver & Rio Grande to come into this territory and offer the shippers cars and facilities for through business via Sacramento and the Ogden gateway to the east.

At the recent hearing in Portland by Commissioner Lane it was shown that in former years the Willamette valley had rail competition and a large amount of hops, lumber and other products were shipped over the Denver & Rio Grande. After Harriman's acquisition of the Southern Pacific orders were issued that no more cars consigned from or destined to Oregon points should be routed by the Southern Pacific via Sacramento for transcontinental shipment in either direction. The result was that all Willamette valley products had to "go Union Pacific" and this rule is still in vogue.

In this manner Harriman has succeeded in tying up and absolutely controlling not only Oregon, but the traffic of California, Nevada and Idaho. The Interstate commerce commission says he has eliminated railroad competition in an area equal to one-third of the United States, and in this area he is complete master.

Control of San Pedro. The same methods that have stifled railroad development in Oregon were successful in gaining Southern Pacific control of the road built by W. A. Clark from Salt Lake to San Pedro. This line, had it been left untrammeled by Harriman, would have opened a vast territory in the southwest to railroad competition and enabled the people of southern California and Nevada to secure the benefit of actual competitive transportation and rail construction for marketing their enormous output of fruits and ores and bringing their supplies from the east.

A portion of the right of way that

# LITTLE DANGER FROM FLOOD THIS SUMMER

### Forecaster Beals Does Not Look for Inundation of Portland's Lower Streets This Season—Weather Warm East of Mountains, but Cool Nights Check Snow Streams.

District Forecaster Beals of the weather bureau says that so far as he can see there is no danger of Portland's lower streets being swept by a flood this summer. The river may rise to a height of 15, 16 or 17 feet at this place as a result of back water from the Columbia, but even then only a couple of the lower docks would be inundated. The river will have to reach the 25-foot level to encroach upon Front street, or in other words it has to rise 15 feet higher than what is generally considered high water here.

The weather continued warm in eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho this morning, but will probably get cooler tonight and tomorrow. The Snake river was falling yesterday. It began rising today in response to the high temperature, but the rise had not made itself felt in the Columbia below Umatilla this afternoon. A continuation of a rise in the Snake will be noticed in the Columbia tomorrow, and Forecaster Beals expects to record a rise in the main waterway tomorrow.

The small rise will not be noticed much here, however. The Willamette is up to the 12.5 feet mark at this place and will probably reach the 16-foot mark by the beginning of next week. Further than that it is difficult to predict, but conditions are such, says the weather man, that there is no cause whatever for alarm. Beginning next Monday daily bulletins on the river will be issued and all persons interested in the stage of water are invited to call up the weather bureau for any information that can be furnished.

Yesterday was the warmest day of the new summer season and the "It is hot enough for you" bug emerged from his winter quarters and began pestering the public. The highest temperature was 85 degrees at 3 o'clock. It continued tropical all evening and most of the night, until about dawn, when clouds began to drive in upon the light breeze. At 5 o'clock this morning the temperature was 83 degrees, or 10 degrees lower than at the corresponding time yesterday morning.

Clark selected as his route was a strip of 60 miles through Meadow valley, Washington, a long canyon in the state of Nevada.

Many years previously the Oregon Short Line had surveyed through this canyon and started construction of a grade, but it had been abandoned for years and the Oregon Short Line no longer had any legal claim on the right of way. When Clark began building through the canyon the Short Line revived its claim to the right of way, started litigation against Clark and began construction of a road through it. Harriman notified Clark that unless he desisted the Oregon Short Line would parallel every mile of his road and ruin it.

Clark saw that the Short Line could, with the assistance of all the Harriman connecting lines in the southwest, make the threat good, so he capitulated, divided with Harriman the stock of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Pacific and entered into a written agreement dictated by Harriman to permit the Southern Pacific to make all rates for both roads.

Oregon Coast Dominated. The Oregon coast has been dominated in the same way and it is to this day deprived of railroad facilities and absolutely shut off from the world. When rival interests were about to secure control of the Corvallis & Eastern, a small railroad extending from Yaquina bay through the coast range to Detroit at the foot of the Cascades and extending it across Oregon to the Snake river to meet transcontinental connection, Harriman a few months ago purchased

the road and "put it back on the shelf."

The same thing was done with the Spreckels line in Coos county, which might well have been extended from Coos bay to the east or south and given that region a rail outlet. When the Northwestern a year ago threw its engineers across the Snake river into Oregon at Nyssa and began surveying a route for extension of that road to Portland, Harriman interests started construction of a line westward from Ontario and announced that it would be built through central Oregon and to Portland via Natron. The Harriman project has been pushed only as far as Vale, about 16 miles, and nothing has been since announced to indicate that it would proceed further, although central Oregon people are still hopeful that the line will some time be built through the state.

Involves Tract in Douglas. But has been brought by the General Electric company of Schenectady, New York, in the United States circuit court against L. L. Furd, S. C. Flint, the Oregon & California Railroad company and the Southern Pacific company to recover judgment on a decree and contract involving \$36,000 and a large tract of land in Douglas county, Oregon. The General Electric company also asks that all these parties be enjoined from disposing of their interests in the property until the hearing is had.

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## HATCHET MADE OF STONE FOUND ON THE DESCHUTES

L. S. Wright, letter carrier No. 3 of this city, was yesterday made the recipient of an Indian stone hatchet or war club that will make a valuable addition to his collection of curios. The weapon appears to be old as the

hills and could no doubt unfold some startling tales if endowed with the power of speech.

Mr. Wright secured the hatchet from a friend, Thomas Miller, who owns a farm near the mouth of the Deschutes river. The other day Mr. Miller was working away sand and gravel for an irrigation ditch and unexpectedly came upon the buried hatchet. He found it four feet below the surface and about 100 yards from the river.

Both branches of the Florida legislature recently adopted resolutions in honoring W. J. Bryan for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

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**SECOND LIEUTENANT COOPER'S PROMOTION** (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., May 16.—Second Lieutenant Cooper of Fort Stevens has received notice that he has successfully passed the examination for promotion to first lieutenant and had been transferred from the coast artillery branch to the service in the field artillery. Lieutenant Cooper is one of the most popular officers stationed at Fort Stevens. He has not received any information as to his new station.

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## LAST RITES OVER BODY OF PIONEER PHYSICIAN

### Remains of Dr. Poppleton Will Be Buried Tomorrow Afternoon.

Dr. Edgar Poppleton, one of the pioneer physicians of Portland, died yesterday after an extended illness. For several months Dr. Poppleton was afflicted with an internal tumor. The funeral will be held at Finlay's chapel Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment will be at Riverside cemetery.

Dr. Poppleton was a native of New York and grew to early manhood in Ohio. He crossed the plains in 1853 with his parents, who settled in Oregon. He graduated in 1860 from the Physio-Medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, and returned to Oregon, where he had practiced almost up to the time of his death. He instituted the office of coroner in Portland and was the city's first coroner. His first residence in Portland was from 1865 to about 1869. Returning in 1890 he had resided here.

In 1861 he married Miss Nancy Catherine Shelton, who also crossed the plains with her parents about 1844, and who survives him. Five daughters and one son are left. Mrs. Harding of Mount Tabor, Mrs. Alexander of Alameda, Cal.; Misses Ildie and Nellie Poppleton of this city and Sister Mary Lauretine of the Order of Holy Names at Jacksonville.

## TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual election of the Multnomah Typographical union No. 68 was held yesterday in Drew's hall from 12 o'clock at noon until 1 o'clock in the evening. The Australian form of ballot was used in the election. The following officers were elected:

President, Will Daly; vice-president, R. E. Coburn; secretary-treasurer, George Vath (re-elected); reading clerk, J. J. Price; sergeant-at-arms, J. L. McCown; doorkeeper, W. W. Curtis. The executive committee was elected as follows: Arthur Brock, W. H. Gault, E. G. Goshall, M. A. Jones and C. C. Raven. Delegates to the Federated Trades Council are: R. A. Harris, J. J. Price and W. A. Stivers. Delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council are: W. J. Behr, George H. Howell and C. M. Rynearson.

## PALOUSE SOON TO BE ON TROLLEY RAILROAD MAP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Palouse, Wash., May 16.—The people of this city have been assured by the management of the Spokane & Inland Electric Railway company that as soon as the trolley wires can be strung from Oakesdale to Garfield, which will be in a few days, a through service will be established to this city. A steam engine will be kept at Garfield to be used to haul the train between the two towns. A special train, the first into this city over the electric road, was run into Palouse from Rosalia Sunday on account of the Rosalia-Palouse ball game. It consisted of four coaches and carried 200 passengers.

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