

POISONING OF BAKER AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY



The mysterious death of Walter F. Baker, a Boston clubman, has developed a sensational case. Evidence has been produced at the coroner's inquest going to show that the clubman's body contained arsenic enough to slay four men. Here are some of the people who figure in this mysterious case, news of which was recently received by telegraph. At the top is a snapshot of Edward F. Baker, brother of the dead man, conferring with a mysterious woman witness. At the bottom from left to right are: "Brownie" Hurd, to whom \$250,000 left by Baker, reverted after his sister's death. A snapshot of Dr. W. J. Boos, the medical expert who told of the arsenic found in the body, and W. Harry Lee, who told of Baker's movements previous to his death.

Mr. Ham is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and has spent the last 10 years in the construction of fireproof buildings of reinforced concrete. His recommendations, he says, apply to the average school buildings in any town in the country, as strongly as to the schools in Youngstown. He says: "In view of the calamity that has overtaken Cleveland, there can be no question of the wisdom of the Youngstown board of education in taking whatever steps are necessary to make the school buildings that are now in use safe, and to establish definitely a policy hereafter to construct no school buildings which are not absolutely fireproof. How to accomplish these results without increasing the burdens of the taxpayers unduly, is the question of the moment, and to this end, the writer makes the following general recommendations:—

For Old Buildings. "All school buildings which are not known to be thoroughly fireproof should be examined by the school committee and the chief of the fire department of the city. Steps should be taken to prevent rapid spread of fire, especially from the corridors to the main rooms. This can be accomplished in all old buildings quickly by the installation of a fireproof partition between the corridors and main rooms with steel doors having wire glass transoms, or with no transoms. "If possible every school building should have an exit at the opposite end of the building from the stairways. This exit should be protected from fire by brick walls extending at least six feet from the building, no other opening into the building being allowed. Fire escapes should be unlocked every morning and opened. A fire drill should be instituted using the fire escapes and practice should be constant throughout the school year. In order that the children may not be frightened at the sound of alarm of all fires, the practice should be carried out with regular fire alarm each week at no specified time.

Regarding New Buildings. "Where the school committee is limited for funds with which to build a fireproof school building, it should be impressed upon the architects that the interior of the building is the most important of all features, and that any saving that is to be made, should be made in the looks of the exterior and not in the construction of the interior of the building. It often occurs that for the sake of beautifying the city an elaborate exterior is designed. This is, of course, ideal, but where the maximum amount of space must be built for the minimum amount of money, a plain, almost severe exterior with thoroughly fireproof floors and partitions, should be the prevailing idea of construction. "If the rooms are not too large, the cost of a thoroughly fireproof building, with reinforced concrete floors and columns, and a neat, brick exterior, can be constructed for approximately 10 per cent increase in first cost over the construction of a brick and wood building. "Disasters due to fires in this country are unnumbered, and we are criticized severely by foreign countries, where the lack of wood has been a blessing for years."

ESPERANTISTS PLAN REPUBLIC

Derelict Province of Moresnet, on Holland Frontier, Chosen as Place.

Paris, March 19.—An Esperanto republic is the ambitious scheme of Professor Gustave Roy, professor of living languages at the St. Girons college, who is an enthusiast about the new "universal language." His proposal is to convert the derelict province of Moresnet, where the frontiers of Holland, Belgium and Germany meet, into a little independent state inhabited and governed by Esperantists, where Esperanto shall be the "native tongue." The present inhabitants—half German, half Belgian—number, in all, about 3,000. The name suggested for this new Utopia is Amikejo, the Esperanto for "friendship." There will be no taxes in Amikejo, the revenue being derived from subscriptions from Esperantists in all parts of the world, and from a proposed casino to be established there. There will be an Esperanto college, a chamber for the protection of Esperantist interests, an Esperanto theatre, and an Esperanto newspaper. The government will be republican in form, the president being the principal of the International Esperantist college, who would probably be Professor Gustave Roy himself.

INDIANA HAS DEAF OPERATOR

Receives Code Through His Frontal Bone—Able to Perform All Duties.

South Bend, Ind., March 19.—William E. Elliott, agent for the Nickel Plate railroad at Tippacanoe, is probably the only totally deaf telegrapher in the world. Although unable to distinguish any kind of a sound, he is able to perform all the duties required of an operator, and will likely hold his office for several years to come. When Elliott entered the employ of the railroad he was possessed of as good ears as any man, but about 30 years ago his hearing began to fail, and being unable to find a cure he set about to experiment in order that he would not be thrown out of employment. An old horsewhip fell into his hands. Cutting a piece about two feet long from the butt end, he attached to it a metal plate. The other end was placed against the telegraph sander. Then placing his forehead to the plate, he received the code through his frontal bone and solved the problem.

Governor J. Franklin Fort of New Jersey, United States Senator Knox and Governor Edwin Stuart of Pennsylvania have promised to attend the 125th anniversary celebration of Dickinson college next June.

HOW TO MAKE SCHOOL SAFE

William Hale Ham, Vice-President of National Association of Cement Users Makes General Recommendations to Boards.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Youngstown, Ohio, March 19.—Alarmed by the statement of Director of Schools W. N. Ashbaugh, that the Cleveland disaster might be repeated in any of the public school buildings in Youngstown, the board of education has called in a fireproofing engineer of national prominence, to formulate a plan for making the structures safe. The action is due to the existing state of public opinion, because many parents declare if this cannot be done at once their children will be kept from school.

MUSIC STUDENTS Should Have Steady Nerves. The nervous system of the musician is often very sensitive and any habit like coffee drinking may so upset the nerves as to make regular and necessary daily practice next to impossible. "I practice from seven to eight hours a day and study harmony two hours," writes a Michigan music student. "Last September I was so nervous I could practice only a few minutes at a time and mother said I would have to drop my music for a year. "This was terribly discouraging, as I couldn't bear the thought of losing a whole year of study. Becoming convinced that my nervousness was caused largely by coffee, and seeing Postum so highly spoken of, I decided I would resume my music. "Mother followed the directions carefully, and I thought I had never tasted such a delicious drink. We drank Postum every morning instead of coffee, and by November I felt more like myself than for years, and was ready to resume my music. "I now practice as usual, do my studying, and when my day's work is finished I am not any more nervous than when I began. "I cannot too highly recommend Postum to musicians who practice half a day. My father is a physician and recommends Postum to his patients. Words cannot express my appreciation for this most valuable health beverage, and experience has proven its superiority over all others." There's a reason. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-being," in packages.



436th Bargain Friday Sale

Extra Values in Seasonable MERCHANDISE

This is to be a great bargain season at Roberts Bros.' store, and it is especially worth your while to watch our announcements this month. Reduced prices are the watchwords in every section. You'll find it hard to make a mistake in trading here. The people of Portland have learned that they can choose here with perfect safety, as only reliable grades of high-class merchandise are given a place in our stocks. We call your special attention to our bargains for tomorrow, knowing that they will save you money on every article you buy.

Five Great Bargains in the Center Aisle

Embroideries, Laces and Ribbons



Our Fancy Goods Buyer has just returned from New York. Many of the most prominent importers and jobbers of that city were willing to make great price concessions that they might secure ready cash. Tomorrow we place on sale five wonderful bargains made possible by these conditions and our tremendous cash-purchasing power. Read the items carefully and attend the sale as early as you can.

- 25c EMBROIDERIES 10c**
BARGAIN NO. 1—A great special offering of Cambric Embroideries, from 6 to 8 inches wide, deep, attractive patterns, made with good firm edges, the kind that will splendidly stand the test of wear. Special New York purchase of 25c embroideries priced for this sale Bargain Friday at..... **10c**
- Embroideries 18 to 27 Inches, Regular Values Up to \$2.00 a Yard 57c**
BARGAIN NO. 2—Corset Cover and Flouncing Embroideries, from 18 to 27 inches wide, made of fine quality Swiss, Nainsook and cambric, they come in a full assortment of exquisite new patterns, shadow work, fillet, padded floral designs, large and small scroll effects and all the new St. Gall novelties. Special New York purchase of embroideries, worth up to \$2 a yard, priced for this sale Bargain Friday at..... **57c**
- Allover Embroideries, Vals. to \$1.25 a Yard—This Price While They Last 25c**
BARGAIN NO. 3—Not an unlimited number of yards to sell at this ridiculously low price, so if you would share in this wonderful saving an early visit is necessary. Beautiful Allover Embroideries, from 18 to 21 inches wide, all this season's goods, in a variety of attractive patterns, good dependable quality. Special New York purchase of embroideries worth up to \$1.25 a yard, priced for this sale Bargain Friday at..... **25c**
- Three Big Lots of Wash Laces 5c at One Little Price, Yard 5c**
BARGAIN NO. 4—A great special sale of Wash Laces, everlasting, torchon and Normandy Val. Laces, in an unlimited assortment of this season's best patterns, ranging in width from 1 to 3 inches. These laces are made with fine firm edges that will improve by washing. A special New York purchase of laces worth up to 12c a yard, priced for this sale Bargain Friday at..... **5c**
- Ribbon for Hair Bows, 5 Inches Wide at, Yard 23c**
BARGAIN NO. 5—Black Taffeta Ribbon, full 5 inches wide, extra heavy and stiff, so much in demand right now for hair bows and millinery purposes—bows made free of charge at the ribbon counter if desired. A great New York purchase of black taffeta ribbon fully worth 40c a yard, priced for this sale Bargain Friday at..... **23c**

Two Extraordinary Bargains in Woolen DRESS GOODS

- 85c and \$1 Values at 49c** Priced Like This **\$1.25, \$1.50 Values at 68c**
- Tomorrow you have choice of the following fashionable fabrics at this price:
46-inch Egyptian Crepes, strictly all wool, comes in the fashionable shades of red, navy, steel, tan, green, etc.
50-inch Mohair Scallian, in colors navy, cardinal, brown, tan, gray and green.
45-inch Novelty Worsteds, in neat gray effects, with silk over-plaids, in colors brown, tan and gray.
44-inch Novelty Mohairs, in neat stripe effects, in all the new colorings.
44-inch Block Checked Serges, strictly all wool, attractive black and white effects.
44-inch Checked Batistes, in all size checks in black and white.
44-inch Jamestown Worsteds and Novelty Panamas in a full range of colors.
- Tomorrow at this price you may select these fashionable fabrics:
Novelty French Voiles, in 42 and 44-inch widths, they come in a full assortment of new Pastelle tints in pretty invisible stripes, a fine silk and wool fabric that makes up beautifully over a colored lining.
42-inch Silk and Wool Eolienne, a fine soft weave, very desirable for spring and summer wear, comes in colors red, navy, champagne, tan, blue, green, gray, etc.
45-inch Genuine French Batiste, finest of all wool fabrics, washable colors in shades of pink, blue, gray, green, etc.
42-inch Silk and Wool Crepe de Paris, a soft clinging fabric in great demand this season, comes in shades of tan, gray, blue, etc.

85c and \$1 Grades at 49c, \$1.25 to \$1.50 Grades at 68c

A Special Friday Sale of Suit and Waisting Silks

85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 Values at 69c
You are used to seeing the best silk values in the city at this store, but come tomorrow and have every memory of unmatchable bargains eclipsed by these offerings. Every yard of dependable quality, Double Warp Louissines, Buckskin Taffetas, Fancy Print Warp Louissines, Persians Fancies, Novelty Taffetas, Rough Pongees, Satin Foulards, Black Beau de Soie and Chiffon Taffetas. These silks come in a full assortment of all the newest and best colorings, in an unlimited variety of designs, new steel gray novelties, black checks, shadow plaids, pin stripes, ombre plaids, Scotch and broken plaids, neat two and three-toned fancies and natural rough pongees, satin foulards, chiffon and royal wash taffetas, in all the best shades. These silks come in full standard widths and are worth from 85c to \$1.50 a yard. Your choice tomorrow only at one price, Bargain Friday, at..... **69c**

Women's Underwear—35c Knit Vests 25c

- A special Friday offering—Women's fine bleached Cotton Vests, correct spring weight, made with high neck and long sleeves, well made, neatly finished; vests that are fully worth 35c, on sale Bargain Friday at..... **25c**
- Women's Knit Jackets, \$3.50, \$5 Vals. \$2.98**
A very special purchase of Women's Knit Jackets, made in the popular pony style, placed on sale tomorrow for the first time. These nobby Sweater Coats are all the "go" just now; they are made of fine soft wool, in plain white and red and white with black figures; regular \$3.50 and \$5.00. On sale tomorrow at one price, Bargain Friday..... **\$2.98**
- Women's Stockings, 35c Values at 23c**
A special sale tomorrow—Women's fine imported Gauze Lisle Stockings, in fast black, made with double heel, sole and toe, excellent wearing quality; regular 35c grade. Specially priced Bargain Friday at..... **23c**
- Children's Stockings, 25c Values at 12c**
A half price sale tomorrow—Children's fine ribbed tan Stockings, in all sizes, for boys and girls, made of extra good cotton; regular 25c kinds. Specially priced Bargain Friday at..... **12c**

Special Friday Bargains Muslin Underwear and Aprons

- CHILDREN'S GOWNS, 50c VALS. 29c**
A fine line of Children's Gowns, made of good quality outing flannel, in pink or blue stripes, are well made and have neatly finished collar and cuffs; they come in all sizes 2 to 12 years; regular 50c values. Special Bargain Friday at..... **29c**
- MUSLIN GOWNS, \$1.35 Values 89c**
A fine showing of Muslin Gowns, made of high grade cambric and nainsook, in the high, square or V-shaped neck, neatly trimmed with embroidery, beading, insertings, lace and ribbons; also a line in slip-over style, with low neck, daintily trimmed with laces or embroidery; regular \$1.35 values. Special Bargain Friday..... **89c**
- GINGHAM APRONS, 50c VALUES 29c**
A fine showing of Women's Gingham Aprons, made of good grade gingham, in neat blue or white checks, they are made to fasten around the waist, are full length and have plain shoulder straps. These excellent aprons are 52 inches long and 36 inches wide; regular 50c value. Special Bargain Friday..... **29c**
- CORSET GIRDLES, 50c VALUES 39c**
A full line of Corset Girdles, in all colors, sizes 18 to 26, made of high grade material and extra well boned; also a line of Tape Girdles, in all colors, sizes 18 to 26; the very best 50c values. Special Bargain Friday..... **39c**