

COURTLY BURGLAR PLAYS MEAN TRICK UPON WEIL FAMILY

Calls Mr. Weil Away With a Phony Phone Message, Tells Mrs. Weil Disaster Story—Loots House at Leisure.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The police are searching today for the reincarnation of Lord Chesterfield who invaded William H. Weil of this city away from his home to keep an "appointment" with Max Dill, the comedian, and sent Mrs. Weil and her maid hurrying to the Central Emergency hospital, where he said her husband was lying near death, after which he proceeded leisurely to loot the Weil flat of silverware and jewelry.

The thief, who was reported to have been dressed in the height of fashion, called up William Weil over the telephone, imitated Dill's voice and made an immediate appointment at a local theatre. With the husband out of the way, the criminal proceeded to the flat, assumed a kind-hearted attitude and, deeply affected by his "head mission," told Mrs. Weil that her husband had been badly hurt in a streetcar accident and wanted her. The stranger's politeness and his solicitude drove away suspicion, and the distressed wife accepted his courtesies. He assisted Mrs. Weil and her maid with their wraps, attended to the locks on the doors, and rode with them a block in order to pay their streetcar fares.

He dismounted, walked back to the flat and stripped it of every piece of jewelry and silver it contained. The Weils after discovering the hoax, returned to the flat and found their valuables gone. No clue was left by the criminal and the police have little hope of finding him.

\$2000 PER ACRE FROM HOOD RIVER ORCHARD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., Dec. 21.—J. C. Porter, who for many years was a partner in the Sears & Porter orchard, and who holds the record for a profitable apple crop in the Hood River valley this year. Mr. Porter's three and one-half acre tract of Yellow Newtown apples will yield \$2000 per acre. As high as 30 boxes were picked off a single tree. Mr. Porter has shipped his entire crop to the New York market with the exception of a few Newtowns that were bought by Page & Son of Portland.

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MERE NONSENSE IN VAUDEVILLE AMUSING

Foolishness, Rot and Other Stunts Attractions at the Orpheum This Week.

By G. I. W.
Frances Slosson and Franklyn Underwood return as topiners at the Orpheum this week and their old favoritism in Portland, where they have played in stock and in support of traveling stars, wins them much applause. "Dobbs' Diplomacy" is a cleverly constructed playlet, with lots of laughs in it, and although George Bloomquist is missed from the role, his place is filled most capably by Mr. Davies. Miss Slosson and Mr. Underwood have acquired a good deal more ease and abandon in the play than they formerly showed.

The bulk of the applause, however, went to one Frank Tinney, a corked comedian—corked only as to the exterior surface of his face. With an infectious smile he imitated the halting speech of an over-earnest youngster given to communing with himself. He does some playing and some dancing, but the funniest part of his act is just himself. His wind up effort with the bagpipes, and the elaborate announcement with which he introduces it is a scream. And if Trovatore on bagpipes! Shades of Verdi and Piper MacDonald!

The Basque Grand Opera quartet does some acceptable work with selections from the operas. The soprano has a pleasing voice of clear quality and good range. Her singing of the Traviata aria was good. The three men's voices are very good, especially the tenor and baritone.

James Donovan and Rena Arnold make a good vaudeville team in nonsense. Mr. Donovan has an irresistible Irish manner about him and some of his jokes are very good. Their singing in genuine vaudeville style is merry and entertaining. The Zanettos are pseudo Japs with clever make-ups that might pass if the Japanese modesty and quiet were not such an absent factor in their act. Their work in juggling is good, though presenting little of the original, but a brilliant oriental setting and judicious use of colors makes their act effective. Fox and Foxie's circus presents an interesting study in trained cats and dogs which is rather good. Belle Davis presents a quartet of pickaninnies, who sing and dance cleverly.

Charles P. Taft's Birthday.
Charles P. Taft, elder brother of President William H. Taft, was born in Cincinnati, December 21, 1843. He graduated at Yale college in the class of 1864, and from the Columbia law school two years later. From 1866 to 1869 he was a student at Heidelberg university, and at the universities of Paris and Berlin. He returned to Cincinnati in 1869, and began the practice of law, which profession he abandoned 10 years later to enter upon his career as a newspaper editor and publisher. In 1879 he bought the controlling interest of the Cincinnati Times, and the following year he acquired the Star and consolidated the two papers. Mr. Taft served one term in congress, and has held several important public offices in his home city. He is reputed to be a man of great wealth, and is the owner of one of the finest private art collections in America.

COASTING INJURES TWO AT PENDLETON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 21.—Two serious coasting accidents have put a damper on the winter sport among the boys in this city. The flurry of snow Sunday and freezing weather served to make the sidewalks on the various hills exceedingly slippery. Sunday morning 13-year-old George Peebler and a number of companions were coasting down the steep narrow sidewalk on Garfield street, one sled following another. A cap from one of the foremost boy's head flew off, and the runner of young Peebler's sled struck it, and swerved crashing into some grade stakes, hurling the boy into a tree with such force that one of his legs was fractured just above the knee. Skillful treatment will

be necessary to prevent stiffening of the knee joint.

Yesterday morning, on south Main street, Harry Wilson, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. J. H. Wilson, was riding head foremost at terrific speed when he crashed into a tree. He is still unconscious as a result of concussion of the brain. He also sustained a severe cut on the head, but his exact injuries cannot be ascertained until he regains consciousness.

Union Woodmen Elect.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Union, Or., Dec. 21.—At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen Saturday night the following officers were elected: Venerable consul, William Kleiblock; worthy advisor, Samuel Ellis; banker, Thomas T. Cook; clerk, A. E. Druess; escort, W. E. Culler; sentry, George McLaw; watchman, Nels Christensen; manager (for 3 years), R. L. Wakefield.



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