

NOTED PREACHER TO GO ON TRIAL ON A FRAUD CHARGE

Boston Minister One of Defendants in Criminal Suit Brought by United States Against Land Company.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, Mass., May 27.—Arrangements have been practically completed for the trial next week before Judge Dodge in the United States district court in this city of the Rev. Norman Platts, former president, Charles H. Brooks, treasurer, and John L. Traplacen, assistant treasurer of the Redeemable Investment company, upon the charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud.

United States District Attorney A. S. French will have charge of the prosecution in person and the defendants will be represented by the Honorable J. Elder as senior counsel, John P. Feehey and Francis M. Carroll.

The Redeemable Investment company, which is said to have been a "get rich quick" concern with many victims, principally in the east, was organized about four years ago by the Rev. Mr. Platts and several Boston promoters and business men. In the literature which the company sent out liberally throughout the country, it was stated that it controlled, as a holding company, mining, farm and timber properties in the northwest of the United States and in British Columbia.

After the federal authorities had received several complaints from alleged victims of the company an investigation was made on October 17, 1910, federal officials made a raid upon the elegantly furnished offices of the concern, confiscated the books and papers of the company and arrested Charles H. Brooks, treasurer and manager. At that time the Rev. Mr. Platts was on his way to British Columbia and it was until three weeks later that he returned voluntarily and surrendered to the United States marshal. Upon his arrival in Boston he stated that he had resigned as president of the company two months before and at the preliminary hearing he pleaded not guilty to the charge of fraudulently using the mails.

The unusual interest in this case, not only in this city, but throughout the country, is due to the fact that the principal defendant, the Rev. Norman Platts, is well known in widest circles as a clergyman and educator. He was born at Claverack, N. Y., May 4, 1860, and came from Dutch stock. He studied at the Hudson (N. Y.) academy; graduated from Williams college with the degree of A. B. in 1882, and with the degree of A. M. in 1885. In the following year he graduated from Yale divinity school as a B. D. and obtained his degree of D. D. from Williams college in 1904. In June, 1884, he married Jessie Charlotte Wheeler and two years later was ordained to the Congregational ministry.

He held important pastorates at Detroit, Mich., Lincoln, Neb., Medina and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Barrington, R. I. He was state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Rhode Island and New York from 1897 to 1898, and agent of the Congregational National Home Missionary society in 1900. Then he became professor of theism and Christian evidence at Washburn college, Topeka, Kan., and in 1902 he was elected president of the college. In a position which he held until 1908, when he resigned and embarked in business, organizing the Redeemable Investment company. Rev. Platts enjoyed quite a reputation as a preacher and educator, was for many years a member of numerous scientific, religious, educational and economic societies and won some distinction as the author of several books and a number of sermons and addresses.

PINE CREEK IRRIGATION TO COST NOT OVER \$75

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Weston, Or., May 27.—A committee of five farmers, George Carmichael, G. W. Stagers, Frank Price, Frank King and C. M. Price, appointed at a recent meeting, is now soliciting acreage for the Pine Creek irrigation project. The subscribers bind themselves to pay not to exceed \$75 an acre for water. George T. Cochran of La Grande, water superintendent of the second Oregon division, gave an address here outlining the bonding plan.

Weston High Turns Out Seven.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Weston, Or., May 27.—At the commencement exercises of Weston high school Thursday evening, seven graduates received their diplomas from the principal, J. E. Keefe Jr., who goes to Bend and will be succeeded by Rev. C. A. Rexroad of Milton. The graduates are: Zilia Simpson, Mamie Ross, Edna Banister, Odessa Kirkpatrick, Mabel Kennard, Harry Brown, Earl Hoge. Class honors for the highest standing fell to Hoge. The commencement addresses were given by Walter M. Pierce of La Grande.

Peace Jubilee Tomorrow.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—White ribbons are in evidence everywhere here today. Each, in person on the street is wearing one in celebration of the peace jubilee which is to be held here tomorrow. Thousands of Georgians are gathering to endorse the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

HOW WEAK WOMEN May Be Made Strong at Small Expense and No Risk.

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Boston Heiress Who Ran Away From Home



Miss Gertrude Quimby, 16 years old, who is stage struck.

New York, May 27.—Sixteen-year-old Gertrude Quimby, who ran away from her Boston home when her mother attempted to chastise her, has been located in Brooklyn. Mrs. H. A. Werner is a wealthy woman and the girl is heiress to a large estate. Some time ago she became stage struck and staid out late at night. This grieved her mother and annoyed her step-father, so the mother attempted corrective measures with her daughter with the result that the mother was worsted in the physical encounter and the girl fled to New York.

"I have had no quarrel with my mother," said Miss Quimby today. "She says she will let me go on the stage for my mind is set upon it. I will come here to live with me. I would be overjoyed if she would come; but she can't

REFERENDUM INVOKED AGAINST THE ANTI-PICKETING ORDINANCE

Organized Labor Is Making a Bitter Fight on So-called "Gag Law."

Two ordinances passed by the city council and approved by Mayor Simon last year which are being bitterly fought by organized labor are to be voted on next month on referendums invoked by the labor interests. One is known as the Banner ordinance and the other, passed later and much more stringent in terms, is an anti-picketing ordinance, dubbed by some of its opponents the "gag law."

The Banner ordinance is general in its terms and is designed to prohibit the carrying of any kind of a banner for any purpose, the most common examples of which are advertising banners for "fire sales" and "cut rates." It would hit the labor unions by preventing the display of banners regarding places of business called "unfair."

Section one of this ordinance, which defines its purpose, reads as follows:

Labor Unions Complain.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to carry, bear or support, or cause to be carried, borne or supported on any public street, sidewalk, park or avenue, in the city of Portland, any banner, sign, device or emblem." (Penalty fixed is a fine of from \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment from 5 to 30 days, or both.)

The advocates of this ordinance take the position that Portland is too much of a city to permit the indiscriminate display of banners, which are declared to have become a nuisance and an unnecessary form of advertising. The labor unions, which oppose the ordinance because it would prevent the parading of "unfair" signs on the streets, are supported in their position by many business men, who regard this as a profitable means of advertising, with which they speak in a loud or unusual voice, or to cry out or proclaim, for the purpose of inducing or influencing, or attempting to induce or influence, any person to refrain from purchasing or using any goods, wares, merchandise, or other article or articles, or for the purpose of inducing or influencing, or attempting to induce or influence, any person to refrain from doing or performing any service or labor in any works, factory, place of business or employment.

Miss Paine Weds a Prussian Baron.

Berlin, May 27.—The old garrison church in Berlin was the scene of a brilliant gathering this afternoon for the marriage of Miss Mabel Clinton Paine, daughter of the late General Clinton Paxton Paine of Baltimore, and Baron Hartmann Ernest von Schlottheim, a lieutenant in the First Grenadier Guards. Representatives of the American embassy and many of the leading members of the American colony in the German capital attended the ceremony.

The bride of today made the acquaintance of Baron von Schlottheim last winter, while both were participating in the winter sports at St. Moritz. The baron is a member of one of the oldest families of the Prussian nobility.

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GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY BY FIRE UNNECESSARY

Failure to Appreciate Seriousness and Lack of Protection Cause in Majority of Cases, Great Catastrophes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, May 27.—Failure to appreciate the seriousness of mine fires and a lack of adequate fire protection have resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives and the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of property in the last few years, according to a statement made at the annual meeting of the National Fire Protection association by Herbert M. Wilson, chief engineer of the federal bureau of mines.

Mr. Wilson went farther and declared that two of the most serious disasters in coal mines in the last two years, one at Cherry, Ill., in which 382 lives were lost, and the other at the Hancock mine, near Scranton, Pa., in which 74 lives were lost, originated from trivial causes and ought to have been quickly extinguished without the sacrifice of human life.

May Starts Fire.

"The contact of several bales of hay with a blazing torch or an open miner's lamp," said Mr. Wilson, "caused the Cherry mine disaster with its great loss of life and a total cost of \$1,000,000, of which \$50,000 a day was spent in direct fire fighting for several days.

"The fire in the Hancock mine killed 74 miners, left 45 widows and 137 dependent orphans. This fire is known to have started in an underground room presumably from some oil soaked waste. The fire was not thought serious until it had been burning two hours. This delay was, in large measure, responsible for the great loss of life.

Fire Loss Great.

"Besides the loss of life, fires have cost much in money. At Deadwood, S. D., \$1,000,000 has been spent in fighting a fire in a metal mine. Today fires are raging in coal and metal mines in various parts of the country. Some of them have gotten beyond control, and have been burning for many years, devouring hundreds of thousands of tons of coal and miles of mine galleries. One mine fire near Carbondale, Pa., has burned out such a vast area of anthracite coal in the last ten years as to result in a subsidence of the surface and destruction of surface property.

"Near Summit Hill, Pa., a fire which has been burning 51 years is estimated

to have destroyed \$25,000,000 worth of coal. Near Jobs, Ohio, a tract of coal valued at several million dollars has been burning since 1854. In some of the deeper metal mines at Butte, Mont., fires have been burning in the old mine timbers since 1858. In the Comstock vein in Nevada, thousands of feet of tunnels which had been opened and timbered at great expense are being burned out.

Relief Is Offered.

"The mining engineers of the bureau of mines have made a careful study of fires in mines, and have reached the conclusion that the introduction of comparatively inexpensive firefighting appliances, the adoption of proper regulations and the institution of a reasonable system of fire drills may minimize fires and confine others to a brief period of time with little damage to life and property.

"The engineers of this bureau have had much success in combating mine fires through the use of the oxygen helmet. This is an apparatus that entirely protects the head, and through which air is furnished artificially, thus enabling the wearer to explore the vicinity of a fire under conditions of smoke and gas that would render his approach otherwise impossible. By the use of such an apparatus a number of fires have been promptly extinguished which would doubtless have spread and perhaps extended beyond control.

"Chemistry, through the quick analysis of gases at frequent intervals in

the neighborhood of the fire has proven a most useful adjunct in fighting fires. It seems almost unnecessary to call attention to the necessity of providing at each mine ample storage of water properly conveyed in protected pipes to possible danger points, the desirability of using larger amounts of fireproof material in place of wooden mine timbering or wooden doors, the proper disposal of waste, fireproof runways and air shafts and the use of fireproof material as far as possible in all surface structures within 50 to 100 feet of the main opening to the mine."

FOUR DAY TRIP NETS GAMBLERS \$14,000

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 27.—With \$14,000 stowed away in their jeans, the proceeds of four days' work on board the Lusitania, two professional gamblers are here today, getting rid of a little easy change. One of their victims lost \$1000 in an hour.

"Most of my life has been spent in the west," said one of the passengers today, "where gambling is wide open, but I have never seen such quick action at poker. The play usually started in the smoking room at 11 o'clock at night and lasted until 4 in the morning. The squabs could evidently afford their plucking and as it was none of my business I did not interfere."

RAIN MARS FESTIVAL OF BERRIES AT MILTON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Milton, Or., May 27.—The strawberry festival is being greatly marred this year by the prevailing rains. However, about 10 o'clock yesterday at least 1000 people were on the grounds to participate in the exercises. Rev. C. Rexroad acted as chairman, Mayor Henry Frazer giving the address of welcome. The orator of the day was H. C. Blanford of Walla Walla. The other features of the program were: Solo, Miss King; recitation, Mrs. Moore. The music was furnished by the Hawaiian singers and the Columbia College choir and orchestra.

After a spirited contest Miss Blanche Damaris, daughter of Charles Damaris of Milton, was elected queen of the carnival.

In the afternoon a baseball game between Walla Walla and the Milton-Freewater teams drew a large audience. A victory for the home team by a score of 2 to 1 resulted. Frank, the Milton-Freewater pitcher, allowing but three hits. This is carnival and horse show day.

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