

SPINSTER IS HELD FOR 9 YEARS' WAR ON OTHERS' HOMES

Elderly, Unmarried Member of Famous Family, Arrested for Writing Scores of Malicious Letters.

Easton, Pa., Sept. 6.—After nine years' persistent search, the United States postal authorities are confident that they have discovered the writer of the steady stream of scurrilous anonymous letters which during that time have attempted to disrupt about every family of prominence in Easton.

The person in the mind of the authorities turns out to be Miss Harriet De Witt, the old, unmarried daughter of George De Witt, member of a famous old New Jersey family, who retired from business with a fortune a decade ago to make his home in Easton.

In the meantime social Easton, to say nothing of Philadelphia across the river, where Miss Hattie is well known, is in a turmoil. Fifty prominent persons are scheduled to appear as witnesses and will identify letters received by them. Among them are ministers, lawyers, physicians, bankers and business men and some women of high social position, whose lives have been made miserable by the letters. The number of those who could come forward is said to complete the local social register.

It was nine years ago almost to the month, according to local historians, that the wife of a prominent lawyer received in her mail an unsigned communication printed with a pen in Roman letters, which informed her that the writer "felt it a duty to inform her that her husband had a soul mate. The name of the alleged affinity was mentioned, which brought two families into the affair. There was a period of stress and storm, an irate, innocent husband and the communication was proved to be false.

To another family another letter followed and soon there was a regular flow of them in all directions. The police authorities were informed and inspectors went to work. They have been working ever since.

WOMAN GOVERNOR-MAKER DIES IN HOVEL

Denver, Colo., Sept. 6.—Reduced to the direst poverty through her craving for drink and drugs, Mrs. Helen Dixon, "Governor Maker," and one time powerful populist politician is dead here today, the result of starvation and excessive use of spirit-deadening opiates and liquor.

The woman, whose craving for drink wrecked a brilliant career, died in a little one room hovel, deserted and alone. "Politics caused my downfall and drink my ruin. Late caucuses and conferences placed me on the highball route and I never got off."

These words coming from her own lips only a year ago summed up the story of her life.

Her career started in 1878 when, as an actress, she scored a distinct hit in the title role of "Emerald."

Quitting the stage to devote her time to teaching of education, she developed political sagacity of the keenest variety. From 1885 to 1895 governors of states and prominent politicians by the score were numbered among her closest friends. She was the leading spirit of the populist movement which swept Colorado in 1891 and 1892 and was directly responsible for the election of David H. Walte as governor.

After the populists' downfall she tried to resume elocution, but, failing, resorted to selling tonic and hair dyes. Of late years she had eked out a precarious existence by begging.

SECRETARY FISHER ASKED TO INSPECT UMATILLA PROJECT (Continued from Page One.) Commercial club last night, when the reading of the telegram was authorized.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, came before the meeting, which was presided over by J. N. Teal, chairman of the state conservation commission, saying that Secretary of the Interior Fisher's plans include no Oregon visit.

He reminded the business men present that wires between Oregon and Washington, D. C., were kept burning with messages urging importance of larger government appropriations for the Umatilla project when the allotment was made. Now, he said, the new secretary of the interior is making a visit to Alaska, to Idaho, to Yellowstone National park, and that he may see himself and at the same time pressure sufficient to bring him to Oregon has not been exerted by Oregon influence.

Mr. Teal said that Fisher's passing through Portland on his way to Alaska had been quiet at the secretary's wish. He was tired, needed rest and asking for it, was relieved from any Portland meeting, said Mr. Teal, who at the same time expressed a conviction that the secretary of the interior may be induced to include Portland and the Umatilla project in his itinerary.

If Mr. Fisher comes first to Portland it is likely, according to present plan, that he will be accompanied to the Umatilla irrigation project by a number of prominent Oregon citizens.

His engagements now are to be in Yellowstone National park September 11, and in Boise September 16. Wind and wave and weather may delay his Seattle arrival, and it is believed his schedule is sufficiently elastic to permit the Oregon visit, if urged adequately.

Last Trip Steamer Potter The O-W R. & N. steamer "T. J. Potter" will leave Megler for Portland on her last trip up this season at 9 p. m. Sunday, September 10. Steamers "Hassalo" or "Harvest Queen," however, will continue touching at Megler on up trip from Astoria to September 23. Train No. 4, Ilwaco division, will be continued from Megler to Nahcotta to connect with steamer as at present. Reservations at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

To Organize Freight Handlers. For the fifth time in a year an effort is being made to organize the freight handlers in Ontario, and especially those in Toronto. There are about 1200 in the Toronto terminals.

CHARGED WITH SENDING DEFAMATORY LETTERS



Snapshot of Miss Harriet De Witt of Easton, Pa., taken on her way to court to answer charges of sending indecent letters through the mails. Below is Rev. Elmer E. Snyder, pastor of the Easton Evangelical Lutheran church, who testified that he had for nine years received an average of three or four malicious letters a month.

Californians Backing Atwood. (United Press Leased Wire.) Lynn Mass., Sept. 6.—Harry Atwood, one of the entrants in a coast to coast flight for a \$50,000 prize, will start for Los Angeles Saturday. Atwood said today that a syndicate of California capitalists will back him in the proposed flight from Los Angeles to New York. He also said that he intended during the flight to stop only at small towns whenever possible.

Race Week at Portland Country Club Track, Sept. 4-9, 1911

THURSDAY The \$10,000 --- 2:12 Trotting Race Good Running Races Each Day.

PRASP'S BAND THE METROPOLITAN QUARTET

ONLY THREE MORE CHANCES TO ATTEND BEST RACES YOU EVER SAW ADMISSION 50c. GRANDSTAND 50c. BOXES \$25 FOR THE WEEK. BLEACHERS FREE.

Portland Fair & Livestock Exposition

Standard Make Piano Bargains

Slightly used standard makes of Pianos, taken in exchange for Kranich & Bach Baby Grands and Player Pianos, at almost your own price. "A good second-hand piano is much better than a Cheap John new one."

- Hallet & Davis . . . \$137 Good Condition. Sterling . . . . . \$248 Fine Oak Case. Criterion, Mahogany, \$125 Kimball . . . . . \$187 In Elegant Oak Case. Cambridge (Oak) . . \$100 Damaged by Railroad. Hallet & Davis (Oak) \$267 Almost New. Jacob Doll (Oak) . . \$148 Fine Oak Case. Baus . . . . . \$198 Fine Oak Case.

As little as \$10.00 cash and \$1.00 a week will be accepted on some of these pianos, as we wish to make room for our Fall stock.

Graves Music Co. 111 FOURTH STREET.

PERSONALS

George K. Harris of Kelso, Wash., will leave this month for Chicago, where he intends to perfect himself in magazine illustrating and cartoon work by a series of special lessons. Mr. Harris has been a student in Portland and for some time was connected with the Woodard & Clarke Drug company.

Ed C. Gilmer, secretary of the Portland chamber of Commerce, returned last night from a vacation, which he spent on the shores of Lake Marlon, in the shadow of Mount Jefferson.

Mayor Rushlight's children, a little boy and girl, were operated on Thursday for adenoids and throat trouble, from which they have suffered for some time. The patients are reported to be making favorable progress today.

Charles E. Bowen, owner of a large stock ranch near Walla Walla, and Mrs. Bowen, Emma Smith and R. Maurier are

Robert Shaw, clerk to County Judge Cleeton, returned Friday morning from a vacation trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

F. E. Rowell of Shoola, the merchant and real estate operator, is spending a few days in the city, a guest at the Perkins.

G. A. Taggart, a merchant of Tangent, Or., is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Perkins.

W. E. White, an implement dealer, and L. T. Price, a merchant, are in the city from Condon, guests at the Perkins.

C. A. Jamieson, a prominent citizen of Bandon, and wife, are visiting in the city, guests at the Perkins.

Mrs. John Dyke, wife of a prominent citizen of Walla Walla, is visiting in the city for a few days, a guest at the Perkins.

Miss Lena Cundiff and Miss Bertha Moody of Baker, are in the city on their way to Long Beach. They are guests at the Perkins.

J. W. Blanton, D. A. Blanton and William Marks and wife of Pacific county,

Washington, are visiting in the city, guests at the Imperial.

W. C. Ruglita, a contractor, of Spokane, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

F. L. Chambers of Eugene, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

J. H. Ackerman of Monmouth, formerly superintendent of schools, is a visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

J. P. Rusk, congressman from eastern Oregon, accompanied by his wife, is in the city from La Grande. They are guests at the Imperial.

George D. O'Connor, the railroad man of Eugene, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Darrier of Los Angeles are spending a few days in the city, guests at the Imperial.

District Attorney E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

Colonel H. G. Newport, the well known

real estate dealer and booster for Hermiton, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.

R. S. Allen and wife of Spokane are spending a few days in the city, guests at the Bowers.

R. D. Jamieson and J. M. Stewart of Lebanon, Or., are visiting in the city for a few days, guests at the Bowers.

Mrs. E. H. Corbett returned Monday from a visit at Genhart. She has again taken up her home at the Bowers.

James Shaffer, a merchant of Eugene, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Oregon.

H. G. Ahern, a mining man of Wallace, Idaho, is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Oregon.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson

New Arrivals in Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets—Marlette, Marquise, Mme. Helene, Howd and La Beau Front Lace Corsets—Rengo Belt Corsets, Sahlm Waists

50c Neckwear at 19c Center Aisle—Main Floor. Thousands of pieces of the very latest effects in women's Neckwear, all the new wanted styles in Fichus, Jabots, Dutch Collars, Stocks, etc., in lace, linen and lawn. Worth regular up 19c to 50c each. On sale only

Olds, Wortman & King

\$1.50 Handbags 89c Just for a Thursday crowd-bringer in the leather goods section, we offer ladies' Handbags with gilt and silver trimmings, leather handles, some with coin purses. Bags worth \$1.50 89c regular. Special price at

School Begins "Golden Rule Week" School Begins Next Monday

Special Attention Will Be Given All This Week to Children's Wearing Apparel

Boys' \$6.50 Suits at \$4.45 Juvenile Store—Main Floor.



It's very near time for "son" to start to school. Don't put off buying his suit until the last minute. Come now and take advantage of this saving opportunity. In this lot we group 400 Suits, many with two pair of pants. They are made of good, heavy materials in the serviceable shades of gray and brown and mixtures. They are tailored just as well as big men's suits. Sizes 8 to 17 years. Vals. to \$6.50 \$4.45

Silk Petticoats To \$10 Values At \$4.49 Garment Store—Second Floor.

The demand for Silk Petticoats is increasing daily. For tomorrow's selling we offer an attractive line of silk taffetas in the rich, lustrous finish, and soft messalines for close fitting skirts. They are styled with deep flounces, accordion plaited or trimmed in tailored bands, with string or adjustable tops. They come in blues, tans, grays, pink, green, emerald green and King's blue, also black; are splendid vals. up to \$10; for \$4.49 this sale are priced \$4.49

\$10.00 Silk Waists \$4.49

In this lot we group odd lines of Waists in tub silks, pongee silks chiffons. A great assortment of styles to choose from. High or Dutch necks, kimono or long sleeves, also shirt styles with collar and turn back cuffs to match. Some are trimmed in colors, with bow ties; also checked, striped and lace



trimmed waists. Worth regular up to \$10, tomorrow at the very special price of only \$4.49

Lace Curtains Single Pairs Up to \$50 At Half Price

A general clean-up of single pairs of Lace Curtains. We went through our stock and picked all curtains where lines were sold down to one pair and have put them on the table for a speedy close-out sale. The lot comprises Arabian Laces, Brussels Nets, Irish Points, Cluny, Scrim and Renaissance Lace; worth up to \$50.00 a pair, 1/2 specialized for this great clean-up sale at only Half Pairs, Up to \$5, special tomorrow only 95c each

\$1.50 Knicker Pants 89c

A few extra pairs of these pants for stormy days or during the season of rough games—to save the good suit. They are pure worsteds; all wool; sample lots and odd lines; all sizes from 4 to 17 years. We bought them way under price especially for school opening sale; regular \$1.50 grades for 89c

\$75c-\$1 Hats at 59c

A special purchase of Children's new Hats, received just in time for school opening. Colors are red, brown, blue, gray, etc. Hats which are marked reasonably at 75c and 59c \$1.00, specially priced 59c

\$2.00 Hats for \$1.29

The very latest Fall blocks in the new shades of Brown, Tan and Gray Felt and English Scratch Hats for college boys. \$2.00 values, specially priced only \$1.29

New Tomorrow Women's Corduroy Suits

You will be so glad when you see these attractive durable Suits. Such a pleasure to know that such sensible things are in vogue this season.

Polo Coats—Ah!

More beautiful than ever, reversible, double-faced materials, with large collars. Large patch pockets, dainty soft, collars—easily cleaned.

Other Coats

Yes, many other styles in heavy double-faced materials. We are unpacking them every day—good vals.

Young Men's \$5 Pants \$3.45

Odd pants for particular young fellows. Peg styles, with 3-inch turn-up or with stationary cuff, with belt loops, pocket flaps, etc. Neat gray and stripe patterns; all sizes; \$4.00 and \$5.00 values special \$3.45

Boys' New Caps

See them, the best lines we have ever shown. They're made of the new rough materials in the new Fall shapes. Grays, browns, and blues. Priced 50c and 75c

Bargain Circle Main Floor—Tomorrow

5000 Yards 12 1/2c Gingham 9c 25c Dotted Swiss at 15c Splendid Gingham for children's school dresses, aprons, men's shirts, boys' waists, etc. Regular 12 1/2c quality. All good patterns. Special 9c low price, the yard, only 9c

\$2.25 Table Cloths \$1.90 \$2.75 Table Cloths \$2.25 Linen Table Cloths, with handsome borders all around, 2 1/2 and 3 yard sizes. Attractive patterns, good qualities. Specialized on the Bargain Circle, main floor, for tomorrow's selling only.

Mason Jars Pints, 40c Dozen Quarts, 50c Dozen

In the big crockery store, third floor, the greatest bargain ever offered in these popular jars. Phone your orders.

Gray Enameled Ware Fourth Off

- Kitchen Goods Store—Third Floor. 85c Tea Kettles, No. 8 size, at 57c 19c Lipped Sauce Pans, special 15c 30c Lipped Sauce Pans, special 22c 30c Covered Kettles, 2-qt., sp. 22c 50c Covered Kettles, 6-qt., sp. 37c 38c Colanders, 1 1/2-inch, sp. 29c 15c Pierced Ladles, 4-inch, at 11c 10c Basting Spoons, 4-inch, at 7c 20c Water Dippers, 2-qt., at 15c