

THESE 'RICHES' DO NOT WORRY THEM

Two Portland Men Refuse to Bite at Bait of Fortune in Spain.

The latest intended victim of the "Spanish treasure" swindle is Carlos T. Prall, president of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement. Mr. Prall admits a bit of Spanish ancestry himself and for this reason he feels that the letter sent from Madrid and stained with what might be tears is in the nature of a slight. He has not yet answered it, nor, says he, has his cupidly been particularly aroused by the promise of rich treasure. The letter, like many of its kind, reads: "I am imprisoned in this city (Madrid) and knowing your bounty I beg to beseech you herewith whether you want to come here to take away my equipages seizure in order to seize upon a trunk containing a secret in which I have hidden an amount to you come in possession of \$50,000 dollars that I have in the United States. As reward I will yield you the third part of the aforesaid sum.

"I am sure that this letter done arrive to you I will wait your answer and then I will say you my secret with every

detail and to subscribe with my name. "As here is a newspaper that publishes all the cablegrams whose addresses are unknown which it is allowed to me to read and as it is not convenient I receive here in the goal, please to answer to the address indicated at the end. Notwithstanding your cable not reach to me this will be sufficient to know that you accepting proposition. Awaiting eagerly to read your missive, inquire only V. ex-Banker."

The letter has a postscript, too, which states, "Above all please to answer by cable, but not by letter as following, Fernan Foyos, Miguel 22, Madrid. Directions—Robert."

Louis J. Sax of 207 First street also received a letter purporting to be from a Russian banker imprisoned in Spain with a fortune of \$480,000 hidden in America, and a beautiful daughter. The letter follows the same general lines as the Prall letter.

The scheme of these swindlers is for the victim to reply, to which reply will follow a request for a deposit to show his good faith and to guarantee that he will not turn the affair over to the police.

These letters have been received on many occasions, and recently it was reported that a longshoreman had fallen for the trap and was swindled out of several hundred dollars, the savings of a lifetime.

Upright pianos rented, \$3, \$4 and \$5 per month. Kimball, Kohler, Weiser. Rent can apply on purchase price. KOHLER & CHASE, 375 Washington Street.

Smoke Queen Quality tobacco. Sava the labels. See 167 3rd.

Oaks Rink popular place these days.

BISHOP SCADDING BACK FROM EASTERN TOUR

Bishop Scadding, accompanied by his wife and mother, returned to Portland last night from an eastern trip. He said that the eyes of the commercial east are turned to the Pacific coast, and that he found general interest in the growth and development of Oregon. Bishop Scadding spent some days in New York and Philadelphia, studying methods adopted there by the Episcopal church for city mission work. In Toronto he was present at the laying of the cornerstone by the Duchess of Connaught of a house for young women which will accommodate 50 girls and cost \$60,000, most of which is a gift from Lord Strathcona, a former governor general of Canada. Bishop Scadding spoke of the need of such a house in every university city, and expressed his interest in the admirable plans. He has visited similar houses with a view to building a Church House for Girls at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

"The people in Oregon," he said, "recognize the need for such a place, where young women students at the university can have all the comforts of home, and while there is no fairy godfather in Oregon like Lord Strathcona, yet there are many liberal and generous people in Eugene and Portland who will aid in a movement to provide at moderate cost ideal living arrangements for all out-of-town women students who do not care to join sororities, or may not have an opportunity to do so."

The bishop brought with him provisional plans for a church house which will cost about \$10,000 and will accommodate 25 young women, including apartments for a house mother.

Safety Gas Burner factory at Twenty-second and Thurman streets has been sold to a Seattle investor for \$26,000. The property comprises the half block facing west on Twenty-second street and extending from Thurman to Uphur. It has a frontage of 300 feet on Twenty-second street.

ROGERS TO COMPLETE OCEAN-TO-OCEAN SKIM

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—C. P. Rodgers, the aviator, arrived in Los Angeles from San Francisco today and announced he would complete his ocean-to-ocean trip by flying from Compton to Long Beach next Sunday. After completing his flight Rodgers, it was announced, will return to Pasadena and engage in passenger-carrying flights. Several Pasadena millionaires, it is said, have offered him as high as \$50 for a spin in the ether.

Piano Contest Checks Bring a Premium

\$100 Checks Worth \$147

In a big city like Portland rent plays a most important part when it comes to fixing prices on goods which are to be sold at retail. Years ago, when they started in business in Portland, Eilers Music House realized this, and as is their custom, began by making definite plans at that time to in some way offset what they knew the future would bring them, i. e., high rents. They succeeded most admirably, and today their books show that they have a rental income instead of a rental expenditure.

They also figured down every other item of expense in the handling of pianos in an equally clever way, and have so reduced the cost of selling that even if they were compelled to pay as much for pianos as all other dealers in this city do, they could still sell cheaper. EILERS MUSIC HOUSE sells more than twenty per cent cheaper than others because of the economies effected in the cost of shipping, handling and selling. We have so far this year bought more than ten times as many pianos as any other dealer in this city, and even a school-boy knows that a big buyer gets much lower prices than does a small one.

It is thus that when a competitor offers to accept \$100 contest checks, EILERS MUSIC HOUSE can name the same price on the same piano, discount the price the amount of the check and still sell for \$47 less than the piano would cost you in actual cash at our competitor's, thus beating their price \$147.

ACQUIRES TITLE TO FIVE STORY HOTEL

John Mathieson, the veteran Front street hotel man, has exercised his right of purchase, under option, and has taken title to the five story hotel occupying the quarter block at the southwest corner of Front and Columbia streets. The property was sold to Mr. Mathieson by Milton J. Jones, proprietor of the Jones market, and associates, for \$125,000. Mr. Mathieson took a 15 year lease on the property less than one year ago with the privilege of buying within the lease term at a given price.

The site of the Campbell Automatic



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One lot of Trimmed Hats, a varied assortment, but no old Hats. This store has no old Hats. The qualities range up to \$5.00. Take your choice for... **79c**

All our regular \$3.50 Trimmed Hats go at... **\$1.59**

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\$50.00 elaborate trimmed Hats now must go at... **\$16.88**

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Plumes

\$10.00 Willow Plumes in black and all colors, slaughtered at... **\$3.95**

\$18.50 Willow Plumes go sacrificed at... **\$6.88**

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\$1.00 Wings go at... **29c**

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\$5.00 fine Wings go at... **\$1.98**

Fancy feathers, one large assortment averages around \$1.00, go at... **19c**

\$1.50 fine fancy Feathers, worth over five times the closing-out price. Choice... **39c**

Birds of Paradise

\$25.00 Birds of Paradise. Don't let this slip. Sacrificed at... **\$9.95**

Shapes

One large lot of \$2.50 to \$5 Shapes, made of felt, Silk, Satin and moire. Take your choice at... **25c**

Ribbons

10c Ribbons slaughtered at... **3c**

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\$1.00 Swell Ribbons go at... **38c**

We have Ribbons to \$3.50 a yard. All go in proportion to these prices.

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