

SLEUTHS MADE EASY VICTIMS TO A CATCH AD IN NEWSPAPER

City License Inspector's Ruse to Trap Detectives Works Out in Fine Manner.

NOTICES ARE GIVEN OUT

Men Told to Call and Arrange for Annual License to Transact Business in Portland.

Private detectives put their foot into it when they answered a newspaper advertisement purporting to secure the services of a detective, for today City License Inspector Hutchinson is mailing each of them a neat little notice to appear at his office and arrange to pay an annual license to do business.

Detectives are supposed to be wise individuals but they slipped a cork when they answered the advertisement for it was nothing more than a little trick on the part of the license department to learn of detectives doing business in Portland and not paying a license fee as the law requires.

Twenty-nine of the sleuths, eager to show their ability, answered the advertisement and by the time Hutchinson gets through with them separates the license money from each of them they'll be sorry they answered the advertisement.

Worthless Wedge Gets Man in Jail

Albany Woodchopper Admits Sending Obscene Letter to Dealer After Cordwood Splitter Split.

Emmanuel Bloom was this morning released on his own recognizance by United States Attorney Reames, and returned to his home in the hills near Albany, where he earns his living by chopping wood for \$1 a day.

The charge against Bloom is that of sending obscene matter through the mails. He was arrested about two weeks ago and has been in jail here since. He admits the charge, but says the provocation to his offense was very great and that he had no idea how serious an offense it was.

He told Mr. Reames that he sent to a hardware firm in Albany for a wedge to use in splitting cordwood. The price was a dollar. The wedge was guaranteed. It didn't split the wood. It split itself. He sent another dollar, not another wedge and the same thing happened. Two more wedges went the same way. Bloom walking several miles to the postoffice each time to make the letter asking for the new wedge, and to receive it when sent out by parcel post.

When the last wedge came and was no good, Bloom wrapped it up and sent it back.

On the inside of the wrapper he wrote a suggestion as to a possible use to which the firm could put the wedge.

It was on this writing that the charge against Bloom was based. He will return and go before the next federal grand jury.

RECENT LUMBER RATE IS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST ASTORIA

Grays Harbor Farther Away From Salt Lake but Tariff Is 2 1-2 Cents Less.

Attention of the joint committee of the Portland and Astoria Chambers of Commerce, which is investigating causes of waning Columbia river commerce has been directed to a recent tariff on lumber announced by the O. W. R. & N. company.

The rate is 40 cents from Portland to Salt Lake City. The rate is 40 cents from Astoria to Salt Lake City. The O. W. R. & N. announces a rate of 37 1/2 cents from Grays Harbor to Salt Lake City. Thus Portland and Grays Harbor are put on a parity, while Astoria, which is nearer than Grays Harbor, pays a higher rate. The S. P. & S. railroad serves Astoria, and it is said the Astoria side to have tidewater ports of the Columbia, placed on a parity with Puget sound ports is to be decided by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Plumbers' License Measure Opposed

Believing that \$50 a year is an excessive amount for a license fee for plumbers, it is probable that the Commissioners Daly and Bigelow will oppose an ordinance to come before the city council Wednesday regulating plumbers and other trades. Commissioner Baker, who introduced the ordinance, is not holding out for the \$50 fee, but says he placed it at that figure to get the attention of the council. He says that if it is too much for plumbers to pay, it can be easily reduced.

City Commission To Visit Bull Run

To see for themselves actual conditions at the Bull Run headwaters, where the Bull Run water is started for Portland, the city commissioners Monday will visit the Bull Run reserve. It is said that the Bull Run river is the lowest it has been in years and that the city commissioners are to determine what will be necessary to conserve the water supply.

Musicians Picnic at Crystal Lake Park

Crystal Lake park is the scene today of the musicians' first annual picnic and festival. The program includes the musical arrangements for the occasion are under the direction of George E. Jeffery. The program includes among other things, exhibitions of the latest dances, while another feature of the occasion is a huge band which will begin its concert at 3:30 tonight. From 9:30 p. m. to 11 p. m. there will be dancing, with the music furnished by a large orchestra.

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he said, was when he struck a lamp while splitting wood.

Daughter Dropped Lamp.

We had started for a theatre and it was chilly so my daughter returned for her gloves. She hit a big lamp and in coming down stairs dropped the lamp. I believe I collected \$2500 insurance, but the money did not pay the loss.

"We had a fire in Rose City Park at 868 East Sixty-first street north. We had just moved in and the basement was filled with boxes, papers and other trash. We had no electric lights and I was cutting wood by lamplight. The lamp was on a board near where I was chopping and when I hit a stick with an ax the stick flew, striking the lamp and overturning it."

The fire occurred September 26, 1912, and the Saginaw Heights fire occurred in 1913. Neither place had been occupied long, he said. He could not remember the insurance collected.

MAN IS CHARGED WITH SETTING MANY FIRES



Sanford W. Currier.

on the Rose City Park fire, but said all insurance he had collected fell short of his loss from fire.

Was Not in Hiding.

"I was not in hiding from the officers, for until Thursday I did not know they were looking for me," he said. "When they came to arrest me, I was planning giving myself up. I had no intention to leave Portland. I've lived here 14 years and spent several years in Eugene. I lived at 343 East Forty-fifth street and on the peninsula here. I left the Forty-fifth street house when my wife secured her divorce two weeks ago and went to live with friends at East Eighty-second and Stark streets."

Currier denied positively that he had anything to do with the fire at his son-in-law's home or the fire in the Lents house. He also denied that he was the member of any gang of fire-bugs as charged, and that he had any friends or confederates in California. He said he had never had a fire except those he named and in Portland.

Mrs. Currier, who was arrested and held as a witness, was released on her own recognizance. Grant Hawley is still held as a witness in default of \$5000 bonds. The jailers say that he is a hard prisoner to handle. He declined to talk or to have his picture taken.

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brought into full play in an effort to compel England to call off the blockade against American trade to Germany through neutral nations, and to recall the order placing cotton on the contraband list.

ENGLAND DECLARES WILSON HAS WON IMPORTANT VICTORY

London, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—President Wilson not only struck a great blow for peace, but won a diplomatic victory of historic importance by including Germany to modify the submarine warfare, the Daily News declared in an editorial today.

Both the News and the Standard today accepted the view that Germany is sincere in the latest representations to the United States and that the imperial government not only intends to disavow the sinking of the Arabic, but to promise that no more passenger-carrying liners will be torpedoed.

INTERFERENCE WITH AMERICAN SHIPPING MAY CAUSE FRICITION

By C. P. Stewart.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Aug. 28.—The further the United States gets from trouble with Germany, friction with England comes proportionately nearer, according to the views expressed by diplomats here today.

No one believes that the impending controversy with Great Britain over interference with neutral shipping will result in severance of diplomatic relations, not to mention war; but prevailing opinion is that it will be extremely hard to reach a settlement hereafter.

It was agreed today that one of the first things the administration will be bound to do, after Germany has met American demands for submarine attacks, will be to ask the master of England's interference with shipping. It was pointed out that the United States has an implied obligation to Germany to adopt a firm tone toward England as it did toward the Kaiser, and also that interests which have suffered severely from the British blockade will unquestionably insist on it.

Many doubt that England will yield to the demand that American cargoes consigned to neutral ports be permitted to reach their destinations unimpeded. Some believe the administration may yet be compelled to consider placing an embargo on the shipment of munitions and supplies to the allies, if Great Britain is to be forced to relinquish her grip on the seas. It was admitted that a step would be had for the United States, as well as for the allies; but it was viewed as being practically the only weapon in the hands of this country.

An intimate source in Austria and Germany would like to buy \$3,000,000 worth of cotton, if it can be delivered, as regarded by some quarters as a step toward the resumption of Anglo-American controversy to an issue.

In the Arabic case there was nothing for Washington to do today but wait for more complete communications from Berlin. Germany has promised full satisfaction if it is shown the Arabic was torpedoed without warning, while assurances have been given, both by Ambassador von Bernstorff and by Foreign Minister von Jagow, through Ambassador Gerard, that the warship will be placed in no further danger by submarine attacks.

ANT POISON IS FATAL

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Frances Keyser, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keyser, died today from the effects of ant poison containing arsenic, which her mother had placed on a table. Doctors did not reach the child for some time after she drank the poison, owing to telephone trouble.

Medford Will Vote.

Medford, Or., Aug. 28.—Although bond houses have not universally approved the proposed rebonding of the city and refunding to taxpayers who have paid their savings assessment, Acting Mayor Medynski announced today that the present plans would be carried out, and a city election will be held the last week in September, when the question will be put up to the voters of the city.

Kentuckian Inspects Parks.

Park Commissioner Levy of Louisville, Ky., was in Portland for a few hours yesterday. With Park Superintendent Conville and Roy W. Keel, chief clerk to Commissioner Baker, he made a trip through Portland's parks and along the boulevards. He is on his way home from San Francisco.

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS CHOOSE WENATCHEE

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 28.—(P. N. S.)—Wenatchee will be the meeting place next year of the Washington Funeral Directors' association. At the conclusion of the convention here Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. J. Whittemore, of Kent, president; W. E. Stoddard, of Gifford, vice president; A. Turnbull, of Spokane, secretary.

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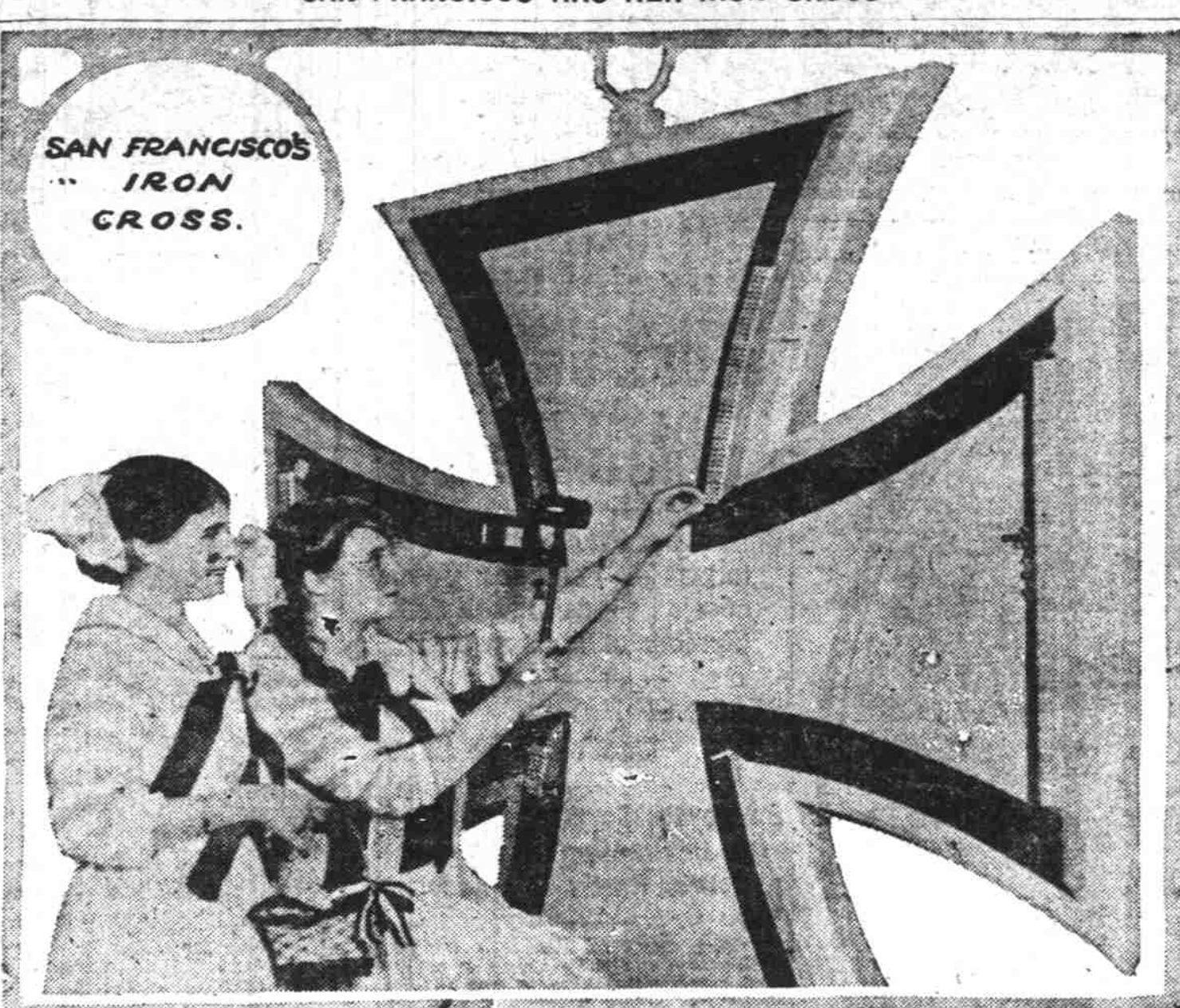
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Butte Falls and Sterling Districts Stricken and Hundreds Fighting Flames.

Medford, Or., Aug. 28.—The first serious forest fires of the season broke out in the Butte Falls and Sterling districts Friday and are still burning, and several hundred men from all parts of the country are endeavoring to get them under control.

The most extensive fire is at Parker's camp, 11 miles east of Butte Falls. Five hundred acres of good timber has already been destroyed, but the latest reports today promise that the damage will be confined to this region only, and unless a high wind should come up, officers of the fire patrol believe the fire will burn out before morning.

Every able bodied man in Butte Falls is on the firing line and thirty fire fighters are being sent to the Sterling district some of the finest timber in Jackson county has been destroyed and a crew was sent out from here last night in an automobile truck.

This fire also promises to be kept within reasonable limits though the loss may run into several thousand dollars. For the first time since 1910 the forest fires in this region have reached serious proportions the effective work of the Jackson county patrol association having reduced fire loss to a minimum.

The excessive hot weather and continued drought are held responsible for the present situation.

Prominent Bahaist To Speak Tomorrow

Guard on Long Trip.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A battalion of the second infantry, national guard of Pennsylvania, left here today for San Francisco. The trip commemorates the fifth anniversary of the regiment's organization.

London Denies Report.

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THE BIRTH OF A NATION

GRIFFITH'S \$200,000 MASTERPIECE

SEATS NOW SELLING

MATINEE PRICES

Lower Floor, first five rows of balcony.....25c

Box Seats, rear first five rows.....\$1.00

EVENING PRICES

Lower Floor, first five rows of balcony.....75c

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RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY

POLICE ON WILD GOOSE CHASE TO HEIGHTS

Auto Balks After Breaking Speed Limit

In her zeal to catch a couple of supposed burglars, Mrs. I. Stanley Myers, wife of Deputy City Attorney Myers, gave Captain of Detectives Baty and four of his sleuths a few exciting moments and half an hour's work, in the hot sun, in pushing an automobile around Council Crest yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Myers saw two strangely dressed men break open and crawl through a window in the home of E. A. West, on Hillside avenue, directly across from her home.

Feeling certain that the men were burglars she sent a hurry-up call to the police station. Captain Baty, his sleuths, with their white coats, revolvers and all, sped for the scene, but Captain Baty had his men shove the car until the hill was reached. Captain Baty shoved, too, and Captain Baty is a fat man who doesn't love the warm weather. Finally they reached the hill and then coasted down to town.

The speed of the machine up the hill had done damage, for when the sleuths attempted to start the automobile on the return trip, it refused to budge. It's a long way around Council Crest to where the slope begins, but Captain Baty had his men shove the car until the hill was reached. Captain Baty shoved, too, and Captain Baty is a fat man who doesn't love the warm weather. Finally they reached the hill and then coasted down to town.

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Superintendent Calavan Gives Farewell Talk and Advice at Closing Day Session.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 28.—Friday marked the close of the third annual teachers' training school in Clackamas county. It also marked the close of one of the most successful training schools ever held in the state, according to prominent educators.

A total of 113 teachers attended during the two weeks. Many new ideas were given them and the experience gained should show later in better school work.

A farewell talk, and many timely reminders were given the teachers by Superintendent Calavan Friday afternoon.

"Get acquainted as much as possible before the opening of your school," he said. "Visit the school house before the first day. Be prepared for the opening day with a definite program. Do not appear undecided. Make daily preparation for the work of the next day. Be courteous. Be willing to do more than a day's work if necessary. Discipline your school. Try to measure the ability of your children. Make a list of things you want to ask the supervisor or the superintendent. Attend meetings of the school board. Keep your record and make monthly reports on time. Know your course of study. Organize parent-teacher associations. Boost for the county fair."

Superintendent Calavan, Miss Edith Little and Miss Letta Osborn were elected to represent Clackamas county at the Oregon Teachers' association at Medford during the Christmas holidays. L. J. Armstrong, John Robbins and Miss Loveday Burkholder were elected alternates.

ACTOR IS FOUND DEAD

Glendale, Cal., Aug. 28.—(P. N. S.)—William Herman West, leading man for a motion picture company and an investor in the Elks' lodge of Glendale, was found dead in his bed at his home here today. The actor, who apparently had been in good health and spirits, was found by his wife when she went to call him for breakfast.

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SPECULATORS SEEK STREET EXTENSION, COMMITTEE REPORT

Five Men Investigating Opening of Greeley Oppose the Work at This Time.

CRITICIZE COMMISSIONERS

Say Rich Men Who Would Reap Cream of Benefits Are Pushing Plans; Others Mailed.

Declaring that the proposed extension of Greeley street, which would entail a cost of several hundred thousands of dollars, is desired for the time being only by a few speculators and street work contractors, the committee of five men appointed at a recent meeting to present the objections to the street extension has issued a statement embodying some of the reasons why they do not want the street extended. The members of this committee are Wesley Jenkins, W. S. McCollum, G. B. Tucker, D. W. Siddons and George H. Hamm. Their statement says: "As the extension of Greeley street and labor goes wearily on, the committee representing in part the thousands of resident and non-resident taxpayers opposed to the extension, who would gather the cream of benefits. They are followed, of course, by the usual train of unwise, thoughtless people who will be more in evidence when the street is extended. It is hardly a wheel of industry turning or a building going up on the Peninsula. Destruction will be more in evidence than winter in Portland than ever before."

Say Opinions Change.

"Mr. Fuller may have said two or three years ago that it would be economical for the city to build on the proposed street. But ask him now. He is not a two-faced man, as one who has interviewed implies. We will guarantee that he will tell anyone in a very frank, gentlemanly but emphatic way that conditions have greatly changed in the last two years, and the company could not and would not make any new extensions, and would not promise anyone when, if ever, they would build on the proposed street."

"He gave us several good and sufficient reasons why, space for which would be denied us in this article. Use of jitneys would not force them to build, for they do not pay and rapidly decreasing between the west side and St. Johns, because in making the round trip of about 16 miles one would have to carry at least 20 people to pay expenses, figuring costs at 6 1/2 cents a mile. Use of private cars and cycles are hurting transportation business more than jitneys."

ITALIAN SURRENDER ARMY

Washington, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Rear Admiral Caperton this afternoon reported to the navy department that another band of the interior of Italy had surrendered their arms.

AMUSEMENTS

LAST DAY

America's Greatest Actor

THE MASTER HAND

—in—

A MOST REMARKABLE PHOTO-PLAY

at the

STAR

Washington at Park

ANTAGONES

MATINEE DAILY 2:30

OAKS PARK

Portland's Great Amusement Resort

ASTORIA INVITES YOU

Columbia River Interstate Fair

Conducted by CLARKE COUNTY FAIR ASSN. Vancouver, Wash. SEPT. 5TH TO 11TH

6th Annual Round-Up

The Epic Drama of the West

PENDELTON, OREGON

Sept. 23, 24, 25, 1915

Let'er Buck!