

TWO ARRESTED: FALSE PRETENSE

Men Who Sold Lots for \$10 Each to "Lucky" Holders of Tickets at Theatre Now in Durance Vile Caught Many Suckers.

G. W. Heighton and W. W. Howard, two young men who recently "gave lots away" at a local theatre were taken into custody at Vancouver, Wn., Monday upon a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor of this city on complaint sworn to by Henry Leareh, a second hand dealer. Obtaining money under false pretense is charged.

The two young men are said to have given coupons away with each ticket issued at a local theatre and the holders of the "lucky number" paid ten dollars and secured a deed to a lot near certain famous hot springs in California. Leareh was "lucky" in two or three instances and states that he bought a number of lots. Now he can't locate the property.

Constable Singler will probably leave Wednesday to bring the men back to Medford.

The men operated in Ashland before visiting this city. It is stated that they took the \$10 in a number of instances promising to send the deeds later. To date these deeds are still said to be "on the way."

MRS. ANNIE CHAPMAN DEAD AT JACKSONVILLE

Mrs. Annie Chapman, aged 43 years, died at her home, one-half mile west of Jacksonville, of heart trouble Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The late Mr. Chapman, husband of the deceased, died but a few months ago, December 5, 1911, in Yuma, Ariz. From that time Mrs. Chapman suffered poor health.

Besides her son, George Ries Chapman, she leaves three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Opp of Jacksonville, Mrs. James Peterson of Lenark, Mont., and Mrs. Kate Talty, Hubbing, Minn., and her mother, Mrs. Anna Ries, of Parkdale, Or.

The services will be conducted from the home and at the grave on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

KENTNER FINDS OPTIMISM EAST

Medford Merchant States That Business Conditions Are Improving, Despite Election Year Uneasiness—Coast Cities Ahead of East.

"Orders being received at eastern wholesale markets show that business conditions of the country are improving," states H. C. Kentner, the merchant who returned this week from Chicago. "There is a healthier tone to business in spite of the usual campaign year unrest and I heard an optimistic note everywhere."

When asked how he would compare conditions in the smaller cities of the middle west with those of the coast Mr. Kentner was emphatic in the declaration that the coast cities have been having all the best of it. "One has to go away to realize how fortunate we have been while the rest of the country has been having extremely quiet times."

"I took a lot of Medford literature with me and distributed it on the way and in consequence I know of at least six families who will either visit or move here soon. The weather in Chicago was the coldest I have experienced for a long time. It was below zero most of the time. I am glad I made the trip if it is only for the reason that it gives me renewed assurance that Medford is enjoying greater prosperity than the cities of the middle west."

TRIAL OF MOORE'S SLAYER UNDER WAY

REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 27.—The trial of Samuel L. Timothy, chauffeur, accused of the murder of John J. Moore, a wealthy San Francisco clubman, began in the superior court here today. Moore in a dying statement said he opened fire on Timothy because Mrs. Moore had been riding with the chauffeur and refused to get out of the machine. No evidence of importance was brought out today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—"It's too much to pay for a shave," said John Murphy, when after his face was scraped he found \$28 missing. He had Ernest Frisbie, tonsorialist, pinched, but later found he had mislaid the money.

PROTEST CLOSING OF FRISCO MINT

Pacific Coast States Join in Movement Objecting Shutting Down of Dollar Maker—Has Made Profit of Five Millions in Ten Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 27.—The entire Pacific coast, including many commercial organizations of Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles, today has joined in a protest to prevent the closing of the San Francisco mint. C. Ralston, president of the California Mining association, today wired Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and to the California delegation in congress an expression of the unalterable attitude that the association and the mining interests of the west take in opposition to the closing of the mint.

The Oregon Development and Portland Commercial clubs and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce also have wired protests against the tentative plan to conduct the San Francisco mint merely as an assay office. The treasury department gives economy as a reason for closing the mint, but it is pointed out that this cannot be the real cause of the proposed action, as the San Francisco mint in the last ten years has made a clear profit of \$5,692,008.

EXPECT EARLY ADJOURNMENT OF PRESENT CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Political activities of both the democratic and republican parties, it is said here today, may bring about an early adjournment of congress. It is thought that both the democratic leaders of the house and the republican leaders of the senate soon will agree that congress cannot keep up the pace beyond the middle of June. Until today it appeared to be an accepted fact that the session would be prolonged until after both national conventions.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—Purses aggregating \$35,500 will be hung up at the Oregon State Fair here September 2-7, according to Secretary Frank Meredith. The feature harness event will be the Lewis and Clark, \$5,000 purse for the 2:12 and another the \$5,000 Greater Oregon purse for 2:08 pacers.

BARBERS WOULD BE CONSTABLE

Two Members of the Tonsorial Profession in Race for Local Office—Bellinger May Enter Race and Beat 'Em to It.

According to present indications the race for constable this year in this city will be a close shave for the lucky winner. To date two candidates are in the field and each of them a barber. W. E. Johnson and Rankin Estes are each out after the honor. Both state that they are confident of winning.

On the other hand they may have opposition. John Bellinger is said to be planning to enter the race. His election is considered to be almost certain should he run.

CANADA REMEMBERS PAARDEBERG. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 27.—The Canadian Defence league held a well-attended meeting in the capital today in celebration of Paardeberg day, the anniversary of the surrender of the Boer forces under General Cronje at Paardeberg, February 27, 1900.



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FRUIT CROP OF BEAR STATE HIT

Unusual Dry Weather Working Havoc With Orchards Throughout Pear Districts—Very Dry in Southern California.

According to advices received in this city from various parts of California, especially in the pear districts, the fruit crop of the Bear state will be very light this year, due to

unusual dry weather. It is reported that in the pear districts of the Sacramento valley the same pumps are now being used to pump water onto the orchards from the river that are generally used to pump the water off at this season of the year. This condition is said to be general and to be working havoc with this year's crop. Reports from southern California are to the effect that scarcely any rain has fallen there this season. Local people who have visited Los Angeles recently state that dusty windstorms are detracting greatly from the pleasure of a visit there.

NOTICE.
Carpenters attention. Special meeting Wednesday, Feb. 28. Important matter to be taken up. 291 According to Secretary.

MAY MATCH JOE JEANETTE AND LITTLE TOMMY BURNS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 27.—Tom McCarey may offer Tommy Burns a match with Joe Jeanette at Vernon. The former champion has declared his willingness to meet anyone McCarey selects, and Jeanette may be given the chance. The only obstacle at present seems to be McCarey's unwillingness to present to the public any more black and white matches.

Catch "Peeping Tom."
TACOMA, Wn., Feb. 27.—Caught peering in a window, Louis Hanson, a night watchman was "held up" by Roy Mangrove who leveled a pencil in the darkness and cried "hands up." Hanson put them up and was arrested.

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