

The Circlet On Her Finger

There are few possessions that are more prized and cherished than an engagement ring—the little circlet, set with some sparkling precious stone, that forms the manifest symbol of a lover's devotion. The Barr Store takes a pride and a pleasure in selling engagement rings, quite apart from purely commercial considerations, for we feel that whenever we sell a beautiful and worthy ring for that purpose, it associates in the minds of two persons with one of the sweetest of life's events—the betrothal of two loving hearts. Therefore, we take pains to carry at all times a choice and beautiful stock of these rings, embracing an immense variety of settings and precious stones.



Corner State and Liberty Streets, Salem, Ore.

HE LIED LIKE A GENTLEMAN

The Letter That Probably Led to the Young Murder

Murdered Man Lied by Note and Ear to Protect Mrs. Van Houten and Himself

David G. Van Houten, slayer of Albert Young, his wife's alleged paramour, now occupies a cell in the city jail, under a charge of murder in the first degree. His capture was effected shortly after daybreak yesterday as he entered his stable at Montavilla, where Police Sergeant Hogeboom and Officers Price, Connors and Vaughn were lying in wait for him. He offered no resistance, holding out his hands for the handcuffs, which were placed on them. He appeared mentally unstrung and badly exhausted when taken into custody.

When searching at the police station a letter was found in Van Houten's pocket that is believed by the police to have played a large part in precipitating the tragedy. It was from Albert Young to Van Houten's wife, and is of a compromising nature. The letter was written under date of April 21st, and was sent from Aberdeen, Wash., to Marshfield, Or., where Mrs. Van Houten was staying at the time. Van Houten says he went to Marshfield to see his wife, and got this letter by calling unexpectedly at the postoffice for her mail. The letter is as follows:

My Dear Minnie: I have just received your most kind and welcome letter. Minnie, at the same time Dave came in just wild, hunting for

POMONA STRIKES A SNAG

Beautiful Willamette Pours in and Sinks Her

Accident Occurred at the Bend About 2:30 Yesterday Afternoon—No Corvallis Boat Now

The Oregon City Transportation Company is having more than its share of trouble. A few days ago a collision put its steamer Altona out of business, and yesterday the steamer Pomona went to the bottom.

The latter boat was wrecked by striking a sunken snag at Carey's Bend, about 45 miles south of Portland. She was coming down from Corvallis in command of Captain Spong, and had a good list of passengers and freight cargo. Reaching the Bend at 2:30 p. m., proceedings were brought to a sudden stop by an invisible snag tearing a gaping hole in the steamer's hull. The Pomona quickly filled and sank. However, as the river is very shallow up that way, the water only covered the lower deck of the vessel, and the passengers escaped a wetting. The steamer Leona, of the same line, hove in sight about two hours after the accident, and, after standing by awhile, took on board the passengers of the wrecked boat and will bring them to this city.

Wrecking barges with pumps and other apparatus were brought up the river today, and the boat will be raised and taken to Portland. As the repairs will be quite extensive, there will be no boat on the Corvallis route for some time. It requires a boat of

Advance Spring Styles Just In. Largest Line in the Valley.

Men's Hats

If you were to examine the hats that are being worn by the men of Salem and vicinity, you'd find that more of them come from our store than from any other three or four stores. You see we not only have an assortment large enough to suit men of all builds, of all taste, and of all purses, but we are also the first to show the new things as they come out.

If you want a good hat for the price of a cheap one here's a snap. Some broken lines of our fine \$3.00 Hats now

Half Price

We must clean up our stocks to make room for the new lines that are beginning to arrive. Come before your size is sold out, you can't often get a \$3 hat for—

\$1.50

1-3 Off!

On House Coats. Don't Wait Till They're Gone

Salem Woolen Mill Store

Watch Thursday's Ad. You Can't Afford to Miss It

Local Events in the Social Realm

PERSONALS.

L. P. Desmarais, of The Dalles, is in the city.

W. P. Lord went to Portland this morning on legal business.

E. L. Hochert, of Portland, is in the city for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Willey, of Portland, are in Salem for a few days' stay.

Prof. Seley, H. S. Gile and N. J. Damon were passengers for Toledo today.

W. J. Culver was a passenger for Portland on the Albany local this morning.

Dr. Geo. H. Russell, of Coquille City, is in the city for a few days' visit with friends.

Judge E. P. Morcom, of Woodburn, is in the city on business before the circuit court.

Mrs. W. A. Carter returned to her home at Gold Hill, after spending Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. George returned last evening from Portland, where Mrs. George is taking treatment.

Mrs. Anna Nichol, of Cape Nome, Alaska, who has been visiting in Salem for a few days, departed for Everett, Wash., last evening.

Speaker Harris came down from his home at Eugene last evening to assist in the correction of the house journal, at the state house.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, of West Salem, have returned from a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cordingle, at Brownsville.

Miss Gertrude Hirsch has returned from a visit to Portland. Her sister, Miss Leona, who has been a severe sufferer from peritonitis, at the Good Samaritan hospital, is very much improved.

Dr. E. V. Hoover, of Roseburg, was yesterday afternoon appointed physician of the hospital at the Soldier's Home, near Roseburg, to take effect at once. The place carries with it a salary of \$40 per month, and takes only a small portion of the physician's time.

Mrs. Anna Nichol, of Nome, Alaska, formerly manager of the local office of the Pacific Postal Telegraph Co., is in the city for an extended visit with friends, and is stopping at the home of Mrs. Ida M. Babcock. Mrs.

Nichol has been in Alaska for a number of years now, and is prosperous and content to remain in that far northern country.

Attorney Morcom and Rev. Levesque, of Woodburn, were in the city today.

South Salem Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Acheson have returned from a visit with relatives in Portland.

The Head Waiters.

"The Head Waiters" played to a fair house last night, and the frequent and hearty applause indicated that every ticket-holder was getting the worth thereof. It is about as badly mixed a proposition as was ever placed on a stage. There is no plot no consecutiveness, no premises, no sequence, no nothing only a hodge-podge—an olla podrida of fun—there is lots of that. Charles Burkhardt, as "Ixy Cohen," has a sledge that evokes wonder as well as laughter. He, with the "pipe dreamer," are the features of the show. The dreamer is all right, old Simohalla himself being inferior to him. He always appeared at the right time, with just the right dream.

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The costumes were elegant, and the drills and exercises by the girls very pretty, which might also be said of the girls themselves, only Salem has a high standard to measure from in that line.

The one marring feature of the play was the two big bruisers, who, as Izzy's partners, took up too much space. Their make-ups were villainous, their words indistinguishable, and their acting wretched. If the company could get them "vaggod" some place it would improve it greatly.

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Better than money are Schilling's Best

and moneyback—nobody takes the money.

At your grocer's.

Not Too Late

To think about that office outfit. For the New Year, of course you have many necessities on your list—

BLANK BOOKS

Ledgers, Day Books and the like, or a fresh quart of Ink or Mucilage, a great many have already made their office purchases and pronounce the grade far superior than they could find elsewhere.

PATTON'S Book Store.

you, talking fight all the time. To convince him I had to show him every room in the house to satisfy him. He accused you of being here with me. I changed his mind before he left. He accused me of sending you an express package, which I did not own up to. He said he got posted in Portland about you being here with me. I think he has changed his mind now about kicking me like Lindsay. I had no trouble with him whatever. Talked very nice to him, and took him up to Lulu, and she told him the letter she got from you was from Marshfield. He was a little quieter after that. Now, Minnie, if he goes to see you, he may try and tell you I told him that you lived here with me. Do not let him get anything out of you, for I threw him off on everything. Now, my dear, if I was you, I would go to Portland and get your divorce at once, for he may cause lots of trouble for us both. I know you know how to handle him without my telling you.

To show you how excited he was, he never saw your picture on my vest. He thought to scare me right on the spot, but I would not scare for him, so he changed his mind. When I see you I will tell you the whole. Now I am writing you right away, so as to post you when he goes.

Now, dear, he wanted to know if I ever was to his house in Portland. I told him I was not. Well, that was no lie. That was not his house, was it? I was just as smart as him. I am glad you got that bracelet. Do not tell him who sent it to you. Tell him it was Lulu. Do not let him get any catch on us. I am going to try and see Lulu and tell her to tell she sent it. He claimed that he had his fortune told, and you was here with men, and I sent you the package, and that I sent you the package, and that I was a married man and was keeping you, too. He was bound I should show him my wife. I told him he was up against the wrong thing now, and that some one was making a fool out of him, which is the truth. Now, honey, try and settle the affair if you can. After the divorce I will show him that, not write now. I will close, hoping to hear from you soon. I remain as ever, your old fellow.

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Lots of love and kisses.

very light draft on that run, and, as the Pomona and Altona are both out of commission, none other is available.

The Altona was disabled last Wednesday morning in a collision with the O. R. & N. steamer Modoc off Jones' mill. She is now at the yards of the Portland Shipbuilding Company, in South Portland, but will probably be ready for service Saturday. In the meantime the little steamer Leona is attending to the company's business on the Portland-Salem run.

To Register Voters.

County Clerk Roland is preparing his blanks and books for the biennial registration of the voters of the county. The several precinct registers are now ready as is the large office register, and a large quantity of blanks is held in preparation to send out to notaries public and justices of the peace for the purpose of registering those voters who are unable to come to the clerk's office to be listed. The registration begins on the first Monday in January—next Monday—and continues until May 15, when the books close. This is two weeks before the election and all voters who have not registered up to that time will be compelled to bring witnesses at the time of the election and swear in their votes. This is always troublesome and cumbersome, and it is much easier to register than to make proofs at the polls, and proper registration of all voters within the time limit—May 15—relieves the judges of election of a large amount of work and prevents a blockade at the polls.

It is expected that the registration will be greater this coming year than in the past, owing to the fact that the provisions of the law are now better understood, and the value of this regulation is appreciated by the voters. A full registration before the books close in May is greatly to be desired, and with an officer in each of the outlying precincts to register those who cannot personally come to the county seat, there should be few men left in the county unregistered when the county clerk finishes his work on May 15 next.

Salem's Select Assortment

A large gang of tramps, numbering over 35, is encamped in the pasture of G. P. Litchfield, in the southwestern portion of the city, and during the day time the gang scatters throughout the city begging and stealing all that can be secured. The camp in the woods is deserted during the hours of day-light, but after darkness comes the hobos gather there, and prepare a feast from the remains of their stolen and begged plunder. Yesterday The Journal stated that Captain Ross, in Yew Park, had lost a number of fine chickens at the hands of this gang, and this morning the stealing of more chickens at various places in the Yew York neighborhood is reported, and one sheep is known to have been taken by the knights of the cross-tie and brakebeam.

The victims of the band of idle loafers are getting as weary of these depredations, as are the tramps themselves when work is offered them. Efforts are being made by the residents of Yew Park to rid themselves of these unwelcome neighbors, and it is possible that the crowd will be rounded up and made to seek other quarters. As their camp is situated within the limits of the city, it might be possible to run in the crowd, and place them on the work gang on the streets scraping up mud, and the investment would be a good one, for their board would scarce cost the city as much as their work for the good of the community would amount to, aside from the fact that the depredations on the hen roosts of Yew Park would cease, and the residents of that section would be relieved from further trouble at the hands of the tramps. A dose of work on the streets or on the rock-pile would result in a decrease of the visitation of tramps to this city, for they would shun Salem as they would a plague spot.

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Oysters any style and short orders. Oyster Loaves, Chicken Tamales, Shell Fish, Etc. in season.
Special dinners every day,
25 cents.

For the Cello Canal. Governor Chamberlain left this morning for Portland, where he today met and consulted with Major Langfitt, the government engineer officer, regarding the matter of the right of way for the proposed Cello ship canal. The legislature, at the special session, appropriated \$100,000 for the purchase of the right of way, and while the state board of commissioners of canals, created by the same act, has not as yet been able to organize for the work in hand, the governor will attempt to secure as early a meeting between the commissioners and the federal authorities as possible, in order to get the work of securing contracts and deeds to the property desired for the right of way as early as possible, so that the government may begin the work of constructing the canal at once.

Bond Approved.
The official bond of Charles M. Phillips, constable of Scotts Mills precinct, for \$500, was this morning filed in the county clerk's office and approved.

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