

PROBERT RECEIVED SHOCK

By Getting too Close
to the Brush on
the Dynamo

Claimed This Accident Caused
Mental Aberration and
Made Him Irres-
ponsible

In Arthur C. Probert, the vanished Dayton banker, mentally unbalanced? This question is raised by a Portland woman who had a slight acquaintance with the man during his sojourn in this city. The card which he then presented, affixed to his name the symbolic letters denoting that he is a graduate of some medical institution, with both the degrees of doctor of medicines and doctor of surgery, and designates his occupation as president and treasurer of St. Luke's Hospital, of Niles, Mich., capitalized at \$100,000. In conversation with this woman Probert related a harrowing experience of which he claimed to have been the victim.

Connected with the Niles Hospital, he said, was a large electric plant. One day, while identified with the institution, he was in the power plant standing too near one of the dynamos and was struck by the rapidly revolving brush of the machine. He was knocked to the floor and picked up for dead.

Surgeons were unable to determine whether death had actually occurred for a time, and then believed there was still life in the pulseless body. For days he lay in a condition that medical science had not defined, due to some of the unexplained mysteries of electrical power. After the lapse of several days, however, he revived and resumed his usual duties.

Electrolysis of the Brain?
The suggestion of this Portland acquaintance is that the electrical current may have so affected his nervous system as to result in mental derangement, coupled with the severe physical shock of electrocution.

At the time Probert proposed the establishment of a bank in Portland he is said to have made his headquarters in an office in the Dekum building, the head of which cashed a Chicago draft for him that was protested. However, the amount was made good in some way, either by later collection or by Mr. Probert himself.

Educated, a college man, whose connection with numerous enterprises and contact with the world has given a polish and ease of manner that is said by persons of his acquaintance to be positively captivating, he is a man who could gain the confidence of persons more dubious of reposing excessive faith in men than the depositors of the Dayton bank.

With the announced intention of making the bank which he proposes establishing in Portland a central financial institution for Northwestern miners he sought and gained membership in the Oregon Miners' Association. To acquaintances formed there he stated that Marshall Field, of Chicago; United States Senator Spooner, Mr. Weyerhaeuser, the lumberman, and other equally distinguished financiers would be members of its directors and stockholders.

Lieutenants of Industry.
The freedom of which he banded about the names of prominent capitalists of industry was as easy as the representations made of his own financial standing. Incidentally it is also related that he was something of a spender and is reputed to have lavished a few hundred during a single evening, when the mood and opportunity met.

But in one cherished expectation he was disappointed, it is said, when application was made for membership in the Commercial Club's splendid rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building by a local gentleman who had been a victim of his smooth manners, and who supposed that his standing warranted such courtesy. But by the time his application was made there had been whispered something concerning the record of a past life that closed the doors securely against him, at least as a member.

The description published of Probert was not a good one, said a man who knew him well. "He is a man who would impress a person because of being unusually dark, his hair and beard, now streaked with gray, are intensely black where age has not placed its touch, and he has a penetrating eye, black, I think; but it may

have been a very dark blue. He is polished in manner, easy and fluent of speech, a convincing talker and ingenious enough to not talk too much. To all appearances he was accustomed to living well, understood the usage of good society and had plenty of money. But I did not feel as much faith in him after knowing him for a time as I did on shorter acquaintance, though I had no knowledge of the past record that has been made public since the Dayton bank has been closed."—Telegram.

BAIKAL RAILWAY OUT OF IT

(Continued from first page.)

page from Vladivostok states the Russian authorities have posted a notice calling on the Chinese to denounce the disguised Japanese among them to the authorities. The Novoye Vremya today refers to the satisfaction that is felt over the improved feeling toward Russia in America.

NO MENTION OF RUSSIAN FLEET Believed to Have Left the Harbor at Vladivostok.

London, March 7.—Only Russian reports on the bombardment of Vladivostok have yet been received, and these give no indication as to whether the Russian squadron is still there. According to a report from Tokyo, the squadron was seen off Gansan, Korea, last Thursday, but on this point there is no reliable information.

Speculation, however, mostly inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostok, as neither the official nor the other reports of the bombardment mention Russian battleships.

Port Arthur dispatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there, and on the Liaotung Peninsula. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitering off Port Arthur Friday night during a heavy storm.

The Daily Telegraph's Chee Foo correspondent says the Russians are still employing thousands of coolies at Port Arthur and Dainy on entrenchments and new forts and that they are also mounting over 90 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin gives a rumor that 30 Russian sailors were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur, and that they were shot the same day.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs, under reserve a story to the effect that a party of Japanese, disguised as Tartars, were arrested by a guard of the Siberian rail bridge at Syran, on the river Volga, having packages of dynamite in their possession.

A special dispatch from Tientsin estimates that 30,000 Tungese irregulars in Southern Manchuria, are largely led by patriotic Japanese, who have volunteered for the dangerous work.

The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived at Suda Bay, Turkey.

Concentrating Troops at Ping Yang.

London, March 7.—The Daily Mail's Chee Foo correspondent describes a visit he made to Chemulpo. He says the country from thence to Ping Yang is impassable, owing to the thaw. The villages are deserted, and horses and provisions cannot be obtained, everything having been bought up by the Japanese.

"I am informed," says the correspondent, "that there will be no advance until 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping Yang. It is thawing inland, and the waterways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every landing and are buying all suitable craft along the coast."

At noon Friday, the transport steamers, conveyed by the cruisers Takao and two torpedo-boats, landed men and stores 10 miles below Hwangju. Cossacks are keeping a sharp watch on the Japanese movements.

Tried to Locate Russian Fleet.

Paris, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok yesterday afternoon that the opinion of competent men is that the Japanese wished to find out whether or not the Russian squadron was in the port of Vladivostok. In this belief that, should it prove to be absent, it would be necessary for the vessels to return and defend the place. The correspondent adds:

"These tactics are useless, as the general staff here know Reitzenstein's exact destination, and that he has succeeded perfectly in carrying out the plan confided to him, despite the constant vigilance of the Japanese."

WHOLE ANVIL CHORUS

Senator Fairbanks
Dictates to the
President

Names Chairman and Vice
Chairman of Committee
and Controls in
1908

New York, March 7.—Roosevelt and Fairbanks as the Republican standard-bearers, ex-Governor Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey, for national chairman, and Hon. Charles L. Henry, of Indiana, for vice-chairman—this is the latest combination worked out by the men who do things in the dominant political party's councils.

There seems little doubt the combination will stand the test of the national convention's balloting. The plan has been stamped "O. K." by party leaders in New York, Indiana and at Washington, and is expected to meet with the solid support of the administration's forces throughout the country.

If the selections are made, another precedent of political history will be broken, for both chairman and vice-chairman will be the selection of the vice-presidential candidate. For years it has been an unwritten law that the presidential candidate shall name the campaign managers, and that his word shall be final. That the rule should be broken is a proof of Mr. Roosevelt's earnest desire to have Mr. Fairbanks as his running mate.

The plan was conceived 18 months ago, and was matured in the holidays last year. The senior senator from Indiana was regarded as a possible candidate for the presidential nomination because of the known fact that President McKinley and Senator Hanna had hoped to make him the nominee in 1904. Mr. McKinley's death caused the plan to be abandoned, but there was enough of the Fairbanks boom left to be disquieting.

After the idea of naming the Indiana for the vice-presidency took form it did not appeal to Mr. Fairbanks, but Mr. Roosevelt and his friends were determined.

After a week of negotiations the senator's acquiescence was secured. He agreed to accept the nomination on two conditions—that the national chairman and the vice-chairman should be his friends, and that he should control the organization for 1908. Though the unusual conditions, it is said, caused the President a gasp or two in private, he not only accepted them, but declared he approved the senator's attitude.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Henry are life-long friends of Mr. Fairbanks. Mr. Murphy is strong with the financial interests of the East. Mr. Henry is a millionaire traction magnate of Indianapolis, owner of the Indianapolis Journal, the state Republican organ, and is known as a political organizer of strength and resourcefulness. He, too, is on good terms with the financial interests of the country, and would be strong as the Western head of the organization.

Succession to the seat in the senate which Mr. Fairbanks is to vacate is said to be concealed in the general plan. It is understood that Mr. Fairbanks will insist on naming his successor. However that may be, there is no doubt the party machinery in Indiana is in perfect working order in the senator's interest.

Resolutions declaring for Mr. Roosevelt's nomination were adopted by the state committee at Indianapolis, and Representatives Heminway and Watson, recognized Fairbanks lieutenants, were chosen temporary and permanent chairman of the Republican state convention.

Accused of Causing Disturbance.

Henry Wolf was last night taken to custody for disturbing a meeting at the Pentecostal Mission, by J. W. Conner, a special officer, who was some time since appointed to look after the disturbers at that place. The case was set for hearing in the recorder's court for tomorrow morning, when witnesses will be heard. The defendant is a mere boy, and he was allowed to go on his own recognizance.

E. T. Miller Has Stroke of Paralysis.

Reports were received in this city this morning that Hon. E. T. Miller of Dallas, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Polk county, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis early this morning, and is

now lying in a critical condition at his home. Mr. Miller is widely known in Polk county, and has many friends and acquaintances in this city. He served Polk county many years as treasurer, and stands high in the estimation of the people. His age makes a stroke of paralysis a serious matter and his friends here are anxiously awaiting further news from the bedside of the patient.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The remains of the late Ed. N. Edes did not arrive this morning, as expected, but will be here on this afternoon's train from San Francisco. The funeral services will be held from the Catholic church at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. A large number of old-time friends and associates have decided to attend the funeral, and the attendance promises to be large.

In the Printer's Office.

J. A. Finch, of Albany, for a number of years local editor on the Herald, will be in Salem for a time, having accepted a position in the office of State Printer, J. R. Whitney. He will take the place of proof reader, and otherwise assist in the office work.



The Power of Psychology.

Prof. Jameson, Eldridge block, on Commercial street, showed one of the most wonderful demonstrations to his audience last Thursday night. They were astonished with the facts that were known only to themselves. Their thoughts, known only to themselves, were interpreted, simply by handing to the professor different articles which they possessed, such as pocket handkerchiefs, pocketbooks, rings, etc. He told them their thoughts at the then present moment, their names, their past and present life. All of those present were skeptics.

Those who are in need of advice concerning their business or health should consult Prof. Jameson, and receive relief. He is the most competent psychologist of the world. What he will advise you will be the truth. His aim is to help his fellow men, to bring them out of mysticism and superstition, and cause them to have real life. He will continue giving these demonstrations every Tuesday and Thursday nights, and he will charge the small sum of 25 cents for admission. You will learn more in an hour and a half of time of listening to the professor than in ten years of book study. Also he can be consulted daily and on Sunday, from 9:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. on all business.

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CANCEROUS ULCERS ROOTED IN THE BLOOD.

After the age of 45 or 50, when the vital powers are naturally weaker, it is noticed that a hurt of any kind heals slowly and often a very insignificant scratch or bruise becomes a bad ulcer or sore. At this time of life warty growths, moles and pimples that have been on the body almost from birth begin to inflame and fester, and before very long are large eating ulcers.

Whenever a sore or ulcer is slow in healing then you may be sure something is radically wrong with your blood. Some old taint or poison that has been slumbering there for years, is beginning to assert itself, and breaks out and becomes a bad ulcer and perhaps the beginning of Cancer. These old sores are rooted in the blood, and while washes, soaps, salves, etc., keep the surface clean, they are not healing. A blood medicine to purify and strengthen the polluted blood and a tonic to build up the general system is what is needed, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy. No poison is so powerful and no germ so deadly that this great vegetable blood remedy cannot reach it, and ulcers of every kind quickly yield to its wonderful curative properties. If you have an old sore or ulcer, write us all about it, and medical advice or any information you may desire will be given by our physicians without charge. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

Pay Too Small.

The Principals' Club held a meeting Saturday, at the state house, when the teachers' salary question was discussed at length, and it was decided that teachers were not paid sufficient salaries to insure the best results. The club decided to tabulate the estimates available, of teachers' salaries, showing at what low rates they are working, and submit the statement to the general public, with a view to working, in time, a reform in this matter. The club adjourned to meet April 2d. The meeting was the best attended yet had since the organization of the club, 21 members being present.

Another Club Formed.

A Young Men's Republican Club was organized at Liberty school house last Saturday night by a delegation of young men from this city. Those going out were E. D. Horgan, H. H. Turner, J. F. Blanchard and H. S. Radcliff, and after they had addressed the gathering, explaining the work of the young men's clubs throughout the county, the organization was promptly affected with a goodly membership and the indications are that at the June election it will be a factor in that neighborhood.

Services Tonight.

Evangelical services at the U. B. church in Yew Park tonight at 7:30 p. m. Elder A. J. Ware will preach. A cordial invitation to all.

Supreme Court Calendar.

Cases have been set for hearing in the supreme court for the next week as follows:

Tuesday, March 15—Hofer & Zorn, respondents, vs. T. A. Livesley & John J. Roberts, appellants; appeal from Marion county. B. S. Kelsay, respondent, vs. Alexander Eaton, et al., appellants; appeal from Sherman county.

Wednesday, March 16—S. C. Beach, appellant, vs. Guaranty Savings & Loan Association, respondents; appeal from Multnomah county. W. I. Deuell, respondent, vs. John Bolt, defendant, and H. C. Austin, appellant; appeal from Josephine county.

Eighteen-Cent Hops.

One hop contract was filed in the county recorder's office last Saturday evening, by which He Chung & Co., of Fairfield, sold to S. & F. Uhlman, of New York, 40,000 pounds of the 1904 hop crop grown by them at 18 cents per pound. The contract was dated January 25th.

Furnished Lodgings.

The police last evening gave beds to four individuals who were without. They were Walter Smith Frank Cox, James Hoyt and Thomas Driscoll. The last two were convicts but recently discharged from the penitentiary. The men were turned out this morning, and went on their way rejoicing.

Theresa Kuller, the oldest woman in Vienna, has celebrated her one hundredth and fourth birthday.

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