

HERO OF FRENCH BALL TO SUE FOR DAMAGES

Modesty, like virtue, has long been its own reward, but now the courts will be asked to place it upon a cash and therefore profit-paying basis.

And it all comes about through a pair of flesh-colored tights, harmless in themselves, perhaps, but when used to display the venus-like proportions of a fair feminine unknown at a French ball, so wounded and shocked the delicate susceptibilities of a young man that he was forced to protest to the management. The protest led to his ejection from Elks' Temple on Christmas night and on account of this untoward and unceremonious handling he will appeal to the courts for damages through his attorneys, Roberts & Miller.

Of course it is readily understood how horrified and shocked the young man was at beholding a vision similar to that beheld by the late St. An-

thony; how much more, then, must he have suffered on account of the indignity of a public ejection from a dance hall? It is doubtful if even a golden salve can heal such wounds.

But it is not as yet stated whether the damage suit will be brought on account of the mental anguish caused by the shock to a high-standing nervous system, or seeing a girl clad in all the garb of nature, or whether the ejection from Elks' Temple will be the main argument of the complaint. Probably the former will form the principal cause.

And the star of Special Policeman Roberts, who escorted the young man off the dance hall floor, still twinkles upon his manly breast, despite the demand of the modest young man that it be removed. Whether that star is near to setting or not only Police Commissioner Lillenthal can say, and he won't tell. Since his sagacious ruling that "inasmuch as the

protest against the flesh-colored tights caused the disturbance, it naturally follows that the protest and not the tights caused the disturbance. Officer Roberts was justified in removing the cause," the commissioner has refused to make public his further investigations and deliberations. His ruling has, however, won him so much praise that Mr. Lillenthal is already being talked of as the right man for our next mayor.

And now the burning mystery is, who is the young lady who appeared clad in flesh-colored tights at the Christmas ball? When midnight struck and the merry revellers disclosed their identity, this shy creature, alone of all those present, kept her features masked. Some claim to know her as one of the society leaders of Spokane's smart set, out for a lark, but refuse, other than by mysterious whispers, nods and winks, to tell who she is.

GROWTH AND STORY ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Of the many Catholic churches in the city, St. Joseph's church on Dean ave. over which Rev. Father Dekanter has supervision, has during the past year made the most remarkable progress. When Father Dekanter was first stationed over the parish he was confronted with many difficulties that would have broken the nerve of most men.

Ten years ago St. Joseph's was looked upon as the poorest mission in the state of Washington. Bitter poverty stared those in the face who expected to be appointed to the parish by the late much lamented Bishop Junger, and it required a priest of more than ordinary Christian zeal and dauntless resolution to undertake a task of so discouraging a nature.

When Rev. Father Dekanter arrived upon the scene of his future missionary labors he found very few Catholic families under his jurisdiction, and then those were either living in absolute want or were Catholics of the nominal description.

The energetic priest encountered obstacles at every step he made to organize his congregation, but he continued to pursue his firm resolution, despite the disheartening circumstances until at length he erected a church and a parochial residence to which the city can point with pride.

The parish is now thoroughly organized and during the fair which was held last month more than the required sum of money was raised to free the congregation of indebtedness and to place the church on good financial standing.

Sault Ste. Marie.—The greatest volume of commerce in the history of the greatest ship canals of the world is shown by the statistics of traffic through the canals here and in Ontario for the present year. The tonnage amounted to 35,941,146 tons of freight, exceeding that of last year by 7,558,051 tons.

CLERK'S OFFICE. County Clerk Erwin said the business in his office had not increased greatly. In prosperous times there are less suits started and in this way the pulse of the county's prosperity can be told readily. During 1894 and 1895 the number of mortgage foreclosure suits was nearly double the record at present.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. County Assessor Williams is out of the city, but it is stated at his office that the work there has very largely increased during the year. While the figures as to assessments could not be obtained, it is stated that there is a large percentage of increase, particularly in personal property.

SCHOOL GROWTH. County School Superintendent Drake says the number of school children in Spokane county is increasing very rapidly, necessitating a largely increased amount of work in his department.

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BIG DEATH RATE.

Mortality in the French Army Alarms the Authorities.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Military authorities are alarmed over that appalling mortality statistics of the French army, as reported last week by War Minister General Andre in answer to an inquiry relative to the comparative death rate in the French and German armies. He gave the complete figures in both countries since the Franco-Prussian war.

In that time it appears that over 99,000 deaths have occurred in the French army as against 13,000 in the German. Even in recent years, Andre admitted, the mortality was four times greater in the French army than in the German. Typhoid and consumption have been the two most murderous diseases in France. The figures for last year show that 600 French soldiers died of typhoid, against 87 Germans, and 1415 of consumption against 129 Germans.

Andre stated that the French government was doing its best to secure a pure water supply for barracks and garrisoned towns, and as he had found that the consumption came from the hard working of weak men rather than from contagion in barracks, he had instructed the military surgeons not to pass conscripts for service in barracks of city garrisons to such whose physical condition demanded that they be stationed in the country districts.

BULL FIGHT PANIC.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—In a panic at a bull fight today the manager was angered because the crowd threatened to wreck the arena when the matador failed to kill the bull. He turned off the lights and liberated three more bulls. The crowd fought to gain the exits. Three were killed and 52 injured. The manager was arrested.

GROWTH OF BUSINESS AT COURT HOUSE

The business of Spokane county transacted at the courthouse has largely increased during the past year over that of 1901.

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Wheels of Fortune Brought Owners Luck.

Among the men who are deeply interested in Spokane and who are large reality owners perhaps none can better judge of the growth of the city than those directly connected with the element who seek excitement at the gaming tables.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE BASEBALL FIGHT. From the present outlook of the baseball war it appears that it will be waged strongly and fiercely—not as rivals for patronage in Portland and Seattle, but as bitter enemies. Strange, but both sides already claim advantages which they all with equal gusto vaunt forth, as points against the enemy.

Seattle can probably lend good support to two teams—but in Portland it is another thing altogether. Both leagues may expect to lose money there and the result will probably be a demoralizing effect on baseball in that town for some time to come.

There is no disputing the fact that J. P. Marshall, president of the old Portland club, has made things hot so far. It is the first inning. The Pacific Northwest league has had a trifle the best of the argument. The option on the grounds which they hold in Portland will be taken up and work will start immediately making an improved ball park.

The same may be said of the Seattle grounds. The All-Coasters claim everything in sight, but do not and can not make good.

A basket ball game will be played between teams from the University of Washington and the athletic clubs of Victoria some time during January at Victoria. Owing to the clubs not being able to secure the use of the British armory for the first date set, the series has been postponed to next month.

Yesterday's racing meet at Ingle-side was a tale of disaster for favorites, Hungarian being the only first choice to win. Jockey Club, who was heavily backed, spread-eagled his field and won by five lengths from Stillicho, the favorite. Birkinrud rode three winners.

Harry Green of the Club and "Doc" Brown of the Owl tell about the same story, and is in effect that, though admitting that business was good all during the past year, the next is to be looked forward to as a year of unprecedented good times in Spokane, not only along lines which they represent, but for all manner of enterprises generally.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Tacoma club is scheduled for this week to map out plans for next year. Several prominent men of Tacoma have expressed a desire to become stockholders in the club. The financial support promised the club is said to be the strongest in the history of the game in Tacoma.

The championship committee of the Amateur Athletic union has decided to separate the boxing from the wrestling matches for championships. The latter will be held in New York some time in February and the boxing championships will be held in Chicago, San Francisco or Cambridge, Mass.

The Pacific Coast league, which went into session yesterday, continues to deliberate on various matters to-day and the outcome is awaited with interest. It is said that among other things a skeleton schedule will be drafted, but will not be made public.

A red hot game of football was played at Creston yesterday between the athletic club at that place and the Davenport High school. The game was fought fiercely and resulted in no score on either side. Creston had a shade the best of it.

It is stated that Pierce Clites' formerly of the Cleveland club, will play for the athletic club at that place and Clites has not been in the game for a couple of years. The question is, "Where has Pierce been?"

William Goldman of the old Portland club, who was so unceremoniously handed at the P. N. L. meeting Monday afternoon, is said to be "real angry at the action of the magnates. In all probability Goldman will bring an action in the civil courts and try to get that \$750 forfeit money.

At San Francisco last night Al Neill won from Tommy Reilly on a foul in the eleventh round. The fight was fast and rough, with Reilly having a shade the best of it. The foul blow was a left in the groin.

Jack O'Brien is listed to fight Al Weing before the International Athletic club at Fort Erie on New Year's night. O'Brien bets \$250 to Weing's \$1500 on the outcome. They will go 20 rounds at catch weights.

The Reliance club of Oakland will compete with Multnomah club on the gridiron on Multnomah field New Year's day. The teams are well matched and the prospects for a good game are bright.

H. L. Williams has been retained as football coach by the University of Minnesota for another year at \$3000.

The veteran pugilist, Joe Choynski, is to meet Morgan Williams in Chicago within two weeks.