

SNYDER'S SHEEPERS TAKEN IN TOOLS?

Canyon City Hears Rumor of Arrests Made in Murder Case.

MORE SENSATIONS ARE DUE

Shepherders' Quarrel Near Hamilton Has Unusual Ending—Sheriff Swears in Deputies to Keep Peace and Prevent Riot.

CANYON CITY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Report has reached this city tonight that four of the alleged lynchers of Oliver Snyder, slayer of Arthur Green, have been placed under arrest and will be brought here at once.

It is said that the brother of the murdered man will attempt to shield the boys arrested. Already the Sheriff has sworn in several deputies and the law will be enforced to the letter. Sensational developments are momentarily expected as a result of the original quarrel between Green and Snyder, shepherders, near Hamilton, several miles from this place.

Snyder Declared Self-Defense.

In a statement made to the Coroner's jury which investigated the death of Green, Snyder testified that he was attacked by Green with a knife and in proof showed slashes across the left lapel of his coat.

After the inquest Snyder was held for examination. Sheriff Charles Collier wired the justice at Monument to send the prisoner over by his regular deputy and at least one extra man for guard.

Charles Beymer, the employer of Snyder, was appointed to accompany Deputy Joseph Cassidy. The trio went as far as Hamilton that afternoon, and when they stopped for the night Beymer turned in for sleep and Cassidy undertook to look after the prisoner. About midnight he had his team hitched to the buggy and saying that as he had to sit up anyway he might as well be traveling, started for Canyon City, the county seat. This was the last seen of Snyder alive.

When the deputy reached a dark and well screened portion of the road on the mountains above Hamilton, he says that a band of men, from six to ten in number, appeared suddenly from behind the trees and leveling their guns at him told him to halt. He did so, when the mob commanded the prisoner to alight and come with them. He said, "All right," and jumped from the buggy.

Mob Covered Victim.

The mob covered him and told the officer to drive on, not allowing him to turn back toward Hamilton. He was watched for some distance and when he thought it safe to turn back, he saw soon he came upon the dead body of his late prisoner, lying on a sheet of ice and riddled with bullets. He drove back to Hamilton, got a new horse, and went again to the scene of the lynching.

A thorough investigation has been made by the Sheriff and Deputy District Attorney, George Cattanch, and although they refuse to discuss this phase of the matter, it is evident that evidence has been uncovered and it is expected that a number of arrests will soon follow.

The Coroner's verdict, was as follows: "We, the jury, having inquired into the death of one Oliver Snyder, inquire into the death of one Oliver Snyder, came to his death at or about 4 A. M., on December 28, A. D. 1909, some three miles east of Hamilton, in Grant County, Oregon, find that he came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of unknown parties. Dated at Hamilton, Or., December 27, 1909. W. T. Hamilton, D. C. Cohoe, George Legler, J. S. Wyland, D. D. Hinton, W. R. Caldwell, Jurors.

CONVENTION RATE GIVEN

Retail Lumbermen, Embracing 598 Yards, to Meet Here February 14.

The seventh annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association will be held in Portland, February 14 to February 16, inclusive, and because of the event the railroads will grant a one-and-one-third fare to the city from February 10 to 16, inclusive. The announcement was made yesterday that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle would grant the reduced rate from points on its line, and it is expected that the rates will apply generally from points on other roads in the Pacific Northwest.

The Western Retail Lumbermen's Association has a membership embracing 598 lumber yards in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming. It is expected that, in addition to the regular delegates attending, 50 to 100 wholesalers will be present, and that a large delegation will come from California.

Reduced rates have been announced also from the wheat-growing sections to Pullman for the annual wheat congress to be held there in January 10 to 15, inclusive. An address will be delivered there by A. A. Morse, special representative of the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Mr. Morse also will attend the National Woolgrowers' Convention, in Ogden, January 6-7-8.

"MADDEST" MAN IS STARR

Tax Commissioner Secretary Has Bus on Hands.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—C. L. Starr, formerly clerk of the State Normal School Board and at present secretary of the State Tax Commission, was the "maddest" man in town today. After the normals had been put out of business by the Legislature, Starr visited the school, disposed of considerable miscellaneous state property.

At Ashland there was an old bus or carriage that stood to be in demand, so Starr had it stored. A few days ago he found a chance to sell the rig for \$40 and ordered it shipped to Salem by freight. The consignor failed to crate the bus and the railroad company exacted a freight rate of three and one-half times the regular first-class rate, making a total of something over \$87.

Mr. Starr has not yet made up his mind whether to take the \$40 offered and pay the Southern Pacific the difference out of his own pocket, or to try to induce the purchaser to annul the bargain and make the railroad company a present of the bus.

River Ice Delays Grain.

ASOTIN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Because of floating ice in the Snake River, grain shipping from the warehouses here and farther up the river has been impeded, but probably will

be resumed next week. A large amount of grain still awaits delivery at the Asotin County warehouses.

A NOVEL TEST.

The necessity for an up-to-date piano house keeping before the public, especially when that house sells pianos that last for a generation or more is obvious—in other words, a music house is compelled to find a new customer every hour of every day and must continue to keep the piano-buying proposition before the public continually. Ascertaining the value of various newspapers and other methods for advertising is a problem of difficult solution.

In order to ascertain which papers reach the largest proportion of piano-buyers in a community, Eilers Piano House will commence a most interesting and far-reaching advertising test. A keyed coupon will be printed in the various papers good for \$30, which will be accepted as first payment on any piano in the big Eilers establishment.

ANNUAL FOR MAILING.

In purchasing the New Year's Oregonian, wrapped for mailing, the public is cautioned that GREEN wrappers have been used exclusively. Wrapped copies of the Annual are on sale at The Oregonian business office, at all news stands, and by newsboys at 5 cents each. Postage in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the insular possessions is 4 cents. Foreign postage, 8 cents.

ment. This is about ten per cent of the average price of a piano. In addition to the saving of \$30 afforded by the coupon a further premium will be offered for cash on the basis that for every dollar paid in cash a receipt for two dollars will be given. Any piano selected will be delivered merely upon presentation of the Advertising Test Coupon, the further cash saving being optional with the buyer.

This unusual offer to place a fine piano in any responsible home absolutely free—merely upon presentation of the coupon, will surely be taken advantage of by hundreds of musicless homes, a result which will enable the Eilers House to accurately ascertain the pulling powers of the various papers.

FOOTPAD KILLS YOUNG MAN

Forrest Smith, of Spokane, Dead When Police Arrive.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 31.—After a succession of telephone reports that hold-ups were operating near Baldwin avenue and Astor street, and while every available officer was out with the patrol wagon on a burglary alarm, word was received at police headquarters late last night that a man lay dying at that corner. Chief Sullivan, Captain Burns, Sergeant Fuller, Officer Peabody and Steward Darr and Milburn, of the Emergency Hospital, hurried to the place and found the body of Forrest Smith. He had been shot through the body and died before the officers arrived.

The supposition that Smith, who was a young man living on Baldwin avenue, was shot by footpads, is strengthened by other reports from that vicinity. At 9:30 o'clock L. L. Ellis, of Baldwin avenue, reported that he had been held up near his home by two young men who had taken a purse from him and went to a small change. Then a report came from H. W. Lundberg that he had heard shooting followed in an instant by a telephone call from the woman who said there was a dead man in front of her block from the Astor-street corner. He had dragged himself 75 feet after being shot, his progress being traceable by a trail of blood.

TWO CONVICTS CLEARED

Penitentiary Officials Find Nickotich and Murray Not Armed in Flight.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Mike Nickotich and Edward Murray, two of the convicts who escaped from the Oregon Penitentiary last summer and were captured near Buena Vista after a battle in which one convict was killed and another fatally wounded, have been exonerated from all blame in connection with the assault upon prison guards Hated and Danney, and the wounding of Deputy Sheriff Walter Johnson. The prison authorities made an investigation which showed that neither Nickotich nor Murray had a weapon on his person during the fight which resulted in the death of convicts Carter, and Ferris.

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We have for sale some of the choicest lots left in this beautiful addition for \$1500. All improvements in and paid.

We are now building and have for sale several handsome houses and unique bungalows. Call and see them. F. E. BOWMAN & CO., E. 5th, Cor. 12th and Thompson.

Bishop Scadding's Appointments.

Bishop Scadding yesterday announced his appointments for January, as follows:

- 1.—Second Sunday after Christmas morning, 10:30; afternoon, Warren; evening, Seaside.
2.—Seaside.
3.—Astoria.
4.—Epiphany, St. Helen's Hall.
5.—Epiphany, noon; Epiphany, P. M. Baum.
6.—First Sunday after Epiphany, 10:30 morning, and evening at Trinity Church.
7.—Conference laymen's missionary movement.
8.—Meeting board of missions, 8 P. M.
9.—Seaside, Oregon; Seaside, Oregon; Seaside, Oregon; Seaside, Oregon.
10.—At home, Bishop's office.
11.—Stungoma, Portland; preach morning and evening.
12.—Meeting of hospital trustees, 9:30 A. M.
13.—Seaside.
14.—Grange, Pines.
15.—Seaside.
16.—Stungoma, Portland; preach morning and evening.
17.—Portland, Oregon; Portland, Oregon.
18.—Meeting trustees of school board.

Pittsburg's Loss \$150,000.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—Fire caused a loss estimated at \$150,000 to five buildings located in the heart of the downtown section here early today. The fire started in the building occupied by the Union Electric Company, supposed to be from crossed wires, and spread to adjoining buildings. Other buildings damaged were those of McCandless & Gordon, men's furnishings, and J. J. Gillespie's art store.

Woodburn Has Building Boom.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Steps have been taken for the erection of a \$15,000 Masonic Temple and a \$20,000 Armory in the Spring. Several other brick and residence buildings are projected, and 1910 will be a year of marked progress.

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had been interested in a large tract of land in the Alberta country.

Mr. Long, with his associate, William Landess, platted a large tract of land on which the Long & Landess Addition to Cottage Grove is built. He has been a prominent Republican and Mason. He leaves a widow here and four children, George and Ed, of Portland, Lafayette, of this place, and Mrs. Mamie Wells, of Walla Walla. The funeral will be held Saturday, under the auspices of the Masonic order.

Lodge Celebrates Birthday. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 31.—Chehalis Lodge, No. 20, A. O. U. W., last night celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Grand Recorder J. H. Hemer, of Seattle,

was present, as well as members from Central, Adna, Littell, Dryad, and other local points. A class of three candidates was initiated, followed by a banquet.

CARMEN'S WAGES BOOSTED

Harriman System Follows Huntington's Lead at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Following H. E. Huntington in granting the employees of the Huntington system of trolley lines a raise in wages with the new year, the Harriman system, the

Los Angeles Pacific Railway, today announced a similar increase.

The amount is not as large as that of Huntington as there are fewer men employed. But it is more important to these affected, as it reduces the time of service before the maximum wage of 38 cents an hour can be enjoyed to five years, one year below the Huntington scale.

The amount involved approximates \$5,000. During the first year, trainmen will receive 25 cents an hour; second, 28; third, 31; fourth, 33; fifth and upward, 35. By order of General Manager A. P. Sherman, the raise goes into effect tomorrow. As in the case of the Huntington lines, all the employees are nonunion men and proud of it.

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