

MURCHISON BOYS STILL MISSING

Lads Could Not Smoke and Chew at Home and So Ran Away.

HAVE BEEN GONE FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS

Poor Mother Advertises for Her Sons and Prays for Their Return.

Willie and Cecil Murchison, aged 15 and 16 respectively, lived with their mother, Mrs. Murchison, at McKinney street and the Boulevard, University Park. Their home is on an eminence overlooking the Willamette river.

For the past four years they have lived their lives as if they were on a great pine woods beyond. They ran away from home two months ago, and all efforts to locate them by a distracted mother have been unavailing.

The youngsters have no reason for their going, except that they wanted to find a job. Cecil, the younger, wanted to smoke cigarettes, but was prohibited by his mother.

"They were good boys," the mother said today, "and it was only because they thought they were on a better life that they ran away. I have tried so hard to find them. We traced them to Vancouver, where they made inquiries about the boats, but since then they have appeared completely. I feel they have gone to a logging camp or on a ship. I have advertised for them and have sought police assistance, but not one word have I heard."

The boys are described as tall for their years and slender. The younger had curly dark hair.

WERLEIN SHOWS HE IS YET RECALCITRANT

City Treasurer J. E. Werlein and the civil service commission are still at loggerheads over the appointment of a clerk for the treasurer's office.

Mr. Werlein says he will not submit to the wishes of the commission, and it is rumored that unless he complies with the requirements of the city charter the commission will charge him with a misdemeanor, which is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

THIS POOR DOG MET A VERY CRUEL FATE

Evidence of a horrible murder was discovered by Patrolman Craig Gritzmaacher, who was detailed this morning to investigate the report that a "human body, half covered with dirt in a rough grave, lay with the walls of the hole in the ground."

As John Dirksen of 930 Rodney avenue and Oscar Schweitzer, living at 700 East Eighteenth, reported, the body had been partly interred close to the gravel pit near Midway, and it is true that the flesh was off the hands while the ribs were bare.

"The body is that of one large, full-grown gray dog. There is no doubt whatever that he was murdered."

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR SMILING MAN

"A man may smile and smile and be a villain still." This was the comment of Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald in the police court this morning after the defendant, Thomas D. Hightower, had testified in his own defense on the charge of disorderly conduct.

"The evidence shows plainly that you brought this girl here from Chicago and have since acted in a way which leads to the impression that you were trying to get her to lead a disreputable life," said Judge Hogue. "It may be true that you are married. If that is so, it makes matters all the worse. I will send you to jail for three months."

INCORPORATED NEW RAILROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Connell, Wash., Dec. 5.—Edward W. Swanson, secretary of the Farmers' Grain and Supply company, of Spokane and Willard S. Foster of Cheney, have incorporated the Eastern Washington Railroad company in a way which will capitalize at \$200,000. Much of the stock has been subscribed by farmers on the proposed route. The line will pierce the heart of the country in the state court, its principal source of revenue will be in transporting the immense wheat crop.

SUPREME COURT MAKES DECISIONS

Motion to Dismiss Appeal of Marquam Against Title Guarantees & Trust Company Denied.

HARLOW'S SUIT AGAINST OREGONIAN DISMISSED

Controversy Arose Over Delivery Route in Territory South of Alder Street.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—Decisions were handed down by the supreme court today as follows:

P. A. Marquam, respondent, against the United States Mortgage & Trust company, the Title Guarantees & Trust company, Oregon company and J. Thorburn Ross, appellants. This was an appeal from a decision by Judge Sears of Multnomah county. A motion to dismiss the appeal was denied.

F. E. and L. A. Harlow, appellants, against the Oregonian Publishing company and H. L. Pitcock, respondents. This was an appeal from Multnomah county, and the decision of Judge Cleveland, George and Sears was affirmed. The opinion was by Justice Bean.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS INJURED AT A FIRE

Explosion in Repair Department of New York Automobile Company Caused Big Loss.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 5.—Eighteen persons were injured, some of them seriously, as the result of a fire this afternoon in the repair and storage department of the Standard Automobile company at West Thirty-ninth street. A spark set fire to a pool of gasoline on the floor, which communicated to the ceiling, and during the work a small pool of gasoline, which was ignited. The 18 men jumped from the windows. All were more or less injured. The loss was \$100,000.

NAN PATTERSON FACES HER SECOND TRIAL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Dec. 5.—A special panel of 20 laymen have been summoned for a second trial of Nan Patterson, who is charged with the murder of Caesar Young, which begins today. It is expected that the present trial will attract more widespread attention than the first.

Miss Patterson has been ill with throat trouble, and came into court with a halting step and carriage. She sat down beside her father and, raising her eyes to the jury, she said: "I am sorry that her face was chalk white."

FAVORS WHIPPING POST FOR SALOONKEEPERS

At the White Temple, Rev. J. W. Broughton, last night, urged the whipping post as the foe of the common people. "One of the most threatening aspects of the saloon evil is the destroying of our young men. A saloon can no more be run without using up boys and girls, than a flourmill without wheat, or a sawmill without logs. The only question is, whose children? Yours or mine?"

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CORVALLIS PREPARING FOR BIG POULTRY SHOW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Dec. 5.—Work was begun this morning on the Corvallis opera house, preparing for the big poultry show to be given at the opera house, Cal. is president. Social features will be Friday afternoon.

SENTENCE IS PASSED ON ELECTION OFFICIALS

(Journal Special Service.) Denver, Col., Dec. 5.—Four or five election officials in ward 5, charged with contempt, have been found guilty and were sentenced by the supreme court today. Frank Kratka, license inspector, is charged with aiding in the frauds and was sentenced to one year in jail. Ray O'Malley, judge and clerk, were sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$50 fine. Krafky, the judge, was sentenced to three months in jail and \$250 fine.

CARNEGIE DOESN'T KNOW 'QUEEN OF BORROWERS'

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 5.—Andrew Carnegie's secretary today gave out the following: "Mr. Carnegie wants me to say he does not want to be bothered any more about this Chadwick affair. He is quite angry over this persistent use of his name and wishes it to cease at once. "Once for all he says he never knew Mrs. Chadwick or any other such woman, and he never signed any such paper as reports credit him with signing."

FIRE IS CENTERED ON 203 METER HILL

Tokio Awaits News from the Scene of the Heaviest Fighting of War.

(Journal Special Service.) Tokio, Dec. 5.—There has been a decided dearth of war news from the front today, but it is understood from private dispatches that the fighting is continuing, with 203-meter hill as a base for a great artillery fire.

MAN TEN BLOCKADE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Dec. 5.—The steamer Germanicus, which has arrived in port here, had some exciting experiences in carrying a cargo of coal from England to the Russian fleet at Vladivostok. The steamer was escorted by a torpedo boat, which led the ship through the mines in the harbor. A second attempt to carry in coal failed, as the Japanese were alert, and the Germanicus was forced to hide behind an island for several days.

CONSIDER PROTEST

(Journal Special Service.) Madrid, Dec. 5.—Government officials have held a conference over the protest filed by the Japanese because the Spanish government permitted the Russian Baltic fleet to coal at Vigo. No details of the discussion have been given to the public.

THUBER ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Implicated in the Killing of George at Oregon City Last June.

J. A. Thuber was arrested last night by Sergeant Slover on suspicion of murdering George Joyce at Oregon City last June.

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BIG CUT IS MADE IN LIVESTOCK RATES

In response to urgent requests from packers in the sound cities, the Northern Pacific railway today put into effect a low rate on sheep from Portland. To Tacoma the rate is cut on double decker cars lots from \$55 to \$40.60. To Seattle, Bend, Coquille, Coos and Hoquiem the former rate of \$67.33 is cut to \$44.40. The rate is based on 36-foot cars.

This is one of the most sensational reductions made in many years by the livestock schedule of a Pacific north-west railroad. The result will be the carrying of large numbers of sheep from northern and western Oregon to the packing houses of Tacoma and Seattle.

BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME

(Journal Special Service.) Tokio, Dec. 5.—With siege guns mounted on 203-meter hill, the Japanese are pouring a rain of shells into Port Arthur, town and harbor. Nearly every afternoon the docks have been destroyed by a fraternal building at the fair stated that \$35,000 would be raised. The building will be completed in ample time for the opening.

Already the sum of \$19,130 has been pledged by various fraternal associations and societies. Mr. Mitchell expressed the belief that it would undoubtedly reach the sum of \$25,000. In the letter Mr. Mitchell said the building is certain that car-temple is going to do your association a vast amount of good. The fraternal press throughout the United States is advertising the fair and temple, and your association is reaching millions of homes which you would not reach otherwise."

CALIFORNIA MINERS

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The California Miners' association was called to order in its annual convention at the St. Francis hotel this morning by its president, C. P. Belshaw. An address of welcome was followed by speeches by Jacob H. Naff and Hon. Niles Searles, who spoke on the object of the association.

MANY BURGLARIES WITHIN PAST WEEK

Hotels, Stores, Offices, Restaurants and Residences Are Looted by Criminals.

EVERY NIGHT SHOWS ITS RECORD OF CRIME

Police Suppress the Stories, but They Signally Fail to Suppress the Robbers.

Within the last week an epidemic of burglary has prevailed in the city. In not a single instance has an arrest been made nor was any of the stolen property recovered. Chief Hunt has suppressed all these reports and cautioned his men to pursue their investigations quietly, and give no information to the papers.

Perhaps the most daring burglary occurred Saturday night at the Norton house, 216½ and Morrison streets. The thief broke open a window shortly after dusk and entered the room of H. Allen. He secured a quantity of clothing, when he was frightened by the sound of approaching footsteps, and jumping through the window made his escape, taking the garments with him. Several articles of value were in a dresser, and would doubtless have been obtained by the burglar had he not feared detection.

It was only a short time ago that a man was arrested on suspicion of stealing valuable jewelry and silver toilet articles from the room of a wealthy couple named Purdy, who came here from Denver and were staying at the Norton. A number of the stolen articles were found on him, he pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary.

At an early hour Sunday morning the rear of a restaurant, conducted by C. E. Conner, at 308 Irving street, was broken open by a burglar. The thief tore the lock off a gas meter with some sharp steel instrument and secured several dollars. He also took an overcoat, a suit case and other articles.

Cigars, bacon and butter, aggregating \$65 in value, were stolen from the grocery store of H. J. Faust, at East Twenty-sixth and Powell streets Saturday night. Almost the entire stock of cigars was stolen. Entrance was effected by forcing open the front door.

Last Thursday night a thief entered the rooming house at Second and Davis streets, conducted by the Salvation Army, and carried away a quantity of clothing.

A costly gold-handled umbrella disappeared from the office of the Portland Lumber company, at 789 Pettgrove street, yesterday. It belongs to a woman and has the initials "E. C. R." cut on the handle. The theft was reported to the police last night. F. H. Barstow, a reward has been offered the officer who discovers the umbrella.

The residence of Mrs. E. Morrison, at 269½ First street, was broken into by a thief Friday night. A pocket watch and a pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses were taken.

LOGGER'S BRAVERY FAILS TO SAVE LIFE

Although Crushed and Mangled He Jokes with Death Until Final Summons Come.

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Barstow's helper was some distance away, and when he arrived he was unable to lift the log off the unfortunate man, after several futile attempts. Barstow told him to whip up the horses and "let her slide," which was done. This nearly cut Barstow in two, crushing his hip joints and injuring the lower vital organs.

To carry him was impossible, so the helper took him by one arm and dragged him for a distance of about 300 yards to the skidway, where a crude sled was made, on which the log was rolled about a mile. Medical aid was hastily summoned, but it soon became evident that to ease the pain was all that could be done. Barstow bore up manfully, and after several futile attempts, he died Saturday night and Sunday morning several friends and relatives came to see him, and he talked with them and told jokes until a few minutes before he died. "Say, let my boy come in and rubber me, too," he called his eldest daughter and his boy, a child of about 4 years, to his side, took the child's hand in his, pressed them to his face and fell back. He leaves a widow and three children, the youngest of which is an infant aged 10 days.

RAINING SHELLS INTO PORT ARTHUR FORTRESS

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WHERE IS INDICTED

(Journal Special Service.) Auburn, Dec. 5.—The grand jury this afternoon brought in an indictment of murder against Adolph Weber for killing his father. As to the charge of killing his mother, on which he was held by Justice Smith, Weber, before time to plead and was given until next Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m.

GROSVENOR HOUSE DELAY

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Chairman Grosvenor, of the committee on merchant marine, secured the sanction of the house today to an extension of time until January, when the merchant marine will report.

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WASCO SCHOOLS WILL MAKE A BIG DISPLAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Dec. 5.—Wasco county schools have begun preparations for the educational display at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and at the last meeting of the Principals' club in this city County Superintendent Neff appointed the following committee to take charge of the work of seeing that a creditable exhibit was sent from this county: J. B. Landers, city superintendent at the Dalles; W. A. Wiley, city superintendent at Hood River; H. H. White, principal of the Dufur school.

At the same meeting Professor Landers described the educational exhibits at the St. Louis fair, and explained the method to be followed in preparing an exhibit for the Portland fair. The various schools of the county are taking a deep interest in the matter.

BAD BOYS ANNOY GOOD NEIGHBORS

A crowd of boys that gathers nearly every evening at the corner of East Seventh and East Pine streets have been having so much fun of late that its members' antics were reported to the police. The complaint was made by Dr. C. E. Nottage, who resides at 461 East Pine street. Several days ago a large front window in the home of G. E. Burns, near East Pine and East Eighth streets, was broken by a stone thrown against it; the stone narrowly missed crashing into a handsome plate glass sideboard filled with fine china and cut glass. A few weeks ago a window in the home of J. J. Kaddery, 224 East Pine street, was also broken.

The boys range from 8 to 17 years of age. It is said that there are nearly 15 in the crowd.

"If Hunt can't stop the actions of that gang," we as citizens will have to take it up," said one of the women who fears that her front window will be broken some night.

FUNERAL OF PIONEER HELD AT CORVALLIS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Dec. 5.—The funeral of the late J. J. Scraftord, who died Saturday evening, took place at 9 o'clock this morning at the residence of Mrs. Hobbs officiating. He was a native of New York 87 years old, located in Corvallis, Or., in 1888, and came to Corvallis 14 years ago. Two sons and two daughters survive him. Interment was made at Fairview cemetery.

BLOW UP POSTOFFICE SAFE AT HOOD RIVER

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FORGOTTEN IS CHARGED

M. Lohr, who conducts a bakery at Clinton and Milwaukie streets, complained to the police yesterday that he had been victimized by a man giving the name of George Lindley, who induced him to cash a check on the First National bank for \$10.75. The check was made payable to Lindley and was signed with the firm name of Allen & Lewis. When presented at the bank the check was pronounced a forgery.

ELKS HOLD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES, ONLY MEMBERS OF ORDER BEING PRESENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 5.—Walter Eddy, a young laborer, was arrested Saturday accused of beating his wife. Eddy got drunk Saturday night and about 2 o'clock Sunday morning went home and proceeded to thrash his wife. He beat her up badly and then went to bed. The wife came down town and secured officers Croner and Stiles, who went to the Eddy residence and arrested the drunken husband after a hard fight. During the melee all three fell down an eight-foot flight of steps.

The Eugene lodge B. F. O. E. held its annual services, or lodge of sorrow, last evening. The meeting was held in the lodge hall and was private, only members of the order being present. Dr. E. A. Payne delivered the address of the occasion.

William A. Marshall died at his farm home four miles west of Eugene Saturday. He was aged 73 years and 3 months. A widow and 10 children survive him. They came here from Iowa in July, 1902. The funeral was held today, with interment in the Mulkey cemetery.

Lawrence Farlow and Joseph Hopkins of this city returned Saturday from a hunting expedition down the Willamette as far as Harrisburg. They put in a boat at Eugene Friday morning at 6 o'clock and slowly drifted down stream. In going a distance of 14 miles they killed 75 geese and 30 ducks. This is the record for this season.

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