

## A WIDOW SWINDLED

Gave Up Thousands to a Plausible Talker.

WHO RETIRES TO PARTS UNKNOWN  
He Concocted a Dime Novel Story About Her Daughter and She Believed Him.

DENVER, Col., March 27.—About three years ago Mrs. Helen C. Woods, a rich widow employed a man calling himself R. P. Frane, but whose real name is Owens, to take a number of horses from Denver to Los Animas. There he was arrested on suspicion of having stolen the horses. He was soon released, however, and on his return to Denver he told Mrs. Woods that while he was in jail he overheard a conversation between two men who had been employed to kidnap Mrs. Wood's 4-year-old daughter, Millie, for the purpose of gaining possession of certain property in Pittsburgh, Pa., to which she was sole heir. As Mrs. Woods has rich relatives in Pittsburgh, she believed the stories, and gave Frane within a few months \$12,000 to be used in frustrating the plot and getting possession of deeds and securities that were on deposit in a Cincinnati bank. After a short absence he returned and reported that he had obtained the papers, but had killed two men in escaping and that the detectives were on his trail. He represented to her that she was also liable to be arrested, as he was acting as her agent. Mrs. Woods gave him \$3,000 to buy of the detectives. February 21st Frane returned to Denver and the next day he got from Mrs. Woods two drafts on Kountze Bros., of New York, one for \$2,000 and the other for \$3,000, and she has not seen him since. Mrs. Woods finally consulted a lawyer, who reported the matter to the police. A detective traced Frane to Lima, Ind., where all trace of him was lost.

### New Postmaster at Pendleton.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Felix A. Reeve, of Tennessee, solicitor of the treasury.

W. H. Seaman, of Wisconsin, United States district judge of the eastern district of Wisconsin.

Albert B. Hill, of New Mexico, associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

Samuel T. Fisher, of Massachusetts, assistant commissioner of patents.

Samuel F. Morse, of Indiana, consul-general to Paris.

Allen B. Morse, of Michigan, consul at Glasgow.

George J. Dennis, of California, United States attorney for the southern district of California.

Francisco Estudillo, of California, agent for the Indian mission at Talc river (consolidated) agency, California.

Postmasters—Mrs. Amelia A. Bates, Sonoma, Cal.; James F. Johnson, Pendleton, Or.

### The Teletograph.

CHICAGO, March 28.—A number of newspaper men and invited guests witnessed an exhibition of Prof. Elisha Gray's teletograph in the Home Insurance building this afternoon. The teletograph, as its name implies, enables one to transmit instantaneously by wire a fac simile of his handwriting to a distance. An ordinary pen or pencil is employed. As it moves a pen at the other end of the line moves simultaneously and forms the words and letters in precisely the same way. Whatever is written at one end of the line is reproduced in fac simile at the other end. The tests this afternoon were entirely satisfactory, many of them being made by the guests. Writing sketches, musical notation, and stenographic characters were transmitted with equal fidelity. The tests were made through artificial resistances representing many hundred miles of wire. It is expected that the teletograph will be generally used as an adjunct to the telephone and for business purposes generally where private wires are employed.

### Burned to Death.

LAFAYETTE, Or., March 27.—A sad accident occurred last evening down on the Gibbons Bros. farm, about three miles east of this place, in which George Gibbons lost his life. George and Dan Gibbons were doing some butchering some distance from the former's house, when they discovered his house on fire. On arriving at the house George, believing his family to be within, made a rush into the house and was soon overcome by the intense heat and smoke. Dan made repeated efforts to get at his unfortunate brother, but owing to the intense heat was unable to do so. Only a small proportion of the remains could be found. Dan Gibbons was severely burned about his face and hands. At the time of the fire the family of the unfortunate man had gone over to his brother's house visiting, and had George known of the safety of his family the unfortunate affair would not have occurred. George's family consists of a wife and four children, who have the sympathy of the large community in which they live.

### Maxwell Outlines His Course.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Fourth assistant Postmaster-General Maxwell today indicated the line of policy which will govern him in his selection of about 50,000 fourth-class postmasters this year. He said:

"In the first place I don't propose to permit unsuccessful politicians to dictate appointments. Ex-congressmen and men who ran for congress and were defeated will not control appointments under me. In the state where there is not a democratic senator and the districts are represented by republicans in congress, the state district county democratic committees will be asked to make recommendations for postmasters."

### A Strange Heavenly Body.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—11:30 a. m.—The most peculiar phenomenon is visible in the heavens here, a little south of west and not far above the horizon. It appears like a large star and occasionally flares out red and blue sparks. It is rapidly moving from the south to the north and is slowly sinking. Efforts are being made now to reach Lick observatory and other observatories, which are shut off from telegraphic communication at this hour. The same phenomenon is reported from Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and other points.

### Not Seen at Lick Observatory.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 27.—Communication was gained by telephone between Lick observatory and here about midnight, but before the telescope could be fixed on the phenomenal star it had sunk below the horizon and no observations could be taken. In this city the phenomenon was quite perceptible, appearing as very brilliant, periodically flashing forth red and blue light. As it crossed the line of the horizon it appeared as a double star to the naked eye.

### Witnessed by Hundreds at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 28.—The phenomenon was first noticed at midnight, slightly south of west. At 1 a. m. it was north of west, and moving rapidly north and sinking toward the horizon. It had the appearance of a star of the first magnitude emitting a continual brilliant sparkle of green, red and yellow lights. A flash occasionally shot from the dazzling center. Good glasses failed to reveal the disk. The star was perfectly clear at 1:30 and the sky had sunk so low it was hid by the heavy fog over the ocean. The most brilliant spectacle was witnessed by hundreds of people.

### The Burlington Delayed.

A telegram reporter, in an interview with a gentleman closely connected in a business and financial way with the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Ry., publishes the following:

"The chief engineer of the construction company of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy made two trips last summer from Boise back to the terminus of their road, and made a trip late in the fall from Boise to Portland, following the line of the old Barlow road across the Cascade mountains just south of Mount Hood, and adhering closely to the original survey made for the Oregon Short Line. He also made a return trip over the Oregon Pacific across the Cascades on their line and thence through southeastern Oregon to Boise. Had it not been for the flurry in gold, the Edinburg National Bond Assurance Company of Scotland would have taken the bonds of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Construction Company, and the road would have been covered with contractors from Boise to Portland this summer. The Great Northern would have built from Butte to Boise, and both lines would have come into Portland over the same road from Boise. The agitation and unsettled state of the silver question will still further delay it, as Europeans will be extremely cautious about making gold investments in America while there is a possibility of their being repaid in silver, which may be demonetized."

"Then it is not yet a settled fact that the democratic senate and house of representatives will act harmoniously with the administration, and the policy of proposed legislation is still a matter of doubt. The cholera scare, and the fear that the contagion may cross the Atlantic this year will have the effect of adding to the cautiousness of European investors in American securities."

"For these reasons it is doubtful whether railroad building will be carried on as extensively this year as was anticipated last fall. Were these objections removed, work on the Burlington extension to the coast would be commenced at once and pushed forward rapidly. At present I doubt if any one can say what the Burlington will do in the way of building this year. It will depend wholly upon the confidence of capitalists in American investments."

"The line of the Burlington when built will follow the old Barlow road through the Cascade mountains, unless the Oregon Pacific should be purchased in the meantime, in which event their pass will, of course, be used, and a line run up the Willamette valley to Portland. The pass of the Barlow road is at the lowest altitude across the mountains between the Columbia river and the Siskiyou."

Joies Bros. have early Rose seed potatoes for sale.

## A NEVER ENDING WAR

Brazilian Revolutionists Are Badly Demoralized.

CANNOT HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER

The Marching of the Troops Marked by Many Outrages and Lawless Acts.

VALPARAISO, March 27.—General Saraiva's defeat by government troops near Alegro, Rio Grande do Sul, on Thursday was a greater blow to the Brazilian revolutionists than was at first thought. Advice from Rivers says that General Saraiva was not only beaten badly, but that 3,000 of his men were made prisoners. He also lost a large amount of ammunition and arms. The news from Bage is to the effect that General Tavares is entrenched outside the Castilistas stronghold, and is shelling the town from the hills with several large-sized guns. No general attack has yet been made upon the garrison. So far as the Castilistas and federalists are concerned, they appear to be mainly engaged in avoiding an engagement. Their marches through the district affected by the revolution have been marked by many outrages. Women appear to have been the chief sufferers from the atrocities. Many homes have been destroyed and women subjected to assaults of the most dastardly character. Stories reach here almost daily of attacks upon women and young girls which are difficult to believe. Meanwhile it is apparent that the war must soon end through the interference of the general government of Brazil. One thousand two hundred troops from the general government reached Rivera yesterday, and this makes the number of the national army in Rio Grande de Sul more than 5,000. They are well armed and equipped, and it will not be possible for the revolutionists to hold out against them very long. It is believed here that Tavares will be met at Bage by a force of national troops large enough to overwhelm him and end the war there.

The correspondent in Montevideo says that armed bands from the Rio Grande have again crossed the border into Uruguay, where shots were exchanged with Uruguayan troops. There is another ministerial crisis in Argentina, and Victoria Romero is expected to resign. The trouble grows out of the consideration of the treaty with Brazil.

### An Attempted Murder and Successful Suicide.

PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 26.—Charles H. Gove, real estate agent, shot and seriously wounded Conrad J. Smith, bookkeeper, last evening, and then sent a bullet crashing through his own brain. The tragedy occurred about 6:40 o'clock, at the intersection of Third and Alder streets. Four shots were fired. Smith was hurled to Surgeon Young's office, where his single wound in the body was examined and pronounced not necessarily fatal, and Gove's remains were removed to the morgue. In one of the dead man's pockets was found a bank book, several pages of which was covered with a lead pencil scrawl, which gave the first clue to his identity and the cause of his terrible deed. The following was written:

"Five years ago next August, about the 14th, C. J. Smith, while I was out of the city, began rooming at my home. At the said time said S. was a business partner of mine. About a week after he began rooming at my house, he entered my wife's bedroom and attempted to rape her person. He was immediately and unceremoniously dismissed from the room, but fearing business entanglements, she failed to do entirely what she should, but allowed him to remain in the house until my return, when she at once told me all. I kicked him out at once, but did not do more, because I wished to avoid entangling my wife in a way which might reflect more or less upon her. I of course knew all concerning the matter, and I hereby swear by the Almighty God that I know (so far as my intellect allows) that my wife told me all, since she informed me at once regarding the matter. I have brooded on the fact of a business partner so basely acting until I am nearly wild. I now propose to castrate said Smith or kill him tonight, entirely optional with him. In case I must take his life, I will also, to avoid further entanglements, take my own. C. H. GOVE."

Smith was removed to the office of Dr. Young, where an examination was made of his injuries, which were found to be not necessarily fatal. The bullet was extracted, but before the operation of probing for it he made the following statement:

"Gove and I have been associated in business, and have had several little difficulties. But I was never intimate with his wife, nor did I ever attempt to take advantage of her. Even believing that I may die, I deny that I ever made any criminal overtures to Mrs. Gove." There is little doubt that Gove was broken down mentally. His actions for some time indicated this, and his friends looked gravely upon his melancholy demeanor and appearance. He seemed downcast, and was given to ridiculous

sayings. Friday he entered the office of a prominent real estate firm and inquired for one of the partners. Not being in, Gove left word to the effect that he was very anxious to see him, as he (Gove) had just been released from jail. Many similar stories were brought out by his terrible deed last evening.

### The Contested Seats.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—In the senate, Hoar called up, as a question of privilege, the resolution reported by him from the committee on privileges and elections, declaring Lee Mantle entitled to be admitted to a seat as senator of Montana. Harris suggested the same was not ready to act on the question, as reports of the majority and minority had only been delivered today. Hoar said his reason for calling up the subject today was that some senators were about to leave the city today and desired to address the senate. The resolution was taken up. Pugh, who joined in the report of the majority, proceeded to address the senate in favor of this report. At the conclusion of Pugh's remarks a long discussion as to the admission of Mantle began, but the matter went over until tomorrow before a conclusion was reached. The senate then went into executive session.

### A Tumble in Wheat.

CHICAGO, March 28.—There were lively times on the board of trade shortly after noon. In view of an evident corner in May wheat here, which has held that future far above a parity with other markets for several weeks, and has rendered shipments impossible, thereby filling all the elevators in the city to bursting, the board of directors at a secret session last night decided that a storage emergency exists. Extra emergency houses will now be created as applications are made and the necessity presents itself. This fact was not known until about noon. Meantime in the early trading, with Kansas and the whole west clear, according to the weather map, and no prospects of rain, the shorts were excited and pushed prices up until the clique began realizing heavily. The early advance was aided by the statements that the reports of Secretary Mohler, of Kansas, saying there were good rains throughout that state, were bogus. Private reports from that state were bad. When the clique began to sell, however, and the action of the board became known, there was a rush to buy, and the price went off in great jumps, tumbling within a few minutes from 82½ to 75½; but at the bottom the shorts, who sold on the way down, began to take profits, and there was quite a rapid recovery to 79, but later the market weakened again, and closed at 78½. The clique has been selling two or three days, and it is supposed got rid of over three millions today. Business was almost paralyzed for a time. Rumors were current of large private settlements by the clique. In the excitement of the break much wheat was thrown on the market on stop loss orders. At the same time that wheat broke, provisions took a tumble. Lard went off over \$1 a tierce; pork, 26 cents a barrel; ribs, 15 cents a hundred.

John & Michael Cudaly, rich pork dealers, are at the head of the bull clique, with many other wealthy Chicago and New York men. The deal is the most gigantic in the history of the grain trade, and mighty accumulations of capital were arrayed against each other. It is said the clique controlled 11,000,000 bushels of contract wheat and were ready to take as much more if storage-room can be found for it. The elevator proprietors are emptying lines of corn, oats and barley into the holds of vessels, and are chartering vessels for the purpose elsewhere to make room for wheat. A comparison with high prices here today shows it was 15 cents lower in St. Louis, 18½ in Duluth, 17 in Minneapolis, 12 in Toledo and 8 in New York. The big shorts, Ed Partridge and Arthur Orr, are said to have been driven in and settled with the clique on private terms.

### A Fair Siren.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 29.—Mrs. Hammond, the fair blonde whom Police Commissioner English declares has \$40,000 of the Gate City bank's stolen funds, is in jail this morning, and will stay there until the case is concluded. A gentleman from the Magic city today told of her wild career in that place. "Such a vision of loveliness you never beheld," said he. "She was my neighbor. She was a communicant at St. Mary's fashionable Episcopal church, and she was just so good and sweet that the ladies were impressed, and they were all getting ready to call, when some of us found out from the boys about town that she was not what she seemed. There was a great stir when we had to have her moved, but she went. Her husband got a divorce, and she became the pet of first one man and then another, wrecking one whose fortune before he heard her siren voice was fully \$200,000."

### Wife Murderer and Suicide.

AURORA, Neb., March 29.—Edward Sterret, physician, shot his wife, then killed himself. His wife had deserted him. He met her on the street, drew a revolver, grasped her by the throat, forced the weapon into her mouth, fired, and then turned the revolver on himself. The woman is fatally wounded. The cause of their trouble is unknown.

## WAITING THE RESULT

Growing Sentiment in Hawaii Against Annexation.

BUSINESS IS MUCH DEPRESSED

The Japanese Government Willing to Annex and is Only Watching for a Chance.

HONOLULU, March 16.—The political situation of the islands remains unchanged. The provisional government continues to exercise all the powers originally conferred, and the conditional protectorate announced by United States Minister Stevens on behalf of this government is still maintained. The armed force from the cruiser Boston is still on shore, and the American flag is still floating over the government buildings. There has been no public disturbance of any character, and there has ensued a quiet waiting for a final decision of the American government. The only activity in political circles at present is due to the formation of annexation and non-annexation clubs. Neither of these organizations has as yet attained a membership likely to influence the political outcome pending definite word from Washington. The uncertainty which prevails as to the probable fate of the islands so far as the question of annexation to the United States is concerned is having a most depressing effect here, not only on general trade, but on the morale of the people. The inauguration of the new party, the Hawaiian Patriotic League, last week, having for its object the avowed purpose of maintaining, as far as possible, the autonomy of the country, shows how opposition to annexation grows with delay.

The plea of Sir Edwin Arnold for a Japanese protectorate over Hawaii has again called attention to the danger which a few shrewd observers have seen in that direction. Col. Volney Ashford said he was satisfied the owners of the warship Naniwa would have made an effort to annex or establish a protectorate in the islands had she not been forestalled by Minister Stevens. There is a demand for suffrage, and this is one of the questions the United States will have to face, and the sooner the better for us. On a popular vote, the 12,000 to 15,000 Japanese here would go far toward carrying the islands for their own country.

Chief Justice Judd also thinks that Japan has designs upon the islands. He instanced the fact that the captain of the Naniwa had not called upon the provisional government, and said it was probable that if the United States abandoned the protectorate the Japanese would consider that no government existed in the islands, and would raise their flag. The Japanese government officials are understood to be profiting through the remunerative labors of their subjects here, and another thousand of them have left Japan for Hawaii. British Minister Wodehouse is on friendly terms with the Japanese commissioner; and it has even been charged that Wodehouse has advised the commissioner as to his policy. In conversation with a man of unimpeachable integrity on Fri-

day last, Wodehouse said: "The flag of the United States will have to come down and the Boston's troops be removed," adding that a commission would be sent here from the United States to investigate the situation. Certain other remarks of the British minister have given offense to Americans here who believe he is acting without instructions from his government, or rather beyond such as he may have received.

The first turn over held of the supreme court of the Hawaiian islands in its exclusively appellate capacity will open Monday next.

### Murder and Robbery.

UPPER MARLBOROUGH, Md., March 28.—Saturday Francis M. Bowie, a millionaire of lower Prince George county came to Marlborough on business. Saturday morning his horse was found in a stable yard with the saddle cloth drenched with blood. Search was made at once and about midway between here and The Forest, the Bowie residence, was found a pool of blood in the roadway where there were signs of a struggle and a track, as if a body had been dragged, which led to an old well. At the bottom of this was found the body of Bowie, his skull fractured by a blow from a club or slung-shot, his throat cut, his gold watch and other jewelry and a large sum of money missing. Late in the afternoon John Wesley Johnson, colored, was arrested on suspicion. He made a desperate effort to escape, but will say nothing, but his clothing was spattered with blood. Francis M. Bowie was a member of the Bowie family of this state, and was closely related to ex-Governor Bowie and General Bowie.

### Shepard's Funeral.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The funeral of the late Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express, occurred today in the Fifth-avenue Presbyterian church. Simple services were held at the place preceding those at the church. There was a profusion of magnificent offerings. The coffin rested on a mahogany, covered by a floral canopy. At conclusion of the services the remains were conveyed to Newdorp, Staten Island, and placed in the Vander vault, in Moravian cemetery.

### No Money to Pay Them.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Owing to insufficient appropriations for the fiscal service of the general land office the services of the following, and other special agents, have been suspended with: C. E. Bayard, Oregon and C. A. Mosler, Washington.

### Murdered His Wife and Escaped.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 28.—But McFadden, a miner, last night murdered his wife and child. The house morning presented the appearance of a terrible struggle for life on the part of the murdered woman. McFadden missing. A posse is searching for him.

### A Sure Cure for Itches.

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