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SWUNG INTO ETERNITY

Finch Paid the Penalty of His Crime

PARTING WAS PATHETIC

Young Wife and Aged Mother of the Doomed Man Fought for Clemency to Last Moment—Finch Sobs at Parting.

(Special to The Evening News)—SALEM, Nov. 12.—At 12:30 o'clock today James A. Finch, prominent in Oregon as attorney, newspaper man and politician was hanged at the Oregon penitentiary for the wilful and unprovoked murder of Attorney Ralph Fisher in the latter's law office in Portland on November 28, 1908.

Fisher had been appointed by the Oregon Bar Association to prosecute Finch for unbecoming professional conduct, and in the course of his unpleasant duty incurred the enmity of Finch which finally terminated in the tragedy of nearly a year ago. Mr. Fisher was a man of high ideals and aspirations, and stood high in the esteem of his professional friends, and for these reasons was selected to prosecute Finch.

While every effort was made to save Finch from the gallows, his friends and relatives using every means to secure the commuting of the death sentence to life imprisonment, and the stubborn fight was kept up to within a few minutes of his execution, Gov. Benson refused to interfere and the law took its course.

The mother of the condemned man her aged head bowed with the great grief that overwhelmed her, accompanied by Finch's young wife, the bride of less than a year, besieged the governor with petitions and personal appeals for executive clemency, hoping against hope that mercy might be shown to the despairing husband and son.

At ten o'clock this morning the two agonized women visited Finch for the last time, and in that short farewell meeting of husband, wife and mother was crowded a life-time of memories. The prison officials, accustomed to scenes of distress were visibly affected by the parting. Clinging to Finch the two who of all the world had ever loved him most and followed him into the very shadow of the gallows, could only sob a broken farewell, and as they were led from the death cell the young wife shrieked out the suffering of her heart in the words: "Oh, My God, My God," and the mother cried: "Oh God, how can I bear it. Oh My son, My son."

As the heart broken women were

led from the place Finch fell to his knees and gave utterance to guttural sobs.

White Finch seemed considerably moved and unstrung by the parting from his wife and mother, he quickly regained his usual composure and prepared to meet his fate. The death march to the gallows was without incident, Finch walking briskly and without apparent emotion, bravely mounted the scaffold, and while the black cap was being drawn and his arms and feet pinioned for the fearful drop Finch protested that he had committed no crime for which he deserved hanging.

At 12:30 the trap was sprung and as the man's body shot downward and into eternity, James A. Finch paid the penalty of his crime with his life and the last chapter in the dreadful tragedy brought to a close.

Harry Daley, who was to have hanged at the same time, had his sentence commuted last night by the governor to life imprisonment.

THE DEATH REPORT ROOSEVELT FEELER

(Special to The Evening News)—NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Friends of Roosevelt are preparing to fight what they call a diabolical plot to discredit his administration. They openly assert that monopolistic interests, alarmed over the sentiment in favor of Roosevelt, displayed during Taft's tour, planned a check to an attempt to show that Roosevelt protected sugar, tobacco and the powder trusts through Bonaparte. The recent report of Roosevelt's death they say was simply a feeler to ascertain whether public sentiment really is for Roosevelt, and the result is unmistakable.

QUARREL CAUSES MURDER AND SUICIDE

(Special to The Evening News)—SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—It is learned by the police that Quartermaster Sergeant Roy Ford killed Thomas Mullaly, a clerk, last night by hurling him through the third story window to the rocks below and then blew out his own brains. The murder and suicide was the result of a quarrel, the cause of which was not ascertained. Both men were members of the third company of prison guards.

Mrs. L. A. Marsters has offices at her home on Pine street where she will attend to the real estate business formerly conducted near the depot. She has many choice locations to offer to prospective buyers and you will do well to consult her before making purchases. For bargains in real estate of any kind, phone 1434, or call at the Pine street residence. Information bureau in connection.

CHIEFS ANNUAL REPORT

Makes Recommendations For Improvement of Rivers, Etc.

TOTAL IS \$3,045,000

Mouth of Columbia River And That Stream Gets Lion's Share as Usual—Coos Bay Quietly Ignored.

(Special to The Evening News)—WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Colonel Marshal, Chief of the United States Engineering Department, in his annual report made public today recommends \$3,560,000 appropriation for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river, \$1,000,000 for work on the Columbia river between The Dalles and the rapids at the head of the Celilo Falls, \$175,000 for the improvement of the Willamette below Portland, \$120,000 for improvement of the tributaries of Pugeb Sound, \$90,000 for improvement of the tributaries of the Columbia river above Celilo Falls to the mouth of Snake river, inner portion of Gray's Harbor, \$16,000, Willamette river above Portland and Yamhill river \$60,000. Canal of the Columbia between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette river \$15,000, waterway connecting Lake Union and Lake Washington \$5,000, Columbia river between Wenatchee and Bridgeport \$25,000, Coos river \$3000, Tillamook Bay Bar \$10,000, Snake river \$15,000, Cowlitz and Lewis rivers \$5500, Willapa river harbor \$5000, Gray's river \$500. The total recommendations foot up to \$3,045,000.

MOB IN ROME AND MANY KILLED

(Special to The Evening News)—PARIS, Nov. 12.—A dispatch from Rome says many were killed in an attempt of a mob to invade the platel council chamber today. Three women are dead. Stones and knives were used by the mob in the attack, the troops guarding the chamber had been put to flight and the building fired. No cause for the attack is given.

Sloper, the cleaner and presser, has just received his fall and winter samples from the Royal Tailors, Chicago. All the latest weaves and designs are shown. If you are looking for something awfully on him. He has the goods at the right prices. Perfect fit guaranteed. tf.

Have Clark do your framing and save money. 2500 feet of new moulding just received. Clark's Studio. tf.

CITY IN HANDS OF A MOB

Negro and White Murderers Are Hanged by Neck

BLACKS IN WILD STATE

Murderer of White Girl is Hanged Body Riddled With Bullets and Burned—White Wife Murderer Hanged.

(Special to The Evening News)—CAIRO, Nov. 12.—With the arrival of State troops this morning the city of Cairo was practically under martial law after three days of mob spirit in possession and culminating last night in the lynching of two men in the presence of ten thousand men and women.

The mob last night hanged Will James, the negro accused of murdering Anna Pelley, a white girl, and riddled his body with a hundred bullets. Not satisfied with this the angry whites then dragged the dead negro along the streets for a mile and burned his remains.

After this was accomplished the still infuriated mob gathered once more at the jail and dragged out Henry Zaber, a white man accused of wife murder, and hanged him. In the meantime the authorities communicated the condition of existing affairs to Governor Decker, and State troops were rushed to the city.

All night the mob surged through the streets, clamoring for more victims. Fearing a repetition of the scene at Springfield two years ago, when the mob ran amuck shooting and hanging negroes, the blacks of the city stormed the various police stations pleading protection.

WOMAN MURDERER HANGS FOR CRIME

(Special to The Evening News)—WALLA WALLA, Nov. 12.—Bud Barnes was hanged at 5:30 this morning for the murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich, April 30, 1908. He walked to the scaffold without assistance, accompanied by Father Jones, his spiritual adviser. He was dead in thirteen and one half minutes after the drop fell. Only newspaper men, officers of the law and clergymen admitted.

MINERS BOYCOTT SPOKANE TRADE

(Special to The Evening News)—SPOKANE, Nov. 12.—Spokane has been boycotted by the local unions of the Federation of Miners of Burke, Idaho, on account of the industrial fight, and have adopted resolutions shutting off trade of the entire Coeur d'Alene district from Spokane. It is reported the Chamber of Commerce's looters club has voted favoring the formation of a citizen's alliance and a thousand dollars to assist the national guard if it is called.

WILL RESUME TRIAL OF THE MURDERS

(Special to The Evening News)—PARIS, Nov. 12.—If Madame Steinhil is acquitted as appears probable today, the government will resume the investigation of the murders of her husband and mother-in-law, believing grave secrets of national importance are behind the murders.

PEARL HARBOR GREAT NAVAL BASE

(Special to The Evening News)—WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The

Navy Department has announced that President Taft has approved the decision of the joint army and navy board to make Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, an important naval base of the Pacific. Manila Bay station has always been of minor importance, ships of the Asiatic squadron being sent to Olongapo for repairs. So far as the navy is concerned Cavite is virtually abandoned.

COOS BAY ELECTRIC

The Citizens of Roseburg and Coos Bay Asked For Less.

"While in Portland, I met Messrs. Jacob Haas and J. H. Somers and they assured me that they would be on the next Breakwater to push the Roseburg and Coos Bay electric line through," said A. M. Ross, a former well-known resident of Coos Bay who moved back here yesterday with his family from Boring, Ore., where they have resided for a few months. "Mr. Haas told me that they had been unexpectedly delayed in their arrangements by the illness of one of their principal men, but he was nearly well and they expected to close up preliminaries Monday. Mr. Haas assured me that it was a go, and said that when they reached the Bay they would bring sufficient evidence to assure the people of their good faith. He intimated that they would deposit a large sum in one of the local banks. I also understood from him that they have decided not to ask so much from the people here as was first proposed and now all they wish is to have the right of way secured for them. They were enthusiastic over the outlook."

LOCAL NEWS.

J. M. Curtin, of the Curtin Lumber Company, is a visitor in the city today.

Jacob Kirsch, of Cleveland, came to town this afternoon suffering from a fractured wrist. He is being attended by Dr. E. V. Hoover.

Attorney Holbrook Withington, of Medford, is in the city today on business and visiting with his old-time friend, J. W. Perkins.

The women's missionary society of First Presbyterian church are arranging for a social evening and entertainment to be held in the new church about December 3.

Mrs. J. H. Short and daughter, Miss Mabel, are in the city today from their home at Drew. Saturday they will go out to the home of Mr. E. A. Hinkle, Mrs. Short's father, where they will visit for a week or so before returning to Drew.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Roseburg Commercial Club will hold a special meeting this evening. It is urged that all members attend inasmuch as there are many matters of importance scheduled for consideration.

Quite an important contest case is attracting the attention of the local land office. The United Copper Gold Mines Company, represented by Attorney General Crawford, is contesting a piece of Southern Pacific scrip land situated in Josephine county, Oregon. Attorneys Cardwell and Watson are representing the Southern Pacific Company.

Attorney General A. M. Crawford, of Salem, is in the city today attending matters before the United States land office. When asked regarding the Finch controversy Mr. Crawford said that he had enjoyed a conversation with the Governor relative to the commutation of the sentence, and advised the executive that it would be foolish for him to endeavor to revise the laws and rulings of the Supreme Court. Mr. Crawford believes that the laws should be carried out to the letter regardless of whom it affects.

At an adjourned session of the county court held today, the assessment approximating \$2,250,000, levied against the county by the city for the improvement of Douglas street abutting the courthouse property, allowed, and the clerk authorized to draw a warrant for the full amount. Councilmen McCall and McClallen appeared before the court on behalf of the city, the former explaining the circumstances surrounding the assessment in detail. The court voted unanimously in favor of allowing the sum levied.

ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL

Deer Creek Bridge is Pronounced O. K.

MAKES PART PAYMENT

Contractor is Allowed \$3,099.50—Balance Will Be Paid Out of the General Fund on Next Monday Evening—All Satisfied.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Cost of Bridge, Original Contract Price, Approaches (extra), Repairing old bridge, Total Cost, Allowed on old lumber, Balance.

A special meeting of the Roseburg city council held last evening. Contractor E. G. Perham, who recently completed the construction of the Deer Creek bridge, was allowed the sum of \$3,099.50 as a partial payment for his work.

It had been intended to authorize the payment of the entire balance at last evening's session, but upon ascertaining that such a sum was unavailable in the special improvement fund it was decided to defer final payment until next Monday evening at which time the council convenes in regular semi-monthly session. Accordingly the City Attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance authorizing the payment of the balance, \$1,108.12, out of the general fund.

The reports submitted by the street committee and the city engineer were to the effect that the bridge had been inspected and found to conform with the plans and specifications. The motion authorizing partial payment was advanced by Councilman McClallen and upon being placed to a vote carried unanimously.

To Furnish Estimates. At last evening's session of the council the chairman of the several committees were instructed to furnish estimates of the amount of money needed to carry on the work of their respective departments for the coming year. These estimates will be submitted for consideration at the next regular session of the council.

LOCAL NEWS.

William Jackson, of Looking Glass is a business visitor in the city today.

The new city sprinkler arrived here this morning and will be placed in commission at once.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday School entertained at the church last evening. The programme consisted of musical numbers, recitations and dialogues, all which were appreciated by those present. At the conclusion of the programme delicious refreshments were served. The proceeds of the evening will be used in purchasing suitable chairs for the youngsters who attend Sunday school.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

William Pichette to J. A. Shook, lots 2 and 3, SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 24, Tp. 24, S. R. 7 W. of W. M. Consideration \$5.

John Pichette to J. A. Shook, lots 2 and 3, the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 24, Tp. 24, S. R. 7 W. Consideration unknown.

Program at the Star

The Eagle's Nest

TONIGHT!

Men's Furnishings
Good dressers---men who insist on correct style and expect sterling quality---find our men's furnishings especially to their taste.
Snappy new plaited coat-shirts, novelties in high-grade neckwear, warm, soft, form-fitting underwear, dependable hosiery---these are some of the things in which we especially excel.
The home of the Florsheim Shoe.
Josephson's ESTABLISHED 1877

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