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men died without a whimper. Morgan, one of the murderers who died today spent last night praying while Garrison worked on a speech which he had intended to deliver prior to the hanging. Speaking to one of the guards last night, Garrison reiterated the statement that he did not kill Perkins, but nevertheless was not afraid to die.

The traps were sprung by Warden Bergen and Guard Snodgrass, who offered no protest. Governor West refused to attend the hanging, and during the hour set for the executions he was busy in his office.

Garrison, who it was thought possessed almost iron nerve, proved the weakness of the four men executed today. In fact, he appeared as a child, and at times it was thought he would collapse into a stupid faint. Garrison was prosecuted by District Attorney George M. Brown, of Roseburg, and was twice convicted of the crime of murdering Roy Perkins. Following the first trial his case was appealed to the supreme court, and the verdict of the lower court was reversed on the grounds that he made

an involuntary confession. On the second trial he was again convicted, and without the confession.

Adding to Garrison's plight was the fact that he bore a long criminal record, the records of the state penitentiary showing that he had been confined in that institution no less than five times for various offenses.

That Garrison was guilty of the crime charged, District Attorney Brown contends there never was any doubt. Had there been, the district attorney says he would have used his influence in having his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Taylor Is Jubilant.

The sentence of John W. Taylor, alleged murderer of A. H. Perry, of Morrow county, was late yesterday commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West. The evidence in the trial of Taylor indicated that he had been hooded by Perry, who was recognized as the "bully" of that section of the state. In fact, it materialized that Perry had threatened to whip Taylor, and that the latter was afraid of his life. In order to protect his life, Taylor carried a revolver, and upon being attacked by Perry pulled the weapon and fired. Perry fell dead, and Taylor was arrested, tried and convicted of murder in

A RARE DISTINCTION.
Mrs. Harry S. Bodley, wife of a local Southern Pacific engineer, who resides at 734 South Stephens street, has the distinction of giving birth to a son on the 12th day of the 12th month of the 12th year of the century. The child was born shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and peculiarly, on the birthday of its father. The child is also said to weigh in the neighborhood of 12 pounds. Suffice to say that the proud father is busy today treating his friends to cigars and other luxuries.

the first degree. He was later sentenced to be hanged, and was only saved from the gallows through a desperate fight on the part of his attorneys.

Garrison's Full Statement.

SALEEM, Or., Dec. 13.—In a statement prepared yesterday and handed to the warden of the penitentiary just before the noose was placed about his neck, Frank Garrison, murderer of Roy Perkins, of Coos county, declared that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted, but that he was condemned to die to protect the grafters and real criminals.

The statement prepared by Garrison and furnished to the press of the state follows:

"To the citizens the state of Oregon:

"This is my last statement before being executed for a crime which I never committed—murder in the first degree. I am just another victim of circumstantial evidence, bolstered up by perjured testimony on the part of the state's witnesses.

"Even though I die tomorrow, Friday, December 13, I am innocent. I wish to state that I hold no ill-feeling against any one of the jury that tried the case. But I believe in putting the blame where it belongs, and in this I point to District Attorney Brown and his deputy, both of whom knowingly used perjured evidence to secure my conviction. On one occasion I called my attorney C. H. Schibred's attention to the perjured evidence of Mrs. Carl Smeadberg, which was different at the two trials. My statement in this regard can be verified by scanning the court records. Attorney Schibred told me to shut up. No, my life must be taken for I know too much. Certain officers must be protected, one of whom belongs to the Coos county ring of grafters who sells to the human vultures protection to prey upon innocent girls. It is he who also protects the white slayers, and the prostitutes. It is this same fellow who protects the degenerates who live off the earnings of prostitutes. I say that this man also protects the illicit sale of liquor in houses of prostitution, and protects the gambler.

"When protection is paid for this fellow even protects the murderer, and even stoops to stain his own hands with blood in order to protect some of his gang from prosecution. My life must be taken to protect Marshall Carter, of Marshfield, who I claim was implicated in the murder of W. L. Joyner and Jacob Evans, of South Slough.

"My execution tomorrow will be another murder to protect their vice and graft. Oh, how I would like to be called to prove my assertions before a court of justice—a court, I mean, which stands for justice and not for the protection of a gang of grafters and murderers, and where the court is not one of such a gang as is the court in Coos county.

"I love the law of our country, and I respect it as long as it is used for the protection of life and property for which it is enacted. But I detest some of the practices to which it is put. Our Chaplain, one day gave the word "Law" a definition, and said if any one could give a better definition he would like to have them do so. Here is the way he defined the word "law": "Law is a set of rules enacted and put on our statute books for the protection of life, property and society." That

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for what it is intended. In practice, however, it is sometimes used for the protection of vice, white slavery, prostitution, gambling and for the protection of vultures who prey upon the virtues of young girls. It also protects all kinds of graft, and detracts from the virtue of the law.

"FRANK S. GARRISON"

The recently appointed Board of Fire Commissioners desire to meet

the members of the fire department and have a heart-to-heart talk with them in order to find out the immediate needs of the department. The meeting will be held at the city hall on Tuesday evening, December 17, at eight o'clock, if any fireman knows of anything the department needs, or has any idea for the betterment of the Department, the commissioners want to know about it. For these reasons and others, the commissioners urge that the

members of the department attend this meeting.

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