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MURDERER TIL TAYLOR ON GALLOWES THIS MORNING

Order of Umatilla County Sheriff Results in the Death of Three Who Participated in the Killing and the Imprisonment of Two Others.

(By Bert G. Bates.)
SALEM, July 7.—(Special to the News-Review.)—The state of Oregon this morning avenged the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor in Pendleton July 1920, by hanging John L. Rathie, Elvie K. Kerby. The third murderer, Neal Hart, met his death on a scaffold, December 3, 1921. When the trap sprung on Rathie promptly at 8:30 this morning the execution chamber was crowded with about 100 men, county officials and newspaper men from all over the state. As Rathie entered the room between prison guards, followed by the Catholic priest, a deadly silence fell on the crowd. Rathie looked at his executioner with a steady gaze. He slowly mounted the thirteen steps to the gallows. His face was ashen.

Warden Jim Lewis stood below the scaffold and said: "Have you anything to say at this time, John?" "Only that I'm innocent of the crime for which you are hanging me," said in a clear voice. "I pray God have mercy on my soul. I forgive everybody and have no hard feelings toward anyone."

The black cap was slipped over his head and his arms and feet strapped. The hangman's noose was placed over his neck, and with a sickening snap the trap was sprung. His body swung in the air and his neck snapped. Death was pronounced by the doctor just thirteen minutes after the drop. The body was cut down and placed in a basket. Just twenty-five minutes after the trap was sprung Kerby's body swung through space into eternity. He walked to the execution room assisted and mounted the scaffold about a tremor. He was chewing and his gaze swept the room of spectators and finally rested on the executioner. He was the calmest man in the room. When asked if he had a statement to make, he said, "No, sir." The Catholic priest whispered something to him and he said in a jerky voice, "I forgive everybody. I am innocent, everybody knows that." He repeated this statement. The trap dropped at 8:44 and he was pronounced dead in eleven minutes. Both boys went to their death with a prayer on their lips.

Warden Lewis and the prison officials were broken up over the execution. For the first time in the history of the state, the inmates of the penitentiary were allowed in the yard to watch the hangings. At breakfast this morning Warden Lewis addressed the prisoners and said: "I have a very hard task to fulfill this morning and I want to ask you as man to man to help me and make it easier for the boys in the yard row. I am going to let you out in the yard and I ask that you make no demonstration."

His request was complied with. Two men fainting following the first execution. The condemned men slept about three hours last night and had eggs and cakes with coffee for their breakfast. As they were led from their cells to the execution chamber, Dr. Humphreys, who is awaiting death on the gallows shook their hands and said goodbye.

SALEM, July 7.—John Rathie and Elvie K. Kerby were hanged here this morning at the state penitentiary for their part in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor, at Pendleton two years ago. Rathie entered the death trap at 8:28 and the trap was sprung at 8:30. He was declared dead at 8:43. Kerby followed Rathie to the gallows at 8:53 and was dropped at 9:05. Execution Ends Murder Story.

total number who paid the death penalty for the crime to three. Emmett Bancroft, alias Neil Hart, having died on the gallows here November 5, 1921.

These two executions bring the number of slayers who have died at the penitentiary here to 27. Before May 17, 1903, all executions in the state were held in the jailyards of the counties in which the condemned men were convicted, but the legislature in 1903 amended the law to provide that all executions be held at the penitentiary.

Six men were involved in the jailbreak in which Sheriff Taylor was killed, but only five were charged with participation in the killing. The sixth man was exonerated. Two men are serving life sentences for their part in the affair—Irvin LeRoy Stoop and Floyd Henderson.

(By Associated Press.)
Rathie and Kerby were originally sentenced to hang Dec. 3, 1920, but their appeal operated to suspend sentence. When the state supreme court refused them a new trial they were taken to Pendleton and sentenced a second time to hang December 2, 1921, but another appeal caused further delay.

An effort to obtain clemency for the condemned men, especially Rathie, was made, and a petition was circulated, but it failed to avert the penalty fixed by the court.

Sheriff Taylor was killed by Hart as he clunged with Kerby. The sheriff and a friend, Guy Wyrick, surprised the prisoners in his office after they had overpowered Deputy Sheriff Jake Marin. The prisoners had gone to the sheriff's office for arms and ammunition. In the tussle with Kerby the sheriff's revolver fell from his holster, and Hart, seizing it, leaned over Kerby's shoulder and fired at Taylor.

The five involved in the killing of Sheriff Taylor were rounded up after a week's hunt by citizens and officers of eastern Oregon and federal officers and railroad detectives from Portland. Taylor was prominent in roundup activities.

Kerby had been in jail under the alias of Jim Owens, and Rathie was also known as John Lafeban, but officers finally determined that his correct name was Rathie.

Dining Room Set To Be Ruffled

A 14-piece dining-room set of genuine French Cluny lace, valued at \$500, has been presented to the Woman's club by Mrs. C. I. Hill, of this city, and it will be raffled off for the benefit of the library building fund. The set has been placed on display at Carr's store, and the chances will be sold at \$1 each. The final drawing will take place August 1.

The set is very beautiful, and is one of the finest pieces of French Cluny lace ever shown in this city. It has been in Mrs. Hill's possession for some time, and the Woman's club is deeply appreciative of her help. There is no doubt but what many chances will be sold and a large sum realized for the benefit of the library.

TO DECIDE LEGALITY OF SHIP BOOZE SALES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—Attorney General Daugherty will hold a hearing on Thursday to determine the legality of permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors on the vessels of the shipping board.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last night for the purpose of considering a number of important matters. Resolutions favoring the cannery were adopted, and the chamber will aid in the stock sale.

CONTRACT IS LET

The county court today let the contract for the Hancock-Daisy Creek section of the Drain-Elkton road to A. C. Hanson, whose bid was in the sum of \$9,900. This contract is for about four miles of graveling, and the bid was under the engineer's estimate. The court decided to do the Emery section of the Umpqua-Tyee road by force account, as the bid was not satisfactory.

REPUBLICANS FAIL TO ENFORCE CLOTURE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—The republican move to enforce a cloture on the administration tariff bill failed today in the senate. A vote on the motion to enforce the existing rule was 45 to 35, or nine less than required for a two-thirds majority.

COAL STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—Mine operators and union leaders in the anthracite coal fields are in conference with Secretaries Fall and Davis today. They expressed the hope that a final agreement may be reached.

GOVERNOR ORDERS PROBE OF KLAN

Night Mob in Jackson County To Be Investigated by State Officers.

HANGINGS REPORTED

Claimed That Mob Took Negro Into Woods and Hanged Him Three Times in Order to Obtain Confession.

A full investigation of the activity of night mobs in Jackson county will be made by state officers, according to Governor Ben W. Olcott, who was in Roseburg this morning. The activities laid at the door of the Ku Klux Klan have been branded as disgraceful by Governor Olcott, and in a letter addressed to Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle, he instructs him to take charge of the investigation and present any evidence which can be assembled to the grand jury in the event of indictments to proceed with the prosecution of the persons who are charged with the offenses.

Three specific instances of mob outrages in Jackson county were mentioned in the statement issued by the governor in connection with his letter to the attorney-general.

On March 17, 1922, according to allegations in the hands of the governor, J. F. Hale, a citizen of Medford, was taken from his home by a party of masked men who threatened to hang him if he did not drop a certain civil suit and leave Medford at once. It was alleged, according to the governor's letter, that Hale was handcuffed, taken into the country and hanged from an oak tree and released. He later was ordered to leave the community.

Henry Johnson, another alleged victim, on April 6, 1922, with others, was taken by masked men, a rope placed about his neck and he was assaulted in various ways and accused of various crimes.

Arthur Burr, negro, after serving 22 days in the county jail in Jackson county, was alleged to have been taken to Shasta mountain on the night of March 14, 1922, and was said to have been hanged three times by the neck before being released and ordered to leave the community.

Governor Olcott announced that his letter to the attorney-general was prepared following an extensive investigation of the alleged outrages, and advice received from H. M. Daugherty, United States attorney-general, to the effect that no federal statutes would apply to the crimes in question, but that such crimes must be prosecuted in state courts.

Douglas Herds Are Given Tests

A series of tuberculosis tests recently conducted by Dr. Thistlewaite, a government inspector, in the herds of Kenneth Clouke, Jacob Jones and Marks Brothers all show 100 per cent clean. Dr. Thistlewaite in a recent interview stated that it is unusual to have all herds tested to come 100 per cent clear of this disease.

Dr. Thistlewaite will make a test in the herds of C. O. Garrett and Cunningham Brothers near Glendale. When this work is completed he says there will be three accredited herds in the county. Dr. Thistlewaite says that when a herd attains this bovine classic it can move in top-notch society anywhere in the U. S. and no questions asked.

Delmar C. Lindgren today filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from Myrtle E. Lindgren. He alleges that his wife frequently goes out with other men and often comes home intoxicated. She was arrested in Portland for disorderly conduct, he alleges. He asks for a divorce and custody of their minor child.

STATE OFFICIALS STOP IN CITY

Party Headed by Governor and Highway Commission Spend Night Here.

COUNTY COURT JOINS

County Judge and Commissioners Join Party and Will Attend Conference on the Roosevelt Highway Plans.

A large party of state officials and newspaper men stopped in Roseburg last night on the way to Crescent City, California, to meet with officials of that state for a convention to consider plans for the advancement of the Roosevelt highway project and later to make a general survey of road conditions throughout the state. The party is headed by Governor Ben W. Olcott, and the members of the state highway commission, and is on a trip which has been planned for the last two years, but which has been delayed for various reasons.

The commission has been planning for a long time to make a general survey of roads throughout the entire state. The commissioners individually have at various times been over the highways, but for the commission as a whole to make the trip is something that has been long planned, but never put into effect. The party now, however, will go to Crescent City, returning by way of Marshfield and then to the Josephine Caves, and will then go into central Oregon and on to a conference with Idaho state officials.

Among those of the party who stopped at the Umpqua hotel last night were Governor Ben W. Olcott, Highway Commissioners Booth, Barrett and Yeon; Roy Klein, secretary of the commission; Division Engineers J. C. McLeod and W. E. Chandler; John W. Kelly, representing the Portland Oregonian; R. C. Johnson, of the Portland Journal; and R. H. Frey, of the Portland Telegram. C. P. Barnard, formerly of Roseburg, now county judge of Lane county, joined the party at Eugene and came on to Roseburg with them, and spent the night here. He will make the trip to Crescent City, but will not go into central Oregon. The entire Douglas county court joined the party here and left with them this morning, and it is expected that the county courts of the other counties in southern Oregon who are interested in the Roosevelt highway project will also be represented at the convention.

FARM INSURANCE BUREAU PROPOSED

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—Senator McNary, of Oregon, today introduced a resolution authorizing the appointment of a joint congressional committee to investigate the practicability of creating a government farm insurance bureau to protect farmers against crop failures, fire losses and other hazards.

Poultry Contract Case Is Decided

DALLAS, Ore., July 7.—In a decision handed down recently by Judge Harry H. Belt in the Polk county circuit court a permanent restraining order was made requiring P. P. Buhler, a prominent chicken raiser of this county, to sell his produce to no other concern but the Pacific Poultry Producers' association of Portland.

Buhler signed a contract with the concern about a year ago in which he agreed to turn over all the poultry products he had for sale. In the hearing for a permanent restraining order, it was alleged that he broke his contract and had for some time failed to make deliveries to the plaintiff, but sold to other persons, which was against the terms of the contract.

In addition to the agreement not to sell to others, Buhler agreed that if he did dispose of his product to others he would pay the plaintiff company a certain amount on each dozen of eggs so sold, and this the association also claims that he has failed to do.

As the case now stands, Mr. Buhler will have to sell his produce through the Pacific Poultry Producers' association or carry the case to a higher court. The case has been watched with considerable interest by a large number of people in view of the fact that the contract was similar to those of a prune packing concern operating in this vicinity and in which a large number of fruit growers have joined.

W. E. Ott spent today at Canyonville attending to various business matters.

DE VALERA ESCAPES FROM FREE STATERS

(By United Press.)
DUBLIN, July 7.—Free staters stormed Blessington today searching for DeValera. "Find DeValera" was the slogan. Hundreds of insurgents were taken after the attack but DeValera was not among them. General Brugha, the wounded rebel leader, died here today.

GERMANY TO DECLARE SELF BANKRUPT

(By United Press.)
BERLIN, July 7.—Germany is about to declare herself bankrupt, according to an authoritative announcement today. The mark has been completely demoralized.

BOOTH-KELLY MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Wending Plant Consumed by Flames in Spite of Efforts of Fire Fighters.

LOSS SET AT \$200,000

Management Announces That Mill Will Be Rebuilt Without Delay and Extra Shifts Will Be Put On To Provide Employment.

EUGENE, July 6.—Fire originating from friction under the main carriage of the lumber mill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Wending at 9 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the mill, value at approximately \$100,000, a large electric timber crane recently installed at a cost of \$12,000, a large sorting table, dry kiln, a large area of dock, and about a half million feet of lumber. The total damage estimate is slightly over \$200,000. Due to a change in the wind, from east to west, the electric planing mill, power plant, storage docks, and other buildings were saved. The fire was under complete control by noon and the town was declared out of danger.

The Eugene fire department sent its large pump, which arrived at Wending about 10:30 and a special train, carrying a large part of the crew of the Springfield plant, arrived at 10:30. The total crew fighting the flames numbered about 400, and was directed by Manager A. C. Dixon, Superintendent N. C. Nielsen, Yard Foreman Woolley, and Machine Shop Foreman Arthur Stout. All employees escaped from the burning mill, and no one was injured while fighting the blaze.

High excitement prevailed at noon, when it was reported that two of the millwrights were missing. Both were later found unhurt.

The women at Wending assisted the men by furnishing them food, hot coffee and cool drinks, during the time of the blaze. The entire crew did very efficient work, according to Manager Dixon, and it was largely through their willingness that the planing mill and other parts of the plant were saved.

The mill will be rebuilt as soon as the debris is cleared, according to A. C. Dixon, manager, who states that a modern, up-to-date plant will replace the ruins within a few months. A third shift will be put on immediately at the Springfield plant to take care of the Wending employees, and to use the logs furnished by the camps above Wending.

NO VACATION UNTIL BONUS BILL IS PASSED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—There will be no adjournment of Congress until the soldiers compensation bill has been made a law. It will be taken up and disposed of under special agreement as soon as the tariff bill has been passed. This promise was made today by senator McCumber, chairman of the finance committee to Mrs. H. R. Smith of Whitman, Mass., who delivered the third petition bearing a million signatures for the enactment of the bonus bill.

BRAZILIAN REBELS SURRENDER FORT

(By United Press.)
RIO DE JANEIRO, July 7.—Fort Qopacabana, which the insurgents held under bitter bombardment for two days, has capitulated and the Brazilian army of rebellion is at an end, the United Press was officially informed today.

Mrs. Shirk, of Sutherlin, was in Roseburg this morning attending to matters of shopping.

WOMEN ARE PROTECTING CHILDREN IN AIDING THE STRIKE JEWELL SAYS

Women Serving as Pickets and Leading Riots in Chicago Vicinity—Postoffice Department Preparing to Prosecute Strikers For Alleged Interference With Mails.

(By United Press.)
CHICAGO, July 7.—"Women believe that the future of their children is at stake," Bert Jewell told the United Press today when asked for an explanation of the activity of women in railroad strike rioting and picketing. Women are on duty at all shop centers in this section, and are serving as pickets. They also directed a mob of thousands which stormed through the streets of Burnside, Illinois, in a demonstration, nearly burning the home of one worker.

To Prosecute Strikers.
(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 7.—The post-office department said today that strikers at Marshall, Texas, and DeQuincy, Louisiana, will be prosecuted for interfering with mail trains. The department said that the strikers at those places tampered with telegraph lines on the mail trains.

Officials Under Fire.
(By Associated Press.)
TOPEKA, Kan., July 7.—A state warrant was issued today against T. Huntington, president, and Thomas Hillyery, secretary of the Federated Shop Crafts union at Topeka, charging violation of the Kansas State Industrial Court act in calling the shopmen's strike.

(By Associated Press.)
SYRACUSE, July 7.—Railway clerks on the New York Central lines today voted to strike. The Lackawanna clerks have already voted to go out.

All was quiet in the local strike situation today. Only two of the union men have deserted the ranks of organized labor, although there are a few men working in the shops. These laborers have been brought in from outside points. At union headquarters, bulletins are being frequently received, stating that the ranks of the unions have been, so far, unbroken, and that the strike is very nearly 100 per cent perfect.

On the other hand, the railroad company is issuing statements to the effect that men are going back to work, and that the strike has had little effect on railroad traffic.

It is stated that switchmen last night refused to move cars repaired by the present workmen, and that this matter has been reported to the grievance department. In the event the men in other organizations refuse to handle cars and engines worked upon by non-union laborers, the cause of the strikers will be greatly advanced.

According to statements from As-

Fine Band Concert Given Last Evening

The first band concert of the season was given last evening on the court house lawn before a large number of people. The musical selections given at last evening's program were thoroughly enjoyed, and under the able directorship of Jack Shields, some excellent concerts are planned for the coming summer months. It is the plan of the band to give these concerts on Thursday of each week.

The boys were greatly handicapped in giving last evening's program on account of having no stand to play from, and lack of seating capacity for their audience, which caused some disturbance. However, Mayor Hamilton announced today that seats will be erected at once, and will be ready for the next concert.

Forest Fires Raging Northwest

(By United Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., July 7.—The forest fire situation in the Pacific Northwest is the gravest in years. Carelessness of campers and slashers generally is blamed. Fires in northwestern Oregon extend over a 14 mile front, but are burning slowly in the logged off area where the blaze is mostly confined. However, there is much green timber endangered. Fires along the Cowman river near Kalso, Wash., are very dangerous and large tracts of fir timber are menaced. In British Columbia the fire at Morville took a toll of two lives and burned several houses. Six persons are missing, all of whom may be dead. The loss by fire is running into millions of dollars for Oregon, Washington and British Columbia mills, forests and railroads.

Roseburg to Play Goshen Team

A good game of baseball is expected Sunday when the Roseburg Legion team meets the fast Goshen aggregation. The local team has been showing a decided improvement lately and in the game played at Reedsport on the Fourth displayed some real ability. Sunday's contest is expected to be fast from the very first and will be well worth seeing. The team needs the support of the community and if good baseball is liked the fans are urged to support the home town aggregation.

Workmen have been spending considerable time on the grounds and now have them in first class shape. The diamond will be smooth and fast and this will add greatly to the game.