

SLAIN MISSIONARY HAD RELATIVES ON CAMPUS

Brother-in-law of Student is Killed in Tibet

The slaying of Dr. Albert Shelton, Christian missionary, by outlaws in the mountain wilds of Tibet, reports of which appeared in the Sunday Oregonian of March 5, has cast its shadow on the University campus, for Mrs. E. K. Harkness, a special student in history, is a sister-in-law of the murdered man and has for many years been acquainted with and interested in his work. Mrs. Harkness is anxiously awaiting news from her sister Mrs. Shelton, who was at Calcutta, India at the time of the killing.

Dr. Shelton was a great collector of tapestries and art articles as well as a missionary, according to the Harkness's and they have several specimens of his collection in their home at 2060 East Sixteenth street. A number of his collections of Tibetan art and script are at the Eugene Bible university.

Mrs. Shelton Sails for America

Mrs. Shelton said that the only direct news of the tragedy that she had received, aside from reading the newspapers, was a telegram from Pomona, California, from her two nieces, the daughters of Dr. Shelton, informing her that they had received word from New York of their father's death from Dr. Hardy, another missionary in Tibet. The telegram also stated that Mrs. Shelton, wife of the murdered man, had been informed of the tragedy and was sailing for America, March 6. According to Mrs. Harkness, her sister was in Calcutta engaged in having translated into English a number of valuable books of Tibetan script which she had collected in previous trips with her husband in that country, when the murder occurred, and hence was thousands of miles away from him.

"How long before she will arrive in America depends upon whether she stops at Shanghai, China in order to hear from Dr. Hardy," said Mrs. Harkness, "but in any event it will at least a month. In the meantime I am expecting a letter from Dr. Hardy explaining the details of the tragedy, but it too will be a month in arriving."

Was Friend of Tibetans

Mrs. Harkness, and her husband, who is also a special student in the University, were high in their praise of the resourcefulness and courage of the missionary. "Dr. Shelton," said Mrs. Harkness, "was the only man ever invited by the Grand Lama, Buddhist ruler of the 'forbidden city' of Lhasa to preach in that country. He was a strong friend of the Tibetans and for many years has been the one individual who has acted in behalf of Tibet in keeping China from going to war with her. How high the Tibetan people regard him is exemplified in the title which they had bestowed upon him, 'Grand Accomplisher of Whatever he Undertakes.'"

Dr. Shelton in Oregon in 1920

Because of this friendship of the Tibetans for Dr. Shelton, the Harkness's are of the opinion that the murder was not committed by Tibetans, at least not intentionally, but by Chinese. "Very probably Dr. Shelton was with a band of Tibetan soldiers who were attacked by Chinese and a stray bullet killed him," said Mr. Harkness. The hatred between the two countries is intense, he pointed out.

According to Mrs. Harkness, Dr. Shelton has spent the better part of the last 17 years in the wilds of Tibet and has been the chief instrument in establishing schools and churches in Batsung, the closest city before entering the mountain fastness. It was on the journey from this city to Lhasa, a trip of about three months, that the missionary is thought to have been killed.

Captured by Bandits

Just before his last visit to America, two years ago, Dr. Shelton was captured by bandits in this region and endured terrible hardships for several months before he was able to escape to China, where he was operated upon for tumor. Shortly after this operation Dr. Shelton and his wife and two daughters were forced to take the first ship available and sail to America before the missionary was fully recovered.

"It was in May, 1920, that the Sheltons visited us at our home in Glendale, Oregon," she said. "Later in the summer we were together in California where the two girls were placed in Pomona college. Dr. Shelton was still suffering from the effects of his capture and went to the Mayo Brothers in Minnesota, where he underwent another operation which necessitated his losing the use of both an ear and an eye. Nevertheless, despite this handicap and all our remonstrances he was determined to continue his work in Tibet, and went away on his last expedition last August."

Two Daughters in California

The two daughters of Dr. Shelton, were both born in Tibet and with the exception of their year at Pomona have spent all their lives in that country, where they saw but half a dozen white people. They both speak three languages, Chinese and Tibetan better than English. Mrs. Harkness said that their grief at their father's death must be terrible since he and their mother were practically the only white people they had seen before they came to this country. She said that in all probability she would journey to California to see them in a few days.

SOUTH AMERICAN SLIDES SHOWN COMMERCE CLASS

School of Business Administration Instructors Explain Views on World Routes and Ports

Lantern slides of South American commercial cities and ports, together with two reels of moving pictures showing how sugar is cultivated and milled were shown to the classes of the school of business administration in Trade Routes and World Ports Wednesday night in Villard hall.

Frank R. Rutter, instructor in the school, explained the South American slides, and Donovan Knapp, freshman, explained the slides on Cuba.

The cities of Valparaiso, Santiago, Mendoza, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Bahia were represented in the slides, which also included pictures of coffee and coconuts as they are grown. The first reel of moving pictures showed how sugar cane is planted in trenches of mud by laborers, how it is gathered and taken to crushers. The second reel pictured the various washings and treatments the sugar goes through until it becomes white.

Mr. Rutter has traveled extensively in South America, and was familiar with the locations pictured.

Mr. Knapp was also familiar with the scenes pictured in the Cuban slides as he was at one time in Cuba and had opportunity to observe conditions there.

DELEGATE TO SORORITY PAYS VISIT TO CAMPUS

Miss Blue of Kappa Delta Surprised to Find so Few National Organizations Here

Miss Sarah Blue, extension officer and visiting delegate of Kappa Delta sorority, was a guest on the campus Wednesday. She was on her way from the University of Washington to visit the chapters in California, and having never been at Oregon before, she stopped off here for a short time.

Miss Blue said that she was very much impressed with the campus and its buildings, especially the women's halls of residence and the Woman's building. "I have heard a great deal about the Woman's building at Oregon," she said, "but I had no idea how wonderful it was. It is the most beautiful and impressive building, and the most complete, that I have ever seen in this country."

She was very much surprised, she said, to find so few sororities and fraternities in a field that offers such good material. Kappa Delta has its national headquarters in Alabama. "We now have 35 chapters," Miss Blue said, "but there are 12 or more organizations petitioning at the present time and the number of chapters is constantly increasing."

LUNETTE TO BE PLACED OVER DOOR OF BUILDING

Avard Fairbanks Begins Erection of Framework; Advanced Class Will Aid in Details

Work has been begun on a lunette, representing the unity of architecture and sculpture, to be placed over the doorway of the sculpture building.

The scaffolding has been erected inside and the framework put up. "The wire net groundwork," said Professor Avard Fairbanks, head of the sculpture department, with a twinkle in his eye, "is warranted to give the figures a strong constitution."

The relief is a little over four feet high, with two masculine figures. The seated one, slightly draped, represents architecture, with his hand resting on an ionic capital. The other figure, in the nude, is chiseling Winged Victory, which stands on the capital as an architectural base.

The detail work is being done by members of the advanced sculpture class—Mrs. Lydia Hodge, E. K. Harkness, Florence Hartman, Eunice Zimmerman, and Mabel Johnson.

The original model, the composition of Brownell Frazier, was selected last year in competition and awarded a special prize.

WOMEN'S INTERCLASS TRACK TEAMS CHOSEN

O. A. C. Physical Education Instructors to Judge

The teams which will compete for the women's interclass track cup on March 17 have been picked and special practice will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 5 o'clock, according to Miss Emma Waterman who is coaching the teams.

"This is the first meet since 1920 when the present senior class won the championship," said Miss Waterman, "and judging from the interest which is being shown by the girls it will be the most successful one we have ever had." Each team will be made up of 12 members and each girl will be allowed to enter four events, which will include rope climbing, swinging and running high jump, vaults for form and hand traveling on the ladders, booms and ropes.

The Women's Athletic association hopes to have Miss Edna Cocks and Miss Lois Rankin of the physical education department of O. A. C. as judges. Managers elected to organize the teams of each class were: seniors, Carolyn Cannon; juniors, Dorcas Conklin; sophomores, Agnes Shultz; freshmen, Maude Schroeder. The meet will follow the annual gymnasium exhibition which begins at 7:30.

MATH CLUB ORGANIZING

Twenty-five at Meeting; Dr. Milne Talks on "Prime Integers"

Preliminary action toward the formation of a mathematics club was taken at the meeting held Wednesday evening in Professor DeCou's room in the Administration building. About 25 attended the meeting and all were enthusiastic over the formation of such a club.

Richard M. Elliot, a graduate student in mathematics, was appointed chairman of a nominating committee. He will select the remainder of the committee in the near future. Candidates for the various offices will be nominated and voted upon at the next meeting of the mathematics students, early next term.

Dr. William E. Milne, of the mathematics department, addressed the meeting on the subject of "Prime Integers." He reviewed the history of prime integers from the year 300 B. C. to the present time. He also gave an interesting account of the work of Dr. Layman, of the University of California. Dr. Layman has done much in making the factoring of large numbers a simple process. He has compiled tables of factors up to 10,000,000. The tables have been checked over and found to be without mistakes. They have also been found to compare favorably with the work of many of the European mathematicians.

ORATORS WILL COMPETE

Tryouts to be Held in April; Thorpe Advises Speakers to Begin Early

C. D. Thorpe announced yesterday that tryouts for the tri-state oratorical contest will be held some time in the middle of April. He suggests that those who are intending to enter the trials this year commence as soon as possible to write their orations so that ample time will be given for revision and correction.

This contest is held with the Universities of Washington and Idaho. The prize offered is \$100. Only one contestant is allowed from each institution, it is said, and chances for winning in this case are more than the ordinary. Mr. Thorpe announced that contestants would be required to limit their speeches to between fifteen and twenty minutes in length.

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