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IN DURRANT'S DEFENSE.

Counsel's Efforts to Prove an Alibi in the Williams Case.

San Francisco, August 27.—The attorneys for Theodore Durrant have at last consented to make public some of the important evidence by which they expect to clear their client of the charge of murder in the Minnie Williams case. They have two witnesses by whom they expect to prove that Theodore Durrant was on Market street at the very moment when the prosecution insists that a fiendish murderer was mutilating the body of the dead girl in the library of Emanuel church.

Accepting the conclusion of the prosecutor that Miss Williams was killed soon after 9 o'clock April 3, the defense will place upon the stand Marius Burnett and Edward McPherson, who will swear that at that hour they saw Durrant down town. The defense will try to show that the police have the testimony of both these young men, but have given it no thought and no weight because it would not fit preconceived theories of the crime. Durrant himself will trace his movements on that night, and will have the record and testimony of the Christian Endeavor Society to corroborate what he will say. He carried the record with him from his home. He will swear that he was busy in their inspection on the way down town. Burnett and McPherson will testify that they saw the book under his arm when he was down town, and entries in the book itself will prove that he collected dues from some of the members, at least, in Dr. Vogel's house.

It is now admitted that Durrant's story of his movements the night Minnie Williams was murdered, that he went to the armory, is untrue. The story he will tell in court is that he started for the signal corps armory, but became absorbed in the Christian Endeavor accounts, which he carried with him, and rode on down town. Then he met Burnett and McPherson, and afterward hurried to Dr. Vogel's house.

STOPPED BY A WARSHIP.

Chili Claims Guano Fields Which Were Supposed to Belong to Peru.

Philadelphia, August 27.—Captain Storch, commanding the British bark Stuart, now discharging at Port Arago nitrate taken on board at Talait, tells of a peculiar experience he had with the Chilean authorities at Lobos, a guano depot, 200 miles off the coast of Peru. The Stuart had been chartered to proceed to that place and load guano for Liverpool. She had reached there in safety and had on board about 190 tons of cargo, when the Chilean man-of-war Esmeralda came up and stopped them taking on board any more cargo, claiming the land belonged to Chili and not Peru. The captain was forced to leave Lobos and proceed to Talait, where the 190 tons was transferred to a vessel bound for Liverpool, and she was then chartered to load for Philadelphia. The captain says that all means for the handling of guano were destroyed by the Esmeralda, and those engaged in the working of the guano deposit were placed under arrest. How the case will be settled is not known, but agents of the Stuart will at once institute proceedings to have the ship reimbursed for the time and money lost through the operation.

Why the Total is Large.

Tacoma, August 27.—Judge Jenkins, of Millwaukee, and Receiver Payne, of the Northern Pacific, left today for St. Paul over the Canadian Pacific. In regard to the Chicago dispatch, stating that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company had lost \$10,000,000 while under the management of the receivers, Receiver Payne said, before leaving, that the amount might as well have been placed at \$50,000,000. He said that among the money the receivers had paid out was the interest on the first-mortgage bonds, interest on the collateral trust notes, interest on the receivers' certificates, and interest on the sinking fund. They had also paid the expenses of surveying and platting 7,000,000 acres of railroad lands, and had also made improvements in lining tunnels with brick and replacing wood bridges with steel bridges. He also said the road had done well under its present management.

New York's Hop Crop in Danger.

New York, August 27.—The World says: The hop crop in this state is in danger of ruin because of the refusal of hop-pickers to work for the prices which the growers are willing to pay. It is reported that the growers expected to have their crops harvested on the same basis as the wages of last year, and the hop-pickers have organized a union to enforce their demands, and if these demands are not granted at once, they will strike. The hop-pickers in the counties of Madison and Oneida, in this state, claim they are having a hard time of it. Last year they supposed they would receive \$1 a day and board. When settling, they claim they were paid, instead of \$1 a day, only 80 cents a basket. It was a good worker who could fill more than two baskets a day.

The Situation in Ireland.

Baltimore, August 27.—Bishop Foley, of Detroit, the traveling companion of Cardinal Gibbons during the trip through Europe, says of Ireland that he found it the impression among conservative men in that country that the factionalism in the ranks of the Irish party had thrown Ireland back fully twenty-five years. People seem dismayed by the wrangling of those whom they had elected to parliament.

Killed While Fighting the Natives.

Brussels, August 27.—Lieutenant Pelzer, the Belgian officer commanding the Kass district of the Congo state, has been killed while fighting the natives.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

happenings of Interest in the Towns and Cities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

An excursion of 300 people is coming from South Dakota to see Spokane's fruit fair in October.

Ida K. Winchester is suing Walla Walla for \$13,000 damages on account of a fall on a sidewalk.

Threshing has begun in the Palouse, Wash. Some wheat is going forty bushels to the acre, but the average will be about twenty-seven.

Pierce county, Wash., farmers have decided that it is too late to hold a county fair this year, but have organized for a big fair next year.

The Warm Springs Indian reservation school will begin September 1. The attendance is limited to fifty-five pupils on account of lack of supplies.

Mr. Hume's Rogue river cannery has closed, after a successful season. The run of fish has been immense, so that the cannery could not pick all the catch.

It will be impossible for the coming term of court in Tillamook county, Oregon, to clear up the business that is waiting for it. Over 100 cases are on the docket.

One of the prominent features of the Eastern Oregon fair to be held at Baker City on September 23 will be a mining exhibit from all the mines tributary to Baker City.

An injunction has been sued out to restrain Albany's city treasurer from paying \$9,073.98 in bonds held by the Portland Bridge Company. D. B. Monteith, a heavy taxpayer is complainant.

Douglas county's assessment roll for 1895 totals \$2,073,053, a slight falling off from last year, owing to a reduction of 15 per cent on real estate. The personal tax rolls show the assessment of 10,877 horses, 11,288 cattle, 6,605 sheep and 2,792 hogs.

A report from Colfax, Wash., says the farmers of that vicinity and over Whitman county generally will come out in a better condition this fall than they have for some time. It is owing to the fact that they have not incurred any debt during the past year.

Patrick Kervin, one of the prominent mining men of the coast, superintendent of some of the Comstock mines, arrived at Grant's Pass one day last week and immediately left for Kerbyville. Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to what is his mission here.

Professor Henry F. Wegener, the newly elected principal of the Tacoma high school, is a native of New York city, but spent his boyhood days on his father's farm on Long Island. He has had much experience in teaching, and has a particular fondness for biology. He is about 48 years of age.

Mrs. S. C. Slaughter, of Tacoma, and Mrs. F. A. Turner, of Olympia, are interesting other women in the state in the cotton states' exposition to be held in Atlanta September 18 to December 31. It is proposed to have the women of Washington and their work represented at the exposition.

The Stevens county auditors office at Colville, Wash., has been flooded with mineral location notices during the past three months. It is estimated that during that time no less than 300 notices of location of mineral ground have been filed. The locations are pretty well distributed over the entire county.

F. F. McCully tells the La Grande Chronicle that the Wallowa telephone stock is all sold, and contracts have been awarded to W. E. Beidler and A. O. Jacob to set the poles ready for wire between Wallowa store and Elgin, said contracts to be completed by October 1, 1895. The wire will be strung on the poles as soon as practicable.

The First Baptist church of Seattle has extended a call to Rev. S. C. Ohnum, of Boston, and it is expected that a definite and favorable answer will be received from him. He has been connected with the congregation of Dr. A. J. Gordon's church, of Boston, and is very highly recommended.

Walla Walla county, Wash., has 1,681 farms, with 227,831 acres in cultivation, 10,498 being irrigated; 90,314 acres of wheat; 2,853 of oats; 13,980 of barley. The wool produced this year was 150,300 pounds. The amount of capital invested in lands is \$3,734,088, and in buildings \$1,275,135. In machinery the farmers have invested the sum of \$42,728. There are 19 dairies in the county and 263 cows furnishing milk therefor. The capital invested in the dairy business is \$10,815.

Successful experiments are being made this year with Mexican barley in Whitman county, Wash. This cereal is beardless and without hull. A field sown by Mr. Frew, near Pullman, yielded seventy-six bushels per acre, and went seventy-six pounds to the sack. The grains are so extremely hard that they will necessarily have to be crushed before feeding to either horses or cattle, or crushed or soaked, or either boiled for feed for hogs. The grain is so dense and contains such a large amount of nourishment that it will be necessarily fed in small feeds and with a large amount of hay.

DUNRAVEN IS CONFIDENT.

He Thinks the Valkyrie is Equal to the Defender.

New York, August 26.—A special to the World from London says: Just before Earl Dunraven sailed for America he spoke freely and cheerfully of the approaching contest. He was highly pleased that the Valkyrie has arrived safely. Asked if he was uneasy at any report, he replied: "Not at all. There was nothing to be uneasy about. I consider that she made a very fair passage. She is a strong boat and well equipped to weather any Atlantic gale."

"Do you attach any importance to opening of seams in her bows?"

"Not the slightest. She evidently got a bit shaken and the putty worked out of her seams. That happens to every new boat after her first race. It is easily remedied. We have just received a cablegram from New York that the Valkyrie is in perfect condition, and will be got out of the dock soon and put in trim at once and will be sailing this week."

"Will she have an opportunity for any trials in America before competing with the Defender?"

"No, there are no boats there with which the Valkyrie could have a spin."

"Will her speed show to better advantage in light or strong winds?"

"How can we tell? Just remember we have sailed her only three times altogether. What can we tell of her qualities after such short experience?"

The same question being put to Mr. Watson, he said:

"The Valkyrie's greatest speed will be exhibited in a stiff breeze. The speed of every yacht is shown in a strong wind, but on what points she will prove superior to the Defender remains to be proved."

"Do you think the Valkyrie will win?"

Dunraven replied: "If I did not think so I would not race. We have done all we could to build the fastest boat, and I think we have a fair chance. I shall sail on the Valkyrie in all the races. So will Mr. Watson. Our crew will number forty-two all told, with a few extra hands. The crew are all Englishmen, all young, active yachtsmen, and I am sure they will render a good account of themselves. Some of them have sailed on preceding Valkyries."

Mr. Watson was asked if he considered the Defender a formidable rival.

"Oh, yes; she's a mighty good boat. You see what she has done with the Vigilant. By such performances she has proved herself to be a flyer. The Defender has shown more speed than the Vigilant."

ADLAI VERY AFFABLE.

Made Himself Very Agreeable on the Alaska Trip.

Tacoma, Wash., August 26.—Vice-President Stevenson returned here from Alaska this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Stevenson, Misses Julia and Letitia Stevenson, John C. and W. W. Stevenson, of Bloomington, Ill., the vice-president's brothers. The journey was made primarily to improve the health of Miss Julia Stevenson, who was greatly benefited by the trip. Today the party were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parker, and received a number of callers. They leave tomorrow at 7 A. M., going direct to Mission, B. C., to catch the east-bound Canadian Pacific train. They will spend several days at Banff Springs, in the Rocky mountains, going thence home. Mr. Stevenson thoroughly enjoyed the Alaskan trip, and was one of the most active sightseers of the large party which went north on the Queen.

At Sitka the party was tendered a reception, which was attended by the territorial officials, a large number of the inhabitants and the officers of the United States steamship Pinta. The Queen's passengers declare the vice-president was one of the most affable men on the steamer. He was prominent in all the social festivities of the excursion, and Wednesday night, at a meeting of the passengers, he made an address.

In an interview, he says that the United States has a rich possession in the territory of Alaska. He declined to discuss politics.

The Last of "Wild Bill."

Spokane, August 24.—"Wild Bill," or W. J. Walters, well known in Spokane, committed suicide in Colfax jail last night. He was arrested about four months ago in Spokane for selling whisky to Indians, and has been kept in confinement at Colfax. Last night he complained of toothache, and was allowed with three old men the privilege of the outer or large room. Some time during the night he arose, and while the others were asleep, procured a cord and hanged himself in the jail.

Walters obtained the title of "Wild Bill" from being a wild and reckless fellow, daring and making gun plays, and getting into all kinds of scrapes and fights, both with white men and Indians. He was a great horseman, riding all kinds of animals without the slightest fear. He generally went heavily armed, and for these reasons was given the appropriate name of "Wild Bill."

England Wakes Up.

London, August 26.—The Chronicle says that at the request of Lloyds, a committee for the board of trade is considering the advisability of sending a representative to Washington to arrange a joint scheme to destroy floating derelicts, especially in the North Atlantic. It is probable that Messrs. Cummings and McDonna will be chosen.

More Mafia Outrages.

Rome, August 27.—The gendarmes and police surrounded the village of Favara, near Girgini, and arrested forty-two members of the Mafia society on charges of murder and other outrages.