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ATTORNEYS INSTRUCTED TO FORECLOSE COMMERCIAL CLUB AT ONCE

NO HOPE TO PROLONG LIFE OF TOTTERING INSTITUTION

STANLEY WANTS HIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSED

ATTORNEY FINN HAS THE PROCEEDINGS IN HAND.

No Longer Any Hope for the Commercial Club Building—Must Go on the Auctioneer's Block and Be Sold to Highest Bidder—Mortgage for \$3000 is at Bottom of the Foreclosure—Citizens Have One Year to Redeem the Building in.

The La Grande Commercial club has seen its last day, under existing conditions, and the building now stands foreclosed. Foreclosure proceedings to recover a mortgage of \$3000 held by L. C. Stanley of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and overdue interest which will amount to approximately \$260.

This deplorable state of affairs follows a halfhearted burst of enthusiasm several weeks ago, when mass meetings were liberally responded to and many logical plans for the maintenance of the institution were advanced. But after proposing these many schemes and many of them would have worked out with proper support, activity ceased. To carry to success some plan of salvation to the club, failed to materialize. From time to time the membership committee "passed among us," but after weeks of hard work it is found that the consensus of opinion is that the present organization is better off dead, and

that out of its death will be born a new club and a new athletic association, each separate from the other. This is only one solution to the knotty problem. Other business men have harbored other pet schemes. But it remains to be seen what will be done with the club building when it is put under the auctioneer's hammer and knocked down to the highest bidder.

Action Delayed.

It is through the solicitation of F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, that the foreclosure proceedings have not been brought before. The instructions for such action came to him from Mr. Stanley many months ago, but he deferred turning the matter over to attorneys, believing the business men might take action tending toward eventual solution of the situation, thereby appeasing the clamor from Mr. Stanley, who is converting his interests in Union county into cash as fast as possible.

Last Friday the matter was given over to Attorney C. H. Finn, and he now has the foreclosure in hand.

It is hard to predict the future outcome of the club and the structure in which it had its home. There is no doubt about one thing, and that is that La Grande will have a commercial club regardless of what comes. There is no question of this. Today, on the streets and about business places, some logical scheme for maintaining a commercial club, pure and simple, are being discussed. At this early date, just what will be done is a matter of conjecture.

Action Taken at Once.

Mr. Finn has been occupied with

the Caviness water case today and it is possible he may not be able to turn the matter over to the sheriff tonight, but this will be done either tonight or tomorrow. His papers are made out and the formal foreclosure will take place within 24 hours at the most.

Under the foreclosure laws, the club has one year to redeem the property in.

MESSANGER IS KILLED IN CAR

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE BRUTAL MURDER.

Officers Today Making Up a List of Bailey's Friends to Learn Who Might Have Entered the Car as a Friend and Then Used the Hatchet—Death Was Dealt With a Sharp Weapon—Nothing But Jewelry and Money Packages Were Disturbed.

Kansas City, March 30.—Officers today visited the home of O. A. Bailey, the Wells-Fargo messenger, who was murdered in his car on the Santa Fe train yesterday, between Newtown and Florence, Kan. They sought a list of the murdered man's acquaintances in order to find a trace of any who might be out of employment and who might have entered the car under guise of friendship and then did the fatal work. The officers are convinced that the messenger was killed by a blow with a hatchet and believe that the robbery of the express safe was the work of an old railroad man, who was familiar with the work and the

keys and the markings on packages. Nothing was disturbed but money and jewelry packages. The officers believe Bailey admitted a friend into the car and that the latter struck him on the head with a hatchet when his back was turned and effected the robbery and left the train at Newtown. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for his capture.

BOMB VICTIM CANNOT LIVE

EXCITEMENT AMONG THE NEW YORK ANARCHISTS.

Police Have a Suspect Who Comes Close to Filling All Corners of the Clue as to Who Threw the Bomb Last Saturday, When Death and Mutilation Followed—One of the Victims Horribly Mangled—Identify Him by His Voice.

New York, N. Y., March 30.—Following the arrest of Alexander Berkman, New York police hope to fasten the responsibility for Saturday's bomb outrage on New York anarchists.

Berkman has served 15 years in the Pennsylvania penitentiary for attempting to assassinate Henry C. Frick, and later gained notoriety as being the common law husband of Emma Goldman. He is now editing an anarchist paper in New York.

Berkman will be taken before Silverstein, one of the injured, and an attempt made to see if the latter can identify Berkman by the sound of his voice. Silverstein, whose death was reported Saturday, and who is totally blind, minus one arm and a foot and his body perforated with wounds, cannot live, say his doctors.

A card on the bomb-thrower's person bore Berkman's name and the city police theory is that a youth received inspiration from the anarchist leader. Today anarchists and socialists are clamoring for Commissioner Bingham's resignation. They insist that Saturday's trouble was the result of the police attempting to apply St. Petersburg methods to New York's unemployed. Many speakers denounced the attempt of Bingham to solve the question in this manner.

HAYWOOD LANDS ON PRESIDENT

SOCIALIST FIRES HIS PRESIDENTIAL GUN.

W. D. Haywood Stirrs Up Dust in a Chicago Speech Last Night in Attack Upon Roosevelt, Gooding and Others—Excuses Man Who Threw Bomb in New York and Blames the Mineowners for Montana Catastrophe—Launches His Candidacy.

Chicago, Ill., March 30.—W. D. Haywood, of the Western Federation of Miners, took occasion to criticize President Roosevelt, Governor Gooding and other public officials in a speech delivered here last night.

Incidentally, Haywood launched his boom for his candidacy for the presidency of the United States on the socialistic ticket.

Resolutions were introduced and passed calling for the withdrawal of troops at the Treadwell mines. In speaking of the bomb throwing in New York, Haywood said:

"When some poor deluded mortal is trying to take by force what by justice belongs to him, we call it an out-

BETRAYER OF WOMEN DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR REPENTENT

rage. But out in Wyoming 70 men were killed by a mine explosion. That was murder by mineowners."

Attell is Favorite.

San Francisco, March 30.—Friends of Abe Attell are heavily backing the little fellow to win the decision over Battline Nelson in their battle tomorrow night. There is a great deal of Nelson money in sight, however, as admirers of the Battler believe that his great weight advantage will more than counterbalance Attell's superior cleverness. Nelson will weigh in at 132 pounds at 6 o'clock, while Attell will tip the scales at 123 pounds. The fight will go 15 rounds and will be pulled off by Sam Berger's Washington Athletic club. The fighters will get 60 per cent of the gross gate receipts, to be divided 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser.

Vote on Bond Issue.

Newark, N. J., March 30.—Stockholders of the Butte Electric & Power company met here today in special session to vote on the issue of \$5,000,000 30-year 6 per cent bonds, secured by a mortgage upon the properties of the company and its subsidiaries, the Madison River Power company and the Montana Power Transmission company. The purpose of the issue is to liquidate the floating debt and provide additional working capital.

Dedion at Ely.

Ely, Nev., March 30.—Half the population turned out to give Dedion, the French entry in the New York-Paris race, an enthusiastic send-off. Dedion is at present third. The Italian car Zast, was sent at the last report when it left Goldfield Saturday night. The American car is first, and is now at sea en route to Valdez.

No More Pearl Buttons.

New York, March 30.—As a result of the failure in the supply of fresh water mussels, the "pearl" button factories of New York are finding it difficult to supply the demand, and many of the plants may be forced to close down.

Many Drills at Work.

Ray Logan is in receipt of a letter from J. T. Beardsley, who is superintending the Columbia Gas & Oil company's development at Malheur, which states that 16 discovery drills are at work and that prospects for success are good. Prices of stock are advancing, says the writer.

CHESTER GILLETTE MAKES CONFESSION BEFORE DEATH

ELECTROCUTED FOR BETRAYING GRACE BROWN.

After One of the Most Outrageous Crimes Against Purity of Woman, Chester Gillette Finally Walks to His Death in the Electric Chair—Governor Hughes Considers So-called "New Evidence"—Criminal Confesses to the Act.

Auburn, N. Y., March 30.—Chester Gillette, the young slayer of Grace Brown, a one-time sweetheart of Gillette's and whom he betrayed, deserted and finally killed, paid the penalty this morning in the electric chair. Governor Hughes heard his last appeal for a review and commutation of sentence Saturday, when he listened to the evidence of additional witnesses whom the attorneys for Gillette said threw a new light on the case. All day Sunday the governor studied the matter over and announced Sunday night that he would do nothing to stop the execution.

Confesses to Crime.

Almost with his last breath the boy confessed to his spiritual adviser, Rev. Henry McIlvare, and Prison Chaplain Herrin, that he was guilty of the crime. McIlvare refused to give the details of the confession, which was oral, but said it bore out the charges of the prosecution. As the boy was strapped in the chair he called McIlvare to the chair and said: "Tell mother that I am prepared to meet my God." In a calm voice, he continued, "Tell her I have no hard feelings against any one and am only filled with sorrow for what trouble I have caused her and others, good bye."

Maintains His Nerve.

Gillette entered the death house at 6:12 a. m. His face was ashen, but he was not nervous and walked to the chair unassisted and settled in a comfortable position with a sigh of relief. Chaplain Herrin recited the 23rd psalm. Gillette sat with bowed head until the conclusion, when he made the statement to McIlvare. The cap was adjusted and the switch turned on. A current of 180 volts was applied for 30 seconds. Only one contact was made and at 6:30 he was

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