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SEARCH FOR BRUTAL FIENDS

PORTLAND DETECTIVES AND POLICE LET LOOSE.

One of the Most Brutal and Blood Curdling Murders Took Place in Portland Last Night—Wealthy and Aged Pawnbroker Shot in His Store and Dragged to Back Room, Where His Head Was Beat to Pulp—Several Theories Hatched by Police.

Portland, May 2.—With every detective and plain clothes man in the department and many of the regular officers drawn in from their beats and put on the case, the Portland police feel confident that within 24 hours they will have arrested the two murderers of Nathan Wolf, the pawnbroker, who was so brutally murdered in his store in the heart of the business district at 6 o'clock last evening.

The police are working on the theory that local men did the work. It is estimated that they recovered about \$1500 worth of gold and coin. Two suspects were shadowed.

The murder was committed at 6 o'clock when two men entered the store and shot Wolf into the air. They then dragged the body into the rear room, hacked his head into an unrecognizable mass and discovered by Special Agent Robinson 20 minutes later at 165

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the body had been dragged to the rear room, the fiends struck it at 7 blows on the head with the and blunt ends of an ax. In the struggle the taller burglar was wounded in the hand as a trail blood followed his tracks about the store. Both men washed the blood from their hands after the killing, at a lavatory in the rear of the building.

SATURDAY ATTRACTIONS.

La Grande Band Boys Give Open Air Concert.

The third of a series of regular Saturday attractions came off today when the La Grande band gave their second open air concert.

In spite of the fact that the day was cold and disagreeable, the merchants did a rushing business, and the restaurants were crowded to their fullest capacity. The streets were a scene of much activity. La Grande is certainly coming to the front, and our citizens are showing public spirit. Keep on with the good work.

CRUCIAL HOUR FOR SEN. BAILEY

PRIMARIES IN TEXAS TO DECIDE ISSUE TODAY.

Primaries in Texas Today Tell the Story of Whether or Not Senator Bailey is to Be Politically Decapitated or Not—Bitter Fight Against His Nomination as Delegate to the Denver Convention—Will Resign if Defeated in This.

Waco, Texas, May 2.—Unusual interest centers today in the primaries in view of the fact that Senator J. W. Bailey's political life is at stake on the result. If he is not chosen as a delegate to the democratic convention at Denver by the voters, he states he will resign his position in the senate. A bitter fight is being made on Bailey, his relations with the Standard Oil trust being used against him. The feeling runs high.

MILLER TO SEE FLEET.

While There Will Look After Matters Regarding Commercial Club.

William Miller left last night for San Francisco to witness the arrival of the fleet, which will be in San Francisco May 6. While there he will give special attention to the requirements of the publicity bureau as regards the La Grande Commercial club, and make a study of the various plans for getting "booster" literature before the public.

PUT DYNAMITE UNDER ENGINES

ROBBERS WRECK TRAIN NEAR BUTTE, MONT.

One Engineer Killed, a Tramp Fatally Hurt and Other Crew Members Badly Bruised by Explosion of Dynamite Under an Engine on the Burlington Flyer Near Butte Last Night—Explosion Scatters Cars and Engines—Searching for Robbers.

Butte, May 2.—Armed posers are searching every bit of territory within 25 miles of Butte in an effort to discover the bandits who blew up the Burlington Flyer, No. 6, a short distance west of the city last night and killed the engineer, and tore the arms and leg off of a man who was riding the blind baggage. What booty the robbers secured is still unknown, as details of the robbery is still held up in meager messages.

Physicians and a wrecking crew have been sent to the scene.

News has just been received from the scene and says that Engineer Bussy was buried under the debris and was killed. The message also gives more details of the explosion. The dynamite was exploded under the second engine and completely wrecked it. Three cars carrying fish, mail and baggage, were blown off the track. Besides Engineer Bussy, Fireman George Ehle was probably fatally injured and Carl Ming, a tramp, dangerously hurt. The big mogul engine which received the full force of the explosion, was lifted from the track fully 10 feet. The fish cars was blown on end and the mail car derailed. None of the passengers were hurt.

Splinters of the wrecked cars were found on the hillside 150 feet away. The engineer of the leading engine states that he saw a blinding flash beneath his engine and says his fireman was lifted clear from the cab and thrown out, the engine being later derailed.

Detectives believe that the dynamite was intended for the North Coast Limited, which was due on the Northern Pacific tracks a half hour later than the Burlington train.

SEVERAL AFTER MANAGERSHIP

NO TROUBLE TO GET BOOSTER HEAD HERE.

Board of Managers Work Day and Night to Get Best Manager Possible and to Select a Direct Line of Publicity—Interest as High Now as It Ever Was—Possible That Club May Be Called Together—Definite Action in Near Future.

Although the new board of managers of the Commercial club has held several sessions and have worked conscientiously with the many problems which confront them, it has not as yet taken decisive action along any feature of the many with which they have to contend. This reticence in taking decisive steps in so important matters is commendable. During the past week the members have held two long sessions.

Many things are now in embryo. Such things as deciding upon what course of publicity to follow, the selection of a manager to properly carry out the scheme which is soon to be adopted as the most suitable, the selection of permanent quarters and various other matters, are up for consideration.

Managers Seek Position.

The board now has in its possession the applications of several prominent publicity men, among them experts in their line from Boise and Portland. The board expects to take definite action on these applications as soon as references that have been presented are carefully considered.

The board has now in mind several

lines of publicity to pursue. Which to select is a problem which the members feel should be done with extreme care, and the board is doing it. In the near future announcement will be made of the selection.

Then there is the matter of permanent quarters, which has not been decided upon. All these things combine to make a long category of serious problems which will be dealt with in turn, as their importance require. It is likely that a meeting of the club itself will be called soon to take action on matters which the board believes should be done through a voice of the club as a whole.

President Collier and his board of aides are as enthusiastic today as the day they were selected. In fact, there is not an iota of depreciation in interest anywhere in the city. As soon as the plans now being formulated are shaped and put into action, La Grande will be given such notoriety as has never been attempted before.

Ford Not Guilty.

San Francisco, May 2.—After being out but six minutes, the jury in the Tires L. Ford case, in which Ford was charged with bribery of supervisors to secure the overhead trolley franchise, was found not guilty. This is Ford's third trial on this charge.

Broker Commits Suicide.

San Francisco, May 2.—John M. Gates, a commercial broker, committed suicide last night and his body was found by a night watchman at 2 o'clock this morning. It is believed that business reverses caused the rash act.

John D. Casey, proprietor of considerable Hilgard property, is in the city.

CLEVELANDS HEALTH CRITICAL

BELIEVED THAT THE EX-PRESIDENT IS DYING.

While Not Admitted by the Family Physician General Rumor Has It That the Only Living Ex-President is Nearing His Death—Doctor at Bedside All Night—No Statement Issued This Morning—Slowly Sinking and the End is Nearing.

Lakewood, N. J., May 2.—The feeling is general here that ex-President Grover Cleveland is slowly sinking and that the end is approaching. Neither Dr. Bryant nor Mrs. Cleveland will admit this.

Today Mrs. Cleveland refused to give out any information concerning her husband's health. The secrecy that is being maintained, is one of the causes that leads to the belief that the ex-president is near his death. Dr. Bryant remained at the bedside of the statesman all night and was still there this morning.

AWAKES FROM 85 DAY SLEEP

MRS. HAWKINS FINALLY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS.

Remarkable Case of Long Sleeping Comes to an End Today When the Subject Awakes and Calls for Glass of Water—Slightly Weak, But Otherwise in Fine Health—Has No Recollection of the Past Two Months—Was Sound Sleeper for 85 Days.

Los Angeles, May 2.—After sleeping for 85 days without a glimmer of consciousness, Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, whose case has excited interest all over the world, awoke at 12:30 this morning at the county hospital and asked for a glass of water.

Mrs. Hawkins is in good health and chatted breezily with Dr. Barber. She has not the slightest recollection of any event during the past two months. Although quite weak she is in good health, but will remain in the hospital for some time.

Parade of Great Magnitude.

New York, May 2.—A great parade composed of 50,000 priests and laymen marked the close of the week's celebration of the beginning of the second century of the Catholic diocese of New York. It was the greatest demonstration of the kind ever arranged by any church in this country. Eight hundred thousand spectators witnessed the ceremony. Fifty bands were in the line of march.

WILL CONTEST REDUCED RATES

O. R. & N. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES THIS TODAY.

General Counsel Cotton of the O. R. & N. Tells Portland Business Men at Riparia That His Company Will Contest Freight Rates Ordered by the Commission Which Affect Eastern Oregon—Action Taken on May 13, He Says.

Lewiston, Idaho, May 2.—W. W. Cotton, general counsel for the O. R. & N. announced today to a party of Portland business men here attending the opening of the Riparia cut-off celebration, that his railroad will fight the recent reductions in freight rates ordered by the Oregon railroad commission, relating to freight rates from Portland to points east of The Dalles. Cotton announced that the injunction would be applied for in the federal court probably on May 13. The rates in question go into effect tomorrow.



Some Special Good Values in Ladies' Suits, Characteristic for Splendid Style, Superior Workmanship

And most beautiful shadings in all the popular colors—in black, brown, tan and blue, of the Cadet, Navy and Copenhagen hue, made from Serges, Panamas and Chiffon; Panamas in plain white striped and self-striped weaves. Jackets trimmed in flat braids and oriental silks, with full silk linings. Skirts made in the most approved styles, and trimmed with folds, etc.

These Suits were a little late in reaching and in order to move them quickly we priced them from \$4.00 to \$7.50 below what they would ordinarily sell for. Choose one today and tomorrow for

\$18.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00.

Ladies' Jackets

The sensible thing to buy for the woman who feels that she cannot afford a Suit for every occasion, and for that matter desirable for most anyone—if you possess a Jacket which can be worn with any kind of an extra Skirt, you can be stylishly dressed at any time and have as many changes as you desire, at very small cost. Don't fail to inspect our line of Jackets.

\$3.50 TO \$15.00.

SEVEN DOZEN LADIES WAISTS WORTH, REGULAR, 75c to \$3.50, THIS WEEK 39c, 59c and \$1.18.

Waists made from Linens, Lawns and mercerized Waistings, in plain white and a few figured materials, pleated, tucked and lace and insertion trimmed. Slightly musced and soiled, but otherwise A-1 Waists. Special this week— 39c to \$1.18.



FREE THIS WEEK.

And in this connection let us impress on your mind that we have an immense line of Boys' Suits—too many, in fact—and will sell them to you at Special Price Reductions for this entire week and, in addition, will give the boy,

ABSOLUTELY FREE,

a good, hard-wood baseball bat, and ball, with each Suit.

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

LA GRANDE OREGON

When You Buy a Suit WHY NOT Get All You Pay For THE ROYAL TAILORS WILL MAKE YOU A SUIT, AND GIVE YOU A LEGALLY-DRAWN AND SIGNED GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL HOLD ITS SHAPE AND STYLE UNTIL WORN OUT. LET US TAKE YOUR ORDER—IF SUIT DOES NOT FIT—DON'T TAKE IT. 500 SAMPLES TO CHOOSE FROM, AT \$17.50 UP.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY OF every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE
La Grande Oregon