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GIRL KIDNAPPED AND MISTREATED

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE GIRL'S EVENTUAL RETURN.

Kidnaped From the Streets of a City Near Pittsburg, Taken to a Lonely Hut and Mistreated, is Story of a Beautiful Girl—Her Return as Mysterious as Her Disappearance—She Was Found at Home Unconscious—Possess Organizing.

Pittsburg, July 31.—Kidnaped and held a captive for 24 hours in a lonely hut, where she was horribly mistreated, beautiful Clara Konter, aged 18, was mysteriously returned to her home in Shousetown near her.

She was found in bed at her home this morning after an all-night search had been made to locate her.

During the absence of her parents, who were looking for her, the girl was mysteriously returned to her home. She was unconscious and bleeding. Later she said three men attacked her on the street Thursday morning, gagged her, and carried her to a lonely hut.

Intense excitement prevails in Shousetown, and posses have been organized to hunt down the criminals.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Sunday School Workers of County to Meet in October.

The Sunday school workers of Union county will hold their annual county convention in this city next October. Field Worker Phipps, who delivered such an interesting address last night in the Presbyterian church, will be present during the entire two days' session. There will be others of national experience present in addition to representatives from every school in the county.

The Sunday schools of this county

are progressive and are quick to adopt the latest methods. There are twice the attendance in the county today than there was a few years ago. Possibly not twice the number of children but many times over in the number of attending adults. The modern Sunday school includes interesting classes for all ages.

BALLOONIST KILLED.

Drops Several Thousand Feet and Meets Almost Instant Death.

Jackson, Miss., July 31.—William Oliver is dead today as a result of falling from his balloon. His ascension was made at Vandercook late Thursday and was witnessed by a big crowd. Shouting "good-bye" he sailed 3000 feet, then cut loose the parachute, which failed to work. He struck the ground with such force that he died a few minutes later.

HEAT REACHES TOP NOTCH

ALL RECORDS OF AT LEAST TWENTY-TWO YEARS BROKEN.

Mercury Reaches 106, Recording a Point Never Attained in La Grande Since Records Were Kept—Two Degrees Hotter Than Yesterday—Records for the Time Named Complete Except in Two Years—No Knowing How Long Since the Record Was Equalled.

All records in heat annals in La Grande for at least 22 years were broken this afternoon when the mercury at the government weather observatory registered 106 degrees in the shade. With the exception of two years, the records furnished herewith are authentic. During the years of 1896 and 1897 the records were not maintained in proper order, but au-

BIG TRANSACTION IN UNION COUNTY MINE PROPERTY IS CONSUMMATED

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEAL CLOSED YESTERDAY BY LA GRANDE MINEOWNERS.

Salt Lake People Buy Eclipse Mines for \$75,000—Will Return and Keep Three Shifts at Work on the Property—Call it a Rich Proposition—Two Years in Which to Pay Balance of the Transaction—Mine is one of the Richest in That Section of the County.

The Eclipse copper mine was sold yesterday to Utah mining men for \$75,000, and they have returned to Salt Lake to arrange the immediate opening of the mine with three crews of men.

This mine is situated about 35 miles east of La Grande on Copper creek, and contains one of the largest and richest bodies of copper in that mineral district.

This mine was owned entirely by La Grande people of whom the follow-

ing were the heaviest stockholders: D. A. McAllister, H. C. Cotner, W. B. Sargent, J. M. Egan, John McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williamson.

Two thousand dollars was paid down and the purchasers have two years in which to pay the balance. As they are mining men of experience and will commence active work immediately, it is expected that within a few months this will be one of the liveliest camps on Copper creek, and the Eclipse mine will soon be a large producer of copper.

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THOUSANDS EAT OPIUM.

At Least 5000 New Yorkers Are Addicted to the Opium Habit.

Washington, July 31.—At least 5,000 persons in New York city are slaves to the opium habit according to a statement made today by Dr. Wright one of three representatives of America on the international commission investigating the opium traffic throughout the world. He says there are from 600 to 1000 Chinese residents of New York who are addicted to the habit. The commission intends to investigate the conditions in every big city in the United States.

Ready for Endurance Run.

New York, July 31.—Automobile racers are today preparing for the endurance contest from New York to San Francisco and return. Cars leave New York August 25. According to the itinerary the cars will reach San Francisco on September 2 and arrive here again October 8. Drivers will be required to run to the coast over one route and return by another. Each car must carry four persons, a driver, mechanic, observer and a newspaper man.

Weyerhaeuser Keeps Out.

St. Paul, July 31.—F. P. Weyerhaeuser, son of the millionaire lumberman, denies his father's interests are connected with those of the \$300,000,000 lumber merger. He says he will keep what yellow pine he has.

QUIET ABOUT COURT HOUSE.

Tax Money Not Coming in and Only Two Offices Are Very Busy.

The county school superintendent and the assessor's office are the most busy offices in the court house this week. In the sheriff's department there is but little to do as the time for receiving tax money is yet a month in

the future, and besides, everybody is good.

The treasurer has little to do until the money begins to come in. The same thing is true in the clerk's office, where the usual busy air is a trifle stagnant now. The recorder's department is not over-rushed with work, either.

Jeffries Retires.

Los Angeles, July 31.—Jim Jeffries announced today that he intends to withdraw from the club bearing his name. He will not referee any more fights because things are not run right.

Youth Goes to Prison.

Ukiah, Cal., July 31.—Jesse Hancock, a youth, was today sentenced to 15 years at San Quentin for the murder of Fritz Steinhart in April.

THREE MURDERS AVENGED BY ROPE

DOUBLE HANGING AT SAN QUENTIN THIS MORNING.

Gas Pipe Thugs of San Francisco Are Hanged Before Large Crowd This Morning—Both Converted to Catholic Faith Before Death—One is Silent—Both Tremble at Sight of the Death Machine and the Crowd—The Two Have Killed Three Men.

San Quentin, July 31.—Louis Dabner and John Siemsen, the San Francisco gas pipe thugs, were hanged simultaneously at San Quentin prison at 10:30 this morning. Two hundred persons witnessed the hanging. The priest who converted both murderers to the Catholic faith, remained in the cells praying with the doomed men until the warden appeared shortly before 10 to make preparations for the death march.

Everything was still in the old furniture factory where the gallows are.

Their arms were strapped to their sides and two rows of guards took their stand on either side of the condemned men, and the march began, led by the warden and the priest.

Both Fear Death.

Both men trembled visibly as they faced the crowd in front of them. Almost instantly, as they stepped on the trap, guards drew the black caps over their heads. The hangman adjusted the nooses. The warden raised his hand and the guards in a hidden box released the cords operating the traps and three murders were avenged.

Just before the cap was put on Siemsen said to the crowd, "Good-bye, all." Dabner went to his death without saying a word.

San Quentin, July 31.—The crime for which Dabner and Siemsen were hanged were a series of cold-blooded murders, causing a reign of terror in San Francisco immediately after the earthquake. The two men dashed out

BRYAN TO FLY HEARST CLIQUE

ALLEGED PACKING OF CONVENTION IS MOTIVE.

Startling Allegations Made by Nebraska Delegate to Independence Convention Are Tame Compared With What is Coming From Bryan—"Mum" on Rumor That Hearst and Bryan Are Swapping Support Which Would Mean Aid to Bryan This Campaign.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—Bryan is expected to make a sensational statement on the motive behind the independence party immediately following his formal notification of his nomination. The filing of an affidavit in Chicago Thursday by Joseph T. Marshall, one of the independence delegates from Nebraska, in which he alleges W. B. Hearst "packed" the convention in the interest of the republicans, is said to be but a forerunner of the revelations expected from Bryan.

Bryan declined to discuss the report that Hearst had made him an offer whereby Bryan was to receive the support of the independence party this year in return for Bryan's support of Hearst's aspirations to the democratic nomination in 1912.

Contributions are pouring into Fairview from every section of the country.

the brains of three men, with robbery as a motive. The first slew J. Pfeiffer, an humble shoe merchant in a little establishment on McAllister street. Three weeks later he murdered William Friede, a haberdasher. Soon after, M. Munakata, president of the Kinross Ginko Japanese bank, was murdered and his clerk dangerously injured. Dabner and Siemsen took \$2800. It was for the Japanese murder that they were hanged.

The thugs interspersed their murders with many robberies. The convict was sent to prison for one of the robberies, but was released when Dabner confessed.

Mother Bids Son Good-Bye.

Dabner's poor mother visited her son for the last time a few days ago. She wept bitterly, but Dabner paid no attention to her.

Dabner and Siemsen died friends. A reconciliation was effected last night, Siemsen extending his hand in forgiveness. Before Dabner retired last night Siemsen wrote this note and handed it to Dabner for his signature:

"Mother dear, forgive Dabner; you, mamma, forgive and forget all. This is Dabner and I. May you in your grief, feel for Mrs. Dabner. What you suffer so will she. Pray for us in this, our time of misfortune."

The note was signed by both men. Siemsen was angry at Dabner for confessing. Siemsen's mother is now in Honolulu.

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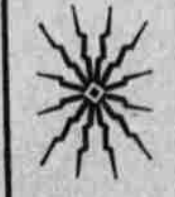
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