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BRUTAL MURDER DONE AT SALEM

WIFE SLAUGHTERED WITH RAZOR IN DRUNKEN HANDS.

Revelation Made This Morning in Salem Rooming House—Drunk Husband Murders Wife and Then Attempts Suicide—Will Live—Was Frequently Drunk and Quarrelsome—Wife Said Yesterday Husband Attempted to Stab Her Recently.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 21.—In a drunken frenzy Elias Timmons, a pasterer, aged 27, killed his wife, aged 19, with a razor last night, in a rooming house in this city, and then cut his own throat. Timmons will live.

The couple came to Salem from Portland about five weeks ago. The body of the girl was found at 7:30 this morning in the room with the murderer, who was unconscious.

Timmons was frequently drunk. The girl told the landlady yesterday that her husband held a knife over her Tuesday night.

GRAIN ELEVATORS BURN.

Fire in Denver Last Night Causes Loss of a Half Million.

Denver, Oct. 21.—The grain elevator of the Hungarian flour mills was destroyed by an incendiary fire today at a loss of a half million dollars. The police are looking for three men who are suspected. They were seen around the engine room a few minutes before the fire was discovered. Four hundred thousands bushels of wheat were destroyed.

NO CLEW AS TO MURDERER'S IDENTITY

DASTARDLY CRIME DONE IN PORTLAND LAST NIGHT.

Police Thus Far Unable to Lay Hands on Perpetrator of Fiendish Crime—Victim Dies on Doorstep.

Portland, Oct. 21.—The police are without any clew as to the identity of the assassin of Harry Butterworth, a prominent jeweler of St. John, a suburb of Portland, who was shot and instantly killed at his front door, on his way home last night. He left the shop at 9 o'clock. A few minutes later his family heard some one fall on the front porch. They looked out and discovered the wounded man, shot through the breast. He died without uttering a word. His clothes were covered with powder marks, showing the murderer was standing close.

DIED IN A DESERT.

Note Book Containing Last Entries Found on Dead Body.

Los Angeles, Oct. 21.—Thirty miles from human habitation, B. T. Pratt, a miner, aged 60, starved to death in the Inyo county desert, according to a report by G. W. Lewis and H. E. Shankland, who returned from a prospecting tour in the Argus mountains. The note book was scribbled full of the terrible account of his dying agonies. It bore Pratt's name and contained the following entry, among others:

"I left Grapevine, Inyo county, California, July 25. Thomas S. Pratt told me I would perish. I thought I could make it but I got lost. So I guess I will have to give in. I have no water, nothing to eat, and cannot walk."

RETIRE BLOCK OF S. P. STOCK

MILLIONS OF RAILROAD PREFERRED STOCK RETIRED.

Company Undecided as to How It Will Be Done—Will Mean Large Saving—One Batch Issued During Hard Times—Convertible Into Common Stock at Par—The Earnings Will Be Over a Million Yearly—Shows Financial Status.

New York, Oct. 21.—An official announcement was made today that the Southern Pacific will soon retire preferred stock amounting to \$24,566,000.

The management figures \$1,500,000 a year will be saved by retiring it. They are undecided as to the best method of doing it.

The preferred stock was issued in 1904 when the company was paying dividends. Another issue was made last year when money was tight. The stock is 7 per cent cumulative, subject to call at 115 until July, 1910, and convertible into common stock at par at holders' option.

Photograph Records of Abstracts.

Walla Walla, Oct. 20.—A rectograph is being put in place in the county auditor's office by the Dean-McLean Abstract company. The rectograph will photograph the county records which will be used in the abstracts. It is believed that this will save much work in the matter of copying the records and will be more rapid. The outfit cost several hundred dollars. The photograph of the page will be large enough so that the words on it can be read distinctly.

CLAIMS VOTERS WERE COERCED

BRYAN ATTACKS VANDERBILT ROAD MANAGERS.

Speech Said to Have Been Made Last Night by Three Principal Officials, Threatening Reduction in Wages if Bryan is Elected—This Subject for Bitter Attack by Bryan Today—Thinks the Acts Should Be Punished—Hurries On.

Mt. Vernon, O., Oct. 21.—Declaring officials of the Vanderbilt railroad are attempting to coerce and intimidate employees into voting for the republican ticket, Bryan made a bitter attack upon the general manager, Van Winkle, Vice-President Schaff, and Assistant Superintendent Ingalls, in a speech here today.

He created a big sensation. The attack was the result of speeches by the three officials to employees in Bellfontaine, O., last night. Bryan said their statement of democratic victory meant a cut in wages is "coercion and a crime against the franchise that ought not to be allowed to go unpunished."

Bryan said: "Confronted with the wrath of the people whose earnings they have taken for their own, the predatory corporations threaten a panic if the people elect me. Taft was in the president's cabinet when the panic last year started, and if he and the strenuous president could not prevent a panic, how little chance there is for Taft alone. I am fighting to restore business competition, and not to destroy business."

Bryan called attention to the fact that Ingalls is a son-in-law of Charles Taft.

Bryan will go to New York after giving one day, instead of the rest of the week, to West Virginia. He will not visit Maryland and New Jersey. He declares Ohio is won for the democrats. Mr. Bryan will make 15 speeches in Ohio today.

Beaten by Robbers.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Left unconscious on a sand lot over night with his head and face beaten almost to a pulp, and his throat cut, Frederick Kauffman, an employee of the Oakland Gas company, today has little chance to survive. The robbers attacked him in the dark.

Presbyterians Leave Home.

Bellingham, Oct. 21.—Because they could not life a debt of \$675 and pay the salary of the pastor, the Presbyterians of the little town of Nooksack have forsaken the church, becoming Methodists, who bought the Presbyterian property.

FIRE CREATES A FATAL PANIC

New York Fire Causes Many to Jump for Their Lives

New York, Oct. 21.—Three were burned to death in a big tenement fire in Month this morning. Several tenants were injured by jumping. Windows became clogged in the wild panic. Three bodies were found after the fire was put out. Incendiarism is suspected.

GRUESOME EXPLOSION.

Explosion in Culebra Cut Scatters the Bodies of Five Men.

New Orleans, Oct. 21.—Five men were blown to atoms in an explosion of a hidden charge of dynamite which was hit by a steam shovel in Culebra cut, according to a cable dispatch from Colon, Panama, today. The bodies of the victims were scattered for a half mile.

THE BEST MOVING PICTURES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE PASTIME.

Three reels of pictures and two illustrated songs for 10c at the Pastime.

PATROL BEACH IN SEARCH OF EX-SOLON

DEFECTIVE WIRES PREVENT ADDITIONAL FACTS.

Wealthy Canner of Marshfield and Two Companions Thought to Be Lost—Parties Search Beach.

Marshfield, Ore., Oct. 21.—Searching parties are patrolling the Curry county beach for a trace of R. D. Hume, a wealthy canneryman and former member of the legislature, and two companions, who were on two gasoline schooners which were wrecked on Gold beach during Monday's storm. Brief telephone messages last night told of the wreck. The wires were in trouble before the remainder of the message was received, leaving the fate of the three men unknown here.

Labor Federation.

Denver, Col., Oct. 21.—One of the most important conventions of the year will be held in Denver, beginning November 9, when the American Federation of Labor will hold its annual session. The session will doubtless be of the greatest interest, since it will follow the national election, and the result of the Gompers declaration in favor of Bryan will be apparent. The coming election is looked upon as a crucial test of the political influence of organized labor. If the results of the federation's venture into politics should not be satisfactory to the rank and file of the members, an attempt may be made at the convention next month to return to the old policy of abstention from participation in political activities. The socialist delegates will probably make an attempt to oust President Samuel Gompers from the position of executive head of the federation.

Centennial of Masons.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 21.—Cincinnati is thronged today with Masons from all over the state, here to participate in the centennial celebration of the Ohio Grand Lodge. It was just 100 years ago that Masonry was launched in the Buckeye state, and the anniversary will be fittingly observed during the next three days. A parade with 10,000 Masons in line, with bands and flags in confusion, is one of the features of the program. There are 75,000 Masons in the state and a large portion of them are already here, or will come later. Elaborate exercises and addresses by distinguished Masons will be held in Music hall.

Inspect Mississippi.

St. Louis, Oct. 21.—An inspection trip from St. Louis to New Orleans was commenced today by the Mississippi River commission. The government steamer Mississippi is being used by the commissioners. Public hearings regarding river improvements will be held at various places along the way.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Fire Breaks Out in Ship Undergoing Repairs in Yard.

NEW YORK FIRE CAUSES MANY TO JUMP FOR THEIR LIVES

Newburg, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Four men were burned to death today in a fire destroying the steamer New York, which was undergoing repairs in the shipyards. Fifty persons were aboard and the four dead were trapped below the decks. It is supposed an explosion was the cause of the fire. The wooden boat burned rapidly.

SHAWNEE OKLA. COSTLY

Shawnee, Okla., Oct. 21.—At least 100 persons are thought to have been killed by a cloudburst and flood west of here last night, according to reports received today. Details are meager, as all telegraph and telephone wires are down. The crest of the flood occurred this morning. Hundreds of farmers fled to tree tops to save their lives. Bridges over the entire country about here were destroyed. It is impossible to communicate with the flooded district.

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TAFT TO INVADE HOPELESS STATE

NEITHER PARTY CAN CLAIM THE STATE POSITIVELY.

Taft Will Enter Indiana Tomorrow—Both Parties Bidding Strongly for the Labor Element, But Many of That Class Will Go for Debs—Landslides Predicted, But Dopesters Are Unable to Even Predict What the Doubtful State Will Do.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 21.—When William Howard Taft begins his three-day stumping tour of Indiana tomorrow, he will enter upon one of the most important speaking crusades of his campaign. Backed up by Senator Beveridge and Vice-President Fairbanks, the republican presidential candidate will make a last supreme effort to turn in his favor the balance of public opinion that now swings variably from one side to the other, now apparently favoring the republicans, and again presaging a democratic victory. The breeze of Mr. Taft's oratory may swing the balance in his favor, and he and his political advisers will spend a busy three days in attempting to achieve that result.

Beyond all doubt, Indiana is the most hopeless state in the Union for the political dopesters. The most astute politicians of both parties are "up in the air" as to what November 3 may bring in the way of Hoosier votes. The more optimistic ones of both parties are talking of landslides and wild, improbable majorities for either Bryan or Taft. The conservative only shakes his head. If he be a democrat, he is certain that Bryan will get Indiana's electoral vote. If a republican, he is equally sure of Taft's victory. Asked for facts and figures to substantiate the faith that is in him, and he answers only in vaguely prescient monosyllables.

Many Indiana republicans still have sore spots left from the turn-down they received at the Chicago convention. They are inclined to hold Taft responsible. During the next three days Mr. Taft will endeavor to disabuse the minds of the disgruntled ones and prove to the satisfaction of the independent voters that he is a good fellow, and that the interests of the country, and especially Indiana, will be safe in his hands. If he succeeds, the possibility of defeat may be turned into victory.

There is further ground than that already indicated for maintaining this proposition. A very considerable proportion of the labor vote which is expected this year to be lost to the republicans will not go to the democrats.

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Odds and Ends SHOE SALE

\$2.50 Boy's Shoes \$1.89 a pair	Odds And Ends SHOE SALE A general cleaning out of all odds and ends of shoes consisting of Ladies, Men's and Children's at a saving from 25 to 50 per cent	75c and 85c Children Shoes 49c a pair	
\$1.50 and \$1.75 little folks Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$1.19 a pr	\$3.50 and \$4.00 men's Dress Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$2.98 a pr	\$3.50 to \$4.50 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$2.95 a pr.	\$2.25 to \$25.00 misses' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$1.69 a pair
\$1.25 and \$1.35 boys' and girls' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price 89c a pr	\$2.50 to \$2.75 ladies' every-day Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$1.95 a pr	\$4.00 to \$5.00 men's odds and ends. Sale Price \$3.45 a pr	\$1.50 and \$1.75 ladies' Shoes, odds and ends. Sale Price \$1.29 a pr

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