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ANDERSON CASE GIVEN TO JURY

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE DETECTIVE ONLY WITNESS.

Second Case Against Charles Anderson is Weak—Only One Witness for the State—Argue Case This Afternoon and Jurors Take Matter in Hand Late Today—Stevens Case is Determined in Favor of the Defendant Last Evening.

From a spectator's point of view, it would take about five minutes for the jury in the case of the State of Oregon against Charles Anderson, accused on a different count for selling intoxicating liquor, to acquit the defendant. The principal witness for the state has been the detective who was working in Union county some months ago for the local option league. He is virtually the only witness which the state has. The case was started yesterday and this afternoon the time was spent in arguing to the jury. The jury took the matter under advisement shortly after 3:30.

Stevens Acquitted.
The jury in the case of John Stevens, charged in the circuit court of violating the local option law, after being out about 10 minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Stevens is proprietor of a soft drink establishment at Summerville and sold a drink composed of ginger and brandy, labeled Homer's Ginger Brandy. The jury, from the evidence, did not consider it intoxicating.

British Sailors Drown.
Cuxhaven, Germany, Dec. 22.—A British cotton steamer was wrecked today on point Mizenhead. The captain and six men drowned.

Big Sheriff's Sale.
Eugene, Ore., Dec. 22.—To satisfy a judgment secured against M. B. Rankin of Portland by H. C. Mahon of Eugene, 4680 acres owned by Rankin was sold at sheriff's sale in Corvallis.

Northwestern Soon Untangled.
St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Horace G. Burt today became one of the receivers of the Chicago Northwestern railroad, which, it is predicted, will be free from entanglements within six months. Burt was formerly president of the Union Pacific.

CHANCE AN OUTLAW

CHICAGO CUBS CAPTAIN TO JOIN FRESNO TEAM.

Startling Announcement in Baseball-dom—Famous Captain Had Trouble at Home.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—That Frank Chance, captain of the Chicago Cubs, the world's champions for two successive years, has abandoned organized baseball, and will become a member of the "Outlaws," is the sensational statement made today by one of the directors of the Fresno club. He may join the San Francisco club and help boost baseball on the coast.

The directors said Chance's purpose in coming to California was solely to size up the baseball situation with a view to lining himself up with the outlaws. It is known that Chance had friction with President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals.

Chance today denied that he is going to the outlaw organization.

Korean Murderer Was Insane.
San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Declaring Wau Chang, who is being tried for the murder of Durham Stevens, the Japanese representative in Korea, was crazed by fancied wrongs inflicted on Korea, B. J. Lee, a Korean, today testified that Chang was unable to distinguish right from wrong. Others testified that Chang was insane on trouble of his native land.

ANOTHER MURDERER IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

DEATH OF W. C. SIMMONS WILL GO UNAVENGED.

Self-Defense is Loophole for Boise Citizen Who is Said to Have Shot and Killed Highland Valley Rancher

Boise, Dec. 22.—Alois Jauernig, charged with the murder of W. C. Simmons, of Highland valley, in September, was acquitted here today. Simmons was shot from mambush in the back yard of his ranch. Two years ago Simmons maimed Jauernig and killed the latter's brother-in-law. He was acquitted on the grounds of self-defense.

FROZEN POTATO CAUSE OF DEATH

PASADENA FAMILY NOW OBJECT OF PITY AS WELL.

Funeral of the Boy Who Starved to Death Yesterday Held Today Without a Word of Religion to Mark the Event—Parents Adhere to Principles, But Realize Children Need Better Food—Refused Food Sent by Neighbors to Family.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 22.—Frozen potatoes eaten by the family of Edward Brokaw, the single taxer, is today believed to have caused the death of the little half-starved Leonard Brokaw, and rendered his two sisters, Inez and Vaughn, seriously ill. It is believed poison was in the tomatoes also eaten.

No Religion at Funeral.
With no word of religion the funeral of Leonard was held this morning from the front porch of the Brokaw home. Professor Vail, a friend of the family, delivered a brief funeral oration over the body in the tiny case. Although food had been sent the Brokaw home, the single taxer and wife refused to change their diet. Spurning meat, eggs, milk and various food which is under their ban, the couple was half starved but loyal to their tenets. They ate breakfast today, consisting of crackers, peanut butter and gruel made of flour.

Despite the fact that the elder Brokaws refuse certain kinds of food, Dr. Beach says he thinks the father has awakened to a realization that the children should be given more solid food.

May Die From Burns.

Woman Fatally Burned and Child Rescued from Blaze.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—While Mrs. Julia Lavethan was fondling a four-months-old baby, her daughter, ten months in the apartments, her dress caught fire from an open fireplace in the room. Before her screams attracted the neighbors, the woman had received burns from which it is feared she will die. The baby was rescued from the blazing bed on which the mother threw her. The husband is racing back from Los Angeles.

SALEM CALLOWS TO BE DUSTED

MURDER CASE IN PORTLAND IS NOW UNDER TRIAL.

One of Long List of Murder Cases in Portland Disposed of—Sentence of Hanging Imposed on Daly Who Killed His Former Employer—Trial of Finch, the Young Attorney, is Progressing—Three Witnesses Called—Pleads Self-Defense.

Portland, Dec. 22.—Harry Daly, who killed Harry Kenny on the night of November 16, was today sentenced to hang by Judge Gantenbein. Daly killed Kenny, his former employer, in a saloon, when the latter refused to give him a job as bartender. When asked if he had anything to say, he replied that he was innocent. "I would rather die than spend the rest of my life in prison."

Finch Trial on.
Portland, Dec. 22.—Three witnesses testified this morning in the trial of James Finch, accused of assassinating Attorney Ralph Fisher, a prosecutor for the Bar association. The defendant's attorneys rely on self-defense to secure an acquittal. M. O. Wilkins testified there were no signs of a struggle in Fisher's office a moment after the shot was fired. Charles Fisher, the dead man's brother, gave unimportant testimony. S. M. Gellert, the autopsy physician described the wounds.

Queen's Christmas Shopping.
London, Dec. 22.—Queen Victoria has completed her Christmas shopping and is now ready for the annual festival which will be observed in the customary manner at Sandringham palace. Not only has her majesty selected gifts for all her royal relatives and attendant nobles, but the humblest servants of her household will be remembered. The old women of the state will be personally cared for by the queen, who will distribute shawls and other articles of clothing among them.

Savants Assembling.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 22.—Never before have so many distinguished savants and men of science gathered in a South American city as are assembling in Santiago today to participate in the deliberations of the fourth Pan-American Scientific congress. The distinguished delegates, who represent every country of South America, as well as the United States and Mexico, are being entertained by the Chilean government. The first formal session will convene Christmas day, and the intervening days will be occupied by receptions, banquets and scientific expeditions to points in the vicinity of Santiago.

COSGROVE JOKES OVER CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES HAVE NOT BEEN DECIDED.

Justice of the Peace Could Swear in the New Governor—Not Likely This Will Be Done—Can't Return on Time.

Paso Robles, Dec. 2.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, is in excellent humor today. He deplored the fact that the physicians would not allow him to eat turkey on Christmas. He is improving constantly. It is not certain what will be done about his inauguration.

Cosgrove could be sworn in by a justice of the peace or notary public, but whether the inauguration could take place here is undecided. There is little probability that he will be able to return to Washington by the appointed day—January 11. His wife is preparing a merry Christmas for her husband at the hotel.

Democratic Rendezvous Burned.
New York, Dec. 22.—The famous Gilsey house, on Broadway and 29th street, caught fire early today. The guests escaped in safety. The hotel for years was the rendezvous for democratic politicians.

Lipton Backs Down.
London, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced today he would not challenge the holders of the American cup because he is unable to agree with the New York Yacht club on conditions of the race. The designer of the 1909 model was ordered to burn all plans of the challenging yacht, which had been drawn for Lipton.

THE SHORTEST DAY

SUN NOW IN THE SIGN OF CAPRICORNUS.

Total Eclipse of the Sun Tomorrow, Though it is Not Visible in North America.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Today is the shortest day of the year for all folks who live in the Northern hemisphere. Tomorrow the sun will begin its upward climb among the stars, and the days will slowly lengthen. At 1 o'clock this morning the sun entered what is known among astronomers as the sign of Capricornus, marking the astronomical beginning of winter, which will last until the orb has reached the celestial equator in March, marking the end of winter and the astronomical beginning of spring. There will be a total eclipse of the sun tomorrow morning, but it will be invisible in North America. The path of this central eclipse crosses the southern part of South America, the South Atlantic, South Africa and the Indian ocean. The eclipse will be annular at the beginning and end, and total in the middle. It will be observed by some of the leading astronomers of the United States and South America and will add interest to the Pan-American Scientific congress, which will shortly begin its session in Santiago, Chile.

BAXTER ESCAPED DEATH ALMOST MIRACULOUSLY

SHARP SPLINTER PENETRATES SKIN BUT MISSES ABDOMEN.

George Baxter of Mt. Glen, Returned to His Home Today After a Short Stay in the City—Escape Declared Marvellous.

George Baxter of Mt. Glen, left the hospital today to return to his home after more than a week's stay in the city, following an accident that, or sheer good fortune has had few equals in the history of local surgery. Mr. Baxter had felled a tree and was working in the branches, trimming away limbs preparatory to sawing the tree into logs. He lost his equilibrium and, being near the ground, sprang to one side to gain his balance. The act nearly lost him his life, for he fell on a splintered sapling and the sharp point penetrated his groin and for a distance of nine inches plowed its way between the skin and the lining of the abdomen. A hair's breadth to one side would have meant disembowelment. The splinter held him so firm that escape was impossible and his fellow workers had to lift him carefully from his precarious position. Bleeding profusely he was brought to La Grande, where Dr. Hubbard dressed the wounds. His escape from death was truly remarkable and Baxter's many friends are today congratulating him that his return to home was a possibility.

GERMS IN MEAT.

Bacteriological Examination Reveals Presence of Common Germs.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 22.—George Wilcox, of the marine hospital, has completed the bacteriological examination of the beef served at the launching of the collier Prometheus, which caused the death of Mrs. Ross and a waiter. Wildason found germs common in decayed meat. The testimony will be used at the inquest over Walter Reynolds tomorrow.

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BUILD WARSHIPS TO AID U. S.

THREE DREADNAUGHTS BEING BUILT FOR BRAZIL.

Information Leaks Out That Three Monster Fighting Ships Being Built at London Are for Brazil, That She May Help the United States Fight Germany—Estimated That 750,000 in Brazil Are Germans, Making Their Homes There.

London, Dec. 22.—Englishmen believe now that the three Dreadnaughts being built here for Brazil, will be used by that country to help the United States fight Germany. British business men with large interests in Brazil, and neighboring states, have investigated the unprecedented naval activity in the South American nation, and they are convinced that the three formidable fighting vessels are not being built for some other country as at first surmised.

It is estimated that fully 750,000 Germans are now a part of Brazil's population.

Railroad President Resigns.
New York, Dec. 22.—President W. H. Newman, of the New York Central railroad, has tendered his resignation today to the board of directors.

Baker Case Reversed.
Salem, Dec. 22.—By a supreme court decision in the case of Bert Hill vs. C. E. Saugstad, heard at Pendleton and appealed from Baker county, was reversed and a new trial ordered.

Expect a Kinglet.
Hague, Dec. 22.—It was announced officially in parliament today that Queen Wilhelmina expects soon to present Holland with an heir to the throne. There is much rejoicing.

The Crisis is Over.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—In a statement mailed today to every local organization in the United Mineworkers of America, President Lewis says the crisis in the affairs of the organization has passed. He pleads for the abandonment of petty disputes.

Gossip of the Ring.
New York, Dec. 22.—Only a little more than three days to wait, and the world's heavyweight championship, the blue ribbon of pugilism, will again be decided. Any other little mills to be pulled off this week are eclipsed, as topics of conversation in sporting circles, by the bout in far-away Sydney, Australia, which will settle the long mooted question of supremacy between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson. Although the battle-field is more than 11,000 miles from Broadway, the interest is just as intense as if it was to be staged at some nearer point. "Is it a fake?" is the question which all the fight fans are asking each other today, and the answer is not yet agreed upon.

Forty-Seven Denominations.
New York, Dec. 22.—Forty-seven denominations, embracing practically every sect of Protestantism in the United States and Canada, will have representatives at the 16th conference of the Foreign Mission Boards of America, opening in this city on January 13.

Recover Buried Bodies.
Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 22.—Messages from Davenport today announce the death of three men buried under tons of rock last night by a landslide of the Portland Cement quarry. All bodies were recovered.



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