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## POURED ACID INTO THROAT

### SEATTLE HAS CRIME THAT IS A NEW VENTURE IN THE ANNALS OF SOUND CITY CRIMES

### FORCES ACID DOWN UNCONSCIOUS MAN'S THROAT.

When unconscious robbers pour carbolic acid down his throat—Has friends in St. Paul but can't locate addresses—Was of big physique and fought to prevent death at hands of the two thugs.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—Seized from behind by two or more men and garroted and dragged into an alleyway and then robbed and deliberately killed by having carbolic acid poured down his throat as he lay on the ground unconscious was the fate befalling Charles A. Gunstead.

The dead body was found at two o'clock this morning on Post street, near Yessler Way, by a Greek named Martin Mevsick, and it now lies in the morgue awaiting advices from the man's relatives who live in St. Paul but whose addresses are unknown.

The inquest will be held today or tomorrow. The murder of Gunstead is one of the most unusual and fiendish acts ever committed in Seattle. There is not a mark on the man's body save the acid burns around the mouth. The man is of such powerful build that it is certain that he put up a hard fight before being overpowered.

## TRUE BILL IS RETURNED

### GRAND JURY IN SESSION BUT A SHORT TIME TODAY.

### Holmes and West indictment and old matters corrected up.

After being in session a few hours today the special session of the grand jury came to an end with the return of one true bill against the two boys, Holmes and West, held for burglary, not in a dwelling house.

Aside from probing the box car case, the grand jury took up the matter of correcting clerical errors in some old indictments, and this done, the jurors adjourned sine die.

LATER—Harry West and Harry Holmes this afternoon pleaded guilty and waiving time, sentence was passed by Judge Knowles, West receiving a sentence of two years and Holmes three years in the penitentiary. The reason Holmes received a greater sentence was due to the fact that his previous record showed he had served time from this county a few years ago.

### Fair Officers.

The agricultural officers met with the board of directors of the Union County Exposition Co., and elected from that company Fred Currey to act as secretary for the Agricultural Society for the ensuing year.

President—J. D. McKennon, La Grande.

Commissioners—C. D. Huffman, of La Grande; F. E. Smith, Elgin; S. F. Pace, of Enterprise; and C. T. McDaniel, of Wallowa.

### Auto Racing at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—Six races, twenty-five miles, are to be decided in the Mardi Gras racing meeting here today. Motorist from all over the land are here, including Ralph de Palma, the famous track and road racing driver, who makes his first appearance in competition since one of his legs was broken in a track race at Danbury, Conn., last summer. de Palma is still hobbling around on a cane.

## FUGITIVE SHOOTS SELF

### BARRICADED FROM POSSE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

### Driven insane from loss of sleep, fugitive commits suicide

Walker, Minn., Feb. 5.—After being besieged in a fortified house for two days, Walter McDonald, who shot and mortally wounded Howard Sexton, committed suicide today just as the posse and deputy sheriffs were preparing to storm his barricades. The defense of McDonald was spectacular. He was pursued by deputies and police and fled to his home in which he took refuge. After barricading the windows and doors, he stationed himself near one of the openings and kept the pursuers at bay. For more than 48 hours the desperate man fired at every head appearing within range of his gun. Finally, driven almost insane from loss of sleep he turned the weapon adopted a plan for storming the barricades, when they heard the shot and reconnoitered. They discovered the body of McDonald. McDonald is reported to have shot Sexton for refusing to buy him a drink.

## ELECTION IS FIXED

### HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION UP FOR VOTE ON FEB. 27

### School board issues notice of special school meeting here

February 27th is the date of the school election to accept or reject the issue of \$75,000 bonds for repair of the grade schools and the building of a new high school. The school board met last night and acted on the petition already filed with them with signature from sufficient of the large taxpayers. The date of the election was set for Feb. 27th. There was little else of importance transacted besides this.

## FARMERS IN FOR ELECTION

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF COUNTY UNION.

### Proposition of buying sacks also up for consideration today.

Annual election of officers for the county union of the Farmers Co-operative Union took place late this afternoon. Prominent members of the union from North Powder to Elgin, are here to participate. The proposition of buying sacks for the coming summer was also discussed, although it is doubtful of an order will be placed this afternoon.

## CRIME ARTIST NOW EXPOSED

### SINCE ARREST OF WM. GOHL MATY TALK WHO DARED NOT WHILE HE WAS AT LIBERTY

### ABERDEEN ENRAGED AT WORK OF OUTLAW, GOHL.

Many new murders and acts of arson discovered and laid at door of imprisoned seaman—Former friend cowed by threats, dares now to tell of what Gohl has done in the way of murder and arson.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 5.—Aberdeen is throbbing with great interest over the most sensational murder case it has ever had and citizens who have kept silent as long as William Gohl was a free man through fear of personal harm from him are now telling tales which cast sombre hues over the past of his life and connect him with crimes ranging from arson to murder.

### Former Friend talks

Charles Jacobson, formerly the warmest friend of the accused man but now embittered against the prisoner for alleged "Double Crosses," told the police today that Gohl started a big fire here about eighteen months ago by setting off an infernal machine in the Alaska saloon. Jacobson said that he did this in the spirit of revenge against the saloon proprietor and others in the block.

### Several Murders are Charged.

Jacob Miller, formerly a deputy sheriff, and wife, who left here some time ago to live in one of Gohl's cabins in the mountains, have not been heard of since and it is thought that this is another matter that will be investigated and probably layed at his door.

Charles Hattberg met death when his back was turned to the murder. This fact was established by autopsy. The work of the surgeons show that the bullets which caused the death of the murdered man entered the brain at the back of the head, travelling upward. Hattberg was dead, according to the physicians, when the anchor was tied about his neck and the body thrown in a river.

## TROUTDALE GIRL KILLED

### BODY HURLED SIXTY FEET BY O. R. & N. EXPRESS

### Eye witness sees little girl run into by the fast train.

Troutdale, Ore., Feb. 5.—Sadie Utting, aged 12 years, was run down and instantly killed at 10 o'clock this morning by an express of the O. R. & N. Co. railroad. Eye witnesses say the little girl's body was hurled 60 feet when struck by the train, which was traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

### Receives Life Sentence

Stockton, Calif., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Emma Ledoux, who pleaded guilty to the murder of A. N. McVicar took a life sentence rather than attempt to stand the ordeal of a second trial with the possibility of a second death sentence. She was taken to prison this morning.

## DEFENSE HAS RESTED CASE

### REBUTTAL EVIDENCE INTRODUCED MONDAY BY HENEY IS THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OF CASE

### LAST GUN FIRED BY THE DEFENSE AT NOON TODAY.

Court has adjourned until Monday—Jury will get the case some time in the middle of the week unless new matters crop out—Last evidence introduced by Hermann not of material weight.

Portland, Feb. 5.—Col. Worthington closed the defense in the Blinger Hermann trial at 11:15 this morning and a few minutes later court adjourned until Monday when Henev will begin putting in rebuttal testimony, which will take until Monday noon.

It will probably be the latter part of next week before the jury will find a verdict.

As the last gun in the defense at the testimony of Henry Meldrum during the session this morning. W. W. Cathcart, a former employee in Meldrum's office was put on the stand and told of the time when Hermann visited the office and said Hermann and Meldrum were in the room alone. He knew Mays, he said, but Mays was not in the office at the time Hermann was there and he fixed the date as some time in the fall of 1902. Cathcart's testimony was weakened by the fact that Hermann's visit was in 1901 and not in 1902.

### MONEY IN HOGS.

### T. T. Glenn sells 16 head for \$379.20 Nearly \$30 each

T. T. Glenn brought in 16 head of hogs from Summerville which he disposed of for \$379.00, lacking 80 cents of averaging \$30 per head. The price was eight cents per pound, live weight. Mr. Glenn stated that really he did not have the heart to take the money, and would never have thought of asking such a price, but as the offer came to him he did not have the heart to refuse. When hogs bring as much or more than beef cattle, there must be money in raising hogs at the present time.

### Sentenced for Embezzlement

Mason City, Mich., Feb. 5.—For the embezzlement of nearly \$700,000 state funds, former State Treasurer Frank Glazier was sentenced today to serve an indeterminate sentence of from five to 10 years in the penitentiary.

### Javelin to Replace Hammer.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5.—That the "big six" colleges in the Northwest athletic conference will abolish the hammer throw, substituting in its stead the javelin throw in future field meets, and that the two-mile run will be added to the list of track events is probable, according to delegates in attendance at today's meeting of the athletic representatives of the six schools.

Danger to spectators whenever the 16-pound missile is thrown through inability of the athlete to control the direction of his throw, is assigned as cause for the desire to abolish the event.

Adolph Wealthy a prominent rancher of the Elgin section, was in the city this morning transacting business matters.

### Big Athletes Compete.

New York, Feb. 5.—More than two hundred athletes are entered for the annual mid-winter games of the Irish-American athletic club.

Among the out of town champions who will compete are James Rector, the country's greatest sprinter; and Bobby Kerr, the fast Canadian sprinter. Also Wilton Paull, the great half miler of the University of Pennsylvania. A dozen other universitaries, which include Boston and Pennsylvania and Chicago have sent on full teams.

## TWO DOZEN TAKE EXAMS

### LOCAL CIVIL SERVICE SECRETARY SUPERINTENDS

### Prepare questions to give to applicants for enumerator jobs

Two dozen people, including a sprinkling of women, this afternoon took the examination given by the civil service commission to select enumerators for the coming census taking in this county. The papers, coming from the government, were sent to Don Scott, secretary of the commission in this county, and Mr. Scott superintended the examination. No information as to the several local districts, or anything of that sort, is obtainable, as none of the census overseers are here. The people who took the exam, today have previously applied for blanks and instructions.

The examination was conducted in the Commercial Club.

### CHALMERS-DETROIT POPULAR

### Local agents get word of actual vote count in Portland contest

G. M. Richey and J. C. Henry, local agents for the Chalmers-Detroit car have been informed of the exact vote that resulted from the vote at the Portland Auto Show and have been given the figures of the result. The Chalmers Detroit proved the popular car with a vote of 242,220; the White got 14,290; the Winton 11,690 and the Cadillac 3,860. The rest were scattering.

## TWO HERDS GIVEN TESTS

### SAWYER AND GROUT HERDS ARE FOUND TO BE FREE OF THE DREADED DISEASE

### GOVERNMENT AGENT GIVES ATTENTION TO DAIRIES.

Work of testing dairy herds in and about La Grande has commenced—No trace of disease in those already tested—Public has been anxious to see the tests applied in and about La Grande.

Two La Grande milk sources have been tested for tuberculosis, and in these two instances, the herds are free of the dreaded disease. Dr. Fred N. Newell of Pendleton, with the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, has completed two tests here which include the herds of the Sawyer and Grout dairies.

Mr. Elwell is an expert in his line and comes to La Grande for the purpose of testing all the herds. He has already completed two dairy tests, and it is hoped that he will fall to find any trace of tuberculosis in any.

During the campaign for clean dairies that has spread over the state, milk consumers here have been anxious to have their sources tested, and the government inspection is in accordance with the public wish. The work will be completed as soon as possible.

### Fine Lot of Steers.

Walter Pierce disposed of two car loads of alfalfa beef cattle to the Grande Ronde Meat Co, which averaged 1200 pounds to the animal. A few stacks of alfalfa hay and a bunch of cattle are a combination that means a bank account in this country, and Union county farmers have many such combinations.

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