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WALDO PERRY MURDERED IN HIS OWN HOME AT UNION TEN DAYS AGO

FIVE BULLETS IN BODY WHEN IT WAS FOUND

BRUTAL MURDER ENACTED AT UNION RECENTLY, UNCOVERED THIS MORNING.

MYSTERY VEILS SHOOTING

Deputy County Assessor Waldo Perry Shot Down and Killed in His Home at Union Some Days Ago—Body Found on Stairway with Lamp in Hand—No Clue to the Murderer's Identity as Yet.

Union, Sept. 21—Special—Atrocious murder has been committed within the corporate limits of Union, and the victim, Waldo Perry, has lain in his own clogged and clogged blood for a period of about ten days while neighbors passed his residence at the mouth of Pile canyon without the slightest knowledge of the horrible crime that had been enacted or the gruesome end of the well known resident of this city made known. The discovery of the heinous crime, of a shooting at the dead of night, of five shots having been fired at Mr. Perry from the rear, were all made known this morning when neighbors, growing alarmed at the prolonged silence within the Perry home, battered down the door and forced an entrance only to be greeted by the horrible evidences of a bloody crime.

Happened Ten Days Ago.

There is every reason to believe that Perry was killed about ten days ago. There has been continued silence in the home for a period of about a week, though none of the witnesses at the coroner's jury could stipulate the exact length of that silence. The most specific evidence at hand was that he had not obtained his mail a week ago Sunday and since then has not been seen at the post office where he had been a daily visitor previously. This leads to the belief that he was killed Sunday night.

Lamp in Dead Hand.

A broken lamp was found in the dead man's hand indicating beyond a doubt that he had been shot down at night. His body was found at the bottom of the stairway in the home, with the lamp closely gripped in his hand. The position of the body, the lamp and the stairway at first led to the belief that he had fallen down the stairs and probably broken his neck or sustained other injuries that later proved fatal. With this belief prevalent the coroner's jury was called to investigate further. Casual investigations and probing soon discovered the presence of the crime. Five bullet holes tell the story. The punctures had occurred from the rear and it is likely that the man was shot while about to descend the stairs, and that the fiend doing the act had later thrown the body to the bottom of the stairs.

People who have studied conditions and circumstances are firm in their conviction that the murderer was in the home and shot the man from within the walls of the place.

Family in Portland.

Mr. Perry's family has been visiting in Portland for a considerable length of time and this in a measure explains why the crime lay uncovered so long. The wires have been kept burning this morning in an effort to locate the widow and children and it is presumed they will return to Union tomorrow morning.

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Was Deputy Assessor. Mr. Perry was about thirty-five years of age. He has been prominently identified with political matters in Union county and of late has been deputy assessor in this county. Always an energetic young man, his untimely death is particularly distressing.

Late reports, coming from Union this afternoon throw a slightly different color on the situation. It appears that Perry did not sleep up stairs and seldom used the garret for any purpose. It is presumed Perry heard some disturbance up stairs and started to investigate, only to be shot down while in the act. The house was locked this morning, when the crime was discovered, leading to the logical deduction that the murdered had calmly locked the house up on the scene of his crime after the shooting.

Two Bullets Found.

Doctors Myers and Cromwell and (Continued on page Eight.)

RUSK'S CHIP IS BRUSHED OFF BY JASPER

EXPONENT OF SONS OF TOLL DARES TO FACE SOLO.

Anti-Assemblyite Will Not Go Unchallenged Says Mr. Jasper.

A political chip which Hon. Jerry P. Rusk has carried about on his shoulders since he became a candidate for the state legislature from Union and Wallowa counties, is about to be brushed off. Rusk is running on an anti-assembly plank and has been endeavoring to tantalize assembly men with vigorous flaunting of a public debate challenges. For a time it seemed that Rusk was to go unchallenged and that his "open letters" would not "open up" a debate on the much-mooted topic.

But the challenge is not to go unheeded. W. R. Jasper, the Alico farmer has risen with an answer to the challenge and if Rusk will make good his assertions to debate the assembly question, a meeting will be arranged between these two at a time and place to be named. Springing up from the ranks of the farmer—that vast army of men and women supposedly versed to a greater degree of efficiency in the best methods of increasing the alfalfa production than in the fine points of politics and niceties of the public rostrum—the acceptance of the challenge affords ample color. Mr. Jasper is a farmer all right but he knows his A. B. C's. in politics. He was a delegate to the state assembly in Portland last spring from Union county and he asserts that he can present his side of the assembly question with equal clearness and thoroughness compared to the way in which Candidate Rusk claims to portray the anti-side.

While no formal arrangement has been made as to date and place it is presumed that if Mr. Rusk makes good the challenge it will be done this week prior to the primaries.

Should the momentous question be brought to a focus with a disciple of Blackstone propounding the anti-assembly scripture, and an exponent of the calloused sons of toll defending the principles and virtues of the assembly plan of suggesting candidates before the primary, it is likely that the past careers of politicians will be spot-lighted on the canvass of publicity.

A great deal of interest has suddenly developed in the case and it would not be surprising if The Observer announced further details in the matter by tomorrow evening.

JAMES TAWNEY CONTROL OF THE DEFEATED IN PRIMARIES CONVENTION UNCERTAIN

CANDIDATE WAS RIGHT HAND MAN TO CANNON AND REBUFF IS INDICATING TENDENCY.

ROOSEVELT AND SHERMAN ON EQUAL FOOTING ACCORDING TO RETURNS.

All Other Congressmen Renominated in Minnesota Except Tawney—Tawney is Only Minnesota Man Who Fought For the Payne Tariff Bill in the Last Session of Congress—Nye Renominated.

Minneapolis, Sept. 21—James Tawney, chairman of the house committee on appropriations and Cannon's right hand man, was defeated for renomination to congress in the first district by a plurality of 3,000 by his opponent, Sidney Anderson, an insurgent yesterday. Tawney's headquarters were closed and virtually conceded a defeat today. Tawney was openly supported by Taft's administration. The other congressmen were renominated. Nye Also Returned. Returns from 260 of the 271 precincts have been received. Congressman Nye won the fifth renomination after a hard fight as did also Congressman Stevens. Tawney was the only congressman from Minnesota supporting the Payne Tariff bill.

Next in Power to Cannon.

Washington, Sept. 21—Tawney's defeat in Minnesota is hailed as an important victory by the Insurgents. They consider Tawney next in power to Cannon and believe his views on conservation which are opposite to Roosevelt's and his allegiance to the present tariff has caused his downfall. If the next house is republican it is predicted Smith, of Iowa, will be the chairman of the appropriations committee.

MEDFORD MAN SHOT BY CHUM TARIFF LAW IS DEFENDED

QUARREL OVER WORTHLESS DOG ENDS FATALLY.

Feared More Blood Will be Spilled Before Fugitive is Caught.

Medford Sept. 21—A large posse headed by Sheriff Jones are hunting for Julian Mock, a carpenter, who last night killed Jesse Smith, a friend, in a quarrel over a worthless dog. Smith was stabbed four times, twice in the heart. Mock bears the reputation of being a hard fighter and it is expected that possibly there will be more bloodshed before he is captured. The men had been friends for years.

INCREASE SUSPENDED.

Proposed Rates Will Not Go Into Effect at Once as Planned.

Washington, Sept. 21—Interstate commerce commission today ordered the suspension of the proposed increase of the freight rates for the middle west roads until January 5, 1911. The suspension affects nearly all the roads entering Chicago.

Hearing of Live Stock Rates.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 21—J. Edgar Smith, one of the examiners of the Interstate Commerce Commission began a hearing here today on the rates on live stock between the Missouri river and Mississippi transfer points which were recently advanced by the railroads of the Western Trunk Line Association and were suspended by the Commission. The case is one of the most important of the western rate cases now before the commission, so important, in fact, that it was assigned for hearing separately from the western rate cases. The complaint is that the rates are unreasonable and discriminatory.

Freight Handlers Convene.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21—The Brotherhood of Railroad Freight Handlers convened here today, with delegates representing all the local branches throughout the United States and Canada.

JOHNSON MEETS SAM LANGFORD SOON

AGREEMENTS BEING REACHED THIS AFTERNOON IN BOSTON.

Langford So Anxious He Would Fight in an Aeroplane He Says.

Boston, Sept. 21—Sam Langford and Jack Johnson will meet in the office of a local newspaper today to arrange for a match for the world's heavy-weight championship. Johnson demands a forfeit of \$20,000 to go as a side bet, and Langford says he will be on hand with the coin.

Langford said today he would fight Johnson in an aeroplane or anywhere else, just so he can fight.

STEAMER TOTAL WRECK.

Expensive Ship Runs on Rocks and is Completely Destroyed.

New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 21—It was announced today that the steamer Paystreak which ran on the rocks in Pitt river will be a total loss. It was built for passenger service four years ago and cost \$24,000. Three passengers were aboard yesterday, but none were drowned.

May Select Bishop Brent.

Washington, Sept. 21—It is rumored in Episcopal church circles here that Bishop Charles Henry Brent of the Philippines, who was offered and refused the bishopric of Washington, may be chosen Bishop of Rhode Island. The fashionable summer residents of Newport are anxious to secure Bishop Brent for that diocese and will doubtless urge the matter at the Providence meeting today. Rhode Island has been without a bishop since the death of Rt. Rev. Dr. McVicker.

Bishop Brent is well known in New England having been connected with two Boston churches before going to the Philippines. As bishop of the distant island dependency, he has won international fame, his work having attracted the attention and commendation of President Taft and others high in the service of the government.

Another clergyman mentioned here in connection with the Rhode Island vacancy is Dr. Daniel Dulaney Addison, who has long been identified with educational African negro republic of Liberia and who was at one time trustee of the College of Monrovia, Liberia.

HUGE PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE GOVERNMENT

COMPLETION OF PANAMA CANAL WILL BE SIGNAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SQUABBLE.

RIGHTS SEEM EVIDENT

Will Uncle Sam Be Allowed to Fortify What Has Cost Him Hundreds of Millions to Build—Islands about the Place Make Fortifications Easy Matter—Others Will Object.

Washington, Sept. 21—Special—Now that the United States is about in the question of its fortification to complete the Panama Canal, many and have succeeded in raising discussion of the proposition. The United States, however, is going calmly with plans for defending the canal, which are before President Taft, and the question, if any serious opposition develops, must be settled in Congress this winter.

The eyes of the powers are turned toward the little strip of land ten miles long through which the United States, to the creaking of the steam shovels and the boom of the exploding dynamite is rapidly opening the big ditch which is to unite the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The Panama Canal is no longer a project. It is now a reality. Although the date set for the opening is 1915, the engineers are confident that ships will be taking this short cut between oceans a year sooner, or 1914.

Two years or even a year ago foreigners were content to admire the energy and skill which were sweeping away great obstacles. Today they are wondering what its effect is to be on world politics, and what advantages are to accrue to the United States through control of this strategic waterway.

For this reason, more than any other, foreigners are debating the question of the fortification of the canal. At the present moment also this consideration is of paramount interest to the United States because the defense must be in place by the time the canal is open for traffic.

The two problems, therefore, which are agitating the officials of the United States and of other countries, are whether we have the right to fortify the canal and whether we can do it successfully if we have the right.

No less an authority than Rear Admiral "Bob" Evans has said that it cannot be done. The board of army experts says that it can. The task offers difficulties but they are not insurmountable. The essential feature of the defense plans is that the big guns of the shore batteries must be placed that no fleet in time of war can draw near enough to the entrance of the canal on either side to bottle it up against another fleet.

If the canal is to be strictly neutral it must be kept open to ships of any belligerent nation. This cannot be done if a fleet of one of the combatants can stand off the entrance at sufficient distance to be beyond the range of the shore batteries and pick off a hostile fleet coming through ship by ship before it could deploy in battle formation. If this were the case the canal would be as effectively bottled as though the Lusitanias were sunk in its channel for no fleet of battleships would run the risk of a

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