

JESSE POMEROY GROWING OLD

**BOY WITH DREADFUL MANIA IS
SERVING LIFE SENTENCE.**

**Completed Thirty-Five Years of His
Sentence at Boston Today.**

Boston, Sept. 7.—After having spent 35 years of his life in a solitary cell of "Cherry Hill," the stronghold of Charlestown state prison where the life prisoners are confined, Jesse W. Pomeroy, the most notorious of these life prisoners today, entered upon his thirty-sixth year of solitary confinement.

When Jesse Pomeroy entered his prison cell thirty-five years ago he was a youth of about sixteen years; now he is fifty-one and, notwithstanding the rigor of his confinement which was interrupted but for a short period during the present year, seems strong, healthy and vigorous physically as well as mentally.

During the latter part of 1871 and the beginning of 1872 a series of heinous and indescribably cruel crimes perpetrated upon little boys of tender age created a perfect panic in South Boston and Chelsea. In every one of the cases the little victim was enticed to some lonely spot by a boy of about twelve or fourteen years, stripped, tied to a tree or board and then unmercifully beaten and tortured by him. It was many months before the police obtained the first clue the perpetrator of these crimes. Information given by one of the young victims led to the arrest of Jesse Pomeroy, the son of a poor but respectable dressmaker.

Jesse Pomeroy at first denied his guilt but, after he had been confronted with several of his victims and definitely identified by them, he broke down and confessed. He could not explain his motive and repeatedly asserted that he was driven to these fiendish outrages by impulses which he could not resist. He was tried, found guilty, and in consideration of his youth sent to the state reform school. At that time degeneracy was not so thoroughly understood as it is now. Pomeroy was called a degenerate, but it was considered more proper to punish him than to treat him as a defective and send him to an asylum where he could have been kept under permanent control.

Pomeroy remained in the reform school seventeen months, always playing the model prisoner. He acted the part so successfully that he deceived his mother, several clergymen and a number of charitably inclined women. Between them they succeeded in procuring Jesse Pomeroy's release without first having him examined by an alienist. This was in February, 1874. Scarcely one month later a little girl named Katie Curran disappeared on her way to school and although a thorough search was made extending over many months, not a trace of the child could be found.

Later in the same year a clam-digger of South Boston, in crossing the marsh back of the Washington village, South Boston, found the horribly mutilated body of a small boy who was afterward identified as Horace Millen. The crime was evidently the work of a degenerate and, remembering the record of Jesse Pomeroy, the police arrested him and took him to the morgue where the body of the little boy lay upon a stone slab. The sight of the mutilated corpse so unnerved Pomeroy that he confessed his guilt and also admitted that he had tortured and murdered little Katie Curran. Her mutilated and decomposed body was found buried under ashes and rubbish in the cellar of Mrs. Pomeroy's house.

The confession of these crimes created the most intense feeling among the people of South Boston and Chelsea and Pomeroy would have been lynched had it not been for the precautions of the authorities. His trial lasted only three days and only the youth of the prisoner saved him from the gallows. He was sentenced to spend the remainder of his life in solitary confinement in Charlestown prison.

During the first ten years of his imprisonment Pomeroy made several attempts to break out of jail, but they were frustrated by the watchfulness of his guards. A number of senti-



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JOSEPH MAN MEETS DEATH

**THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THROWN
FROM HORSE.**

**Found Dead in Big Sheep Canyon Where
Threw Him Recently.**

Joseph, Ore., Sept. 6.—The body of James William Lord was found yesterday afternoon in the canyons in the vicinity of Peter Baudan's salt cabins on Big Sheep, about 25 miles from Joseph. The county coroner was notified who immediately proceeded to the place, and upon inquest decided that Lord had come to his death by being thrown from his horse onto the rocks, death evidently having been instantaneous, as the only bruises to be found on the body were on the head.

The remains were brought to the morgue of Lefel & Resch at Joseph.

Lord was employed by Col. Graves, and at the time of his death was engaged in moving camp for his sheep outfits. He was born at Dayton, Wash., and was about 33 years of age. He is survived by a brother, Edward Lord, living near Enterprise. The remains will be buried at Pine Creek on Wednesday afternoon, beside those of his parents.

TAFT TO PASS THROUGH CITY

**ITINERARY BRINGS HIM HERE AT
MIDNIGHT.**

**Nearest Approach to Seeing President
of United States in Years.**

President William H. Taft, chief executive of the United States, will pass through La Grande on the night of October 6th—but it will be in the dead of night and La Grande citizens need not expect to see him. He is due here about midnight, according to his pre-arranged itinerary and as the executive will undoubtedly be sleeping the

sleep of the just about that hour he will not be able to boast on his return to Beverly that his trip included a glimpse of the famous Grande Ronde valley. His stop at Boise is such as to positively forbid his arrival in La Grande much before the midnight hour if he comes then. He may have his car attached to No. 5.

His itinerary for this part of the country is as follows.

Pocatello and Boise, Ida., October 6; Walla Walla, Lewiston, Moscow, Pa., and Spokane, October 7; Lind, Eellensburg and Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 8; Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Everett and Seattle, October 9; Seattle and Tacoma, October 10; Tacoma, Olympia, Centralia, Chehalis, Castle Rock, Kelso, Kalama, Vancouver, Wash., Portland and Salem, Ore., October 12; Sacramento and San Francisco, October 14 and 15; Los Angeles October 16 and 17; Salt Lake, October 18; Butte, Livingston, Billings, Mont., October 19; Sheridan, Gillette, Newcastle, Wyo., October 20. Then east to Chicago, Pittsburg and ending at Washington.

Opium Storehouse Found.

Seattle, Sept. 7.—More than \$1,200 worth of opium was found by the custom officials today in a room occupied by J. X. Brown who was arrested on a smuggling charge. It is said the drug was brought from Vancouver and that other arrests may be expected.

TWO ROOMS IN CITY ROBBED

**TROUSERS DRAGGED TO CORRIDOR
AND MONEY TAKEN.**

**Two Rooming Houses on Adams Avenue
Entered and Robbed Last Night.**

Two daring robberies were successfully enacted last night when two rooming houses were entered and robbed.

A room at the Crawford rooming house on Adams avenue was entered and a pair of trousers containing about \$50 in money and a gold watch were dragged to the corridor and there relieved of all valuables. The loss was discovered this morning when

the victim, who is a railroader, arose to dress.

The Ronde Valley House also on Adams avenue was also entered and a roomer relieved of valuables. The city police authorities think the present tendencies toward increasing robberies and attempted robberies is to be blamed to the influx of bad men to Pendleton for the Round-Up. Pendleton is already said to be filling up with bad fellows and the police there is redoubling its vigilance to keep order.

Wolgast at Hard Work.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 7.—Ad Wolgast, champion lightweight, who is matched with Paddy McFarland for a ten round bout here September 15 settled down to steady training today. He says he is already down to the required weight of 133 pounds.

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