

RICHESON IS CONFESSOR OF ALLEGED ACT

CONVEYS CONFESSION TO ATTORNEY BY LETTER YESTERDAY

EXPECTS NO LENIENCY BECAUSE HE CONFESSED

Anguish Too Severe and Confession Came Forthwith—Killed Miss Linnell to be in Position to Marry Rich Boston Heiress—Mental Unbalance of Yesterday Is Missing.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—Reverend Clarence Richeson, formerly pastor of the fashionable Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge, confessed today to having murdered his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, for which he was to be tried this month. His sanity of yesterday seems to have disappeared.

This afternoon the defendant's attorneys admitted he had confessed to the murder of Miss Linnell by poison to get her out of the way so that he could marry the heiress, Violet Edmonds, the Boston heiress.

He made a confession through a letter to his attorney. He said: "I couldn't stand further anguish and confessed without hope of leniency."

He gave it to his attorneys yesterday who kept it secret. It is understood the state will now allow a life sentence.

In the confession he wrote: "My conscience will not admit of my still

further wronging by public trial, her whose pure young life I have destroyed. Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered and am suffering tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize there is still, by mercy of the master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering within me."

Pendleton Is Shocked.

(Pendleton East Oregonian.) Like a bombshell cast in the midst of a crowd was the consternating effect of an announcement received this morning by County Clerk Salling from the state board to the effect that the state taxes for Umatilla county amount to the grand total of \$137,966.75 or more than twice the sum last year.

Last year Umatilla county paid into the state treasury the sum of \$64,395.81. However, because of the expensive legislature, local officials expected a considerable increase this year but none were prepared for the huge sum of \$137,966.75, which upon property with an assessed valuation of approximately \$48,000,000 means a tax of three mills.

FLEMING FUNERAL TOMORROW

Body Brought From Portland This Morning for Interment Here.

The funeral of the late Mrs. G. T. Fleming who died in Portland a few days ago will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m. from the Episcopal church, Rev. Upton H. Gibbs officiating. The remains arrived this morning from Portland with Mr. Fleming in charge.

Scottish Curlers to Visit Quebec.

Quebec, Jan. 6.—Great preparations are making for the reception and entertainment of the Scottish curlers who arrive will in this city tomorrow.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Residents of Union county, as well as other portions of Oregon, are now aware of what an enormous increase in state taxes has received. Taxation almost equal to confiscation has been proclaimed upon private property while here in Union county, corporation property has been materially reduced.

What do you think of it, you citizen who stands and howls yourself hoarse for the "Oregon system?" How do you like it, you follower of U'Ren and Jonathan Bourne and supporter of West and Chamberlain? Of course you not like it. When the pocketbook is touched then you will begin to wonder what it costs to adopt the pastboard reform, the makeshift for political economy that has been going on in this state for the past six or eight years.

But the average person will at once begin to ask who is to blame. And that is very important indeed.

Oswald West, the tender hearted boy from Salem, is governor, hence he has the reins of state government in hand. Before him was the mighty Chamberlain with the glad barnyard salve and no statesmanship. Coupled with these two climbing political pilgrims and surrounding them have been a cluster of mortalists and reformers, such as George Trowbridge and C. S. Jackson of the Portland Journal, U'Ren of Oregon City and then came a train of lesser lights such as Bennie Olcott, who claims to be a republican but is very prominent in the West-Trowbridge-Jackson council. And as a whole this phalanx of Oregon Statesmen have kept pounding away urging this thing and that until the state is in the present condition.

These are the lads who wail and shout and roar, "Let the people rule!" they are the boys who sought power and achieved it; they are the "purer than thou" element of Oregon politicians who damned everything that smacked of organization—why? Because they could gain nothing in a convention of business men or a gathering of hard-headed pioneers, but they could irritate the masses for a while and mislead them.

It looks very much like the people were about to understand the West administration, and they will probably look a little farther back and see what the all-wise and winsome Chamberlain has done toward bringing on these conditions.

Wild-eyed legislation and U'Renie foolishness is expensive. It costs—comes awful high, but if Oregon wants to continue it just dig down in your pockets and pay the price this time with the understanding that it may be double next year.

It must be gratifying to everyone who has been a West supporter to know that the public utility corporations in Union county have been favored by a reduction in valuation of about \$200,000. Let the farmers and merchants pay the tax. There is no reason for the railroads paying at all, is there? Don't they need those extra dollars to help make their dividends the largest of any railroad in the nation? Of course they do. And Mr. West and his following, who were elected as antagonistic to railroads, seem to be "delivering the goods."

ON TO PEKING MARCH STARTS; YUAN UNAFRAID

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE READY TO LEAVE MANILA

BELIEVED AMERICAN SOLDIERS WILL BE RUSHED TO CHINA

Many Thousand Men Marching Toward China's Uncaptured City—Yuan Plans Counter Move by Attacking Nanking—Battle Fought Yesterday and Number of Killed Big.

Pekin, Jan. 6.—Terrified by the reports that rebels are advancing on Peking 30,000 strong from Nanking, the Manchu princes have summoned Premier Yuan who reassured them, saying he had dispatched an army to menace Nanking, the rebel capital, and that this would stop the advance. It is unknown whether the rebels really intend to attack Peking or whether they are merely feinting to bring about a Manchu surrender. Seven hundred are reported killed in a battle at Hankow yesterday. Fighting today is expected there.

Considerable fighting is reported from the vicinity of Lanchow between 3,000 imperialists who rushed to put down a mutiny there, and former soldiers, imperialists who seceded. The question of peace and war apparently rests on whether Wu Ting Fang can induce Yuan to visit Nanking and discuss peace terms.

Secretary Considers Case.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Secretary of State Knox and First Assistant Huntington Wilson today conferred at length. It is believed to be in reference to the reported movement to send American troops to China. It is believed the war department will be immediately requested to send troops from Manila.

Manila Troops Ready.

Manila, Jan. 6.—Troops here are ready for immediate orders to sail for China. It is believed the 15th infantry will be sent if any go. Thirty-five hundred men will be held in reserve here and 1,500 probably will be sent.

J. W. McALLISTER ILL

Operation Sustained This Afternoon and Situation Is Critical.

J. W. McAllister, prominent in grange work, and president of the State Farmers' union, was operated upon this afternoon at the Grande Ronde hospital. The surgery was of a delicate nature and Mr. McAllister's condition is serious this afternoon although announcements say the outlook is fully as good as could be expected.

Robinson to Fly in Russia.

New York, Jan. 6.—Hugh Robinson, the well known aviator, sailed today enroute to St. Petersburg, where he is to give demonstrations in flying.

POOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN TURNED AWAY

CHARITIES IN BIG CITIES ARE UNABLE TO HELP

ALMOST OCEAN-TO-OCEAN COLD SNAP CREATES HAVOC

Fifty Below in Winnipeg—Chicago and New York Can't Care for Homeless in Bitter Cold—Worst in Many Years—Trains Stalled and Business Is Halted Everywhere in East.

HEAVY SNOWFALL HERE. Nearly six inches of snow have fallen on Grande Ronde valley last night. Moderate weather prevents suffering, however, and the only place the protracted storm is hurting is on the ranges where stock is unable to find feed. Predictions are for continued snow and moderate weather. Blinding snowstorms prevail in all the mountains surrounding La Grande and at Kamela it is almost impossible to get about.

New York, Jan. 6.—Shivering at 8 above zero this city is suffering from the coldest day of the year, and a blizzard. The municipal shelter is overcrowded.

Unable to care for the shelterless, the department of charities has ordered the steamers, Lowell and Brennan, moved alongside the pier and hundreds slept in the cabins.

Freezing Women Turned Away.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The fire department has been called upon 168 times in 24 hours. The children's aid society, one of the largest charitable institutions, is penniless and was compelled to close its doors today with a long line of freezing women outside.

With the thermometer below zero this morning Chicago and the middle-west endured the sixth day of cold with no relief in sight. This is the worst in five years here. The condition of the poor is extremely pitiful. Many leading charities were forced to turn poor away. Train service is demoralized. Business stands still.

50 Below at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—It is fifty below zero at White River on the north shore of Lake Superior. Through the Canadian west the temperatures range to forty below. Many trains were stalled and engines are going dead.

St. Louis Has Suffering.

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Four deaths and appalling suffering are a result of a terrific blizzard which swept down on this city early today. It was four below at eight and it is predicted it will be ten below before night. Trains are 12 hours behind.

Snow Deep at Pendleton.

Pendleton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—With

snow still falling at noon, there are six inches of snow on Umatilla county today whereas previous to this date the ground was almost bare.

Three Feet at Kamela.

Kamela, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Between three and three and a half feet of snow covers the summit of the Blue Mountains today. A heavy snow-storm still prevails adding hourly to the supply. The atmosphere is very moderate, however.

Moderate at Cove.

Cove, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Reflecting the generality of the present snow storm is the splendid sleighing existing here this month. The snow storm commencing last night is still in vogue and with pleasant weather, farmers and townspeople are getting out their runners and cutters.

Blizzard at Ladd Canyon.

Ladd Canyon, Jan. 6.—(Special)—A blizzard prevailed here yesterday. The wind blew hard, hurling the snow in all directions, and it is very cold.

Oplum Tins Captured.

Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—Fifty-five tins of opium, valued at \$100 each, were found in a suit case of a negro named Davis shortly after his arrival here today on the Southern Pacific New Orleans express. His arrest is believed to throw light on the operations of an opium ring which has been working for weeks.

Rooms Await Confessor.

Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—Two rooms in the federal building today are prepared for the reception of Orle McManigal, enroute from Los Angeles. He is expected to arrive Monday.

Flynn-Johnson Fight Signed.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Flynn and Johnson this afternoon will meet to sign a fight article for the championship bout. Each is reported put up \$10,000 as evidence of good faith. The date is to be decided later.

UNITED WALK OUT OF SHOP MEN BELIEVED CALLED FOR SYMPATHETIC STRIKE AVAILS

ALL RAILROADS WEST OF MISSISSIPPI CONSIDERING

Word Received at San Francisco Indicates General Walkout on All Railroads in the West Is Imminent in the Near Future—Admitted Such Action Is Being Thought of by Unions.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—There is a possibility today by a general strike of shop employes on all railroads west of the Mississippi river. Word was received from the executive board of the railway's department of the American Federation of Labor to the effect that the move is under consideration. It is being considered in answer to the plea made by the striking Harriman lines shopmen who want a sympathetic strike.

The present shop employes strike affects only the Illinois Central and the Harriman lines. Further word from headquarters is anxiously awaited.

Engineers Meet in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—The Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers held its annual meeting in this city today. There was a large attendance.

READY TO SECEDE.

Send a messenger from Union county to Governor West the imperial ruler of Oregon. Let that messenger approach and whisper in his ear that Union county is ready to secede from his domain.

No longer will the intelligence of this county stand for such disgraceful extravagance in state, such timidity in executive administration, such hypocrisy in politics. Union county is ready to secede.

The people here have a wonderfully fine county. Rich in resources and improved by honest toil, but they are ready to quit the word Oregon for it is a synonym of political folly, for freak legislation, for lavish expenses, for useless commissions, for foolhardy bigots who assume they are statesmen. Union county is ready to secede.

We know not who will take us with our broad acres of wheat land, our valuable tracts of fruitland, our numerous saw mills and acres of standing timber, but we are ready to break the constitution and divorce ourselves from Willamette valley—the home of egotism and hypocrisy. We are ready to draw a state line between this splendid country and any section that is the home of political freaks and ambitious politicians who never showed an ounce of statesmanship in their entire lives. Union county is ready to secede.

Some one says, "Stay and help right things." But the answer is an old one—"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." In numbers the lower country excels, just as it does in bigotry and freakishness so why should Union county waste her time trying to crumble the fossilism of the Willamette valley. Union county is ready to secede.

As a county we have fed our products and wealth into the Oregon hopper—Portland, only to receive lesser and lesser recognition in a commercial way. They damn us because we don't do more when already Eastern Oregon is paying "all the traffic will stand." We have since the beginning produced the stock that tops the market; the lumber that grades the highest; the hay and grain that sets the standard, all of which has gone from the Union county grower and manufacturer to the Portland jobber, who as a rule is a good natured mixture of dry martinis and Old Crow; who never knew anything but to sit calmly on the Columbia and wait for something to turn up. Union county is ready to secede.

And now comes the blow that broke the vertebra. Over \$70,000 state tax on this county. More than double the preceding year, and what has the state to show for it? Nothing but a lot of useless commissions, and extravagant officeholders. Is there a new state house to show? Is there a large debt wiped out with this extra money? There is an asylum planned over at Pendleton which going to cost twice as much as it should, where gro had to be made upon which to locate it, where scientific must be retained by the year to freshen the air and phoid germs before air enters the buildings. That is a pile of the business administration that has been going in Oregon for several years.

How do you like it? We say once more and with quiver in our voice—"Union county is ready to secede."

O-W EMPLOYE EMBEZZLES \$25,000

Portland, Jan. 6.—Warrants charging Temple Alexander, a former clerk in the purchasing department of the O-W. R. & N. were issued today and the young spender was arrested this afternoon. He has returned from Salt Lake to face the charge of forging

signatures to requisitions, receipts and disbursements and vouchers to the sum of \$25,000, most of which it is said he added to his bank account and spent. It is suspected others are in the alleged scheme and it is possible he will be given immunity, provided he will tell.

PAYETTE CHECK FORGER ARRESTED

Check forging in Payette led to the arrest of a young man in this city last night named Rogers who on his own testimony is a pal of the inebriate who in Spokane a few years ago murdered his father and carted the remains to the dump in a wheelbarrow. The arrest of the fellow occurred when Fred M. Housh, formerly in the electric light business here, came to La Grande hard on the heels of Rogers and had the fellow arrested

on a charge of check forgeries. Mr. Housh cashed a substantial check for Rogers and another fellow who disappeared at Huntington after the two had come west that far. Local police place little credence in the story that the other fellow—who Rogers said actually did the forging though Rogers cashed the check—is the inebriate from Spokane who started the entire world with his atrocious crimes a few years ago.