

MURDER IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—Government Island, in the grounds where the Lewis & Clark fair was held, was the scene today of a killing, in which an 11-year-old boy, Jackson Reid, shot to death George F. Demers, a painter. Demers, with his brother and father, were members of a party who were fishing in Gulds lake. Demers, Sr., was on one side of Government Island and the sons were on the other. He broke his hook and started across the island to a point where his sons were, to get another.

He was accosted by several children, who live on the island, among whom was the Reid boy. He was told he was trespassing and was ordered off the island. The old man told the children he would leave at once, but, according to his version of the shooting, that was not sufficient and the children set a dog on him. Then Demers, not making a successful resistance to the animal, called George, who saw him and ran to his aid with an oar. The young man drove off the dog, which act, it appears, angered the Reid boy.

The younger, it is stated, sent his sister to their house for a revolver. When she returned the boy is alleged to have told George Demers to stop where he was and immediately to have shot. Demers fell without a word with a bullet through his head. The boy made no effort to escape and a little time later was arrested and placed in jail.

When the police arrived at the boy's home they asked who had done the shooting, to which the boy replied: "I did it."

To a crowd of bystanders which gathered at the scene of the killing, he also admitted slaying Demers. "Yes," he said; "I killed him and then he lays. He started after my dog and then said he would get me. I told my sister to get my gun, and when she brought it I told him not to move another step. Then I shot him. He didn't say a word—just fell and laid there like you can see him."

Mrs. Charles H. Schemp, the boy's mother, was away from home when the shooting occurred. When she returned she threw her arms about the child and begged piteously for the officers not to take the boy away. Through all this display of tears and affection the boy remained outwardly unmoved, and a few moments later, laughing and talking with apparent indifference, he seemed little to realize the enormity of his act.

"PROSPERITY DAY"

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Thirteen women as a committee from the Women's league of the state of New York began a crusade yesterday which they hope will give employment to 75,000 unemployed women by August 15.

The leaguers, through an appeal sent to business men throughout the state, ask that as many of the army of unemployed as possible be taken back by "prosperity day," August 15. More than a dozen firms have agreed to give employment to women on that date.

According to the statement issued by the president, Mrs. Belle Reveira, New York state has 750,000 women who must earn their daily bread. Places were secured for more than 100 women as the result of the first day's work.

MAIL CLERK ARRESTED.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 4.—Edward H. Fain, confessed looter of several hundred dollars from registered mail, was arrested in Pasco yesterday morning. He is a railway clerk on the Northern Pacific between Dayton and Pasco. Fain claims a store to pay for a piece of property purchased in Tacoma, his salary not being large enough to allow him to make the required payments.

The thefts date back to March, when he opened a common letter containing money, to purchase a meal. Washouts had caused delay of the mail at that time or several days, and a fain had run out of money. He stole in preference to borrowing from the trainmen.

His arrest was brought about by Inspectors P. O. Riches and T. J. Flavin, who placed decoys in the mail yesterday. They had been working on the case for several months. The loss of money in registered mails was first reported from the land office here. The method used was very crude and it was easy to see the letters had been tampered with. Fain is a married man. He had some stolen money in his pockets when arrested.

INTERVIEW WITH HARRIMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 3.—E. H. Harriman preceded his departure for the west tonight by a short discussion of the possibility of a general increase in freight rates in the United States.

"The American people ought to be willing to pay the railroads a reasonable compensation for transportation service," he said. "Such service we are now performing, but if we are not receiving adequate returns."

Harriman said that if the railroads continue extensions and providing for new equipment they must have more revenue.

Harriman seemed to favor a gen-

eral readjustment, rather than a general increase. In reply to a direct question as to whether there is to be any increase, he said with a disparaging wave of his hand:

"How can I tell?" Harriman declined to enter into a discussion whether the failure to increase rates would lead to a decrease in wages of employees.

THEY INVESTIGATED.

The water committee of the city council is the busiest body of men in southern Oregon these days, and if there is a water proposition they have not investigated it has not as yet been presented.

About 5 o'clock last night the committee, composed of Councilmen Wirtman, Elfert and Merrick and Esq. near Roberts, commenced hitting the high places for the headwaters of the Applegate and the Squaw in the county, to investigate the water supply of that section. J. D. Heard has invited to the committee that 500 inches of water can be secured from the Sterling Mining company, in which he is interested for a consideration.

William Ulrich, who has frequented that section, is positive there is a sufficient supply of water there—if it can be gotten out.

C. W. Davis of this city, who has made several fishing trips to that country, declares there is no question as to the supply of water, and he believes it can be brought to Medford by piping not to exceed 17 miles.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. In February, 1902, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it, and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by Charles Strong.

JOHNSON HELD FOR TRIAL.

Frank Johnson, the man arrested on the charge of robbing H. M. Webster of Ashland of the sum of 75, appeared before B. M. Collins, who is the acting justice on account of Justice Canon being out of the city, and was held to the District court and bail fixed in the sum of \$250.

The prosecution of the case was looked after by H. K. Hanna of Jacksonville, the acting assistant prosecuting attorney.

WILL USE PHONOGRAPH.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 3.—Judge Taft has consented to make speeches into a talking machine for reproductions. Several experimental talks were made today and reproduced with varying degrees of satisfaction.

Taft has fixed August 21 as the date for the rally of Virginia Republicans here. He will make a political address from the porch of the club-house adjacent to the hotel.

Mr. Taft will address the Virginia Bar association Thursday and has received an invitation to assist in an entertainment and at the banquet.

MASON WILL ACT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The management of the New York headquarters of the Republican national committee, in the absence of Chairman Hitchcock, will be in the hands of Victor L. Mason of Passaic, N. J., who was today appointed assistant secretary of the committee.

Chairman Hitchcock intends to direct the work in all parts of the country, but will later name vice-chairmen, who will be in charge at Chicago, while Hitchcock is not there.

ANNOUNCES HIMSELF.

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 4.—Governor Albert R. Cummings of Iowa tonight announced himself as a candidate to succeed the late Senator Allison in congress.

The governor paid a glowing tribute to his late political adversary's services to Iowa and the country at large. He then frankly declared his ambition to be elected to the upper house by the legislature of his state. He also announced that "some one would be appointed at once to occupy Senator's Allison's seat for the coming months of his unexpired term."

STRING OF VISITORS.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 4.—In striking contrast to yesterday's torrid weather, today did not seem to affect the string of visitors who visited W. J. Bryan. They came in great numbers, some on business and some merely to pay their respects.

Bryan did not seem affected by the heat, and greeted all comers cordially.

Today he gave out a statement in regard to the report that Judge Taft in talking into a phonograph in which he took occasion to say that he believed hereafter the use of phonographs for dissemination of political speeches would be regarded as a dignified method of discussing public questions.

GEORGE IS ON IT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 31.—Chairman Mack of the Democratic national committee today appointed the committee to serve during the campaign. The members of the labor committee are all members of the national committee. Governor George Chamberlain of Oregon is named of the advisory committee.

READ THE MORNING MAIL

OREGON GIRL'S EXPERIENCE

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 4.—Miss Anna Hansen, a guest who had been missing from the Josephine House at Grants Pass, Or., for two days, walked into the office of that hotel between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning and immediately fainted away.

On being revived she declared her inability to recall a single event that had occurred during her absence.

Miss Hansen had been ill and partly in the care of a nurse, and was missed from her room shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Yesterday morning she bore evidence of having traveled afoot a great distance without food. Her dress was in tatters, evidently having been torn by bushes; her shoes were badly worn and she presented a haggard appearance. She is 26 years old and is the daughter of a well-to-do farmer living near Kirby, 30 miles from Grants Pass. The Rogue river above and below that place was dragged yesterday in the expectation of finding her body, as it was supposed she had been drowned.

MANY PEOPLE COMING HERE.

One of the unfailing signs of the advancement of a city is the number of people arriving and who intend to locate here. Mention was made in the Morning Mail a few days ago to the effect that they were coming in at the rate of one a day and now that estimate appears to be too low, as will be seen by reading the following:

Dr. R. F. Vaughan and family of Pasadena, Cal., have arrived in the city and will locate here. Mrs. Vaughan is a sister of Mrs. W. J. Warner of the Orchard Home tract. Dr. Vaughan is a member of the G. A. R., and has the reputation of being a clever physician, and will no doubt soon get a good practice.

T. A. Howell of Grants Pass arrived a few days ago and, after looking over the field, decided that he would go into business here. He has rented a place in which he will open a barber shop and has returned to Grants Pass to get his family.

N. D. Stoddard of Detroit, Mich., has been spending several days at Butte Falls. He came down yesterday. While at the Falls he bought several town lots. He goes back to Michigan this week, and will settle up his affairs there and return to this county and improve some of the lots.

J. W. Jacobs and wife of Henry, S. D., old acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Campbell of this city, arrived yesterday and will locate here. E. N. Campbell of Jamestown, S. D., a brother of N. W. Campbell, arrived yesterday and expects to stay in this city.

C. M. Brown and family of Melrose, Mexico, who were stopping at Ashland for the last couple of weeks, have gone to L. H. Meg's ranch on the Orchard Home tract, and will stay there till they find a location in this vicinity that suits them.

The above are the only ones the reporter ran on to, and it is safe to say that—"there are others."

GLADDENED HIS HEART.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and children of Kerby, Or., visited in Medford yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howard. The children of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard are great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howard of this city, and J. S. was just a little prouder of those children than any parent ever was of their offspring, and he was like a schoolboy in dancing attendance to them during their brief visit here.

INHERITS MILLIONS.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Olga Guggenheim, wife of Simon Guggenheim, senator for Colorado, is now one of the richest women in the world. Her father, Hirsch, the famous diamond wholesaler, died last August. The estate has just been settled, and the share to which Mrs. Guggenheim is entitled has been turned over to her. The inheritance is estimated at \$15,000,000.

WATCHES HUSBAND DROWN.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 4.—While his bride of six months stood watching on the opposite bank, Charles Kramer, a cigarmaker of this city, was drowned in the drowned in the Willamette river. The body was recovered an hour later. Kramer was in swimming with his stepson, aged 10 years, and got a cramp. He sank in deep water close to the bank on the Benson county side.

The frightened youth ran to where a party of men was encamped, a short distance away. Coroner Fortmiller was notified at once, and the river was dragged in the vicinity and the body recovered. Kramer was employed in a local cigar factory, having come here about a year ago from Baker City. He was 31 years of age. His parents reside in York, Pa.

ARMY OFFICERS HIKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Several army officers stationed at the Presidio and Sencela, nearly all past 50 years of age, and several nearing the three-score mark, today completed the first day's walk of a 50-mile walking contest, ordered by President Roosevelt, covering 19 miles in 16 1/2 hours.

In the party were Colonel J. L.

Clem, Colonel George H. Torney, Colonel J. Walter Benet, Colonel Adams-laker, Colonel C. L. Anderson, Major W. A. Bethel and Major J. M. Kennedy.

The officers came into camp walking briskly and looking fresh. They declared the test was an easy one, and that it would demonstrate that they are still physically severe campaign duty.

What Is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquoin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Charles Strong's drug store.

TAFT DECLINES INVITATION.

HONOLULU, Va., July 31.—Mr. Taft spent a comparatively quiet day. Colorado wants the candidate for the opening of the interstate fair and exposition, to be opened Labor day at Denver. As acceptance of the invitation would mean the abandonment of Taft's present plan to conduct his personal campaign without trial, his regrets were sent. Taft has not yet indicated whether he will make reply to Bryan's comments on his speech of acceptance or not.

BUILDING A NEW BRIDGE.

Work has been begun on a new bridge to be built across Little Butte creek, near its mouth. There will be two concrete piers and also footings for the other supports. The center span with the approaches will be 120 feet long, and it will be well built in every particular. It will be of great benefit to those living on the east side of the river, as well as those on the north side of Little Butte creek.

Jasen Hartman has the contract for the work and is now purchasing materials for it in this city. When completed the new bridge will have cost \$2,100.

EIGHTEEN BODIES RECOVERED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 4.—Up to 7 o'clock this evening 18 bodies have been found in the ruins caused by the Fernie fire.

There are still 20 members of a logging crew of the Elk River Lumber company missing. These men were working north of Homer, and nothing has yet been heard from them. They may have escaped by crossing the mountain range. If they succeeded, it will be several days before they could possibly reach Fernie. No great damage has been done to Michael as yet. The town is surrounded and seriously threatened from the west. If the wind remains favorable there may be no loss.

FIRE AT DEER PARK.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 4.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Deer Park says that the business portion of Clayton, six miles from here, is in ruins, the result of a fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. There is not a store left standing in the town.

ALMOST BURIED ALIVE.

BOSTON, Aug. 4.—Given up by the family physician as dead and placed in a coffin, Charles Balcolm of Worcester, Mass., 31 years old, son of Frank Balcolm, had a miraculous escape from being buried alive. His mother noted the twitching of a finger as the undertaker was ready to screw the lid in place. Balcolm details his feeling as he sank into a coma, which his doctor believed to be death. He was unconscious at the time it was discovered he was alive, but he was resuscitated by powerful restoratives.

IDAHO FOREST FIRE.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 4.—There are forest fires of alarming proportions in the Coeur d'Alene national forest reserve in Idaho, just across the Montana state line. It is reported to be spreading into Montana, and approaching the summit of Montfort mountain at the head of Dominion creek, 70 miles south of this city.

OUTLAWS SURROUNDED.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 4.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Lewiston, Idaho, says that Reid, Sloan and Rice, the Orofino outlaws, who yesterday shot Rancher Dan Carr, are tonight surrounded by possees within six miles of Orofino, and it is believed their capture will be effected early in the morning.

MAY SETTLE HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wakefield of New York city arrived in Medford yesterday and will remain here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews.

Mr. Wakefield is connected with a large real estate firm in New York city, and he and his wife's visit here is the result of correspondence which has been going on between them and Mr. Andrews for several months. It is not improbable that Mr. Wakefield will become interested in our valley, and should he do so the interests which he may acquire and the good opinion which he will take away with him will have the effect of interesting many men of money with whom he is in close touch in a business way.

LAND CASES DISMISSED

Several pending land-fraud indictments, says the Portland Oregonian, returned by Francis J. Heney over three years ago, will be dismissed in the United States court either today or tomorrow, on motion of Tracy C. Becker, special assistant attorney general, who was detailed to conclude these prosecutions. Some minor details remain to be considered before the cases will be dropped, but it is known that the government will abandon a majority of these indictments, numbering 18, most of which were returned early in 1905. Some of the defendants in these untied cases have appointments for conferences with Mr. Becker today, and it will not be until after these meetings are concluded that the list of indictments to be dropped will be decided.

Mr. Becker said yesterday that the indictment against Elmer Hermann in the "Blue Mountain" case most positively would not be among the ones that will be dismissed. Instead, he said, a date would be fixed this week for the trial of Hermann, which will probably be held in October, when Heney is scheduled to return to Portland and prosecute the case.

When the docket has been relieved of these cases, the Federal court will take an adjournment until the September term, while Judge Wolverton enjoys his annual vacation. September 25 is the date set for argument on a demurrer to the indictment that has been filed by counsel for Rufus S. Moore, who was indicted with Henry Meldrum and several others for conspiracy to defraud the government by means of false and fraudulent surveying contracts.

The cases were set for trial in the September term of the Federal District court, with the exception of the Hermann case, which was set for trial November 5, and the Williamson case, which, it is understood will follow immediately after the Hermann trial.

Previously to dismissing the indictments today, Dr. W. L. Davis, former mayor of Albany, after the indictment charging him with perjury had been withdrawn, pleaded guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government of public land and was fined \$500. In passing sentence on Dr. Davis, Judge Wolverton said it appeared that the defendant acted hastily, rather than with a corrupt intent to evade the law.

Clarke E. Loomis, another defendant, entered a plea of guilty, sentence in his case was suspended pending the trial of subsequent cases.

FIVE KILLED; TWO INJURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Coming down a steep grade in the hills west of Burlingame at a high rate of speed, an automobile driven by Miss Ethel McCormack and occupied by four other women and two children, all of San Mateo, suddenly swerved from the road as a result of broken brakes, and plunged straight down the embankment, causing the death of three women and the two children and injuring the other two women. The victims of the disaster, the second of its kind near San Francisco, within 48 hours, were:

MRS. THOMAS A. MCCORMACK, MISS CLARA MCCORMACK, MRS. IRA G. O'BRIEN, TWO INFANT CHILDREN of Mrs. Brien.

Of the seven, Miss MacAnley and Miss Ethel McCormack, the driver, are the only two alive. Miss McCormack escaped with a sprained ankle and some bruises.

The accident was caused by the breaking of the emergency brakes. Miss McCormack took the wrong road and, starting down a steep hill, attempted to stop the car with the emergency brakes. These snapped and the girl then tried to slack the speed by running close to the embankment.

The car struck a large rock, which caused it to turn. Despite Miss McCormack's efforts to steer the machine, it dashed down the steep grade, striking head-on against a tree 350 feet below. It plunged down the grade at a terrific rate of speed and stopped with such suddenness that the occupants were hurled out as if shot from catapult, landing on the hard road 15 feet below.

Mrs. McCormack was the wife of Thomas A. McCormack, president of the McCormack Iron works in this city, and Mrs. O'Brien was the wife of the proprietor of the Keystone Manufacturing works at San Mateo. Both families were prominent socially.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. Indiana Anti-Saloon Councilman Comes to Portland—Will Resign.

Pope Pius X carries at his girdle and old watch of base metal, too face chipped, with a plain leather guard.

Thomas Walker, portrait painter, published at Hull England, in 1810, "A Treatise Upon the Art of Flying by Mechanical Means."

In 1870 a few hundred bunches of bananas came to the United States; the annual imports now are valued at something like \$6,000,000.

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