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FOUL MURDER CONTINUES EVERYWHERE

Italian Black Hand Charged With Wholesale Murder. Confessions are Made.

FLORENCE, Colo., Jan. 9.—That Ercole Buffetti, Dominick Menichello, Joseph Menichello and Mrs. Frank Palmotto, who mysteriously disappeared from this city, were foully murdered and their bodies chopped to pieces is the positive opinion of the police. The disposition of the bodies is believed to have been partly revealed by finding of lungs and other portions of bodies in the Arkansas river.

Tony Bucci, who has been arrested, is charged with the murder of Menichello brothers, and is said to have confessed that he killed a man in Italy before coming to America. Menichello brothers were gardeners and Buffetti was their assistant. The woman was Bucci's housekeeper, but had refused to marry him. She was a divorced woman. All of her clothes were found in Bucci's cabin.

CUPID PLAYS HAVOC WITH VETERAN MINISTER

PANDETON, Or., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Pauline Hart of Umatilla, Or., and the Rev. John W. McGee of Walla Walla, were united in marriage at the latter place yesterday. The bride is 37 years of age and is well known in Umatilla county, while the groom has passed the fourteenth year mark by seven years. He is a pioneer of this section, having crossed the plains in a prairie schooner in 1859. Rev. McGee made Jacksonville a visit not long ago, being the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Silas J. Day.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Representatives Hayes and Kahn of California discussed with President Roosevelt the Japanese immigration question. It is understood that the president will later listen to an expanded presentation of this subject from Hayes.

The Hayes bill for Japanese exclusion will be pressed by the California delegation, although it is understood that the president has not changed his attitude of discouragement of this measure in view of the pending diplomatic negotiations between Japan and the United States.

RECEIVER PETITIONS HAVE BECOME POPULAR

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 9.—Petitions for receiver of property of the Chicago Great Western railroad in Nebraska was filed in the United States court today. No action was taken by the court.

Remember

REMEMBER
The Prosperity Mass Meeting at the Opera House on Monday, January 13, at 8 P. M.
Everybody come—everybody boost.
Just an enthusiastic good time.
The best talent in Rogue River Valley will furnish music, entertainment and amusement.
Bring the whole—family.
No charge for admission, no collections, no subscriptions.
MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB.

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HENEY PUTS HIMSELF IN LIMELIGHT

Prosecutor Says He Never Laid Down. Promises To Do a Great Deal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Francis J. Heney arrived here today from Washington. He stopped at Tucson, Ariz., en route. He had a conference with District Attorney Langdon and Special Secret Service Agent Barnes, in which he made arrangements for continuance of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, charged with bribery. Heney will go to Portland this week to commence trial of Ex-United States District Attorney Hall, accused with being involved in land frauds, and others indicted.

"I never dropped a prosecution case in my life, as those who are under indictment in bribery graft cases will learn when I return," said Heney, when told of reports that Tracy L. Ford, general counsel of the United Railroads, would not be brought to trial on other indictments, and that the prosecution of Calhoun would be dropped.

Heney said similar reports regarding Oregon land fraud cases were also without foundation and that indicted persons would be brought to trial.

Speaking of open letters of Senator Fulton, calling upon Heney to prove charges against him, the prosecutor said: "Many of the facts against Fulton will come out in the trial of John H. Hall and the senator may learn more than he may wish."

Heney said he did not believe charges of perjury against Pater would be pressed. He denied the report that he was severely criticized by President Roosevelt. On the contrary, he said the president had received him warmly and twice invited him to luncheon.

To The Public.

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There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the duties of the city recorder in regard to his duties in the matter of calling for elections and the matter of placing names on the ticket to be voted for.

In defense and proof that I took the right action in following the instructions of the city council in calling the last election, I will quote the recorder's duties in connection therewith, which is as follows:

"Chapter VI, section 53.—Not less than fifteen days prior to the second Tuesday in January of each year, the CITY COUNCIL shall order an annual election of CITY OFFICERS and appoint for each ward three judges of election, two of which shall act as clerks of election, of which election notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in the city, or by notice signed by the city recorder and posted by the chief of police at the place for holding the election in each ward of the city, not less than ten days prior to the election, which notice shall specify the officers to be elected, and time and place of holding said election in each ward.

The above is the duty of the city recorder as laid down by the city charter and I can find no other place where the recorder is endowed with authority to call for the election of an officer that is not ordered filled by the city council. As to the terms of the mayor, I will say that if this year for the election of a mayor, why then the council which ordered the election last year made a mistake in calling the election for a term of two, and the mistake of the council should not be laid to me when I, as city recorder, have nothing to say in the calling of the election nor a voice in the actions of the council. The above are my duties as laid down by the city charter, and I governed my actions by the charter, and if any one has a grievance that there is no call for the election of a mayor this year they should lay it to the action of the city council last year or to the city charter.

Yours respectfully,
BENJ. M. COLLINS.

JURY EASILY SECURED IN THE THAW CASE

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The work of securing a jury in the Harry K. Thaw for killing Stanford White progressed rapidly this morning. The box was filled easily, but immediately after recess six provisional jurors were excused, leaving six to be tried.

IMPROVEMENT IN U. S. NAVY PROMISED

Congress Will Legislate For Improvement of Navy Personnel and Efficiency

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A bill whose passage it is reported will work many important changes in the personnel of the navy and greatly increase its efficiency, has been introduced by Chairman Hale of the senate committee on naval affairs. It proposes a settlement of the vexatious question as to whether members of the staff corps shall have rank with line officers and puts an end to creation of bureaus by the secretary of the navy, and gives substantial raise in pay to every commissioned officer and enlisted man in the navy and marine corps.

WM. J. BRYAN SPEAKS ON THE REAL ISSUES

OMAHA, Jan. 9.—Four hundred guests were present at the annual gathering of the Jackson club of Nebraska at its celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. William J. Bryan was the guest of honor, and other Democratic leaders of more or less prominence in national or state politics had places at the speakers' table.

"The Moral Element in Pending Issues" was the subject of Mr. Bryan's address, which in part was as follows:

"No question is ever settled until the moral element in the question is discussed and decided. Nothing but a moral issue—that is, an issue involving justice, stirs the heart. The time is ripe for another appeal to conscience, and the indication point to a greater study of public questions from an ethical standpoint. The corrupting influences which have flowed from mercenary politics have at last excited attention and there is a searching of men and of measures such as has not been known in recent times.

"The president's popularity is largely, if not entirely due to the belief among the masses that he wants to do what is right, and that he is trying to secure justice to those who have been unjustly dealt with. He has made many mistakes and great ones, but the mistakes have to a large extent been overlooked by those who believe that his heart is right and that he means well. This is only an indication of the public attitude. Another indication is to be found in the influence of the voters.

"Not since the war have party lines hung so loosely, and this is the natural result when the voters become earnest in their desire that wrong shall be overturned and right vindicated.

The Real Issue.

"People differ as to the relative importance of the different issues, some placing the trusts first; some regarding the tariff question as paramount, and others believing the railroad question most important. But the fact is that they all point to the same issue, and that those who take the people's side on one of these questions are likely to take the people's side on either of the other two. The issue presented in each and all of these questions is whether the government shall be administered in the interest of a few favorites or in the interest of the whole people; whether the people shall be taxed that a few may be enriched. The trusts tax the entire population for the benefit of a comparatively small number of stockholders; the protected manufacturers tax the entire population through import duties, and the railroads levy tribute upon the whole country through extortionate rates.

We have had selfishness in law or selfishness defying the law and the average man has become the victim of injustice practiced in every year.

"In a multitude of ways the moral sentiment is manifesting itself, and unless the signs of the times are misleading, there is going to be a return to the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

A feature of almost every speech of the evening was praise of President Roosevelt, who, it was said, has been carrying out many of the principles of the Democratic platform of 1896 in spite of the opposition of his own party.

BIG FOOTBALL PLAYER GOES SUICIDE ROUTE

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 9.—Urban Agnew, captain of last year's football team and all-around star athlete of Kansas university, committed suicide by jumping from the dome of Frisler hall to the university grounds. It is believed he was insane from worry.



GEO. G. PEIL
Medford has one of the most modern laundries on the Pacific Slope. Peil's Elite Laundry has spared no expense to become a model backache-saver. Peil feels that it is deserving of Medford's patronage and extends his personal invitation to you (anyone) to call Wednesday afternoons and be shown the whole process.

NO CRIME COMMITTED

California Supreme Courts Sets Ex-Mayor Schmitz Free

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—The Appellate court of California today rendered a decision which released ex-Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz from custody, and declares the indictment on the charge of extortion void. This decision will probably affect the case of Ruef on the same charge.

According to the appellate judges the compelling of French restaurants to pay big "fees" to Ruef was not a crime, even though Ruef divided the "fees" with the ex-mayor. After discussing the point the court reverses judgment against Schmitz on the ground that no acts constituting crime had been proved against him. Ruef, who pleaded guilty to extorting money from French restaurants, is therefore equally guiltless.

The decision wipes out the French extortion cases, and pending charges of extortion against Schmitz and Ruef must be dismissed. Both are entitled to release on bail until such time as the jury finds them guilty of accepting bribes from corporations. Owing to the number of cases against them, bail was fixed at \$10,000 in each case, amounting to an enormous figure.

SIMONS JURY STILL OUT—PUTNAM JURY EMANELING

The jury in the trial of C. A. Simons, chief of police of Ashland, to which was given the case this morning, had not rendered a decision as The Tribune went to press at 4 o'clock this evening. Simons is charged with manslaughter in having accidentally shot and killed a traveling Swede, while trying to arrest him.

The empaneling of a jury in the case of George Putnam, indicted for criminally libeling the late grand jury and Deputy District Attorney Reames, is progressing. The trial is expected to begin in earnest tomorrow morning.

EUROPE IS TAKING MUCH INTEREST

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The Daily Matin today, in referring to the American-Japanese situation, declared that President Roosevelt spoke to a diplomat a few days ago in the following words: "All will be arranged in a most satisfactory manner." The last memorandum received from Japan was expressed in most conciliatory terms, and there was only the slightest apprehension of a further.

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T. W. Osgood, city engineer of Medford, has been in Jacksonville, establishing the grades of the business streets of the place. The board of trustees of the pioneer town has passed an ordinance requiring the laying of main walks, and some expert engineering became necessary.

JACK LONDON MAY BE LOST

Author and His Companions are Overdue.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Friends of Jack London, the author, are beginning to feel uneasy over his failure to arrive at Marquesas islands, which he was expected to reach early in December. London sailed from Hilo, Hawaii, October 7 last, in his little craft, The Snark, which was equipped with a gasoline engine, and may be drifting as the result of injury to the machinery. London is accompanied by his wife, a few friends and a small crew.

MEDFORD'S POSTOFFICE AGAIN IN THE LEAD

The Medford postoffice, which is housed in more elegant quarters than like institutions south of Salem and has fixtures and arrangements better than any of them, at the same time shows by far the greatest increase of business during the past four years. It is already a second class office, and a free delivery service will in all probability be established in the near future.

The latest addition to the up-to-date paraphernalia of the office was made by Postmaster Woodford this week, in the shape of a machine that cancels the stamps on mail matter, similar to that used in Portland and other large offices.

AUSTRALIA SHIPPING APPLES TO AMERICA

That some Australian apples may be seen in the markets of the Pacific coast in the near future is indicated by the statement recently made in the New York Commercial, by an apple dealer of the metropolis. "News from Tasmania and Australia is that preparations are being carried through to export to Europe during the coming season 500,000 boxes from Tasmania, 100,000 from South Australia and 130,000 from Victoria. In addition to which one correspondent says, it is proposed to make one direct shipment to New York and one or more to Seattle."

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THE VOTING CONTEST OF DAILY TRIBUNE FAVORABLY RECEIVED

Hundreds of People All Over This Section Are Talking of The Great Offer to Ladies --Nominate Some Friend Before Next Saturday.

VOTING POWER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PRICE

	New Subscription.	Old Subscription.	Mail.	Carrier.
Three months subscription, Daily.....	400	200	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Six months subscription, Daily.....	1,000	500	2.50	2.50
One year's subscription, Daily.....	3,000	1,500	5.00	5.00
Two year's subscription, Daily.....	7,000	3,500	10.00	10.00
Five year's subscription.....	20,000	10,000	25.00	30.00
One year's subscription Semi-Weekly Southern Oregonian.....	600	300	2.00	2.00

New subscribers are those who were not taking this paper January 8, 1908.

Today's formal announcement is made of the Medford Tribune and Southern Oregonian's grand prize contest, the most extraordinary offer ever made by a newspaper in Medford. Prizes to the amount of \$2500.00 will be awarded to 17 ambitious and energetic ladies of Jackson county by this paper. This contest promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever held in Southern Oregon.

Just a word as to what this contest is for, as one might say this is one of the "something-for-nothing" ideas. The object of the Tribune and Southern Oregonian is to advertise themselves and to be introduced into new homes, so that all may know them as the leading exponents of the new Oregon family papers that print all the news all the time.

By this way of advertising, ladies residing in Southern Oregon will be benefited to the extent of \$2500.00 in prizes, and these are just what any lady would be glad and willing to put forth great efforts to secure.

Care has been taken by the management in securing these prizes that they may not only be valuable and useful, but appropriate as well.

Grand Capital Prize.

First, as a grand capital prize, is the 1908 Reo automobile. It has been decided, after much study on the part of the management, that the Reo is the best machine that can be put on as a grand capital prize, it being especially adapted to conditions in this section of the state.

In the announcement on another page of this issue will be found a nomination blank good for 25 votes. This coupon will count for twenty-five votes only when properly filled out and brought or mailed to this office. Only one will count for any one candidate.

Grand Prize Number Two.

The second grand prize in the Tribune's contest is a building lot in the beautiful Queen Anne Addition to the city of Medford. The lot, with a value of \$350.00, runs to a twelve-foot alleyway and is within five minutes' walk of the center of the city.

Queen Anne Addition is one of the choicest subdivisions for cottage homes in Jackson county, the soil is a rich loam and the elevation is such that one has an unobstructed view of the surrounding country.

This lot is a prize well worth having, not only as a home site, but as an investment, although a beautiful location for a home.

Scholarship Prizes.

The scholarships provide an excellent opportunity for any lady desirous of securing a full and complete business education.

In this age of progression there are continual calls for ladies to fill positions in the largest mercantile establishments all over the country, and the leading business colleges find it difficult to keep up with the demand that is continually being made upon them.

In a great many respects the scholarships are the most valuable of the many prizes to be awarded, in that they are got only for today or tomorrow, but are for all time.

Gold Watches as Prizes.

The watches that will be awarded to five fortunate ladies are indeed valuable prizes. They are each and every one equipped with the well-known Waltham movement, stem wind and set with 20-year cases.

To the next five young ladies will be awarded a piano certificate, carrying a value of \$100.00, and which will apply on the purchase of any piano secured at the well-known firm of Hale & Co. Should the contestant win one of these certificates, or any one of our family contemplate the purchase of a piano, they will receive a reduction of \$100.00 on the list price of any instrument handled by the firm of Hale & Co.

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