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AWFUL DEED CHARGED TO MINERS

Young Widow is Murdered By Mining Engineer Who Claims Self-Defense --- Quarrel Over Money is Probably the Cause.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 29.—A quarrel over financial matters is accepted by the police as the most likely origin of the murder committed early this morning, when Mrs. Charlotte L. Moyes, a young widow, was shot dead in her apartment by W. P. McComas, a mining engineer. McComas states that the woman attempted to throw a cupful of sulphuric acid in his face and that he shot in self defense. He exhibits acid burns on his face, but the police believe that McComas applied the acid himself.

Detectives searched the elaborately furnished apartments of Mrs. Moyes and discovered a sheet of paper presumed to contain an account of the operations of McComas and Mrs. Moyes at the race track. It showed heavy winnings up to two weeks ago, but total losses all seemingly during the past few days amounted to between \$3000 and \$5000.

AMUSEMENTS.

Faits the Great and Company at the Medford Opera House

For three nights, commencing Thursday, March 5. The press are loud in their praise of the Faits all over this coast. In the science of suggestion, commonly called hypnotism, Professor Faits is certainly second to none, as he not only thoroughly demonstrates, but explains his work, so that all can understand the fundamental principles upon which this science is based.

There will also be some of the most wonderful tests in physical manifestations in psychic phenomena and clairvoyance. In this you can ask under seal what you wish to know and receive your answer. "Resto Capio," the greatest of modern miracles, will be given on the opening night. The Faits have with them one of Edison's largest and grandest moving picture machines and a fine collection of views of the Pacific coast, all taken by Professor Faits, and will be thoroughly explained while given. On their opening night they will give the most complete display of the destruction of the city of San Francisco by earthquake and fire. These pictures are not of the ruins after the fire, but of scenes of the shock and fire. Two and one-half hours of the most interesting program with entire change each night. Popular prices. Children under 12 years 25c. Admission 50c. Reserved seats 50c.

The Nashville Students.

The Nashville Students appear at the opera house tonight. They have received splendid press notices everywhere, of which the following from the Deadwood, S. D., Pioneer Times is a fair sample: "The Nashville Students are no laggards. Those who remained away from the Deadwood theater last night, under the impression that the Nashville Students might prove of the loss of the joyous Happy Hoologians, missed a treat. For light musical entertainment, with just the right sort of fun and dancing, the colored aggregation is the best that has been seen here. Throughout the evening the small cast of eight gave entire satisfaction, keeping the large audience in an uproar of applause and appreciation over their work. They can each and every one sing and dance and act, and the program was carefully culled of anything that might prove objectionable or bordering on the vulgar. It was a clean and finished entertainment. W. A. Bruce and Miss L. Bruce as singers, together with the Mitchells and Miss Henderson, were thoroughly enjoyed. Johnny Edwards is a rattling good eccentric dancer and comedian, and George Bontie made the boards jump with his shifty, new steps. The olio is much above the average and contrary to most performances of this kind, the audience is better pleased as it progresses. Mr. Culligan should be justly proud of his company, and it is safe to say that the purses in towns they visit should be flattered for their appearance."

Ed Lister, the clever landlord of the Hotel Josephine at Grants Pass, was among the many in Medford during the week.

THREE MEN KILLED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY IN OLD KENTUCKY

Neighbors Take Up Simple Quarrel of Their Children and Cause a Bloody Affair—Three Are Dead and Another May Die.

EVELYN, Ky., Feb. 29.—Three men were killed and a fourth mortally wounded in a battle with revolvers in a lumber camp near here yesterday. The children of James Bowles and George Frazier quarreled with those of John Hamilton and Bernard Spicer and the men took up the quarrel. Bowles killed Hamilton and shot Spicer. Spicer began firing at Bowles and Frazier joined in the shooting. Spicer, Bowles and Hamilton are dead and Frazier will die.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS CONTRACT PAVING FEVER

Medford, which always sets the pace in southern Oregon, is being emulated by Grants Pass and Ashland, upon which all are to be congratulated.

Our city council a month ago sent a committee to Portland to get information concerning the paving of our streets, and now W. T. Coburn, J. T. Tupps and George Lewis, Grants Pass councilmen, have gone to Portland, Eugene and other towns on a like mission. Ashland is expected to follow soon.

Public improvements are indicative of enterprise and prosperity, and we always like to see them inaugurated.

CASE AGAINST MORPHINE FIEND HAS BEEN DISMISSED

After several postponements the case of William Fehley, the erstwhile miner, charged with giving morphine to Elmer E. Dotson at Grants Pass and causing his death, was decided. Justice of the Peace Holman dismissed the defendant, as the evidence given by the witnesses for the state showed that at the time Fehley gave Dotson the drug the latter was not so overcome by liquor but that he knew what he was doing.

Fehley will be under surveillance hereafter. He lived at Jacksonville when a boy, but contrasted the opium habit while associating with Chinese in Josephine county.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE ONE CATALOGUE

Hereafter one catalogue will suffice for the four normal schools throughout the state, instead of individual publications for each as heretofore, this having been decided upon at a recent meeting of the board of regents.

In order to cope with fire, the board has directed that estimates be made for improvements needed to enable the students of the southern Oregon school to maintain two effective fire companies. The board has also ordered the re-organizing of the Ashland institution, says the Tidings.

FORMER ASHLAND RESTAURATEUR COMMITS SUICIDE

David Eccles, who kept a restaurant at Ashland near the railroad depot some time ago, committed suicide at San Francisco recently. Financial and domestic troubles are said to be the cause of his rash deed.

Mrs. Eccles took the remains of her late husband to their former home in Kansas for burial.

Big Deal Closed.

J. C. Brown has just closed a deal for the transfer of the 400-acre tract three miles south of Medford belonging to T. H. Howard of San Francisco to T. J. Daxton, one of the largest cotton growers in Texas. Mr. Daxton will take charge of the place at once and will plant 50 acres of trees this year.

This property will be cut up into 20 and 40-acre tracts and will be handled exclusively by J. C. Brown and will be ready for the market in a short time. It will be the cheapest small tract property considering quality and location in the Rogue River valley.

Bishop Scadding Visits Medford.

The Rt. Rev. Charles Scadding, bishop of Oregon, and Mrs. Scadding, are visiting the Rogue River valley and are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins. A reception will be held in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Scadding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kentner this evening from 8:30 until 10:30, preceded by a dinner, to which the members of the official committee of St. Mark's church have been invited. At this time it is expected that the plans for a fine stone church, which have been under way for several months, will be matured and made public.

Bishop Scadding will administer the rite of confirmation and preach at the morning service tomorrow, March 1, at 11 o'clock. The efficient choir under the direction of Charles Haszler will sing some of the best and most inspiring music of the church.

The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. for systematic work and study in the scriptures. The evening service will be held at 7:30. To all those services you are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bapp of Wagner Creek were among their Medford friends one day this week.

IMMENSE STRIKE IS PROMISED

Denver and Rio Grande Will Abrogate Labor Contract—Employees Declare They Will Strike—Other Lines Involved.

DENVER, Feb. 29.—The News will today say: "After conference with General Manager Ridgway of the Denver & Rio Grande and committee of machinists employed by the system, the employees were informed that the company will abrogate its contract after March 14 and thereafter not recognize the machinists', blacksmiths', car repairers', boiler-makers' unions. The committee will immediately submit the question of a strike to referendum vote of all employees belonging to those unions who are employed by the Gould roads. It is claimed that the men will not submit."

That a general strike on all the Gould roads except the International and Great Northern seems imminent. The company also announced yesterday that there will be a reduction of wages paid telegraph operators.

A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESSMAN

John A. Jeffrey, who has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for congress from the Second district, is a well known attorney of Portland. Mr. Jeffrey was born in Washington county, Arkansas, May 24, 1869. He came to Oregon in 1874, making his home at Jacksonville, where he attended school, later going to and graduating from the agricultural college at Corvallis.

After graduation Mr. Jeffrey taught school until 1895, when he was admitted to the bar and the same year elected to the legislature from Jackson county. He was elected district attorney for the first judicial district and filled that position until 1898, when he became candidate for judge of this district. He then moved to Salem, where he resided until 1905, when he came to Portland, where he has since lived.

He is an eloquent speaker and able debater, who has met many in discussion of leading questions.

Mr. Jeffrey in announcing his candidacy has formulated as the platform upon which he will stand in making his race for the nomination and election:

First—Reduce the tariff schedules now in force to a just and equitable rate.

Second—Provide a safe, secure and just banking law which shall guarantee the deposits of the people and protect the honest banker.

Third—Exclude from all the dominions of the United States cheap and undesirable Asiatic laborers.

Fourth—Reclaim all unoccupied public lands for the United States for actual settlers only.

Fifth—Provide and maintain a more efficient navy.

SPORTS.

The weather is a trifle frigid, but the fans may rest assured that there will be a game tomorrow if it is possible.

There will surely be some swinging on the ball tomorrow, for Van Dyke, knowing the needs of some of the ball players, has promised the best Chert shirt in the store for a home run hit.

Heine Heitmueller, who played a few games with Jacksonville, has signed with Oakland for the season.

The Muscatine, Ia., basketball team, which won championship honors with Swann's Alaska aggregation and the Crescents of Chicago, were seen in two games with the Ashland team Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. The latter put up an excellent exhibition, but, of course, was no match for the Iowans, whose playing and action gained the plaudits of all who saw them.

The Muscatine basketball team beat Ashland 55 to 49 and 58 to 23. Ashland should shudder on that score. U. of O. beat the same team 22 to 29, and the Muscatine bunch plays in Dallas this evening, when they will no doubt get a good trimming by the coast champions.

P. & E. TIME TABLE HAS BEEN CHANGED

The public will take notice that the time of arrival and departure of trains of the Pacific & Eastern railroad have been changed, to wit: Leave Medford at 7:59 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Arrive in Medford at 10:50 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

BRYAN'S WARNING SOUNDED

"Watch Personal Delegations" Is the Nebraskan's Cry—Has Been Warned of the Use of Money by "The Interest."

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 29.—Mr. Bryan arrived here today and was asked concerning the paragraph in the current issue of The Commoner reading as follows: "Watch personal delegations to Denver. Money is being used in some states of the Mississippi valley to secure delegations obliged to predatory interests. The democratic masses must not be betrayed by representatives of that system."

Mr. Bryan said he wrote the paragraph himself on information from a man who overheard a conversation on the subject. Bryan is convinced that the trusts and railroads are behind the alleged movement.

JUDGE BENSON HAS TWICE REFUSED THE CROWN

Henry L. Benson, speaker of the house during the holdup of the legislature which has become famous in political history, now one of the judges of this judicial district, has announced that he will under no circumstances become a candidate for the United States senate at this time.

The announcement of Judge Benson was made in response to a telegram sent him by two men who are not pleased with the candidates so far in the field. In his telegram Judge Benson states that he is a supporter of Senator Fulton.

It is not disclosed whether these are the same men who once offered Judge Benson the governorship. He shows excellent judgment in holding onto his present sinecure, with its big salary, and side trips to San Francisco, Portland and Spring Creek.

FOREIGN ANARCHISTS STILL DOING BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Rev. P. Neuzl, pastor of St. Procopius' Roman Catholic church, has notified the police that he has received a letter in the Slav language demanding \$1000 and threatening death for refusal.

NEW BILL FOR LEASING GOVERNMENT LANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Land Commissioner Ballinger has drafted a bill for leasing public lands to be submitted to the secretary of the interior for approval and recommendation to congress. It provides that all vacant non-mineral, non-irrigable public lands not classified as coal or timber lands and not producing wild hay in merchantable quantities shall be specified as pasture lands and adjacent to patented lands under cultivation may be divided into grazing blocks not exceeding 1280 acres compact form and sold to the owners of such cultivated lands at \$1.25 an acre. Pasture lands not subject to such sale shall be leased for grazing purposes at terms, manner, quantity and periods as the secretary of the interior may prescribe, the net profits to be paid to the states or territories for the support of the public schools.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF SALE, NOON ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executors of the estate of W. C. Noon, deceased, by authority of the county court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county, will on and after the 15th day of April, A. D. 1908, proceed to sell at private sale, subject to confirmation by said county court, free and clear of all liens and of the dower right of Emily J. Noon, the widow of said W. C. Noon, deceased, the following described real property, situate in the county of Jackson and state of Oregon, to wit:

The undivided half of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 1; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 2; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 3; lots 2 and 3 in block 9; lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 10; lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 20; lots 1 and 2 in block 21; all in Beatty's Addition to the Town of Medford.

Said property will be sold for cash in hand on delivery of deed; 20 per cent of the purchase price to be paid at the time of the making of the bargain of sale.

Dated February 26, 1908.

W. C. NOON, JR., T. J. ARMSTRONG, Executors of the Estate of W. C. Noon, Deceased.

Northrup & Northrup, Attorneys. 8316

RAILROAD SCRAMBLE STILL ON

Stuyvesant Fish Again Attempts to Block Harri-man's Game to Control Illinois Central at Election Monday

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Henry L. Le-man, one of counsel for Stuyvesant Fish in the recent Illinois Central case, that was decided adversely to the contentions of Mr. Fish, has filed a bill in the superior court today seeking to enjoin the Union Pacific and Railroad Securities company from voting 281, 231 shares of Illinois Central stock at the annual meeting to be held here March 2.

DISHONEST FINANCIERS TO BE MADE LONESOME

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 29.—W. J. Bryan addressed an audience of men only here which completely filled the City Auditorium even to standing room. Mr. Bryan spoke for two hours and held his audience almost to a man. There were possibly 4500 present. The speech was one of his regular lectures—"The Prince of Peace."

Bryan left for Lawrence, Kan., where he spoke under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Kansas university gymnasium. He was a guest of W. R. Stubbs, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, who is also the president of the Lawrence Y. M. C. A.

In his speech here Mr. Bryan touched on the money question and said: "A short time ago the christian churches were in a big controversy over whether or not they should accept money from some of the great financiers. Many men spend a part of their lives getting money, a second part trying to keep other men from trying to get it away from them, and, recently, a third part time is coming, and coming soon, when many of these great financiers who have got their money by dishonest means will be made the most lonesome men on earth by being left alone, without friends and with nothing but this money."

Thirty-seven persons, among them Edward H. Harriman, in whose name the 281,231 shares in question stand, are also made defendants in the suit.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Leary came down from Douglas county last week for a short visit. They may go to California before long, but will eventually return to his section.

The noted evangelists, Bud Robinson and Will Huff, will hold meetings in the Chautauque building, Ashland, March 6 to 16.

W. S. Weston, the open-air photographer, recently from North Yakima, Wash., and D. F. Bliss from the same place, two genial bachelors, have moved into the new house just erected by Mr. Weston on his lot in the Porter & Horning addition on the East Side. Both men are well pleased with the Rogue River valley and expect to make Medford their future home.

USUAL LAMP EXPLOSION DESTROY A FAMILY-- SOME BARELY ESCAPE

Terrible Scene at a Fire Caused by Carelessness—Lamp Explodes and a Mother and Her Children Are Burned to Death—Many Others Injured.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 29.—A mother and her three children were burned to death and several persons were injured in Brerton avenue's foreign district by fire today. The fire started by the overturning of a lamp, and in a few minutes the home of John Waski and Stephen Viacek were in flames. Both houses were full of boarders, and he police and firemen restrained the excited people with difficulty.

The dead: CAROLINE VIACEK, 33 years. STEPHEN VIACEK, 6 years. CARROLL VIACEK, 4 years. PETER VIACEK, 21 years.

U'REN OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR FEDERAL SENATORSHIP

CANBY, Or., Feb. 29.—W. S. U'Ren opened his campaign for the republican nomination for United States senator in an address delivered to a large audience in the city hall last night. Mr. U'Ren charged that the moneyed powers were attempting to defeat the rights of the people by advocating the abandonment of Statement No. 1. The machine politicians active in this movement he declared to be representing the corporation interests. He charged Senator Fulton with being allied with Standard Oil and the railroads, and said he was convinced from Fulton's reported attacks on President Roosevelt that he was not representing the interests of the people. He advocated the perpetuity of the direct primary and election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The machine politicians who are opposing these measures he charged with dishonest motives, due to their desire to return to the old system of graft and bribery in the election of United States senators by the legislature.

POWELL CURRENCY BILL ACTED UPON FAVORABLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The house committee on banking and currency today voted to report favorably upon the Fowler currency bill.

Edison's Condition Serious.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Thomas E. Edison spent a comfortable night. His condition is serious, but he is in no immediate danger. He was operated upon for ear trouble.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial club last night. A committee was appointed to report at the next meeting on the advisability of increasing the monthly dues.

Mr. Fayart reported that after paying all commissions, etc., \$164 had been secured from the county subscriptions. A committee of five was appointed to make a canvass of the town for subscriptions for the coming year.

Fifty dollars was voted to be given to the Greater Medford club for the library fund. Mr. Mulbreth of the Southern Pacific company gave a talk on the increase in freight receipts of the Medford station and the importance of a cannery being located here.

Robert Taylor, who recently bought the interest of Thomas White in the painting business, has four men employed. He does fine work, up-to-date and satisfactory in every way, which is why he is kept busy.

Mrs. R. G. Brown of Eagle Point is at Portland, having been called thither by the illness of her son.

ITALIANS ARE NOT WANTED

State Troops Have Been Stationed to Protect the Foreigners--Army Ordered by Citizens of Kentwood--Fear Disturbance.

KENTWOOD, Ia., Feb. 29.—Kentwood is under guard of state troops to prevent threatened violence against aliens. Self-styled vigilantes during the past two days warned scores of Italians to leave town at the end of the week or suffer being blown up by dynamite. About 100 frightened Italians left yesterday. Complaint against the Italians is that they accepted without contest a reduction of wages at lumber mills from \$1.75 to \$1.25 per day. There were several disturbances in other parts of the state recently, at least one being killed and several injured.

WOODBURN MA WINS PRIZE FROM LUMBERMEN

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 29.—The second day's session of the convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association opened today with the meeting of the members of the association. President Hilliard of Tekon, Wash., reported the association in a prosperous condition and stated that the cost of fire insurance to members had been reduced from 15 to 62 per cent during the year of its existence. It is now furnishing insurance about 50 per cent less than the rates of the old line companies.

F. H. Hilliard was re-elected president, J. C. Wheeler of Pocatello vice-president, A. L. Porter of Spokane secretary-treasurer.

The first prize of \$60 for the best essay on "A Modern Retail Lumber Yard" was awarded to Hiram Junson of Collihan, Utah. The second prize of \$40 to J. P. Hertzler of Woodburn, Or.

WOE UNTO HIM WHO FIGHTS STATEMENT NO. ONE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 29.—Colon E. Eberhardt of Joseph has filed his petition for joint representative on the republican ticket and will be the nominee of the party as a Statement No. 1 candidate if at all. The people of eastern Oregon are feeling very strongly on that subject, he writes his friends at Salem, where he was educated for the bar, and it is doubtful in his mind if a single member from east of the mountains will come to the legislature who is not a people's choice man.

FINANCIAL STRINGENCY STILL IN EVIDENCE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 29.—The Hanby Realty company filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. Also made an assignment to the Citizens Savings & Trust company. The liabilities are reported at \$350,000, with assets at \$25,000. Creditors of the concern today obtained a warrant for the arrest of J. W. Hanby, the president, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

THE EMBROIDERY SALE The Sale Event of the Day Four immense big show windows, trimmed almost as neatly as any you will find in any city invite you to come for a passing glimpse. EMBROIDERIES Are shown in one of these windows, and such neat, pretty, durable patterns as you find on display with the price tickets plainly visible. Say, you can't afford to miss this opportunity to select the newest and best embroideries at prices never before presented in southern Oregon. The savings range from 20 per cent to 50 per cent LEADERS IN LOW PRICES. BAKER-HUTCHASON CO. JUST NORTH OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BANK.