

### CRIMES THE DEED OF A MANIAC

**Murderous Assault on Chinaman—Four Crimes Are Committed in Ten Days—Criminal Caught by Police Practically Same Weapons Used.**

Following a murderous attempt to kill John Crow, a Chinese tailor at 249 Ankeny street, at 11 o'clock this morning, a man who gives the name of "Jack-the-Splitter," was captured after an exciting chase down Second street. The prisoner is said by the police to be the man who made two other daylight attempts to murder north end merchants this week.

"The Splitter" is a powerfully built man of 23 or 24, dressed in common clothing and evidently a logger or miner. He is an American and is either feigning insanity or suffering from delirium tremens. It is believed by the detectives that he is possessed by a mania to crush people's skulls.

In each instance the assault upon Max Hermann Monday night, that upon H. Neuman yesterday and the third upon the Chinaman today, the circumstances are practically identical. In each case the man had entered a store, asked the proprietor to show him something on a shelf or case, and as the unsuspecting merchant bent over to reach it had struck him on the skull with a piece of iron pipe, wrapped in newspaper.

In every instance the assailant has dropped the pipe and simply made his escape, it not having been shown satisfactorily in any case that money has been stolen.

This morning at 10 minutes after 11 o'clock the splitter entered the tailor shop of Chow Wah at 249 Ankeny street. He accosted John Chow, one of three Chinamen in the little shop and asked him to show him some cloth, pointing to a bolt on the shelf. Chow turned to get the cloth and as he did so the splitter took the gaspique wrapped in newspaper, which he was carrying under his arm, and struck the Chinaman across the back of the head.

Chow fell to the floor, stunned by the force of the blow, and his assailant rained half a dozen blows on his head and face before astonished Celestials in the room could prevent him.

As they screamed the Splitter dropped the gaspique on the floor, and turning ran out of the shop.

Instantly pandemonium broke loose in the little building facing on Ankeny street and occupied by Chinese. The tailors in Chow Wah's shop gave the alarm whistle that called every Chinaman within hearing out of his home and soon they were swarming into Ankeny street, which, between Third and Second streets, is so narrow as to be little more than an alleyway.

Chow staggered to his feet, and picking up the bloody gaspique, led the chase after the splitter. He was too weak to follow. The splitter walked slowly down Ankeny street until he reached the corner of Second, then, hearing the cries of his pursuers, broke into a run, going north on Second street.

There were hundreds of the unemployed on Second street, standing before the employment agencies that center around Second and Burnside streets, and they all joined in the chase. The splitter ran along the block between Ankeny and Burnside streets, but seeing that escape was cut off in front of Erickson's dance hall and saloon on the northeast corner of Second and Burnside, he ran into the big hall of the resort and was jumped on by Frank Freeman of 23 North Second street.

Freeman knocked the splitter down and jumped on his neck, holding him until Detective J. N. Plover of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, who had witnessed the chase, came breathlessly up and joined in the fight. To Freeman the prisoner made threats of treating him as he had treated the Chinaman and the brokers.

The prisoner talked disconnectedly when taken to the police station, and he was placed in a cell by himself and confronted by the Chinese and half a dozen others who had seen him run from the little tailor shop.

He carried nothing in his pockets excepting a nickel watch that had stopped at 12 minutes past 11, and a cheap black handled jackknife with one rusty blade. When questioned by Captain of Detectives Basy he talked in a rambling fashion, saying he would get all Chinese as he had got that one.

#### EXCURSION RATE FLEET CELEBRATION

**Seattle and Tacoma.**  
Account the visit of the fleet of battleships to Tacoma and Seattle, the Southern Pacific company offers the following reduced rates:  
One and one-third fare to Portland, plus \$7.50 if to Seattle and \$5.50 if to Tacoma.  
Sale dates: To Seattle, May 21 and 22; to Tacoma, May 25 and 26. Continual passage in both directions, with final return limit 14 days from date of sale.  
This is last opportunity to see this fleet after its memorable cruise.  
These cities are making great preparations for entertainment of the fleet and other visitors.  
Further particulars at depot.

#### BABE FALLS THREE STORIES INTO BABY CARRIAGE UNHURT

NEW YORK, May 14.—While throwing crumbs to sparrows, Robert Freeman, 3 years old, fell out of a window of his home on the third floor of an East Seventeenth street building, landing in a sitting posture in a baby carriage which had been left on the sidewalk. His mother rushed downstairs, expecting to see him dead or terribly injured. She found him too frightened to cry.  
A Bellevue hospital surgeon found no more serious injury than a bruise on the arm, caused by the child striking the rail of the fire escape.

#### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

A meeting of the democratic county committee was held in Medford Wednesday afternoon, at which preliminary arrangements were made for the present campaign.

W. H. Canon and J. T. Summerville were chosen chairman and secretary, respectively.

The following is the personnel of the committee:

Antioch, Theo. A. Glass; East Ashland, Fred B. Neil; West Ashland, E. J. Farlow; South Ashland, J. E. Settle; Applegate, George Hoffman; Barron, A. B. Chapman; Big Butte, Frank Neil; Central Point, George L. Ford; Climax, Lane Wyland; Eagle Point, Gus Nichols; Plonsee Rock, T. B. Higginbotham; Footh Creek, Fred Champlin; Gold Hill, H. D. Reed; North Jacksonville, Chas. Numan; South Jacksonville, Lewis Planch; Montal, W. W. Gregory; Lake Creek, M. Sidley; Moodus, J. B. Welch; North Medford, Jas. Stewart; South Medford, J. E. Barkdull; Phoenix, A. S. Parry; Rock Point, R. M. Cook; Roxy, H. H. Taylor; Sam's Valley, J. L. Rowe; Sterling, Harry Gilson; Talent, James Garvin; Trail, F. Y. Allen; Union, Chas. Hamilton; Watkins, C. E. Textor; Willow Springs, W. K. Price; Wimer, Johna. Nonhammer; Woodville, James Stewart.

The committee will hold another meeting next Monday, when the county candidates will also be present.

#### EGG SHOWER SCATTERS SOCIALIST AND AUDIENCE

SALEM, Or., May 14.—The speech of an itinerant socialist stump speaker, who mounted a drygoods box on one of the principal street corners of the city last night and began to berate capital and the government generally, was brought to a sudden stop and his small assembly of curious auditors put to cover by an unexpected shower of eggs from the opposite side of the street. The speaker, whose name could not be learned, was just approaching the climax of a fiery flight of oratory when "smash!" an egg crashed into his pedestal. This was followed by more eggs, one or two of which fell into the crowd and sent it scurrying to shelter in all directions, and the speaker cut his discourse upon monopoly and graft off abruptly and moved to more comfortable quarters around the corner. He tried in vain to reassemble his audience for a few minutes and then gave up in disgust.

#### Rose Festival.

Tickets for the Rose Festival will be on sale June 1 and 3, and only on those two days. Those who intend going and wish sleeper reservation should leave word at the depot as soon as possible in order to give the company time to secure the necessary cars. Round-trip fare \$13.20.

#### Double Your Money.

Did you ever stop to think how rapidly you can make a fortune by doubling your money?  
For instance, say you start with only 1 cent and double it every day for only one month, and you will be surprised to see that you have accumulated several million dollars. Figure it out for your self and become convinced!

We simply mention this to show you how rapidly money accumulates when doubled over and over again and call your attention to the fact that real estate in Medford is doing that one thing; during the past two years you know of many instances where Medford property has doubled in value over and over again.

As a matter of fact, the present prices of Medford real estate are very low, and it is a better buy now than it ever was. Medford has doubled in population during the past two years, and it has only commenced to grow; the surrounding country is increasing in population and value faster in proportion than is Medford, which is bound to increase the population of Medford and the value of real estate faster than ever before.

The immense acreage planted to orchards as it comes into bearing alone means the doubling of Medford's population again inside of two years, and the doubling and quadrupling of its real estate values within the same period of time.

Coupled with this are the immense timber resources now being opened up for the market and the great mineral resources now being rapidly developed.

The Gold Ray Realty Company of Medford, of which Dr. C. R. Ray is president, owns over 10,000 acres of farming and fruit lands all over the valley, as well as acre property, business property and town lots in the City of Medford, which they are offering at very low prices on long time and on easy terms, and it will pay prospective buyers to investigate same before buying elsewhere.

This company also offers to build houses to suit purchasers and sell same on long-time, easy monthly payments. Call and investigate at their office with the Rogue River Electric Co., 206 West Seventh street, Medford, Or. 32

#### Time Tables SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Northbound.	
No. 16 Oregon Express....	5:30 p. m.
No. 14 Portland Express....	9:49 a. m.
No. 225 For Ashland.....	10:15 a. m.
Southbound.	
No. 15 California Express....	10:35 a. m.
No. 13 San Francisco Exp....	1:50 p. m.
No. 225 From Grants Pass....	9:15 p. m.

#### PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY.

No. 1 Leaves Medford.....	7:50 a. m.
No. 2 Leaves Medford.....	2:30 p. m.
No. 2 Arrives Medford.....	10:50 a. m.
No. 4 Arrives Medford.....	5:30 p. m.

#### ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY.

No. 2 Leaves Medford.....	10:40 a. m.
No. 4 Leaves Medford.....	5:05 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford.....	2:00 p. m.
Motor Leaves Medford.....	9:00 p. m.
No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville....	9:00 a. m.
No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville....	2:30 p. m.
Motor Leaves Jacksonville....	1:00 p. m.

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