

HORRID EXECUTION SCENE OF TODAY IS SICKENING TO MANY

Ghastly Judicial Killing Is Scheduled for Early Saturday Morning.

POOR WRETCH IS PLEADING

Another Bloody Example of Barbarism in Highly Civilized State.

Unless Governor Pierce grants a last-hour stay of execution, a wretched, semi-insane slayer named Pery, 67 years old, from Marshfield, will be hanged in the Oregon State Prison at Salem early Saturday morning. The Governor was absent from Salem Friday. The condemned man is friendless and without means. He committed, while in a murderous frenzy, the ferocious double crime of killing his wife and a man. At least one alienist has pronounced him to be a paranoiac and the casual observer could see that he is a morose, almost minus conscience and moral sense.

After committing the dreadful crime, of which he was convicted, Pery tried to end his own life, inflicting deep gashes in his throat. The surgeons patched him up, however, and somehow have kept him alive to pay the law's penalty for murder upon the gallows.

Pery for days has been pleading pitiously, like a semi-wild animal, for a stay of execution, or mercy of some kind. Pointing to the ghastly wounds in his neck he whined, "They surely won't hang me while I'm in this condition!" He was advised kindly by the warden to receive a minister and prepare himself for eternity. He positively spurned the consolation of religion, however, and said he never had been a Christian. He was expected to weaken in the last hours, like most of them do, and to beseech mercy at the throne of grace.

Officials dread the ordeal.

Pery arrived at the prison about two weeks ago, a tottering old man, shattered physically and mentally. He will have to be carried up the 13 steps of the gallows; will have to be supported upon the scaffold trap while the

rope is being adjusted about his neck, with the hangman's knot under his left ear.

The prison officials dreaded the horrible ordeal, for it was obliged to be a ghastly scene, a horrifying experience, on account of the wounds in the old man's neck. The jury of 12 was expected to shrink from the awful sight and each to vow never again to witness a spectacle so horrid, brutal and inhuman.

Chance for Queer Women.

Women of a certain queer type have expressed a desire to serve on execution juries and certain of them actually begged for "souvenir pieces" of the hangman's rope which recently was used in the execution of the morose youth, Husted Walters. Their requests were repelled by the prison officials, with proper scorn, and the rope was promptly burned, but this time, if any such women apply for "souvenirs," it is to be hoped they will be gratified, both by presentation with "souvenirs" of the bloody rope and by being allowed to gaze upon the ghastly corpse. The law allows no one except the jury and necessary officials to witness the actual execution in the prison's chamber of horrors.

Warden's Latest Innovation.

Pery, like all others who die in the State Prison, will be given a Christian funeral and burial—an innovation established by the humane warden, Johnson S. Smith. The coffin is made by the prison workmen and neatly finished and lined. The body is prepared for burial with a care that might astonish the outside undertakers. The funeral is held in the prison chapel, with the officials and prisoners as the audience. A quartet sings the decedent's favorite hymn, if he had any. The music is appropriate and the sermon by the chaplain one calculated to impress and inspire all hearers. The solemnities and the obsequies lose nothing in comparison with those which characterize the funerals of free men. The cortege can go no farther than the gates, and the body is transported to the nearby asylum for cremation.

Warden Smith's idea, in establishing the funeral custom, was to give every unfortunate a Christian burial and, in the ceremonies, to appeal effectively to the highest motives to which men will respond.

TO ALL KLANSMEN

Remember at all times the Sacred Obligation. Practice in daily life the Golden Rule. Speak evil of no one. Discount all rumors. When it is impossible to praise a Brother, KEEP SILENT!

Pery wasn't born in America, but it WILL be a good place for its FUNERAL.

M. & F. Unfair Say Portland Unionists

Meler & Frank's Department store still is on labor's unfair list, by unanimous vote of the Portland Central Labor Council, representing all the trades, Monday, Dec. 11. The reasons given are these, chiefly:

Starvation wages paid to 4000 employes, mostly women and girls, who get the apprentice minimum of \$9 a week. It was unanimously declared that no woman or girl, however economical she might be, could live decently in Portland, or elsewhere, on such pitifully small wages.

Exactness of unreasonable degree of service.

Autocratic and impudent refusal of J. Meler, alleged head of the firm, to consider these grievances of labor with a view to amicable adjustment.

The largest part of the patronage of Meler & Frank, amounting to millions of dollars annually, is said to come from the slender purses of the poor.

For these reasons the working folk of Portland have declared Meler & Frank to be unfair, and are imploring a right-thinking public to consider their grievances.

ROTTENLOUSE TRIES NEW STAB AT EVANS

After Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans and other executives of the Imperial Palace at Atlanta had gone to Washington, D. C., to attend an important conference, another cowardly and atrocious attack was launched against them in a Georgia court by some fellow named Rottenlouse, or something like that, the sole aim being further to hinder the Klan's progressive work and house-cleaning. Dr. Evans and the Grand Dragons are fully capable of handling the bunch of pestiferous grafters by whom he is frequently attacked from behind and in a little while will have some of them behind prison bars and all of them bankrupt financially.

TRY POWER OF SILENCE

Great power can be obtained by going into the silence. Carlyle said truly that speech is silver, silence is golden; that speech is human, silence is divine.

If the presiding chief of a great fraternal lodge would impress upon the members the power of silence, advising each and every member to think of something constructive for the good of the Order, and then to

impose a period of absolute and solemn silence, continued for five minutes, during which time no one should be allowed to whisper or to utter a word, or to move about; the result would be beneficial in renewed zest and a multiplicity of ideas. Out of silence comes strength of thought and expression.

The most impressive worship is that of the Quakers, for it is conducted in silence. It is in the silence that "listening" love hears the rustle of a wing.

This is a noisy world, full of vocal clamor, meaningless and thoughtless for the most part. One man in an hundred is a thinker, or capable of intelligent leadership; all others being mere "dumb-bells."

One's best friend is one who makes one think, who turns one's thoughts into creative channels, not for self but for others.

God give us men who realize the power of constructive thought, who seek blessing through service to the world.

PICTURES REQUESTED.

The Imperial Night-Hawk is anxious to secure for publication pictures which will prove of interest to Klansmen.

Exalted Cyclops, Kligrapps and Klan Korrespondents are asked to forward to this magazine any photographs of Klan ceremonials, parades, etc., in their Klanton.

Many Klans have erected or are planning to erect their own Klaverns, some are building hospitals or Protestant homes.

Photographs or architects' perspectives of these buildings will be published in the Imperial Night-Hawk, if sent to Postoffice Box 1264, Atlanta, Ga.

THE HALF-SISTERS

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"They lived just 20 squares apart. But distance does not matter—One lives within a mansion grand, Where suitors come to flatter; The other lives 'mid squalid filth; A life of shame and canker— Still both say, 'Father' to the man Who is a wealthy banker.

One lives in luxury and wealth, And calls an Angel, 'Mother,' And waits on her with loving care As she waits on 'd' other. Her father, too, receives his share Of every kiss and favor; There's not a home in all the land So filled with sweet behavior.

The other's home is filled with gloom, With poverty and sorrow— And yesterday was like today, And also will be tomorrow; The sunlight of a wider sphere I Shall never shine to bless her, For where she is she must remain, Nor do her clouds distress her.

These sisters often pass by day, But not a word of motion Betrays the kinship of their blood— Between them lies an ocean. Two pins could not look more alike, No mirror give reflection More like the two than when they meet Before the world's inspection.

Though one has eyes of azure blue, And skin of lily whiteness, And hair that falls like braids of gold In splendor and in lightness, And lips like rubies—red as wine, From which a world of laughter, Rings out to gladden other hearts And leaves a joy long after.

The other's face, in form and size, In gesture and expression, Is but a counterpart of her, Whose life needs no confession; Yet there are none to walk with her, Not for her lowly station, But just because there is a gulf 'Twixt her and her relation.

This life is such a tangle-tale, Its pathways are so winding; So much is done we do not see, So much we see is blinding; Some live by faith in barren fields, And some in sin and clover; But God in His own time and place Shall turn the bushel over.

If these half-sisters know the truth, Perchance as gossip knows it, One keeps her peace by fear alone, A secret though she shows it; The other one would die of shame If she divine suspicion In others' eyes as to her kin With her of low position.

And who is there to blame the one For shrinking from the other, Since she has not a tie by blood Unto that Angel Mother? God's curse is on that lowly one, And heaven cannot alter The leper-spots that mar the skin Like some accursed halter.

For sin shall trace its workmanship In letters cold and stark,

ARE YOU QUALIFIED FOR THE KLAN?

The qualifications for membership in the Klan are as follows:

The applicant must be a white male Gentile person, a native-born citizen of the United States of America, who owes no allegiance of any nature or degree whatsoever to any foreign government, nation, institution, sect, ruler, prince, potentate, people or person; he must have attained the age of eighteen years, be of sound mind, good character, of commendable reputation and respectable vocation, a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, and one whose allegiance, loyalty and devotion to the Government of the United States of America in all things is unquestionable. He must be a resident within the jurisdiction of the Klan to which he applies for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application.

The Royal Riders of the Red Robe require the same qualifications, except that the applicant need not be native-born.

CLASSIFIED

- Wanted ads of men seeking employment, or offering jobs, if registered at the secretary's office, 453 Pittock Block, will be published free by The Western American. Every effort is made to give effective service. These ads are perused carefully by about forty thousand readers. Let your wants be known. We are here to serve you, whether you are a Klansman or not, "not for self but for others."
- DE MOLAY YOUTH, high school graduate, working for bunch of Rednecks, wants job with White Folks. Highest references. Ask Larson, 453 Pittock block. Phone Bway, 4371.
- TENT FOR SALE—Size 10 by 14, fly to cover 12 by 16; cost \$30.00; also two-burner oil stove, slightly used, cost \$18.75. Will take \$30.00 for whole outfit, sacrifice. See McClellan or Larson at desk, 453 Pittock block, Bway, 4371.
- PLUMBER WANTED—To give estimate on small job. Ask Larson, 453 Pittock block. Phone Broadway 4371.
- FOR RENT—Four-room modern duplex house, 333 Shaver street, near Mallory. Phone Walnut 3499. Two session June 1; \$30.00 a month.
- TO TRADE—One \$210 Carl Zeiss lens and compound shutter for 3-A special and 9-inch condensing lens. Garfield 3742.
- CEMENT CONTRACTOR wanted; to pour ten small basements. See Ramsdell, with Gordon Mortgage Co. Sunset 1344, morning.
- PAINTERS—Two or three wanted; card men. Al Holmgren, Tabor 4675.
- BOY, 15, out of school wants work of any kind. Sunset 2329, or ask Secretary, 453 Pittock block, Bway, 4371.
- ONE ACRE for sale in Garden Home district; half in corn, mango beets, other half plowed; clear of encumbrance; good road. Bull Run water, gas. Six blocks to depot. Twenty trains daily each way. Fifteen miles to Portland. Sacrifice for \$1,000 cash. Come and see it, or write A. R. Eastman, Box 22, Garden Home, Ore. Also have one acre with house, barn, chicken house, etc., for rent, \$25.00 a month.
- FOR SALE—Tent, size 10x14—fly to cover, 12x16—cost \$30.10; two-burner oil stove, used only a few months, in good condition; cost \$18.75. Will take \$30.00 for outfit. Address R. W. M., care Western American.
- WANTED—Two or three—modern furnished housekeeping rooms on west side with private family. Address L. P.
- WANTED—50 men or women to pick 25 acres of loganberries at 2 cents per pound. City limits of Aurora. Beautiful shady camp ground. Wood and city water furnished. For further information call or write, Miller Bros. Loganberry Farm, Aurora, Oregon.
- I have a nice four-room house on a 50x100-foot lot in Milwaukie, Ore., which I will sell; going to California. Bargain. Modern house, Bull Run water, hot and cold; gas, electricity and full basement. Price \$2000. Easy terms. O. C. Johnson, Box 111, Milwaukie, Ore.
- For Exchange—New, high-power Remington .25-caliber slide action hunting rifle, Lyman peep and ivory bead, also factory sights; also one hundred soft point cartridges, value \$70.00 in trade for Underwood typewriter; will pay cash difference. Secretary, 453 Pittock Blk., Broadway 4371.
- Shoe That Boy Right—I'm just starting making boys' shoes—hand made—shoes that defy rough usage and are comfortable and neat; made to fit all kinds of feet; sizes from 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Made right, 100 per cent honest in every detail; only five dollars. A. S. SWARTZ, 1153 Belmont, or 2704 74th St., end of Hawthorne car line.
- Get Your Panama—La Franco Hatters, 392 Morrison St., near 10th. Expert Panama and straw hat bleaching and blocking. Positively no acids used. "Personal service and the square deal for all, my motto." C. C. SOUTHWORTH.
- Here's a Real Home—For sale: One acre cultivated land in Garden Home, six blocks from Oregon Electric station; gas, telephone, Bull Run water and electricity available; twenty trains each way daily; price \$1500; terms. Address A. R. Eastman, Box 22, Garden Home.
- Need a Tent—Size 10x14 feet; also fly to cover same, 12x14. Two-hole coal oil stove. Prices right. Phone Broadway 0430.
- Another Good Tent—For sale: 10x 14x3, fly to cover same 12x16. Two-hole oil stove used 3 months. Secretary, 453 Pittock Block.
- For Sale—Phonograph and six records, in good condition; used about six months. Walnut 9229.
- Married Man to work small farm near Forest Grove, Ore. Free rent, full time not required. Sixmill on place, plenty of outside work. Call evenings at 1003 S. Jersey street. Take St. Johns car.
- FOR RENT—Two-room apartment, convenient for couple, 695 East Oak, corner Fifteenth.
- Wanted—Laundry work at home by experienced laundress. All flat work mangled. Sellwood 2610.
- "DRESSMAKING SUPERVISOR" Will supervise making and fitting of your dresses, suits, etc., at my home, 1 to 5 P. M. MRS. HIBBARD 526 E. 26th St. So.
- One-half large store for rent on Morrison street; 3-year lease. Good location. Rent reasonable. Apply Western American.
- Wanted—Two or three modern furnished housekeeping rooms on West Side with private family. L. P.
- FOR GOOD SHOE REPAIRING TRY W. Holding, 353 Third Street, south of Auditorium.
- For Rent—Two-room apartment; convenient for couple. 595 East Oak St.
- Materially ample, open for engagements, city or country. Terms reasonable. Tabor 4317.
- Wanted—Man to spray large basement with kalsomine. See Frank Winters, Purity Restaurant.
- Wanted—First-class union sign painter. Apply Borlee & Carver Tire Shop, 112 First street.
- DR. A. D. HOGGART Chiropractic Physician Formerly at 314 Failing Building, is now located at 614 Broadway Building, Portland, Ore. M. AIN 2622.
- For Sale at Sacrifice 5-room modern home, arranged for two flats, 1/2 block Irvington car. Lot 50x100; fruit, berries and shrubs; upper flat rents for \$32.50. Owner leaving city. \$4100, or \$4600 furnished. A. H. Johnson, 590 Skidmore St.
- Geese and Duck for sale or to let on shares. Eggs for hatching. Phone EAst 4254. E. M. Bothwell, 924 E. Everett St.
- For Sale Vancouver; 5-room bungalow and garage. Corner lot, 50x100; all built-in. No reasonable offer refused. A. H. Johnson, 590 Skidmore.
- Perennial plants and bulbs; more than 50 kinds. Foxgloves 10c. Canterbury and Primroses. Phone Tabor 4510.
- Shingling, Broadway 3423.
- JOB WANTED—First class truck driver, overseas veteran, wants job driving any kind of motor car. Ask Editor Western American.
- WANTED—Protestant boys to sell The Western American in their immediate neighborhood. Good money after school hours. Call Saturday morning, 408 Pittock Block. D.H.
- FOR RENT—One large room for light housekeeping. Clean; convenient. Easy. 51 E. 13th St. N. EAst 6775.
- Young man, truck driver, wants work; good references. Care O. D., 407 Pittock Block.
- CONTRACTORS and BUILDERS A. Risdon Co. Free plans. Phone SUNset 4251.
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- WANTED Newsboys of Protestant faith to sell Western American on streets. Apply 407 Pittock Block, Thursday, after 3 P. M. See Mr. Belamy.
- CARPENTER WORK WANTED—For anything in the carpenter line, it will pay you to call Walnut 5676.
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- Perennial Plants and Bulbs—More than 50 varieties. Fox gloves 10c. Lilies of the valley 60c per dozen. Reduction on plants by the dozen. Tabor 4510.
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