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## MURDERED GIRL HE LOVED

### Slavonian Shoots Sweetheart and Fires Three Shots at Father

## MURDERER IN COUNTY JAIL

### Narrowly Escapes Lynching at Hands of Angry Mob Who Follow Him to Jail Doors.

With the pangs of jealousy wrangling within his breast, and considerable booze warming his blood to the point of killing something, Saturday night, Math Jancigaj shot and killed the girl he loved, Mary Smrekar. The murdered girl and her slayer were Austrians, the Smrekar family having come to this city a few years ago from Michigan, and the murderer, who was an employee of the Willamette Pulp and Paper Co., in Mill D., had been a resident less than two years.

Jancigaj had spent the evening with a rival suitor, Charles Koman, and together they had tipped the flowing bowl till he was of the opinion that Koman had better have the girl and that he was willing to give her up; but his talk belied his feelings, and after getting into the proper condition he proceeded to the approach of the suspension bridge saying good-bye to another, Austrian who he met later and walked toward the river along the street beside the bridge, where he vent out a portion of his pent up feelings by firing his revolver into the air, and then evidently at once making his way down Water street to the girl's house, where the crime was committed.

After killing the girl and firing three shots at her father Jancigaj ran south on Main street to Twelfth and turned toward the bluff, going up the canyon under the Twelfth street bridge. He was in hiding in the woods on the edge of the bluff near Tenth street till Sunday morning when he stole along the bluff concealed by the timber and climbing down the side of the hill entered a woodshed in the rear of the home of a countryman, Peter Kurnik. He was there probably an hour, when Kurnik saw him. "What did you do last night," he demanded. The murderer did not hesitate nor attempt to escape. "I do not know what I did," he replied, "but you go and report me to

a policeman." Kurnik went out quietly and the first man he saw was Charles Koman, the dead girl's sweetheart, whose fancy for Mary had turned Jancigaj's head. Upon hearing of the murder's whereabouts, Koman walked to the courthouse and told Jancigaj's father, who, with Constable Miles, went down to Fifth street and Railroad avenue, where Kurnik lives. The watchful crowd that lined the streets ran with them, but Jancigaj had left his lair and climbed up the side of the bluff waiting for his officers to come and take him.

"Up with your hands," ordered Nehren, "and come down." Jancigaj slid down the steep bank and gave himself up. "Where is that gun?" asked the officer. "Mister, I have no gun," replied the man. "I threw it in the river." Five minutes later he was behind the bars.

The Smrekar family came here two years ago from Michigan. Beside the father and mother, there were six sons, two of them now grown, and two daughters. The family is highly respected. For a time they kept boarders until the owner of their house objected, and it was during that time that Jancigaj an inmate of the house, met and fell in love with Mary Smrekar. While she never cared for him she did accept his attentions until her father, angered at the dissolute conduct of Jancigaj, who squandered his earnings in drink, requested the girl to have nothing more to do with her admirer, who was 10 years her senior. Five months ago Jancigaj left the Smrekar house and has since boarded with Matt Poloni, whose home is in the rear of the postoffice building.

For several blocks the crowd, numbering over 300, followed, all eager to get at the prisoner, whose smile of delight at the notoriety he was receiving, never faded until the jail doors closed upon him. Cries of

"Give us a rope," "Hang him," fell upon the ears of the officers and the murderer, but a leader was lacking and no time was lost by Nehron and Miles, both well armed, and they propelled their captive swiftly to the courthouse where the iron doors closed behind him. "Good bye," shouted the Austrian, waving his hand as he disappeared.

### Firemen's Barbecue.

The volunteer firemen held their annual barbecue Sunday at Gus Schmoor's place on the banks of the beautiful Tualatin river, near the Willamette. This annual event is for firemen only, and included all active, exempt and honorary members of any of the six companies. The general committee, which had the barbecue in charge completed all arrangements and made the affair a most successful one. The Oregon City band assisted in the entertainment by several selections and at 10 o'clock the firemen boarded an electric car at the west end of the suspension bridge and proceeded to the scene of the festivities. The morning hours were taken up with informal oratory and at noon the fine barbecue was served. Then followed the races and other athletic sports. About 4 o'clock the firemen indulged in a game of baseball on the Willamette Park grounds. In the evening a public dance was given in the Canemah Park pavilion, thus ending a most enjoyable occasion.

### High School Alumni.

Alumni of Oregon City High School will picnic at Gladstone on the Chautauqua grounds Friday evening. A large number are expected to attend, fifty or more, and every feature is being thoroughly looked after to make the affair a grand success. There will be enough and to spare of the very best things to be found on our home tables besides all that the market affords, so that none may remain away for fear of going away hungry. These barbecues are annual love feasts and are looked forward to by students of the school as resembling home comings for the wanderers, and when all are brought together in one large family and story telling is the past word, eating the main feature of the occasion, and visiting a side dish, what more could be expected than each year to have the very best time possible?

### Rebekah Installation.

Willamette Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Friday night held its semi-annual installation of officers the ceremonies being conducted by Mrs. Lizzie Finnegan, district deputy. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Rachel Scripture, noble grand; Mrs. Rolla C. Shaw, vice grand; Mrs. May Waldron, treasurer; Miss Anna Willehart, warden; Mrs. Viola Godfrey, chaplain; Mrs. Lizzie Finnegan, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. F. A. Miles, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. D. C. Ely, L. S. V. G.

## BRYAN AND KERN TO HEAD TICKET

### NEBRASKAN THE CHOICE OF DEMOCRATS FOR THE THIRD TIME.

### NOMINATIONS ARE UNANIMOUS.

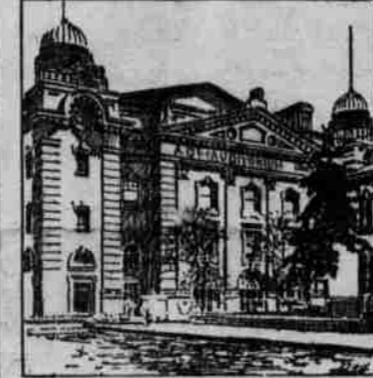
### Commoner Wins on the First Ballot Amid a Frenzy of Wild Enthusiasm.

Denver, Colo.—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was nominated for the third time for the office of the Presidency of the United States amid scenes of frenzied enthusiasm. The result came after an all-night session, which was kept in a constant turmoil up to the culminating moment when the Nebraska leader was proclaimed the choice of the convention as the Democratic standard-bearer.

The nomination was made on the first and only ballot, the vote standing:

William J. Bryan, 892 1/2; Governor John A. Johnson, 46; Judge Geo. Gray, 59 1/2. Absent or not voting, 8. Total, 1006.

The announcement of the vote was the signal for a wild demonstration. The scene within the amphitheater at the moment the nomination was made was one of stirring animation. From pit to dome the vast building was packed with 10,000 people, thinned out in the galleries, after hours of waiting and the discomforts of the night. It was a spectacle of the greatest proportions—tier on tier and gallery on gallery of agitated forms ever ready to spring into feverish outbreaks of enthusiasm and everywhere the blaze of flags, bunting and patriotic devices and the enveloping folds of Old Glory. Twice



DENVER AUDITORIUM.

before the throng had been moved into a mad ecstasy, first by the speech placing the name of Bryan in nomination, and when that of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, was proposed, but these manifestations paled before the culminating outburst of emotion.

As the announcement of the Nebraska's actual nomination was made the whole assemblage arose en masse, waving flags, handkerchiefs, newspapers, hats and coats, anything and everything which hands could lay upon to wave aloft or hurl into the air, while a bedlam of sound poured out from these 10,000 throats in exultant yells, with the added din of tin horns, the roar of megaphones and the strains of the band playing.

When for a moment order was secured, out of the tempestuous chaos of demonstration, state after state, which had at first recorded its vote for Johnson or Gray fell into line with the overmastering Bryan column and the nomination was made unanimous and by acclamation.

Alabama, the first state on the roll-call, yielded to Nebraska, the home state of Bryan, whose spokesman, the youthful orator, Ignatius J. Duan, of Omaha, advanced to the platform. He spoke with great earnestness and to a sympathetic audience, which greeted each utterance of tribute to the Nebraska leader with demonstrative evidence of approval. His concluding passage was a fervid tribute to the Commoner as the intrepid leader who had borne the battle-scarred flag of Democracy through the campaigns of 1896 and 1900 with the devotion and faith of the crusaders of old, America's great commoner, Nebraska's gifted son, William J. Bryan. This was the signal for a long continued uproar, lasting upward of 45 minutes.

A few moments after the cheering began an immense oil painting of Mr. Bryan was lowered from behind a monster American shield, which had reposed on the chairman's desk ever since the convention began. The appearance of the picture raised the pitch of the outburst to a veritable pandemonium.

The delegates poured from the convention floor onto the already overcrowded stage. James Dahman of Omaha, a Bryan leader, jumped to the secretary's desk and urged the throng forward. The stage standards were grouped about the platform. Spectators and delegates were on their feet waving thousands of flags and cheering themselves hoarse. Many of the New York delegates stood and cheered with the others, but the majority remained seated.

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Only six banners were missing from the states in parade through the aisles after the grouping at the stage had broken into a procession. They were Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Georgia, New Jersey and Delaware.

Many Bryan banners which had been brought into the hall, were quickly caught up by the marching delegates and carried through the aisles, one of the largest being from the Monroe Club, of St. Joseph, Mo. The band in the balcony lent its share to the celebration of the Bryan followers and the blare of horns, the beat of drums and crash of cymbals could be heard above the din of shouting hundreds on the floor and the thousands in the galleries.

One of the banners that aroused much enthusiasm was labeled, "Missouri—Nominate Bryan and we will show you!"

The members of the Missouri delegation bore up to the platform a banner bearing the words:

"Missouri will give Bryan 50,000 majority."

The nomination of Governor Johnson precipitated another whirlwind of excitement, if not so long sustained, hardly less enthusiastic than that for Bryan.

When the demonstration's last cry had died away, the chairman directed the secretary to continue the call of the roll of states. Arkansas passed and California yielded to Oregon. Ex-Senator Gearin then proceeded to second the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Gearin mentioned the name of Bryan in his first sentence, but it received but a ripple of applause, the enthusiasm having completely spent itself. The Senator spoke but a few minutes and left the stand with liberal applause.

The Democratic National Convention concluded its labors by the nomination of John Worth Kern, of Indiana, for Vice-President, completing the ticket.

The nomination of Mr. Kern was made by acclamation amid the resounding cheers of delegates and spectators. No ballot was necessary, as the trend of sentiment had set irresistibly toward the Indiana candidate, state after state registering its delegations in his favor and all other candidates withdrawing before the universal demand for his nomination.

The convention, after adjourning at daylight with the nomination of Mr. Bryan, resumed its session at 1 p. m., with a powerful undercurrent already in motion toward the nomination of Mr. Kern for second place. The names of Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and John Mitchell, of Illinois, were not presented owing to the positive requests of these men not to have their names go before the convention.

Colorado, through ex-Governor Thomas, placed in nomination Chas. A. Towne, of New York; Connecticut presented Archibald McNeill, and Georgia, Clark Howell.

For a time it looked as though a ballot would be required, but the steady line of states which joined in seconding Mr. Kern's nomination soon made it apparent that the chances of all other candidates had been extinguished.

Mr. Towne, of New York, was the first candidate to recognize the decisive nature of the Kern movement, and in a ringing speech he withdrew his name from consideration and pledged his support to the ticket of Bryan and Kern. Withdrawals quickly followed from the supporters of Howell, of Georgia, and McNeill, of Connecticut, leaving the Indiana candidate alone in the field. The withdrawal of the Connecticut candidate was accompanied by a motion that Mr. Kern be nominated by acclamation. The motion was carried with a deafening shout and the great assemblage broke into clamorous demonstration on the accomplishment of its work and the completion of the Democratic ticket.

A feature of the demonstration never before part of a National convention was that the greater part of the cheering and uproar was distinctly heard by the candidate at his home 500 miles away, a telephone to which wires attached to an immense megaphone had been placed in the hall, and Mr. Bryan at the other end of the wire was at Fairview where he was able to hear the cheering which filled the hall.

### Braker-Mead.

Miss Ruth Braker, of Greenwood, and Mr. Walter Mead were quietly wed on Wednesday, the 8th, at 12 o'clock by the Rev. A. May. The bride, on the arm of the groom, preceded by the minister and followed by the maid of honor, Miss Annie Marley, of Oregon City, and the best man, Mr. Willer Newbury, entered the little home parlor to the wedding march, played by Miss Max Clark. The ceremony was very impressive and was followed by a sumptuous dinner. Only intimate friends and relatives were present. The bride was neatly attired in a Copenhagen blue suit, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas, while the maid of honor, Miss Marley, was becomingly attired in a blue suit.

The bride received a number of useful presents.

The couple have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

### Eagles Soar High.

Friday evening members of Oregon City Aerie No. 994 Fraternal Order of Eagles assembled in their rooms to go through the very interesting program of initiating fifteen members, and from reports everything was done for the comfort of those admitted to the mysteries. The order is showing great gains in this city and its members are taking great interest in the building up of the order, and large classes are becoming frequent.

## PROGRAMME DRAWS CROWD

### Chautauqua Summer School Scene of Wonderful Activity

## AUDITORIUM IS CROWDED

### Saturday July 18th Will See Standing Room Only. Thousands Are Coming Last Three Days.

Three more days of Chautauqua and the grandest assembly on the coast will close for this season. The assembly has been successful in every way and the thousands who have attended have gone away refreshed in mind, body and spirits. They have eaten from the tables of plenty, drank from the fountains of intellectual blessings, and grown fat from the food of knowledge handed out to them, and have been wonderfully blessed spiritually.

Three days yet left to complete the good season and many there will be to attend. Saturday especially will be a boomer day at the Chautauqua grounds. Many farmers who have been so busy at their work will lay aside the tilling of the farm and go to Chautauqua for the day, and every seat in the great auditorium will be occupied. There will be many attractive features for the three days and the program as follows will be carried out in its entirety:

### FRIDAY, JULY 17.

- Morning: 8-11—Summer School.
- 11:00—Chautauqua Forum. State Agricultural College rally, President W. J. Kerr.
- Afternoon: 1:15—Concert by Chemawa Band.
- 2:00—Solo by Miss Eleanor Colony.
- Lecture, "Patriotism and the Republic," Dr. B. L. Whitman.
- 3:30—Chautauqua Round Table, Y. M. C. A. Subject, "The Woman Traveler in Oregon."
- 3:30—Baseball.
- 7:15—Concert by Chemawa Band.
- 8:00—Solo by Dr. R. A. Heritage.
- Quartet, Willamette Girls.
- Lecture, "The Battle of Life," by Dr. Robert McIntyre.

### PATRIOTIC DAY, SATURDAY, JULY 18.

- Morning: 8-11—Summer School.
- 11:00—Chautauqua Forum. Special Program.
- Afternoon: 1:15—Concert by Chemawa Band.
- 2:00—Reading by Prof. W. Eugene Knox.
- Solo.
- Patriotic Address, "The Evolution of Abraham Lincoln," Dr. Robert McIntyre.
- 3:30—Reunions at various headquarters.
- 3:30—Baseball.
- 7:15—Concert by Chemawa Band.
- 8:00—Athletic Entertainment, direction of Prof. A. M. Grilley, physical director Y. M. C. A., Portland.
- 9:30—Fireworks—Fifteen sets pieces prepared by Prof. Wm. Kelling, recently from Germany.

### SUNDAY, JULY 19.

- Morning: 9:00—Devotional hour.
- 11:00—Sunday school, direction State Sunday School Association, R. R. Steele, President.
- Afternoon: 2:00—Music by Chautauqua Chorus.
- Solo.
- Sermon, Dr. Robert McIntyre.
- 4:00—Sacred concert by Chemawa Band.
- 5:00—Chinese program, direction of Y. M. & Y. W. C. A., of Portland.
- 8:00—Music by Chautauqua Chorus.
- Solo.
- Quartet, Willamette Girls.
- Sermon, by Dr. F. J. Van Horn, of Seattle.

This week has been full of excellent numbers. The Quartette by the Willamette Girls Sunday, was an excellent musical program in itself. The sermon by the Rev. Dr. Ira Landrith on this day and also the Japanese program, were greatly enjoyed by a large number of people, as was also the sermon in the evening by Dr. R. L. Whitman, of Seattle. Monday following was devoted to the usual program, the Forum, music by the Chemawa Band, address by Rev. Wm. G. Elliot, of Portland, on "Health Problems," and reading by Prof. W. Eugene Knox, with baseball in the afternoon, and in the evening the lecture by Walter Thomas Mills, of Portland, on Public Ownership of Monopolized Industries, was a very scholarly address.

The program throughout the week past has been of the greatest educational interest and the attraction was centered on the lecture Saturday by the great Congressional leader, John Sharp Williams, the Mississippi orator plainly showing why he held his party in Congress. His subject was to have been "America for Americans," but he did not talk on that subject. His address would probably better be termed a dissertation on oratory and genius, teeming with classical allusions and quotations from the masters of literature. One of the most effective touches was a reference to "The Raven" of Edgar Allan Poe, interspersed with quotation, the speaker describing this powerful poem as "dark, unearthly, strangely musical, eternally hopeless." Then he lighted up the other side of Poe by quoting from "Anabel Lee."

Hard work has produced the geniuses of the world, declared Mr. Williams. Poe's wild excesses were not what shaped his words, but the days and nights he had spent in close application, as shown by the books that he took from the library

drawing from the darkness of subconsciousness the fancied messengers of "dark Plutonian shores."

For an hour and a half he held his audience while he discoursed upon the art of oratory. It was so well worked out, so fine and so true that he proved himself the master of both of the art and practice of oratory before he concluded his lecture.

In introducing the speaker Congressman Hawley paid a high tribute to Mr. Williams' ability, high sense of honor and scholarly attainments, saying that there was no institution in the world where men's characters were so tested, where they had such opportunities to rise, or fall, as the United States congress, and in this crusade Mr. Williams had been tested with such result that on next March he would step from congress into the highest tribunal in the land—the United States senate.

### Chamberlain Called Upon.

Before presenting Mr. Williams, however, he called upon Governor Chamberlain, who was on the platform, to give the distinguished orator a word of greeting from Oregon. Governor Chamberlain, in a short but felicitous speech extended the hospitality of the state to Mr. Williams, and believed that the Chautauqua management was doing a great thing to bring men who held the destinies of the country in their hands to Oregon, that they might know the needs of requests that were urged upon congress for the benefit of the state, and to learn the wonderful resources of the great west. Among the semicircle that surrounded the speaker was Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane, Hon. George H. Williams, United States Judge Wolverton, Richard W. Montague, Jefferson Myers, B. Lee Pageet, Charles Schmebel, Oglesby Young, Dr. James Cardwell, Dr. Rafferty, General O. Summers, Colonel Robert Miller, Tom Ribardson, Congressman Hawley and a score of others, while many prominent men and women occupied seats in the audience.

One of the most notable social events ever given at Chautauqua was the reception, immediately after the afternoon program at the Federation headquarters in honor of Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Hawley and Miss Anna Lewis Clark of Missouri.

Several hundred women and nearly as many men came to pay their respects to these distinguished visitors.

The state president introduced the guests and called upon Mrs. Dunaway, Mrs. Lutke, Miss Clark, Mrs. Henrietta Brown and Miss Frances Gage, as well as upon the distinguished gentlemen guests for a word of greeting, and each responded.

### Fine Floral Exhibit.

The stage was a veritable bower of flowers Saturday, the sweet peas predominating. The display of these was certainly marvelous as to extent, size and variety. Superintendent Gary was in charge and stated that a great many schools were represented in the exhibit. The Judges were Superintendent Robinson of Multnomah County, Mrs. Linwood Jones and Mrs. William Sherman, Jr. of Oregon City. The Milwaukee school received the \$10 prize for cut flowers. The other prizes, ranging from \$5 to 1, were given to the following, respectively: First prize, Ella Jackson, Milwaukee; second prize, Carmine Schmidley, West Oregon City; third prize, Eddie Hagman, Harmony; fourth prize, Lisle McCoy, Oregon City; fifth prize, Anna Lou Sleight, Oregon City.

The classes throughout Saturday were all full, with the interest steadily increasing.

### Blood Hounds on Trail.

Last Wednesday evening the mill of the Clear Creek Lumber Co. was entered by miscreants and parts of machinery of considerable value were carried away. H. T. Diamond, manager of the mill, Thursday morning summoned Detective Vaughn from Portland, who left for the scene of the robbery with trained blood hounds. Mr. Diamond suspects who the guilty person is and it is thought that the dogs will easily trace the robber to his hiding place.

Valuable bells, tools and wrenches were taken. Depredations of similar character have been committed in the mill before. A few nights ago sand was thrown in the bearings of the engine, causing considerable damage. Local "toughs" are probably responsible for the damage and annoyance the lumber company has been subjected to and if Detective Vaughn's dogs trail them down it will undoubtedly go hard with them.

### Lease Extended.

The water commissioners of this city have secured an extension of 13 years on the water lease from the Portland Railway Light & Power Company. Under the old lease which had still 3 years to run, the city has been using water from the basin belonging to the electric company on the east side of the river, near the falls. This concession was made by the company to the city in return for a franchise granted the company to maintain poles and wires on Water street, on account of being obliged to remove the poles on Main street.

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