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## PAY BIG TRIBUTE.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS  
PAID TO FEW BELOVED  
SURETY COMPANIES.

Platt's Sons Prominent in One  
of the Companies—New Scheme  
to Put Bonding Business  
into Postmaster's  
Hands—Other  
News.

Washington, Sept. 6—Fifteen  
thousand postoffice clerks scattered  
over the country pay tribute annu-  
ally in the form of premiums on in-  
demnity bonds to half a dozen sure-  
ty companies. Of these half dozen  
corporations one gets the lion's  
share of the tribute. That corpora-  
tion is the Fidelity and Deposit  
Company of Maryland, of which  
one of United States Senator Platt's  
sons, Henry B. Platt, is vice presi-  
dent and New York manager, and  
the senator's other son, Frank, is  
New York counsel.

The name of Henry Payne ap-  
pears in the last annual report of  
the National Surety Company as  
one of that corporation's directors,  
although he himself declares that  
he has no connection with it and its  
president, Charles A. Dean, says  
that Payne was formerly a director,  
but resigned his position upon be-  
coming postmaster general.

An act was passed by congress  
during Perry Heath's maladminis-  
tration of the office of first assistant  
postmaster general, authorizing the  
postmaster general, at his option,  
to put clerks of the first, second and  
third class offices under bonds to  
the government, since which time  
approximately 15,000 of the 30,000  
such clerks have been bonded, re-  
gardless of the fact that many of  
them were already under personal  
bond to their respective postmas-  
ters, and regardless of the injustice  
of putting the remainder under no  
bond whatever.

When the clerk-bonding regula-  
tion was issued by the department,  
postmasters were instructed, that  
surety bonds granted by surety  
companies were preferred, and a  
"blank" bond, covering the clerks  
to be bonded in an office, was pre-  
ferred to individual bonds. Post-  
masters were also authorized to  
"represent" their clerks in "nego-  
tiating" with surety companies.

By virtue of this regulation, how-  
ever, it is covertly said at the de-  
partment by First Assistant Post-  
master-General Perry Heath that  
the sudden bonding of this great  
army of postoffice clerks was thrown  
into the hands of some half dozen  
surety companies, of which the Fidelity and Deposit Company of  
Maryland was most active.

A clerk cannot change his surety  
from one company to another. By  
the policy of the department, he  
must let his bond remain unchanged  
so long as the department is sat-  
isfied.

In the postal guide is published  
a long list of surety companies, de-  
clared by the attorney-general of  
the United States to be qualified  
under the law to go on postoffice  
clerks' bonds.

Postmaster-General Payne is au-  
thority for the statement that only  
two companies have bonded clerks  
in the big postoffice of New York  
City, these being the Fidelity and  
Deposit Company of Maryland and  
the United States Guarantee Com-  
pany of New York.

By the most conservative estimate  
\$30,000 a year is flowing from the  
pockets of the postoffice clerks into  
the coffers of the favored surety  
companies, and some well-informed  
persons are disposed to estimate the  
annual tribute at \$100,000.

This constitutes the greatest of  
all the postoffice scandals, and what  
adds to it is that experience has  
shown postoffice officials that these  
surety company bonds of postal  
clerks are not worth the paper they  
are printed on, so far as indemnify-  
ing the United States government  
is concerned.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-  
General Bristow has proposed that  
the law be changed so that, instead  
of giving surety company bonds to  
the United States, they give such  
bonds to their respective postmas-  
ters. This plan Auditor Henry A.  
Castle of the postoffice department  
and Postmaster-General Payne  
both support.

Its significance, so far as the

bonding companies is concerned, is  
that it will turn all this bonding  
business over to the company that  
has the strongest political "pull"  
or can make the best bargain with  
the postmasters, since the latter will  
obviously not be compelled to take  
any surety not acceptable to him.

Drummond, Mont., Sept. 8.—  
Three tramps, armed with revolv-  
ers, invaded a Northern Pacific  
freight train near here last night  
and held up two ranch hands who  
were stealing a ride. The hands,  
who were unarmed, showed fight,  
whereupon the tramps shot and  
killed one and seriously wounded  
the other. At Drummond they  
jumped from the train and fled.  
The wounded man is unconscious,  
and there are no marks to identify  
the men. The sheriff has been un-  
able to locate the tramps.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The tur-  
bulent conditions existing in the  
Balkan peninsula are increasing in  
severity, according to cablegrams  
received by the state department  
today. How many days or even  
hours, when open warfare between  
Bulgaria and Turkey may be de-  
clared is mere conjecture, but that  
it will occur is almost certain.

Aside from the matter of war be-  
tween Bulgaria and Turkey, a more  
serious question arises in the  
attitude taken by the different  
powers of Europe, and incidentally,  
the United States.

Russia and Austria have proposed  
to the powers that coercive action  
be taken in Sofia with the purpose  
of sidetracking an open revolt, or  
in other words the declaration of  
war. Germany has practically as-  
sented, but England, France and  
Italy and the United States have  
not. Russia is not trusted because  
of her animosity to Christians other  
than those of the Greek church.  
Germany has large interests in the  
Black Sea, and while it is known  
that Emperor William personally  
abhors Turkish brutality and the  
sultan's imbecility of purpose, he  
favors the retention of Turkey's  
provinces under the conditions that  
now exist.

It seems certain that Admiral  
Cotton will be compelled to land  
forces at Beirut. Although he was  
shown all the courtesy possible by  
Turkish officials on his arrival in  
Palestine waters, the mass of in-  
habitants are outspoken against  
Americans generally and American  
missionaries particularly. Fears of  
massacre are hourly tenants of  
Christians on the eastern shore of  
the Mediterranean sea, and from  
Jerusalem comes the report that  
the native population is in an an-  
gry mood and may at any time re-  
sort to violence and murder.

From Vienna today a cable is  
received of the details of the fierce  
fight which occurred yesterday near  
Kastoria, in Macedonia. A band  
headed by the Macedonian leader  
Popoffo, surrendered to seven Turk-  
ish battalions after awful fighting.  
The troops then fell on the defense-  
less insurgents and killed 200 of  
them and drove 100 severely woun-  
ded from the town after inflicting in-  
human tortures on them. The dis-  
patch adds that at Nikola a strong  
band was cut up by Turks and  
300 were killed.

More revolting than anything  
is the established habit of Turkish  
soldiers in their treatment of wom-  
en and children of the captured.  
Unprintable are the accounts of  
the indignities practiced by the  
brutish victors.

New York, Sept. 8—George Beav-  
ers who is under indictment in the  
postoffice scandal, gave himself up  
this morning to United States Mar-  
shal Heubel. He gave a bond of  
\$50,000 and said he would have  
surrendered before, but he wanted  
the government to answer several  
questions put by his council.

Fearful Odds Against Him.  
Bedridden, alone and destitute,  
Such in brief, was the condition of  
an old soldier by the name of J. J.  
Haven, Versailles, O. For years  
he was troubled with kidney dis-  
ease and neither doctors nor medi-  
cines gave him relief. At length  
he tried Electric Bitters. It put  
him on his feet in short order and  
now he testifies: "I am on the  
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on earth for kidney and liver trou-  
bles and all forms of stomach and  
bowel complaints. Only 50c. Guar-  
anteed by Allen's Pharmacy.

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Zieroff's.

## MRS TROMLEY

SAVED HER PIANO BY RE-  
MOVING IT BEFORE HER  
HOUSE BURNED.

Wife of Tarrad-and-Feathered Man  
Arrested for Larceny by Bailles  
—A Strenuous Tug-of-War  
—Other News.

Hillsboro, Or., Sept. 8.—The res-  
idence occupied by Mrs. Lizzie  
Gishweiler-Tromley, the wife of the  
man who was tarred and feathered,  
burned this morning between 6 and  
7 o'clock and Mrs. Tromley was for  
many hours in charge of the local  
constable, being examined before  
Deputy District Attorney E. B.  
Tongue.

The house had been awarded to  
Sylvester Vaughn, an aged man  
from Seattle, who sued for posses-  
sion in the circuit court on the  
ground that the woman had de-  
frauded him out of the property. In  
July of this year the woman mar-  
ried Tromley in Vancouver, Wash.  
and came back to Hillsboro to re-  
side.

Then commenced riotous scenes  
about the place. Tromley would  
become intoxicated on the wine  
kept in the house and then go out  
and abuse neighboring women,  
threatening to kill, and making a  
general nuisance of himself. This  
conduct so exasperated the citizens  
of the town that Tromley was treated  
to a coat of tar and feathers, and  
upon his return was lodged in jail  
on a charge of threatening to kill.

The firm of H. Wehrung & Son  
had a chattel mortgage on Mrs.  
Tromley's household effects, and af-  
ter the tar-and-feather incident in-  
structed their attorney to collect  
their claim or sell out the prop-  
erty. The matter dragged along un-  
til last week, when Tromley and  
the authorities agreed that he and  
his wife were to leave the city,  
and the charge was to remain over  
his head. They were to have de-  
camped this evening.

As they had not settled the Weh-  
rung claim the constable went to  
the house yesterday and notified  
the woman not to pack up any of  
the furniture under mortgage. He  
watched all day and part of the  
night. As soon as he had gone the  
valuable piano and other furniture,  
all mortgaged, was hauled to a barn  
in East Hillsboro, at 2 o'clock this  
morning. The climax came when  
a fire alarm was turned in this  
morning. The house was ruined  
by the blaze, and several old sofas,  
bed springs and chairs were visible  
in the ruins.

When asked where the piano was  
she stated to the attorney for the  
Wehrungs that it had burned, and  
showed where it was supposed to  
have stood. Pitchforks were pro-  
cured, and the entire floor care-  
fully searched, but no wire or other  
metallic substance could be discov-  
ered. This led to an investigation,  
and the piano and accompanying  
furniture were found.

Charles Stewart, who knew nothing  
of the chattel mortgage, stated  
that the woman had hired him to  
haul the piano and furniture to his  
barn, and that she was to pay him  
\$25 for the service of secreting the  
load and shipping it to her after  
she had left Hillsboro. The woman  
was placed under arrest late this  
afternoon on a charge of larceny by  
bailee, and her bonds fixed at \$800.

The first question Mrs. Tromley  
asked, after the fire, was whether or  
not the insurance was yet covering  
the property. She was told that  
the policy had been canceled sev-  
eral days ago, when she was not-  
ified to that effect. Although the  
coal-oil can was in the center of the  
sitting room after the fire, no charge  
of arson has been preferred. Mrs.  
Tromley alleges she slept in her  
clothes all night, and gives this as  
an explanation as to why she was  
fully dressed at so early an hour.

Albany, Or., Sept. 9.—Suffering  
from the effects of a protracted  
spree, nervous to the verge of pro-  
stration and weary of life, D. O. Ma-  
ris, of Mill City, committed suicide  
last night while in the city jail in  
Albany. Chief of Police McClain  
found the body this morning.

The position of the body would  
indicate the determination of the  
suicide. A strip of sheeting torn  
from the bed clothes was attached to  
a staple driven into the door cas-  
ing and thence extended almost to

the floor. As the staple in the door  
casing is but 40 inches from the  
floor, it is evident that Maris' neck  
could not have been disjointed by a  
fall, but that he was strangled to  
death. The position of the arms in-  
dicate that he deliberately placed  
his head in the noose and then  
pulled the rope. He had stretched  
himself full length across the door-  
way and then while resting on the  
floor on one elbow had drawn the  
noose over his head. Maris' body  
was cold and stiff, the dead evi-  
dently having been committed shortly  
after his supper was taken to him  
last evening.

D. O. Maris has been an employe  
in the sawmill of the Curtis Lum-  
ber Company at Mill City for some  
time. About three weeks ago his  
hand was crushed in some of the  
machinery and he came to Albany  
for treatment. Maris had \$85 dol-  
lars in his pocket when he came to  
Albany.

Albany, Or., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Sam-  
uel Harvey, who resides near Knox  
Butte in Linn county, was drowned  
while endeavoring to ford the Santiam  
River near the Albert Bond  
place yesterday afternoon. The ac-  
cident happened about 3 o'clock in  
the afternoon and was witnessed by  
no one. The body was not found  
until this morning.

The fact that the drowning oc-  
curred within a short distance of  
the Harvey house, at the regular  
fording place of the Santiam River,  
where the water is very shallow and  
not considered dangerous in the  
least, caused some apprehension of  
foul play, but when all the facts  
were ascertained by the coroner, the  
suspicions were dissipated.

Mrs. Harvey was visiting at the  
home of Everett Knox, a short dis-  
tance from the Boner ranch, on  
which the Harveys live, and across  
the river. There is no bridge span-  
ning the Santiam River at this  
point, but the water is very shallow  
and residents of the neighborhood  
are accustomed to ford the stream.  
Mrs. Harvey successfully crossed  
the Santiam while en route to the  
Knox home. When she started to  
return to her home about the mid-  
dle of the afternoon, Mrs. Harvey  
carried a basket of fruit and had  
gathered up the front of her apron  
and placed some plums and pears  
in the bag formed by the apron. It  
is thought she lost her footing while  
encumbered with this load, and was  
unable to right herself in the swift  
but shallow water until she became  
weak from strangulation and final-  
ly succumbed.

Her body was found a short dis-  
tance below the ford in the rapids  
and bore no signs of violence other  
than would have been sustained  
from the rocky bed of the stream.

Mrs. Harvey's tracks were traced  
from the Knox home to the edge of  
the river. The place where she  
had sat down to remove her shoes  
and stockings and the place of en-  
tering the water were also found.

Mrs. Harvey was 35 years of age.  
She is survived by a husband and  
two children, a girl aged 16 years  
and a boy aged 17 years.

Eugene, Or., Sept. 8.—G. L. Mc-  
Ginnis, a civil war veteran, aged 61  
years, died suddenly at his home  
in this city this morning. He was  
chopping wood in the yard of his  
residence and about ten o'clock  
went into the house and complain-  
ed of terrible pains. A physician  
was called and administered to  
him, but he went into convulsions  
and died an hour after his first com-  
plaint.

The attending physician gives as  
his opinion that death was caused  
by neuralgia of the heart.

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