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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 cablesgrams
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 wound-
ed 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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bles and all forms of stomach and
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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 re-
sidence 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 treat-
ed 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 carefull-
ly 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 evident-
ly 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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