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DEATH IN A SHAFT.

CROWD PRESSES AGAINST ELEVATOR SHAFT AND IT BREAKS.

Ten Persons Drop Six Stories—Six Are Taken Out Dead, Two die in the Hospital and the Others Suffer Fatal Injuries—Other News.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—A crowd of employes pressing against the elevator gate tonight on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe Company building, at Eleventh street and Washington avenue, caused the gate to give way and ten persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead, two died at the city hospital, and the other two will die.

The employes had assembled at the close of work in the corridors on the different floors waiting for the elevator to take them down. The elevator was at the seventh floor receiving passengers when those on the sixth floor, eager to get near the door and be first into the cage, began to push toward the gate. Suddenly the gate gave way just as the elevator started to descend and ten of the employes plunged head first down the shaft. Six were instantly killed and their bodies formed cushions which prevented the instant death of the other four.

James Johnson, the elevator operator, was taken into custody by the police, pending an investigation. Johnson said the elevator gate did not break, but that it had been raised by employes while waiting for the cars to descend to the floor, and suddenly employes in the rear of the crowd began pushing, precipitating them down the shaft. Factory Superintendent Fry corroborated Johnson's story.

Salt Lake, Jan. 10.—The remarkable provisions of a will made 25 years ago have been brought to light through a letter to County Clerk James from Mrs. Robert A. Irving, of 501 West 124th street, New York, asking for information regarding the disposition made of the estate of her grandfather, Dr. Charles Frederick Winslow, an eccentric but brilliant naturalist, who died in this city in 1877, leaving a valuable estate. This consisted mainly of personal property, including a large and valuable collection of shells, fossils, minerals, antiquities and rare books, three volumes of the latter alone being valued at \$10,000.

An examination of the public records fails to disclose what became of this property. The will is dated May 3, 1876, and names Samuel Woodward (now deceased) as temporary administrator, and Joseph Shippen and Charles W. Winslow, of St. Louis, and William C. Pess, of San Francisco, as executors.

After making bequests to his children, Dr. Winslow in his will requests that after his death his heart be cut out, embalmed, enclosed in a glass vessel and placed on the coffin of his mother on the island of Nantucket. In a similar vessel he requests that the ashes of his cremated body be buried with the body of his wife in a cemetery near Cambridge, Mass.

As there had been but two previous cremations in the United States and none in Utah, considerable difficulty was found in carrying out this request, it being necessary to construct a temporary furnace in the heart of the city at a cost of \$1500. Nearly every person in the city gathered to witness the then novel ceremony of cremation.

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 10.—With the mercury 30 degrees below, Mrs. George Allworth and Miss Alice L. Flint slept all last night in the open air on the veranda of their home here.

Miss Flint is the daughter of George E. Flint, a silver mill foreman. Mrs. Allworth and she are consumptives.

Last July their cases were declared hopeless. As a last resort a physician advised sleeping in the open air. They have not slept a night indoors since. Throughout the winter they have established their bed on an upper veranda promptly at 9 p. m. Their bed clothing has consisted of one blanket and one comfortable. In case of rain or

snow a rubber covering is used. Last night an extra blanket was added. So insured have they become to the rigors of winter that this morning they reported they had not been cold throughout the night.

The physician says both women have lost nearly all trace of tuberculosis, and that three months more of heroic treatment will cure them. The complexion of both has become a ruddy brown from exposure, and indoors they complain of the heat if the temperature of the house is over 50 degrees. Miss Flint has gained 25 pounds in weight, and both have hearty appetites.

Genoa, Jan. 8.—When it became known that the Niasin and Kasaga warships built here for the Argentine republic and purchased by Japan, would depart tonight, there was great rejoicing throughout the town, and crowds of people flocked to the harbor to bid farewell to the ships of whose strength and speed they are justly proud.

An especial interest centers in the warships, too, because half of their crews will be Italians, and because the engines are entirely of Genoese construction. Contrary to what has been asserted, the Kasaga and Niasin have kept the Japanese colors hoisted from the moment they were turned over to the Japanese authorities.

The vessels are commanded by two Englishmen, Captain Boyle and Captain Lee, and the other officers are also English, with the exception of five Japanese. The crews numbering 300 men in each ship, are about equally divided between Italian and English. One hundred and twenty English artillerymen embarked on the vessels last night.

The commanders of the Niasin and Kasaga have received sealed orders which will be opened at sea. At the last moment the departure of the warships was delayed to await the receipt of money from the Japanese legation at London, but it is expected the vessels will sail early tomorrow morning.

On board each warship the most gaiety prevails and the crews are extremely impatient for sailing orders.

The Japanese officers are particularly jubilant, and swear by their ships and by all their gods that no Russian shall ever set foot in their country.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13.—On a cat-falque draped with Confederate flags, with the banner of the lost cause lying over his casket, the body of General John B. Gordon lay in state today in the marble corridors of Georgia's capitol. Guarded by the troops of his own state and viewed by thousands, the dead chieftain received every honor and tribute of respect that could be paid. All flags in the city were at half mast, and the offices of the state building were closed. Tomorrow all of the principal places of business, the courts and schools will be closed during the hours of the funeral.

Headed by an escort of citizens, appointed by the governor, and military troops which met the body at the state line, the remains of General Gordon reached Atlanta this morning at 5:30. They will lie in state until Thursday morning. On Thursday memorial services will be held. Crowds of visitors from throughout the state and committees representing the different posts of the United Confederate Veterans arrived today. General Gordon was the last of the Confederate generals.

Salt Lake, Jan. 13.—William Heinhold, a noted duelist half a century ago, and at that time regarded as one of the most expert swordsmen of France or Germany, died here today of old age. Mr. Heinhold participated in the German revolution of 1848, with General Siegel and Carl Schurz, who were his comrades. He was banished from his native land and went to France and there took an active part in the events of the second commune, for which a price was placed on his head. Mr. Heinhold was 81 years old.

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DEATH BETRAYED HER.

FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS JOE MONAHAN, A WOMAN, MASQUERADED AS A MAN.

Sudden Demise Discloses the Secret to Unsuspecting Neighbors—Becomes a Big Farmer and Stockraiser—American Gunners Desert to Aid Russia for Big Pay.

Ontario, Or., Jan. 12.—Joe Monahan dropped dead on Sucker Creek, Malheur county, Monday. That fact of itself was enough to startle that quiet community in which "Joe" has resided for 18 years as a farmer and stockraiser, but when friendly neighbors started to prepare the body for burial the community was given a decided shock when it was announced that "Joe" Monahan was a woman.

For 18 years the woman masqueraded as a man, owned her own farm and stock and performed all the labor allotted to the average husbandman. For years she has ridden after her cattle over mountains and plain, camping with men under all conditions and in no instance was her sex questioned.

Time over and again "Joe" Monahan has been summoned by the sheriff to serve as a juror. In every case she responded promptly and participated in preparations of verdicts rendered. Further than that, she held the distinction of being the only woman in the state of Oregon who has exercised the right of franchise accorded only to the male sex. Her masquerading was so successful that she was registered as a voter and cast her ballot at every election.

The dead woman had collected considerable property, including a good ranch on Sucker Creek. The mystery surrounding her life precludes any facts regarding any relatives. The property has been taken in charge by former neighbors pending an investigation.

Honolulu, Jan. 11.—Rear-Admiral Evan's fleet, which sailed from here on the last day of the old year, is now speeding on to Guam minus at least three score of Uncle Sam's men. These men have succumbed to the glittering bait held out by Viceroy and Admiral Alexieff of the Russian navy, and are waiting here to accept service as gunners against the Japanese when war is declared. They are deserters, all of them, but they are taking a seaman's chances of not being caught and consoling themselves with the thought that the penalty of desertion is so much lighter in times of peace than war. Now, if any of them are taken, they will at least escape with their lives.

The fleet is on its way to Guam, and consists of the battle ships Oregon, Wisconsin and Kentucky, the cruisers Cincinnati, Raleigh, Albany and New Orleans and the dispatch boat Iroquois. On reaching Guam, Admiral Evans will find orders awaiting him there to proceed to Subig.

Genoa, Jan. 9.—The Japanese armored cruisers Kasaga and Niasin left Genoa today.

Despite the early hour, 4:30 a. m. many people gathered to see the warships leave and to give a last cheer for Japan. The Italian sailors on board the departing ships exchanged salutations with their countrymen on the docks or on the steamers anchored near them. The Kasaga left first. The Niasin sailed half an hour later, both apparently going in the direction of Naples, but no one knows what route they will take, even the commanders, before leaving, having acknowledged that they are in the dark regarding the instructions contained in the sealed orders. The general opinion, however, is that they will go through the Suez canal.

Much comment has been aroused by the fact that some of the vessels of the Russian Mediterranean squadron have gathered at Suda bay, north of the island of Crete, apparently awaiting the departure of the Japanese ships.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruits livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

Medford, Or., Jan. 12.—The city election was held today and the outcome was a decided victory for the citizens' ticket, which was in favor of an open town by 75 majority.

The real fight of the day was for councilmen of the different wards. The question was whether the saloons should be closed on Sunday or remain open as at present. The citizens' ticket was in favor of keeping saloons open and the People's ticket was to close them on Sunday.

Irrigon, Or., Jan. 12.—Surrounded on an island by a posse of 20 armed men, three Italians, who had dared to rob in open daylight and then return to town for dinner, were captured today. On their persons was evidence of many robberies, it not of other crimes.

Each Italian wore five separate suits of clothes. One, Guiseppi Rosa, had five drafts, amounting in all to \$550. Ten watches, a quantity of jewelry, some of good value, and a number of revolvers were found upon them. Each carried a razor and stiletto in his grimy clothing of many layers.

About two o'clock this morning five men, including the three sons of sunny Italy, were sidetracked here while beating their way over the railroad. Soon after daylight one man, who is unknown, disappeared, though it is not believed that he could have gone far from town.

Soon after the other three Pullman passenger strolled up the track. He was Reginald Horbern, of Boise, Idaho. He was met by the Italians who had shared the same car with him, and coolly robbed of \$25 and a gold watch. Horbern returned to town and told his story. While the posse was forming, the Italians appeared to get dinner. Hearing that they were being sought, they made for the outskirts. The posse took after them and followed them at some little distance out of respect to the shotgun which one of them carried.

Fleeing before the posse, the Italians waded across an arm of the Columbia River to a small island. Here, when they saw that they were surrounded by overwhelming numbers, with no chance of ultimate escape, they surrendered.

Sullen and momentarily cowed, the robbers were brought back to Irrigon.

It is believed that they have committed various crimes all along the railroad, probably beating their way westward and living upon the people they robbed.

A deputy sheriff is on his way from Arlington to take charge of the Italians. They have been positively identified by Horbern as his companions in the freight car and as the men who robbed him.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 12.—Everything is in readiness at the courthouse for the trial of Rev. R. H. Kennedy, which begins in the circuit court tomorrow morning. Judge McBride last month adjourned court until the 13th, and ordered all jurors on the regular panel to return tomorrow for the Kennedy trial. Deputy District Attorney Tongue, for the prosecution, and R. B. Huston, for the defense, have been busily engaged for the past week getting witnesses and otherwise preparing for the most noted trial ever held in Washington county.

There have been several murder trials here and many other cases of importance, but never before in the history of Washington county has there been a case that has attracted so much attention and been given so much notoriety. Kennedy, it will be remembered, is charged with breaking into and burglarizing the Warren residence on the night of September 1. The trial no doubt will last three days.

Grant's Pass, Or., Jan. 12.—The regular January term of Josephine circuit court was convened in this city yesterday by Judge Hanna. The docket for the term is made up principally of actions at law and suits in equity, a long list of divorce cases filling the latter.

Twelve couples, largely residents of this city, desire the marriage bonds severed. There is but one criminal case on the docket, burglary being the charge.

Dr. C. S. Eaans of Eugene, oculist, optician, will be at the Occidental hotel in this city, for a few days only, prepared to scientifically correct all defects of vision, including stigmatism. Lenses for complicated cases ground to order.