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The Lever Pressed. Sheriff Totten stepped back, pressed the lever, and the body shot downward a distance of five feet. The neck was broken instantly, and death was, therefore, painless. The exact time of the dropping of the trap was 7:58. The body was allowed to hang for 11 minutes before the physicians pronounced life extinct and ordered it cut down. The muscular convulsions were few, and appeared only the natural relaxation and contraction, and did not indicate suffering.

The usual crowd of morbid curiosity-seekers was present, and after the execution made a rush for the gallows. The body was cut into small bits, and even part of the scaffold was split off and carried away, gruesome reminders of a death for crime. The body was interred in a plain coffin and interred in an out-of-the-way corner of the cemetery.

Mrs. Nellie Brown, the divorced widow, who was the cause of the tragedy, was in Stevenson at the time of the execution, and asked permission to see the hanging. The request was flatly refused by the Sheriff, who feared that Green would collapse in her presence. The body was carried out when he dramatically corroborated every word of her evidence, which sent him to the gallows, and asked that the death sentence be imposed without further delay.

Witnesses to Execution. Among the witnesses to the execution were: Detectives Charles Aliskey, of the Dalles; Henry Lee, Deputy Sheriff from Cascade Locks; Dr. D. V. K. Deering, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon; John L. Marsh, Sheriff of Clark County, Washington; Deputy Sheriff F. R. Matthews, of Multnomah County, Oregon; H. R. Eber, of Portland; and Commissioner of Wasco County, Oregon, and Charles H. Moor, District Attorney of Skamania County, who convicted Green. In all, 24 witnesses.

History of the Crime. James G. Green murdered E. V. Benjamin, a logger, at the home of William Wendorf, a farmer living near Underwood Landing, in Skamania County, Washington, early Sunday morning, March 24, 1900. The crime was the result of jealousy. Green was engaged to be married to Mrs. Nellie Brown, but at her solicitation the engagement was broken. Green believed that Benjamin was responsible for the estrangement, and on several occasions had threatened to kill him. Benjamin was attending a party at the Wendorf home, and between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday morning, while a number of guests were seated in the dining-room, a shot was fired through the window, and Benjamin fell dead. When the shot was fired Benjamin was sitting near a window beside Mrs. Brown.

Those who had known of Green's threats immediately suspected that he was the murderer, and a posse was organized to search for him. Two days after the murder the Sheriff of Skamania County and a posse were following tracks along the road, which they believed to be those of the murderer, when suddenly Green came out of the brush and gave himself up, not half a mile from the scene of his crime. Green confessed that he killed Benjamin with a rifle. The community was very bitter against Green, and after his preliminary examination the Sheriff removed him to the Dalles in order to avoid any violence. Later he was taken to Vancouver, where he was kept until his trial, which took place at Stevenson.

NORTHWEST INDIAN SCHOOLS. That at Salem Is One of the Largest in the Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—During the past Summer Miss Edie Rice, superintendent of Indian Schools, visited the Pacific Coast, and while there stopped at many of the Indian schools of Oregon and Washington. In her annual report she makes the following brief comments upon those schools:

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In all that pertains to general knowledge sufficient to prepare pupils for the everyday walks of life. Wagon-making, shoe-making, painting, harness-making, shoe-making, carpentry, engineering, gardening, stock raising and farming are taught in a practical manner. One of the finest hospitals in the service is located here.

"The Klamath agency, 8 miles from the railroad, contains two schools, the Klamath school being at the agency and the Yainax 40 miles distant. Both are doing good work."

"The Indians on the Puyallup reservation are fairly well civilized, and own excellent tracts of land. The literary work is unusually good, and the school is well equipped for industrial training. Several churches have been erected near the school and are doing good work."

"At the Chehalis day school the attendance is about 25. The land belonging to the school consists of 47 acres, some of which is under cultivation. The pasture for cattle is especially good."

"At Skokomish very few Indian children attend the Government school. The district school is more accessible, and the county includes the Indian children in its school enrollment, drawing a per capita for each child so included. As there are only 115 Indians on the reservation the children should be urged to attend the white schools."

"The Neah Bay day school employs two teachers, and is doing satisfactory work. A good mission school was formerly in operation at Tulip, and the Government has but recently taken charge. The preparation for the work of the school for the present year is satisfactory."

"At Port Madison, under the Tulip agency, a day school is also in operation."

"The Indians of the State of Washington own fine tracts of land, and are possessed of considerable numbers of cattle and horses. They are very progressive, and practically on a level with the whites, and should be permitted and encouraged to manage their own affairs without looking to the Government for support."

BIG VANCOUVER IMPROVEMENT. Star Brewery Will Double the Capacity of Its Plant.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Star Brewery Company is making arrangements to double the capacity of its plant in this city. Plans have been drawn for the erection of a five-story building to front on West C street, to replace the buildings now on the property. The new building will be part brick and part frame, with concrete foundation and basement, and will extend through the entire block, a distance of 30 feet. It will be equipped with the latest improved machinery to purchase from the J. C. Frieser, manager of the company, recently made a trip to Chicago. It is understood to be the purpose of the company to commence work on the building soon after the first of the new year.

Fire Department Election. The annual election of officers of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Department last night resulted as follows: President, W. C. Springer; secretary, R. L. Scholfield; treasurer, J. C. Frieser; foreman, Columbus Engine Company No. 1, Lloyd DuBois; first assistant, Karl Luthie; second assistant, Charles McCarthy; Thomas Corlies as recorder; and the City Council as appointees as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, with James Padden as Assistant Chief. Henry Burgie received the endorsement of the department as driver of engine.

PRINTING FUND EXHAUSTED. State Board Has a Hard Nut to Crack, and That at Once.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 6.—Printing Expert F. T. Houghton filed his report with the State Printing Board today. It shows a complete exhaustion of the fund, and that the printing of supplies and reports for the various departments will amount to \$127,500 before the next session of the Legislature. The emergency for action of some kind by the board is shown in the fact that Houghton is now in the hatchery, harbor area, scientific school and general funds will be exhausted within a few weeks and no more claims on the fund can be paid until the legislature is forthcoming. Mr. Houghton is instructed to ascertain if the printing contractors would do the work upon requisitions from the board and look to the next legislature for payment. He will report Monday.

HOLDS IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Supreme Court on First Section of Exemption Act.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 6.—The Supreme Court, in a decision handed down today, declares unconstitutional the first section of the act of March 11, 1897, relating to exemption of personal property from execution. The act provides that no act shall ever be revised or amended by mere reference to its title, but the act shall be amended by a bill, which shall be set forth at full length.

Federal Grand Jury Indictments. SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—The United States grand jury completed its session at this city last evening. Among the indictments returned were two for sending obscene letters through the mails. W. A. Deeds and Herndon Lambert were arrested on this charge. Each of the defendants is held to answer to the grand jury on a 30 days' suspension. That period is now up. Green's papers had been revoked on the ground that he deserted his post during the Garonne war at sea on his way to Cape Nome.

Modified by Bermingham. SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—Captain John Bermingham, Supervising Inspector of Vessels and Boilers for this district, has modified the decision of the local marine inspectors which revoked the license of Chief Engineer Croe, of the Garonne, to a 30 days' suspension. That period is now up. Green's papers had been revoked on the ground that he deserted his post during the Garonne war at sea on his way to Cape Nome.

To Get More Land for Government. SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—Condemnation proceedings, the object of which is to secure for the United States more land at Fort Worden, were commenced yesterday in the United States District Court. Two hundred property-owners are defendants, and the land in question, which is situated on the outskirts of Port Townsend, will probably cost \$50,000. The jury will leave this city on a Government tug and view the premises.

Libel Proceedings Against Nelson. SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—The Pacific Coast Company today filed with the clerk of the United States District Court a petition instituting libel proceedings against the British ship Nelson, which the company's steamship Walla Walla towed from sea to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The amount of damages is not named.

First Free Mail From Nome. SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—The first mail from Nome has, according to last Fall's plans, left that camp for its overland trip, via Billama, to the coast. It is expected to arrive in this city about January 1.

SHERIFF DURBIN UPHELD

COUNTY COURT HAD NO RIGHT TO REVOKE A CONTRACT HE LET.

Opinion of District Attorney on Marion County Controversy—Court Will Not Give Up.

SALEM, Dec. 6.—Sheriff F. W. Durbin has scored a victory in his controversy with the County Court of Marion County. In an opinion rendered today, District Attorney J. N. Hart sustains Sheriff Durbin's recent action in awarding the contract for printing the delinquent tax list to the Salem Sentinel. In effect, the opinion declares the action of the County Court in taking the matter out of the Sheriff's hands as inconsistent with the statutes. Mr. Hart holds it was not contemplated that the new law in effect should be applied to the tax list on December 1, should have application to the closing up of the 1900 roll or the sale of property thereunder for delinquent taxes.

In my opinion, the Sheriff is the proper officer to award the contract for printing the delinquent tax list for said year.

MURDERER AND MAN WHO EXECUTED HIM. James G. Green. Sheriff Totten.

1900, and in selling the property therein described for delinquent taxes, should proceed under section 2825 of Hill's Annotated Laws of Oregon, and should be prior to 1901. In other words, I think the act of the Legislative Assembly, approved February 27, 1901, as found in the Session Laws of 1901, page 242 et seq., does not apply in the case of the collection of 1900 taxes, or to the publication of the notice of sale of real property for delinquent taxes for said year.

County Court Will Not Give Up. The County Court, however, proposes to have a say in the matter, and late this evening made an order that a new joint proposition made by the Capital Journal Publishing Company and the Statesman Publishing Company, to the effect that the County Court should have a say in the matter, should be rejected. Sheriff Durbin states he will ignore the order, having already delivered the tax roll to the Sentinel, to which paper he awarded the contract, and in view of the fact that the order is in violation of the law.

Order of the Court. The Capital Journal Publishing Company and the Statesman Publishing Company agree to advertise the delinquent tax roll in their respective weekly publications for five consecutive weeks, for one cent per line per issue, the same to be published one time in each of the daily publications without additional charge. The court in accepting the bid made an order in substance as follows:

In view of the fact that the best interests of the delinquent taxpayers would not be served by the publication of the roll in the Sentinel, by reason of its limited circulation; and as the bids previously submitted by the Capital Journal and the Oregon Independent were in excess of a reasonable price, and in view of the adverse decision of the District Attorney as to the action of the court on Thursday in awarding the contract for the roll to the Capital Journal, the court hereby orders that the roll be published in the Capital Journal and the Oregon Independent for five consecutive weeks, for one cent per line per issue, the same to be published one time in each of the daily publications without additional charge.

First Snow This Season. Hills About Grant's Pass Covered With a White Mantle.

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 6.—The first snow of the season fell yesterday. It did not remain in the valley, but the surrounding hills and mountains were soon covered with a white mantle. The heavy rains of late have caused the Rogue River to rise fast, and it is still coming up.

Timber Land and Sawmill Sold. ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 6.—Frank Patton, cashier of the Savings Bank, has sold 100 acres of timber land on the Lower Nehalem to J. E. Dubois at \$15 an acre. Dubois also purchased Patton's sawmill at Nehalem, but the consideration is not stated. The land was purchased about one year ago for \$5 an acre.

Will Plant Big Tract to Fruit. MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 6.—Bates Bros. have purchased 160 acres of land a few miles east of Medford, and will plant the entire tract to fruit. They will put out 50 acres of Newtown Pippins and the remainder to other varieties of apples and pears.

Snow at Medford. MEDFORD, Dec. 6.—The first snow of the season came yesterday, lasting until about noon, when the weather moderated, a warm rain falling this afternoon.

Interpretation of a Fee Law. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HART was also asked by the court for an interpretation of the law regarding the fees of justices of the peace. Mr. Hart finds that a Justice of the Peace is entitled to 25 cents for each docket entry in a criminal case. A docket entry is interpreted as including "all of the proceedings had on any one day relating to any particular case."

School District Boundaries Changed. The County Court today made a change in the boundary lines of a number of the school districts of the county. The changes were made purely for the benefit of the patrons of the various districts. The districts affected are: Oak Grove, Clymer, Sublimity, Aumsville, Hazel Grove and Haywards.

State Land Board Loans. At the last regular meeting of the State Land Board, 32 loans aggregating \$48,955 were approved, and two applications amounting to \$2800 were rejected. The demand for loans at this time is unusually great. Of the 32 loans just made, five were for the sum of \$500 each, this being the maximum loan the board is legally authorized to make.

STAGE WENT OVER THE GRADE. Miraculous Escape of a Woman and Her Two Children.

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., Dec. 6.—The Grant's Pass stage, which the company's regular south-bound trip from Waino over to Crescent City yesterday, slipped off the narrow roadway five miles south of Shelley, and rolled over and over down the mountain, and the driver, William Allen, and her two children, of Medford, were thrown out and pitched headlong into a thick clump of bushes, which saved them from falling into the canyon below, and, aside from a few scratches and bruises, they were unhurt. The driver saved himself by jumping. The horses, in the tangle and scramble that resulted, were badly used up.

At the place where the accident occurred the road is very narrow, and the late rains had made it slippery, causing the wheels to slide off the grade.

MAN WITH GUN MADE HIM DANCE. Neighborhood Feud Results From the Poisoning of a Dog.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 6.—Information was filed here yesterday by Henry Bean against R. Wilkinson, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. The case is one which has involved the pastoral community of Starkey Prairie, 22 miles from La Grande, in a neighborhood feud. The trouble arose over a dog-poisoning case, in which one neighbor was accused of poisoning the dogs of the others. The affair culminated in an incident which recalls the days and the forms of amusement of the redoubtable Hank Vaughn. Wilkinson, the defendant, was driving home when his team was frightened by a dog tied to a bridge. The dog, it is alleged, was there for that purpose, this being a form of vengeance for his alleged poisoning of the neighborhood dogs. Wilkinson, it is said, drove at once to the home of Bean, called him out and flourishing his pistol, made him dance to a tune which he whistled, meanwhile firing occasional shots in close proximity to Bean's toes. Not contented with this, it is alleged, he drove Bean, still dancing, to his own house, and at the point of a pistol, made him sign a note in Wilkinson's favor for the sum of \$25. This note is supposed to settle an old debt for sheep.

COUNTY DENIES THE PETITION. Expresses Intention to Grant No Privileges on Any Stream.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 6.—The County Commissioners today denied the petition of A. Knapf for a 25-year lease on the publication of the roll in the Sentinel, by reason of its limited circulation; and as the bids previously submitted by the Capital Journal and the Oregon Independent were in excess of a reasonable price, and in view of the adverse decision of the District Attorney as to the action of the court on Thursday in awarding the contract for the roll to the Capital Journal, the court hereby orders that the roll be published in the Capital Journal and the Oregon Independent for five consecutive weeks, for one cent per line per issue, the same to be published one time in each of the daily publications without additional charge.

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Flouring Mill to Be Established. ATHENA, Dec. 6.—W. E. Bond, proprietor of the Athena Flouring Mill, of this place, has ordered machinery for a 10-horsepower flour mill to be installed on his property at Riverside, on the Touchet River. Mr. Bond's Riverside mill (taps the great Eureka Flat country, and was but recently put in operation. He has hitherto done nothing but chopping work. The new machinery will be in operation about the first of the year.

Barbers Will Charge for Extras. EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Master Barbers' Association has decided to charge five cents extra when the customer's neck is shaved, and five cents extra for curling his mustache.

Four Men Sentenced to Prison. SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—Judge Richardson this morning sentenced D. H. Horbach to 18 months in the penitentiary, for shooting his brother-in-law, Ralph Pidgeot, at Fairfield last May. C. H. Hicks, alias Wilson, was sentenced to 18 months for obtaining money on a bad check. Bob Miles was given five years, and J. C. Moore three years, for cattle stealing.

Will of the Late George M. Pullman. REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 6.—The will of the late George M. Pullman, who died last Thanksgiving, has been filed here for probate. The petition for probate sets forth that the estate does not exceed \$500,000, and that the known heirs-at-law are the mother, Mrs. Bessie Pullman, of Chicago, and the wife, Sarah Lander Pullman, of Menlo Park. The latter asks for letters of administration.

TRAIN WENT OVER A BLUFF

FIREMAN AND ENGINEER FELL 300 FEET TO THEIR DEATH.

Canadian Pacific Freight Ran Into a Slide on Road Along the Fraser River.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—At 5:15 this morning, as a Canadian Pacific freight train was proceeding east at a slow rate around a dangerous curve 400 feet above the Fraser River, Engineer Randall suddenly came upon a rock slide scarcely 50 yards ahead of him. A signal was given to the brakemen and the engine reversed, but it was too late. The train was going scarcely five miles an hour, but the heavy train behind piled the engine on the rocks, and before the engine was jerked from the train and rolled over and over 300 feet down the sheer bluff towards the river, Engineer A. Randall and Fireman Pottruff were thrown out and crushed to death beneath the engine. Both were killed instantly.

The dead men came from Kamloops. Randall left a wife and children. Pottruff was married only a couple of months ago. Three cars of the freight were wrecked, going over the bank after the engine. As a result of the accident the west-bound train was delayed six hours.

The official statement issued by the railway officials states that the ill-fated train, in charge of Conductor Harris, struck the rocks at quite the wildest part of the whole mountain section. The weather was clear and frosty, and this is charged to the slide that caused the disaster. When the air is cool in these localities the rock cracks and the track being the only obstruction for any part of the mountain separating itself from the parent body, it must receive the deposit.

The canyon begins some miles above, just after leaving Dryden, as the railway leaves the Thompsons River. Just below Lytton, where the catastrophe occurred, the canyon widens slightly to admit the Fraser's main tributary, coming from the north. Between great mountain ranges the place locally known as the Devil's Playground. Here it was the locomotive, hitting the mass of rock, shot over into the chasm, carrying with it the four cars. The brakeman had walked back to the engine, but the engine had stopped previous, and with the conductor was providentially protected by the still tumbling rock ripping the train midsection.

The regular freight had passed the spot less than two hours before, while the section patrol had been over and found all O. K. a short time before.

WANT AMERICAN MINING LAWS. Resolutions Adopted by Philippine Mining Association.

The American Mining Association of the Philippine Islands, meeting at Manila, has adopted the following resolutions:

1. That the conditions now existing in the Philippine Islands relative to mining are such as practically to prohibit the development of mining, and will so continue unless the United States mining laws are extended to this archipelago, and

Whereas, many American miners have been prospecting for the past two years, and have located claims, and organized mining districts, and have been practically a failure, as far as the mining laws are concerned, and the United States mining laws are extended to this archipelago, and

Whereas, the United States mining laws, as it is well known, have been the cause of developing the great mineral resources of said country, and the same law will apply here, provided that Congress shall extend said mining laws to this archipelago, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That we, the American prospectors and miners now in session in the City of Manila, do hereby resolve and petition the Congress of the United States to pass an act extending the liberal mining laws of the United States to the Philippine Islands, and to recognize their claims now located, and that the Civil Governor and the Philippine Commission be requested to embody a copy of these resolutions in their report to Congress, and that the United States mining laws be extended to said islands, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Civil Governor of the Philippine Islands, in the Philippine Commission to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Congress of the United States, and to such individual members of Congress as may be reached by mail.

ROBERT MILLS, Secretary.

DEATH OF EMILE SCHANNO. Member of State Board of Horticulture and a Fruit Expert.

THE DALLES, Dec. 6.—Emile Schanno, a prominent and wealthy citizen of this city, died suddenly at 6 o'clock this morning of heart failure. His death was unexpected. Mr. Schanno was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1841. He came to America in 1883, and is a pioneer of Oregon and The Dalles. He was married in this city to Miss Eliza Shuster. Leo Schanno and Mrs. H. J. Mair, of The Dalles, and Mrs. J. E. Dettler, of Walla Walla, are children of the deceased. Mr. Schanno, who was a member of the State Board of Horticulture, was well known as a fruit expert. He was formerly a member of the City Council, and was a public-spirited citizen.

Prominent Pullman Business Man. PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 6.—George Spaulding, a prominent business man of Pullman, died today of typhoid fever, leaving a widow and several other relatives. He had lived in Pullman 12 years, and was a member of several secret societies.

Y. M. C. A. FOLK OF TWO STATES. Annual Oregon-Idaho Convention Opens at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 6.—The annual inter-state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho opened here this afternoon. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by President Lee, of Albany, who led the song service. This was followed by devotional exercises. At 4 o'clock the convention opened by electing the following officers: President, J. Thorburn Ross; vice-president, Professor Kerr, of Salem; secretary, Professor J. H. Sweetser, of Forest Grove; assistant secretary, Oscar Correll, of Eugene. The Methodist Church was the meeting-place today, and the attendance was large. Especially at the evening session, the principal feature of the convention, an evening was an address by President Boardman, of McMinnville College, on "Haves and Their Masters." The program for tomorrow follows:

8:00—Song service.
9:15—Devotional quiet hour. A. A. Allen, Salem.
9:45—The Study of the Bible. Reso Hutchinson, religious work director, Portland.
10:15—The Mark of the True Christian. Man Know of God's Will. President E. A. McGraw, Newberg.
10:30—Work for Individuals. A. A. Allen, Salem.
11:00—Prayer.

1. Preparation for, Seth Leaven, general secretary, Oregon City.
2. Methods, John Fischer, general secretary, Salem.
3. Who to Work For. W. A. Davenport, Boise, Idaho.
11:15—Address. E. T. Colton, New York City. Afternoon—
2:00—Song service.
2:15—Bible reading.
2:30—An Association Year. W. M. Parsons in charge.
3:00—Address. Oscar Correll, Eugene.
3:15—Bible reading.
3:30—Hearing. George D. Ryer, Albany.
3:45—Session session.
4:15—Conference of members of college associations. E. T. Colton, New York City, in charge.
Evening—
7:00—Song service.
8:00—Address—"Growing a Character." Rev. Huber Ferguson, Portland. "Statesmanship in the Kingdom of God." E. T. Colton, New York.

BIG LIGHTING CORPORATION. It Will Try to Get Control of All the Plants in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The Evening Post says: "Unknown Eastern capitalists are interested in the formation of a large lighting and power company, which has been organized in this city with a capital of \$20,000,000. One of the earliest undertakings of the concern, the name of which is the California Gas & Electric Corporation, will be the amalgamation of the local gas companies. If this plan fails, the company will construct a plant of its own in San Francisco at a cost of \$3,000,000. The towns of Southern California, and especially those far north as Sacramento, will be included in the operations of the corporation. From Bakersfield to San Francisco, a pipe line will be constructed, and gas will be distributed to each town, and the various towns along the route. An effort will be made to gain control of all the lighting companies in the state."

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Flouring Mill to Be Established. ATHENA, Dec. 6.—W. E. Bond, proprietor of the Athena Flouring Mill, of this place, has ordered machinery for a 10-horsepower flour mill to be installed on his property at Riverside, on the Touchet River. Mr. Bond's Riverside mill (taps the great Eureka Flat country, and was but recently put in operation. He has hitherto done nothing but chopping work. The new machinery will be in operation about the first of the year.

Barbers Will Charge for Extras. EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Master Barbers' Association has decided to charge five cents extra when the customer's neck is shaved, and five cents extra for curling his mustache.

Four Men Sentenced to Prison. SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—Judge Richardson this morning sentenced D. H. Horbach to 18 months in the penitentiary, for shooting his brother-in-law, Ralph Pidgeot, at Fairfield last May. C. H. Hicks, alias Wilson, was sentenced to 18 months for obtaining money on a bad check. Bob Miles was given five years, and J. C. Moore three years, for cattle stealing.

Will of the Late George M. Pullman. REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 6.—The will of the late George M. Pullman, who died last Thanksgiving, has been filed here for probate. The petition for probate sets forth that the estate does not exceed \$500,000, and that the known heirs-at-law are the mother, Mrs. Bessie Pullman, of Chicago, and the wife, Sarah Lander Pullman, of Menlo Park. The latter asks for letters of administration.

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