

HIDES FROM POLICE

No Clue Yet to Murderer Williams.

WANTS HIS CHANCE TO ESCAPE

Probably Secured in Some White-Flagged Resort—Coroner's Inquest Develops Few New Facts.

James Williams, alias Thomas McDonald, alias Lee, who shot and killed George Hicks, alias "Cockey" George, or "Shorty" Sunday night, at 57 North Second street, is still in hiding, and is believed to be secreting himself in some Whitechapel resort, waiting a chance to make his escape out of town on a brake-beam. He has over \$30 in his possession, and also his bank book showing that he has \$600 deposited in a Washington street bank, and it is thought he can raise money from his friends by showing this bank book. The police are straining every nerve to catch Williams, and have sent out numerous telegrams and telegraphic messages, giving an accurate description of him.

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday, but few new facts connected with the murder were developed. Mrs. Annie Lynch, the landlady, swore positively



"Cockey" George Hicks.

that after Williams had shot Hicks, Williams dragged the dying man from the dining room floor, where the shooting took place, and placed him in the woodshed. After hearing the various witnesses the jury decided that Hicks was killed by a gunshot severing his thoracic aorta, and that James Williams fired this shot, and was therefore responsible for the man's death.

Henry J. Lynch was the first witness called, and he stated that he worked at the International Hotel, and that his wife and Williams ran the boarding house at 57 North Second street. "I left the hotel Sunday night about 7:50 o'clock," he went on, "I walked straight to the house, and just as I entered I heard Hicks and Williams calling each other names. I saw Williams with a gun on his shoulder, pointing it at Hicks, who was standing in a corner near the dining room window. My wife cried, 'Tom, don't do anything like that.' Tom, that is, James Williams, pulled the trigger, and I got out of the house as fast as I could, to let the people at the police station know. I got a bartender to telephone for me, and on the way back to the house I met a policeman and told him about the shooting. The body was lying in the shed. I don't know who placed it there. How long have I known Williams? Well, he came to us about 22 years ago, and he has been like a son. He came to Portland and left it at intervals.

"What were Hicks and Williams fighting about?" asked the Coroner. "I don't know from my own personal knowledge, but I've been told they quarreled because Hicks said that he had not got his supper. Williams denied this, Hicks had been boarding with us for about three months."

"Where did you get this gun?" asked the Coroner, tapping the weapon with which Hicks received the bullet. "I got it in Philadelphia, after I served in the Civil war," replied Lynch. "You see, Williams had a gun I wanted, and I traded it for this cavalry carbine. The



Mrs. Lynch.

carbine has been around the house for years, but I never knew it to be loaded. When Williams shot Hicks the former man must have loaded it. I did not have any cartridges myself. When Hicks was shot he did not have anything in his hands."

"Not a table spoon?" "Well, I didn't see any spoon," replied the witness, in a hesitating way. "Hicks never said a word after he went down."

"You had blood on your hands when you were arrested. How did that happen?"

"When I returned with the policeman I went up to Hicks and took him by the arm to see if he was dead. There was blood on his right arm."

Mrs. Annie Lynch, wife of the preceding witness, gave more important testimony, but she was so nervous that she could not tell where she lived. After thinking for about three minutes, she "guessed" that she lived on Second street. "I have lived there nine months," she went on, after she had lost her fear of the Coroner and the jury. "We called the dead man 'Shorty' and 'Cockey' George, but his real name is George Hicks. He and Williams, who is often called McDonald, had a scrap because Hicks said he had not got his supper. This was between 7 and 8 o'clock, and I know Hicks got soup about 8 o'clock. Anyway, he and Williams swore at each other and used bad names. Then they fought around the table for about half an hour. Then Hicks said to Williams: 'I'm going for an axe to cut you,' and he went out of the room, but when he came back instead of carrying an axe he had a table spoon in his hand. Williams came out of the bedroom with his gun, and pointed it at Hicks and fired. Nobody was looking for anything of that sort and we couldn't do a thing to stop it. Hicks dropped to the floor and then Williams said: 'That is good for that—Englishman.' Williams dragged Hicks to the shed, and I told him not to

use the poor man that way. Williams came back and told me he was going away. "And you gave him money? How much?" "I gave him about \$22."

"You also gave him his bank book?" "Well, he asked for it. The money was his as much as it was mine; we had gone shares in the boarding house. Then he went away."

BIG CLEAN-UPS IN GALICE.

Abundant Water and Good Outlook for Mining Camp.

A. B. Cousin, just returned from the Galice mines, reports an abundant water supply that will enable the hydraulic mines of that section to continue piping for nearly two months. Galice Creek heads on a mountain with half a dozen other streams, all running in different directions. Galice, Taylor, Pickett, Briggs and Silver Creeks retain a head of water (say, 1000 miner's inches), later in the season than any other stream or stream of equal size and length in Oregon. Not only are the springs strong enough for an independent supply the year around, but the snow at the heads of these streams lies on the ground far into the Spring, and even at the present date the late rains that were warm and crop-invigorating in the valleys left the mountain covered with snow to the depth of two feet. This, of course, makes the placer miner happy, as this is the time of year when the most work can be done. The days are longer and the weather pleasant to work in. Half a dozen mines are in operation along the creek, and the Old Channel Company keeps its plants running on an immense bank of gravel in the old river bed 900 feet higher than the bed of Galice. With the present equipment this mine will easily produce \$50,000 per season, and as evidence of this estimate a few weeks' run and partial clean-up recently resulted in a brick of fine gold of over \$300, and a great many large nuggets.

The St. Helens & Galice Mining Company has several men at work, and is piping steadily on a rich gravel. This company has one of the best water rights in Oregon, and can work its mines after all others in the country are closed down. This year it will add to its equipment a water-power derrick and excavator, and several bedrock rakes, put in three-foot sluices, and generally enlarge its facilities for operating.

The barn owned by the St. Helens & Galice Mining Company has never been worked by hydraulic pressure until within the last two years, and as the ground paid from \$3 to \$5 per day per man by the ground-slice process, it is expected, under the present management and system of consolidation and concentration of the water, that each mine will produce from \$35 to \$50 per day, and as the company will operate in three or four places next season, a big output in nuggets will result.

The quartz prospects would surprise the world if the means were at hand to develop them. As it is, the local industry alone is responsible for the steady growth and present activity of the camp. Mr. Cousin has some samples of free gold quartz that assays up in the hundreds, offered by a prospector on any terms, also gold and copper ore from the different parts of the section, containing values that will enrich the future and perhaps the present owners.

WHAT ABOUT THE FLAG?

Problem as to Disposition of Naval Reserve Emblem.

Today will end the career of the Oregon Naval Reserve. The order for disbandment received May 8 goes into effect today. The discharge has been made out, and members may receive them upon application at the office of C. U. Gantenbein, Adjutant-General of the state.

A final meeting will be held tonight at the naval headquarters at the Armory, where the property of the naval battalion will be turned over to the Quartermaster-General of the state. The flag, however, was bought by private subscription, and at their meeting tonight the members of the First and Third Battalions will decide what shall be done with it.

Captain George Pope, who perhaps took a more active part than any other one man in bringing about the organization of the naval battalion, who made the first call at a meeting of organizers at the outbreak of the Spanish War, would like to see the flag go to the Oregon Historical Society. The Oregonian is in receipt of a letter in which he says: "I wish to make a plea to those having the matter in charge for the silk ensign of the naval battalion. This flag, or rather the money that bought it, was donated at my request by Messrs. William M., Charles E. and Wesley Ladd. I therefore make the suggestion that the flag be handed over to the Oregon Historical Society, as I feel sure that body needs a new one. This will serve the twofold purpose of preserving a valuable gift and supplying a need."

Captain R. E. Davis, an active officer of the battalion, is of opinion that the flag should go with the rest of the state property and be preserved in the hall of records at Salem. "This," said he, "will be the only record remaining of the Oregon Naval Reserve, and should be kept as such. The colors of all of the old guard were taken there when they disbanded, and ours should be kept with the others."

EXCURSION TO ALBANY.

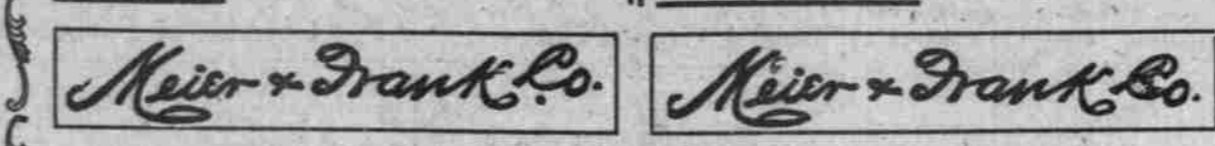
Past Schems Crowd Three Long Trains.

The largest excursion of the season was given Sunday by the Past Schems Association. Three trains of eleven cars each left the Union Depot at 8:30 a. m. Tickets were sold only for the number of seats, but at the hour for departure there were 300 to 350 people present without tickets. They took the train by storm and the committee in charge of the excursion and the railroad were powerless to keep them off the trains. Notwithstanding the crowded condition of some of the cars all enjoyed themselves, it being an ideal day for an excursion.

The three trains arrived in the city be-

"Rubdry" The new Egyptian Cotton Towel—absorbs the water quickly—leaves no lint on the face or body—big full size. 50 cents

Sample At very low prices—Hammocks from which we made our steek selection—all lines represented—one of a kind. (3d floor.) Hammocks



Special lines of Cut Glass—best style pieces at exceedingly low prices. "Vudor" Porch Shades are far superior to bamboo in every particular, and cost one-half.

The Ribbon Sale

Yesterday's fine weather augured well for the sale—a very good beginning; a good-sized crowd full of enthusiasm; nimble fingers and busy scissors clipping off the yards, yet a very small hole was made in the

40,000 yards we have to sell.

16,000 yards of fancy all-silk ribbons, in dots, bow knots and stripes in white, blue, pink, cardinal, black, hello and other good shades, 3 1/2 inches wide, splendid quality and style for Summer dress trimming or neck ribbons, your choice at 12c yd

5000 yards 1-in. fancy ribbons, all silk; best colorings and patterns for hair ribbons, 5c yd

7000 yards of 5-in. all-silk fancy ribbons in all the leading shades and beautiful striped patterns, the greatest value we have ever offered, at 18c yd

8000 yards brilliant taffetas in plain colors, 4 in. wide, black, white, pink, blue, hello, cardinal, maize and other good shades, a splendid neck or trimming ribbon for 18c yd

\$2-\$3 Black Goods, \$1.27

Without any doubt the best offering of stylish black fabrics Portland has ever known—scores of the best shoppers bought liberally yesterday—more will come today after learning more about the remarkable values from those who purchased—beautiful etamines, grenadines and mistral—plain or figured, in 4- to 7 1/2-yard lengths—manufacturers' ends gives all the necessary reasons for such wonderfully low pricing. \$2 to \$3 values,

\$1.27 per yard (See Fifth-street window display.)

Dress Patterns

Greatly Reduced

Our exclusive colored dress patterns were moving too slowly to suit the dress goods chief so the invulnerable "blue pencil" has been called into action—All the extreme and exclusive novelties, most of which are stamined at prices in most instances far below cost.

\$10.00 patterns, \$ 7.25 \$27.50 patterns, \$21.00 \$13.00 patterns, \$ 9.50 \$35.00 patterns, \$24.00 \$20.00 patterns, \$14.85 \$40.00 patterns, \$27.00 \$25.00 patterns, \$17.00

Challies in wondrous variety at 35c and 50c a yard.

Wash Silks Greater variety and better values than ever before—hundreds of the prettiest designs and colorings for 50c yd

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

Wash Goods

Thousands of yards of the best 36-inch Poreale in light, medium and dark colorings, best pattern, yard 12c 32-inch Batiste in light, medium and dark colorings, immense variety of styles; special, at 12c 30-inch fancy striped and figured Swisses, extraordinary values at, yard 21c New 26-inch white Basket Cloth, beautiful fabric for 1.00

Cloak Department

Three great offerings for this week in Ladies' Suits—\$17 and \$18 values at \$13.85 100 Ladies' taffeta and peau de cygne Silk Waists, tucked or embroidered fronts, some Gibson styles, all the new shades, \$5.95 Ladies' black Sateen Petticoats, flounce with ruffle or double ruffle or deep plaiting with 93c ruche, only

Donnel would have been nominated for County Assessor, and J. E. Werlein for City Treasurer. Then the convention would have been held, and their nominations perfectly regular, against which no Republican could have raised any objection; though as a matter of fact the nominations were determined on months before the primaries were held. If such talk can have any effect from such men, then the public must be "dead-ear" game. CITIZEN.

RECENT SUCCESSFUL PUBLICATIONS

Distinguished by their really entertaining qualities as literature and artistic format as books DOROTHY VERNON, by Charles Majors NONE BUT THE BRAVE, by Hambleton Sears IF I WERE KING, by Justin Huntly McCarthy DOROTHY SOUTH, by George Cary Eggleston AUDREY, by Mary Johnston THRILL OF LEIF THE LUCKY, by Ottillie A. Liljebrants

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LAST DAY OF OUR \$10.86 SUIT SALE Usual prices \$15.00 to \$17.50. Any woman wanting a perfectly tailored, high-class and really jaunty Suit at a medium price should by all means see these today. They're some of the new things.

GREAT MAY SALE OF FOULARD SILKS Cool, stylish and long-lived Foulards have grown to be the most favored of all silks for Summer Gowns. Yesterday's enthusiastic buying was a fitting tribute to the beautiful lot we're now offering at THESE REMARKABLY LOW PRICES:

TWILED SILK FOULARDS 7c instead of.....\$1.00 yd. 8c instead of.....75c yd. 9c instead of.....90c yd. SATIN LIBERTY FOULARDS \$1.19 instead of.....\$1.50 yd. 82c instead of.....\$1.25 yd. 86c instead of.....95c yd.

Every piece new this season and 24 inches wide. New Swiss Medallions Square, round and in floral designs. The height of style for waist trimmings—4c, 7c, 9c to 60c each. New Trimming Braids See them before making your silk or wool dress.

THE PINGREE GLORIA \$3.50 SHOE FOR WOMEN

BARGAIN WEEK FOR BUYERS OF TABLE SILVERWARE Extra heavy plated kinds at prices you'd expect to pay for the commonest sorts. As examples: QUADRUPLE PLATE SILVER 4-piece Tea Sets, satin engraved set.....\$5.95 Sugar and Creamer, set.....\$3.75 EXTRA WELL PLATED Teaspoons, set.....50c Table-spoons, set.....\$1.00 Dessert Spoons, set.....82c

Artistic Picture Frames made to order here. Newest Mouldings, Lowest Price.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

\$17.50 and \$18.50 LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS at \$12.75 \$5.00 and \$6.00 SILK WAISTS Made in newest styles, of Fine Taffeta Silk, at \$3.29

Kid Gloves Sale of WHITE GOODS \$1.25 Gloves at 93c \$1.50 Gloves at \$1.35 \$1.75 Gloves at \$1.59 \$2.00 Gloves at \$1.69 25c Victoria Lawn.....10 1/2c 15c White India Linon.....10 1/2c 50c White French Lawn, at.....35c 25c White Swiss Mail, at.....17c 30c White Dotted Swiss.....19c 15c White English Long Cloth, 3c 30c, 35c White Novelty Goods.....19c

Rare Silk Offerings

1000 yards Arnold, Constable guaranteed Black Taffeta Silks, 24 inches wide, the \$1.00 quality, at 83c \$1.35 High-Class Fancy Silks, in striped and figured Louisines and striped and fancy Taffeta, at 95c \$1.00 Checked Skirting Silks, at 69c \$1.25 Black Novelty Silks, in figured and polka dots, taffeta, corded and plisse 87c \$1.25 Colored Moire 89c \$1.00 Quality.....at \$1.05 \$1.50 Quality.....at \$1.10 \$2.00 Quality.....at \$1.65

Great Bargains in Colored Dress Goods

50c, 60c and 75c Embroidered Silk Zephyr, Blue, Pink, Lavender, Navy, Black and White, plumetis weaves and stripes, 31c All the newest weaves in latest colorings.

First Complete Display of Shirtwaist Hats

An assortment double the size of our last year's showing. A collection entirely different from any ever seen before. Styles of course are different, being largely confined to Manila, Sumatra, Java and Cuban Hats—all stylishly trimmed. Prices very reasonable—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 \$2.00 and \$3.95

Cut Glass Sale

TODAY AND TOMORROW ONLY Yesterday's selling was the largest ever seen in our Jewelry Department—yet the assortment remains unbroken—bowels, vases, nappies, trays, glasses. The finest cut, at 1-4, 1-3 to 1-2 off.

WEDDING AND VISITING CARDS W. G. SMITH & CO. LEADING ENGRAVERS. Third Floor, Washington Building. Over Litt's

CLARY'S "THE FAIR" WRAPPER WEEK All this week, 38c ending Saturday night

Gentlemen's House Slippers, special.....\$1.39 Ladies' Heavy Braid Sailor Hats, each.....38c White Pleated Satin Belts, each.....25c