

JEALOUSY MAN'S ACT

Lies in Wait and Shoots
Down Young Woman.

AWFUL BAKER COUNTY TRAGEDY

Handsome Minnie Ensminger, the
Victim, Was Killed, While Her Arm-
strong, the Murderer, Is in Cas-
tody—Threats of Lynching.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 25.—Minnie Ensminger, the handsome daughter of Jacob Ensminger, a wealthy pioneer rancher near Haines, was shot this morning at 2 o'clock by Pler Armstrong, a farm hand, who afterwards attempted suicide. Armstrong is half Spanish, 35 years old, and for a year or more has been keeping company with the young woman, who is the teacher of the Muddy Creek School. Her family objected to his suit and made her break off the engagement.

Armstrong wrote the girl a few days ago, threatening to "make it hot" for her if she broke with him. Christmas there was a big dance at Redding ranch, near North Powder. The girl went in company with another man. Armstrong was there and became insanely jealous. At 2 o'clock this morning, when the dance broke up, Armstrong lay in wait at the gate of a neighboring ranch where Miss Ensminger was to sleep. As she entered the gate Armstrong shot her in the back with a long Colt's revolver, and as she fell he sent a second shot into her left breast. He then took a shot at himself, the bullet barely grazing his left temple.

He was soon corralled and taken in charge by the town Marshal. A mob watched over him ready to lynch him as soon as the girl died. Sheriff Brown brought the murderer here this afternoon and locked him in the county jail. The young lady still lives, but cannot recover. It is said the young man shot her because she was very popular, and her family very highly connected. All that part of the country is in mourning.

ANOTHER LINK IN TRAGEDY.

Halfbreed Implicated in Almiria Mur-
der Is Killed at Keller, Wash.

SPOKANE, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Another link in the startling chain of events, beginning with the terrible double tragedy of Almiria, last week, was added today by the killing at Keller, Wash., today of the young halfbreed Ed Condon, who was supposed to be implicated in the murder of the Lewis family. Condon and a full-blooded Indian named Towh Lewis were seen in the vicinity of the Almiria murder about the time that it was supposed to have been committed. They were on their way to visit a friend who lived four miles south of the Lewis farm.

The impression prevails at Almiria that the Lewis were killed by Condon and Towh Lewis. Last Sunday Condon left for the reservation and Lewis is still visiting at the Soubury farm. Ed Condon is about 24 years old and is a son of the famous "Wild Goose Bill" William Condon, who was killed on the Columbia River, near Wilbur, five or six years ago. The shooting affair at Almiria occurred at the Wild Goose Bill ferry, at the Columbia River, where Condon was with Wilbur to Okanagan County. The fight started over a white woman, Condon shot the woman in the arm, and Burt Woodin, a white man, who had been mistreated by the quarrel, started to run and Condon shot the heel from his shoe. At this juncture a man by the name of Park shot Wild Goose through the heart. The nervous Condon, however, did not shoot, and shot Park dead, when he himself fell back dead.

Condon had four sons, three of whom are dead. One was carrying a shotgun on a moving machine when the gun fell and the discharge killed him instantly. One son died in a Spokane hospital and the other who was killed at Keller is the third son to die. Ed Condon was a would-be hero man, although he was never suspected of any grave crime until the Almiria murders. He always carried a large navy six-shooter in his belt. His father had often told him that he would die in bed. It is expected to find upon the body of young Condon some evidence of his guilt, if he were implicated in the Almiria tragedy.

LITTLE TYPHOID IN ASYLUM.

But 17 Cases, With None Fatal—Mill
Creek Water Uncontaminated.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—With a population many times greater than any of the other state institutions, the insane asylum has had a fewer number of cases of typhoid fever than the state prison or the Reform School. The number of patients at the hospital for the insane is over 1200. There has been a total of only 17 cases of typhoid fever at the asylum this winter, and no one has died. It is expected that the number of cases will be less than a dozen. Of the cases 11 were men patients and the rest were in the female wards. In addition to these cases among the patients there have been five cases among the attendants, three men and two women.

In discussing the cause for the fever at this institution Superintendent Calbreath says that, in his opinion, the drinking of the water from Mill Creek is the cause of the contagion at the asylum. This belief is strengthened in the fact that since the use of the water from that stream at the asylum was discontinued, after the fever first appeared, there has not been any further sickness of the same nature among either the patients or the attendants. For some time this institution has been dependent for a source of water supply for domestic purposes from Mill Creek, that has been conveyed to the asylum from the state prison by pipes. A case has all received treatment in the hospital at the infirmary, and all are now convalescing.

The prevalence of this disease at the asylum from the apparent cause, coupled with the fact that by a recent decision of the Supreme Court by which it has been held that the state is not entitled to the water it has been appropriating from Mill Creek, makes it incumbent on the coming Legislature to provide other means of furnishing this institution with another more wholesome water supply. The state has been thinking of arranging with the flouring mills company, the rightful owners of the water service, from which the state has been drawing its supply for the prison and the asylum.

Since the superintendent Calbreath ordered the water supply from Mill Creek for drinking purposes discontinued, this supply has been replaced with water from the well at the main building, and to maintain an adequate supply for the needs of the institution the pump has been operated continuously. This means of supply will serve until the summer season

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OREGON CITY, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The recent difficulty between the painters and carpenters of this city over the painting contract for the new Garde building, which was let by the building contractors, Johnson & Andrews, to S. S. Mohler, a nonunion painter, has broken out afresh. At the first stage of the difficulty charges were filed by the painters' union against Johnson & Andrews on the ground that, as union men, should not employ a nonunion painter in a nonunion man. These charges were introduced at a meeting of the carpenters' union, of which Johnson is secretary and Andrews is treasurer. Out of a membership of 40, only 10 voted against and only one of the eight, A. J. Mayville, the newly elected president of the carpenters' union, voted to sustain the charges. The other seven

CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN OREGON, EX-
CLUSIVE OF PORTLAND.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 25.—Following is an abstract of reports made to the Controller of the Currency, showing the condition of the National banks in the State of Oregon, exclusive of Portland, at the close of business Tuesday, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 5,707,317.33
Overdrafts	272,159.38
United States bonds to secure circulation	536,060.00
United States bonds to secure United States deposits	120,000.00
United States bonds on hand	175,690.00
Premiums on United States bonds	21,361.11
Stocks, securities, etc.	602,436.14
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	225,654.00
Other real estate owned	114,934.27
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	433,495.74
Due from State banks and bankers	175,690.00
Due from approved reserve agents	2,642,935.41
Internal revenue stamps	2,244.34
Checks and other cash items	38,500.00
Deposits of other National banks	46,575.09
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	3,595.05
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:—	
Gold coin	\$125,000.00
Gold certificates	33,000.00
Silver dollars	33,000.00
Silver treasury certificates	26,720.00
Silver fractional coin	26,470.00
Total specie	\$141,115.00
Legal tender notes	\$1,645,320.40
Five per cent redemption fund with Treasurer	30,382.50
Total	\$1,816,817.90
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$1,332,500.00
Surplus fund	330,100.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	497,357.33
Deposits of National banks	1,800,000.00
Less amount on hand	85,246.00
Amount outstanding	461,455.00
Due to other National banks	50,681.83
Due to State banks and bankers	51,321.35
Due to trust companies and savings banks	500.00
Dividends unpaid	500.00
Individual deposits	5,530,734.39
United States deposits	120,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated	4,431.17
Average reserve held, per cent, 37.21	
Per cent reserve held, per cent, 37.21	
Due from reserve agents, 35.56	
Total	\$12,546,001.42

members present were employed by Johnson & Andrews. The charges were referred to the painters' union, which systematically and secured the indorsement of the charges that Johnson & Andrews were unfair by Federal Labor Union and the Textile Workers' Union. These two unions have the largest membership of any unions in the city. The painters expect to secure the indorsement of the clerks' union and the Typographical Union, and will then go to the State Federation of Labor and ask that Johnson & Andrews be declared unfair. Should this movement be successful the contracting carpenters will probably have difficulty in securing workmen when they begin the construction of the building soon to be erected by them under the Methodist Church. It is understood that Johnson & Andrews make the defense that Mohler employs neither but union labor.

LA GRANDE NEWS NOTES.
LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Grand Round Lumber Company, at Perry, has the contract for supplying 200,000 feet of the best quality of lumber for the process of building at Island City. Work will begin on the building next week. The performance staged by the Ladies' Club, under the direction of Messrs. Carville and Melton, was greeted Monday and Tuesday evenings by small houses. The women carried out their part in a very creditable manner, and were worthy of better support. After paying expenses the net proceeds of the entertainment were \$100.00.

WEALTHY COWITTS COUNTY LANDOWNER.
KEESWICK, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—P. N. "Front" Brown, an old settler and one of the wealthiest landowners in Cowitts County, dropped dead at his farm, two miles west of this place, early this morning. He was 80 years of age, and had a brother at Alequa, this county, who, with a nephew, is the only known relative. He was of an eccentric disposition, and at times acted very queer. Reports have often been heard that Brown had much buried money, but as he is known to have a \$10,000 bank account it is probable that there is no truth as to his buried wealth.

GOING TO MEMPHIS.
Before starting call up O. R. & N. ticket office and ask about the new tourist car between St. Louis and Memphis, via St. Louis, City ticket office, Third and Washington.

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Overdrafts	317,255.25
United States bonds to secure circulation	800,000.00
United States bonds to secure United States deposits	1,000,000.00
United States bonds on hand	1,900,000.00
Premiums on United States bonds	28,350.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	243,715.18
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	243,715.18
Other real estate owned	109,291.25
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	545,250.86
Due from State banks and bankers	1,125,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	1,213,889.39
Internal revenue stamps	26,521.22
Checks and other cash items	121,720.33
Deposits of other National banks	5,825.00
Exchanges for clearing-house	4,312.74
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:—	
Gold coin	\$1,557,720.00
Silver dollars	18,026.00
Silver treasury certificates	11,223.00
Silver fractional coin	26,988.40
Total specie	\$1,613,957.40
Legal tender notes	\$1,645,320.40
Five per cent redemption fund with Treasurer	30,382.50
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LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus fund	170,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	731,353.00
Deposits of National banks	1,800,000.00
Less amount on hand	182,700.00
Amount outstanding	617,300.00
Due to other National banks	1,163,143.82
Due to State banks and bankers	66,562.92
Due to trust companies and savings banks	175,000.00
Dividends unpaid	175,000.00
Individual deposits	7,222,224.22
United States deposits	120,000.00
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The shooting was witnessed by one child and a neighbor named Rass. Carter came to the house where his wife was, and she met him in front of the house, which is across the street from the university campus. They had some sharp words for a few minutes, when Carter grasped his wife and held her with his left hand, while with his right hand he drew a 32-caliber revolver from his pocket, pressed it against her head and pulled the trigger. The woman died almost instantly, and as soon as Carter saw that

she was dead, he turned around and fired a shot at himself, the bullet entering his chest. He was found by a neighbor, who called the police. The body of the woman was taken to the hospital, and the body of the man was taken to the morgue. The police are investigating the case.

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EUGENE ENJOYS THE HOLIDAY.

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Chicago Daily News.

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west from the Cascade Mountains over the tracks of the Northern Pacific until tomorrow night, owing to the weather being carried out by a snowslide at Madison. Extra crews are busy keeping the tracks free, and all available rotaries have been called into requisition. During the last 24 hours the worst snow storm in years has raged in the Cascades. The snow is six feet deep along the tracks of the Monte Cristo Railway. In this country the small landslides and snow occurred between Everett and Seattle on the coast line track.

MAY ANNEX FAIRMOUNT.

Eugene City Council Is Now More
Favorable to Proposition.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The proposition of an amendment to the Eugene city charter so as to include within the city limits the suburb of Fairmount is now meeting with more favor than when the Fairmount citizens' petition was first brought up. The committee, which was appointed at a mass meeting 10 days ago, has received nearly all citizens of Eugene. It now seems a foregone conclusion that the Legislature will be asked to extend the limits of the city.

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The Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, of the Paulist Fathers, said Wednesday: "The inferior quality of the Baltimore catechism is well known. So that there are a dozen or more catechisms clamoring for public recognition. In the meantime the faith of the children is suffering. In the midst of the vagaries of error it is necessary that the mind be gradually and yet fully unfolded to the knowledge of their religion."

"There is some talk of Rome itself preparing a universal catechism to be translated into all languages. Such a universal catechism would be of eminent service, and perhaps there is no better solution of the difficulty. A universal catechism would be prepared by the most capable men—who are not only theologians but who have had years of training in the best methods of imparting knowledge."

"Such a catechism, moreover, would be a bond of union between the various countries of the world. It would do more than any one thing to perpetuate the unity of the faith. The marvel is that this idea has not been put into effect before. The Roman Catholic Church has served in the 18th and 19th centuries, but it is rather a handbook of primary knowledge than a catechism, and it will probably be used as the basis of a universal catechism when the idea is made effective."

"It cannot be done too quickly to meet the needs of the church in this country."



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CHRISTMAS DAY AT SALEM

BUSINESS CLOSURES AND OCCASION IS
APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED.

Christmas Trees at the Asylum—Prison-
ers Are Feasted and Other State
Wards Well Cared For.

SALEM, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Christmas was very generally observed in Salem today. All public offices were closed, and the transaction of business and the churches and the various state institutions held services and exercises in celebration of the day. Christmas trees and cantatas, the usual appropriate literary features, were held by the several churches of the city either last night or tonight.

Today Christmas trees were placed in many of the convalescent wards at the asylum, and from them were distributed to the patients small presents from their friends. Superintendent Calbreath had purchased a quantity of candles that were placed in small paper sacks, and these were also given the patients at the same time. A turkey dinner was served at the noon hour, and tonight the attendants gave an entertainment, including a laughing farce, in the chapel.

At the prison, Rev. St. Pierre, missionary at the penitentiary, gave a lecture this morning. Because of the sick convicts in the hospital, that adjoints the chapel, music was dispensed with. The convicts were served at noon with a fresh pork dinner, including potatoes and other vegetables and pie.

Most of the unfortunate charges at the State Blind School went to their homes for the Christmas season, but Superintendent and Mrs. Jones made it pleasant for the 15 who remained by providing a rich and sumptuous Christmas dinner. Their Christmas gifts, and other means of entertainment, including a splendid dinner today.

The pupils at the deaf mute school had a Christmas tree last evening. Instead of a single tree, there was a group of trees, and in the distribution of the presents all of the officers and pupils were generously remembered. The boys presented Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke with a beautiful picture. A complete Christmas dinner was served today, and the little ones spent tonight in the superintendent's parlors in the playing of games and other amusement.

The 123 boys at the State Reform School passed the day in an appropriate way. The usual Christmas dinner, with all of the accessories, were held in most of the houses. Tonight the boys gave a delightful entertainment in the chapel. The programme consisted of appropriate music and recitations, and concluded with a lecture by the school chaplain, Rev. St. Pierre. A large Christmas tree, loaded with presents for the boys from their friends, was another attraction.

QUIET DAY AT OREGON CITY.

Churches