

HANGED AT PRISON

Egbert Pays Penalty for Double Murder.

MANY WITNESSES PRESENT

Careful Preparation of Penitentiary Officials Effects the Execution Without a Hitch—Neck Was Broken by the Fall.

PASSAGES IN EGBERT'S LIFE.

Harry D. Egbert was born 27 years ago in Audubon County, Iowa. He was given a good public school education.

As keeper of a "blind pig" in a prohibition town he first launched into open crime.

Coming to Oregon four years ago he was convicted of horsestealing and served a term in the penitentiary, beginning March, 1901.

In the summer of 1902 a warrant was issued for his arrest for burglary at Astoria, Or.

October 4, 1903—Murdered Deputy Sheriff John G. Saxton and Jack West in Wild Horse Valley while retreating.

October 20, 1903—Captured at Rockland, Idaho.

December 8, 1903—Found guilty of murder in first degree, and sentenced the following Thursday.

January 29, 1904—Hanged at State Penitentiary, Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—At 12:42 o'clock this afternoon Harry D. Egbert was hanged, the state prison for the murder of Deputy Sheriff John G. Saxton and Joseph West, in Wild Horse Valley, Harney County, last October.

The drop of six feet from the gallows broke the condemned man's neck, and in nine minutes and 15 seconds he was pronounced dead by Doctors J. D. Shaw and E. A. Pierce.

The execution was witnessed by about 25 persons, most of them residents of Salem. This was the first execution at the penitentiary and was conducted by Superintendent C. W. James and Warden Frank Corning without a single accident or hitch in the proceedings.

At 12:30 o'clock, the hour announced for the execution, quite a crowd had gathered in the waiting-room at the prison. Every convict was locked in his cell, as is the custom when giving the prisoners their noon meal.

The visitors were then admitted to the prison yard by passing through the chain door, and the crowd assembled in the executive chamber to await the arrival of the condemned man.

Superintendent James, attended by the warden and two guards, went to Egbert's cell, in the upper tier of the south wing, and offered to read the death warrant.

This formality was waived by Egbert, the cell door was opened and the murderer walked alone to the scaffold.

Egbert was dressed in a suit, white shirt with firm step and forced composure. He puffed nervously at a cigarette as though trying to divert his thoughts from the event, which would end his life.

He was deathly pale as he ascended to the scaffold. When asked whether he wished to say anything he hesitated a moment and then stepped forward to the railing.

Egbert's Last Words.

Men in the crowd were talking quietly to steady their own nerves and it required a request from the superintendent to secure silence. Egbert said, in broken and hesitating sentences:

"My friends, you see me a condemned man. Take me as a mark. If you have any children, keep them off the street at night and keep them out of the saloons and bad company. Gentlemen, my heart aches for you and your children. Bad raising and bad company were the cause of my downfall. That's all—my heart too full to say much—I have repeated my sins."

He then stepped back upon the trap and his arms and legs were bound with straps. At his request Rev. E. W. St. Pierre, who had been his spiritual adviser, repeated the verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Neck Broken by Fall.

The black cap was drawn over the condemned man's head, the noose adjusted and a signal given.

"God be with you," said the minister as Superintendent James and Warden Corning simultaneously pulled levers which released the trap.

The body shot downward and stopped with a dull thud, the neck being broken instantly. The body swung half way round, but there was not the slightest convulsion of the limbs. Physicians immediately took note of the heart's action and in nine minutes and 15 seconds the man was dead. The body was lowered into a box and the cover immediately fastened down.

The crowd then dispersed and a certificate of death was signed by the following 12 citizens of Marion County, as required by law:

Mel Hamilton, J. E. Roberts, H. D. Patton, Earl R. H. G. Myers, James R. Linn, F. M. Durbin, J. A. Simpson, Oscar Johnson, D. V. Vaughn, Henry Downing, A. Disque.

Medical School Wants Body.

It is provided by law that in cases of execution the superintendent may give the body to some medical school or society for clinical purposes if no relative claims it. The medical department of Willamette University has asked for Egbert's body and if no relative claim it the request will probably be granted.

One Man Fainted.

It was apparent immediately before and during the execution that many of those who were present as spectators were very nervous. Several left the room before the black cap was drawn over the condemned man's head. One man, a medical student, fainted as the drop fell, but was caught by a companion and soon revived. The prison officials were calm and deliberate throughout the proceedings.

Those who held invitations to be present were as follows:

Sheriff E. M. Shult, Morrow County; Sheriff T. D. Taylor, Umatilla County; Sheriff Thomas Linnville, Clatsop County; Deputy H. L. Moreland and Lou Harlow, Multnomah County; W. A. Storer, Portland; Thomas Allen, Burnsville; H. G. Myers, Salem; Dr. A. Bailey, Salem; H. C. Myers, Salem; Charles Robertson, Salem; Walter Moore, Salem; Dr. E. A. Pierce, Salem; F. M. Saxton, Salem; J. R. Bowen, George R. Small, W. E. Grace, A. B. Connelley, S. J. Johnson, E. A. Board, J. T. Donnelly, J. H. Parker and E. C. Brown, all of Baker City; W. B. McCarly, Boardman; H. E. Caster, E. H. Test, Ontario; Rev. St. Pierre, Salem; Dr. J. Fry, Salem; F. W. Durbin, Salem; B. B. Colfax, Salem; B. C. Patton, Salem; J. P. Berry, Salem; Henry Brophy, Salem; A. R. Olney, Salem; L. D. Vandenberg, Salem; Captain Ferve, Salem; Bert Cook, Boardman; Henry Griffin, Portland; Alex. Creek, Portland; John Manning, Portland; C. C. Pennington, Clatsop.

SUSPECTED TRAIN-ROBBER DESERTED FROM FORT STEVENS.



WALTER MCGUIRE.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Walter McGuire, who was recently arrested in California on the charge of train robbery, in taking a safe from the Sunset hotel, enlisted in Battery M. Coast Artillery, at Fort Stevens, in 1900. Shortly afterward, an older brother, Fred McGuire, enlisted in the same battery. Both joined the service as recruits, but from their knowledge of the rules, every one believed that they had seen service before. After less than a year's service both deserted in March, 1901.

They were considered good soldiers, and so far as known were never in trouble while at the post. They were, however, very reticent concerning their past, and their companions were unable to learn where the two brothers came from. Since they left the fort nothing was heard of either, until the arrest of Walter a few days ago.

A check for \$300 to buy her trousseau. She turned the check over to Olsen, after which she returned to her room. She had the money. He bought a ticket for Tacoma and fearing arrest came here. Olsen is 22 years old. He had \$100 on his person when taken into custody.

TONG WAR AT BAY CITY

HIGHBINDER AND WATCHMAN WOUNDED IN LEG.

Outbreak of Trouble Long Existing Between the Hop Sings and the Yang Wongs.

SALE, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The first gun in the long war between the Hop Sing and the Yang Wong, two of the most powerful of the highbinder organizations in Chinatown.

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Quarrel Arose Over a Settlement Between the Millowner and the Logging Contractor.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Ben-Rosa, a logging contractor, was shot at 10 o'clock this morning by Albert Rasor, a married owner, at his home, three miles from Elgin, as the result of a dispute over a settlement between them. Rasor was employed by Rasor.

Rasor first attacked Rasor with a peavy, jabbing him in the face with the sharp end, when Rasor pulled his revolver, firing several times, inflicting a wound in Rasor's shoulder and wrist, and while the injured man is now in a dangerous state it is believed that his wounds will not prove fatal. He is under the doctor's care at Elgin.

Rasor immediately gave himself up to the officers, saying that he demanded an investigation of the affair, that he shot in self-defense and said that he (Ben-Rosa) had several disputes over the affair. Rasor will have a preliminary hearing before Justice Morelock at Elgin Saturday morning.

Both men are reputable citizens and have families.

NUGGET WORTH FORTY DOLLARS

Taken From Oscar Creek Place—

Southern Oregon Mining News.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A 140 nugget was brought in Saturday from the Jewell Moore & Hayes place on Oscar Creek. This mine is one of the most noted producers of heavy pieces in the entire mineral district and Oscar Creek, only a small stream, has become widely famous for the nuggets taken from it.

This property, with other holdings on Oscar Creek, was recently bonded for \$20,000.

A powerful centrifugal pump, with other machinery, the property of the Sucker Creek Mining Company, was received here last week and has been hauled out to the company's property on that stream.

This company has been installing a considerable amount of machinery during the season. Sucker Creek has been one of the gold-producing streams of Southern Oregon ever since the early discovery of gold and it has a large area of placer ground yet to be worked.

The Harmon-Green place at Galice is being worked this year by T. K. Anderson, who is operating the property under a lease. Mr. Anderson is working this season on the west side of the creek, the water for the mine being brought across from the ditch on the opposite side of the stream. The ground is an excellent one for gold mining. This mine has always been one of the good producers of its district. The ground carries steady and reliable values, and the season's clean-up seldom fails to bring to light a number of nuggets of good size. All the gold is of uniform high quality.

One of the newer mines of the Grave Creek District is the Vulcan, which has been recently equipped with machinery and is now pulverizing rock in a business-like manner. A ten-stamp mill has been installed with all appliances necessary for successful operation. The character of the ore taken out assures lucrative mill returns. The Vulcan is situated on Browning mountain, which is a most wonderful district in its mineral bearing qualities. It is situated only a short distance from the Greenback mine and is considered one of the very best properties of that district.

The Green Brook quartz property at Galice is being steadily developed under the management of George Green. The favorable appearance of the property continues in a manner quite gratifying to the owners, and the mine gives good indications of becoming one of the large producers of its district. A new vein of evident high value has recently been uncovered by Mr. Green. There is quite a livelihood in quartz operations in the Galice camp and a number of good properties are being developed.

The Wolf Creek Mining and Development Company is steadily carrying on operations in both placer and quartz on their properties on that stream. The company is being worked at different points for a distance of six miles of its course and is yielding high values wherever the bedrock is reached. The gold, like all taken out on this stream, is of very high quality, pure, clean and heavy.

On the ledge which is under development gangs of men have been at work running a tunnel which follows the vein. The appearance of the mine is improving as the depth is attained, the ledge now having a width of seven feet, and is steadily increasing in size. Work on this vein has lately been temporarily suspended.

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