

HATE IN HIS HEART

Oakman Killed Frank Bennett in Revenge.

WANTED TO COMMIT BIGAMY

Murderer Has Wife and Child in Illinois, but He Asked a Hillsboro Girl to Marry Him—Murdered Man Saved Her.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Murderer Bert Oakman ate breakfast two and one-half miles east of this city this morning, and stopped at the Borwick ranch, one mile south of Reedville, to have his wheel pumped up. Miss Borwick knew Oakman, but had not heard that he had killed Frank Bennett. Oakman was met at the Borwick ranch by Dr. S. T. Linklater, who stopped him, took off his hat, examined his hands and asked him his name. Oakman said it was Williams. Linklater then went to the Borwick house, and finding out who the man was started in pursuit. Oakman rode off on the wheel while the doctor was going up the walk.

Oakman went a mile due east, jumped from his wheel and struck for the brush. Linklater telephoned the Sheriff at Hillsboro and a posse accompanied by an Oregonian reporter, went to the place where the murderer was last seen. If he did not again take to the road on his wheel, Oakman is in about 800 acres of the worst kind of a jungle, and one could pass within five feet of him without discovering where he might be hidden.

Motive for the murder. At last the real motive of the cowardly murder is out. Oakman and young Bennett had worked together at South Bend, Wash., and Eagle Cliff, on the Columbia, and last February they came to Hillsboro, where Bennett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett, reside. During this time they were constant companions, and apparently were the best of friends.

Oakman confided to Bennett that he had been married, and had a wife and a little child at Monmouth, Ill., where they now reside. After coming to Hillsboro the two young men commenced to keep company with the Misses Ledford, daughters of G. T. Ledford, one of Hillsboro's pioneers. Oakman had paid attentions to Miss Alta, who is a very handsome brunette, while Bennett paid attentions to Miss Yvonne.

It appears that Bennett was a straightforward young man, and that he and Oakman had frequent quarrels because Oakman insisted in passing as a single man. Oakman finally told Bennett that he was going to marry Miss Alta, and Bennett at once became alarmed, and wishing to save the girl from humiliation, told Miss Ledford that Oakman was married. Oakman, who is a very handsome man, and showed her a picture of his little child. Miss Ledford at once told Oakman, the next time he called, that he must not come any more, and insisted that his attentions were obnoxious to her, and that she would have nothing more to do with him.

Oakman became angry at what he considered was undue interference on the part of Bennett, and told the sister with whom Bennett was going that there would be bloodshed. He also told Mrs. Bennett, the mother of the murdered man, that he would kill Frank for telling that he was a married man.

No one attaches any blame to the Misses Ledford, as they are exemplary young women. Miss Alta is industrious, and works every day at the condenser. Both young women feel the incident keenly, and Miss Yvonne is nearly prostrated over the trouble.

Oakman's Friend Arrested.

The man who hurriedly left the scene of the murder with Oakman was apprehended about two hours after the crime, last night, and lodged in the County Jail. Many think that he is the man who informed him of Bennett's death. The man's name is Craig, and he ran with Oakman nearly two blocks from where the struggle took place.

When confronted by the two men who saw him with Oakman, hurrying from the rear of the saloon, he evaded and said that he was not with the murderer, but when told by the two men that he was the man, and they had seen his face clearly in the light which streamed from the newspaper office, he admitted that he went a block or two with Oakman.

In this Craig, who lately came here from Wisconsin, and lives in this city, told what was not true, as Attorney H. T. Bagley saw him, and told him that he was a block farther north, and heard Oakman say, "You go back, now." Sheriff Connell placed Craig in jail, and he will be held, whether as a witness or accessory after the fact is not yet known.

Frank Bennett was born in Mankato, Minn., and would have been 24 years of age this fall. He was an exemplary and industrious young man. The mother is yet in ignorance of her son's death, and she will not be told of the occurrence, as the physicians state that it would mean death, owing to her critical condition. Nothing is known of Oakman, save that he came from Monmouth, Ill., and that he claims to have been a soldier in the Philippines.

Oakman's Hiding-Place Surrounded.

A cordon of men has been thrown around the huge forest in which Oakman is supposed to be secreted. He may try to break through, reach Portland and go with the circus that shows there Monday. This morning he was wearing glasses as a disguise.

Oakman is 25 years of age; has sandy hair, nearly red; a florid complexion; has good teeth, and no filling of any kind, a matter of which he was proud to boast. He is about 5 feet 9 inches, has a light blue eye, with slightly red lids, a prominent nose, and has a scar on the upper cheekbone, which looks as though it had been there long. He has a large crop of tomatoes raised for canning cannot now find a market.

Train No. 4, known as the Spokane Flyer, was delayed 25 minutes by the fire, and one sidetrack was destroyed, but the main line is intact. Dr. Hershner expressed his intention to remain a resident of Hood River.

Views Differed From Congregation. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Rev. J. L. Hershner, for ten years pastor of the Riverside Congregational Church of this city, has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees, and this morning preached his farewell sermon. Disaffection among some of the church members because of the board's views led by Dr. Hershner is said to have prompted the pastor to resign. Dr. Hershner expressed his intention to remain a resident of Hood River.

Thunder Storm at Eugene. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—This section was visited last night by the heaviest thunder storm experienced here for years. It was accompanied by sufficient rain to lay the dust nicely and clear the atmosphere of smoke.

The rain was apparently quite heavy in the mountains and has undoubtedly quenched the forest fires.

DEPUTIES GUARD THE ROADS

Sheriff Word's Men Looking for Murderer Oakman.

In an effort to apprehend Bert Oakman, who stabled and constantly killed Frank Bennett at Hillsboro Saturday night about 8 o'clock, all of Sheriff Word's deputies last night guarded the roads leading into Portland from the country. For the capture of Oakman there is offered a reward of \$200.

Immediately after Bennett was stabbed and it was ascertained that Oakman had escaped the immediate

neighborhood of the crime, messages were sent to towns near by, and also one to Chief of Police Hunt, giving a description of the murderer and warning officers to be on the lookout for him. Another message was later sent to Chief Hunt requesting that he guard the roads entering the city. Chief explained that it was impossible to do so, and that such a precaution came under the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Word, when acquainted with the facts in the case, at once ordered his deputies to spend the night watching the roads and to apprehend the murderer if possible. During the daytime a part of the force will remain on watch, being relieved at intervals by others, and tonight the complete force will watch again.

SLAV AND CUBAN FIGHT. Cuban Has Two Guns, but Is Disarmed by His Opponent.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 28.—While intoxicated John Tokay, a Cuban, made a murderous assault on a Slavonian laborer at a Main-street lodging-house last night. The men had been drinking, and the trouble resulted from a controversy between the men as to the fare from Oregon City to Portland, in which neither of the foreigners could understand the other. The Slavonian proved himself to be the right and entitled to the can of beer that had been wagered.

While partaking of the beer the dis-

BLOODLET AT BEACH

Gambler Stabbed and Brake-man Shot in Head.

NEWPORT GREATLY EXCITED

Al Reid Assaults John Chiswell and Is Shot by Marshal Beach When He Refuses to Submit to Arrest.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The pleasures of a day at the Newport Beach were marred by shooting and stabbing affray. John Chiswell, who has been conducting a gambling game in the Reception saloon during the season at Newport, was seriously stabbed by Al Reid, a brakeman on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, and as a sequel to the stabbing, Reid was shot and seriously, if not fatally, injured by James Beach, City Marshal of Newport.

About 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Chiswell and Reid and William Doty, a companion of the latter, were in the Reception saloon, when a couple of women came into the place. Chiswell and Reid went into a carroom with the women and the bartender closed and locked the door. The four had been in the room but a few minutes when the two men became involved in an altercation and Reid drew a knife and began slashing at Chiswell.

Chiswell ran through a side door, thence into the main saloon and started for the street. Reid, who was in pursuit, called to Doty to stop Chiswell, and Doty knocked the fleeing man down. Then Reid began kicking and stabbing Chiswell, inflicting serious wounds in the left arm near the wrist and on the right leg above the knee, beside serious bruises on the head, caused by the kicks.

Marshal Beach appeared on the scene at this time, but was warned by Reid to keep away, the latter stating that he was loaded. Beach then started for a gun, and Doty took Reid in a circuitous route for the boat-landing, a block away. Doty and Reid had arrived in front of Loomis Bros., store, across the street from the boat-landing, when overtaken by Beach.

The Marshal placed his hand on Reid's shoulder and the latter stopped and drew himself up a little, when Beach stepped back and fired, hitting Reid in the left leg and lodging in the upper part of the right leg. Reid fell like a log and was immediately surrounded by the bystanders.

Late tonight Reid was resting easy, his chances for recovery, the doctor having just missed the jugular vein. Chiswell was becoming worse and feared he was injured internally by the kicks.

The shooting occurred shortly before 5 o'clock, when everyone at the beach gathered in Newport to see the boatload of excursionists depart for the Valley. It was also just in front of the boat-lading where hundreds of people were gathered in groups. When shot Reid was directly between the Marshal and a number of people, mostly women, who thronged the front porch of the Bayview House, and consternation immediately reigned. Shrieks rent the air, and fainting women were carried into the hotel.

Everyone was excited and talk of lynching the Marshal was soon started. While Reid was lying as if dead in a pool of blood with the Marshal standing over him the crowd pushed in and men were seen to draw revolvers. Things looked decidedly ugly for a few minutes, but soon the wounded man was removed, and the departure of the boat caused the crowd to disperse.

Reid, when searched after he was shot, carried no weapons, but he stabbed Beach with a knife which bystanders seized and removed from Reid's coatless after the shooting by his partner Doty. Both Reid and Doty had been drinking and were looking for a fight.

The injured men, Reid and Chiswell, are about 25 years old and Marshal Beach is an old man, perhaps 65 years of age. Reid's home is in Albany. He has been in the employ of the Corvallis & Eastern Company but a short time as an extra brakeman. Chiswell is a resident of Albany also.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

James Wilson.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—James Wilson, a pioneer of Walla Walla County, died Friday afternoon at the home of Peter Goebel, in Walla Walla. Mrs. Goebel went to his room to call him in the morning, finding him dead, and it was thought that he died from heart failure. He was 80 years of age, had never been married and had no relatives in this country. He was a blacksmith by trade.

James T. Cooper.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—James T. Cooper, an Oregon pioneer of

1850, and a member of the Oregon Legislature in the '60s, died at his home at Kellogg, in this county, August 28, aged 53 years. He was a native of Scotland and is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters. The latter are: Russell Cooper, of Pendleton, Or.; Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart, of Walla Walla, Wash.; Mrs. Anna Stark, of Elkton; Mrs. V. L. Bogard, of Roseburg; Mrs. Hattie Hart, of Wilbur, Or.

Perry Frank. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Perry Frank died at his home in this city at 9:29 o'clock last night after a lingering illness. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon from the Baptist Church.

Soaking Rain Clears the Air. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—A soaking rain last night laid the dust and cleared the atmosphere of smoke. Accompanying the rain was a heavy thunder storm that continued throughout the night. Apple-growers are rejoicing, as the rain will put a high color on the apples and fill out the undeveloped fruit.

Completing Barracks Buildings. VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The new guardhouse has been completed and inspected and the prisoners have been moved in. They will now have quarters that will be more comfortable than the old ones. They will also cause less anxiety to the officers in charge, as the new building is a substantial and well-constructed prison-house, and there seems no chance for escape.

Mr. Bringham, of the firm of Bringham & Haaka, said today that they expected to have completed all their contracts in about 30 days.

The work on the new hospital, in the hands of Lister & Scott, is almost finished. This building is one of the finest military hospitals in the United States.

Arrested for Crime of a Year Ago. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Jens Nelson was arrested near Eugene last evening on a charge of larceny by bail.

The crime was committed about a year ago. Nelson left here immediately but officers kept track of him and as soon as he returned to the county was taken into custody.

Stacks of Rye Set Afire. ECHO, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Nine stacks of rye belonging to J. S. Rogers were burned about 9 o'clock last night. There is no house near, and it is thought the fire was set by incendiaries. The loss will amount to \$1500.

Cattle for Union Meat Company. ECHO, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—One carload of cattle bought from R. N. Sanford and Amos B. Thomson will leave here tonight for the Union Meat Company at Troutdale.

OFFICER BEYERS FIRES.

Misses Three Men Who Were Trying to Break Into the Grotto.

An attempt was made by three men to enter and rob the Grotto saloon at Third and Yamhill streets at 4 o'clock this morning, the attempt being frustrated by Officer Beyers, who saw the would-be robbers at work and gave chase, when they were frightened away. Though they attempted to break into the saloon, they were unsuccessful in making their escape.

Officer Beyers was walking his beat in the vicinity of the Grotto when the fire alarm came in from Front and Morrison streets. He hastened to answer the alarm, and as he neared the saloon he saw three men attempting to effect an entrance to the saloon through a side window. At the same time the men saw the officer and started to run. Officers Beyers called to them to stop, and when they did not he fired. The men ran down Third street and turned off on Taylor, running toward the rear of the city. Search failed to reveal their whereabouts.

INJURED BY EXPLODING LAMP

Mrs. Hartwell Rudely Awakened From Sleep.

An exploding lamp in the lodging-house on the river front, at the west end of the Morrison-street bridge at 2:30 o'clock this morning badly burned Mrs. Nettie Hartwell, the occupant of the room in which the lamp exploded, and set fire to the building, endangering thousands of dollars' worth of property along the docks. From and about the work on the part of the Fire Department was all that saved the fire from becoming a serious conflagration. The loss will not amount to more than \$25.

Mrs. Hartwell was sleeping at the time the lamp exploded, and the lamp was standing on a small table at the head of the bed. When the explosion occurred the burning oil was thrown over the bed-clothing, starting the fire. Mrs. Hartwell's wounds were painful, but not serious.

Out of Smokeless Powder. LONDON, Aug. 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Standard says: Unofficial reports state that since the explosion of their magazine at the foot of Liatou Hill, the Russians appear to be destitute of smokeless powder.

THE RANGE



THAT LASTS A LIFETIME



DRY DAY AT BAKER CITY

SALOONS CLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIFTY YEARS.

All Business Houses Suspend Operations, Except in Cases of Necessity and Mercy.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Baker City is a closed, dry town today for the first time since it was founded, almost 50 years ago. The saloon men all closed promptly at 12 o'clock last night, and neither love nor money would tempt any of them to sell drink of intoxicating liquor today.

The closing of the saloons was the result of a voluntary determination on the part of the proprietors to obey the law.

All places of business were closed save those exempt under the law, or those that opened in response to business necessity, which the law permits.

Rev. Mr. Secor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spoke tonight on the subject "A Secular in a Judicial Court," the True History of the "Miller Case." He explained that he did not wish to be placed in the position of advocating with the interference of the church with the affairs of state, or vice versa, but as this case was, in his opinion, a travesty on justice, the facts concerning which had not been given to the public by the press, he felt in duty bound as a law-abiding citizen to protest against the flagrant and wilful perversion of the law, as was done by the jury in this case.

He declared that the moral element of this city, so far as he was able to learn, was in no way responsible for the inauguration of the crusade by Sheriff Brown, but now that it was started and the charges had been made that Sheriff Brown and District Attorney Lomax did not have public sentiment back of them, this charge he was going to disprove.

When this matter was first broached by Sheriff Brown, it was stated that the church people had started the fight. Mr. Brown said he acted on his own responsibility. This was questioned in some quarters. Mr. Secor confirmed Mr. Brown's statement by his declaration tonight.

As the subject of the lecture was announced by the local press this morning, the church people were surprised. The result of the meeting was a large number of prominent business men who seldom attend church being present.

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