

STOOD TO THE END

Norman Williams Does Not Admit Murder at Scaffold.

ONLY A FEW AT EXECUTION

Slayer of Alma Nesbitt Goes to Death With Lips Sealed—Two Women See Execution From an Upper Window.

THE DALLAS, Or., July 21.—(Special)—Stubborn to the last, Norman Williams went to his death on the scaffold this morning with the story of his crime untold to the world. Accompanied by Sheriff Sexton and Father Desmarais, the condemned man left his cell a few minutes after 6 o'clock, and walked unassisted up the stairs of the scaffold. The trappings were adjusted, the lever sprung, and within 15 minutes the heart-beats of the dead man were no longer noticeable. A successful execution had been completed. Placed in a plain pine wood coffin, the body was conveyed to St. Peter's Church, where Father Desmarais held mass. Only a few early-morning attendants were present. The services over, burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at the expense of the county, there being no friend or relative to receive the remains.

WILLIAMS' LIPS SEALED

Williams arose at 1:30, and spent his time in prayer, the priest joining him at 4. He refused breakfast. In a voice that grew husky toward the end, Sheriff F. C. Sexton read the death warrant, and a few minutes before 6 o'clock several newspaper representatives were admitted to the cell. Williams anticipated them with the curt remark: "I have nothing to say; my lips are sealed to the world."

Would Not Speak.

These were practically his last words. Last night he assured the Sheriff there would be nothing to say on the platform, declaring that the world would never know what he had to say. "Do you wish to make a statement?" asked Sheriff Sexton, a moment before Sheriff Thomas Linnville, of Clatsop County, adjusted the black cap. There came a faint "No" from lips that were sealed.

Williams was escorted to the stairs of the scaffold with a firm tread. He avoided looking toward his audience. Stepping squarely in the middle of the trapdoor, he stood there without the slightest sign of nervousness, while Deputy Sheriff Haight and Marshal Wood adjusted the straps. Barely two minutes after the prisoner left his cell, Sheriff Sexton pulled the lever that sent the condemned man to his doom. Not the twitching of a muscle was noticeable. Within 15 minutes Drs. Reuter, Ferguson and Doane pronounced Williams dead. Coroner Burgess conveyed the body to the Catholic Church.

After ascending the scaffold with Williams, Father Desmarais immediately left the scene, retiring to the rectory.

The Courthouse with Jailer Fitzgerald, who, too, did not care to witness the execution. About 10 men were contained within the enclosure, and the rooms of the Courthouse facing the Courthouse west. Two women saw the execution from a second-story window.

No Sentimentalism Shown.

So completely separated from the daily life of the people here was the carrying out of the law's decree this morning in the Courthouse yard that visitors to the Dallas noted nothing out of the ordinary with the citizens as they went about their business. No maudlin sentimentalism toward the murderer was ever shown here. On the other hand, Williams conducted himself in a manner as to give the officers no trouble.

So contradictory have been the few statements made by Williams that the general public has been left in a state of uncertainty. Notice the date of his birth as given to the Catholic Church, born in 1867. He looks to be every bit it, and the records in the penitentiary make him over 38. A darkrimmed record has been established behind the man. Yet Father Desmarais, who has been with him a great deal of late, has come to believe in his innocence of the Nesbitt murder. That the father is honest in his conviction on this point is evident at once from his manner of conversation.

Sheriff Sexton performed his duty in a befitting manner. The execution is spoken of as the most successful of any ever conducted in the state. The rope used on the scaffold came from the penitentiary at Salem, where this hanging would have taken place, had not the crime for which Williams has paid his life been committed prior to the enactment of the statute ordering all executions to take place at the state capital. This is the eighth time this one piece of rope has been used for this purpose.

TOWN OF HUMP BURNS.

All but Brewery and One House Destroyed.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, July 21.—Fire last night almost totally destroyed the town of Hump, Idaho, in the Buffalo Burn mining district. The fire started at the restaurant of Charles Moore and all the buildings in the town except the brewery and one residence were burned. The stores have laid in the neighborhood of a week and the town will be temporarily without any supplies. The Collander Mercantile Company and D. D. Shaw, general merchant, are the principal losses. Other buildings destroyed are Charles Moore's restaurant and hotel, Wilson & Bourgeois's saloon, Johnson & Litch's meat market and the Old Fellows Hall. Particulars are very meager. Losses is probably above \$20,000.

FARMERS BUY WATER DITCH

Pay \$285,000 for Ridenbaugh Canal Near Boise River.

BOISE, Idaho, July 21.—(Special)—Negotiations were completed today whereby the Ridenbaugh Canal, taking water from the Boise River, will be sold to an irrigation district organized by the farmers. The price is \$285,000 and will be paid in bonds to be voted by the district. The property is owned by an estate in Buffalo, N. Y. represented in these negotiations by J. M. Satterfield. The new district will subsequently be merged into the great Boise-Payette Government reclamation district.

GRANGE OPPOSES INSPECTION

Believes Producer Should Not Be Charged Up With Cost.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 21.—(Special)—Resolutions favoring the enforcement in Clackamas County of the spraying law and declaring for the enactment and enforcement of stringent inspection laws have been adopted by the Clackamas County District Pomona Grange. The latter resolution referred chiefly to the recent agitation by the manufacturers for the abridgment of so-called Chinese merchants.

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