

THE MURDERERS
TELL THEIR STORY

Spicer Adds Testimony to
Jett's About Crimes of
Hargis Gang.

REWARD \$100 AND A COW

Plotters of Breathitt County Murders
in Court—Face Men Who
Detail Their Part in
Gratifying Vengeance.

JACKSON, Ky., June 12.—(Special.)—Ed Callahan and Elbert Hargis were arrested today on the charge of murdering Dr. B. D. Cox several years ago. The warrant was issued by Judge Tamm on an affidavit by Tom Cockerill. Callahan and Hargis were mentioned in the recent confession of Curtis Jett.

Hargis and Callahan were immediately brought before the court and put in custody of Sheriff Crawford. There is great excitement over the arrests, and some profess to fear an outbreak. Judge Hargis was brought into court on a motion for bail.

At the afternoon session Asbury Spicer said that shortly before the killing of Dr. B. D. Cox he went to Hargis' residence, where he found Jett, Hargis, Edward Callahan, Elbert Hargis, John Smith, John Abner and Jesse Spicer. Spicer furnished guns to the witness, said that Cox was a dangerous man and must be killed, or he would destroy all the Hargis. Hargis then told John Abner, John Smith and Asbury Spicer that if they would kill Cox he would give them \$100 each. They agreed, and it was decided that Cox be shot from the shed near the Hargis residence.

April 13 Abner Smith, Asbury Spicer, Jesse Spicer and Elbert Hargis went to the shed and there Elbert Hargis and Jesse Spicer furnished guns to the other three men and went away. Spicer said that he had dozed off half asleep when he heard a shot. He looked up and saw that Smith had just shot Cox and that Abner Smith was shooting at random. Spicer said that he did not himself fire a shot.

The men then went to the rear of Jett's residence, where they left their guns, and then crossed the river and went home. Two weeks later Hargis gave Spicer \$100 and a cow. Spicer said that Jett was the next witness, and he gave substantially the same testimony as in his confession. Anse White testified that James Hargis gave him a rifle and told him to go to the courthouse and kill McKinley Cockerill, W. M. Vaughn and Dr. Cox.

A night session of court was held at which Anse White testified that Hargis showed him the gun, which he said had been used to kill Cox. Hargis, in his own behalf, denied all this.

The court adjourned without concluding the hearing and Hargis was returned to jail.

JETT'S STORY OF MURDERS

Implicates Other Participants in
Breathitt County Feuds.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 12.—The Courier-Journal today, in a dispatch from Cynthiana, Ky., prints the confession of Curtis Jett, which gives the details of the assassinations of James B. Marcum and James Cockerill, and also throws new light on the murder of D. B. Cox, the three crimes having been committed during the reign of feudism in Breathitt County. The confession is authorized by Jett's attorneys.

Jett says he, John Smith and John Abner killed James Cockerill; that Robert Deaton went with Abner and Smith to aid in the murder, and that Albert Hargis, James Hargis, Ed Callahan, Jesse Spicer and Bill Britton are the men who formed the conspiracy.

Starting out with these statements, Jett entered into the details of the murder and lays bare every feature of the conspiracy and the events before and after the murder. He then confessed to the murder of James B. Marcum, which, he says, was at the instance of James Hargis and Ed Callahan, declaring that the pistol with which he did the shooting was furnished him by Callahan for the purpose. He says Owen told the truth about the killing.

Jett's statement in regard to the assassination of Dr. Cox is little less sensational than his assertions in regard to the other murders. He says he was at the jail and heard three shots after which the telephone rang. He went to Alex Hargis' house and Hargis asked what the shooting was. Jett continues the story in these words: "I said I did not know, and Uncle Alex said, 'Let's go down and see if Jim or any of them are hurt.' Uncle Alex stopped at Jim's residence, I guess he was afraid to run in, but I was fearless and didn't care, you know, and I went into the yard, and in the shadow of the farmhouse, moon as bright as day—I shall never forget it—stood Ed Callahan, Jim Hargis, Bill Britton, Jesse Spicer and Elbert Hargis, with two shotguns—I saw no pistols."

CURT CALLED TO NEW YORK

Merger Interests of Theatrical Managers Demands His Attention.

SEATTLE, June 12.—(Special.)—Manager John Cort, of this city, recognized in New York as the most important man in theatrical affairs west of Chicago, has been summoned to New York by telegram. Who the telegram was from or what the nature of the New York conference was, Mr. Cort refused to divulge. He would only say: "The message is in connection with the big merger of interests recently completed by the leading theatrical managers of the country."

Mr. Cort whittly packed his grip and left today for New York. He will reach the metropolis on Sunday, attend the big talkfest on Monday, and leave on Tuesday, arriving home on Saturday of next week, thus completing a business trip to New York in 11 days, which is about the shortest time on record.

Election of Rathbone Sisters.

BOISE, Idaho, June 12.—(Special.)—The Grand Temple of the Rathbone Sisters concluded its session today. Next year it will meet with the Knights at Coeur d'Alene. The following officers were elected: Past grand chief, Della Hollister, Rathbone; grand chief, Lillie Bowen, Kendrick; grand senior, Rosa Bowen, Silver City; grand junior, Lillie Nickerson, Lewiston; grand manager, Nellie McCrea,

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Kendrick, G. M. R. and C. Nelle, Siggins, Boise; G. M. R. of F., Susan Mill, Idaho Falls; grand protector, Amelia Hartz, Coeur d'Alene; grand guard, Louisa Boyd.

Shot While Trying for Liberty.

SEATTLE, June 12.—(Special.)—Brent A. Neal, stenographer and trusted employee of John S. McMinn, State Railroad Commissioner, on 12 months ago, was shot by prison guards in North Carolina, while leading a dash for liberty, in which a group of negro convicts figured. Neal fled from Roche Harbor after a scolding which valued at \$100 from two Japanese, got into financial difficulties in Nebraska within a short time, and later was convicted of a felony in North Carolina.

Reports From Medical Lake.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—The May report of the Medical Lake Asylum, shows a total of 516 inmates, 169 of whom are women. Eight men and 14 women are on parole. During May, 1906, Judge J. H. Taylor, Mrs. S. Miller, Minnie Hart and Maude Brown, employees, resigned. A. F. G. Blake was discharged. The report for the "feeble minded institution at Medical Lake shows 78 inmates, 30 boys and 29 girls.

State Teachers' Association.

SALEM, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—The date for the annual session of the western division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association has been fixed at December 26, 27, and 28, at which time the association will convene in Portland. This date was decided upon by the executive committee so that the teachers could attend during the Christmas holidays. The eastern division will be in session at Pendleton at the same time.

Wins Suit for Commission.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—A verdict in favor of William Grant for \$1000 in the case of William Grant vs. Hady Harrell, has been awarded in the Circuit Court. Action was brought by plaintiff to recover the sum due as a commission on the sale of Harrell's farm. Adolph Austin pleaded guilty to the crime of forgery, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Only Candidate in Sight.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—In response to a largely signed petition of the taxpayers of the district, Judge Thomas P. Ryan, retiring member of the City School Board, has consented to become a candidate for director to succeed himself at the annual school election to be held next Monday. No other candidate for the office has been suggested.

Captain J. C. Higgins.

TACOMA, Wash., June 12.—Captain J. C. Higgins, a pioneer of Higgins Beach, near Tacoma, was found dead in his cottage this morning, his faithful dog by his side. The body was on the floor fully dressed, and death had apparently ensued fully 24 hours before the body was discovered. He was 76 years old, and had lived in this city 29 years.

Twelve Women in Penitentiary.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—The May report for the state penitentiary shows 84 inmates, of whom 12 are women. Twenty-two men and two women are on parole, and 21 prisoners were received during the month. There were 129,000 grain bags manufactured during the month.

Meet Next at Lewiston.

BOISE, Idaho, June 12.—(Special.)—The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star today selected Lewiston as the place for the next meeting. The election of officers was deferred until tomorrow. It was expected to make the selections this afternoon, but the time was taken up with a long discussion of some questions connected with the by-laws.

Spur to Block Harriman.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 12.—By a decision of the Supreme Court today the Northern Pacific is enabled to extend three miles of spur across the Tacoma tide flats. It has been claimed that this extension is to block Harriman, as it forces the latter to cross the spur to reach tide water.

Tacoma to Acquire School Section.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—All the unoccupied and unleased blocks of the famous school section 38, lying within the city limits of Tacoma, are to be withdrawn from sale and held for the interest of a plan the city officials of Tacoma have for acquiring the property for public purposes.

Awarded Fort Stevens Contracts.

ASTORIA, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Official word was received from the War Department in Washington today that Ferguson & Houston, of this city, have been awarded the contract for constructing a new railway depot and postoffice at Fort Stevens. The contract price is \$147.

HIS OWN ELECTED HIM.

Governor Chamberlain Aided by
Southern Votes.

OREGON CITY, June 12.—(To the Editor.)—Various reasons have been given why Governor Chamberlain was elected to succeed himself in the office he holds. But there is one reason greater than all the others, as it seems to the writer, that has been entirely overlooked.

There are several thousand voters in this state calling themselves Republicans who are natives of Southern States, who have come to a choice between a man from the South and one born in England, will cast aside party principles and all they have professed to favor as Republicans and vote for the man solely for the reason that he is of Southern blood. Enough was said openly by Governor Chamberlain in the beginning of his canvass to draw attention to the fact that his competitor was English born; and then, following this up to the day of election, his secret admirers quietly worked the "Southern Idea" into the mind of every Republican Southern blood that could be reached. The truth was fully perverted to gain votes. In this way these people only followed the example set them by the one in whose behalf they were working. Enough Republicans, so-called, were swayed by this means to turn the scales in Chamberlain's favor, who they should call themselves Republicans or who, if honestly holding Republican principles, they should have voted for the man of mere locality of birth, is a mystery this writer cannot undertake to fathom. He states what he sees to be facts and leaves their explanation to those better qualified for the task. He gives it as his opinion, however, that if Chamberlain had been of Northern birth and "Whitcomb" had been a native of any other country than England, and all other matters connected with the issue at stake had remained about as they were, the result of the election would have been the reverse of what it was.

Scatica Cured After Twenty Years of
Torture.

For more than 20 years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 2222 Clinton street, Minneapolis, Minn., has suffered with scatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of that liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle has effected a permanent cure. Mr. Massey relates his experience for the benefit of others who may be similarly afflicted. If troubled with scatica or any other ailment, why not try a cent bottle of Pain Balm and see if you yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by all druggists.

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Czar Can No Longer Trust
Soldiers to Resist
Revolution.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—Ominous of the Government's ability to cope with prospective agrarian disorders is the news from Poltava, one of the richest and most populous farming provinces of Russia, that the Governor is in daily receipt of requests for troops for the protection of estates from the peasants, who have not the slightest fear of the local guards.

THEY JOIN THE PEASANTS

Governor of Poltava Clamors for
Fresh Troops Since Mutiny.
Radical Paper Exposes
Court Party.

The Governor is unable to comply with these requests, because the local troops, one regiment of which mutinied Sunday, are so infected by the revolutionary propaganda that detachments sent to the villages immediately fraternize with the peasants. The Governor therefore beseeches the Petrograd authorities to send him fresh troops.

Exposure of Reactionists.

Two daily newspaper organs of the Revolutionary Socialists, the Narodny Vestnik (People's Messenger) and the Isvestia (Peasant News) were suppressed today. The final number of the Narodny Vestnik, give statistics of General Trepo's reactionary party in the Council of the Empire, which it says is composed of three Princes, four Counts, three Barons, 24 ex-Governors-General, Governors and other high officials, and one metropolitan, who, together draw from the government over \$500,000 in salaries. No other candidate for the office has been suggested.

Strike Threatens Moscow.

An industrial tempest seems to be on the point of breaking at Moscow, whence it may again spread over the empire. A final conference between the employers and printers, whose strike produced the general strike of last October, is being held tonight. If it should be fruitless, the result will be a lockout of the printers and probably a sympathetic factory strike.

PROVOKING ARMY TO MUTINY

Activity of Revolutionists Alarms
Czar and Court.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—The Emperor and the court are understood to be much alarmed at the sudden recrudescence of a mutinous spirit among the troops. Reports received by the Minister of War indicate that the revolutionists are devoting all their energies to the propaganda in the army. At a dozen places their agitation has resulted in open mutinies.

Portland Loses a Good Friend.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 9.—(To the Editor.)—The unexpected death in Ashland, Wis., of J. T. Irvin, Secretary of the National Editorial Association, calls to my mind the fact that Portland has lost a good friend. Mr. Irvin was the father of William A. Steel, of Seattle, and Harry C. Steel of Nome. In 1899, when the National Editorial Association met in Portland in July, he was one of the committee signing the following: "Whereas, we have learned that it is the intention of the citizens of this Coast to hold an exposition in Portland in 1902 of the resources and industries of all the Coast States; therefore, be it

MEMORY BECOMES BLANK

Coal Official Scored by Cockerill in
Pennsylvania Inquiry.

PHILADELPHIA, June 12.—Orders for private cars to be used by independent coal mining companies were placed with the Pressed Steel Car Company by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and paid for by that corporation. The company had a settlement with the coal companies. This fact was established at today's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, chief clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for an order for company fuel, he was told he could get it by paying to a clerk named Huff or Hoff. In Mr. Atterbury's office, an allowance of 2 cents a day was given to the coal companies. He did not say who imposed the conditions. He reported the matter to Vice-President Pugh, and he secured the order without paying the allowance. Mr. Pugh at first discredited his story, the witness said.

Wanton Waste of Child Life.

LONDON, June 12.—The abnormal infant mortality in England has led to the summoning of a national conference, which met in London today under the presidency of John Burns, president of the local government board.

RIGHT TO IRRIGATED LAND

Temporary Absence Does Not Dis-
qualify Claimant in Good Faith.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 12.—The Secretary of the Interior has received a request for an opinion as to whether a citizen of the United States, whose duties compel him to reside temporarily in Washington during the session of Congress, is entitled to purchase land within the limits of a reclamation project from present owners and obtain the benefits of the reclamation act, provided the complex so far as his duties will permit with the rules and regulations as prescribed.

Funds for Spanish Anarchists.

MADRID, June 12.—According to the newspapers the Minister of the Interior declared today that \$100,000 is in the hands of the Spanish government. It is believed to have been deposited by their political supporters.

a mixed question of law and fact, and it would be impracticable to attempt to formulate a general rule to govern all cases; such matters being determined upon the peculiar facts. Temporary absences do not necessarily terminate a residence once established. If the citizen shall establish in good faith a residence upon the land or in the neighborhood of the tract, and shall maintain such residence in accordance with the true intent of the law, his temporary absence will not disqualify him from receiving and holding a water right. His right would have to be determined by the facts as they develop in the future.

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Farmers May Occupy Agricultural
Land in Forest Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 12.—One of the most important pieces of public land legislation enacted at the present session of Congress is the bill providing for the leasing of agricultural land in forest reserves. This legislation is important not alone in that it places these valuable farm areas within the reach of the homesteaders, but also in that it knocks out the most pronounced objection to the Government forest reserve system. Of all the protests made against forest reserves and their extension, the most widespread was the objection that reserves withdrawn from settlement and entry countless fertile valleys lying along streams that had been brought under the vesting of the Government, could no longer be raised, for this land can be entered in the manner prescribed in the new law.

President Roosevelt and the Public Lands Commission have recognized that the Government forest policy is not perfect, and it has been their endeavor to bring about such changes as will meet legitimate objections. They saw the justice of the demand of men who sought to make homes in the attractive valleys which penetrate every forest reserve of the West, and at the very beginning of the enactment of the law which that which has just gone on the statute-books. He called the attention of Congress to the requirements of the Public Lands Commission, and in due course of time the bill went through.

The bill in substance provides that the Secretary of Agriculture, in his discretion, may examine and determine the location and extent of land within forest reserves, permanent or temporary, which are chiefly valuable for agriculture and which may be occupied for agricultural purposes without injury to the forest reserves, and shall file with the Secretary of the Interior a list and description of all such lands with a request that the same be opened to entry under the homestead laws. The Secretary of the Interior, upon receipt of this request, will declare the lands to be homesteaded, and the tract not exceeding 160 acres and not exceeding 1 1/2 miles in length. Prior to the actual opening, however, the fact is to be regularly advertised for a period of 30 days. The law provides that settlers who occupied land of this character prior to January 1, 1906, shall have preference right to make homestead entry of the same, if they can show that they are acting in good faith.

Inasmuch as the agricultural land within reserves usually occurs in long, narrow strips, the entries must be made by deed, and will be recorded in the department. The commutation clause of the homestead law does not apply to land within reserves.

As a provision has been inserted in the bill to the effect that settlers upon agricultural land in forest reserves on January 1, 1906, who have already exercised or lost their homestead privilege, but are otherwise competent to enter land under the homestead laws, shall have the right to make an additional entry of the reserve land they occupy, but must pay \$2.50 per acre for it.

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The committee struck out Senator Piles' amendment for a steel light vessel for Swiftsure Bank, off the entrance of the Straits of Foca, to cost \$150,000. This was one of the most important provisions of the bill.

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