

INDIGNATION AT SLOANE VERDICT

Youth Who Brutally Murdered His Father at Spokane Is Declared to Be Insane.

THREATS OF LYNCHING

Trial Judge Is Astounded and When Mrs. Sloane Offers Her Thanks Head in Dissent.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Almost overshadowing the preparations for Christmas on the morning of the verdict declaring Sidney Sloane, who brutally slew his father, not guilty because of insanity. It is the sole topic discussed today and tonight.

On streetcars and on trains, in the big drygoods stores, on the street corners, everywhere where throngs congregate, the condemnation of the verdict is almost unanimous. Its effect on growing youths of Spokane, many of the critics point out, is banefully far-reaching.

Attorney Frank Robertson, who saved the "insane" assassin from gallows, and his chief counsel, Dr. Semple, are not congratulated on the success of their labors. There is criticism, also, of the great expense of the trial and the tremendous strain on the jurors.

The case has attracted universal attention in city and country, because the principals are so well known. Many of the severest critics of the verdict are those who had personal acquaintance with the assassin.

According to his attorney Sidney Sloane will be sent to an asylum, with the consent and approval of his family. He probably will be sent to the Walla Walla Penitentiary or Medical Lake Insane Asylum.

Talk of lynching grew to such an extent during the afternoon that the Sheriff and his deputies are mingling with the crowds, ready to take stern action at the first intimation of danger. Trial Judge Hunko was astounded at the verdict. When Mrs. Sloane, mother of Sidney, stretched out her hand to thank the jury, she was slowly and slowly shook his head.

Interviews with 25 or 30 of the most prominent citizens of Spokane, including several physicians, will be published in the morning, all condemning the verdict, which they think should have been returned in the first degree. "Not guilty, by reason of insanity," was the verdict returned today by the jury in the case of Sidney Sloane, the 18-year-old boy charged with the brutal murder of his father, James B. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of Spokane.

For the first time during the trial Sidney Sloane changed color as the verdict was read. The color mounted up his face to his forehead, but a moment later he was calm and impassive as ever. His mother, as the import of the verdict was brought home to her, gave a sigh of relief that was audible in every part of the courtroom. Her face changed color, and then she bent over and hid her face in her hands.

The trial, which has lasted five weeks, was the longest and most sensational ever held in Spokane County. It was clearly proved that on the night of August 23, the boy came behind his father who was eating a midnight lunch, and struck him six terrible blows on the head with an ax; then took money from the dead man's pocket, picked up the corpse, carried it down stairs, loaded it into a wheelbarrow, trundled it about two blocks and dumped it in an alley. Returning, he made clumsy efforts to wash the blood from the rugs and floor of the room. He ate part of an apple and calmly went to bed.

When the body was discovered next morning he was quickly arrested and confessed the crime. He said he became enraged at things his father said about his mother.

The defense claimed the boy had shown signs of insanity from infancy.

LUMBERMEN ARE VERY ACTIVE

Hope to Force Railroads Into Compliance With Threats of Suit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Just how much of politics is mixed up in the lumbermen's fight against the railroads has not been fully disclosed, but it is apparent the mill interests intend to try to realize on the sentiment that has been worked up to push through the next Legislature a series of acts directed against the railroads. Reciprocity denunciations is the most important of the new bills and a demand for reciprocal demurrage will be backed up by the Railroad Commission, which doubts the authority under the present act to prescribe regulations for car supply.

The suit that has been threatened against the railroads by the state and interstate commissions and the courts has not yet been started, though it was decided upon more than two months ago. In any event it cannot be pushed through during the legislative session and the agitation is only valuable at present to create a sentiment in favor of the lumber bill. Railroad officials have waked up this realization and it may be that they have waked up too late, for the sentiment growing out of the serious car shortage is widespread.

It was stated a day or two ago by a member of the lumbermen's committee handling the litigation that at best they could hope for no advantageous results under two years. In the meantime, though, they may drive the railroads by legislation or by intimidation into meeting the demands of the mill interests. If that can be done the result will be as important to the mill men as favorable decisions from the courts.

Mill interests are extremely active with the members-elect of both houses of the Legislature organizing for the fight against the railroads. The lumbermen insist that they will not compromise any longer, but are going to insist upon putting through a series of legislative acts that will at least relieve their distress on shipments within the state.

BOISE EDITOR IS ARRESTED

Charged by Governor Gooding With Criminal Libel.

BOISE, Dec. 24.—On complaint of Governor Frank A. Gooding, R. S. Sheridan, editor and manager of the Boise Capital News, was arrested today, charged with criminal libel. He was released until Thursday next on his own recognizance. The alleged libel is contained in an editorial published by the Capital News, July 18, in which "Gooding" and "graft" are spoken of as synonymous terms.

The Capital News carried on a very bitter campaign against the Governor during a period of a year or more before the election, and on numerous occasions published statements which were alleged to be libelous. These were of the character of the one in connection with which the case has been started, insinuating or charging that the Governor was in some manner concerned in grafting. It is the understanding that Gooding will probably proceed against some other papers in the same manner.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

William L. Davis. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—William L. Davis, for the last 21 years a resident of Oswego, died at his home there Saturday night in his 80th year. He was a native of Ohio and is survived by a wife and three sons, one of whom, Henry, resides in Ohio; Ed and John L. Davis, living at Oswego.

Mrs. William Buckner.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Orletta Buckner, wife of William Buckner, of Mount Pleasant, died suddenly in this city Saturday evening, and was buried here today. Mrs. Buckner was taken ill while shopping in this city and died before she could be removed to her home. She is survived by a husband and three daughters and was 46 years of age. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. North of Highland.

Defeated Man Asks Recount.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The attorneys of A. S. Brecht, who was

STARS OF THE COURT

Miss Parker Proves Lively Witness in Thompson Case.

TESTIFIES FOR DEFENSE

Seattle High-School Teacher Says the Prisoner Impressed Her as Not Being Properly Balanced in His Mind.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The examination of four witnesses comprised the extent of the progress made today in the trial of Chester Thompson. Judge Snell announced that but one session would be held today in order that the witnesses and attorneys might spend Christmas eve at home. The jury will spend its

HILLSBORO COUPLE CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY WEHRUNG.

HILLSBORO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wehrung, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Washington street, this evening, in company with their four children and a large number of their pioneer friends. Henry Wehrung was born in Alsace Lorraine, France, in 1828, and at the age of 20 years left for America because of the political troubles then prevalent in his native province. He arrived in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1848, and in 1850 went to California. Two years later he arrived in Oregon and worked at the trade, that of carpenter and cabinet maker. He assisted William Kane in the erection of Washington County's first big Court-house, and the building was then the finest county capitol in the state, or in the Northwest. The building yet stands, after 54 years, and is in a splendid state of preservation, now being used as a business house. In 1854 he also built the Tualatin Hotel in this city which he conducted for some years. Later he sold that property and embarked in the furniture business. Branching out, he became interested in the general merchandise business and built one of the first modern brick in the business section of the town. The mercantile business is yet running under the firm name of Wehrung & Sons. Mrs. Mary Catherine Emerick was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1828, and moved to Missouri when a child. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Emerick, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1848, and settled near Cornelius. She was married to Mr. Wehrung December 24, 1856, and they have made their home in this county continuously. They have a wide pioneer acquaintance as they have spent their summers for many years at their Newport cottage, on Nye Creek. They have been identified with the Congregational Church here for many years, and their names have always been synonymous with charity and public spirit. Their family of four children are grown and all have homes in Hillsboro, close to the parental roof. Their children are: Charlotte A. Patterson, wife of ex-Senator George W. Patterson, temporarily residing at Portland; Mary C. Corwin, wife of David Corwin, a prominent Hillsboro business man; Hon. W. H. Wehrung, ex-Senator from this county, and who acted as superintendent of the Oregon building, and exhibit, at St. Louis, and as director of the Agricultural building at the Lewis and Clark Fair, and who is the present chairman of the Oregon commission of the Alaska and Yukon Exposition, and George Augustus, associated with his father and brother in their Hillsboro interests.

deceased in the Second Ward for Councilman by three votes, have asked for a recount and an attempt to prove the entire recent city election invalid. They allege irregularities in the call and other matters incident to the balloting. The mistakes here occurred with relation to the laws governing second-class cities, to which Aberdeen was recently advanced.

Runs Into Open Switch.

SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—Laden with crowds of Christmas travelers, the North Coast limited train, east-bound on the Northern Pacific, dashed into an open switch near the Olive street crossing in this city at 12:30 P. M. today. The engine and baggage car were derailed and three men were hurt, two probably fatally.

The fatally injured are G. B. Smith, fireman on the limited, and Dupont Matthewson, traveling engineer. Albert J. Casey, the mail clerk, was injured, but will recover. None of the passengers was seriously hurt.

Window Display Set on Fire.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The proprietors of the Red Cross Pharmacy are out of a portion of their Christmas profits by the burning of a Christmas tree in a large plate glass window used for displaying stock. The tree was covered with electric globes and a crossed wire or spark set the tree on fire at 10 o'clock Sunday night. The force in the store saved the stock from destruction. The loss is about \$300.

Runs Into Sheriff's Arms.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—With an old iron caseknife for a saw, L. J. Axtell, held on a charge of passing forged checks, cut his way out of the Tillamook County Jail Saturday. Sheriff Crenshaw was absent from the prison at the time, and the escaping prisoner almost ran into his arms. He was returned to his place of confinement and locked up in a cell.

Meetings of Fruitgrowers.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong has arranged for two fruit growers' meetings this week, one at Aurora on Thursday afternoon and the other at Hubbard on Friday afternoon. The meeting at Aurora will also be attended by nearby Clackamas County growers.

Safe Robbed at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The safe in the W. C. Tilson feed store was opened and robbed of \$20 some time last night, evidently by an employe, or former employe, who knew the combination.

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RUMOR STIRS THE DEMOCRATS

District Attorney Allen's Deputies Have Lease on Jobs.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Clackamas County Democrats are not a little exercised over a rumor that is current here to the effect that District Attorney Allen, whose probable resignation is announced to take place with the beginning of the year, has reached an understanding with Governor Chamberlain wherein the latter in consideration of the privilege of naming a Democratic District Attorney, probably John A. Wall, of Washington County, to succeed Mr. Allen, has agreed to protect the jobs of the republican deputies who are now serving under Allen. These deputies are: C. Schuebel, in Clackamas County; E. B. Tongue, Washington; W. H. Powell, Columbia and J. A. Eskin, Clatsop.

On the theory that only Democratic nominees should serve under a Democratic District Attorney, the members of the faithful here do not look with favor on the reported alliance that is said to have been made by the retiring District Attorney and the state's chief executive.

SHARKS ATTACK BOATS

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FACE GREAT PERIL

Survivors of Beacon Grange Threatened by the Frenzy of Great Man-Eaters.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The German ship Hathor, arriving today, brings a thrilling story of the rescue of the women passengers of the British steamship Beacon Grange, off Bahia, when the Britisher had taken fire. The meager cable report of the rescue did not tell of the saving of the boatloads of women and children from a school of sharks that had followed the passengers for hours and which threatened at times to dash the boats to pieces in the frenzy of the man-eaters to reach the occupants.

The school of sharks thrifting for blood hovered about the boats for hours. When the Hathor arrived alongside, according to Captain Brockvoelke, the sharks became enraged and thrashed about the water, maddened by the interference that cheated them of their prey.

Once when one of the women was being hoisted from a small boat a huge shark, emboldened by hunger, leaped at her feet. The woman narrowly escaped injury, but the shark's teeth, which tore her dress. Other sharks tried to leap into one of the boats. Two of the women swooned and were carried unconscious to the Hathor's deck.

TO PREVENT FUTURE FLOODS

Mass Meeting Is Soon to Be Held in Auburn.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A big mass meeting is to be held Saturday at Auburn to agree upon legislation that is necessary to protect the valleys lying between Seattle and Tacoma from a repetition of the serious damage done by floods last year. Representatives from every town in the valley, Seattle and Tacoma, will be present and it is likely that a definite agreement will be made upon some form of bonding the district to provide funds for dyking and draining the valley.

Since the big jam formed on the Muckleshoot reservation in the White River, the flood waters have been diverted into the Stuck, which empties into the Puyallup River. Future floods will menace Pierce rather than King County valleys, but the anxiety to avoid more trouble is mutual in both counties. There might be formed a convenient jam, aided by dynamite, that would turn the waters back into the White if the Pierce County farmers lose too much by the freshets.

Ore Is Kept Under Guard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Pending the settlement of the claim and delivery suit brought by the Goldfield Mohawk Mining Company for possession of high-grade ore, alleged to have been stolen from the Mohawk mine and sent to the Selby smelters, Deputy United States Marshal Toia yesterday evening brought to this city under guard 100 sacks of the ore, valued at \$100,000. The treasure was transmitted through the Wells-Fargo Company by the authorization of the United States Marshal, under whose care it has been since the institution of the suit on December 13.

Herald Company Is Incorporated.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Herald Publishing Company were filed in the county clerk's office today. The incorporators are A. R. Carruthers, C. J. Curtis and J. G. Culver, and the capital stock is \$2500, divided into 25 shares of \$100 each. The object of the incorporation is to conduct a daily and weekly newspaper and operate a job printing plant.

Devlin Is Called to Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—United States District Attorney Robert G. Devlin has gone to Washington in response to a telegram from Attorney-General Bonaparte, who summoned him there for consultation, presumably in connection with the Japanese question.

Legislature Is Dissolved.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The British Columbia Legislature has been dissolved. Elections will take place February 2 and the new Legislature will meet March 8.

Congress of Alpha Tau Omega.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 24.—The twentieth biennial congress of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will begin here Wednesday morning, and will continue for five days. Dr. Otis W. Glaze, Brook and Judge Erskine Ross, of the Supreme bench of California, founders of the fraternity, are among the guests expected.

Adopt New Pistol for Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Taft has appointed a board of officers to meet January 15 at the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of ascertaining a design of automatic pistol or revolver best adapted to fulfill the requirements of the military service.

How to Cure a Cold. The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. E. W. L. B. of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I truly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market. I have never recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all druggists.

OUR GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TULL & GIBBS

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feared that he would lose his position as janitor in the Pacific Electric building. His expectation was based on the fact that he did not wake up early enough to get to work on time this morning.

King came to Los Angeles several weeks ago from Indianapolis.

Santa Fe Must Show Books.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Officials of the Santa Fe Railroad, whose alleged giving of rebates is being investigated by the Federal grand jury, will be compelled to produce all the books and documents in an attack of pneumonia, before his three sisters and father were aware that the youth was searching for them.

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Commissioner Sargent superintended their landing, and before he left many of them already had secured employment. Mr. Sargent, who went to Honolulu at the special request of President Roosevelt to be present at the landing of the Portuguese immigrants, called on the President during the day.

"There are probably 60,000 Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands," said Mr. Sargent, "and they are arriving there at the rate of from 600 to 1000 a month. New arrivals do not remain long on the islands, and soon go to the Pacific Coast. They are leaving in large numbers by each steamer. In the last 12 months 12,000 Japanese have gone from the Hawaiian Islands to the mainland of this country."

Mr. Sargent was asked why the Japanese first go to Hawaii. He explained it by saying that as he understood the case, the United States government does not issue passports to the United States proper, as it is unaware whether its citizens could get work here, but the fact that there is a demand for laborers in Hawaii induces the issuance of passports to the islands.

Mr. Sargent admitted there was considerable feeling against the Japanese in many portions of the islands, as their labor is cheaper and their merchants are underselling the American merchants in the islands and taking away their trade previously established with the Japanese.

Keep Japs in Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The exodus of Japanese laborers from the sugar plantations of Hawaii to the United States is showing a tendency to decrease, said Mr. Matsubara, the new Japanese Consul at San Francisco, yesterday. The Japanese immigration societies send the laborers from Japan into Hawaii, and these societies, according to Matsubara, are directly interested in sending the laborers to the sugar estates, as soon as they arrive. These societies bring powerful pressure to bear upon the Japanese government to compel the consuls to "stay put" and it is becoming apparent that the immigration societies are "winning their fight."

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used a temporary injunction Saturday in favor of the company, but when the arguments were heard today he dissolved the order of Saturday, which means that the grand jury is to have the use of all secondary evidence in possession of the railroad.

Milwaukee Country Club.

Eastern and California races, take Seftwood or Oregon City car, starting from First and Alder streets.

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