

### LAYS BLAME ON TWO OLD WOMEN

**John Bowlsby Kills Cleave Jennings, Despoiler of His Home.**

### TRAGEDY ENDS LONG HUNT

**Aggrieved Husband Awaits Opportunity, and With Deliberate Aim, He Speeds Avenging Bullet. Makes a Long Statement.**

**ASTORIA, June 14.—(Special.)**—Cleave Jennings, a young man whose home was at North Bend, Coos county, was shot and so badly injured this morning by John Bowlsby, also of North Bend, that he died at the hospital about 2:30 this afternoon. The shooting occurred on the steamer Alliance shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. It was the outcome of one man alienating the affections of another man's wife and was the result of a man hunt in which the hunter finally found his game.

Bowlsby boarded the steamer at Portland and was en route to North Bend. As the steamer was lying at her wharf here, Jennings came down, purchased a ticket for North Bend and went on board. Jennings had been on the steamer but a few minutes and was standing near the main hatch watching the loading of the cargo, when Bowlsby discovered him. Without saying a word, Bowlsby stepped alongside the main cabin and took a certain aim at the man by resting a 44-caliber Remington revolver against the side of the house, and fired, the bullet striking Jennings in the abdomen and passing clear through his body.

**Calmly Gives Himself Up.** Bowlsby made no effort to get away, and he was taken in charge by the officers of the steamer, who also sent Jennings to the hospital, as he was still alive. Bowlsby was later turned over to Sheriff Pomeroy, and, on being searched, a second revolver was found on him. He made no denial of his act, and told the Sheriff Jennings had wrecked his home, and said he had been hunting for the man for several days.

As near as can be learned the intimacy between Jennings and Mrs. Bowlsby commenced while the two were working in a cheese factory at North Bend. Some weeks ago Jennings left that vicinity and last month Mrs. Bowlsby came to Astoria to visit her brothers. The two evidently met here as they are said to have stopped for a short time at a local lodging house, before the woman went to her brothers' house.

Bowlsby received an intimation that Jennings and his wife had met, so he came here about ten days ago to search for them. He found his wife, but found no trace of Jennings, who was traveling under the assumed name of Jenkins. On last Wednesday, Bowlsby went to Fenwick, Ore., and, on being searched, but being unsuccessful, he started for home on the steamer Alliance, which arrived down the river this morning.

**Blames Middle-aged Women.** Bowlsby talked freely concerning the tragedy when seen in the county jail today and asserted that the cause of his trouble was the action of Jennings, coupled with the interference of two middle-aged women. He said: "I don't care to talk about the affair much, but I will say I am not sorry for what I did. I believe I did no more than any other man would in similar circumstances, as there appears to be no law to protect a man's home and family unless he does it himself. The only regret I have in the disgrace that has befallen me is that for myself I did not care. Until her intimacy with Jennings began, I had as good as a true wife as any man ever had. The young woman was infatuated with the woman, and in this he was encouraged by his mother and another middle-aged old woman, who were constantly urging my wife to leave me. Things reached such a pass that some weeks ago I drove Jennings out of the community, but even after that, the old woman continued their interference. They would receive letters from Jennings, read them to my wife, and kept bothering her until I believe the poor woman was out of her mind."

"About May 25 I gave her money to come to Astoria to visit her brothers. Where Jennings was I did not know. On her arrival here, Mrs. Bowlsby wired my daughter that she reached Astoria Monday evening. Later we had a letter from her brother stating that she arrived on Wednesday. I immediately suspected something was wrong, and started on the Killburn for Astoria to investigate. When I left North Bend, the young woman telegraphed my wife that I was coming, so on arriving here I found Jennings had skipped and my wife was at her brothers' home."

"However, I did get a letter at the post-office addressed to 'Miss Bowlsby,' but evidently intended for my wife. It was from Jennings and was dated at Rainier. The writer stated that he was going back to North Bend to remain until I returned, when he would leave, ostensibly for Coquille, but would come to Astoria. The writer also stated that he would do away with me, but he knew the people would bring him. I went to Portland Wednesday evening, intending to return to North Bend overland, but learned that the Alliance was about to sail, and as the trip would be less expensive by the water, I sailed on her. As we lay at the wharf here this morning, I saw Jennings come on board. I waited until he crossed the deck of the vessel and got away from the other passengers, as I did not want to injure any one else, then I shot him."

Asked if he spoke to Jennings this morning, Bowlsby replied: "No and I don't think he saw me."

Mrs. Bowlsby is still at the home of her brothers, John and William Harrell, but she declined to make a statement regarding the affair. Bowlsby is confined in the county jail, awaiting the result of the coroner's inquest.

**Vale's Youthful Publishers.**

**VALE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—Nye has the record in newspaper publishers.

It has a paper owned, operated and edited by two youngsters of 16 and 11 years respectively. Clifford Francis is 16 and his brother Archie is 11 years old. Clifford states he can set up one and one-half galley of type a day. The name of their paper is the Nyea Sun, a weekly published every Saturday.

**Students Display Needlework.**

**LA GRANDE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—Students of Sacred Heart Academy held their commencement exercises this week, presenting as the principal number of the programme the juvenile drama, "Dolors," or "Through the Fires of Sorrow." Unique specialties amused the audience between acts.

**Graduates of McMinnville School.**

**McMINNVILLE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—The annual commencement and graduation exercises of the McMinnville Grammar and High school were held tonight. The graduates are: Sarah E. Olds, president; Fred C. Owens, secretary; James G. Bewley, Joris A. Derby, Grace L. Houck, Laura Morgan, Harry W. Bewley, Eden M. Briedwell, Florence G. Elliot, Grover C. Calavan, Eva E. McCall, Ethyl K. McDonald, Rosina S. Miller, Chester Martin, Eva J. Akin, Naomi L. Carlin, Amanda A. Reeves, Clifford O. Dennis, Lyle G. Small, Eva E. Miller, Elva Hibbs. Sarah E. Olds is valedictorian.

**Go to Crater Lake With Auto.**

**KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—The first tourist party of the season to visit Crater Lake returned today. J. A. Marsh and wife, Julius Gabriel and Jack Fleming, of San Francisco, and Joe Hensig, of Bewick, made the trip by automobile to within eight miles of the crater and thence on horseback over from 10 to 25 feet of snow, which is perfectly solid. The trip was without mishap. The machine was of 40-horse power and made the return trip from Fort Klamath in four hours this morning, and proceeded to Klamath Hot Springs this afternoon.

**Mrs. F. R. Absten.**

**HOOD RIVER, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—Mrs. F. R. Absten, a resident in Hood River Valley, died at her home at Mitchell's Point this week, the funeral taking place June 19. Although but 45 years old she had resided on the original homestead for over 25 years, having come here in 1882, after a 1600-mile wagon journey from New Mexico in company with her husband, by whom she is survived, in addition to seven children. Mrs. Absten was a native of West Virginia, and was born there June 8, 1861.

**Files Complaint Against Railway.**

**HOOD RIVER, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—A. O. Herabey, a local commission man, has registered a complaint with the State Railroad Commission against the O. R. & N. Company for their refusal to ship strawberries consigned by him to points on their branch lines and also for refusing to take them on certain trains to points on the main line. Mr. Herabey avers this has caused him considerable loss and that it is contrary to rulings of the commission.

**Two Injured in Train Wreck.**

**NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—A freight wreck at Toppensah this morning, George Stephenson, a stockkeeper of Toppensah who was riding in the locomotive cab, sustained a fracture of the skull and Brakeman Brown was also injured. A coal train going 40 miles an hour ran on top of a lumber train standing on the main track at the depot. Stephenson's recovery is uncertain.

**Old Woman Has Confessed.**

**NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Five members of the alleged gang of boxcar robbers were arraigned before the justice of the peace today and pleaded not guilty to the particular offense charged in the information of robbery of a car of merchandise, May 1. Mrs. McGinnis has confessed about which they are emphatically complaining. They are tired of the state association and want to see that organization out of existence.

**To Scale Beghie's Dizzy Heights.**

**VANCOUVER, B. C., June 14.—(Special.)**—Three members of the glacier-covered slopes of Mount Beghie, endeavoring to scale the center peak, a feat hitherto unaccomplished by any man living. The three climbers are Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. Mr. Hrdman and Rupert Hagen, who are accompanied by a Swiss guide. The mountain is north of Revelstoke, on the Columbia River.

**Vale Plans Celebration.**

**VALE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—Vale has decided to celebrate July 3 and 4. The speaker has not yet been secured. Committees were appointed Saturday and began work Monday. The general opinion is that a part of the programme will consist of some good horse races and a cowboys' parade. Westfall, located 20 miles from Vale, is the only other town in the county that will celebrate.

**Foot Crushed in Coupling.**

**VANCOUVER, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—John P. Lundberg, an employe of the Northern Pacific Railway Company on the Yaqui-Kalama branch, met with a serious accident today in endeavoring to kick loose a coupling while the cars were in motion. His foot was caught and badly crushed. Amputation may be necessary. He was sent to the railroad hospital in Tacoma for treatment.

**Injured Logger Dies.**

**ABERDEEN, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Peter Larsen, who was struck with a cable while at work in Stockwell's logging camp a week ago, died today without regaining consciousness. An effort is being made to locate the man's relatives.

**Killed by Falling Tree.**

**VANCOUVER, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Peter Jones, aged 35, was killed in the logging camp of the Twin Falls Logging Company, near Yacolt, in this county, yesterday afternoon by a falling tree. The only known relative is a brother at Tacoma.

**Campmeeting at Canby.**

**OREGON CITY, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—The Methodist Episcopal church campmeeting will be held on the grounds at Canby, commencing Friday, July 3, and continuing five days. Day and evening meetings will be held.

### JOBBERY IN COURT

**Mystery of Carrau Contest Case Still Unsolved.**

### RECORDS TAMPERED WITH

**Opposing Counsel Fling Ugly Charges That There Has Been Crooked Work—Judge Frater Investigates the Case.**

**OLYMPIA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Nowhere in these affidavits have Robinson and Bell, attorneys for Marie Carrau, failed to insinuate that we are responsible for stealing these papers and today they make the further charge that Superior Judge Frater, of King county, is as crooked as any of the rest of us. This was the declaration made orally in the Supreme Court this morning by C. H. Farrell, of Seattle, attorney for the Irish heirs, during the consideration of matters in connection with the John Sullivan estate case.

Last night Judge Frater, replying to Farrell, said: "If I have not directly charged somebody with robbery, of which Mr. Farrell complains, I confess the omission was occasioned by excess of courtesy."

Robinson was asking the court to in effect hold that the transcript of approval of the Carrau had been properly filed and for writs which would enable the Carrau fight for the Sullivan millions to be carried to the Federal Supreme Court.

The alleged transcript which Robinson and Bell declared had been filed March a year ago, was missing from the files at Seattle, and but two days ago was purported to be the missing document was mailed mysteriously to one of the Seattle judges. The Supreme Court refused the writs asked for, but did order Judge Frater, who tried the case in the King County Court, to make a new investigation as to the missing transcript and to report his findings and the evidence to the Supreme Court, together with the mysteriously returned papers.

### COURT RECORDS JUGGLED

**Glaring Defects in Filing of Papers in Carrau Contest Case.**

**SEATTLE, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Judge Frater today went far enough into the mystery of the return of an alleged transcript in the Marie Carrau contest, John Sullivan's \$1,000,000 estate, to order the court records to be searched for any papers which had been juggled. Then he postponed the complete inquiry to await instructions from the Supreme Court.

It was demonstrated in an incidental inquiry that the filing stamp appearing on the Carrau papers is not that of the Probate Court. It appears to have been the stamp used in department No. 1, which was closed during the week the papers are alleged to have been filed, and the stamp at that time was supposed to have been locked up. There is no certification of the clerk on the papers, and other features, including the deputy's signature, are missing.

### TACOMA ELKS ARE SULKING

**Feel So Grieved They Won't Send Delegates to State Meeting.**

**TACOMA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Disaffection with the state association prevalent in local Elks, has brought about the certainty that Tacoma Lodge No. 174 will not be represented at the annual meeting of the state organization in Bellingham, June 20.

In addition to the opposition of the movement furthered by the state association to change the system of local lodge representation at the annual meeting, the Tacoma lodge has been shabbily treated by the other lodges in the state.

### HEPPNER RATE LOW ENOUGH

**O. R. & N. Considers 18 Cents for Wheat Haul a Just Schedule.**

**SALEM, June 14.—(Special.)**—The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has replied to complaints of grain shippers at Heppner, and in a letter to the Railroad Commission insists that the rates on wheat from Heppner to Portland are not unreasonable. The letter shows that the rate on the main line from Heppner Junction to Portland is 14 1/2 cents per 100 pounds and the local rate from Heppner to Heppner Junction 9 cents, making a total of 23 1/2 cents, but the through rate from Heppner to Portland is only 18 cents, or 4 1/2 cents less than the total of the two rates.

### H. TSCHUDJ JUMPS OVERBOARD

**Portland Man Tries in Vain to End His Life at Sea.**

**TACOMA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—Officers of the steamer City of Puebla, which vessel arrived in port today, reports that H. Tschudj, a second-class passenger of Portland, Or., attempted to commit suicide by drowning himself as the vessel was leaving the bar at San Francisco.

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**Assessed Valuation Increased at One Jump From \$389,050 to \$1,975,765.**

**SEATTLE, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—The assessment of the Seattle Lighting Company was fixed by County Assessor T. A. Parish on a valuation of \$1,975,765, as against \$389,050 last year. This sum includes the value of the personal property of the company, valued at \$1,586,715, and the real estate, \$389,050, making a total of tangible property of \$1,975,765. The market valuation of the property, as computed from stocks and bonds, is \$3,354,125, and the assessed valuation, by taking 60 per cent, is \$2,012,475.

Following close upon the arbitrary increase in the appraisal of the Seattle Electric Company's franchise at more than \$5,000,000, the valuation of the Seattle Lighting Company's franchise, for gas distribution, a severe jolt to the big public service corporations.

### OPPOSED TO UNION SCHOOL

**Parkplace Voters Likely to Defeat the Movement.**

**OREGON CITY, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—There is every reason to believe that the project for the union of the districts of Oregon City, West Oregon City, Canemah, Mount Pleasant, Parkplace and Yamhill will meet with defeat next Monday at the annual school meetings. The attitude of many people in the Parkplace district is against the proposition, for the reason that the petitions provide that the school shall be established next year in the Barclay school building in this city, and there is a sentiment against conducting the union school in the same building with the city school. There has been no organized effort on the part of the friends of the movement to save it from defeat, and the failure of the project in one district will mean defeat of the whole proposition.

There are certain defects in the new union high school law, and one of the most serious is the fact that in the event of one district going against a project for consolidation for high school purposes only, the remaining districts, even in favor, cannot proceed.

### IDAHO JURY IS DISMISSED

**No Further Need for Body Ordered to Report on June 17.**

**BOISE, Idaho, June 14.—(Special.)**—Judge District of the United States Court, has dismissed the grand jury which sat here in March and which returned indictments against a number of people alleged to be connected with timber land frauds. When the jury made its last report Judge Beauty excused it, telling the members to assemble again on June 17. The reason for that has always been in doubt, but whatever it may have been, it is apparent that the plan has been changed, for the jurors have all received letters from Marshal Rounds notifying them that they have been dismissed. This was the jury which it was reported indicted Senator Borah.

### Better Schedule Is Promised.

**SALEM, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—The Southern Pacific today announced its intention to issue a new time card, fixing a new schedule for train No. 12,

the afternoon overland train from San Francisco, which is now scheduled to reach Portland about 5:15, but which is from one to five hours late every day. This announcement was made to the Railroad Commissioner in answer to a letter calling the company's attention to many complaints of the irregular service. Attorney John F. Logan, of Portland, made the complaint which precipitated action.

### SMALLPOX WAS LET SPREAD

**Citizens of Wapato Made No Effort to Confine Disease.**

**NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)**—A systematic attempt to conceal cases of smallpox was brought to light by the visit of Dr. Frank to Wapato today. The County Physician has been in the little town several times lately, and has been informed each time that no smallpox existed in the place. Today, however, he received news that the disease was prevalent and went to the town and found seven persons suffering from smallpox, three cases being in an aggravated form. A blacksmith named Hackney kept working at forge for quite a while after infection and his wife and three children are also down with the disease.

Another man was found in very bad condition with eruptions breaking out all over him. In this condition he has been freshly intermingling with the people of the town.

### Crop Prospects in Yamhill.

**McMINNVILLE, Or., June 14.—(Special.)**—Prospects in Yamhill County have been brightened by the recent showers.

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