

BLACK HAND MEN INVADE SEATTLE

Pelia Di Ria, Notorious Italian, and Two Companions Are Now Under Arrest.

DIABOLICAL PLOT FOILED

Friend of Tony Restove Overhears a Plot Against His Life and Police Make Arrests—Leader of Gang Was in Portland Saturday.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special)—With razors sewed in the linings of their clothes, three Italians, Frederick Mandez, Thomas Kanstra and Pelia Di Ria, the latter declared to be a member of the "Black Hand" Society, were gathered in at the "Tunnel" saloon this afternoon, charged with threatening to kill Tony Restove, foreman of the construction work for the Seattle Electric Company.

The arrests were made on the identification of the man who declares his life has been threatened by Mandez and Kanstra, who formerly worked for Sartore, and who were discharged for incompetency. Di Ria, son Sartore was warned, went to the Tunnel in the spirit of revenge. Di Ria's home is in New York, and he has the reputation among his countrymen of being a professional assassin for the Black Hand. He arrived three days ago.

A warrant is out for a third man declared to be implicated in the conspiracy. Deputy Sheriffs are now on the hunt for him. Members of the Italian colony here say that Di Ria has a record as a "killer," and has made it his business for long period of time. When the arrests were made several of the arrested men were seen to follow the officers and made threatening demonstrations. Restove, the complaining witness, has been with the Seattle Electric Company for two years and holds a position of trust. A few days after discharging the men he now says that his life would have ended if he had known that the discharged men were "after him." He attached no importance to the first warning, but a second warning declaring that the services of Di Ria had been procured, caused him to sit up and take notice.

Monday he was again warned by a friend who had passed Di Ria and the discharged workmen, and who overheard the plot to put Restove out of the way. Restove, so his friend who warned him says, was due for slaughter tonight. Restove took a day off today and swore out four John Doe warrants and accompanied by officers within an hour had run down his alleged slayers.

The finding of the razors sewed in the linings of the men's coats, coupled with the reputation which Di Ria maintains among his countrymen, leads the officers here to believe that the warnings received by Restove were in good faith.

Di Ria is said to have been in Portland Saturday night.

BELIEVE THIEVES LOCAL MEN

Woodburn Police Working on Mail-Sack Robbery.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The opinion prevails in this city that the party or parties who stole four mail-sack pouches from the Southern Pacific baggage-room here last night are residents of Woodburn. The removal of the pouches was witnessed by a man who entered the back door by some one the evening before with the purpose of perpetrating the robbery that night after the pouches from the three night trains had been deposited in the baggage-room. It is believed that whoever did the work was familiar with the particular manner in which the mails are handled daily.

A Government Inspector is on the scene, and the railroad company will doubtless take an active interest in unraveling the mystery. It is not known how much money and other valuables were in the pouches, three of which were intended for the patrons of the Woodburn Post-office and the other for the Silverton branch.

Tuesday night Night Watchman Simpson was out of the city and Marshal Ridge took his place until 2:30, after which the robbery must have been done. A few persons are suspected by the police, but it is thought that the ones or more who took the pouches have had plenty of time to conceal all evidence leading toward conviction.

LEASING PROBLEM UNSOLVED

Washington Stockmen Discuss Subject at Spokane Meeting.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Stockmen from nearly every part of Washington and many from Idaho and Montana, are in attendance at the fourth annual session of the Washington Livestock Association, which convened here today. The speakers today were A. J. Spivak, president of the association, who spoke on "Patent Food Advertisers; An Enemy to Livestock Industry;" Other speakers were Dr. C. W. Deming, in charge of the Federal meat inspecting at Spokane; E. C. Miller, of Pullman, State Veterinarian; Professor E. B. Elliott of the Washington State College; Paul Clagett and Joseph E. Wing, of the Breeders' Gazette, Chicago.

The old trouble between the sheepmen and cattlemen over the leasing of public lands was discussed at some length, but no recommendations were made.

DUNGEONS FOR SOCIALISTS

Jailer Says They Must Work or Seek Solace in Dark Halls.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Thirty-five Socialists who are in the County jail here, and of the wholesale arrests made Monday night, will be placed in solitary confinement tomorrow if they persist in their refusal to go on the chaingaing. The Socialists declare that they have been deprived of their rights in being sentenced to fine of \$25 each. They have refused to pay the fines. The police declare that unless the Socialists turn out with the chaingaing in the morning they will be placed on bread and water and as many of them as there is room for will be locked up in dark holes.

ALBANY MILITIA IS REVIVED

Curtis B. Winn Elected Captain and Membership Increased.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Captain Curtis B. Winn, former Quartermaster of the Third Infantry, and also the Fourth Infantry, Oregon National Guard, was chosen Captain of Company G, of this City, last evening. That the local

company will not be disbanded for lack of membership was clearly indicated at last evening's enthusiastic meeting with Adjutant-General Flinzer present.

For years Albany had one of the best companies in the National Guard, but in the past year most of the officers resigned and the militia had been decimated so that it fell below the mark of efficiency. Disbandment was facing the company, but, mainly through the efforts of Captain Winn, the strength has been recruited the past few days and the company is now thoroughly revived. It will soon be recruited up to its full strength.

The new captain, Captain Winn, had

years of experience in National Guard work and is a competent officer and good tactician. He served for years in old Company F before the war, and for the past four years has served the National Guard efficiently as Regimental Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain.

NEW TRIAL IN MURDER CASE

Man Who Killed Woman With Trap Gun Given Rehearing.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Julius Marfaudille, convicted in King County of the murder of his daughter, was given a new trial by decision of the Supreme Court today because of technical errors by the lower court in the admission of certain testimony and rejection of other evidence. The defendant placed a sprung gun in his trunk. The lady, who had been found in whose custody he was arrested, opened the trunk, the gun went off and she was killed.

OLDEST MAILCARRIER IN OREGON.



J. C. Wood, of Philomath.

PHILOMATH, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—J. C. Wood is probably the oldest known active mailcarrier in the Oregon service today. Mr. Wood carries the mail between Philomath and Harrisburg, in the Big Elk country in Benton and Lincoln Counties at the age of 77 years. The route passes almost directly over Mary's Peak and during the winter months he travels through snow and fields raged mountain streams. He has been a mailcarrier almost constantly since 1851. In 1872 he carried the mail from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay and during one period of 12 months did not miss a single day. He also carried the mail from Philomath to Dallas in the early days; also from Philomath to Kings Valley, Alsea, Bandon and Myrtle Point. For a number of years he served several routes in the State of Washington. Mr. Wood was born in Iowa March 10, 1830, and although 77 years old is healthy and robust and recalls many vivid experiences during his long and arduous career.

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FAVORABLE TO UNIVERSITY

Alumni Committee Confident Appropriation Bill Will Win.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Today's assembly was conducted by the members of the alumni who are in charge of the campaign for the passage of the University appropriation bill, which has been submitted to the legislature. The speakers were G. N. McArthur '01; Lewis R. Alderman '08, and Allen H. Eaton '02. They discussed the plans, which the alumni have in mind for the campaign of education which will be carried on in the Spring, and told of the methods that would be employed to impress the voters of the state with the needs of the University and the merits of the bill.

From reports that have been received from all parts of the state, members of the alumni campaign committee are of the opinion that the appropriation bill will pass by a very large majority.

DEBATE JAPANESE EXCLUSION

Question Submitted by University of Idaho Is Accepted.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Edgar Smith, University manager of debate and oratory, has accepted the challenge of Colver, secretary of the Interstate debating council, announcing the result of the vote of the three universities on the wording of the question to be debated. Idaho's wording received seven credits. Idaho's six and Washington's five, and consequently the Idaho team was accepted.

It reads as follows: "Resolved, That the present laws relating to the admission of Chinese immigrants to the territory of the United States should be extended to Japanese immigrants." This question will be debated on an affirmative and a negative team from each institution on March 27. The round robin for places on the Oregon team will be held the first Friday after the Christmas break.

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CITY COUNCIL'S LIVELY ROW

Friends of Mayor Finally Decide He Shall Retain Office.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The City Council has been in a state of turmoil for some time past. The question as to whether Medford should have a new Mayor at the coming election has been one of the important questions.

At a meeting last night three Councilmen made a call for the election of a new Mayor. Dr. Reddy, the present incumbent insisted upon remaining his entire term, his attorneys arguing that he was elected for two years. Attorneys argued warm for each side, with the result that an election call was made for the three councilmen. City Recorder and a City Treasurer. City licenses were fixed and water rates were raised at the meeting after the opposing factions had settled down to a cooler and more normal condition.

CLASH WITH WIRES

Two Heppner Butchers Narrowly Escape Electrocution.

CARRIED TO THE HOSPITAL

Exposed Electric Wire Raps Them on the Head, Knocking Them Down—Second Severe Experience for A. J. Wherry.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Electricity and Heppner butchers had a bad last evening when came near resulting in a bad accident for the butchers.

A. J. Wherry came in contact with a live wire as he started to go into the refrigerator. He was knocked to the floor and rendered unconscious. In falling he struck his head on some sharp instrument that cut a large gash on his forehead. He was given first aid by the butchers and was struck by the exposed wire on the forehead, which knocked him to the floor, cutting an ugly wound in his forehead and bumping his nose and chin till the blood flowed freely.

People who happened to be in the shop rushed to the aid of the two men and Wherry was removed to the hospital, where medical aid was required to restore consciousness.

J. H. Kinsman also received a severe shock when handling a light in his shop, at about the same time the other two men got in trouble up the street.

There was a short circuit in the mix-up with electricity. About two years ago he was out riding after stock, when a storm came up, and as he was in the act of going through a wire fence, he was struck by lightning, which came near ending his career. He was blind for some months.

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CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL FISHING.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Mrs. George Marley died at 6 o'clock this morning from heart disease, after an illness of many months. She was born in England in March, 1865, and after coming to America resided in Philadelphia for a short time, then moved to Oregon about 1880 and came to Oregon City with her family from Philadelphia 16 years ago, and remained here until her death. She is survived by her husband and three children, two of them grown and the youngest a daughter aged 3 years. Her father, James Emmott, and her brother, Walter Emmott, live at Redland, Clackamas County.

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