

SHOTS GIRL TO AVOID MARRIAGE

Strange Motive of Murder by
Mueller, Who Confesses
Crime.

LACKS NERVE TO BREAK OFF

Believed to Have Sent Poisoned
Candy to Himself in Order to
Make Bluff at Suicide and
Frighten Girl Away.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 9.—(Special.) Lacking the nerve to break his engagement to marry Jennie Reed, Joseph Mueller, in order to free himself of his fiancée, the police say, wrote a letter to himself attacking her character, then he sent himself a box of poisoned candy and these schemes failing to move the girl, he took her out into the woods and shot her in the back of the head.

Confesses He Killed Girl.

Such is the solution of the mysterious story that Jennie Reed had been shot and killed by highwaymen while taking a moonlight stroll with her affianced in the suburbs last night. It is based on the confession made today by Mueller that it was he who shot the girl, and the statement by Captain of Detectives Humphrey that Mueller wanted to get rid of Jennie Reed and, in order to do so had written the letter attacking her character and sent himself the poisoned candy with which to make a bluff at suicide. The couple had set the wedding day for April 14 and were furnishing their future home.

The detectives got Mueller tangled up until he made a confession today, saying:

His Version of Shooting.

"I left home with my intended wife, Jennie Reed. We boarded a Gay-street car and transferred to a Mount Washington car. When I got off the car I crossed the road at the station. She said, 'It is too dark; I want you to go with me.' I pulled my revolver out and went with her. She was walking away from me—we had to walk in a path. I then saw a shadow in the woods which frightened me. I then raised the pistol and shot at the shadow, as I thought there was harm coming to me. I was so excited that I fired the second shot at the same place. I saw Jennie Reed fall to the ground, and when I saw what I had done, I ran away to Mr. Harriman's house. I threw the pistol away, after I realized what I had done. I had no intention of throwing the pistol away, but being excited and nervous, I did not know what I was doing."

Later the revolver was found in the snow 25 feet from where the girl fell. Two shots had been fired and the revolver was found ready for a third shot. The girl was shot twice in the head.

Planned to Escape Marriage.

Captain of Detectives Humphrey declared today, after helping put Mueller through a close examination, that he believed that Mueller did not want to marry the girl and that he had planned a long way ahead to prevent it.

"I have always believed," said the Captain, "that Mueller did not receive the box of poisoned candy from anyone save himself. I believe he sent it to himself. It was part of his plan. He intended to poison the girl, but to allay suspicion first sent the poison to himself. The letter and the poisoned candy were threatening him with harm if he did not cease his attentions to Miss Reed. Mueller sent to himself in an effort to send the girl away from him."

At the Coroner's inquest evidence was introduced to show that place where the shooting took place was dark; that a highwayman could not have seen the necklace worn by the girl, and that Mueller could not have seen the alleged highwayman's pistol glint.

NAMED TO CHEER SOUTH

Dickinson Says Taft Appointed Him
for Good of Whole Nation.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Jacob M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, told in an address before the Ironsides Club tonight why President Taft appointed him, a Southern Democrat, to his Cabinet.

"Moved by no obligation to the South," he said, "but by strong friendship and sympathy for the Southern people, and still more by a patriotic love for the entire country, whose welfare is necessarily bound up in that of the South, he determined to invite into his Cabinet a Southern man, thereby giving assurance to the Southern people that, although their solid electoral vote was against him, he wanted them to feel that he was in close relation with his Administration, and would be in no sense alien to it."

HARRIMAN FINDS BEGGAR

Tramp Then Confesses He Excited
False Sympathy From Wizard.

EL PASO, Tex., March 9.—The ornamental beggar who excited E. H. Harriman's sympathy with a story of having been injured while in the employ of the Southern Pacific, has been located on the El Paso rockpile by railroad detectives who have been searching for the man under instructions from their chief.

The beggar admits that his story of having been employed by the Southern Pacific was false. Harriman gave him a dime in Tucson and sent orders from New Mexico to have him located.

DEATH LIST EXCEEDS 80

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this vicinity as the result of the tornado. Among the dead are three brothers.

RECORD SNOWFALL FOR YEARS

Eighteen Inches of Wet and Clinging
Flakes at Junction City.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 9.—The heaviest snow storm of the year prevails here and reports from the railroads indicate that the storm is general. The temperature is about freezing and the snow is wet and heavy. Over 18 inches of snow fell at Junction City, the heaviest fall recorded there in years. The electric line between Junction City and Fort Riley is tied up, but railroad traffic has not been seriously interfered with.

Oklahoma City reported three inches of snow, while advice from the Texas Pan-

handle any snow is falling and a freezing temperament prevails.

A drenching rain of from two to four inches is reported in Arkansas.

HALF OF COUNTY SUBMERGED

Unceasing Downpour Causes Flood
at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—Owing to an unceasing downpour of rain in this vicinity since early Monday, this end of Jefferson County is submerged.

SECOND TORNADO IN GEORGIA

One Killed and Many Injured at
Outhbert by Tempest.

CUTHBERT, Ga., March 9.—One man was killed, a number injured and much

PIONEER OF 1850 DEAD, AGED 94 YEARS.



Mrs. Susan Gibson Porter, Deceased.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 9.—(Special.) Mrs. Susan Gibson Porter, who died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Samson, was born in Washington County, Kentucky, December 22, 1814. At the age of 5 she moved with her parents to Missouri, where she was married to Alfred Turner. In 1850 they started west. At Green River her husband died of camp fever, and his body was interred on the plains. After his death two of the children died before reaching Oregon. With her other three little children Mrs. Turner came to Oregon and in 1851 was married to Stephen Porter, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Porter was the mother of Mrs. Lucinda Hales of Walburg, Wash.; Mrs. L. E. Armstrong of Mackay, Clackamas County; Mrs. J. E. Palmer of Mount Angel, Or.; Mrs. J. R. Samson of this city. The three stepchildren are David Porter, of Lexington, Or.; John T. Porter, of Yakima, Wash.; and Mrs. Nancy L. Magers, of Oregon City. There are 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

property destroyed by a tornado here tonight.

Blizzard Rages Over Northwest.

ST. PAUL, March 9.—A blizzard is raging through Northern Iowa and South Dakota and telegraphic communication is being interfered with.

Worst Blizzard of Winter.

MENOMINEE, Mich., March 9.—The worst blizzard of the winter prevails in this vicinity today.

ASHLAND WILL ADVERTISE

BOOSTER MEETING BRINGS OUT
1200 PEOPLE.

Enthusiastic Speeches Are Made
and Large Sum Pledged for
Publicity Work.

ASHLAND, Or., March 9.—(Special.) For several days past citizens of this

garden spot of Southern Oregon have appeared on the streets wearing badges bearing the inscription "Ashland Booster Mass Meeting, Chautauqua Building, Tuesday evening, March 9, 1909."

In fulfillment of this notice a monster meeting was held tonight in the large auditorium at which the leading citizens of this city participated. President E. T. Staples, of the Ashland Commercial Club, and one of Oregon's booster spirits, called the meeting to order and explained the objects and aims of the Commercial Club to advertise Oregon.

As an evidence of their enthusiasm, merchants of the city closed their stores at 4 o'clock and a band paraded the streets. The attendance at the meeting was 1200. Ex-State Senator E. V. Carter, Attorney E. D. Briggs, Rev. Ward MacHenry and many other "boosters" addressed the meeting, which was unanimously enthusiastic in the proposition to advertise the advantages of Ashland and this section of Southern Oregon.

The City of Ashland is fast taking front rank among the progressive centers of Oregon, and the fact that it is paved, a municipal light plant is to be installed, the normal school is to be continued, and many other civic improvements are contemplated.

A large fund was subscribed at the meeting in support of the advertising campaign.

WAR TROPHIES FOR A-Y-P

Japan to Exhibit Cruisers Captured
From Russia.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 9.—(Special.) Consul T. Tanaka has received cable advice from Tokyo to the effect that Japan has decided to send two cruisers to Seattle to be in these waters for a week at the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

The two vessels that will be sent here are the Aso and the Soya, cruisers that were captured and renamed Japan during the war with Russia. The Aso was the Russian cruiser Bayan and the Soya was the Varang, captured at Chemulpo. The vessels are scheduled to leave Japan in a few days.

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DEATHBED MEETING IN PENITENTIARY

Convict Mother Bids Goodbye
to Husband and Son, Also
Convicts, in Prison.

ENTIRE FAMILY IN JAIL

Mrs. Wilson, Alias Staffleback, 79
Years Old, Dies While Serving
Sentence for Murder—Was
a Noted Criminal.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 9.—Mrs. Nancy Wilson, generally known as Mrs. Staffleback, one of the most notorious women prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary, died of pneumonia today. Mrs. Staffleback was 79 years old.

Mrs. Staffleback realized her serious condition and asked that her son, George Staffleback, a lifetime convict, and Charles Wilson, her second husband, another convict, be brought to her bedside. They were taken over by the prison officials and told they could remain with her until she died.

Seeks Death in Freedom.

George Staffleback, her son, nearly collapsed when brought to his mother's cell. He asked if something could not be done so that his mother might die outside the penitentiary. The mother, who was conscious, begged to be permitted to die outside. The prison officials told her they could do nothing.

Mrs. Staffleback was brought to the penitentiary to serve a 21-year sentence for murder in the second degree. At the same time two of her sons were brought in under life sentences, a third son to serve seven years, and Charles Wilson, her second husband, to serve 25 years.

Family All in Prison.

One of the sons serving a life sentence died four years ago. The third son served out his sentence and it is reported that he is now serving a term in the Missouri penitentiary.

The Stafflebacks lived near Galena, Kan., and were accused of numerous atrocious murders. They ran a hotel, and it was alleged that they murdered guests who had money and threw the bodies into a deserted mine. A number of skeletons were found on the premises.

The Stafflebacks are generally ranked next to the Benders in the list of notorious Kansas murderers.

OLIVER TO SUCCEED KNOX

Pittsburg Publisher Nominated for
Senator by Caucus.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 9.—George T. Oliver, of Pittsburg, was named today as the Republican candidate for United States Senator to succeed P. C. Knox by the joint caucus of the Senate and House.

George T. Oliver was a member of the steel-manufacturing firm of Oliver Bros. & Phillips until it was bought out by the United States Steel Corporation. He then bought the Pittsburg Commercial and later the Times and consolidated them under the name of the Gazette-Times. His brother, Henry W. Oliver, was a member of the Tariff Commission of 1892.

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Deschutes Road.

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Right of Way to Be Granted if Land
Office and Reclamation Engi-
neer Declare Route Is
Practicable.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, March 9.—Secretary Ballinger
said today there would be no undue
delay in passing upon the application of
the Harriman railroad for a right of way
through the Deschutes Canyon. He has
called upon the Land Office and Reclamation
Service to prepare for him a full
report of all facts and when the state-
ments are ready he will give them
thorough and prompt consideration and
act as he believes the facts justify.

Engineer Schleck, who is now at
Deschutes making an investigation, will
be expected to report at the earliest
practicable moment.

NO CHANGE IN WOOL DUTIES

But House Committee Will Cut
Rates on Woolen Goods.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, March 9.—It is currently re-
ported that the ways and means com-
mittee has decided to make no change
in the present duty on wool, though a
material reduction will be made in the
duty on woolen manufactures.

It is also reported that the present
duty on shingles, 30 cents per thou-
sand, will stand unchanged.

WILL CHOOSE ACCOUNTANT

Ballinger Asks Bourne to Name
Successor to Roberts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, March 9.—A successor to A. T.
Roberts, late Receiver of the La Grande
Land Office, will probably be appointed
soon after Congress convenes. Senator
Bourne has been requested to submit
his name. It is the intention of Sec-
retary Ballinger that the new Receiver
shall be well versed in accounting, so

that there will be no further difficulty
with the financial affairs of that office.

TRUITT FOR ALASKA JUDGE

Heyburn Will Recommend Him for
Newly-Created Office.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, March 9.—Senator Heyburn to-
day urged the President to appoint
ex-Judge Warren Truitt, of Moscow,
Idaho, to the new Federal Judgeship
created in Alaska. Under the law this
appointment cannot be made before
July 1. Senator Borah is favorable to
Mr. Truitt's appointment. Mr. Truitt
was Federal Judge in Alaska for many
years.

Chamberlain Calls on Taft.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, March 9.—Senator Chamberlain,
accompanied by his colleague, called
at the White House today to pay his
respects to President Taft. He stated
later that there had been no discussion
of the Oregon Judgeship and that no
matters of public importance were men-
tioned.

WAIST LINE NEAR KNEES

Dressmakers Agree to Return to
Eleventh Century Style.

CHICAGO, March 9.—The annual ses-
sion of the dressmakers' convention,
which begins here tomorrow, will be sig-
nified by important edicts dooming the
directoire gown and kindred styles and
insisting on the return to the 18th, 19th,
and 18th centuries. "The waist line," it
is announced, "will be near the knees,"
which means that there will be no such
thing as a waist line.

Clatsop Jury Excused.

ASTORIA, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—
Judge McBride yesterday excused the
Circuit Court jury for the rest of the
term. The present session of the court
has been a remarkable one, as there
have been 77 pleas of guilty entered,
principally for violations of the liquor
laws, and only one trial on a criminal
charge, and in that a conviction was
secured.

Benn Wins Mayoralty Contest.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 9.—(Spe-
cial.)—In the contest for Mayor today,
E. B. Benn won, carrying all wards ex-
cept the first. He defeated R. A. Wiley.
Roy Sargent was re-elected Treasurer
and Peter Clark, Clerk, without opposi-
tion.

Yakima Returns to Prunes.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 9.—
(Special.)—The prune industry of Yakima
Valley is to be revived. Old orchards in
this vicinity, that have been neglected
for a number of years are being given
attention this spring, and the crop is to
be carefully watched.

HERE'S A FACT

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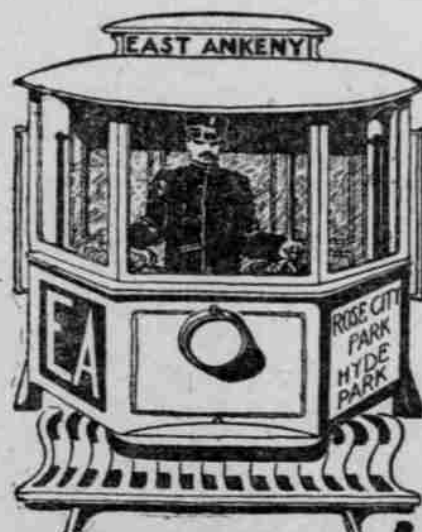
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