

SEATTLE WECOA OF SUFFRAGISTS

Vanguard of National Leaders From Eastern States at Spokane Today.

CONVENTION ON JUNE 30

Prominent Speakers Expected to Return Next Year to Assist in Campaign for Women's Rights in State of Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 27.—The National convention of the American Women Suffrage Association to be held in this city during the eight days beginning June 30, will draw all the leading spirits in the suffrage movement, most of whom expect to return next year to take part in the state campaign, when a suffrage amendment to the state constitution will be voted on, with good prospects of adoption, a majority of the votes cast being necessary, not two-thirds, as in many states.

Most of the Eastern delegates are already on the way, on the suffrage special, and will arrive at Spokane at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. On this train are the international president, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and the entire National board, Anna H. Shaw, president, Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Miss Kate M. Gordon, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Ella S. Stewart. Other distinguished delegates on the train are Mrs. Henry Villard, Mrs. Mary E. Truitt, Dr. Henry Blackwell, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Mrs. Pauline Stolten and Professor Francis Squire Potter.

The delegates will be entertained elaborately at Spokane tomorrow, and leaving early Tuesday morning, will make short stops at Tacoma, North Yakima and Ellensburg, pay a five-hour visit to Tacoma and reach Seattle late Tuesday night. The convention will meet Wednesday afternoon, June 30, in Plymouth Church, where most of the sessions will be held. There will be a great suffrage mass meeting in the World's Fair Auditorium July 4, and July 7 at the fair has been designated women's day, when suffragists will have full charge of the events. Governor Hoy will welcome the delegates if he is able to leave Olympia, where the Legislature is in session.

THREE DAYS' CELEBRATION

Grants Pass Expects to Entertain Whole of Southern Oregon.

GRANTS PASS, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—This city did not celebrate the Fourth last year, but in order to make up for the occasion three days this year will be set aside in which young and old may participate in a general harvest jubilee. On Saturday, July 3, there will be a program of all the leading features connected with a well-arranged celebration.

On Sunday, July 4, Ray J. Whitcomb, Brothier of Portland, will deliver two addresses in the city park along the banks of Rogus River. Two bands have been engaged, and during the Sunday exercises sacred music will be rendered. A chorus of many voices will be in attendance.

Monday will be devoted to field sports, games between different baseball teams and the aquatic sports on the river. This city is the only one in Southern Oregon that will have three days' sports and the attendance will run into thousands.

RAINS MAKE GOOD CROPS

Montesano Farmers Rejoice Because of Needed Showers.

MONTESANO, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—The farmers of this vicinity are rejoicing over the rains that visited this section for the last few days. They say their crops are fully assured now, and that the hay crop will be abundant and will be ready for cutting soon after July 4. While the spring was backward and everything was slow getting started, crops are doing nicely now, and big yields are assured.

The canning factory of the Montesano Growers' Association is preparing for the season's run, as peas and string beans will soon be ready for canning. The crop of Evergreen blackberries, which is a never-failing one in this section, will also demand a good share of attention at the cannery. The cherry crop will be almost a total failure, as the late frosts killed the early ones. In other fruits there will be good crops.

LABORER KILLED BY TRAIN

Stephen Fisher Run Down on Way Home From Gervais.

GERVAIS, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Stephen Fisher, a laborer, who resided on Mission Bottom, was killed by a passing train early this morning and terribly mangled. No one witnessed the accident and it is not known if it were a case of suicide or accident. He was seen by the city nightwatchman leaving town at 1:30 A. M., and it was supposed he was drunk and killed by train No. 13, passing at 3 A. M. He had been in town all day and was in good spirits. He was 42 years old and had no relatives here. He had lived near this section five or six years. Coroner Clough was called and viewed the remains, and, disposing with an inquest, instructed the local undertaker to take charge of the remains. He was buried in a local cemetery at Gervais.

EUGENE PLANS THREE DAYS

Arrangements Complete for Big Celebration of Fourth.

EUGENE, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Arrangements are practically complete for the three days' celebration which Eugene will hold beginning July 3 and ending on July 5. The resolutions passed by the Salem Board of Trade, urging the people of Salem to join Eugene in her celebration of Independence day, will probably add several hundred to the crowds that are certain to come from Lane County points.

The entries are about completed for the races that are to take place at the new fairground on Saturday, July 2. This will be the first public use to which the new track has been put, and a number of speedy horses of Western Oregon will be in the events. The track is pronounced by experts an excellent one. Saturday there will be no exercises aside

from the open air sacred concert which is to be held in the City Park. The big day of all will be Monday, July 5, which will be marked by many features of interest in the park, the sports and the fireworks at night.

F. J. D. WOLFF'S LIFE ENDS

Well-Known Pioneer of Northwest Passes Near Colville.

COLVILLE, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—Francis J. D. Wolff, one of the first settlers and perhaps one of the most adventurous pioneers of the Northwest, died at the Vivian ranch, near Meyer Falls, Thursday, of old age. The funeral occurred yesterday from the Prindle undertaking parlors. Rev. G. H. Wilbur, of the Congregational Church, conducted the services.

Mr. Wolff was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 15, 1823, and was the fourth of seven children, his parents being Henry Wolff, a native of Germany, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and Charlotte (Nobel) Wolff. He came to the Pacific Coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama from Fort Gates, Mich., with the Fourth United States Infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Bonneville, in 1852, and was first stationed at Vancouver. In 1870 he was married to Miss Celeste McCloud at Fort Colville, and his wife survives him. Six children, Kate, Lottie, Frank, Lawrence, Percy and Lester Wolff, all survive.

In official life Mr. Wolff was always active and among the official positions held have been Probate Judge, United

UNDER SUSPECT IS CAGGIT HERE

Hood River Youth Has \$250 in Pockets When Arrested for Killing Woman.

OTHER FACTS AGAINST HIM

Officers Trace Alleged Slayer to Portland, but He Shows Little Concern When Apprehended. Returned to Home Town.

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bins' right foot, which is thrust forward as he was about to step. As the prisoner was led away he turned around and laughingly remarked: "Four bits, please."

WEB WOVEN ABOUT ROBBINS

Accused Man Was Seen in Vicinity Where Murder Occurred.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—From information secured today a web of circumstantial evidence is being woven about George Robbins, who was brought here from Portland tonight by Deputy Sheriff Charlie Morse and Constable William Ganger for the murder of Mrs. Emaline Casto, his father's housekeeper.

It is now known that Robbins was in the neighborhood of the murder for several hours yesterday and that he hired a livery rig from the Fashion Stables, returning with it a few minutes before the train left for Portland. It is also known that he telephoned to someone from a country store in the vicinity of the tragedy. The persons who saw Robbins are Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Brayford, who keep the Rockford store in the Barrett district.

According to Mr. Brayford and his wife, two visits were made to the store by Robbins, one between 1 and 2 o'clock and the other between 2 and 3. On his first visit Mr. Brayford, who was in the store and who is heard of hearing, says that Robbins telephoned someone

PROMINENT SUPFRAGISTS WHO WILL ATTEND SEATTLE CONVENTION.



Rev. Anna H. Shaw.



Charlotte Perkins Gilman.



Kate M. Gordon.

States Inspector of Customs, Sheriff, and County Commissioner. He was a man of liberal education and maintained strong attachments for his friends.

LETTER-CARRIERS ELECT

Convention at Eugene Ends With Banquet at Night.

EUGENE, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Most of the letter-carriers who attended the convention here yesterday and last evening, left for their homes today, a few remaining over to see more of Eugene. The convention ended in a banquet which closed at 12 o'clock. Mayor Matlock and Helms W. Thompson were the guests of honor.

The officers elected were: President, W. P. Daugherty, of Portland; vice-president, Otto Graham, of Astoria; secretary-treasurer, E. J. Burrows, of Portland; executive board, A. D. Welch, of Salem, and N. M. Clein, of Eugene; delegate-at-large to attend the National convention to be held in St. Paul, C. C. Henderson; state National vice-president, F. P. Holm, of Portland.

ALLEGED THIEF CAUGHT

Ed Pitcher, Wanted in Portland, Is Arrested at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Ed Pitcher, wanted by Sheriff Stevens, of Multnomah County, on a charge of larceny, was arrested on his arrival in this city yesterday by Chief of Police Harper and placed in the County Jail. When

DEATH CLAIMS RESPECTED

RESIDENT OF IONE.



Mrs. Julia A. Baker, Deceased.

IONE, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Julia A. Baker, who died here June 14, of cancer, was born in Indiana, January 27, 1839. She was married in Indiana, moving later to Iowa. In 1885, with her husband and three children, she made the overland trip to Oregon, and in the Fall of 1883 the family moved to Morrow County. Her husband died in 1902. Mrs. Baker was the mother of nine children, three of whom survive. These are J. N. Baker, of Ione; D. F. Baker, and Mrs. Octavia Markham, of Walla Walla.

searched by Sheriff Chelmsan, Pitcher had a loaded revolver and ammunition on his person.

Deputy Sheriff R. F. Beatty arrived from Portland this morning and returned this afternoon with his prisoner. Pitcher is accused of robbing his roommate, Frank Wells, but denies all knowledge of the crime and says he does not know Wells. Pitcher is well known in this county and has relatives living near Tygh Valley.

Chase Buys Kelso Store.

KELSO, Wash., June 27.—(Special.)—M. T. Chase, of Portland, has purchased the druggists business of Phillip Richter, who has conducted the Fair store here for ten years. Mr. Richter will move with his family to Portland and Mr. Chase will take charge here Monday.

bin's right foot, which is thrust forward as he was about to step. As the prisoner was led away he turned around and laughingly remarked: "Four bits, please."

"There isn't any question in my mind but that we have got the right man," said Constable Ganger. "Everything points to him. Robbins is a hard character and bears that reputation in Hood River. I arrested him once before at Goble, Or., for forgery."

Responds to Fake Message.

The murder is supposed to have occurred about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Prior to that time William Robbins, owner of the ranch, received a telephone call from Hood River stating that his daughter had arrived from Washington and for him to come and take her home. He left the house in a buggy and went to town. Arriving there he found that the telephone message was fictitious and that his daughter had not arrived.

About the same time that the telephone message was sent, George Robbins is supposed to have gone to a livery stable and secured a horse and buggy. He returned about 5:30 o'clock and displayed a large amount of money when paying for the livery hire. He then went to the station and purchased a round-trip ticket for Portland. The officers believe that he purchased the round-trip ticket as a blind. He arrived in Portland Saturday night about 11 o'clock and went to a rooming-house. Yesterday morning when he was walking the streets, according to his story, he refused to state whether or not he had read the newspaper story of the murder, relating the fact that suspicion pointed to him.

No Bloodstains on Clothes.

There were no bloodstains on his clothing, despite the fact that he was attired in the same suit of clothes, which he wore Saturday. This, however, is not considered important, as the murder was committed by choking with a stone, which was found in the room.

A woman living near the Robbins ranchhouse told the officers that she saw a buggy drive up about 4 o'clock and her description of the vehicle and horse tallies very closely with the outfit hired by young Robbins. This is one of the strongest circumstances in the case. The young man's name with the crime. Added to this are the following alleged facts: The consistency of probable time before and after the hiring of the buggy and horse and their return and when the murder was committed; the display of a large amount of money; his hasty and unexplained departure from Hood River for Portland; his criminal record and knowledge concerning the arrangement of the horse and the amount of money carried by Mrs. Casto, together with his being the only person within the range of suspicion who knew of the probable arrival of his brother's daughter, which formed the basis for the telephone ruse.

If Robbins is able to establish where he went in the buggy, and give a satisfactory explanation for his visit to Portland, and how he came into possession of the \$250 found in his pockets when arrested, there will be little on which to hold him.

The crime is shrouded in mystery. Robbins was undoubtedly the cause. That it was premeditated is without question, in view of the telephone ruse, which took Robbins, the only other occupant of the house, three miles away. The murderer left no direct clue, despite the fact that choking and the use of a stone are considered rather unusual means of committing murder. It is believed that these were resorted to instead of a revolver for the reason that it was feared the murderer might bring help and discovery.

One, and the most probable, theory is that the would-be robber entered the house masked. He commanded the woman to produce her money. She went, and fearing that the report of the gun, which little is known of the murdered woman, who came to the Robbins ranch about six months ago. She is said to have been twice married, but rarely spoke of her past life.

but she could not hear to whom or tell what he was saying. On his second visit Robbins bought a bottle of soda from Mr. Brayford.

As near as can be ascertained, Robbins left the Fashion Stables about 6 o'clock and returned at 6. It is also alleged by several other people that they saw him driving in the vicinity of the murder during the afternoon. A post mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Casto, which was held this afternoon, indicates that severe struggles were had in two places, two ribs fractured and her collar-bone and breast-bone crushed in. It is thought now that the murderer must have placed his knee on the woman's chest while he was strangling her.

Robbins' father this afternoon refused to discuss the murder, other than to tell the story of the finding of the dead body of Mrs. Casto on his return home and to express the fear that suspicion might be pointed toward himself. As yet he knows nothing about the murder of his son, but will be notified by Sheriff Morse in the morning.

It is stated tonight by Homer Van Allen, a young man employed in a grocery store here, that he met Robbins on the outskirts of town as he was driving in last night and rode in with him. On the way they saw the suspected man's father driving toward them on his way home and Van Allen says that he saw Robbins get into the street to avoid meeting him, saying that he didn't want his father to know that he had hired a livery rig.

On his arrival here, Robbins was confronted by a crowd of several hundred people who had heard of his arrest in Portland and followed him to the City Jail, where they were dispersed by the Sheriff. A coroner's jury will be impaneled tomorrow and an inquest held over the body of Mrs. Casto.

CRIME RECALLS NESBITT CASE

Sensational Slaying of Women Near Mount Hood in 1899.

The shocking murder of Mrs. Emaline Casto, housekeeper for William Robbins, the Hood River farmer, recalls the mysterious murder of Alma Nesbitt and her mother in Wasco County, near Mount Hood, and for which Norman Williams paid the penalty with his life on the gallows. Williams' crime remained hidden from 1899 until early in February of 1904.

The details of how Williams murdered the mother and daughter were never given to the world, for Williams carried his secret to the grave. Alma Nesbitt and her mother left Iowa early in 1899 and took up a homestead in the Mount Hood district. Suddenly mother and daughter disappeared and at the time suspicion was directed to Williams, who was also a homesteader in that district. The time passed never would have been charged to him but for the announcement by John Hall, who was feared by the neighbors, giving out for publication the fact that a relinquishment of his homestead, supposed to have been signed by Alma Nesbitt, was a forgery, and that the Government was looking for Norman Williams.

While Williams was not at first charged with the disappearance of the Nesbitt women, he lost no time in leaving Hood River Valley, going to Bellingham Bay. He was working at Bellingham Bay when he learned that Mr. Hall had a warrant for his arrest. Undoubtedly feeling that he was safe from detection of the murder he returned to his home in Oregon, where he learned that he would come to Portland and surrender himself, which he finally did.

During all the years that he had eluded, a brother of Mrs. Nesbitt had been searching in vain to locate his sister and her daughter. In 1904, just about the time that Williams gave himself up, the brother came to Oregon. He visited the homestead, and in a sort of abandoned way, fragments of a note and a gunnysack, covered with blood, were found. These discoveries caused the authorities of Wasco County to swear out a warrant charging Williams with murder. On examination by experts it was found that the hair was attached a piece of human scalp and that the blood on the gunnysacks was human blood. In spite

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Pre-Inventory Sale of Furniture—Many Attractive Bargains in Parlor, Library Bedroom and Other Pieces. SEE FULL-PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT IN YESTERDAY'S PAPER.

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