

WEZLER ESCAPES HANGMAN'S ROPE

Guilty of Second Degree Murder—Jury Stays Out Two Hours.

CONVICTED MAN SILENT

George H. Seaton, Watchman in Portland Postoffice, Is Principal Witness Called by the Prosecution in Rebuttal.

TACOMA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)

The jury in the case of Charles J. Wezler, on trial for killing Mrs. Fredrika Schulz on April 4, returned a verdict at 11:45 last night of murder in the second degree, after being out two hours. The penalty is not less than 10 years in prison.

Defense Denies Premeditation.

A verdict of murder in the first degree was asked by the state, while the defense asked for a verdict of manslaughter, asserting in argument that the killing of Mrs. Schulz was wholly without premeditation.

One of today's principal witnesses was George H. Seaton, of Portland, watchman at the Postoffice, called in rebuttal by the state to show premeditation on the part of Wezler.

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AUTO MAKES RECORD TRIP

Seventy-Six Miles of Mountain Grades Covered in Six Hours.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—William Pratt, owner of an automobile stage line from the salmon cannery at Trout Lake, brought a party of four people from White Salmon to Goldendale Sunday to see the ball game.

Mr. Pratt made the trip by way of Camas Prairie, leaving White Salmon at 5:15 A. M. and arriving at Goldendale at 11:30 P. M., without a mishap.

His speed indicator showed the distance to be 75 miles.

In making the trip over this route it is necessary to cross the mountain chain in the Camas Prairie country and cross the Big Kikikait at the bridge on the Glenwood road.

The grade coming out of the Big Kikikait is the steepest one in this part of the country. The trip made is considered record time over the route.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS

Though Two Bullets Go Through Body, Pennington May Recover.

RAINIER, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—H. Pennington, an employe of the Columbia Sash & Door Factory, 25 years old and single, attempted suicide last night at 8:30 o'clock by emptying two chambers of an automatic revolver just above his heart.

Both shots went through his body, but it is thought that he will recover. Pennington had been drinking since Saturday night and, it is thought, was despondent over a love affair with a girl in Rainier. He arrived here six months ago from Kentucky. Doctors McLaren and Welch attended the patient, who will be sent to a Portland hospital.

POLICE CHIEF IS OUSTED

Council Bluffs Official Loses Out, by Court's Decision.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., May 4.—The decision of Judge Woodruff in the ouster case against Mayor George H. Richmond, Chief of Police of this city, has been received by mail from Glenwood, Iowa, where the judge is now holding court, and is against the defendant.

FLOODS WILL BE STORED

November to April Excess to Make Homes for 500 Families.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—A new irrigation project to reclaim 800 acres is proposed in the Yakima Valley. C. P. Devine and several others in North Yakima have bought 1000 acres of land and feet of water in the Wenas creek. It is proposed to build a dam and make a large reservoir to store the flood waters from 125 square miles.

TAKER OF BRIBE CONFESSES

Man Who Sold His Vote to Help Elect Lorimer "Squeals."

ST. LOUIS, May 4.—John E. Wayman, state's attorney of Cook County,

ILL. last night secured a confession from an Illinois legislator who is accused of taking \$1000 for his vote in the contest that resulted in the election of William Lorimer to the United States Senate.

Wayman returned to give the name of the man who confessed. Wayman and Detective Murrans, of Chicago, stopped at the Southern Hotel, where Murrans made the following statement in the presence of Wayman: "We came here to meet a member of the Illinois Legislature because this is the most convenient place. We have been here the greater part of the day and you can say we got all we were looking for. You might say we got a squeal."

IRRIGATION AID SURE

RECLAMATION ENGINEER SEES HOPE FOR \$30,000,000 ISSUE.

On Passing of Bill Depend New Projects or Enlargement of Umatilla Work—Plans On.

That other reclamation projects in Oregon will be taken up and completed or the Umatilla project enlarged in the event the bill providing for an irrigation bond issue of \$30,000,000 passes Congress, was the belief expressed in Portland yesterday by Arthur P. Davis, of Washington, D. C., chief engineer of the Reclamation Service.

Mr. Davis was in Portland on his way to California after a visit of inspection to the Umatilla project. He said: "I am confident that the bill will pass. I have appeared several times before committees in support of it and have urged its adoption, for one reason, because so many people have settled on lands in the expectation that reclamation projects would be completed, but who are still waiting for water because funds are not available for completion of all the work undertaken."

The Umatilla project is capable of enlargement so that it will reclaim double the acreage to be reclaimed by the work now under way. When the present plans are completed 20,000 acres will be reclaimed. It is probable that the Malheur project and two or three proposed projects in Central Oregon will be taken up and considered by the secretary of the Interior. Preliminary surveys have been made in the Crooked River and Ochoco districts in Crook County, and in a portion of Harney County. Railroad development in Central Oregon probably will give the interior projects a better standing with the department than heretofore."

BABES WANDER; ASLEEP

IDAHO TOWN JOINS IN SEARCH FOR LOST CHILDREN.

After Several Hours' Search Two Youngsters Are Located in Slumberland, Exhausted.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Excitement was Sunday afternoon at Penn, Idaho, when it was discovered that two 4-year-old children of prominent residents had wandered away. The missing babes were taken to the 4-year-old daughter of Tweed Amos, and "Tootsie," the 4-year-old girl of Mrs. F. B. Tharp.

When a search by the parents failed to disclose their whereabouts, a general alarm was sounded and residents were organized to scour the surrounding country. Men on horseback, on foot and in vehicles, beside scores of women and children, took up the search. After several hours the two children were found in a field more than two miles from town. The children were found asleep, side by side, having become exhausted in their aimless tramp.

TWO STEAMERS IN CRASH

Crews Reported Safe in Collision During Thick Fog.

BOSTON, May 4.—News of the collision between the steamers Santurio and Ligonier was contained in the following wireless message received here tonight: "Steamship Ligonier—Had collision with the steamship Santurio off Cape Cod about 8 o'clock last night. Have taken part of the Santurio's crew aboard, but Captain Folker, chief engineer and remainder of her crew remained aboard and will try to beach her. Fog is very thick. Ligonier slightly damaged. Forward, but will stand by until morning, when, unless needed, will proceed to destination at Beverly." (Signed) "L. A. GATES, Captain of Ligonier."

STRAWBERRIES ARE RIPE

First Crate of Year Picked on Umatilla Irrigation Project.

HERMISTON, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—The first crate of strawberries picked this year on the Umatilla Government irrigation project was brought into town this morning. The berries are of the Clark's seedling variety and were grown on the fruit ranch of F. W. Whiting, less than two miles from town. Mr. Whiting picked the berries yesterday.

One of the local business houses paid \$10 for the crate and it was shipped to the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. Whiting has been picking berries since August of this year. The first full crop of other fields are ripening fast and in a few days the output will be at its height.

DR. POTTS STRUCK BY CAR

While walking on the tracks of the Oregon Electric south of the city, Dr. George J. Potts was hit on the head by a car and rendered unconscious. According to the story told by the motorman, Dr. Potts was walking ahead of the car across a bridge about 12 feet high. On seeing the car coming, the doctor crooked on one of the stringers on the bridge, but failed to get low enough, the car knocking him off. He was brought in to the St. Vincent's Hospital, where several stitches were taken in his head. He is not dangerously injured.

FARMERS TO SOLVE LIVING PROBLEM

Secretary Wilson Says Scientific Farming Will Double Production.

LAND YIELDS TOO LITTLE

Economy of Fertility Will Make Production Keep Pace With Population—Yoakum Says Middlemen Get Too Much Profit.

ST. LOUIS, May 4.—That the farms of the United States are not producing half what they should because of a lack of practical education among farmers, was the statement made by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in an address last night at the Farmers' Union.

Mr. Wilson received a mixed greeting from the largest audience that has yet attended the sessions. A motion picture showing the progress of the Secretary entered was voted down with cries of "He's no better than we are."

When he appeared, about half the audience stood up, while the others shouted "Sit down." He was roundly applauded at the conclusion of his address, however, and presided during the rest of the session.

Solution in Farmers' Hands.

"I believe the solution of the cost of living problem lies in good hands," said Mr. Wilson. "The farmers are awake, and no country is in danger when that is the case. I have investigated charges that the farmers have combined to put up prices and rob the community, and have found they are not true."

"In the past the manufacturers asked questions as to the continued fertility of the soil and no effort was made to educate the farmer, while the education of the farmer's son to leave the farm went on. Manufacturing will not succeed without an abundance of food at reasonable prices and now farms in the East have fallen away below the standard of productivity, and farmers are awakening to the danger of under-production."

"The Government continued for half a century to give away fertile but dry lands. The farmer in the old days was a good-natured person working for what he could get and being glad if while his sons went away from the farm."

"A new day has come. Our population is increasing a couple of million or so a year and our food supply is keeping pace with the growth. Prices have gone up. Something must be done."

"Of the 14 states of the Mississippi Valley, only one is producing half the crops it should, because the farmers have not been taught scientific farming. We can and will ultimately double every crop we are growing and at the same time care for a population of 200,000,000."

"The Government is straining every effort to improve the soil and is achieving wonderful things, but there remain other things to be done."

Old Economies Forgotten.

"We are forgetting the old home economies. We buy paper, soap, and other necessities in sacks and barrels. One of the best things I could recommend to you would be the application of a common sense to the economics of the home. Rice, sold at wholesale in Louisiana at 2 cents a pound, costs 8 cents a pound in the North in a paper bag."

"We must keep our young farmers on the farm. Immigrants who have lived on farms should be placed on farms when they come to this country. We need agricultural teachers. We need agricultural text books, but where are we going to get them? Some day we will have a price on the heads of readers, and that will be a cop."

Excessive profit-taking by middlemen was the reason assigned for high prices of foodstuffs by H. P. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco system. He declared that the heavy reductions in freight rates of the past few years had been absorbed by the dealers and not by the farmers or consumers. Better marketing methods were advanced as a means by which farmers would get better prices for the food they raise and at the same time lower figures would be given to those who buy the stuff for use in the kitchen. This railroad man described the demagogic policy of the middlemen and urged that he be cut out in the dealings which the railroads and the farmers should have with each other.

"The most important force for the welfare of the nation will come when the land owners of America are organized," said Mr. Yoakum. "This organization is important, not only for the benefits which will come to the farmers, but on account of money which will be saved by the consumers. It is not prices received by farmers that matters, but the profits of the dealers handling the foods between the farmer and consumer."

"Every member of every community is interested in aiding the farmers to organize a system of doing business direct from the field to the table. Effective organization cannot be had by creating prejudices through politicians who have no relief to offer."

He advocated larger appropriations for the Agricultural Department for drainage and waterways and closer co-operation between farmers and railroads.

COPENHAGEN BIDS ADIEU

With "Long Live Roosevelt." Lord Mayor Gives Toast.

COPENHAGEN, May 4.—Theodore Roosevelt left here at 9:30 o'clock tonight for Christiania, where he will arrive shortly after noon tomorrow.

At Christiania the feature of his visit will be the Nobel prize speech. This will be delivered Thursday afternoon in the National Theater.

An enormous crowd gathered at the station to bid farewell to the Roosevelt party.

Minister Egan had been invited to go to Christiania, but remained here, having just received news of the death in the United States of his wife's mother.

Colonel Roosevelt was the recipient of a day of two loving-cups, one bearing the Danish coat of arms and the other the American arms, and also of four plaques from the Royal Porcelain Works, upon which were pictured several wild beasts.

In making the presentation the manager of the works told Mr. Roosevelt they were "wild beasts of Africa."

Mr. Roosevelt accepted the plaques graciously and, while examining the figure of an elephant, looked up suddenly and said smilingly:

"This is not an African elephant." "That is quite true," replied the manager. "These plaques were made especially for you. We have no study of African elephants and so used Asiatic."

The incident caused a great deal of amusement and the Colonel remarked: "I am very glad to have all kinds of elephants."

The municipality gave a dinner at the City Hall in honor of the ex-president, which was attended by 250 of the leading men of the city. The Lord Mayor presided and all the members of the cabinet were present. The mayor proposed the health of the guest of honor and the company cheered as he concluded: "Long live Roosevelt."

KEGS OF NAILS STOLEN

HOUSEBUILDER ARRESTED ON LARCENY CHARGE.

Material Valued at \$2000 Is Alleged to Have Been Secured Here and Carted to Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Charged with stealing all kinds of plunder, L. O. Herman, a thief, was arrested late last night by Officer Cressap. Herman was taken to Portland today to answer to the charge.

The police here have been making an investigation and have now in their possession fully \$2000 worth of material. Herman is alleged to have taken from "Herman's" store, 20 great quantities that it will take several cart loads to haul it away. The plunder includes 16 kegs of nails, taken from the railroad company; brushes, paints, timbers, building material and carpenter tools.

Herman is building a four-story coopers factory here and works on it as he can collect the material and spare the time.

Louis Herman's arrest in Vancouver by Officer Cressap was made on information furnished by Detectives Heilner and Moloney, of this city. A complaint of larceny was returned by A. H. Beeson, a local contractor. Herman is said to have secured employment at various places in Portland and then to have secured a Vancouver drayman to come at night and transfer the materials to Vancouver.

HEINZE WINS A POINT

Judge Says Testimony Has Not Established Connection.

NEW YORK, May 4.—After being told plainly by Judge Hough that he had failed in a two-day effort to connect F. Augustus Heinze with the so-called pools in United Copper stock in 1907, United States District Attorney Wise late today abandoned his attempt to put in the record of the Heinze trial evidence which would establish a connection between Heinze and the pools.

Balked at almost every turn, either by rulings of the court or by failure of his witnesses to recall facts sought, Mr. Wise showed his chagrin as he gave the closing of Max H. Schultz, a member of Otto Heinze's firm.

Previously Judge Hough had told the Government attorney: "I have sat for two days listening to testimony I thought would be connected with this defense, but no connection has been established."

Heinze's attorneys, showing their pleasure, then brought out by cross-examination of Schultz testimony favorable to the defendant. The witness said that a letter written by Heinze to J. S. Beche & Co., guaranteeing the payment of United Copper stock to the defendant, was written by Heinze & Co. and with Schultz, covered transactions in other stocks than United Copper. The account, he said, was closed prior to October 14, 1907, the date of a \$500,000 loan made by the Mercantile National Bank to Otto Heinze & Co.

Mr. Wise tried hard to make Schultz admit that there was a "gentlemen's agreement" regarding United Copper stock between the Heinze Brothers and himself, but he failed to do so.

MISS CROKER WEDS GROOM

Family of ex-Tammany Chief Declines to Discuss Rumor.

NEW YORK, May 4.—For several days there have been rumors that Miss Ethel Croker and John J. Breen, a groom at a New York riding academy, were married recently in Hoboken, N. J.

Denials and counter denials from both sides followed and the justice of the peace said to have officiated declined to make any statement until tonight when he issued a sworn statement that Miss Croker concerned was a daughter of Richard Croker, the former Tammany chief, and Breen a riding academy groom. He and "Breen" and "justice" added, at the request of Breen.

Miss Croker or Mrs. Breen is booked to sail for Europe tomorrow. Her family declines to discuss the justice's statement.

New Leg Every Three Years.

If you were offered \$5 or a new leg every three years, provided you had to wear an artificial leg, which would you choose? Professor Franz H. Kirmayer, one of the teachers in the Bridgewater Normal School, proposes to have a new leg instead of cash. He is a veteran of the Civil War, and the United States Government gives him the choice of either having a new leg or \$5 in cash.

In addition to this the Government gives him the right to secure his leg anywhere he wants to, and the Government pays all his expenses in getting his leg, soap and meals to and from the place he selects. If he wanted to go to Manila to secure a new leg he would have the opportunity to do so.

Professor Kirmayer has recently returned from Minneapolis, where he had a new leg fitted, and he is delighted with it. It is the best leg he has ever had, he declares, or better than any since he lost his real leg down in Georgia in Sherman's march to the sea.

Beautiful Mary Anderson.

"When I arrived in New York," Mme. Helena Modjeska writes in her memoirs, "Mary Anderson was playing in her repertoire at the Fifth Avenue, where I was to follow. I saw her as Parthenia in 'Ingomar' and in 'Pazzo,' and was amazed to see such tragic power in so young a person. Her beauty also struck me as being unusual, because it was not only beauty of face, but the harmonious per-

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