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GOVERNOR CASTS NOOSE FROM STATE

West to Hang None in His Regime.

HASSING'S LIFE IS SPARED

Executive Commutes Sentence of Portland Wife-Slayer.

POLICY IS ANNOUNCED

Official Before Departing for East Stays Hangman and Makes Statement as to Intent, Calling Gallows Barbarous.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Cobwebs will line the floor of the execution chamber and dust will lie thick on the scaffold at the State Penitentiary before there is another legal execution in the State of Oregon.

As a parting move, just before leaving for the East and his trip on the Governor's special, Governor West today commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Jans M. William Hassing, and issued a formal statement to the effect that during his administration capital punishment will be eliminated in this State and that as a policy of the office all who are convicted of murder in the first degree will receive a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment at his hands.

Hassing was convicted of murder in the first degree for murdering his wife in Portland. In passing on the Hassing case, in the course of his proclamation the Governor says:

Hangman Deemed Barbarous.
"Whereas, it has been shown by numerous presentations from C. Moltke, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Denmark, and by P. C. Knox, Secretary of State, and otherwise, that the family history of the said Jans M. William Hassing shows that the majority of his immediate ancestors have been afflicted with insanity, thus raising the presumption of recurrent attacks of mental irresponsibility in the case of him, the said Jans M. William Hassing; and

"Whereas, capital punishment is, in my opinion, a relic of the barbarous and medieval ages of man and not in consonance or in keeping with the enlightened spirit of the civilization of this 20th century, and is not, in my opinion, as great a deterrent of crime as imprisonment for life;

"Now, therefore, I, Oswald West, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby commute the sentence of the said Jans M. William Hassing to that of imprisonment in the Oregon State Penitentiary for the term of his natural life."

Pardon Not to Be Sought.
As in the case of Jesse Webb, Hassing was required to sign a statement that he would not ask for a pardon in his term in prison and that he would not ask for executive clemency or favor in any form and that he would not ask his friends to intercede in his behalf. His sister also signed the statement.

Governor West has been considering the policy of abolishing capital punishment during the remainder of his administration since he first entered the office. He made a recommendation that this form of punishment be eliminated in his message to the last Legislature. His friends say that it was because he was opposed to capital punishment more than the reasons given at the time that prompted him to dispose of the case of Jesse Webb as he did, and it has been talked about the Capitol and the city for some time that there would be no more hangings at the State Penitentiary as long as Oswald West was Governor of Oregon.

Hangman Stayed for Term.

In his formal statement today the Governor says:

"There will be no hanging in Oregon while I am Governor of the state. The old rule that bloodshed must be expiated by the shedding of blood is, in my opinion, a relic of barbarism and not in consonance or in keeping with the civilization or the spirit of the 20th century. It is an antiquated and unscientific remainder from the dark ages.

"I contend that the spirit and the civilization of this age call for the repeal of capital statutes as the punishment for first degree murder. I believe that imprisonment for life should be the penalty paid for shedding human blood.

Fight on Noose His Aim.

"I recommended abolition of capital punishment to the last Legislature. I will again make the same recommendation in 1913, unless the law has been previously amended at the general election of 1912.

"I will, and do advocate the repeal of the capital statute and the limitation of the pardoning power of the Governor in relation to life sentences for first degree murder. I hope to see this reform accomplished before the expiration of my term of office and the present barbaric law wiped from the statute books of this state."

For some time representatives of the

TURKS RALLY AND HEM IN TRIPOLI

TABLES TURNED ON ITALIANS, NOW BESIEGED.

Ottoman Troops, Daring All for Islam, Atone in Confidence for Inferiority of Numbers.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—That the town of Tripoli is virtually besieged by Turks and that Home is in no better situation is the opinion of the correspondent of the Temps, who has succeeded in joining the Ottoman forces near Zouaher. He telegraphs regarding the Turkish side of the war, under date of November 12, and says:

"It is certain that after a month and a half of war, after large expenditures and serious losses, the Italians are no farther advanced than on the day following their disembarkation. If the Turkish forces are inferior in numbers to the Italians, they make up in confidence, I expected to find disorder and discouragement. On the contrary, everywhere I met order, discipline and contentment.

"Patient and ready for everything, the Turk is accepting all without complaint. If he suffers he knows it is for the empire of Islam, while the Arab knows that if he dies, Paradise and Mohammed will be his."

The correspondent is unable to divulge the number or plans of the Turks, merely saying that their military attacks must await observation.

TUBER SACK'S HEFT ISSUE

Tazewell to Decide if 100 Pounds Is Proper Weight.

Whether a "sack of potatoes" means 100 pounds, or just whatever amount the vendor sees fit to put in the container, is a question which Judge Tazewell will decide Saturday and which is being closely followed by housewives on the one hand and pretending farmer-peddlers on the other. The question is the issue in the trial of Paul Smith, yesterday, the hearing being attended by a score or more of men in the same line of business.

City Sealer Buchtel, who caused the arrest, asserts that Smith bought full sacks of potatoes and willfully "cut" them, passing the result on housewives with the inference that the sacks contained the usual 100 pounds. The official asserts that there has been a general practice of this sort, costing buyers of the tubers large sums of money. In the case at issue, it was charged that Smith sold six sacks to C. D. Lasenby, containing as low as 80 pounds each.

Representatives of the Grocers' Association testified that the association had officially designated 100 pounds as the measure of a sack of potatoes. The court took the case under advisement.

PLUMES HELD NECESSARY

Plea Is Made That Adornment Is Essential to Life.

Willow plumes are a necessity of life under the Oregon statute, according to the pleadings in a suit filed yesterday in Justice Court, where an outfitting firm seeks to recover \$21.50 due from one of those adornments. The defendant is Miss Dorothy Stovall, who lives at 254 1/2 Morrison street.

It was necessary to set forth this contention to place the suit beyond the operation of the exemption from judgment allowed by law. If the view is sustained by the court, any judgment that may be allowed will extend to the entire property of the defendant.

Miss Stovall appears to have acquiesced in the view that the plume was a necessity, for she bought it from an outfitting company at an agreed price of \$21.50 when she had only \$11 that she could invest. A stipulation was made in writing that the remaining \$10.50 should be paid in weekly installments of \$1, but according to the plaintiff of the company, no payments have been made since the first one.

WOMAN TRANSLATOR WINS

Name Attached to "Improper" Stories; Verdict of \$10,000 Given.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today awarded a verdict for \$10,000, the full amount sued for, to Mrs. Florence Crews Jones, against James L. Perkins, a publisher.

Mrs. Jones, an author and translator, alleges that the publisher had used her name without authority as the translator of a book of short stories by Guy De Maupassant, in which eight "improper" stories were inserted without her knowledge and consent.

The plaintiff based her complaint on the "personal privilege law," passed to protect an individual against the use of his name for profit by another.

PRELATE EXTOLS OREGON

Bishop Scadding Addresses 500 Churchmen at Philadelphia Feast.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—At a laymen's dinner here tonight Bishop Scadding addressed 500 representative churchmen on "Oregon, Its Present and Future." He told of the growth of the state, its wonderful climate, resources, opportunities and problems the church is trying to solve along lines of social service, schools and hospitals. The prelate described attractions that are drawing homeseekers West and said Oregon is a strategic missionary field for church-making.

Bishop Scadding expects to return to Portland December 8.

JOHN D. DENIES HE CALLED IN LOANS

Merritts Had Option to Buy Back Stock.

OLD DISCLAIMER PRODUCED

Whole Family in 1897 Exonerated Oil Man.

ISSUES TRIED IN LAWSUIT

Brother and Nephew, Says Statement From 26 Broadway, Took Advantage of Offer and Later Sold Out to Trust.

MERRITT SAYS ROCKEFELLER WILL NOT DENY CERTAIN FACTS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Leonidas Merritt answered John D. Rockefeller tonight. He declared that the paper mentioned by Rockefeller was voluntarily presented to the House steel committee by the Merritt brothers, and that Rockefeller would not deny that Merritt took \$700,000 worth of securities to New York and several months afterward left there penniless.

Mr. Merritt assured Mr. Rockefeller that he would not have any attorney insult or grill Rockefeller if Rockefeller appeared before the committee.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, in a statement given out tonight, replies to the charges made by the Merritt Brothers before the Stanley Steel Trust investigating committee regarding the methods used by Mr. Rockefeller in obtaining control of the Missabe iron mines and the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railroad, pointing out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1895 in litigation over the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines.

He submits the text of a paper dated January 22, 1897, to which are attached the names of Alfred and Leonidas Merritt and "all the other members of the family," declaring themselves satisfied that neither Mr. Rockefeller nor his agents committed fraud or made misrepresentations in the matter in question.

Calling of Loans Denied.

Mr. Rockefeller then sets forth what he says are the "facts in regard to the loans" to which the Merritts testified, and denies that the loans in question were "ever called by him."

The statement which was issued tonight from No. 26 Broadway, follows: "In the matter of the evidence of the Merritt brothers before the Stanley committee in Washington, D. C., reflecting upon Mr. John D. Rockefeller in connection with some ore and railroad properties on the Missabe range, Mr.

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TONS OF FISH CONDEMNED

Food Inspector at Seattle Declares 352,000 Pounds Unfit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Three hundred and fifty-two thousand pounds of frozen halibut, held here in cold storage warehouses, was seized by State Food Commissioner L. Davies today. Mr. Davies declared that the fish is unfit for food.

BEATTIE DOOMED TO DIE AT DAWN

Good-bye to Old Father Said in Sobs.

CONDEMNED MAN COLLAPSES

Parent's Fortitude Quickly Restores Prisoner's Poise.

CONFESSION IS NOT MADE

On Eve of Execution for Murder of Wife, Young Virginian's Lips Are Sealed—Last Hours Passed in Prayer.

BEATTIE IS INNOCENT, SAYS BEULAH BINFORD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Beulah Binford, the girl for whom Henry Clay Beattie is said to have killed his young wife, is living with the family of leader Bernattels in the Bronx. "Beattie is innocent," she said today. "If he is electrocuted everyone concerned in his execution will be a murderer."

She said she had not heard from Beattie since his trial. "If I had been called as a witness at the trial Henry would be a free man today instead of being condemned to die in the death chair tomorrow," she said.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 23.—Taking a pathetic leave of his immediate family, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., made ready tonight to take the final plunge into the unknown. Before the sun is an hour high tomorrow he will have paid the penalty demanded by the law for the murder of his young wife last July.

There is nothing to indicate that Governor Mann will act to stay the hand of justice. For a few brief moments today Beattie broke down. This was when he took leave of his father and brother, Douglas. When the parting came the son laid his head on his father's breast and sobbed convulsively. One arm was flung across the father's shoulders, the other hand gripped that of his brother.

Beattie Recovers Quickly.
But he recovered quickly. The fortitude of the elder Beattie had more to do with recovery than the soothing affections of Rev. Benjamin Dennis, who has labored with the doomed prisoner.

With Spartan self-control the father kept his emotions in check, although the tears raced down his cheeks and his lips twitched pathetically. No words were spoken, but the young wife murderer must have felt the stern repression of his parent, for his sobs were strangled and he straightened up. "Goodbye," he said, and turned away. Neither father nor brother trusted (Concluded on Page 5.)

PLAIN FROCKS ARE GRADUATES' CHOICE

SPOKANE COMMENCEMENT TO BE WITHOUT DISPLAY.

Dresses to Cost Not More Than \$10 Voted by High School Girls.

SPokane, Wash., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Simple white Summer dresses, costing not to exceed \$10 each and innocent of any hint of the latest Paris fashions, will be worn by the girls of the senior A class at the Lewis and Clark High School at the January commencement.

The girls held a busy session Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium of the school, when the style of the graduation dress was decided. Miss Florence M. Hall represented the faculty. The question of wearing ornaments in the hair called for prolonged discussion. Finally one brown-eyed maiden arose and offered a compromise that they be permitted to wear black bands around their hair and that all showy trinkets be tabooed. The compromise was adopted unanimously.

Some of the girls wanted to wear white slippers with their white dresses, but it was thought more sensible to wear black pumps and black stockings, and so it was decided. A little bouquet of violets may be worn at the waist. The girls will not wear gloves and if was decided to wear the hair every-day school fashion.

Miss Ruth Allenburg was chosen to have charge of arranging for the violets on the evening of graduation.

OLCOTT IS NOW GOVERNOR

Secretary of State Acting in West's Eastern Absence.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—When Governor West crossed the state line at 7:30 o'clock tonight, on his way East to join the Governor's special at St. Paul, Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State, became Acting-Governor of Oregon and will act in that capacity until the return of the Governor, December 20.

The Governor said that there were several matters relative to the affairs of Oregon which he will take up while in Washington, D. C. In addition to the question of J. E. Morrison and the Deschutes Land Company matter, which he plans to take before the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Interior.

He also will take up the question of additional funds for the Umatilla project, his plan of trading scattered school sections for one centralized reserve and also the question of the appointment of a Federal agent to act as a like agent from the state to determine what swamp lands belong to the state.

The Governor is scheduled to speak at several places along the route and to attend a number of banquets for the purpose of responding to toasts, including one which will be given in his honor by the Syracuse Commercial Club, of Syracuse, N. Y. This city is off the line of the route of the Governor's special.

COLLEGE STUDENTS STEAL

\$80 in Valuables Taken in Week in Gym at Washington "U."

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—"Valuables worth \$80 have been stolen from students' clothes in the university gymnasium in one week and no one but college men could have taken them," said Dr. D. C. Hall, physical director, tonight when E. Bryant, sophomore football man, reported the loss of a \$25 watch and a gold medal fob.

"This is a disgrace to college men, as a class," continued Director Hall. "The gym is used by university students only and things have come to a pretty pass when students cannot safely leave their lockers open. The thieves certainly will be prosecuted if discovered."

OREGON SAILING NORTH

Battleship's Officers Guests at Ventura Farewell Reception.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 23.—In a setting strikingly Neapolitan, the officers of the old battleship Oregon were honored with a public reception by the Chamber of Commerce today. The festivities were held on the long stretch of ocean beach.

As the officers assembled on the beach a bonfire on top of Rincon Mountain, miles across the bay, was lighted and sent skyward a volume of flame and smoke that was wonderfully realistic of the true Vesuvius.

The Oregon will depart Saturday for San Francisco. A stay of about an hour will be made Sunday, and she will proceed north for Bremerton.

RICH BABE SEEKS HOME

Heir to \$200,000,000 Is Delicate and Would Live in Sunshine.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—To find a healthy spot in which to build a home for their \$200,000,000 baby, heir to the combined wealth of John R. McLean, owner of the Washington Post, and the late John R. Walsh, of Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLean arrived today in their private car and left soon afterward for San Diego. The important baby is delicate and the parents hope that somewhere on the sunny slopes of California a place may be arranged suitable for the tiny heir.

FIRE HOSE QUELLS I. W. W. DISTURBERS

Mob Waves Red Flag in Aberdeen Streets.

NEAR RIOT FOLLOWS ARRESTS

Water Volley Disperses Crowd Charging on Jail.

TROOPS MAY BE BROUGHT

500 Citizens Swarm In to Send Incoming Industrial Workers on Their Way, but Martial Law May Be Declared.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 23.—Industrial Workers of the World, who have been holding street meetings here, almost precipitated a riot tonight. Had it not been for the effective influence of water poured on the mob by the fire department, it is believed that Governor Hay would have been called on to send troops to handle the situation.

The trouble grew out of the refusal of the Council to grant the free use of the down-town streets and the refusal of the Industrial Workers to speak on the streets assigned to them. Five arrests had been made in the last 24 hours, but tonight a red flag was carried and red tags were sold to those who favored so-called free speech.

Mob Rushes Jail.
A mob finally rushed to the jail, where some of their number were imprisoned.

Jeering and yelling threats, an attack on the jail by the excited throng seemed certain, when those in the front of the line were suddenly met with a stream of water from a fire hose, manned by the city fire department.

In less than a minute the mob, drenched and shivering, the fight all taken out of it by the sudden cold shower, was on the run and the authorities had the situation in hand temporarily.

Many citizens in cafes and stores, who had rushed out to see what was going on were soaked as badly as the I. W. W. disturbers. This effective defense was directed by Mayor J. W. Parks and the City Council, who were meeting at the time.

500 Citizens Sworn In.

The trouble is not over, however, by any means. Though the fire hose had a salutary effect, the city is filled with I. W. W. men tonight, all surly and looking for trouble. So serious is the outlook that 500 citizens have been sworn in as special policemen to preserve order tomorrow.

Every train into the city from now on will be met by a force of citizen-officers and incoming Industrial Workers who have been sent here from other cities will be promptly corralled and hustled out of the city. Preparations have been made to handle as many men as the I. W. W. can possibly send here.

Mayor Parks has taken personal charge of the situation, together with Chief of Police Templeman and leading citizens, and they are determined to keep peace and order. Women and children will not be allowed on the streets after 8 o'clock at night and if necessary Governor M. E. Hay will be called on to furnish troops.

Martial Law Possibility.

The city will even be put under martial law if it is necessary. Hoquiam, which adjoins Aberdeen, sent word tonight through Mayor Ferguson and Chief of Police Weyerich that it will co-operate with Aberdeen to keep the Industrial Workers out of the Grays Harbor country.

The riot tonight began when one street speaker stepped inside the prohibited limit in G street and defied arrest. He was not arrested. Then the mob was organized and marched toward the City Hall to take from the cells men imprisoned yesterday for violating the street-speaking ordinance, awaiting trial. The Council was in session in rooms above the jail at the time and when the members were notified by telephone of the coming of the mob, Mayor Parks immediately called police and firemen into action.

A speaker had just mounted a soap-box, when his arrest was ordered. Then Chief Tamblin, of the fire department, ordered out his men and the hose was turned on, burying the orators under water. They were driven from one street to another and finally gave up the battle. Crowds thronged the streets and aided the firemen and police.

Socialists Not Behind Acts.

The Industrial Workers do not have the backing of the Socialists, according to Max Korn, the Socialist leader here and candidate for Mayor last Spring. He says Socialists are satisfied with the speaking limits set by the Council, which were made after conference with the Socialists, in accordance with the needs of traffic. But the Industrial Workers have never been satisfied.

Two months ago Mayor Parks received a telegram from their headquarters in Chicago, saying they intended to force a repeal of the street speaking law here, or "make grass grow in the tiny heir."

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