

CRIME CONFESSED TO GIVE WIFE AID

Man, Foiled in Attempted Hold-Up at Sellwood, Under Life Sentence.

WOMAN TO RETURN HOME

Before Admitting Having Escaped From Penitentiary in Oklahoma, Request Is Made That Money Be Given Mate.

To get money for his wife to go to the home of her parents in Missouri and away from the trouble which he caused her, Arthur J. Taylor, who attempted to holdup Anton Buchegar in Sellwood, confessed last night to Police Captain Bailey that he had been convicted of the murder of David Conway, a farmer of Muskogee, Okla., and had broken jail from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in February, 1911.

Barely a month a husband, Taylor, who had confessed his record to his wife shortly after the marriage and carried two guns of large caliber with which to resist arrest, decided after a night in the City Jail that the best thing for his wife would be his return to prison, where he will pass the remainder of his life. His wife's parents live in Dresden, Mo. She said she would try to live down the memory of a tempestuous month with him, while he was traveling to evade arrest.

Provision Made for Wife. Taylor last night thumped on the floor of the upstairs cells of the City Jail until Jailer Webster took him to Captain Bailey. Taylor asked if the reward money would be given to his wife he would confess and when Captain Bailey told him that this would be done, he told his story.

According to Taylor, when David Conway was killed near Muskogee early in 1908, a posse of 500 persons scoured the country in search of Carl Busby, John Chickahaw, another man whose name he does not remember, and himself, who were sought for the crime. While the posse was after him a farmer held him up at the point of a shotgun, commanding him to hold up his hands. Taylor says he attacked the farmer, wrested the gun from him and put him to flight.

After his capture, he says he was "railroaded" with the three others, being sentenced to life in the penitentiary in November, 1908. In a general jailbreak from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in February, 1911, Taylor says he escaped and fled to Canada.

Christmas Gift Given. It was while Taylor was dodging arrest in Vancouver, B. C., that he met and married Martha Howe, a young girl from London, England. He did not tell her of his past, he says, until she told him that she loved him and he knew she would not marry him if he told her what he had done.

chants of Albany, are registered at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Applin of Fort Stevens, are at the Portland. A. A. Harrison, a merchant of La Center, is at the Cornelius. F. X. Moyer, of Wahkiakus, Wash., a merchant, is at the Cornelius. G. B. Malloy, a merchant of Scappoose, and Mrs. Malloy are at the Oregon. W. C. Miller, R. W. Hollis and E. R. Stockwell, of Corvallis, are at the Portland. H. S. Horton is registered at the Portland, from Clear Lake, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson and M. L. Thompson, of Cascade Locks, are at the Imperial. The Thompson brothers are in the lumber business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—John Shetlerly, of Portland, is registered at the Majestic. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—W. B. Gaylord, of Milwaukee, a member of the Wisconsin State Senate, accompanied by his wife, arrived here tonight from Los Angeles for a visit with Professor W. C. Brown, of Vancouver High School. Gaylord is a Socialist and participated in the campaign recently ended in Los Angeles.

CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BARE

MARIE, 5-YEAR-OLD INVALID, LEARNS CHUM IS DYING.

Little Sufferer at Good Samaritan Says Day Can't Be Merry Without Her "Freddie."

There's one tiny maid in Portland for whom the joy and festivity of Christmas is a hollow sham. For over a year she has been an inmate of the children's ward at the Samaritan Hospital and yesterday morning she learned that her 5-year old friend, Freddie Herrman, whose cot adjoins her own, was dying.

It was just a chance word dropped between doctor and silent-footed nurse, but it was sufficient for the child. So, when a little later in the day a cheery visitor said "Merry Christmas," to the child, she looked up stunned. "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! When Freddie is going to Jesus. Why, there ain't no such thing as a merry Christmas if Freddie ain't a-going to be here," the wee lassie sobbed.

Freddie Herrman came to the hospital from Vancouver, Wash. For many years he has been suffering from spinal trouble. It was in April last that little Marie Wagner became a patient, her suffering being occasioned by a deformed hand and limb. But from the moment the girl, who is the same age as her boy chum, was brought into the big, light ward, the two were inseparable.

Soon Marie would be willing to contract her nurse, whom up to that time she had believed had all the knowledge of the world and it would be: "But, nurse, Freddie says so-and-so." And on his part Freddie was just as reliant on his sweetheart, as the nurses dubbed the girl, and would have no hesitation in quoting her to the complete and utmost discomfiture of the whole medical staff, from the children's surgeon down to the youngest interne. What Marie said was so with Freddie. What Freddie said was law to Marie.

Just a day or so ago, the physician discovered that the child, which had drawn Freddie into its grip. Every effort was made to keep the knowledge from the children, but it was with the precocious nature of the child that Marie learned the truth. Even the glory of the Christmas tree being decorated for today could not allay the pangs and all day the lights were shut off and the children tucked in for the night.

Contractor Lynds Dies.

Elmer A. Lynds, for many years a prominent building contractor in this city, died last Saturday at his home at East Ninth and East Ash streets. Mr. Lynds was born in Michigan 47 years ago and came to Oregon 23 years ago. For a time he worked at Eugene and Salem as an architect's draftsman, but located in Portland in 1891 as a building contractor. He built many of Portland's finest houses and many large buildings, including the Elks' Temple, the Scottish Rite Cathedral and several of the buildings for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He is survived by his widow and five daughters. He was an Oddfellow, an Elk, a 25d degree Mason, and a member of Harmony Lodge, under whose auspices he will be buried tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Theodore Clark Dies at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Theodore Clark, a resident of Oregon for 45 years, died at his home in this city tonight of heart disease at the age of 63. His death was unexpected, as he was apparently in good health. He is survived by a widow and one son, who lives at Sellwood. When Captain Slover was given a

MOYER'S GREAT SALE

Commencing Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock the five big Moyer stores begin a mammoth sale in which every single article (a few contract goods alone excepted) is greatly reduced in price. As an example of the splendid reductions from the usual prices, our famous Moyer \$15 Suits that other stores usually sell at \$20, will go for \$10.50 while this sale is in progress. The items listed below are but a few of the many bargains we offer. Money saved is money earned—the savings here are apparent. We invite you to visit any or all of the Moyer Stores and make a double saving—a saving in quality and a saving in price.

Table with 4 columns: Men's Suits, Men's Trousers, Boys' Suits, Men's Underwear. Lists various items and prices, such as \$10.00 Men's Suits now \$7.85, \$3.00 Men's Trousers now \$2.25, \$2.50 Knicker Suits now \$1.95, etc.

MOYER FIVE STORES. First and Morrison, Second and Morrison, Third and Oak, 87 and 89 Third St.

KELLER EYES JOB With Bailey Gone, Problem Said to Be Solved.

2 VACANCIES WILL EXIST In Case Police Officer Under Fire Is Removed One of Three Eligibles May Be Persuaded to Give Place—Riley to Get Other.

Disposition has already been made. In prospect of the official shoes of Police Captain Bailey, now under actual contract before the grand jury, are reports circulating in police circles. Out of the present situation, it is said, is expected to come a solution of the tangle which has existed for months with regard to filling the place left vacant by the elevation of Captain Slover to the rank of Acting Chief.

HIGHWAYMAN CAPTURED SATURDAY NIGHT BY INTENDED VICTIM, AND HIS BRIDE OF A MONTH.



leave of absence to take the rank of Acting Chief, last Summer, an examination to fill up the eligible list for the captaincy was called and Keller ranked eighth in the list. Those certified as eligible were Sergeant Riley and Patrolmen Circle and Irons. The charter providing that the vacancy must be filled from among the three highest on the list.

Then it was discovered that there was no vacancy, that Slover was still a captain. It was argued on the other hand that even the temporary vacancy must be filled from the eligible list, but Keller held on. There have been frequent rumors that pressure has been brought to bear on those above Keller in the list, to resign their claims so that he might rise to within the list of the successful three. Some of those who took the examination have done so. It is said, but the three at the top have held onto their claims and Keller has continued as acting captain.

WEST TALKS IN PULPIT

GOVERNOR, PREACHING, SAYS LIQUOR CAUSES CRIME.

Prisoners, Paroled, Fail to Make Good Because of "Hounding," He Says—Women's Vote Indorsed.

Saloons, woman suffrage and the prison policy each had a place in Governor West's sermon at the East Side Baptist Church yesterday morning. Governor West commented on the commercial advantages of the state and then said "It is time for us to pay more attention to those things which make for the welfare of the people of the state." He said statistics show that 80 per cent of those confined in the Salem Penitentiary are there as the result of the use of intoxicating liquors, and continued: "While I am not a prohibitionist, I am in favor of doing everything that can be done to avoid letting men get so far under the influence of liquor as to be led into crime. Because men become criminals under such circumstances, we should do all we can to reform them. The trouble is the newspapers are hounding some of those on parole."

Victim Offers Reward.

A reward of \$25 has been offered by Jean Schiffer, 222 Lincoln street, for the capture of the man who robbed his cigar store at the corner of Stark and Park streets, opposite the University Club, late Saturday night. The

robbers did a particularly thorough job at the store. They made off with his entire stock of cigars and broke the showcases. The theft was discovered yesterday morning by Patrolman Litherland.

Soccer Game Still Unsettled.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)

James Wingate announced tonight that plans have been virtually completed for the Seattle Rangers to play the leading soccer team of Portland in Portland New Year's day. When Dow Walker, manager of the Multnomah eleven, was gone tonight, he said he could not figure out how such a game could be played, as the club's soccer

team played in the morning and the big game with the Seattle all-stars was on in the afternoon.

Carl Asquith, the younger son of the British Prime Minister, has been awarded the Hertford scholarship, a university prize for Latin, tenable for one year. It amounts to \$110. This scholarship is regarded as the blue ribbon of the classical school at Oxford.



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PERSONAL MENTION. J. H. Middlebrook, of Seattle, is at the Oregon. A. A. Hill, of Big Eddy, is at the Perkins. J. G. McAllister, of Baker, is at the Imperial. H. E. Ringwald, of Big Eddy, is at the Oregon. F. S. Schmidt, of Salem, is registered at the Bowers. J. C. Reynolds, of Mount Vernon, Or., is at the Perkins. C. F. Coe is at the Imperial, registered from Eugene. Carl Cooley is registered at the Oregon from Pendleton. R. W. Naves, of Hoquiam, is registered at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. A. Bush, Jr., of Salem, are at the Portland. H. D. Gray, an orchardist of Pendleton, is at the Imperial. C. A. Bonebrake is registered at the Perkins from McMinnville. J. L. Shann, a merchant of Oregon City, is at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson, of Ashland, are at the Bowers. E. C. Wyman, of Florence, a merchant, is at the Cornelius. Mrs. William Hanley, of Burns, is registered at the Portland. F. S. Osterholtz, a mining man from Tacoma, is at the Carlton. T. F. James, of Spokane, a merchant, was at the Carlton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wurmley, of Tacoma, are at the Imperial. H. J. Fiesel and J. J. Page, mer-