

ROBBERS TORTURE AND KILL COUPLE

Aged California Banker and His Wife Bound, Beaten and Finally Strangled.

CLEW INDICATES 3 MEN

Crime Committed in Hope of Finding Money in House, Believed to Have Yielded Little—Finger Prints are Recorded.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 12.—Three men, whose mysterious actions during the last three nights attracted the attention of a neighbor of the slain couple, were sought tonight by Oakland police as the possible perpetrators of the murder of Jacob Vogel, an aged banker, and his wife, Elsie, in their fruitvale home last night. The couple were tortured before being killed.

Servant Finds House in Disorder.

The authorities said tonight that they had full confidence in the story of Rosalie Blat, the Vogel's servant, who said she had spent the evening at a dance in San Francisco, returning at 2 A. M. today, when she found the house in disorder and fled to the home of her former employer, P. E. Grosse, where she remained until after daylight today.

Crime Yields Little Money.

Those familiar with Mr. Vogel's methods said today that he used bank checks in payment of all bills and credited the theory that much of value was kept in the house, and the police believe that the murderers received for their crime little more than the watch which was missing from the dead man's pocket.

KERN GOES WITH BRYAN

(Continued From First Page.) was not running, or it was too late, at all events because of a conclusive reason.

Mr. Lafferty Not In.

Representative Hawley was found working over a box of papers as if he were being paid by the place. Representative Sinnott, from Eastern Oregon, was also on the job when the web-footer called.

Oratorical Samson Bald.

The few who remained in the Senate chamber, with the exception of Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, his feet, and the old man's work for that day was done.

State Dining-room Viewed.

The Oregonian was fortunate in his visit at the White House to be thrown with a party that had a special permit which admitted them in the company of an officer of the household to all of the lower floor. In the state dining-room, where the President and family take luncheon and dinner, the table was set for the noon meal.

Notable Gifts Displayed.

The red room, which immediately adjoins the dining-room, is where the President's family and their friends gather just before meal time. Here there are vases, presented to President Pierce by the French government, and a cabinet of mahogany and gold containing seven exquisitely dressed dolls, which the Japanese Minister presented to Mrs. Roosevelt.

receptions. On the mantel of this room is a clock of gold, which was presented by Napoleon I to Lafayette and by him to Washington. In the green room in front of the white marble mantel is a screen of old Gobelin tapestry in a golden frame, surmounted by an eagle, which was presented to Mrs. Grant by the Emperor of Austria. Among a number of other gifts of royalty is a lacquer cabinet which was given to Commodore Perry by the Japanese in 1853, when American ships first entered ports of Japan.

The east room, which is farthest from the dining room, is the largest of them. This is the state parlor, which is used at receptions. The public are allowed to visit this room between the hours of 10 and 2.

Congressional Society Abuse.

The postoffice building, where the business of 65,000 postoffices is directed; the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where all the stamps and paper money are made; the Washington Monument, 555 feet in height; the Corcoran Art Gallery; the Pan-American building; the building of the Daughters of the Revolution; the Ford Theater, where President Lincoln was shot; and a number of other points of interest were visited.

Spread of War Feared

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE WARNS AGAINST PEACE DELAY.

Authorization of President to Call Conference of Neutrals to Aid in Ending Strife is Urged.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—"The rest of the world at peace waits on this government," Senator La Follette told the Senate today, speaking on his resolution to authorize the President to call a conference of all neutral nations to co-operate in restoring peace in Europe.

"Neutral rights demand a clearer definition. Delay is filled with menace," he said. "Who can say at what moment the dark curtain that veils so much of the struggle may be swept aside by uncontrolled forces that will fasten upon the peaceful nations and draw the whole world into the vortex of war?"

"Great Britain assumes the right to fly our flag in self-protection. We are warned that Germany may not be able to determine whether our flag designates a neutral or an enemy. England from day to day enlarges her list of contraband and imposes conditions and exacts which will not only paralyze 'war zones' to blockade English ports."

"There are two or three propositions which the highest authorities agree are fundamental to permanent peace. The first, perhaps, is the limitation of armaments and the nationalization of the manufacture of all equipment and supplies used exclusively for military and naval purposes. Another is the prohibition of the exportation of arms and munitions."

The Secretary of Commerce reports that in the month of November, 1914, American manufacturers shipped to England cartridges valued at \$1,231,235—amounting to 50,000,000 rounds. It is estimated that one soldier is killed or wounded for every thousand rounds fired in battle. Hence, in one month we shipped to England enough cartridges to kill or wound 50,000 human beings."

APPROPRIATION IS LOST

PROVISION FOR UNDESIGNATED IRRIGATION PROJECT REFUSED.

Mr. Sinnott's Effort in Behalf of Oregon Nullified by Secretary's Failure to Make Choice.

ORIGINATION NEWS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Sinnott today offered an amendment to the sundry civil bill making an appropriation of \$100,000 for an irrigation project in Central Oregon, to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, but on objection by Democratic members of the appropriations committee, the amendment was voted down.

NEW TARIFF DEMANDED

Michigan Republicans Indorse Protection and Greater Navy.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 12.—The Republican state convention met here today and adopted a platform calling for the "restoration" of a protective tariff law, stronger coast defenses and an increased Navy. Resolutions were adopted charging the Democratic tariff policy with the present cost of living and lack of employment.

ALBANY FIRE LOSS REACHES \$105,000

Two-Hour Blaze Wipes Out Stores, Libraries, Stocks and Rich Furniture.

CORVALLIS SENDS HELP

Uneven Battle Fought in Flames and Smoke, but Conflagration Is Checked Finally—One of City's Largest Buildings Caught.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A loss of \$105,500 was caused by a fire which completely gutted the Wallace block, containing the big Hamilton store, and damaged adjoining buildings and stocks of other stores in the heart of Albany's business district this afternoon. The damage is covered by \$60,700 insurance, most of the smaller losses of the fire being fully insured.

Although it burned for almost two hours before firemen gained control, the blaze was confined to the two-story brick building owned by Dr. J. P. Wallace, and a two-story brick adjoining it on the west, owned by Judge Percy R. Kelly. The Wallace block was entirely gutted and, except the brick walls, is a mass of debris. The Kelly building also suffered considerable damage.

Corvallis Sends Aid.

Smoke spread through the second floors of other structures and, with several buildings in danger, a request for aid was sent to Corvallis. Fifty members of the Corvallis department hurried to Albany in automobiles, bringing 500 feet of hose. They arrived in less than an hour from the time they were summoned, and while the fire was almost under control when they arrived, rendered valuable assistance in keeping it within limits and in subduing it ultimately. The fire started at 12:30 and was practically under control at 2:30, but was not entirely extinguished until 4 o'clock.

Losses are as follows: L. E. and H. J. Hamilton, stock of goods and store furnishings, \$75,000; insurance \$44,000; J. E. Wallace, stock of goods, \$20,000; insurance \$18,000; Percy R. Kelly, damage to building, \$20,000, covered by insurance; Dr. H. A. Leininger, office furniture, \$1500, insurance \$800; W. S. Risley, office furniture and damage to law library, \$400, covered by insurance; J. J. Whitney, office and library, \$300, covered.

Postoffice Hurriedly Moved.

As a result of the fire Albany's postoffice is doing business tonight in improvised quarters. Smoke filled the second floor of the building and to prevent damage from water and also possible destruction by fire, all of the movable equipment of the office was carried out.

Smoke Damages Stocks.

When the fire gained headway smoke spread throughout the second floors of adjoining structures and all of the goods stored in the Hamilton store, a confectionery and lunch parlor, conducted by Emil Doherty; the piano store of W. O. Nisley, real estate office of J. A. Howard, and the postoffice. Much of the goods in the two stores of M. Sternberg & Co., was also removed. This store had considerable goods damaged by smoke and water.

A feature of the Hamilton loss was the destruction of all of the magnificent furnishings of the storerooms, most of which was of mahogany.

The Wallace block was one of the oldest brick buildings in Albany. It was erected by J. H. Foster, prominent resident of the city in 1878, but had been improved and remodeled different times since then.

MEDAL GIVEN TO NEGRO

Physician Honored for Highest Achievement of His Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—At the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here tonight, Governor Whitman presented to Dr. Ernest Everett Just the first Spigarn medal, a prize worth \$100, given to the man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the preceding year in any field of elevated or honorable human endeavor. This medal is offered annually by Dr. J. E. Spigarn, of the board of directors of the National association.

Since 1912 Dr. Just has been professor and head of the department of physiology in the Howard University Medical School, at Washington, D. C. He is 31 years old and was born in Charleston, S. C. Since 1909 he has been doing research work in biology, physiology and zoology.

FIRE CRY STARTS PANIC

Deliberate Attempt Made to Burn Auditorium During Celebration.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 12.—What the police believe to be a deliberate attempt to set fire to the municipal auditorium during the progress of the Lincoln day celebration of the Illinois Society threw a throng of 2,500 men, women and children into a panic here today. Somebody shouted fire. There was a general rush for the doors, but excitement subsided quickly and most of the assemblage returned to complete the programme, after the police had arrested one man as an arson suspect.

A pile of smoking rags in a corner of the structure prompted the cry of fire. The auditorium was the scene of a disaster two years ago in which nearly a score of men and women attending a British "Empire day" celebration were killed.

Don't marry until you see "THE ESCAPE." Ad.

Saturday Sales for Boys and Girls

Appropriate Pictures for Valentine Gifts 25c to \$4.00 especially designed and decorated pictures, artistically mounted and framed. Sixth Floor

MAIL ORDERS FILLED BY EXPERT SHOPPERS
Sipman Wolfe & Co.
Merchandise of Merit Only
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Free Classes for Children in embroidery, knitting and crocheting. Every Saturday morning. —Fifth Floor.

Today—This Amazing Money-Saving Sale of **Girls' and Children's Dresses** Former Selling Prices Totally Disregarded

Wash Dresses In sizes 2 to 6 years. 98c Reg. \$1.50 to \$1.75 —Of striped gingham, tan crashes, plaid crepe and striped seersucker. Bloomer Dresses In sizes 2 to 6 years. 89c Regularly \$1.25 —Made of plain chambray, striped galatea, striped seersucker, high or low-neck style. Wool and Lingerie Dresses Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$2.95 Reg. \$5 to \$9 —In serges, challie and fine lingerie, in waisted and straight styles. Wool Serge Dresses Sizes 6 to 12 years. \$5.00 Reg. to \$10.95 —Navy and white serges, in Peter Thompson, Norfolk and long-waisted styles.	Wash Dresses Sizes 6 to 12 years. 50c Regularly 75c, 85c —Of checked and plaid ginghams with embroidery or white poplin collars. Long-waisted style, plain or plaited skirts. Odd Assortments of Dresses In sizes 6 to 14 years. 59c Reg. \$1 to \$1.50 —In a variety of styles, of striped percales and checked ginghams. Wash Dresses Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$1.29 Selling to \$2.00 —Made of tan linen, striped and plaid gingham, also Oliver Twist dresses. Wash Dresses Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$1.98 Selling to \$5.00 —Splendid dresses of gingham, crepe lingerie, poplins, in waisted and straight styles.
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Girls' Fine Wash Dresses
In sizes 6 to 12 years.
Reg. \$3.50 to \$6.75, at **\$2.95**
Reg. \$7 to \$14.00, at **\$5.00**
—Plaid crepes, pique, linen, poplin, lingerie and gingham, trimmed with hand embroidery, hemstitching and lace. Fourth Floor

New Spring Suits for Junior Girls
Are now on sale and display. In the most attractive and charming styles—of novelty black and white checks, gabardine and serge. In sizes from 15 to 17 years. —Fourth Floor

Two Great Sales of Boys' Suits

All-Wool Suits Sack and Norfolk Styles Sizes 11 to 18 years. Selling to \$10 \$4.95 —The best suit you can buy for \$4.95. Made in the best possible manner, of the best all-wool mixtures, herringbones, stripes, checks and diagonals, in single and double-breasted models. These are suits that will wear like iron.	Finest Wool Suits Navy serges and mixtures Sizes 6 to 17 years. Selling to \$13.50 \$7.95 —Including our finest all-wool suits in tweeds, fancy mixtures, homespun, checks, stripes and diagonals, strictly first-class in every particular, from material to linings and finish. In the most up-to-date models, in tan, brown, grays and blue. Fourth Floor
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We Shall Offer Saturday in 3 Special Lots
Every Pair of Children's, Misses' and Big Girls' School Shoes
Broken Lines of All the Season's Models at the Greatest Reductions of the Year

\$1.00 Pair Regular Price to \$1.50 —Children's button shoes, with hand-turned soles, patent leather vamps, red top button shoes, vici kid button shoes with patent tips, patent colt and dull top button shoes. —Sizes 5 to 8.	\$1.50 Pair Regular Prices to \$2.50 —Misses' tan calf shoes, patent colt shoes and dull calf button shoes, in broken lines and the following sizes only: 13, 13½, 1, 1½ and 2.	Half Price Regular Price \$3.00 Sale \$1.50 —In this half-price sale are large misses' tan calf button shoes, with welt soles, in sizes 2½ to 6, and in widths D and E only. Extra quality, good wearing shoes. Basement
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New Spring Tub School Dresses
For the hard-to-fit girls from 14 to 16 years old.
Special \$2.49
Regular price \$3.00
—Made of fine ginghams in dainty striped and checked patterns and plain blue percales. —Roman stripe collars and cuffs, also of embroidery, and others of plain contrasting materials. —One style is illustrated above. Fourth Floor

New Spring Middy Blouses
98c and \$1.25
In sizes 6 years to 40-inch bust measure. Fourth Floor

DRYS WIN IN IOWA

Prohibition and Repeal of Mule Law in Ascendancy.

SENATE VOTE IS DECISIVE

Effect, If Passage Is Completed, Will Be to Bar Liquor by Statute Pending Action of Voters on Amendment.

DES MOINES, Feb. 12.—Anti-saloon forces in the Iowa General Assembly in 1884 passed a prohibition law, which the mule law, now in force, superseded.

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THIRD-STREET

merchants will give to the person submitting a slogan the most appropriate for Third Streeters, a prize consisting of

\$25.00

in merchandise orders on any merchants on Third Street.

All suggestions for slogans must be in by 6 P. M. February 27. They may be left with any merchant

\$25 for a Slogan

on Third Street or the cross street not more than one block from Third Street. The name of the winner will be announced during the following week.

To help you in making your slogan, Third Street is: The broadest and best-lighted street in Portland. The most convenient shopping street in Portland and the most accessible.

Third Street has: Greatest variety of merchandise prices in Portland.



Shop on "The Great Light Way"

The mule law repeal was amended in the Senate to make it effective January 1, 1916. The original measure.

Portland's Largest Merchants

The Third Streeters