

INQUIRY FOLLOWS KILLING OF NEGRESS

Police Chief Clark Starts
Investigation of Alleged
Blunders in Case.

PRISONER ADMITS SLAYING

Trouble Between Colored Women
Results From Proposal to Ostracize Assailant From Society
(Known as "Building Club.")

Alleged police blunders in the investigation of the murder of Mrs. Milledge Hughes, colored, late Wednesday night, brought a year of indignation from Chief of Police Clark, yesterday, and the probe begun is said to be causing uneasiness in every department of the police bureau.

Why was not the detective bureau notified of the crime before 7:30 yesterday morning?

Why did Mrs. Nellie Williams, the woman wanted for the murder, traverse Portland streets without question, to the office of Chief Clark himself, yesterday noon, to give herself up, when 15 detectives were supposed to be on her trail and all regular officers had been notified to watch for her?

These are questions to which satisfactory answers were not forthcoming yesterday, and they explain why Chief Clark is inquiring into the efficiency of all parts of the police machine.

Exact Time Not Known.

Mrs. Hughes was fatally wounded at 404 Flanders street Wednesday night in an encounter with Mrs. Williams, less than three minutes after Patrolman Black had left the dispirited woman apparently reconciled. The exact time of the fatal blow is not known, reports say 10:15 P. M., but these were not made, according to Captain Clark, until 1:15 A. M. The woman was lying on the ground, and it was not until shortly before midnight that death occurred about 1:15 A. M.

That the detective bureau should be notified of every major crime as soon as possible after it is discovered is one of the police rules. Chief Clark yesterday said that the "harmless" woman who was wanted for the murder of Mrs. Hughes, was not a "harmless" woman, and wanted the credit of catching her.

Patrolman Black was scolded before other officers yesterday morning by Chief Clark for attempting to "hold court" himself in settlement of the quarrel which later ended so disastrously. Anna Field, colored, living at 10th and Flanders streets, told Police Sergeant Burke and Olesner and Patrolmen Johnson and Anderson, according to the officers' report, that she had seen Williams, who was from the rear door of the house where the crime took place, at the time of the supposed commission, and climb hastily over a back fence.

Slaver Makes Confession.

A witnessed confession in the Hughes murder was made to Deputy District Attorney Deich yesterday noon by Mrs. Williams, who is charged with murder in the second degree. She admitted fatally wounding the other woman as the culmination of a feud of long standing, but pleaded self-defense.

The trouble, she said, between the two women began with the proposed ostracism of Mrs. Williams from the "Ladies Oregon Social Club," an alliance of colored women colloquially known as the "Building Club." This ostracism was based on the fact that Mrs. Williams was accused of carrying tales about members to the police.

At the autopsy held by Coroner Dammach yesterday afternoon death was found to have resulted from the knife wounds received.

IDAHO CONSIDERS ROAD

MR. STRABORN, AT BOISE, TELLS OF
VALUE OF NEW LINE.

Proposed Winnemucca Line Is Not
Regarded as Feasible and More
Practical Way Suggested.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 2.—(Special).—Boise and Western Idaho are interested in the proposed railroad development of the interior of Oregon which the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway Company expects to carry on, according to Robert W. Straborn, of Portland, president of that company.

Mr. Straborn was in Boise yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Straborn.

The various railroads leading toward the interior of Oregon are opposed to plans or any policy that would necessitate the expenditure of funds for extension," said Mr. Straborn. "That is certain. They, therefore, are satisfied to rest with their present terminals."

"The construction would mean shortening of the distance from this territory to Portland by 150 miles and to San Francisco 700 miles over the present transportation facilities offered to that city. This, naturally, would be an advantage. It would also make a vast empire in the central portion of Oregon tributary to Portland, San Francisco and Boise, as well."

"I do not believe that the proposed route from here to Winnemucca, to perfect a connection there with the Western Pacific is feasible. I am familiar with the route, having been over it in former years. The cost of construction would not only be great, but the territory does not offer inducements for a railroad. There is little to draw in from here to Winnemucca in so far as large tonnage is concerned."

ROSS CHARGES ARE DENIED

Women's Club of Pacific County
Opposes Pardon of Prisoners.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special).—Resolutions recommending reflection on Pacific County officials by Mrs. Margaret M. Ross have been adopted by five women's clubs of South Bend and Raymond. Charges of unfairness and of having packed the investigating committee are denied.

Those signing the resolutions explain the circumstances in which Mrs. Ross' charges are based and they further declare they are opposed to the Governor asserting his pardon prerogative, believing that justice should prevail rather than unreasoning sympathy.

Streetcars Show Loss.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special).

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Scene From "The Master of the House" Starring
Julius Steger At The Pickford Until Sunday

National.

"GREATHER LOVE HATH NO MAN," with Emmet Corrigan in the lead, opened yesterday at the National Theater for a three days' run. It is the tale of a man who, as a baby, was left on the steps of an orphanage and later was adopted. When he was about 15 a son was born to his foster parents. The younger man, in a scuffle with his father, slays the old man, and Vargo, the foster son, goes to prison to save the mother additional sorrow at her son's crime. Vargo becomes a "trustee" and though he says nothing, no one believes he is guilty. The warden's daughter and the convict fall in love, and rather than let the girl know his affection he escapes after saving her life. After his escape he meets his sweetheart again and refuses her elopement plan. He goes back to the prison, only to receive word that his foster mother is dying. Great scenes, in which wrong is righted and joy restored, finish the production.

Columbia.

A PICTURESQUE romance runs through the stirring historical drama, "The Martyrs of Alamo," which opened yesterday at the Columbia to run until Sunday. The old story of the struggle between the Mexicans and the early Texans and the birth of the "Lone Star State" has been made into a strong film of historical interest. All the old characters who were instrumental in the making of Texas are represented in "The Martyrs of Alamo." Sam DeCade is silent. Smith, the greatest defender of Alamo, and when it fell he took the dangerous trip through the Mexican camps. By feigning defeat he eludes Santa Anna, the Governor of Mexico. After gleaming valuable bits of information from the Mexican silent Smith escapes with his pretty little sweetheart (Juanita Hanson). Scenes of dramatic and historical interest blended into a drama, which abounds in subtle characterizations.

Majestic.

ONE of the few times that Theda Bara, "vampire woman," discards her evil roles and becomes a real woman is in "The Galley Slave," this week at the Majestic. This time Theda Bara is a lovely Italian girl who elopes with a rascally young artist. Her wealthy father disowns her and when the baby is about three her husband is shown by the annual reports filed with the Public Service Commission.

City Publicity Is Topic

Plan Submitted to Chamber Bureau
by Mark Woodruff.

Plans for procuring publicity for Portland through the established channels of the Chamber of Commerce and Bureau of Publicity were considered at a meeting yesterday of the publicity and conventions bureau. Expenditures for the coming six months were considered.

J. C. Almsworth, W. J. Hoffmann, Phil Metcalf, Jr., Frank R. Riley, Mark Woodruff and Frank C. Riggs, directors of the bureau, met with George E. Hardy, secretary of the Chamber, and Bureau Secretary Woodruff submitted a plan of advertising Portland and its environs until next summer, at an approximate cost of \$15,000.

SCHOOL WILL OPEN STORE

Purchasing Bureau of Washington
High Chamber Gets Permission.

One of the fruits of the Chamber of Commerce organization of Washington High School is to be a book and stationery store, to be conducted by the purchasing bureau of this juvenile organization at the school. The school board yesterday granted a petition from the students asking the privilege of conducting the store. The store was presented by William Groat, head of the purchasing bureau of the school chamber, and his co-workers, Nolan Hammerstein, Florence Tennison, Irving McCoy and Paul Strong.

Pencils, pads and sundry student articles will be placed on sale first, and when the store is sufficiently organized textbooks will be handled.

HOTEL MEN TO ASSIST

Plans for Bringing Eastern Tourists
to Oregon Discussed.

To reach the Eastern tourists through the hotel men of the whole country and attract them to the Pacific Northwest by the wealth of scenery that is here for their delectation, was a plan roughly formulated by Julius L. Meier to executive heads of the Chamber of Commerce and hotel managers and clerks of the city.

Just how to get the Eastern tourists to plan their next summer's trip so that they will include Portland, and particularly the Columbia Highway, was announced as the object of the plans under consideration.

BIBLE TRAINING IN SCHOOLS IS URGED

On Motion of S. P. Lockwood
Matter Is Referred to Com-
mittee on Teachers.

MANUAL TRAINING IS ADDED

More Cooking Demonstrations Pro-
posed—Preventive Measure at
Oakley Green Building Sought.
Audited Claims \$43,531.

Headed by Rev. W. O. Shank, Rev. L. K. Richardson, Rev. T. W. Lane and Rev. J. J. Stank, the committee from the Portland Ministerial Association, a large deputation of men and women yesterday filled the room in which the School Board held its meeting to ask for the incorporation of Bible training in the Portland schools. The request for such educational training was put in the form of a resolution, read by Rev. W. O. Shank, chairman of the committee. The delegation's purpose was to continue the campaign started some months ago.

"There is no doubt that it is necessary that there should be some teaching of the moral law provided for in our educational system," said Rev. Mr. Shank. "As the child grows he should have a distinct understanding of the sociological problems that he is able to grasp. That is what the textbook we urge the use of contains: teachings of the moral law and instruction in sociological problems."

Each of the members of the committee from the Portland Ministerial Association urged the adoption of such a textbook and the adoption of the resolution that provides for the immediate incorporation of Bible study in the school system.

"We do not need to dilly-dally with the question for it is clearly understood by the teachers," said Rev. Mr. Shank. "We know that the question has been up before the members of the School Board at previous times, but we wish to urge the issue upon the School Board again, as it is a vital issue."

"We wish to offer no dogmatic teaching, but to instill beautiful truths from the old and new testaments," said Rev. Mr. Lane. "We know that the power of a Nation lies in the strength of its citizenship and that the Bible has the greatest effect on citizenship. Its study will strike the fiber of the moral character of life."

Upon the request of Principal Fletcher, of the James John High School, laboratory and science work in manual training were provided for in that school.

Miss Lillian Tingle presented a plan for giving domestic economy instruction in 21 additional schools in the district at little additional expense.

O. M. Plummer announced that something in the matter of clearing the land in the vicinity of the Oakley Green School should be done so that further terrorization of children and teachers by tramps would be avoided.

Sixteen outside pupils were admitted to the high school.

Audited claims aggregating \$43,531.50 were ordered paid.

EXPORTER IS TO BE GUEST

E. A. Filene, Boston, Is to Discuss
Problems Induced by War.

As an honored guest while in Portland, the Chamber of Commerce will greet Edward A. Filene, of Boston, a leading merchant of that city, on Wednesday, December 5, when at luncheon in his honor will be given at the Chamber. Mr. Filene will speak to the Chamber on his topic being "The Economic Effects of the War on American Business."

Mr. Filene, who is an importer and exporter, has made a deep study of his subject and his remarks, it is expected, will be well worth hearing and will give local business men considerable valuable information. He has been making similar addresses in the chief cities of the country on his trip to the Pacific Coast.

EX-COMMANDER ON VISIT

COLONEL M'GUNNIE IS IN PORT-
LAND ON WAY EAST.

Officer Who Was in Charge at Vancouver Barracks From 1908 to 1912 Renewing Acquaintances.

Colonel George K. McGunnie, who was in command at Vancouver Barracks from 1908 to 1912, and who is now commander in charge of the Government recruiting station at Angel Island, in San Francisco Bay, is in Portland on his way to Washington, D. C. The Colonel, who is on leave of absence, expects to visit his old home in Maryland while East.

Colonel McGunnie was in command of the First Infantry from 1904 to 1914, during the greater part of which time it was stationed at Vancouver. From Vancouver he was sent to Hawaii, where he was placed in command of the Schofield Barracks, which position he held for about two years.

Colonel McGunnie is now senior Colonel in the line and holds the distinction of having held a commission in the service the longest of any active officer in the Army. He received his commission more than 42 years ago from General Grant.

He held the position of Adjutant-General and Inspector-General of the Province of Santiago during the period of reconquest in Cuba following the Spanish-American War.

PATROLMAN GILL BURIED

Company of 70 Uniformed Attend
Rites of Late Companion.

With a company of 70 uniformed men from the first night relief, under Police Captain J. J. Stank, the funeral services of Patrolman James C. Gill, who was shot accidentally by his own pistol at the Finley last Tuesday, were held at the Finley undertaking parlors at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Ferry Joseph Green, of the New Theatricals, conducted the ceremonies, which were brief. Burial was in Rose City Cemetery. The patrolman marched in the funeral cortege behind the police band.

ATKINSON CHURCH ELECTS

Rev. T. S. Anderson, New Pastor, to
Be Here January 16.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of Atkinson Memorial Church, held last night, the following officers were elected: Treasurer, W. B. Bethune; deacon, A. Maurice Abbott; trustees, Emil Nees; deacons, Mrs. Emma La Follett; Sunday school superintendent, F. W. Beach; clerk, Dr. Eva S. Walker.

The Rev. Thomas S. Anderson, who will be Rev. Frank Gorman's successor as pastor, will arrive in Portland about the middle of January, and will occupy the pulpit for the first time on Sunday, January 16.

Harvest Festival On.

Tonight and tomorrow, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, a bazaar and harvest festival will be given for the benefit of the church. An orchestra will provide music. Booths will be arranged for the sale of fancy articles. Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 8 o'clock.

Hard-Times Party Tonight.

The United Artisans, Portland No. 2, will give a hard-times party at their hall, Milwaukee and Carl streets, this evening. Prizes will be awarded for the most unique costume. All artisans and friends are invited cordially.

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Meet Pleas of Poor.

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Clothing and Food Also Are Re-
ceived in Answer to Appeal and
Mr. Baker Assists in Provid-
ing for 25 Families.

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Previously reported \$405.50
S. C. Marford, Hillsdale... 1.00
Miss Caroline Fleischner... 20.00
Mrs. Otto Binswanger... 2.00
Pac. Fruit & Produce Co... 25.00
C. A. Hart... 10.00
Booth-Kelly Lumber Co... 10.00
pany, Eugene... 2.00
E. L. Neustadter... 2.00
Richard Liese, of Gresham... 10.00
H. H. Moore... 5.00
W. J. Phillips... 20.00
Total \$512.00

Contributions should be sent to R. S. Howard, treasurer of the Associated Charities, at Ladd & Tilton Bank; to the secretary of the Associated Charities at 411 Commercial block, or to The Oregonian. Information as to supplying to be donated should be telephoned to the Associated Charities.

Remember the

SPECIAL LOOP TRAIN to McMinnville and return, going via Hillsboro, Forest Grove and returning via Newberg and Oswego. Every Saturday and Sunday in December, also Friday, Dec. 24 and 31, and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Tickets, or further information, at City Ticket Office, corner 4th and Oak Sts., Union Depot, 4th and Yamhill or Jefferson-St. stations. Broadway 2780. A 7804.

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Buying Week-End Tickets
to
Willamette Valley
and
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