

HAMMERSLEY EATEN
BY WOLVES IS FEARBones, Rifle and Carcasses of
Three Beasts of Prey Tell
of Gold Hill Tragedy.

FIERCE STRUGGLE EVIDENT

Search for Missing Government
Hunter Has Been Under Way for
Some Time and No Other
Trace Has Been Found.

GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 29.—When a man's scattered bones, his empty rifle and bodies of three lean timber wolves were found Friday on Evans Creek, Jackson County, a grim story was revealed of a fatal struggle, in which John Hammersley, a missing government hunter, was believed to have been torn to shreds by a pack of hungry wolves, but only after he had killed three of the animals. News of the discovery, which was made about a mile from Mr. Hammersley's camp by timbermen, reached here today.

In the clearing in the willows where the bones were found, the ground was torn up, giving evidence of a terrific struggle. The hunter's clothes were ripped to shreds and his bones were licked clean. Indications were that the fight occurred not long ago.

A posse which has been searching for Mr. Hammersley believes the bones are his, as no other trace of him or his pack of hounds has been found. It is believed the hounds fled when the wolves set upon their master. Attempts to identify the rifle will be made.

WORST IS FEARED BY WIFE

Party Being Sent to Gold Hill for
Purpose of Identification.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—That the bones found in the foothills of the Cascades, on Upper Evans Creek, in Jackson County, for those of her husband, is the belief of Mrs. John Hammersley, of this city. A party to determine the identity of the unfortunate victim will go to the scene tomorrow morning from Wimer, on Evans Creek, on behalf of Mrs. Hammersley.

John Hammersley, who was a Government hunter, employed to hunt and destroy predatory animals, left his home in this city on January 24, to hunt a pack of giant timber wolves that he knew were killing many deer on the headwaters of the Willamette river, with him four trained hounds and three pack horses, and was to establish camp at Willow Flat, in a district where the Hammersleys had lived for years, he having homesteaded the flat and later sold it to a timber company. He was then in the employ of the company, and left with the determination to exterminate the pack of wolves that had ranged through there for years. Since leaving there on the second no word had come from him, and Mrs. Hammersley had determined to send a party in advance to see if she heard today of the finding of the bones of a man a mile from the Hammersley camp. The bones, which were found, are believed to have been those used by Hammersley. It is expected that identity can be established by the remnants of clothing and by the rifle.

Mr. Hammersley had been employed as a Government hunter for many years, and had killed numerous cougars and other animals that prey upon the deer. Last winter he hunted on Grayback Mountain in Josephine County to assemble a number of animals for a moving picture company and roped a number of cougars and wild cats after his dogs had treed them. He was one of the most successful hunters in Western Oregon, and has killed scores of predatory animals while in the employ of the Government.

PROWESS AS HUNTER IS KNOWN

John Hammersley Leaves Widow and
Child at Grants Pass.

John B. Hammersley was the brother of Deputy District Attorney Joseph L. Hammersley, of Portland, and a brother-in-law of G. A. Cobb, a local attorney. He was a native Oregonian and well-known throughout the state. As a hunter, Mr. Hammersley attracted much praise and for the past two years had been in the employ of the Federal authorities concerned with the stamping out of mountain lions and wolves which infest the wilds of Josephine County. Last March an exploit related in The Oregonian was the roving of a cougar by Mr. Hammersley, in company with two other woodsmen. The animal was killed and captured before the lens of a moving picture camera.

Mr. Hammersley was well-to-do, leaving considerable property in Grants Pass and Gold Hill. He leaves a widow and 10-year-old son, Dale Hammersley, in Grants Pass. His hunting this last year had been from main headquarters 20 miles from a railroad, and he had

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seen his family only, at intervals of months.

In a recent letter received by Thomas Hammersley, his brother said that he had his supplies in for the winter, but that he did not think he would continue the work for another year, for several reasons, chief being the enforced separation from his family.

Mr. Hammersley was 33 years old and was born in Baker County. He spent his early days in Lane and Lake counties. He went to Gold Hill when a young man and for several years followed the Spanish-American War he enlisted and went to the Philippines in 1898. He was there three years, returned sergeant, but with his health broken.

The open life attracted Mr. Hammersley and was a means for his regaining his health. He was postmaster of Gold Hill up to about three years ago, when he went into the Govern-

John B. Hammersley, Woodsman,
Who Is Thought to Have Been
Killed by Hateful Wolves in
Mountains of Josephine County.ment service. He was a crack shot
and his pack of five bloodhounds was
noted.

He died, postmaster at Gold Hill, telegraphed Joseph Hammersley yesterday afternoon that nothing definite was known of his brother's fate, but that search for him was being made there.

Besides the Portland brothers, Mr. Hammersley has two other brothers, Riley Hammersley, of Alaska, and Luther Hammersley, of North Dakota.

The band of timber wolves that apparently killed Mr. Hammersley has been notorious in that section for several years.

Two years ago "Mutt" Brown and his partner from Weed, Cal., cougar hunters, camped at the Hammersley place. They went hunting one day and wounded a bear. The leader of their dog pack was reputed to be one of the gamest dogs that section had ever seen.

The pack of wolves, which has been the terror of the hunters and was torn to pieces by the wolves, but not before he had offered a game fight, as the Indian traffic indicated.

The wolf pack has been reported on the Willow Flat, about 28 miles north of Gold Beach, on several occasions and residents of that vicinity have been fearful of it for some time.

TRAINS ON MOVE AGAIN

WIND DIES DOWN AND SNOW STOPS
FALLING IN WYOMING.Hundreds of Men Working to Break
Blockade and 44 Trains in Wy-
oming Resume Their Ways.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 29.—Forty-four trains on the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming, which have been blocked by snow for six days, last night were moving in both directions. The wind died down and the snow ceased.

Railroad officials expressed the belief that with extra equipment and hundreds of men trying to break the blockade, considerable progress toward normal traffic conditions might be made tomorrow.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—Union Pacific
trains left Omaha on schedule today.

DENVER, Jan. 29.—Owing to the
blockade on the Union Pacific system
in Wyoming, comparatively little West-
ern mail has reached here for the past
four or five days.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 29.—Salt
Lake City has been without mail from
the East since last Thursday and busi-
ness firms of this city have suffered
losses as the consequence. Rising
prices in foodstuffs have also been
noticed due to the lack of freight ship-
ments. Potatoes are selling at 65 cents
a peck, the highest price on record
here. Railroad officials declare that
the snow blockade has been broken
and that freight trains carrying mail
will arrive here early tonight.

UNIVERSITY HEAD RESIGNS

President of Idaho Educational In-
stitution to Leave Post.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—
Merritt A. Brannon, president of the
University of Idaho, telegraphed his
resignation to the State Board of Edu-
cation tonight from Moscow. When
the board meets tomorrow it will be
accepted. President Brannon is said
to have placed his resignation in the
hands of the board last December. Later
it was withdrawn. In his telegraphic
instructions tonight he con-
firms that resignation. He will prob-
ably remain at the head of the univer-
sity for the remainder of the school
year.

Axel P. Ramstedt, president of the
Public Utilities Commission, also pre-
sented his resignation to the Governor.
It has not been accepted.

INJURED MAN RESTS EASY

Fred Jennings' Condition Serious
From Auto Accident.

Latest reports from the Good Samaritan Hospital are to the effect that Fred W. Jennings, a salesman for the Portland Furniture Company, who was seriously injured Sunday night when his automobile skidded and pinned him to the ground at East Twelfth street and Holladay avenue, is resting easy. Mr. Jennings' chest was crushed and he was otherwise injured.

W. H. Pierce, of the San Marco hotel, who was with Mr. Jennings, sustained only minor injuries.

GILL PLEADS NOT
GUILTY; AD OFFERED

Ex-Supreme Court Judge
Bausman to Conduct
Defense of Case.

EARLY TRIAL IS PROBABLE

Federal Judge Neterer Says Date
Will Probably Be Not Later Than
February 26—Hodge and Four
City Detectives to Demur.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Immediately after his appearance in Federal Court this morning to plead to the indictment returned by the grand jury Saturday, Mayor Hiram Charles Gill waited on Judge Frederick Bausman, who recently resigned from the State Supreme Bench, and at the close of their conference Judge Bausman issued a statement that he would defend the Mayor when the case comes to trial.

Associated with him will be Wilmon Tucker, president of the Seattle Bar Association, president of the Washington State Bar Association, and one of the organizers of the old Welfare League, which was in place today to express purpose of recalling Mayor Gill several years ago.

Mayor is Told Not to Worry.

The Mayor had been assured by his lawyers that he need not worry about their fees, that they will take charge of his case even if they never receive a dollar for their services.

Pleas of not guilty to the allegations were made by the Mayor and the Chief in the morning.

Attorneys representing ex-Sheriff Robert T. Hodge and the accused quartet of city detectives are preparing to enter demurrers to the indictment respecting their clients.

On hearing the pleas of not guilty entered by the Mayor and his Police Chief, United States District Judge Jeremiah Neterer announced from the bench that it was possible to set on the seriousness of the allegations of the indictment, that the request of the accused for an early trial be complied with as soon as possible. He said that a date not later than February 26 would be set if the Federal docket would so permit.

JUDGE RUDKIN MAY SIT ON CASE.

In view of this announcement the
possibility of bringing Federal Judge
Frank E. Rudkin, of the Eastern Wash-
ington District, to Seattle to sit on the
trials is among the probabilities.

Judge Rudkin's appearance in the
cases, however, would only be pos-
sible in the event of an early trial
date being set which would preclude
the hearing occurring before either Judge
Neterer or Cushman, the dockets of
whose courts are now pretty well filled
during the next few weeks.

The demurrers to be interposed by
the other defendants will probably be
argued Tuesday. As in the case of
Hodge and McLennan, pleas of not
guilty will be entered at the event of
the demurrers being overruled.

The dry campaign committee will
meet this week to outline a plan of
action for the coming year. The case
he is unable to bear the financial
strain of the defense.

BURNS CELEBRATION HELD

Tribute Paid Scotch Poet at Sel-
wood Community House.

At the Sellwood Community House last Friday night, people of that locality gathered to pay tribute to the memory of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, who died on the 21st of the month. The celebration was decorated handsomely and an entertaining programme was given.

Miss Beatrice Doty, instructor of women and girls in physical culture, presided. Professor Hoerlein, of Reed College, gave a piano number and Alexander Port was heard in Scotch recitations. The piano was played by Mrs. E. I. Elser.

Vesta Anderson played violin solos, for whom Ruth Stinson was accompanist. Professor L. H. Morgan, of Reed College, gave a sketch of the life of Burns and Marguerite and Lila Nathan danced the Highland Fling. Earl Crow and Park Superintendent Conville spoke.

Mabel Mabel, librarian at Sellwood, announced lectures to be given there shortly and the programme ended with the singing by all of "Auld Lang Syne."

GERMAN SOCIETY ELECTS

Joseph Woernle and C. T. Haas at
Head of Federation.

Joseph Woernle and C. T. Haas were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the German Federation (Deutscher Bund) at the annual meeting held by the federation Sunday afternoon at the German house. The officers were elected for two years.

The other officers elected were: Ernest Kroner, vice-president; Otto Berg, treasurer; Joseph Woernle and C. T. Haas, delegates to the National Association of German-Speaking Societies.

The following were elected on the advisory committee: W. J. Schmauch, Max Fischer, Charles Feldman, Michael Barber, Fritz Kruger, Valentine Gebhardt and W. E. Nagel.

OLD PUYALLUP INDIAN DIES

Mary Charley Never Out of Valley in
Her More Than 100 Years.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—
Declared to be the oldest member of

the Puyallup tribe of Indians, Mary Charley, wife of "Burnt Charley," died at their home in the Puyallup Valley today.

Mrs. Charley is declared by Government agents at the time of her death to have been more than 100 years of age. She is survived by her husband.

Mrs. Charley was the mother of 12 children, none of whom are now living. Two of the children were born about the time of the outbreak of the Indian war here, which was in 1854. She was said to have been married in 1833 to Charley.

The Indian name of Mrs. Charley was Sta-Ball. She had never been out of the Puyallup Valley.

EVIDENCE CHAIN WELDED

BURNING TO DEATH OF 4 CHILD-
REN REGARDED DELIBERATE.

Can of Gasoline Found Hanging in
Kitchen of Auburn Brakeman's
Home—Hewitt Heavily Guarded.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—From disconnected bits of observation of the movements of S. A. Hewitt, Northern Pacific brakeman, said from conditions and circumstances surrounding the murder of his four children and of the fire which burned the room in which they lay in their beds early Sunday morning, King County officers were building today a chain of circumstantial evidence by which the belief they will fasten on Hewitt, one of the most revolting crimes in the history of the Northwest. Hewitt denies he killed the children.

An early theory that Hewitt, because of domestic troubles, had determined in a fit of despondency to kill his children and then commit suicide to end misery for all, gave place today to a theory that Hewitt deliberately planned the crime for the purpose of getting rid of those dependent upon him, intending later to divorce his wife and secure his entire freedom.

A can of gasoline was found hanging in the kitchen today.

Hewitt was brought back to Auburn by Sheriff Stringer and kept closely guarded and handcuffed in an inclosed automobile.

Mrs. Hewitt was not allowed to see the bodies of her children. She told officers that she left home after her husband had threatened to kill her. To officers she detailed the story of her married life.

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STATE GETS THAW FIRST

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION WILL PRE-
CEDE CIVIL, LAWYER SAYS.

Attorney Walsh's Statement Indicates
Family of Frederick Gump Will
Institute Proceedings.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—Civil proceedings against Harry Thaw for his alleged detention and beating of Frederick Gump will not be instituted until the criminal side of the case has been completed, declared Frank Walsh, attorney for the Gump family, upon his return here today from New York.

It was the first intimation of civil proceedings against Thaw by the Gump family since the alleged mistreatment of young Gump.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—George
O'Brien, who was in connection with
the charge brought against Harry K.
Thaw by Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kan-
sas City, has been found by represen-
tatives of District Attorney
Swan, it was announced here
today.

Prosecutor attaches more than
ordinary importance to a statement in
his possession, which, it was said, was
made by O'Brien to his attorney. He
would not disclose what this state-
ment contained.

Mr. Swan said he expected Thaw
probably would return voluntarily here
from Philadelphia to face the charges
against him as soon as his self-inflicted
wounds permit him to travel.

PEDIGREED FOX IS SOLD

Most of Fur-Buying Capital in
World Represented at Auction.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—"Sir Roger," a pedigreed silver fox, was sold at auction for \$5000 today. It will be presented to the St. Louis Zoo. The sale was one of the first events of the great fur auctions which opened here today. The 300 buyers present represented about 85 per cent of the fur-buying capital in the world.

In the first 30 minutes of the auction more than 2000 seal skins were sold for the United States Government. This lot brought about \$80,000. Ward T. Bower, Government agricultural agent for the Alaska fisheries service, said the prices paid for seal skins today were 20 per cent higher than paid at the auction here last September.

2 WOMEN STRUCK BY AUTO

G. S. Reams Runs Down Mrs. Good-
ell and Mrs. Courts, Police Told.

G. S. Reams, 330 East Thirty-second street, manager of the Shell Oil Company, reported to the police late last night that he ran down a Mrs. Goodell and her daughter, Mrs. Courts, 1114 East Morrison street, with his automobile at the intersection of East Thirty-ninth and Belmont streets. Mr. Reams collided with a telephone pole in the effort to avoid striking them, causing considerable damage to his machine.

The two women, who were out and bruised as a result of the accident, were taken home by seal Reams. Dr. William A. Shea attended them.

ALBERT HESS, 40, DIES

EX-PORTLAND MAN, NEPHEW OF
BEN SELLING, STRICKEN.

Victim of Spinal Meningitis Resident of
Seattle for Eight Years—Widow
and Son Survive.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Albert Hess, 40, a nephew of Ben Selling, of Portland, died at a local hospital Sunday night, after an illness of a week of spinal meningitis. A widow and one son, 10 years old, survive. Mr. Hess came to Seattle from Portland eight years ago, and engaged in the printing business. He was active in Republican politics, and was affiliated with the principal organizations. He was a member of B'nai B'rith, Seattle Lodge, No. 29. The funeral will be held here tomorrow under the joint auspices of these organizations.

POET-PRIEST, 96, DIES

Rev. John H. Greene Ends Career
Begun as Reporter.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29.—Rev. John H. Greene, the oldest priest in the South, died here today at the age of 96. He was a native of Ireland and after working on the Dublin Nation came to this country and began as a reporter on the Cincinnati Enquirer. After the war he became editor of the Catholic Telegraph.

Father Greene was ordained as a priest in 1875 in London. He had written extensively, and his poetry enjoys some reputation.

Rate Hearing Set.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The
Public Service Commission today set
Friday, February 9, at 10:30 o'clock in
the morning as the time for hearing
the formal complaint on the proposed
rate of 20 cents per 100 pounds on

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