

NO HELP TO DALTON

Gov. Geer's View of the Confession of Wade.

WILL EXTEND NO CLEMENCY

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SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—Governor Geer was asked today whether Jack Wade's confession would make any difference in his attitude towards Dalton. The Governor replied that he failed to see any reason why he should interpose his recently announced intention to let the murderers hang. "The law holds an accomplice equally guilty with the principal," he continued, "and unless some sufficient reason is shown why I should interfere I shall let the law take its course. I will not say definitely at this time that I will not commute Dalton's sentence, but the fact that Wade confessed that he fired the shot that killed Morrow does not seem to me to be anything in Dalton's favor under the law. No attempt has been made to show any reason why the two criminals should not hang together."

TO ASK MERCY FOR DALTON.

Attorney Veazie Will Appeal to Governor for Commutation.

Before Clarence R. Veazie, attorney for W. M. Dalton, applies to Governor Geer for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment, petitions may be circulated in Portland and the surrounding country requesting that the Governor should give expression of public opinion in this manner might possibly serve to help Dalton. Mr. Veazie, when asked what his plans are, gave out the following written statement:

"The circumstances under which Dalton confessed, the fact that he is not the actual murderer of Morrow, but that his guilt is technical, and that he performed a very substantial public service in disclosing his own guilt and that of Wade, will be the basis of the application to the Governor for the commutation of Dalton's sentence to life imprisonment."

The point is that the knowledge possessed by King, added even to that of Martin, without the confession made by Dalton to the District Attorney, would not have been sufficient to have obtained a conviction.

The District Attorney frequently promises a defendant lesser punishment in the event of a confession which assists the state, and Mr. Veazie thinks this unwritten law should be observed. He has not yet decided whether he will proceed. Dalton has stated that promises were held out to him by the officials, but at his trial Detective Joe Day testified to the contrary. He was present when the confession was made by Dalton.

Wade made several confessions before the one he made to Mr. Veazie, which he subsequently signed. He denies that he confessed to Mrs. Bolts, but there is no doubt that he did so immediately after this event occurred, he told his attorney, John F. Logan, that he would confess, but said he thought he would do so on the day after tomorrow.

On Friday morning about 2 o'clock he informed James Kelly, the night watchman, that he fired the fatal shot, and also stated that he was ready to admit it, and hand hands through the bars with his companion in the crime.

Wade was reading the Bible when Mr. Kelly came on at midnight and when he lay down to sleep, he was restless and finally got up again. He called Kelly and said he was willing to tell all, and did so. He then stated that he would make a public confession to Mr. Veazie when he called. Dalton was in the room and danced with delight, and the two men remained up for some time afterwards.

Dalton commends Wade's generosity and says that he has traveled together, and that Jack was liberal with his friends, and spent his money like a Prince.

SUED BY HIS FORMER WIFE.

Portland Woman Asks \$10,000 Damages Against a Beverton Man.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 18.—Minnie Sprecht, of Portland, today brought a suit against C. E. Sprecht, of Beverton, for damages of \$10,000. The plaintiff alleges that she was married to Sprecht at Portland, in January, 1898, and that they lived at Woodlawn for some time thereafter. She states that his children by a former wife joined with the husband in making life miserable, and charges that he treated her brutally, chafed her and bestowed other indignities. She states that upon his consent she went to California, and that he met her there afterward. He then returned to this state, and she followed, a year or so later, she found that he had procured a divorce. Sprecht she says, denied that a divorce had been procured, and persuaded her to again live with him for a short time. Because of his treatment of her, together with the fact that he misinformed her and succeeded in persuading her to live with him after a divorce had been granted, the plaintiff alleges that she has become ill and unable to care for herself. The complaint represents that Sprecht is worth about \$20,000. The defendant now resides near Beverton.

SWINDLER SMITH IN ILLINOIS.

He Filmmans People There Just as He Did in Oregon.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—On December 26 particulars were given of a filmman game at this city in which a stranger came to the name of A. B. Smith secured of Mrs. Harding, of this city, when she forged deed to property belonging to Mr. Nusselman, of near Lebanon. Sheriff McLaughlin, of this city, has traced Smith to Lewistown, Ill., where he succeeded in securing \$2000 in about the same way, and escaped without detection. At that place he used the name of George Shafer.

Feet of Man Who Was Lost Frozen.

Ed Davies, a stranger, is in the city, with frozen feet, a rare thing in this part of Oregon. He was at the front on the Corvallis & Eastern, when a man in a cabin near Detroit informed him that there was another town 20 miles further up in the mountains, and, knowing nothing about the country, started to find it. He lost his way and his feet were frozen.

OFFICIALS WILL FIGHT TO LAST.

No Change in the Hot Controversy at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 18.—Argument in the injunction cases begun on behalf of John M. Heathman, Chief of Police, and John E. Beam, Recorder, has been postponed until Monday, when the matter will be gone over before Judge Ellis. Otherwise there is no change in the status of the fight that has engrossed the attention of the people of this town for the past weeks. Upon the surface, there is no indication that compromise will be effected between the opposing factions. It is even asserted that criminal prosecutions will be begun against the Chief of Police and Recorder for their alleged taking of money contrary to the state statute providing penalties for an officer convicted of accepting anything of value for the influencing of any act of his that may come to him in the performance of his official duties.

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TO PAVE BAKER CITY STREETS.

Proposition Which the Council Will Soon Pass Upon.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 18.—Howard Whitling, of Portland, is in the city, trying to induce the members of the street committee of the City Council to commend a proposition which he makes to the City Council to pave certain streets with wooden blocks, chemically preserved. Mr. Whitling offers to do the paving and wait 10 years for the final payment, during which time he will guarantee the pavement to last. He will require an annual payment of 10 per cent of the cost of doing the paving, until the full amount is paid. His estimate is that it will cost each property-owner about \$35 per 50-foot frontage every year, or \$350 for each 50-foot lot, to be paid in 10 installments. The proposition will be submitted to the Council at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening. There is a strong sentiment in favor of paving some of the principal streets in this city, but the members of the Council and the people realize that it will not be possible to do anything in that line unless it can be done on the installment plan, as has been proposed. A sewage system and a distribution system for the new water works, also a street-lighting system, must be provided at once, which will take all the money to be realized from the sale of the bonds voted at last Spring's election.

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Against Purchase of Light Plant.

The members of the Council committee to whom the proposition to purchase the plant owned by the Baker City Gas & Electric Light Company have, it is said, decided to report that the proposition be rejected.

CAN SOON WIRE VALDES.

United States Making Good Headway on Its Telegraph Line.

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—The United States military telegraph system in Alaska will be completed from the international boundary on the Yukon, a short distance north of Dawson, to Eagle City, and thence overland 400 miles to Valdes, early in March. Lieutenant William Mitchell, of the United States Signal Corps, arrived in Dawson early this month to receive a shipment of light wire on its way up the river from White Horse. This wire, weighing about 10 pounds to the mile, will be used for the immediate connection between Valdes and Eagle, and at that time Lieutenant Mitchell said he would have it in place within 90 days. The wire is being replaced by the heavier wire, weighing about 200 pounds to the mile. Only 600 miles remain to be covered to complete the connection of Nome with Seattle. The line has been completed from Nome via St. Michael to Rampart, on the Lower Yukon. The gap from Rampart to Eagle will be finished during the coming summer. By transfer at Dawson to the recently completed Canadian line, Nome and all lower river points will have communication with the outside world when Behring Sea navigation is closed, in the Fall of 1902. The permanent heavy wire on the Valdes-Eagle division is completed 100 miles from Valdes to Copper Center. Valdes is also connected by 14 miles of wire with Fort Lincum, the Army headquarters on the coast.

IN BEHALF OF SETTLERS.

Washington Delegation Asked to Take Up "Overlap" Case.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 18.—State Senator E. M. Rande has addressed a letter to Senator Foster and Representatives Behring and Jones, requesting them, on behalf of numerous settlers on Northern Pacific Railroad lands in Clark County, to use their influence with the Attorney-General to have the case of the United States vs. the Northern Pacific Railway Company appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. The case was recently decided by Judge Hanford, of the United States Circuit Court, District of Washington, in favor of the railroad. The decision of Judge Hanford affects every settler on the odd-numbered sections in the extensive territory known as the "overlap," which includes nearly the whole of Clark County. It also annuls the decision in the Spaulding case, which declared the company's right to lands in the "overlap" region forfeited.

Paying Dividend of Suspended Bank.

Receiver A. B. Eastham, of the Suspended First National Bank of Vancouver.

Receiver A. B. Eastham, of the suspended First National Bank of Vancouver, today commenced paying depositors the second dividend declared since the bank's failure, last May. The dividend amounts to 25 per cent, or \$5,332. The first dividend paid was 20 per cent, thus leaving but 25 per cent of the deposits unpaid.

NEW OREGON CORPORATIONS.

Articles Filed at Salem During the Past Week.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this week as follows: Hockensmith & Marks Drug Company, Halsey, Linn County; \$1800; G. T. Hockensmith, Dalphal Hockensmith, T. I. Marks. Mount Vernon Hall Company, Mount Vernon, Grant County; \$600; H. H. Cummings, Sidney Green, W. T. McKern. Oregon Pine Company, Astoria; \$50,000; F. D. Butzer, W. W. Whipple, Frank J. Tanager. Germania Verein Social Club, Middle Cold Spring, Umatilla County; no capital; Herman Suhli, G. C. Schroder, Jurgen Munk. I. Gevurtz & Sons, Portland; \$50,000; Isaac Gevurtz, Philip Gevurtz, Alexander Gevurtz, and Matthew Gevurtz; object, general merchandise. Interstate Petroleum Oil Company, Huntington; \$1,000,000; J. M. Calhoun, G. W. Calhoun, C. E. Winter, W. K. Loofbourrow, A. L. White, W. E. White, J. B. White, O. W. Porter, H. A. Duffly, L. Stultz. Ophir Coal Mining Company, Portland; \$100,000; F. F. Giltner, L. Hansen, F. Gibson. Alaska Telephone Construction Company, Portland; \$100,000; J. B. Hammond, E. B. McFarland, H. E. Cowling. Pacific Mutual Home Society, Portland; \$200,000; C. F. Weigand, P. Chappell Browne, Alex Campbell. The Stinson-Grainger Company, Sumpter; \$10,000; William Stinson, A. J. Stinson, James A. Grainger; object, hotel-keeping. Pacific Mining & Reduction Company, Portland; \$1,500,000; C. J. Allen, W. A. Campbell, C. F. Candiani. Wasco Lumber Company, Wasco; \$10,000; E. O. McCoy, George M. Crossfield, E. C. Atwood, H. P. Disher, J. P. Yates. Poplar Farm Telephone Company, Condon; \$500; F. B. Stevens, Lillian R. Stevens, John Mager. Milton Commercial and Social Club, Milton, Umatilla County; no capital; Herman Hessel, Ernest Hessel, Charles Dindinger, Wilson & Co., Pendleton; \$10,000; W. H. Dindinger, J. V. Wilson, E. C. Gulliford; object, conducting boot and shoe store.

DISEASE WHICH CLAIMED 80 MANY.

Doctor Says Malignant Form of Pneumonia Prevails at Tonopah.

TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 18.—Dr. Lee, of this city, who went to Tonopah as a member of the State Board of Health to investigate the cause of the many deaths in that place, has filed a report with the local health officer, which is a careful examination of the conditions as well as of the disease itself. The latter he diagnosed as a malignant form of pneumonia, which is characterized by congestion of the liver and weakness of the heart. The disease is similar to that epidemic in Bodie, Candelaria and Hamilton during the first years of their existence, and is undoubtedly influenced by the extreme dry atmosphere and high altitude. He found great extremes in temperature at Tonopah within a short space of time. During the day the mercury would register above 80, and at night drop to 5 and 7 below zero. Miners more than any other class were affected, and those of Tonopah, he says, were not careful at all, subjecting themselves to exposure that might have been less dangerous in a more uniform climate, but which was often fatal in Tonopah. Agate, in all new camps, workings, and congregate around barrooms and other hot fires in the evening and go out into the cold without overcoats and without protection at all against the extreme cold.

BIG WOODMEN RALLY.

Eleven Hundred and Fourteen to Be Initiated at Pendleton April 21.

PENDLETON, Jan. 18.—Woodmen of Eastern Oregon have organized for a big log-rolling to be held here April 21-22, when it is expected that 1114 candidates will be initiated. The log-rolling is the work of the committee, and Mrs. A. D. Stillman secretary, both of Pendleton, with A. A. Urquhart, of The Dalles, as treasurer. Also the Woodmen camps and Women of Woodmen circles will participate. F. A. Falkenberg, head camp, will be present.

Officers of Verein Eintracht.

The Verein Eintracht, perhaps the representative German society of Eastern Oregon, has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Joseph Basler; vice-president, V. Stroble; secretary, O. Hamlich; financial secretary, N. Joergers; treasurer, E. Schultz; trustees, J. J. Balleray, A. Stangier, C. Kohler.

Finances of Salem School District.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—Clerk Joseph Baumgartner, of the Salem School Board, tonight presented a very complete report, showing the financial condition of the district. The total receipts for the past year were \$1,181. Disbursements \$1,512, leaving a balance of \$330, none of which will be used to carry the district until March.



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It's found in all the merchandise we carry. Our clothing is selected with the greatest care, always keeping QUALITY, not profit our watchword. Each season brings new customers, more people satisfied, which assures us that our purchases must be heavier. The merchandise bought for the coming season needs room—there is but one way to get it—clear out all Fall weights. For the next week all profits will be sacrificed. Broken lots of \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00.

SUITS \$10.50. Sam' Rosenblatt & Co. Popular-Price Clothiers. THIRD AND MORRISON STREETS.



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For bells, annunciators, gas lighters and all open circuit work, can always be had of us. Furthermore, we can do the necessary wiring, using the best materials and doing the work with pleasing dispatch. Our guarantee goes with every job leaving our hands. We do not need to guarantee our prices—they speak for themselves.

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Surprising Results.

A Simple Internal Remedy Makes Remarkable Cures of Catarrh. People who have used sprays, inhalers, salves and washes for catarrh and have found how useless and inconvenient they are, will be agreeably surprised at results following the use of a pleasant, internal remedy in tablet form. Druggists everywhere.

Teachers' Institute.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 18.—A very successful local teachers' institute was held here today. The principal instructors were: State Superintendent Ackerman, County Superintendent Hamlin, President J. H. Orcutt, of the State Normal School, and Professors C. T. Whitely, of the Willbur Academy, Professor Cornutt, of Myrtle Creek, had charge of the local arrangements.

Fire at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 18.—Fire this morning destroyed three small barns and a cottage in the eastern part of town belonging to D. M. Keltz. The fire was started by a spark from an engine on a work train. A high wind was blowing, and only the quick work of the hose company, which had to go half a mile, saved the adjoining dwellings. The loss is about \$7000, no insurance. A horse was burned to death in one of the barns.

New Degree of Honor Lodge.

MILTON, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Mitchell Smith, of Baker City, chief of the Degree of Honor, instituted a lodge of that order here this evening. Mrs. Smith will visit Athens, Pendleton, La Grande, Weston and several other places before returning home.

Robbed His Employer.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—Brady Brady, a farm hand employed by E. E. Shields, near Brooks, ransacked his employer's house yesterday during the absence of the family and skipped with about \$20 worth of property. He went to Portland.

McKinley Monument Contributions.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—Governor Geer today received three contributions, aggregating \$50, to the McKinley monument fund. Not many contributions have yet been received.

Given a Position at Lighthouse.

ASTORIA, Jan. 18.—John Equester, who has been connected with the lighthouse tender Manzanita for a number of years, has been appointed assistant keeper of the Destruction Island light station.

A Clairvoyant Arrested.

DETOIT, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Rebecca Yates, alias Eddy, a noted clairvoyant, who was arrested in Wheeling, a short time ago, and who arrived from there today in charge of a United States Mar-

Advertisement for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Text includes: 'INDIGESTION AND DYSPEPSIA', 'Are caused by the stomach being too weak to digest the food taken into it, and if not promptly attended to may become chronic and result fatally.', 'HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS', 'This wonderful medicine is prescribed and recommended by many physicians and druggists throughout the country and a fair trial will certainly convince you that it is the best in the world.', 'N. F. HOGAN, M. D., BROOKLYN, N. Y., says: "For twenty years I have prescribed your BITTERS in cases of Indigestion and Dyspepsia, and the result has always been satisfactory."', 'R. J. WALL, DRUGGIST, BROOKLYN, N. Y., says: "I recommend your Bitters as being very beneficial for stomach trouble and for promoting the appetite. The weakest stomach can retain it.''