

**WOUND WAS FATAL**

**Young Woman Shot at Haines Dance Is Dead.**

**NO STATEMENT MADE BY HER**

**Her Assassin Is in Baker County Jail—There Is Talk of Lynching and He Is Heavily Guarded—Story of the Crime.**

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 27.—Miss Ensminger, who was shot by Pies Armstrong at the home of her brother-in-law, near Haines, early Christmas morning, died between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning. She was unable to make a statement in regard to the shooting previous to her death. Until yesterday the attending physicians had strong hopes of her recovery, but early yesterday afternoon she began to fail, and all hope of her recovery was abandoned.

Coroner Snow held an inquest over the remains today, finding that death resulted from a wound caused by a ball from a revolver, which entered the body just below the left shoulder and ranged down through the lung. The other ball passed through the fleshy part of the back, and was not of a serious nature. The verdict of the jury held Pies Armstrong responsible for her death. District Attorney White filed an information charging Armstrong with the crime of murder in the first degree this afternoon, and a warrant was issued and served on the prisoner in the County Jail.

Mr. White, who visited the scene of the murder, made the following statement:

"The accounts already published are substantially correct, except that the dance was held at the ranch of Joe Henner, brother-in-law of Miss Ensminger, and it was while she was passing from the house to the barnyard with her alster, and followed by many others, on the way to secure their teams for the purpose of returning home, that the tragedy occurred. Armstrong stood just outside the gate leading from the house to the barn. He shot her in the back, the ball passing through from left to right. It was afterward found by Miss Ensminger herself lodged in her clothes, stopped by a corset steel. The second ball passed downward from the left shoulder above the breast and never was found.

"After the shooting Armstrong ran about 20 feet, and, turning in the direction of Miss Ensminger, died at himself. He fell to the ground and was picked up by some of the men, the yard by that time being full of people. When it was found that he was only slightly hurt, he was taken to the barn and guarded until the Sheriff came for him. His victim was taken back into the house, where she died this morning, just as the news of the shooting. Armstrong was removed to Kelling's place, a quarter of a mile away, where the Sheriff found him.

"The condition of Miss Ensminger prevented any one conversing with her, as the least excitement would have lessened the chances of her recovery. I understood that she was a most exemplary young woman and kept company with him. She rejected his advances. The family did not know whether or not the couple had been engaged."

Great excitement prevails here tonight for fear the friends of Miss Ensminger will come in and attempt to lynch Armstrong, who is in the County Jail and heavily guarded. All day long threats of lynching have been made, both in this city and out near Haines, but it is thought no attempt will really be made for want of a leader to organize and head the mob. The officers, however, are apprehensive, and are prepared for an emergency.

**AUDITOR NELSON'S SHORTAGE.**

**Bonds for Three Terms on File; Fourth Absent.**

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—There were practically no new developments in regard to the shortage of the late City Auditor Nelson today, and will not be until the report of the experts who are examining the books is completed. One peculiar thing is that all the money which passed through his hands as collections for licenses and fines and forfeitures up to December 1 was paid by him to the Treasurer, and the collections since that time are accounted for. While the full amount of the shortage is not yet known, the indications are that the city will lose but little. He was serving his fourth term in the office, and bonds for the first three terms are on file, so the bondsmen can be held responsible. For the fourth term, beginning last January, no bond can be found. Of this year's warrants, however, only those issued prior to February 1 have been called in by the Treasurer, and payment on the balance has been stopped.

What made the defalcation a very easy matter is the fact that although the City Auditor's term of office is for only two years the books of the department have not been audited since 1892. This left the warrant issue without a check, although the system of bookkeeping used provided a triple check on all the money which the officer handles.

**ROBBED A GUN STORE.**

**Burglars Take Revolvers Worth \$200 From Salient Establishment.**

SALIENT, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Burglars early this morning broke the show window in John Maurer's gun store and carried away about 20 revolvers of the value of about \$200. There is no clew to the robbers, save a "jimmie" about 15 inches in length that was found today in a stairway adjoining the store, and with which the burglars attempted to force the door. Chief of Police Gibson is working on the case, and suspects that all burglars in the work of a gang of professionals, with which the city is believed to be infested.

**CASHED A BOGUS CHECK.**

**Eugene Merchant Did Not Suspect Man With a Family.**

EUGENE, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The old game of passing a bogus check was successfully worked on L. A. Overton yesterday. In the afternoon a team drove up to the door of Overton's paint and wall paper establishment, and in the wagon were a man and woman and three children. The man and woman went in and made purchases to the amount of \$4, and when they came to pay they did not have the cash, but offered a check amounting to \$5, purporting to be given by Elizabeth Kennedy on the First National Bank of this city. Overton cashed the check, taking out the \$4 for his sales. The party

then drove on. Overton presented the check at the bank and found that it was worthless. Officers were notified and began search for the family, but up to this morning the only information obtained was that they had driven east and probably turned south on the Gresham road.

**ROBBERY BY BRAKEMEN.**

**Two Arrested at Spokane and Held to Superior Court.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—G. W. Burnham and J. C. Thompson, two Spokane Falls & Northern brakemen, were arrested at Hilliard last night by Deputy Sheriff Butler on an information sworn to by two brothers—Alfred and Ernest Wain—who claim that the defendants last Sunday night perpetrated a highway robbery upon them in a freight car at or near the Spokane Falls & Northern Junction. Today the defendants were held to the Superior Court in \$1000 bonds. Repeated reports of hold-ups rumored to be by brakemen have come from railroads running into Spokane recently. The Wains aver the men wore masks and carried a gun.

**Gamblers Fight With Knives.**

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 27.—A desperate fight was occurring during the last night in a Riverside dance hall over a game of cards. Ed Jones accused Charles Owens of cheating, when both men drew knives and proceeded to cut up one another's face. Both men will recover.

**Two Held for Murder.**

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 27.—John and Len Douglass were today bound over for trial on the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of Rufus Ayres last Saturday. The tragedy occurred at a dance given by J. R. Potter at his home near Star, Idaho.

**MORE MONEY COLLECTED.**

**Gain Near \$60,000 for Washington Secretary of State.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The report of Secretary of State Nichols, filed today, gives the receipts of his office for the biennial period at \$108,875, and the fees collected by the insurance department at \$122,848 in addition. The increase over the preceding period was \$58,061. Included in the Secretary of State's report are the reports of the State Printer, Insurance Department and the Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Nichols mentions the edition of 20,000 copies of the statistical volume distributed in 1901 as the most beneficial in bringing to the state a high class of immigration, and recommends that another edition be prepared, consisting of further descriptive matter and that 30,000 copies be distributed.

The Secretary takes up the matter of incorporation by recommending that each corporation filing papers in this state shall make an annual report to the Secretary of State, that the office can afford the public some protection against "paper" companies. Among other recommendations is one that the Legislature enact a new game law excluding all matters pertaining to the subject of fish.

As was anticipated and announced some months ago, the printing report shows a comparatively large deficiency. Mr. Nichols says this is principally due to the expense of paying from the general printing appropriation the printing bills incurred by the Legislature during its session, amounting to about \$8000. He recommends that a special appropriation be made this year to cover Legislative printing. The law printing bills became effective about a year ago, and provides for printing by contract instead of by a State Printer, is indorsed, as in a substantial saving over the old method.

Regarding insurance matters Mr. Nichols says: "The department during the past year has personally examined several companies in other states that are doing business in this state. In so doing it has in every instance examined their securities and found them in good condition. Fraternal societies have increased in number in this state. The department examined quite a percentage of them. Some of them doing business in the state are young but show good management, and their office surroundings indicate that there is no extravagance attached to their method of doing business. All fraternal organizations realize that they must raise rates, and are so doing. The officers of the societies seem anxious to see wise laws enacted governing fraternal insurance, realizing that such laws will insure to their benefit and good name."

**Death of Julius Reuf.**

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Julius Reuf, aged 71 years, died at his home in this city this morning of asthma. He was a native of Baden, Germany, and has been a resident of this city for 27 years. He was among the first of the German immigrants to reach this state from the Eastern States early in the '80s. Besides his wife, the deceased left six children, two daughters and four sons, as follows: Albert and George Reuf, both of Suver, Folk County; Edward and Carl Reuf, both of this city; Mrs. H. C. Shultz, of this city, and Miss Agusta Reuf, of Pasadena, Cal.

**Sudden Death of Sawmill Man.**

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—W. W. Johnson, senior member of the firm of W. W. Johnson & Co., proprietors of the large sawmill located in this city, and one at Minneapolis, Minn., died suddenly of heart failure at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

**Ex-Congress Jones Dead.**

ROME, Dec. 27.—Former United States Consul-General W. F. Jones died here suddenly today of heart disease.

**THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.**

**Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.**

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestine and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal, effectively cleans and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of diphtheria.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth, and throat. I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

**EXTRAORDINARY CLEARANCE SALE**

**Every Article in Our Magnificent Stock Marked Down**

The Only Exceptions—**BREWER HATS** and **E. & W. COLLARS**

After a most successful year's business—the largest in my history—I am determined to round up the season with the largest **JANUARY SALE** known to the clothing trade. The public knows that every statement made in my "ads" is **ABSOLUTELY CORRECT**, without one single particle of exaggeration—and when I state that I shall make price concessions of 10 to 50 per cent, you may rest assured that a veritable **CARNIVAL of BARGAINS** will be presented for your consideration. The greatest concessions will be made on small lots and broken lines—the early purchaser will secure the best bargains. Sale begins **MONDAY** morning at 8 o'clock.



**Men's Overcoats**

The same kind that we have sold hundreds of during the past 3 months are included in this great sale.

Men's Oxford Cheviot Overcoats, serge lined, velvet collar, great \$10.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$7.85**

Men's Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, \$12.50 values—Sale Price..... **\$9.85**

Men's Oxford Raincoats, great \$12.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$9.85**

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, bearing his stamp, \$15.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$13.15**

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, in olive and Oxford mixtures, \$20.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$16.85**

Our entire stock of overcoats will be priced in above proportion. We have 400 overcoats on our counters. They will be on some one's back in short order.



**Boys' and Children's Overcoats**

We have only a few Boys' and Child's Overcoats left. Our sales have been phenomenally large. If we have the size your boy needs, the price will be sure to please you.

Boys' Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, ages 14 to 19, regular \$7—Sale Price **\$5.85**

Boys' Fancy Mixed Cheviot Overcoats, velvet collars, vertical pockets, ages 4 to 6 only, regular \$3.95—Sale Price..... **\$2.95**

Boys' Oxford Overcoats, slash pockets, velvet collars, sizes 5 to 8 only, regular \$2.95—Sale Price **\$2.35**



**Neckwear**

All our thousands of men's plain and fancy Neckwear included in this Sale.

50c values..... **39c**  
75c values..... **50c**  
\$1.00 values..... **75c**  
\$1.50 values..... **98c**

Men's Percalé Shirts in stripes and fancies 50c and 75c values..... **39c**

Men's Percalé and Madras, stiff bosom shirt, \$1 values..... **85c**  
—Sale Price..... **85c**

Men's Plaited Stiff Bosom Shirts in light and dark patterns \$1.50 values.. **\$1.15**

**Night Shirts**

20 Doz. Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts, fancy, also plain patterns, \$1.00 values..... **85c**  
—Sale Price..... **85c**

**Boy's School Suits**



All broken lines of School Suits heretofore sold at \$2.50 and \$3.00, ages 9 to 15..... **\$1.65**  
—Sale Price..... **\$1.65**

Boy's School Suits, regular \$3.95 values—Sale Price..... **\$3.35**

Boy's School Suits, the best \$5.00 suits in the city—double seats and double knees—Sale Price **\$4.25**

**Boys' Knee Pants**

Boys' All-Wool Cheviot Knee Pants, 50c values—Sale Price..... **29c**

Boys' Dark Brown Corduroy Knee Pants, ages 4 to 15—Sale Price..... **29c**

Navy Blue, All-Wool Cheviot Knee Pants, 50c values—Sale Price..... **39c**

Boys' Best \$1.00 Knee Pants—Sale Price..... **85c**



**Men's Suits**

In addition to our regular goods we have closed out the entire stock of a large New York manufacturer at an enormous sacrifice on condition that their names should not be used in our ads. The suits—425—will be placed on our tables for your profit Monday morning at following prices:

Heavy Blue Serge and Black Clay Worsted, Fancy Cheviots and Cassimeres, regular \$12.50 values—Sale Price..... **\$8.85**

Men's Elegant Cheviot and Fancy Cassimere Suits, all hand-tailored, great \$15.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$12.65**

Men's Choicest Effects in Fancy Cheviots, best \$20.00 values in the city—Sale Price..... **\$16.85**

**Men's Sox**

50 doz. Men's Cotton Half Hose, in stripes and fancies—25c values..... **19c**

50c values..... **39c**

**Underwear**

Every garment in this vast stock reduced—at prices that will move them rapidly.

Men's Fleece-Lined and Heavy-ribbed Underwear, 50c values—Sale Price..... **39c**

Men's Natural Wool, also Camel's Hair and Derby-Ribbed Underwear, best \$1 values in the city—Sale Price..... **85c**

Men's Heavy All-Wool Fleece-Lined, also Natural Wool, with Double-Breasted Shirts, \$1.50 value—Sale Price..... **\$1.29**

**Men's Sweaters**

Complete lines of Men's All-Wool Sweaters, in solid colors, also in fancies, excellent \$1.50 values—Sale Price..... **\$1.15**



**Boys' Norfolks**

Prices Cut Nearly in 1/2. Boys' Heavy Cheviot Norfolks, sizes 6 to 16, regular \$6.00 values—Sale Price..... **\$3.45**

Boys' Fancy Cheviot Norfolks, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values—Sale Price..... **\$2.45**

**VESTES**

Prices Cut in 1/2. \$10.00 Vestees, sizes 3, 4 and 5, only—Sale Price..... **\$5.00**

\$8.00 Vestees—Sale Price..... **\$3.50**

\$5.00 Vestees—Sale Price..... **\$2.50**

\$2.50 Vestees—Sale Price..... **\$1.59**

**BOYS' CAPS**

50 doz. Boys' Golf Caps, navy blue and fancy mixed colors, 25c values—Sale Price..... **13c**

Boys' Blue Serge and Cheviot Caps, 50c values—Sale Price..... **39c**

**IRONCLAD HOSE**

Double heels and triple knees, always 25c—Sale Price..... **19c**

**BOYS' UNDERWEAR**

Fleece-Lined Underwear, shirt and drawers, 35c values—Sale Price..... **21c**



**Dressing Gowns Smoking Jackets**

All at 25 per cent reduction.

All \$5 Jackets..... **\$3.75**

All \$8 Jackets..... **\$6.00**

All \$10 Jackets..... **\$7.50**

All \$15 Jackets..... **\$11.25**

All \$20 Jackets..... **\$15.00**

**BOYS' SWEATERS**

Boys' All-Wool Sweaters, great 75c values—Sale Price..... **59c**

All our Boys' \$1 Sweaters..... **83c**

All our Boys' \$1.25 Sweaters—Sale Price..... **98c**

All our Boys' \$1.50 Sweaters—Sale Price..... **\$1.29**

**YOUTHS' SUITS**

We have made some deep cuts in this stock. Quantities remaining on hand are not large. What there is will go at low prices.

Youths' Cassimere and Cheviot Suits, ages 14 to 19, \$6.50 values—Sale Price..... **\$4.35**

Price..... **\$4.85**

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Time or space will not permit a more extended notice. We promise the best values of any store in Portland. Money will be cheerfully refunded in all cases when requested.

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