

ACTIVITY FOR INFANT

Holy Rollers Suspected of Human Sacrifice.

BABE IS FOUND UNHARMED

When Questioned Leader of Groaning Fanatics Says He Has Not Yet Received Orders From Heaven to Burn Infants.

CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—

The situation with reference to the "Holy Rollers," has been barren of developments today. Creffield and Brooks, after successfully establishing their sanity before the County Board yesterday afternoon, went last night to the Hurt house, to resume their labors. The examination was behind closed doors, but some of the points Brooks was asked if there was a conflict between the law of man and the law of God, which of the two statutes he would follow. The question was the outcome of a report that was in circulation the day after the cats and dogs were burned. It was of a sensational character, and had reference to an adopted infant in the family of one that the officers first went to the house. The child was found to be alive and well, and with a smile on its face.

When asked if the law of God should direct that a human being should be destroyed as the case with the cats and dogs, what would you do? Brooks was silent for a moment, and then he quoted a passage of Scripture in which he stated that the law of God was always supreme. When pressed on the point, by a question if God was likely to command the destruction of any person, Brooks replied that he had never dreamed him to do anything of that kind yet.

There was plain evasion of the question in the answer, and one of the examining magistrates inquired if it was possible, according to Brooks' belief, that God might command the destruction of a human being, and the answer declared that it was not considered as likely.

Many persons believe that Creffield has hypnotic power, and that it is due to this influence that the other members of the sect are led into such strange manifestations. When the girl was taken into custody yesterday the girl with the cloth over her face was receiving a so-called message from the Almighty. Others about the room were taking it down. Class by class her, with his head almost touching hers on the pillow, was Creffield.

Whether there is ground for it or not, this incident, together with something of a striking look in Creffield's eyes, supplies a lot of people with material for the hypnotic theory as an explanation of the strange manifestations.

The truth concerning the destruction of the dogs and cats has been ascertained. More than one dog, and more than one cat were killed, and subsequently thrown into the fire. The reason for this, and for the destruction of furniture, bedding, musical instruments and other things, is in order to fully sanctify the Hurt house and the premises within the inclosure.

The things destroyed, Brooks says, acted as hindrances to the work of conversion, according to the method of the sect in carrying out their purpose.

The item of loving the things more than they ought to, and the further fact of the worldly character of the appliances or articles prevented environments truly acceptable to God. The members claim they have withdrawn entirely from the world, and hold it out as their purpose to have nothing whatever to do with the world. An orthodox "Holy Roller" even objects to touching the hand of a worldly man.

Their present sojourn at the Hurt house is merely a "staying," as they call it, while they prepare for and await God's final order to them to go out and preach. This order they may be to carry their peculiar gospel to foreign lands, and so far as Creffield and Brooks are concerned, all Corvallis hopes this may be the final order.

In spite of the air of secrecy that pervades the Hurt house and the surveillance kept over Mr. Hurt, an old friend managed to gain an audience with him last night. The friend endeavored to show him the unreasonable character of the conditions with which he had surrounded himself, and pleaded with him to withdraw from it. With a stolid adherence to his purpose, Mr. Hurt declared that he had withdrawn from the world for all time and that he should hereafter devote himself to the work according to the new faith. The latter's prominence, and his level-headed character as a business man, is one of the things that have tended to add to the large interest in the sect's doings. It is also a source of deep regret to his friends, of whom there are many.

The chief man at the Hurt house is Creffield. They say of him that he has the gifts of God, and that the food is taken at the house, he sanctifies it by touching it with his hand. That makes it fit for diet for the company, whereas, before it was so touched, it was wholly unfit. Both Brooks and Creffield are without visible means of support, except such assets as they hold in reserve from the high.

When asked to prosecute those who stoned the Hurt house the other night, Brooks refused to do so, saying that if a "man dragged him through the streets by the hair of the head, he would not prosecute him."

A huge crowd of people hung around the place of worship until a late hour last night, but nothing occurred to interest or excite. In a large measure, interest in the doings of the sect is subsiding, although but little else is talked about yet.

DEATH IN CRASH.

muscles of his right leg torn at the knee; I. Y. Young, of Louisville, is badly bruised on the head; F. Miller is cut on the head; Fullback Thomas received a bad cut on the right leg, and McCormick, the sub-end, was injured about the legs. C. O. Tansman, of Cincinnati, is probably fatally injured, and is being cared for at the home of Dr. Cunningham.

Trains Take Lucky One Home.

All day the streets have been filled with silently moving bands of students, but no colors were displayed. No music sounded from the bands that came to help celebrate. All were anxiously awaiting news from the injured. This evening, the trains bore them back, leaving behind the dead and injured.

Surgeons are still working over the injured. It is believed the death list will be swelled to 21. The wreck has been cleared away and traffic resumed.

The Governor and other state officers hurried to the wreck this morning, and have been busy all day assisting in the relief. Colonel Tutwiler is at work on an investigation of the accident. Superintendent Van Winkle, of the Big Bear, said tonight he had not had time to investigate the cause, as his time had been devoted to helping the injured. Each

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"The case at bar is not of that character. Here there will be a valid assessment of property prior to the taking effect of the amendments, but no levy of any tax thereon, and there will exist no power or authority, under the new law or elsewhere to make any levy prior to the September term of the County Court or Board of Commissioners, nor will any tax become due or payable until later, and no remedy will remain or exist to be applied for its collection until after that, and there is absolutely no room for an interpretation giving the amendments prospective application and force as to assessments already completed by the assessor. The tax system is revised, it is true, but the power of levying the tax at the time appointed under the old law, together with the remedy, is entirely swept away, so that we must look to the amendments for whatever validity there may be in the law.

"It follows from these conclusions that Multnomah County and its officers must be enjoined from proceeding under the provisions of the old law, as construed by the amended sections from and after January 1, 1904, and a decree will be entered here accordingly."

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On February 2 the bill was reported back favorably with a number of minor amendments as to wording and dates, and the amendments were adopted. The bill passed the House on February 18, after having been considered in committee of the whole. There was some opposition to the bill upon the ground that changes in the law were unwise and would lead to confusion.

The bill was sent to the Senate on February 19, the day before final adjournment. It was read on the morning of February 20 and on the morning of February 21 was read the second time and referred to the Senate committee on assessment and taxation, composed of Senators Booth, of Lane, Pierce of Union, Mulkey of Polk, Holman of Multnomah and Miller of Linn.

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The amendments were adopted and later in the day the bill was passed without a dissenting vote.

The Senate amendments were typewritten, except the additional section, which seems to be in the handwriting of Senator Booth. An inspection of the record seems to prove that this serious defect in an important law was chargeable to carelessness in preparing the bill and sending it to the Senate late in the session. Every one who has ever attended Legislative session on the last two days knows that the proceedings are conducted in excitement, hurry and confusion, and that it is almost impossible for any bill to receive fair consideration.

The House committee on assessment and taxation, of which the father of the bill was chairman, had the bill under consideration for 20 days. It was not sent to the Senate until next to the last day and did not get into the hands of the Senate committee on assessment and taxation until the last day. Senator Booth received the defect and added a clause to remedy it, but evidently did not take into consideration the assessment proceedings that would be commenced after the passage of the act. Had the bill been sent to the Senate a week earlier it could have received full attention, but the record indicates that it was reported back within a few minutes after it was referred.

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"Where any vacancy shall happen in the office of member of the Senate or House of Representatives by death, resignation or otherwise, and a session of the Legislature is called, the Governor shall issue a writ of election, directed to the Sheriff of the county, or Sheriffs of the counties comprising the district in which such vacancy shall occur, commanding him or them to notify the several Judges of election in his county or their districts to hold a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, at a time appointed by the Governor."

There are now at least three vacancies, those being the offices of Senator Fulton, of Clatsop; Senator Daly, of Benton, and Senator Williams, of Wasco, Grand, Clatsop and Lake. These members of the Senate have accepted other lucrative offices and thereby their seats in the Senate became vacant. It is also generally understood that Senator Mulkey has removed from Clark County and Represent-

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THANKSGIVING DAY SET.

President issues a Proclamation Fixing November 26 as the Time.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The President today issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation in the following terms: "By the President of the United States of America: A proclamation: 'The season is at hand when, according to the customs of our people, it falls upon the President to appoint a day of praise and thanksgiving to God. During the last year, the Lord has dealt bountifully with us, giving us peace at home and abroad, and the chance for our citizens to work for their welfare unhindered by war, famine or plague. It behooves us not only to rejoice greatly because of what has been given us, but to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility, realizing that under heaven it rests with ourselves to show that we are worthy to use aright what has thus been entrusted to our care. 'In no other place, and at no other

is Champion Telegrapher.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31.—Harvey Williams, of Philadelphia, won the championship of America contest at the American Telegraphers' tournament which ended early this morning. He sent 500 words of straight matter in 11 minutes 30 seconds, and 1000 words in 23 minutes 30 seconds. Receiving 20 minutes—F. M. McClintic, Dallas, Tex., won.

Receiver for Rubber Company.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 31.—A receiver has been appointed in the United States Court here for the Combination Rubber Company, of Bloomfield, N. J. The liabilities are placed at \$125,000. The company has outstanding capital stock amounting to \$483,300.

Irish Fugitives Released.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 31.—Federal Commissioner Moore this afternoon in a long decision released James Lynch, an Irish fugitive. He held the crime to have been of a political nature.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George H. Ball, of Ballston, spent several days in the city last week, returning home Saturday morning.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 31.—Senator Mitchell called at the White House today to present Sig Sichel, member of the Executive Board of Portland, who passed through Washington on his way to New York on private business.

Agree Upon Parcels Post Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—A parcels post treaty between the United States and Hong Kong, China, was agreed to today, and will be formally drafted at once. It provides a maximum weight limit of four pounds, six ounces.

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