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AN OLD MAN'S CRIME

A Brutal Murder Committed
Near Grant's Pass.

WAS OCCASIONED BY A QUARREL
Held His Wife in Three Feet of Water
Until She Drowned in the Pres-
ence of Their Children.

Grant's Pass, Or., May 21.—One of the most cruel murders of the year was committed near this city about 2 P. M. today. Charles Fiester, a man of 68 years of age, drowned his wife, aged about 55 years, in a hole of water near the railroad track. The crime was committed in the presence of their three young children, the eldest of whom was 10 years. After the murder was committed Fiester sent the children to Merlin, four miles further on, to tell the older boys what had happened. The difficulty grew out of family troubles of long standing. Fiester came to this city later in the evening and gave himself up to the sheriff and is now in the county jail.

The pair had been separated for a long time, and when Fiester came to town he prevailed upon his wife to go to Merlin, where he was logging and keep house for them. The woman consented to go for a week, and they started to Merlin, nine miles distant, with the three small children. After going about five miles on the way a quarrel came up about her receiving letters from some man, and after a hot quarrel Mrs. Fiester started back for Grant's Pass, but was soon caught by Fiester and dragged to a hole of water, about three feet deep, near the track, and held her under the water until dead. After the woman was dead the man claims to have tried to drown himself, but failed, and setting down on the track, sent the children to Merlin to tell the folks what he had done. He remained until the crowd came up from Merlin, and then came to Grant's Pass and gave himself up to Sheriff Hiatt.

Corner Kremer at once went to the scene, and the corpse was taken to Merlin. The inquest will be held here tomorrow.

Fiester talked freely about the matter to everyone, and says he is ready to die. He has resided in Merlin for a number of years, and always seemed to be a good citizen. A great many relatives reside in the neighborhood of Grant's Pass and Kerby. About a year ago his daughter, Jet Black, was mixed up in a killing scrape in this city, in which Jess Rice, of Lebanon, was killed by the woman's husband, Sam Black. The latter is now in the penitentiary. People who are well acquainted with Fiester do not think that it was insanity at all, but simply that he was angered, wanted to kill his wife and did so.

THE NEW LAND LAW.

The Time for Purchasing Tidelands Has
Now Expired.

Olympia, May 21.—Many citizens of this state are evidently laboring under a misapprehension of the new law, judging from the number of applications to purchase tide lands being received by the commissioners of public lands, even now that the sixty days allowed by law for such applications have expired. These applications are all based on the statement that they are the first legal applicants, after the preference right to the land and improvement owners have expired. As a matter of fact, the law recognizes no such second application. Sections 58 and 59, page 558, session laws of 1895, defines the rights of abutting owners, and section 60 says:

"In case the person mentioned in sections 58 and 59 of this act do not, within the time limited, exercise the right to purchase herein given, then said lands shall be open to the public for sale, as herein provided. The board of state land commissioners may sell surveyed and platted tidelands remaining unsold at public auction, upon the following terms and conditions."

The remainder of the section defines how such sales shall be conducted by the commissioner.

A Sensation Promised.

London, May 21.—If the case of Miss "Birdie" Sutherland, the chorus girl in the Gaiety theater, against the Hon. Dudley Churchill Majoribanks, eldest son of Baron Tweedmouth, for breach of promise ever comes into court it will be the most sensational trial since Miss Fortescue, the actress, won 10,000 pounds from Lord Garmoyne on a similar charge. Miss Sutherland is very handsome, being nearly six feet tall, and only 18 years old. Her real name is Annie Louise Watkins. She first met the Hon. Dudley Majoribanks at the Prince of Wales' club. It was a case of love at first sight. He proposed and was accepted. When his parents learned of the affair they were very much disturbed. Mr. Majoribanks went to Canada with his mother on a visit to the Earl of Aberdeen, governor-general of Canada. The young man did not return with his mother to England, but remained in Canada, and the match was broken off. Miss Sutherland then placed the case in the hands of a well-known theatrical lawyer, who retained in her behalf Sir Edward Clarke, who defended Oscar Wilde in his recent trial. C. F. Gill, who appeared against Wilde on behalf of the treasury, and various other legal talent have also been retained.

Smuggler Foss Sentenced.

San Francisco, May 17.—Henry L. Foss, the smuggler and Chinese certificate forger, was today sentenced to four years in San Quentin, and fined \$1,250 in the United States district court.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S SENSATION.

Governor Altgeld Has Taken a Hand in the Benedict Affair.

Huron, S. D., May 21.—Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, has taken a hand in the Benedict affair that aroused so much interest in South Dakota. Governor Sheldon received from Altgeld a telegram saying he had heard that Benedict, for whose extradition he had granted a requisition on the charge of larceny, had been acquitted on that ground, and was about to be tried on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the state, and calling the attention of the governor to the fact that he, Altgeld, believed this would be a violation of the laws governing extradition. Governor Sheldon has replied at length, setting forth all the facts of Benedict's connection with the defaulting treasurer Taylor; his presence with the latter in the bank in Chicago when the money was drawn, etc.; the conveyance by Taylor to Benedict of a large amount of property for the consideration of \$1, and the various other points brought out in the course of the investigation; also the fact that officials of the state believed Benedict to have been in conspiracy with Taylor, and adds:

"In the absence of a decision which justifies clearly the action of the state in this case, can it be possible that the state can be stopped from arresting and trying a person of this kind? Must all the rights of an individual be so jealously guarded, and is the state forbidden to protect itself simply because it is a state?"

ENGLISH YACHTING SEASON.

These Races Will Decide Which Boat
Will Come to America.

London, May 21.—The yachting season in British waters was opened in the Thames yesterday with matches under the auspices of the Thames Yacht Club, and was continued with races today under the auspices of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The races, there is reason to believe, will be the most interesting for many years past. The contests between the Ailsa, Britannia and the new Valkyrie III, naturally, form the leading attraction, in view of the challenge for the American cup, but immense interest is likewise being taken in the twenty-raters owing to the appearance of Herreshoff's new cracks, Niagara and Isolda, which are expected to make matters warm in this class. The importance of the match in the Leviathan class more especially, would be but small, but for the fact that the meetings of the Ailsa and the Valkyrie III will decide which shall be the boat to contest in the American cup Defender. A well-known devotee of the sport recently said the American cup is beyond the reach of either the Ailsa or the Valkyrie III. Herreshoff's boat, he declares, will outstrip either Watson's or Fife's creation.

Earth Still Quaking.

Florence, May 21.—The earthquake which occurred here at 9 o'clock last evening, has proved more serious than it seemed at first. Thousands of people passed Saturday night in the streets, and a second shock at 11 o'clock increased a thousand-fold the first alarm. Similar events occurred at Paris, near here. The casualties there included four deaths and many injuries. Numbers of houses were badly cracked. Other villages in the vicinity suffered still worse damage. At Grassina forty houses were wrecked. At La Paggi several buildings fell and three persons were entombed. The church at San Martino was destroyed while full of worshippers. Several persons were crushed to death in the ruins. The villages of Gallezzo and Gambino were badly damaged. The prince of Naples and a corps of engineers have gone to these villages to aid in the work of rescue.

Port Angeles to San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 21.—E. A. Lassley, the mattress-maker, who traveled all the way from Port Angeles, Wash., to San Francisco, in a house-wagon, looking for work, which he failed to find, is camped on the sand lot at Seventh and Mission streets, awaiting the recovery of his wife, who gave birth to a son in the house on wheels Saturday morning. The entire family has occupied the rolling home since August last, and have experienced rather hard times. There are three children besides the newcomer, and the only means of support they have had was derived from the sale of a pamphlet describing the trip from the north.

Will Remove the Temptation.

St. Louis, May 21.—President William Thompson, of the Bank of Commerce, has issued a peremptory order forbidding any and every employe of the bank from attending horse races under penalty of dismissal. The tendency and opportunity at the races to lose money and eventually to become defaulters is so great that the president thinks it dangerous for young men to attend. He has decided that his clerks shall not submit themselves to such temptation.

The French Defeat the Hovas.

Paris, May 21.—A dispatch from Majanga, Madagascar, says the first battalion of the Colonial regiment had a sharp fight with a large body of Hovas near Marovoay. The Hovas fled at the point of the bayonet, leaving sixty dead and wounded. There were thirteen of the French wounded. The French then occupied the Hova camp.

Killed the Baby Instead.

San Francisco, May 21.—Nicholas Genotti, a cobbler, while crazed with drink, struck at his wife with a piece of iron pipe. The woman avoided the blow, but it fell with crushing force on the head of her young son, who was in her arms. The skull was fractured, and he will probably die. Genotti was arrested.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Condensed Telegraphic Re-
ports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Happenings of Interest in the Towns and
Cities of Oregon, Washington
and Idaho.

The last Spokane grand jury severely
condemned the present fee system.

The "Sunday cases" cost Walla
Walla county, Wash., \$1,059, and the
expenses of the Hoyt trial were \$850.

The South Palouse is dwindling, and
the pioneers say such an action of the
stream is proof positive that the Palouse
country needs rain.

The taxpayers of the La Grande, Or.,
school district are talking over the
proposition of buying the Blue Mountain
university property for \$2,600.

The Fort Klamath Indians have issued
a general invitation to the Pitt
river Indians to celebrate July Fourth
on the Klamath, Or. reservation.

It appears that the building of the
Blaine, Lynden & Nooksack railroad
can be secured if the localities interest-
ed put up a subsidy of \$15,000.

Twenty thousand fruit trees have
been planted in the vicinity of Lake
Chelan this spring and a great deal
of ground is being prepared for next
season's planting.

William Fetros, the Yakima, Wash.,
sheepman, has driven 11,000 sheep to
the Columbia opposite Umatilla, and is
now shearing. The wool will be sold
in Pendleton, Or.

The Satsop, Wash., skimming
station in operation only since the 1st
of the month, is receiving upwards of
3,000 pounds of milk, and the quantity
is increasing daily.

John Stewart has men engaged in
Lane county buying up 500 cows which
he is to deliver at Squaw creek, in
Crook county, Or. He will start the
drive across the mountains about June
1st.

Sheep shearing is now in full blast
about Wallula, Wash. Shearers com-
plain of the low price paid or shearing,
6 cents and board themselves, when
7 cents with board was the former
price.

The city council of Spokane has
passed an ordinance to bond the city for
\$278,700, to complete the new water-
works. The vote was 13 to 2. It is
not known whether Mayor Belt will
approve or veto the ordinance.

An order was made by Judge Buck
at Spokane Wednesday, for Receiver
Drumheller, of the Falls City Manu-
facturing Company, to pay the general
creditors of the corporation 25 per cent
of all claims approved and allowed.

Upon the petition of 537 citizens of
Benton county, Or., the county court,
in session there last week, ordered that
the sheriff be allowed only one deputy
at \$50 per month, and the recorder a
deputy at \$10 per month—just one-half
the former allowance.

Benton county, Or., had to pay the
state \$119.24 interest on the state taxes
due from this year's roll. After Treasur-
er Clark thought he had the taxes all
paid, he received a note from the state
treasurer demanding an additional
\$119.24. He remitted the amount Sat-
urday morning, and now for the first
time in three years Benton county owes
the state nothing.

The extensive operations that have
been carried on at the Black Jack mine,
near Hornbrook, Or., on the Klamath
river, have been closed down for the
present, at least, and all but four of the
thirty to thirty-five men who had been
employed were discharged. This mine,
which is a gravel deposit similar to the
Jillson mine adjoining, was originally
owned by Messrs. Cooley Ryan and
Burkhalter.

The Fletcher mill, near Weston,
Umatilla county, Or., is now being run
at full capacity, and later one depart-
ment, the manufacture of fruit boxes,
will be running day and night. The
mill will run all summer. At present
fourteen men are employed, but the
force soon will comprise forty good
lively husters, who will turn out 20,
000 feet per day. Now 17,000 feet are
being sawed. The season's output is
expected to aggregate between 2,000,
000 and 3,000,000 feet. Mr. Fletcher
requires about twenty yoke of cattle
when everything is going full blast.

It is estimated that the acreage of
potatoes planted in Whitman county,
Wash., this year, says the Harrington
Leader, will reach 6,000 acres. Count-
ing on 200 bushels per acre, which in
most sections is considered a small
crop, there will be raised this year no
less than 1,200,000 bushels, or 26,000
tons of potatoes. Of these not more
than 9,000 tons will be required for
home consumption, and perhaps less
than 2,000 tons more for the markets
in the immediate vicinity.

No season ever opened more auspiciously
in the Palouse country, Wash.,
says the North Idaho Star, than this.
To begin with, the little snow that
fell in the winter disappeared early.
Farmers got early at work in their
fields. The soil was in superb condi-
tion. Plowing was early completed,
and the ground which had been sum-
mer-fallowed worked up as mellow as a
garden. The weather remained dry until
the sowing was done, and then came
the welcome rains, and the great
forward leap of grass, and grain and fruit.
The prospect is for a forward year, and
the outlook is for an abundant crop of
everything the Palouse soil produces.
The grain fields indicate a large yield
and the orchards promise prolific re-
turns.

THE OFFICERS DEFIED.

Lively Scene at a Seattle School Caused
by a Principal's Disobedience.

Seattle, May 20.—The dispute be-
tween the boards of health and education
in regard to the closing of the
Rainier and South schools as a precau-
tion against scarlet fever reached a
crisis this morning. Acting under or-
ders from the health board, Health Of-
ficer Palmer and Officer Corning order-
ed the closing of the two schools.
Principal Gerard, of the former school,
refused compliance, and told the pupils
to enter. A wild scene followed, the
400 or 500 children entering at doors or
windows, some of them throwing stones
at the officers and getting out the hose
to give them a bath.

The officers vainly strove to inter-
cept them, and it was not until noon
that order was restored by the arrest
of Mr. Gerard and the removal of the
children from the building.

Less exciting scenes occurred at the
South school, President Taylor being
arrested for resisting the order. The
school board afterwards ordered the two
schools closed, under protest, until the
courts settle the dispute.

THAT SPRECKELS FAMILY ROW.

The Head of the House Has Confessed
Judgment and Gone Aboard.

San Francisco, May 20.—Claus
Spreckels, accompanied by his wife and
daughter, left today for Europe. They
will be gone three months, the greater
part of which time will be passed in
Germany.

Claus Spreckels, through his sons,
John D. and A. B. Spreckels, has con-
fessed judgment in the suit for slander
brought against him by his son, C. A.
Spreckels, and the young man will re-
ceive the \$300,000 damages he asked
for. The reason for this action is given
that Spreckels, Sr., received informa-
tion that his son would seek to prevent
his departure for Europe. According-
ly the loyal sons, John D. and A. B.
Spreckels, in order to save their father
further annoyance, instructed the attor-
neys in the case to confess judgment
and end the matter for the present. But
Claus Spreckels will not admit that he
confessed judgment in a moral sense,
so he has instructed his attorneys to be-
gin suit for an accounting against C.
A. Spreckels, to compel him to account
for all the money he has handled for
his father. The attorneys have also
been ordered to bring suit against Rudolph
Spreckels, who sided with his father,
to recover \$500,000 worth of stock of
the Paluhau Plantation Company, which
him Rudolph claims his father gave him
in 1893, and from which he draws
\$5,000 a month dividends, which it is
alleged, he has been using to supply the
sinecure of war against his parents' family
commenced over a year ago, when C.
A. Spreckels sued his father to recover
stock in the Hawaiian Commercial
Company. This suit was compromised,
and then Rudolph followed with a
suit to prevent the transfer of \$700,-
000 worth of stock held by Claus
Spreckels as security to the Nevada
bank. Following this came the suit
against the Oceanic Steamship Com-
pany, instituted by C. A. Spreckels,
who alleged that he was being frozen
out. Finally C. A. Spreckels sued his
father for slander, on account of the
newspaper interview in which the
father said his son had wasted his
money and would soon be bankrupt.

THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON.

Temporary Receivers Appointed for the
Branch Road at Spokane.

Spokane, May 20.—Judge Hanford
in the United States court today ap-
pointed Leverett S. Miller, of St. Paul,
and C. P. Chamberlain, of Spokane, re-
ceivers of the Central Washington
branch of the Northern Pacific. The
appointment is made upon the petition
of a majority of the bondholders, who
have become dissatisfied with the
Northern Pacific control. Monday last
they filed a bill for foreclosure. The
appointment of receivers is temporary.
The motion to make it permanent is
made returnable September 9. A short
time ago the bondholders sent an agent
out to investigate. He reported that
the road runs through a good country
and ought to be made to pay. The
first step taken by the bondholders to
throw off the Northern Pacific influ-
ence was the removal of the Farmers'
Loan & Trust Company as trustee, and
the appointment in its place of the
Knickerbocker Trust Company of New
York. The road is now being operated
by the receivers of the Northern Pacific
under a lease from the former trustee.
It is made discretionary with the
trustees whether the present lease shall
be continued or not. Three alterna-
tives lie before the bondholders: Lease
to the Northern Pacific, lease to the
Great Northern, or operation as an in-
dependent line. The road is 109 miles
long, and runs west from Spokane to
Conlee City.

Actual Work to Begin.

San Francisco, May 20.—The direc-
tors of the San Francisco & San Joa-
quin Valley railroad have called in a
second 10 per cent installment on stock
subscriptions, to be expended for ma-
terial and in starting the actual work
of building the road.

To Visit Lady Wilde.

New York, May 21.—Mrs. Frank
Leslie is to sail for England Saturday
to visit her mother-in-law, Lady Wilde,
and to do what she can to comfort that
lady in her trouble in the disgraceful
scandal in which her eldest son, Oscar
Wilde, has cut so prominent a figure.

OREGON SHORT LINE

Decision Handed Down in the
Receivership Contest.

VICTORY FOR THE PETITIONERS

If the Conditions Are Met, the Receiver
Will Be Egan, Who Was Ap-
pointed by Gilbert.

St. Paul, May 17.—Judge Sanborn,
of the United States circuit court,
handed down his decision in the re-
ceivership contest between the Union
Pacific and Oregon Short Line rail-
ways today. It is practically a victory
for the petitioners for the appointment
of a separate receiver for the Short
Line. If the conditions are met, it is
conceded that the receiver will be John
M. Egan, who has already been ap-
pointed by Judge Gilbert, at Portland.

The matter came up ten days ago,
the American Loan & Trust Company,
of Boston, holders of the second mort-
gage of \$10,873,000, moving for a sepa-
rate receivership. The Union Pacific
receivership opposed the motion. The
action proposed here is the same as had
already been taken in Judge Gilbert's
court, as applied to the property in his
control.

Under Judge Sanborn's order the re-
ceivers are directed to prepare a state-
ment of money in their hands applica-
ble to paying interest on the first mort-
gage of the Oregon Short Line. The
order further provides for a hearing, at
which will be determined the amount
which will be necessary to pay into
court to satisfy the interest of the first
mortgage, and in case such an amount
is paid, to arrange for turning the
property over to the receiver appointed
under this last bill of the second mort-
gage holders. The petitioner agreed to
pay this interest in case a separate re-
ceivership be granted, so that the sepa-
rate receivership seems assured. As
J. M. Egan has been appointed for a
part of the road by Judge Gilbert, and
as his appointment is desired by peti-
tioners, he seems assured of the ap-
pointment as the receiver for the entire
Oregon Short Line.

CO-OPERATIVE SCHEME.

The New National Association Has Been
Given Life.

San Francisco, May 17.—Articles of
incorporation have been filed by the
Co-operative Commonwealth, a co-
operative association with the follow-
ing directors: Mary E. Squires, George
W. Sells, E. J. Hicks, Miss A. Swain
and J. K. Phillips. There will be a
mass meeting tonight in the lecture
room of the old St. Marcus church, to
present the plans of the commonwealth.
The co-operative commonwealth
was first organized in Seattle, Wash. It
is non-sectarian and draws no color
line. In an interview yesterday with
Miss Addie Swain, the secretary of the
local branch, she explained that the
main feature of the plan for co-operation
is the reserve or development fund.
This was her argument:
"On a basis of 500,000 men, 10 cents
per day for six months or 150 working
days, accumulates the marvelous sum
of \$7,500,000, and in a year \$15,000,-
000. The society is now organized as
a national body, and has at its com-
mand 500,000 men and \$15,000,000
of capital. It can immediately set all
of its members at work in its own employ-
ment. The savings of the people, now in
the banks, amount to about \$3,000,000,000.
This could be placed in the co-operative
savings banks and a percentage used to
establish new industries instead of be-
ing loaned at enormous rates of interest
to serve as dragnets to gather in the
land and its products for the benefit of
a few commercial fishermen.
"This reserve fund could be invested
in purchasing or constructing railroads
to free the commonwealth from trans-
portation companies.
"For instance, with this reserve fund
of, say \$15,000,000, a railroad could be
constructed from Portland to San
Francisco with branches to Stockton,
San Jose, Los Angeles, Fresno, and all
other important points on the coast,
and the surplus could be replaced while
the work of construction was going on.
Thousands of acres of mineral land
could be developed and thousands of
men employed who are now idle."
Mayor Sutro has promised to donate
300 acres of land in Round valley to
the commonwealth. The Spring Valley
Water Company gives water free to the
community.

Trouble in the California Militia.

San Francisco, May 20.—The even-
ing Post says that there is to be a gen-
eral upheaval in the Third infantry reg-
iment, National Guard of California,
and that Colonel Thomas F. Barry and
the captains of three companies will re-
tire, not being willing to serve under
the newly-appointed brigadier-general,
R. H. Warfield.