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AGED FARMER SHOT AT ELGIN

William Bennett Lying at the Point of Death as the Result of a Quarrel.

WILLIAM TOP SHOT HIM WITH 22-CALIBRE RIFLE.

Bennett May Recover, But His Advanced Age and Hot Weather Are Against Him—In 1891 Bennett Killed a Neighbor Near Where the Shooting Occurred—Top in Custody.

La Grande, Aug. 10.—William Bennett, a farmer of the Elgin locality, 22 miles north of here, is lying at the point of death, as a result of an altercation with a neighbor, William Top, Saturday evening.

Bennett is shot twice with a 22-calibre rifle, once through the abdomen and once through the elbow, and while the wounds are not necessarily fatal, the hot weather and his advanced age are against him.

Top, who did the shooting, is now in custody of the officers at Elgin, awaiting the result of Bennett's wounds. The shooting was the result of trouble over stock, and each man gives a different version of the affair. There are no other witnesses to the shooting. Both are pioneer settlers and have families in the county.

Bennett's story of the shooting is that Top was riding by and stopped in the road where Bennett was working in his field. Top's stock had been breaking into Bennett's wheat and there had been trouble between the men before about it. Bennett says Top climbed over the fence and threatened to shoot, when Bennett, in self-defense, raised a pitchfork, with which he was working. Top then shot him, one ball entering his abdomen and one the back part of his elbow, as he ran away from Top.

Top's version is that he stopped to talk with his neighbor, and while sitting on the fence, Bennett made a lunge at him with the pitch fork, and missing him the first time started to come back again, when Top was forced to shoot him to save his own life.

Bennett has borne the reputation of being a hot-tempered man and in 1891, shot and killed Leander Lezore, near where this shooting took place. Bennett was a superior and Lezore, who was working under Bennett, on the county road, disobeyed his orders. A fight ensued and Lezore kicked Bennett in the mouth, breaking out some of his teeth and otherwise injuring him.

On the following morning, as Lezore was driving along the road, with his wife and three little children, in a farm wagon, Bennett came out of a clump of bushes and shot him dead, while sitting on the wagon seat beside his wife, who happened to be shielding her husband. The murdered man fell down in the wagon on bed dead, where his children were huddled together. The wagon ran away and it was with difficulty that the woman succeeded in stopping them before they overturned the wagon.

Bennett was sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary, but on account of his age, and the circumstances surrounding the crime, he was pardoned after serving about five years.

While he was in the penitentiary his son, a highly respected young man, was drowned in the Kansas river, in Lower Cove, Union county, while taking some children across the river in a boat.

He pulled the boat up to the bank and was in the act of climbing out, when the bank of the river caved in carrying the boat and its occupants down, drowning young Bennett and a couple of miles wide, and leaving two of William Booth's little girls.

GREAT DAMAGE IS DONE TO WHEAT AND OTHER GRAIN.

Farming Districts in the Interior of Kansas Drained With an Unprecedented Fall of Rain in the Neighborhood Where the Destructive Floods of Last May Originated.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 10.—Heavy rains are reported from over Central Kansas today. At Minneapolis there was a cloudburst, and the Kansas river is rapidly rising. At Manhattan, the Kaw and Blue rivers are much higher tonight, and soon will be 10 feet above low water mark. It is expected that the Kansas river will not rise much higher than it is to night. Great damage has already been done, however.

Tornado Among the Mines. Pittsburg, Kan., Aug. 10.—About 1:30 o'clock this morning a tornado passed through the thickly-populated mining district north and east of Pittsburg, destroying houses, mines, and buildings of every description, leveling to a mass of wreckage a large portion of every camp between the Devlin-Miller shaft, north of Frontenac, and the Morgan shaft on the state line, and converting into ruin a strip of thickly populated territory eight miles long, and a couple of miles wide, and leaving death and desolation in its wake. At least two persons were killed and fully 60 injured in the storm, and perhaps many others were injured whose names have not been procured.

The storm swept across the country from the northwest and whirled in a southeasterly direction, doing great damage in all of the mining camps, which are thickly clustered in that section of the country.

Damage to Standing Grain. Minneapolis, Kan., Aug. 10.—A terrific rain storm fell over this section early today, four inches of water falling at Wells, near St. Louis.

MAYOR ORDLS ARRESTS BY WHOLESALER.

Over 80 Demi-Mondes Now in City Jail—Bitter Fight Between Mayor and Aldermen Causes the Ultra-Moral Crusade.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 8.—As a result of the long and bitter conflict between Mayor Pat Mullins, Helms's successful candidate in the recent mayoralty election, and eleven followers of the Clark faction over the question of confirming a long list of the mayor's nominations, a move was made last night which bids fair to rid Butte of its scores of immoral fairies, occupying Red Light, and infesting many of the big blocks of the city.

During the clash in the chamber last night over the question of confirming an alderman introduced a resolution authorizing the closing of bawdy houses, accusing the mayor of failing in his duty, and threatening impeachment of the chief of police.

Mayor Mullins completely lost his temper when the resolution was announced, and rising to his feet, he shouted he would give the aldermen all the morality they wanted. He at once ordered the police to raid every house, dance hall, lodging house and blocks in the city. The tip was given, an alarm soon spread among the demi-monde, and scantily-dressed females could be seen crawling out of their alleys and side streets anxious to escape the police.

As it was, the officers caught over 80, and the crowding of the city jail to overflowing with such a lot of the arrested, and the arrests of the question, the arrested will be required to give a bond of \$25 before being released. The mayor declares that today he will round up scores more of women posing as respectable, but playing their immoral trade in blocks of the city.

STRIKE UNBROKEN.

Leaders and Officers of Union Cannot Be Bribed. San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Today was set by the Pacific States Telephone Company to break the line-men's strike in San Francisco, and the strike is still on. The peculiar tactics of the company have aroused deep resentment in the ranks of the general public without in any degree weakening the line-men in their attitude. Pioneerships and other responsible positions with big pay, and other very enviable propositions, were made to leaders of the strike and other strikers with influence in the councils of the union if they would desert the union ranks in this particular issue. In every known instance the propositions were rejected.

The tactics of the company have resulted in the conviction deepening and gaining ground that the company is suffering severely from a financial standpoint.

FAILED TO RESUME.

Stubborn Strike of Paper Mills' Employes in Massachusetts. Holyoke, Aug. 10.—The paper mill employes failed to resume work this morning after an eight weeks' strike, but met with failure, none of the employes appearing to work. The attempt to start was abandoned.

Hope for a Solution. London, Aug. 10.—Mr. Balfour today in the commons said the government is unable to give any satisfactory assurances as to the state of affairs in Macedonia, but that Europe still hoped the Russo-Austrian plan would be successful.

At Oyster Bay. Oyster Bay, Aug. 10.—Minister von Strinberg left this morning. President Roosevelt passed a quiet day.

Ending Arbitration. Pittsburg, Aug. 10.—Twenty thousand members of the building trades returned to work today, both lock-out and strike orders being withdrawn pending arbitration.

WOULD CALL A CONGRESS OF ALL THE NATIONS. Armies Are Parasites—Should Be Transferred into Farmers and Artisans—War and Maintenance of Large Armies the Cause of Increasing Anarchy, Discontent and Class Struggle.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—General Miles passed through here today, en route to San Francisco, to attend the Grand Army encampment.

With prominent citizens who met him at the train, he ably discussed his plans for the disarmament of the powers.

While General Miles has spent his life as a soldier, he says that war is abhorrent to human intelligence, and the retention of large armies is a useless taxation on the masses of the people who bear the great burdens of civilization.

His plan in detail is to call a congress of all the nations and by the adoption by this congress of a rule, binding upon all alike, that each government shall maintain a standing army consisting of one regular soldier to each 1,000 inhabitants.

The soldiers now maintained in the standing armies of the world, to become farmers and artisans, thus relieving the governments of earth of millions of parasites whose sole occupation is war.

He says the armies of the world are recruited from the masses of the poor, and in the changing conditions that incessantly visit governments, will eventually plunge the world into disaster. He has made a study and in a life time devoted to his barbaric art, he has been convinced that the maintenance of immense armies, and the awful expense and waste consequent upon their maintenance, is the cause of the undermining discontent, the growing anarchy, and the destructive class struggles that curse humanity.

He would reduce the awful waste of life and money occasioned by useless wars, by substituting universal arbitration, which would replace the army of idleness with one of useful artisans, whose mission in life would be to add to the sum of human happiness, and human comfort, instead of loading down the world with unjust burdens and wrecking the very basis of true society, with the useless departments now maintained for the purpose of devising engines of destruction.

Accompanying Gen. Miles on his westward trip is a considerable party of veterans, including General Mans, who goes to Fort Reno to assume command.

CONFESSES TO SIX MURDERS

Cantrell, Serving Time for Body-Snatching, Tells of Revolting Crimes.

His Story Clears Up Old Murder Mysteries. All the Crimes He Mentions Have Puzzled Police—His Criminal Ingenuity Unsurpassed—Medical College May Be Shaken Up Over the Murderer's Confession.

Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—Cantrell, the grave robber now serving time, has confessed to six murders. The local police are investigating and believe the story to be entirely true.

Evidence is being collected to be placed before the local jury. His victims are: William Watson, Indianapolis; Walter Johnson, Newark, murdered and robbed of \$300; a Claude, the last name being forgotten, was also robbed of \$300; Carrie Selva, of Indianapolis, whose death was also a mystery; Charles Jordan, of Indianapolis; and Kenneth French, of Bellefontaine, O.

All the bodies were sold to medical colleges. The confession comes like a thunder-bolt to the local authorities, who had not accredited Cantrell with being such a monster.

All the murders he names have been recalled by the police, and while Cantrell is serving time in the penitentiary, it is believed that the wrong persons have been held and that Cantrell is guilty.

The death of Carrie Selva has long puzzled police circles and the confession proves that the criminal ingenuity of Cantrell is the most remarkable in the history of modern crime.

The authorities will secure all the facts in regard to the delivery of the bodies to the medical colleges and the case promises to develop some highly sensational features.

COVER D'ALENE FIRE. Ten Acres of Lumber Destroyed—Loss \$100,000. Cover d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 8.—Fire broke out in the Cover d'Alene Lumber Yard this morning and the plaining mill, dry kiln and office are destroyed. At noon the flames threaten the entire town, unless the wind changes, and the extreme fire is endeavoring to save it by pumping water from the lake.

Bartlett Carpenter had a leg blown off by the explosion of an engine, and two others were seriously injured fighting the flames. Loss, probably \$100,000. Ten acres of stacked lumber has been destroyed.

Strike in Town May Be Ended. Cover d'Alene City, Aug. 8.—Lumber mills at Cover d'Alene City are idle. Entire destruction of the town is threatened. Assistance was asked for from Spokane and a special train started at 9 a. m. with the fire department.

MILES TAKES LEAVE. Shakes Hands With Corbin, to Whom He Has Not Spoken for a Year. Washington, Aug. 8.—General Miles reached his office at 9 o'clock and was greeted by the clerks, who presented him a silver loving cup, suitably engraved.

A dramatic incident happened this morning at 10:30, when General Corbin and General Young arrived. Corbin and Miles have not spoken for more than a year, but warmly shook hands. Miles wears concealed when the officers saw three stars on Young's uniform.

After all the officers had paid their respects, 500 clerks of the war, navy and state departments, filed past, each shaking hands. There is some comment on Young's adopting the new uniform with such haste.

Prizes for Irrigation Products. Ogdon, Aug. 8.—Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, and the Pabst Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, have each offered \$500 loving cups as prizes, to be awarded at the irrigation congress, at Ogdon, Utah, September 15 to 18. Mr. Clark's prize will be for irrigated fruit and the Pabst prize for irrigated barley.

Ex-Eagles to Gather. Portland, Aug. 8.—Members of the Portland Avie, No. 4, Ex-Order of Eagles which lost its charter, will probably hold a meeting this evening at the old hall to discuss the situation and make an effort to regain the charter. A former member says that after the grand eerle holds its meeting this month a new lodge will be started in Portland.

Canadian Yacht Wins. Toronto, Aug. 8.—The Canadian cup race today was won by the Canadian defender, the Strathcona, easily defeating the American yacht Ironquoin.

Injured by Premature Blast. Portland, Aug. 8.—A gang was blasting old slag in the Bristol furnace this morning, when a premature blast injured two fatally and six less seriously.

Cardinal Gibbons Improving. Rome, Aug. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons passed a restless night, but shows some slight improvement this morning.

Yachtsmen Coming Over. Liverpool, Aug. 8.—A large number of prominent Clyde yachtsmen sailed today on the Campagna to witness the cup races in America.

The Last Canoe Race on Albany was robbed Friday of \$20.

INNOCENT MAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Laborer Who Was Mentally Deranged Shot for a Convict.

Woodland, Cal., Aug. 8.—Another fatality has resulted in the pursuit of the convicts who escaped from Folsom prison. An innocent man was killed near Davisville last night.

A man was seen acting queerly near a farm house and when called upon by the officers to surrender, he started to run. The officers fired at him, killing him instantly.

Since his death the man has been identified as one who had been in the vicinity several days before the work. He was considered deranged mentally. The officers who killed him have been exonerated.

Two Supposed Convicts Caught. Stockton, Cal., Aug. 8.—Local officials report two heavily-armed men were taken off a freight train from Sacramento at Brighton railway station this morning by constables. The men are believed to have been Fabey and an other convict. Nothing is definitely known here.

Portland Pupil Shot. Portland, Aug. 7.—Tommy Hain, an ex-pupil, was brought to the ground this morning by a bullet in the leg, while trying to escape the officers, who had raised an opium joint. He is not seriously injured.

Explosion on British Cruiser. Plymouth, Eng., Aug. 7.—A dispatch from Funchal says an explosion occurred in the boiler room of the British cruiser Blake, in which one stoker was killed and four injured.

Explosion in Spain. Madrid, Aug. 7.—In an explosion in a factory near Malaga, this morning, 16 were killed and eight injured.

Hanged for Robbery. Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 7.—Will Terrell and Will Hudson were hanged today for highway robbery.

THE PRISON PALLO. Railroads Are Treating the Trial as a National Holiday—Immense Crowds Throng the Streets Near the Palace of Justice—American, Who Assisted Them, Present at Trial.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The trial of the Humbert brothers is being held in the court room was crowded with fashionable. Shortly after noon the prisoners were escorted into the room by guards.

Madame Humbert came first, dressed entirely in black. She was pale, but composed. Her husband followed, then came Romani and Emil Daungian, brothers of Mrs. Humbert, joined army in arm. All gave their place of residence as the Conciergerie prison.

The Trial a Holiday. The railways are treating the Humbert trial as a national holiday and are running big excursions at low rates.

Public Interest is Intense as Madame Humbert promises to subvert at the trial, Crawford brothers, American millionaires, on whom was based the story of a \$20,000,000 dollar inheritance, on which they had paid \$10,000,000.

Highly Dramatic Scene. Madame Humbert maintained her previous attitude of bravado and continually interrupted the proceedings with roars of laughter. The examination she frequently turned and plied the judge with questions from an angry tongue.

She denied all charges and assumed a dramatic attitude and cried: "We are the most honest people in France, suffering under a false accusation, never slept in prison, but my extreme friendliness leads to my cell."

She repeatedly asserted that the Crawford millions exist and declared her only error was in losing her head for a moment and fleeing from France.

The spectators greeted each declaration with roars of laughter. The crowd wishing to enter was so great that a sextuple line of military guards are maintained. Many prominent people were turned away, including the actor, Coquelin, who, as he left, said it would be the most dramatic scene of recent years.

Alliance Between France and Spain. Madrid, Aug. 8.—Former Premier Silya, in an interview today, denies that an alliance has been formed between France and Spain, although the rumors are persistent. He says the hope that such a union will be.

Carnegie's Offer to Dublin. Dublin, Aug. 8.—Carnegie today offered the city \$140,000 with which to build a library here.

HORRIBLE WRECK OF CIRCUS TRAIN

Twenty-two Are Killed and 70 Injured in a Collision on the Grand Trunk.

Air Brakes Refused to Work—Engineer on Second Train Saw Danger But Was Powerless—Three Prominent Officials of Grand Trunk Among the Dead—Many Animals Killed.

Durand, Mich., Aug. 7.—Wallace Brothers' circus trains, running in two sections, were wrecked half a mile east of here this morning, and 22 persons were killed and 70 injured.

A partial list of the dead is as follows: Andrew Large, special agent for the Grand Trunk, and John McCarty, trainmaster of the Grand Trunk. The following are all shown: John Purcell, Lara Larson, C. Thomas, John Leary, Andrew Harland, Frank Theory, Robert Wright, Charles Baldo and Joseph Wilson.

Among the fatally injured, 50 of whom are reported to be dying, is James Foley, a temporary agent of the Grand Trunk railway.

The trains were running from Charlotte, where they exhibited last night. The sections are a half hour apart. The first section was delayed and was standing on the main track near here, when the second section, arriving at high speed, crashed into it.

The engineer saw the train ahead, but the air brakes refused to work. A relief train with surgeons, has been sent to the scene.

Eighteen Dead, Twenty Injured. Durand, Mich., Aug. 7.—As the wrecking crew progresses, it is announced that 18 were killed outright and 20 injured, seven of them fatally. Many of the menagerie animals were killed.

Forty Were Injured. The list of injured has increased to 40. The Richliey hotel is being used as a temporary hospital. The seven rear cars of the first train and the engine and two cars of the second train in which many were sleeping, were piled up, and the total number of animals escaped and are scattered beyond identification. One big elephant, two camels and several less valuable animals are killed. Some of the animals appear to be constant trouble. The death list includes all the horses save one.

Death List Increases. The death list is now 22 and the number injured is 70. It is thought to be correct. George Hartley is not dead, but will recover.

Baby Boy Annoys the Big Rooster a Little Too Long. Ramona, I. T., Aug. 7.—A 2-year-old child of Lee Montgomery, an Osage farmer, was killed by a Plymouth Rock rooster yesterday. The child was throwing sticks and pebbles at the bird, when suddenly it flew at its childish tormentor and drove its spurs deep into the child's head and neck and back. The parents rescued the baby and started immediately for Cleveland for medical assistance, but before they reached town the child was dead.

Starved to Death. Independence, Or., Aug. 7.—Mrs. I. Snyder, wife of a former Methodist minister, of this place, died here this morning. The child had suffered from a deranged mind for several months past, and for the last four weeks it has been impossible to get her out of the house. The child was starved to death.

Frederick Steiwer, Pioneer of 1850, is No More. At 10:30 o'clock Friday morning Frederick Steiwer, a prominent resident of Salem, and a pioneer of 1850, died at his home No. 343 Liberty street, after an illness of only four days, says the Salem Journal.

Deceased was a native of Germany, born in 1828, and came to the United States when a mere child, settling with his parents in Illinois. In 1850 he crossed the plains to Oregon country, in the same train that brought "Uncle Billy" Miller to this coast. Mr. Steiwer at once located in Marion county, in the neighborhood of Jefferson, and has been a resident at Marion county ever since, a period of 53 years. He devoted his energies to farming and stockraising, and was very successful. His efforts accumulated a handsome competency, and for many years he was one of the leading agriculturists and stock breeders, and at one time in 1850, he sold over 2,000 fine cattle, grown by himself.

Two attempts to burn Chinatown, in Fresno, Cal., were made Friday morning.

CONDENNS OUR PRISON METHODS

SAYS WE MAKE CRIMINALS OF THE YOUNG.

Recommends English System, Where Young and Old Are Separated in Prison—Old Criminals Find Delight in Coaching Boys in Crime—Says American Methods Are a Disgrace.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Dr. Charles Henderson, of the University of Chicago, has given vent to a growing public sentiment on the penal institutions of the country, in a lecture upon crime systems.

He was invited to address the citizens upon municipal reform, and said in part:

"The most disgraceful thing that exists in this country in the name of law and civilization is the county jails until they are filled. Here we make crime, and at public cost we are maintaining free schools of crime in every county in the United States."

He has issued several books upon the subject.

"There is no necessity for the present jail system," he said. "If Europe's prisons are kept in separate cells until they are filled. Here we herd our youths and hardened criminals together, and it is a well-established fact that many habitual criminals find keener delight in teaching their less experienced companions the fine points of criminal practices gained through the experience of years of wrongdoing. That such a condition should be permitted to exist is a shame and disgrace to the entire public."

MRS. MAYBRICK'S ANNIVERSARY Begins Fifteenth Year of Imprisonment—May Not Be Released. Manchester, Aug. 8.—Florence Maybrick today entered the 15th year of her imprisonment. The Manchester Guardian, commenting upon the case, says it is not at all certain that she will be released in 1914. If she is, it will be a distinct concession on the part of the government.

Plumbers Want \$5 a Day. Portland, Aug. 8.—Members of the Master Plumbers' Association are considerably exercised over the expected demand on the part of their employes for \$5 a day. Journeymen plumbers are now receiving \$1.50 per day of eight hours, and this the employers thing is pretty fair pay.

O. R. & N. Shop Repairs. La Grande, Aug. 8.—Extensive repairs to the O. R. & N. roundhouse and machine shops are contemplated. Owing to the increasing traffic, it becomes necessary to enlarge both buildings to handle the machinery and new engines.