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GARDINER PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEVERAL CRIMES NOW

G. C. Summers, Alias "Rev. Geo. Clark" Taken to Salem For Hearing.

CIRCUMSTANCES ARE STRONG AGAINST HIM

John Parrott From Throckmorton, Tex., Responsible For Arrest.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 11. — In the custody of Sheriff Fenton, Rev. George Clark, or Summers, arrested at Gardiner, left Roseburg for Salem to fight extradition to Throckmorton, Texas, where he was indicted in 1904 under the name of Summers, on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The minister's defense is that he is a victim of mistaken identity. Circumstances surrounding the case militate heavily against him, however, and if certain allegations are true he will have to face a more serious charge than that on which he is indicted.

Rev. Clark, or Summers, as his name may be, has been stationed at Gardiner but a short time past. Previously he filled pulpits elsewhere in Oregon. Originally he came from Throckmorton, Texas, according to his own admission, and while there, he said, he was connected with a small college. He was formerly of the South Methodist denomination, but in 1904 secured a transfer to the Methodist Episcopal church, North, and received assignments in the Oregon conference.

Rev. Clark's arrest was instigated by John Parrott, a former resident of Throckmorton, Tex., who, as chance would have it, located at Gardiner a few weeks ago. He claims, so it is reported, to have recognized in the woman whom Clark calls his wife and with whom he was living at Gardiner, a playmate of his childhood days. The woman, furthermore, according to his assertion, is a sister of his uncle's wife. From the fact that he had never learned of such a marriage of the woman to a minister, Parrott became suspicious and wrote letters of inquiry to relatives at Throckmorton, among them his uncle.

Real Name Summers.

Brief correspondence followed, culminating in Sheriff Fenton receiving a telegram instructing him to place the minister under arrest. Clark's real name is declared to be Summers, and he is alleged to have deserted a wife and two children in Texas. Matters are complicated all the more by the fact that the woman at Gardiner is the mother of two children, the elder of whom is 3 years of age. The facts concerning the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses are not known, but it is believed to have been returned by the Texas jury in the absence of knowledge of a more serious crime, if one has been committed.

What weighs stronger than anything else against the minister is his silence regarding his marriage to the woman with whom he has been living at Gardiner. He could not produce a marriage certificate when asked for it, and when he was requested to name the place and date of the marriage he was silent. It was pointed out to him that the authorities could verify any statement by telegraphing immediately, but the minister made no statement that would clear the ugly charges against him. The apparent indication of guilt from this circumstance is strengthened by the fact that Clark is resisting the effort to remove him to Texas for trial. In explanation of this act and of his refusal to answer questions concerning his supposed marriage to the woman at Gardiner, Rev. Clark said:

"I will proceed in my defense one step at a time. When I am cleared I will prosecute John Parrott for perjury."

Rev. James K. Hawkins, of the Methodist church, of this city, has interested himself in Clark's behalf, and will raise money, if necessary,

BOY MAIMED BY DYNAMITE

Young Son of Peter Menegat of Ten Mile Touches Match to Cap.

The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Menegat of Ten Mile, is shy a portion of his thumb and his first and second fingers as a result of touching a match to a dynamite cap which he found on their ranch the other day. The injury, aside from the lad for life is a very painful one. He is getting along nicely and no danger of lockjaw is now anticipated.

Mrs. Menegat was in a rather serious condition for a time after the accident as she ran from their home to the Lake Creamery to reach a telephone to call a physician to care for the boy. She was alone on the place with the lad at the time of the accident and after binding up the injured hand started to call a physician. She reached there in an exhausted condition and, not being very strong physically, fears were entertained for her for a time.

Dr. Gale of North Bend, was called to attend the boy.

WOMAN KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Mrs. H. Johnson Dead, One Daughter Dying and Another Crazed By Accident.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 11.—In a runaway accident today, Mrs. Harriet Johnson was thrown from a buggy against a tree and killed, and her daughter, Mrs. Ostrom, seriously and perhaps fatally injured. It is feared that Mrs. Kate Johnson, a daughter of Mrs. Johnson, who witnessed the accident, will lose her reason.

Credentials May Be Stolen.

The only defense thus far advanced by Summers is in the form of a set of credentials which he carries. These documents are signed by the Bishop of Texas and bear the seal of the church of which he alleges to be a leading light. His name, as recorded on this "sheep-skin" is George Clark, another mysterious circumstance which the officers are as yet unable to explain. It is presumed, nevertheless, that he stole this paper, thus placing himself in a fair position to deceive the outside world.

Summers is a bright appearing man of about 45 years of age and from all appearances has enjoyed a liberal schooling in his younger days. He talks fluently and writes a good hand, and is said to be an able and entertaining speaker.

Later developments in the case tend to show that Summers eloped from Texas with the lady whom he now alleges to be his lawful wife.

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KIDNAPER CAUGHT NEAR SEATTLE

Leo. Bessemer Wanted In the E. P. English Case Surprised and Caught While Asleep In Lonely Cabin.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 11.—In a farmhouse owned by David Foy, on the south shore of Bitter Lake, five miles north of Seattle where,

tired and footworn from the pursuit by posses from Mount Vernon, he had fallen asleep, Leo. Bessemer was taken by surprise and captured early this morning by deputy sheriffs Wheeler, Hill and Meek and is now in the King county jail. Bessemer kidnaped a wealthy logger named E. P. English and forced him to sign a demand for \$5,000 ransom and then tied him to a tree. A reward of \$500 was offered for Bessemer's capture.

NASHVILLE AROUSED OVER SHOOTING

All Tennessee Agog Over Slaying of Senator Carmack and Many Different Versions of Fray Are Told.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Excitement is still high over the shooting of Senator Carmack. Col. Cooper who was with his son when the latter shot Carmack remains in jail without bond charged with murder, while young Cooper remains in the hospital under guard. He will have his preliminary examination as soon as he can leave the hospital.

Friends of Carmack claim that the shooting was the result of a conspiracy in which men of high authority are connected; that Carmack was waylaid and assassinated while he

was on his way to his boarding house and that he was shot while he was talking to a lady; that when he left the office of "The Tennessean" the fact was telephoned from a house near the office and that thus the Coopers were notified that Senator Carmack was on his way and to be on the alert.

It now develops, according to the friends of Carmack that there was a third party with the Coopers just before the shooting, an ex-county official and a close personal friend of the Coopers and Governor Patterson.

Friends of the Coopers say it was merely a street duel, that the Coopers had tried to avoid meeting with Carmack and that they were on the way to the state capitol in response to a telephone message from Governor Patterson when the tragedy occurred.

SEND MEN TO VALE SESSION

Coos Bay Likely to Be Represented at Oregon-Idaho Development Congress.

Delegates to the next meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress which will be held at Vale, will probably be named soon by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. Col. Wm. E. Grimes has received a letter from Col. E. Hofer of Salem, urging that Coos Bay be represented. Col. Hofer says that the congress is doing more boosting for Coos Bay than any other section, and the people here ought to be more active in its behalf. It is likely that strong delegations will be named for the Vale meeting of the congress and the one following it to be held at Salem during the session of the Oregon legislature this winter.

Walter Lyon has received a letter from Judge Lowell of Pendleton, president of the congress, who is very anxious to secure more active support from Coos Bay.

JUDGE LOWELL'S LETTER.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, writes as follows:

"I beg to advise that the Board of Trade at Vale, Malheur county, is arranging for a meeting for the Oregon and Idaho Development Congress, December 17, 18 and 19, and I hope that your people will be able to send a delegation. I am sure that by coming in touch with the great Snake River basin and understanding its wonderful resources your people will have it impressed upon them the truth which I suggested in my address last September in your city, namely: That Coos Bay is the natural outlet for an empire, and that when the great interior of Oregon and southern Idaho is brought in touch with the Pacific by a railroad a great entrepot of trade must be established at Coos Bay. The interior needs your lumber and coal and you need their productions, and the commerce of the Pacific, as it develops, will assure growth and prosperity."

FOR BARGAINS — Attend the stocking sale at Mrs. Elrod's, Friday and Saturday.

500 MEN WANTED—To eat at the Melrose restaurant.

CASH PRIZE MASQUERADE BALL, NORTH BEND, November 14, at Eckhoff Hall.

WRECKS NEAR NEW ORLEANS AND CHEYENNE CLAIM MANY

DOUGLAS RAPS COUNCIL'S ACT

Sharply Criticises Body For Alleged Waste of Property Owner's Money.

The closing moments of last evening's session of the Marshfield city council were marked by a rather heated tilt between Councilman Claude Nasburg and W. U. Douglas over the filling of Front street north of the city hall. The council had just awarded the contract to Contractor D. W. Small to fill the street at forty-five cents per cubic yard, the cost to be paid by the owners of the abutting property. Mr. Douglas, who was a little late in arriving at the meeting, said that he had explained to Councilman Nasburg that the street could be filled by the dredge when it starts operations here within a few weeks for eight cents per cubic yard, or about one-fifth of what it would cost under Mr. Small's contract. Mr. Douglas said that it would mean a saving of about \$300 to the property owners to have the street filled by the dredge and he thought the council ought to take the matter into consideration.

Councilman Nasburg said that he had informed Mr. Douglas when he (Douglas) had informed him of the matter a few days ago that he should appear before the city council last night and explain the matter to that body before the bids on the Front street fill were opened. In addition to this, Nasburg said that he did not think that the dredgings would be sold enough to warrant putting on an asphalt covering next spring as it is proposed to do.

Mr. Douglas said that he had been delayed at a business meeting but as he had explained the matter to Councilman Nasburg and Mayor Straw and had tried to tell Councilman Sacchi about it, he presumed that the council would try to look after the property owners' interests. In addition to this, he said in reply to Mr. Nasburg that there was nothing in the contract just let to Mr. Small that would prevent Mr. Small having the street filled by the dredge for eight cents per yard and he (Small) receive forty-five cents from the city.

Mr. Nasburg said that if Mr. Small did this, the city would't pay it to him. Mr. Douglas asked the council to rescind its action in awarding the contract but the body refused. Councilman Sacchi wanted to rescind the action, saying that he had not understood Mr. Douglas' statement about the cost of the work originally. However, he did not get the support of the other councilmen.

Just before leaving, Mr. Douglas said that the contract just awarded to Mr. Small had not been in accordance with the specifications and consequently was not legal. He intimated that he would attack it in the courts. He was acting for the Clemenson estate which owns the property occupied by the Brewery saloon.

The only other bidder on the work was Walter Condon who wanted fifty-two cents per cubic yard for filling the street. The bids included the cost of removing the present plank and putting them down after the fill is completed.

YARD MASTER SHOT.

Freight Car Robbers Blamed For Chicago Crime.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Yardmaster C. B. Arton was found in the Wabash railroad yards early today with a bullet in his head. He died later in the hospital. It is believed that he was shot by freight car robbers.

CHILDREN'S class in Elocution begins Saturday at 19 o'clock, at Academy of Music. Terms: ten weeks, \$2.50.

Nine Killed In Collisions at Each Place Early Today.

SOUTHERN DISASTER BEGGARS DESCRIPTION

Passenger Trains Crash, Killing and Maiming Those On Board.

(By Associated Press.) CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 11.—Nine men are known to have lost their lives in a collision of Union Pacific freight trains last night at Borie, Wyo., and a fire which followed the wreck.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 11.—In a rear-end collision on the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad today at Little Woods, twelve miles from this city, nine are known to have been killed and a number injured. The accident was caused by a New Orleans and Great Northern train running into a Northeastern incoming passenger train.

Later reports say the wreck scene was horrible beyond words. The moans of the dying and injured were heart rending and the bodies of the dead formed an awful spectacle.

Exactly how the collision occurred is not yet known, but it appears that the Great Northern train was late as it should have preceded the Northeastern train into the city by about twenty minutes.

EXPECTS WAR IN ORIENT

Returned Missionary Propheesies Revolution In China and War With Japan.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—Declaring the youth of China and the progressive element in that nation would unite in a great revolution to overthrow the present dynasty, the Rev. William Christie, a missionary from China, stated that great disturbances are about due in the Celestial empire and that war with Japan is in contemplation.

DORIC CHAPTER AND MASONS BUY PIANO

Secure Fine Instrument For Their Hall—Times' Prize Part of Nucleus of Fund.

Doric Chapter, No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star, and the other Masonic bodies of Marshfield have purchased a fine Gable piano from W. R. Haines Music Company, for their hall in the Masonic Opera House. The movement was started by Mrs. Hazard and Mrs. McCarty who interested the other members of the Eastern Star and other Masonic bodies and the funds were quickly raised. Doric Chapter had a small fund on hand realized from the recent presentation of "The Maids of Alaska" and to this was added the \$75 which W. R. Haines allowed for the talking machine which Doric Chapter won in The Times Popular Grand Prize Voting Contest which closed ten days ago.

The new piano is one of the finest of the noted Gable make, the walnut case making it one of the handsomest instruments in the city.

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ANDRE'S BODY FOUND AT LAST

Missing Explorer who Attempted to Reach North Pole In Baloon Accounted For.

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, Nov. 11.—There is reason to believe that the body of Andre who, in 1897 made an attempt to reach the north pole in a balloon, has been found on the coast of Labrador.