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OREGON MAN SHOOT AND KILLS DAUGHTER'S HUSBAND

Tragedy Enacted at Country
Dance Near Brownsville
Last Night.

HOMER ROPER IS
C. J. POWELL'S VICTIM

Father Incensed at Elopement
and Possible Reuniting
of Pair.

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 29.—Homer Roper was shot and instantly killed at midnight at a country dance near Brownsville by Charles J. Powell. Last fall Roper eloped with Leah Powell, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Charles J. Powell. Three weeks ago, Powell and his wife induced the girl to return home. Roper followed and they met at the dance last night. Powell missed his daughter from the hall and found her outside in company with Roper. Powell calmly drew a revolver and fired four shots into Roper, killing him instantly. Powell surrendered himself to the authorities.

BOY IS DROWNED.
Twelve-Year-Old Lad Loses Life in
Coquille.

COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 29.—A 12-year old boy, an adopted son of Mrs. Mallon, was drowned near Johnson's mill. It seems that he was playing in a scow in the marsh near the railroad trestle and fell overboard. The body was recovered in a short time.

ACTION ON BILL DELAYED.

Washington House Postpones Race-
Track Gambling Bill.

(By Associated Press.)
OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—Action by the Senate on the Hanson anti-race track gambling bill which passed the House, was put off two or three weeks by referring it to the Judiciary Committee.

FIRE COMPANY SQUEEZED.

Receiver Appointed For New Eng-
land Concern.

(By Associated Press.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 29.—Robt. L. Spencer was appointed permanent receiver for the New England Fire Insurance Company, one of the largest stockholders of the Central Trust Company of this city which was liquidated January 19.

BAD FIRE IN SITRO TUNNEL

Several Men Overcome By
Smoke In Nevada
Mine.

(By Associated Press.)
VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Jan. 29.—A fire broke out in the Sitro tunnel four miles from the mouth of the tunnel. A large force of men who have been working night and day are believed to have the fire under control. The extent of the damage cannot be determined until the flames are subdued. The cause of the fire cannot be ascertained. Several miners who were overcome by smoke are in a serious condition.

LEWIS WINS OUT.

President of United Mine Workers
Is Re-Elected.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—It is authoritatively announced by friends of Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, that he was re-elected by 15,000 to 20,000 over John Walker of Illinois.

LIVESTOCK MEN URGE REFORMS

Ask Better Service From Rail-
roads and Commend Policy
of Government—Will Meet
In Denver.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—The American National Live Stock Association has closed its meeting here. It was apparent before the assembling that a majority of the representatives of the Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers Association would make a strong fight in opposition to the report of the Committee on Resolutions in reference to the policy of federal administration of the public domain. The resolutions as adopted by a unanimous vote of the committee provide for memorializing congress to enact a law to prohibit any railroad company advancing interstate rates, fares or charges except on approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission and to enact a law to provide for a minimum speed limit for livestock and other perishable freight of not less than twenty miles per hour.

A hearty endorsement is given the bill pending in congress known as the Culberson-Smith car bill. The railroads are requested to adopt reasonable rules and regulations with respect to granting return transportation for attendants of livestock shipments. A modification of the tariff relations with other countries is asked in view of the increasing export of

American meats and livestock.

President Roosevelt is thanked for his efforts in behalf of the livestock industry. Recognizing that James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has served the country faithfully and with great efficiency and that the policies which he has pursued are of lasting benefit to farmers, stock raisers and the entire country, the secretary is thanked, as is also Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, for his work in the preservation of the forests.

Former Senator Ammons of Littleton, Colo., offered a substitute for those portions of the resolutions referring to federal control of the public domain favoring the passage of laws for adequate protection of timber on all public lands and the establishment of a national policy which will encourage the growth of timber on private lands, the cession of public lands to states in which they lie, putting timber on the free list and the restriction of the foreign service to the growth and protection of timber.

Denver was selected as the next place of meeting of the National Livestock Association. The following officers were unanimously re-elected:

President—H. A. Jastro of Bakersfield, Cal.

First vice-president—Murdo MacKenzie, Trinidad, Cal., and J. W. Carey, Cheyenne, second vice-president succeeding M. K. Parsons, Salt Lake. Three others are to be reappointed by executive committee.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS WIDDLE WEST

Telegraph Wires Down and
Severity of Storm Cannot
Be Definitely Ascertained.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 29.—A sleet storm extending along the Missouri river for a distance of several hundred miles has practically cut off the whole Pacific coast and Intermountain country from the section east. Since 11 o'clock last night, when the last telegraph line went down, telegraphic communication with the east has been at a standstill. The storm started throughout Eastern Kansas and Eastern Nebraska with a thick fog. Later this turned to rain and then as a cold wave and a strong wind swept across the Kansas and Nebraska prairies, rapidly became sleet, and the wires snapped under the burden. Apparently, the storm increased in its intensity as it sped across Missouri and Iowa and this morning neither the Western Union or the Postal Telegraph Company have a wire working to Chicago from Denver. The postal is working into Omaha and Kansas City, and the Western Union has one uncertain wire into Kansas City, but east of there the wires are quiet. The Western Union has a shaky wire working into St. Paul from Helena. Los Angeles has nothing working into New Orleans. Neither company has information regarding the extent of the storm east of the Missouri river.

THUGS SHOOT NIGHT WATCH

Official at Oakdale, Cal., Mor-
tally Wounded by Tramps
Who Escape.

(By Associated Press.)
STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 29.—George Morrison, the town marshal and night watchman at Oakdale in Stanislaus county, was shot and fatally wounded this morning during an exchange of shots with suspicious characters in the Southern Pacific yards. Morrison was struck four times and mortally wounded, but he managed to walk to a saloon across the street from the yard and give the alarm. Fire bells were sounded and the people turned out but no trace of the men who shot the officer. Officers in the surrounding country have been warned and Modesto officials who are now on the scene believe they have a slight clue.

IS KILLED BY FALLING TREE

One Crushed to Death and
Another Injured In Cabin
at Alpha, Wash.

(By Associated Press.)
CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 29.—Thomas Reagan, a shingle bolt cutter at Alpha, had his shoulder broken and his son, Steve Reagan, was killed by a tree falling across their cabin last night.

NOTICE OWLS.

All Owls are requested to be present at a meeting Friday night. Business of importance. By order of R. E. PINEGOR, Sec'y.

MYSTERIOUS CRIME BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY DREDGE TODAY

TAX MEASURE
TO BE RUSHED

Oregon Legislature Hastens
Passage of New
Law.

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—By a unanimous vote, the emergency measure to solve the state tax problem, passed the House and reached the third reading in the Senate under a suspension of the rules. The Senate may go into a committee of the whole to discuss the bill. The only complaint against the bill is that too much haste is being made. A bill was introduced for the establishment of a branch insane asylum in Oregon. Representative Orton withdrew two measures intended to re-enact laws taxing gross earnings of corporations. His explanation that the introduction of the measures might interfere with the deliberation of the Supreme Court in passing on the constitutionality of the initiative and referendum.

PALMA IN CHARGE.

New President of Cuba Assumes Con-
trol of Affairs.

(By Associated Press.)
HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 29.—General Gomez took the oath of office late yesterday and within an hour after he had assumed the duties of President of the Republic of Cuba Provisional Governor Magoon and all army officers who have served in the executive capacity had left for home. Magoon went on the battleships Maine and Mississippi while the army officers traveled aboard the transport McClellan.

The ceremonies of the inauguration were very brief. Precisely noon, Gomez stepped out upon the balcony overlooking the Plaza de Armas and took the oath administered by the chief justice of the supreme court. President Gomez made a short address and returned to the palace where a reception was held and where he received from Governor Magoon the final decree turning over all the affairs of the island.

The inaugural ceremonies were followed by salutes from the forts on the shore and the warships assembled in the harbor.

PROBE IN IDAHO.

State Senate Orders Investigation of
Land Deal.

(By Associated Press.)
BOISE, Ida., Jan. 29.—The state Senate ordered an investigation of the action of the land board in leasing eight thousand acres, in Nez Pierce county, of mineral land to Geo. W. Thompson of Lewiston for a period of fifty years in consideration of royalty to be fixed at the rate of fifteen cents per ton for all ore mined. The application for the lease was granted at a meeting of the board Tuesday but was not made public.

RUSSIAN IS RELEASED.

Chicagoan Does Not Have to Face
Czar's Political Charges.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Christian Rudowicz, who was saved from extradition to Russia when Secretary of State Root ruled that the crime with which the Russian government accused the prisoner was political in character, was released from jail yesterday.

LINE DISPUTE FATAL.

(By Associated Press.)
TORREON, Mex., Jan. 29.—Francisco Martinez killed two men in a dispute over the boundary line of adjoining ranches. Martinez fled.

Portions of Human Skeleton
Pumped From Bay
Near 'W' Street.

WAS IN WATER
FOR MANY YEARS

Discovery of Stone and Rope
Show That Body Had
Been Sunk.

A tragedy and crime of probably fifteen years or more ago was brought to light for the first time this morning by discovering portions of a human body in the dredgings being pumped from the bay just north of the 'W' street wharf. Owing to the length of time that the body had been in the bay, identification will be impossible and solution of the mystery impossible.

There is not the remotest idea of who the victim of the tragedy, which had been so well hidden, can be. Old residents cannot recall any mysterious disappearances where there was the slightest suspicion of crime.

The discovery of the crime was by mere accident. The operations of the dredge had attracted a large number. Addison Cook, who happened along noticed something peculiar in the dredgings and picked it up. It was a piece of bone and tooth fell from it, disintegration having set in. It was a large tooth, apparently too large for a human being but Mr. Cook took it to Dr. E. Mingus. The latter upon inspecting it found that a cavity in it had been filled with cement, indicating beyond a doubt that it was a man's.

Immediately a further search of the dredgings was started and other portions of human skeleton were found and also pieces of clothing. Then came the find that indicated the crime—a stone with a piece of rope attached, showing also to a certainty that it had been tied to the body of the unknown victim to sink it.

Only small pieces of the clothing remained intact, eliminating any hope of discovering anything in the pockets or clothing that would establish the identity of the victim.

Dr. Mingus says that portions of the skeleton found indicate that the man was of unusually large stature, the jaw bone being one of the largest he had ever found.

The matter will be investigated to the greatest possible extent in hopes of securing a solution of the mystery.

CLAIMS JAPS ARE LEAVING

Mikado's Consul Gives Out
Data On Emigration Be-
tween Japan and America

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—Statistics covering the movement of Japanese to and from this country, have just been received by Imperial Japanese Consul Y. Numano, stationed in Portland, from the Foreign Office at Tokio for ten months in 1908. The number of Japanese returning home from January to October, inclusive, was 4953, and entering American ports 1,497, a net outward movement of 3,456.

COSGROVE IS BETTER.

Washington New Executive Remains
at Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)
OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—Gov. Cosgrove will remain over here a day or so to visit friends and personally administer the government. He is much stronger.