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W. R. FOOTE SHOTS AND KILLS CHAS. WILCOX IN COQUILLE

Roadmaster of Local Railway Slain For Alleged Offense Against Girl.

VICTIM'S WIFE AND CHILD RESIDE AT COALEDO

Father of D. L. Foote of Marshfield Coolly Shoots Down Man on Street.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 9.—Chas. Wilcox, roadmaster of the local railway, was shot and instantly killed on Front street here at noon today by W. R. Foote, a retired rancher. The shooting was witnessed by a large number of people, occurring on the street between the local depot and the Skeels store.

The crime is said to have resulted from the discovery by Foote that Wilcox had improper relations with a young daughter of Foote.

Foote is the father of D. L. Foote, an automobile operator, in Marshfield. D. L. Foote was with his father here this morning just prior to the shooting.

Foote was immediately placed under arrest. He is about sixty years old.

Coroner Wilson was called from Marshfield and an inquest will be held this afternoon.

Formal charges will probably be preferred against Foote following the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Wilcox Married Man.

Chas. Wilcox, the victim of the shooting, was a married man and survived by a wife and baby daughter. His family resides at Coaledo. He was about 35 years old. His brother, Walter Wilcox, resides at Beaver Hill and is section foreman on the local railway there.

Leona Foote, a young daughter of W. R. Foote, made her home at the Chas. Wilcox home for several months, being a companion for Mrs. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox was away from home a large portion of the time and the girl stayed with his wife. She recently left the Wilcox home and returned to the home of her parents.

It is understood that Mr. Foote took the question of the alleged improper relations between the girl and Wilcox up with Deputy District Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist who was investigating it. However, the matter preyed on the father's mind so much that he finally got his gun and started looking for Wilcox today and the shooting followed.

Foote is a southerner and is the father of quite a large family, most of whom are grown. They came here about two years ago from Louisiana and for a time lived on a ranch near Norway. They moved from the ranch to Coquille some time ago.

TO REPRIEVE GARRISON.

Cooos County Murderer Won't Hang Before December 13.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—Friday, December 13, 1912, has been set aside by Governor West as "hangman's day" if the proposed initiative measure to abolish capital punishment fails to carry at an election of the people in November.

In granting a reprieve to Mike Morgan, who was convicted of murder in the first degree, he set Friday, December 13, as the day for the execution of Morgan today, and will follow the same course in connection with all other murderers who come to prison to be hanged.

If the proposed bill to abolish capital punishment is defeated, indications point to wholesale executions at the penitentiary on that day.

The case of William Garrison, murderer from Cooos county, has not come up to the governor for consideration, but as soon as it does he has decided that a reprieve will be granted.

"Whereas, the question of the abolishment of capital punishment is to be submitted to the people of this state at the general election November 5, 1912;

"Now, therefore, in view of the foregoing premises and by virtue of the authority in me vested as governor of the state of Oregon, I, Oswald West, governor, do hereby give and grant unto said Mike Morgan, a reprieve from the execution of said judgment by the superintendent of the penitentiary of this state until Friday, the 12th day of December, A. D., 1912."

TELEGRAPH WIRE DOWN AGAIN TODAY

Owing to the Western Union line being down between here and Roseburg until late this afternoon and to wire trouble between Roseburg and Portland, The Times did not receive its regular Associated Press report today.

REV. RICHESON DRAWS DEATH

Boston Preacher Will Be Executed May 19 For Murder of Avis Linnell.

(By Associated Press to Cooos Bay Times.)

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 9.—Rev. Clarence Richeson today pleaded guilty of murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Miss Avis Linnell to whose murder he confessed last week, and was sentenced to death. The date of his execution was fixed for May 19.

WOMAN TAKEN TO JAIL TODAY

Slayer of Chas. Murray Sent to Coquille—Held Without Bail For Murder.

Goldie Bestcott, bound over to the grand jury on the charge of murder in the first degree for shooting Chas. Murray, was taken to Coquille this afternoon by Constable Cox to be turned over to Sheriff Gage. Whether she will be confined in the county jail will be a matter for Sheriff Gage to determine. It has been claimed that there are no suitable quarters there for keeping women prisoners and if such is the case, it will be up to Sheriff Gage to provide for her. It is understood that she and her attorney, C. F. McKnight, will object to her being incarcerated in the jail.

Justice Penneck at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon announced that the prisoner should be held without bail. It is understood that the evidence of three witnesses relative to statements by the accused woman immediately after the shooting were responsible for the decision.

B. M. Marlow stated that he had reached the scene immediately after the shooting and testified that the Bestcott woman was talking to Murray and said, "I got ye. I told you I would. Now, I am ready to take my medicine."

Wm. Ledward testified that he heard the Bestcott woman say to Murray, "Now, I guess you'll stay awhile." This was immediately after the shooting.

Walter Richardson testified that he heard the Bestcott woman say that she was jealous of another woman and indicate that the crime was premeditated.

The witnesses heard yesterday were John Millett, C. F. Thomas, Chas. Bonebrake, B. M. Marlow, Dr. Geo. E. Dix, Mrs. C. F. Thomas, Wm. Ledward, Walter Richardson, J. W. Carter and Fred Wilson.

It is stated that Goldie Bestcott was arranging to "reform" and leave the old life and go to Ten Mile to live on a ranch, she and Murray having arranged to be married, when another woman crossed their path. Then the crime followed.

LYNCH IN TROUBLE.

Son of Former Roseburg Barber Is Under Arrest.

The Roseburg Review says: "Jesse E. Lynch; son of Thomas Lynch, a barber who lived in Roseburg 16 years ago, is in jail at Glendale awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Quine of this city to bring him back to Roseburg to answer to a charge of larceny, preferred by Sam Smith, the local liveryman. Hiring a team of horses and buggy from Smith Friday afternoon, saying he was going out to Dixonville, Lynch drove out of town in that direction but during the night came back to Roseburg, fed the team in the street and then drove southward. Upon reaching Canyonville at 5 o'clock this morning he failed in an effort to sell the outfit, then drove out to Glendale and was arrested there shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The horses had been driven a distance of 50 miles.

Is Improving.—Alex McKay, who attempted to commit suicide early Sunday morning, was reported to be getting along nicely at Mercy hospital today. He is practically out of danger now, it is believed.

BIG MARBLE BUILDING DESTROYED

Equitable Office Building, Home of Large New York Institution, Scene of Disastrous Fire Today.

(By Associated Press to Cooos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The great marble nine-story building of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at 120 Broadway, the home of the Mercantile Trust Co., the Equitable Trust Co., the Banking House of Kountze Brothers, the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, and the Harriman Lines was destroyed early today by fire. Three men lost their lives by leaping from the roof and the property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Millions of dollars in cash and securities are locked in the vaults of the Assurance Society and the banking and trust companies, but it is not believed they were affected by the flames.

William Giblin, president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., imprisoned with three others in the vaults, was rescued after the firemen had sawed through several two-inch steel bars. One man is believed to have lost his life in the vaults.

The fire was in the heart of the financial district and the flames were fought mainly from the top of adjoining skyscrapers.

Business was brought almost to a complete stand among the banking and brokerage houses whose employees could not reach the scene of their activities. Most of the vital records of the Equitable Life Assurance Society are kept in a branch office in the Hansen building several blocks from the main office.

Fire Chief Walsh is missing and is believed to have been trapped and burned to death.

Banking and brokerage business was halted for a time and the Governors of the Stock Exchange met to determine what action should be taken with respect to deliveries of securities purchased yesterday. A decision was reached that the transfer may be suspended for a day by mutual consent. The Clearing House in the Chase National Bank was closed and temporary quarters opened in the Chamber of Commerce.

HOMER IS IN FROM 'FRISCO

Steamship Arrives This Morning After Good Trip Up Coast—Sails Friday.

The Homer arrived in this morning from San Francisco after a good trip up the coast. Most of the time, the sea was fairly smooth. She had a good cargo of miscellaneous freight and a fair passenger list.

The Homer will sail from here Friday for San Francisco.

Among those arriving on the Homer were the following: Geo. Sheridan, Mr. O'Neill, T. R. Sheridan, P. Tully, O. A. Larson, H. Richards, A. Ahlin, John Camp, J. H. Walker, Hugh O'Neill, Joe Martin, E. E. Cook, A. Madsen, S. Jeffries, John Turner.

BAD OREGON FIRE.

Pipe Plant at Oswego Destroyed With \$50,000 Loss.

(By Associated Press to the Cooos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—The pipe plant of the Oregon Iron and Steel Company at Oswego, Ore., was destroyed by fire today. The loss exceeds \$50,000.

BUYS TOGGERY FROM GRIMES

E. W. Kammerer Re-engages in Mercantile Business—Change Effective Today.

Announcement was made today that E. W. Kammerer had purchased the Toggery from Thayer Grimes and would assume possession of the business at once. The deal has been pending for some time, Mr. Grimes having other matters under consideration to which he wishes to devote his attention.

Mr. Kammerer has devoted nearly all his business life to the clothing and furnishing business and his return to his old vocation is something he has been desirous of for some time. Since his retirement from the firm of Merchant & Kammerer, he has been engaged in the real estate business here.

The retirement of Thayer Grimes from local business circles is regretted by the many friends he has made in that capacity. He expects to remain on the Bay, most of the time anyway.

Mr. Kammerer today was busy receiving congratulations from his old customers who welcome his return to the business.

Sails Today.—The M. S. Dollar crossed out about 4 o'clock this afternoon for the Columbia River where she will take on the balance of her lumber cargo for Shanghai, having loaded about 2,000,000 feet at the Smith mill. She was drawing about 17 feet of water forward and 18 feet aft when she went down the bay this afternoon. Capt. Olson piloted her as far as the bar.

Have your calling cards printed at The Times' office.

FORMER WELL KNOWN COOS BAY MAN KILLED IN SEATTLE

Jas. McDonald, Formerly Superintendent of Lillian Mine, Slain There.

ITALIAN THUGS ARE BLAMED FOR KILLING

Assaulted Christmas Night and Died Without Regaining Consciousness.

James A. McDonald, formerly of Cooos Bay, was the victim of a deadly assault made upon him at Seattle. Christmas Day he was attacked by Italians armed with guns and hatchets and was so badly wounded that he died four days later without gaining consciousness.

A particularly sad feature of the murder was the fact that Mr. McDonald, who has been residing at Bankhead, Alberta, Canada, for some time past, had come to Seattle to spend Christmas with his aged mother. His wife and child were also there at the time. The funeral was held at Seattle January 4.

For a number of years Mr. McDonald resided on Cooos Bay. He was employed at the Beaver Hill mine for quite a while and for several years operated the Lillian mine on Cooos River. Over two years ago he left here and after living in Portland for a time he went to Alberta where he has since resided. He leaves a wife and child besides his mother.

U. S. TROOPS TO GO TO CHINA

One Battalion to Keep Railway Open From Peking to Sea.

(By Associated Press to the Cooos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—A battalion of infantry consisting of five hundred men will be sent by the United States to China to help open railway communications between Peking and the sea. This force is all that is required now.

WEDS JUDGE FROM HAWAII

Dr. Mae Vanderburg Formerly of Marshfield, Married in San Francisco.

Word was received here today of the marriage of Dr. Mae Vanderburg and Judge Perry of Honolulu which took place last week at San Francisco. The bride is well known on the Bay, having attended school here and later acted as assistant to Dr. Leslie. She is a niece of J. D. Clinchbeard of Cooos River and has many friends on the Bay who will unite in extending felicitations. A San Francisco paper has the following concerning it:

A romance of Hawaii was revealed today, when Judge Antonio Perry, associate justice of the supreme court of Hawaii, and Miss Eugenia M. Vanderburg of this city secured a license to marry. Although the couple met a year ago in the islands, announcement of their engagement a few days ago was a surprise to their many friends here and to Miss Vanderburg's parents. The wedding will take place at noon Tuesday at the Vanderburg home, 1027 Green street.

It will prove an alliance of two professions—the judicial and medical—as Miss Vanderburg is a doctor of osteopathy. Her profession led to her meeting with Judge Perry.

After graduating from medical college she practiced here until she went to the islands with her brother. Her acquaintance with Judge Perry was not regarded at that time as the beginning of a love affair, and when Miss Vanderburg returned to this city no hint was dropped among her friends of a probable engagement.

But the arrival of Judge Perry from the islands Saturday and his immediate call at the Vanderburg home disclosed the secret. Miss Vanderburg is the daughter of former Senator W. S. Vanderburg of Oregon, who took an active part for many years in the politics and commercial life of the northern state.

The wedding will be a home ceremony. The bride's attendant will be Miss Georgia Smith of San Jose, and the best man Harry White of this city. The couple will go south on their honeymoon and will make their home in Honolulu.

The government officials by Agent McGeorge.

Saw Sky Rockets. Capt. Olson, formerly of the Esther Buhne, and a number of others in the vicinity of the lower bay last night reported by telephone that they saw a number of white and green sky rockets off the coast, indicating that some vessel in distress was using them to try and bring aid. Herman Larson stated today that he thought he saw them.

Today, no news of any vessel in distress could be obtained.

Want Club Room.—Wm. Grimes, chairman of the new executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, stated today that the committee would look after the suggestion made by President McCormac that the Chamber of Commerce arrange with the builders of some of the proposed new brick blocks for a suite of rooms for it. The idea is to have club rooms the same as commercial bodies have in some of the larger cities.

The Randolph which was to sail a few days ago for Goldbeach and Port Orford with general merchandise, has been delayed here by the storm off the coast.

IS ARRESTED HERE TODAY

Ray L. McGrew Taken in Custody on Telegraphic Complaint From Portland.

R. C. McGrew, who arrived here a few days ago to engage in the insurance and real estate business here, was arrested today by Marshal Carter on telegraphic advices from Portland. McGrew was placed in the city jail pending further advices from there and the furnishing of bail. The Portland officers wired that they held a warrant for his arrest, charging a statutory offense. McGrew came here in company with Chas. W. Lamborn, another young insurance man. He is apparently well educated, well dressed and is probably about twenty-five years old.

He declared this afternoon that it was all a mistake and that he would quickly prove it when he got back to Portland. He said that he would make somebody suffer for it. He was especially solicitous about the welfare of his friend Lamborn whom, he said, he feared will suffer from the notoriety that the arrest would bring.

ALLIANCE IS SAFELY IN TOW

Nome City Gets Another Line on Vessel—Reach Astoria Tomorrow.

According to the last reports from the Alliance, which was picked up off here yesterday afternoon by the Nome City, she was safely in tow of the steamer and would probably cross in to the Columbia river tomorrow morning. Last evening at 10 o'clock, the Nome City was making about seven knots an hour with her tow. However, she did not expect to attempt to make much headway during the night.

About 5 o'clock last evening, the Nome City got a second line on the Alliance, the first hawser having broken.

Just how many and who are aboard the Alliance, Agent McGeorge was not informed.

Mr. McGeorge says that the report that the tug Gleaner was notified of the Alliance's disabled condition Sunday and did not put to sea to help her until Monday is erroneous. He was unable to reach the Gleaner until Monday morning. Capt. Magee, the acting master of the Gleaner, responded that he would put to sea at once and try and bring her in. In less than five minutes after first being informed of the situation, the Gleaner was headed out across the bar.

Wireless advices were that the government tug, the Tatoosh, and a couple of other Columbia river vessels were in touch by wireless with the Alliance and would have started to her aid had not the Nome City picked her up when she did.

The question of the slowness with which Capt. Bendgard of the tug Columbia was responding to the requests from the Alliance for assistance will be taken up with the San Francisco offices and probably with

TWO LINES TO USE ONE ROAD

Rumor of Alliance of Harriman-Hill Interests on Cooos Bay—Eugene Line.

That the announcement of the discontinuance of operations on the Sumner lines means that the Hill and Harriman interests have arranged for joint operation of the new Southern Pacific line from Eugene to Cooos Bay is the latest rumor in local railroad circles. Parties who are supposed to be in close touch with both the Sumner and the Southern Pacific people gave this out today but refused to divulge the source of their information.

According to the story, the Hill lines while desiring an entrance to Cooos Bay, had planned to come via Roseburg or a southerly route. They did not have their Eastern Oregon projects developed sufficiently to warrant starting construction from that end yet and at the same time did not want the Southern Pacific to gain the advantage of being first to Cooos Bay. So, when it became evident that the Southern Pacific was planning to come to Cooos Bay via Eugene at once, the Hill interests were instrumental in putting the Sumner surveying forces in the field between Eugene and Cooos Bay for the purpose of "bluffing" the Southern Pacific into a joint control proposition. Now, it is claimed, the plan has worked out and the Hill interests will have joint use of the Harriman line from Eugene to Cooos Bay the same as the Harriman interests have the use of the Hill lines into the Puget Sound country.

New Bridge Story.

A new story relative to the bridging of Cooos Bay is afloat here. It is to the effect that the Southern Pacific since it has acquired the large tide flat holdings on the east side of the bay is no longer insistent on bridging the bay but is trying to arrange so that no other line can. Of course, it is stated, the Southern Pacific would like to cross the lower Bay and come direct to the cities of Marshfield and North Bend but they would be mollified by being assured that no other line could in the future if they cannot. It is further claimed that the expense of reaching the Peninsula and the cities of Marshfield and North Bend by the detour line on the east side of the bay and then across Isthmus Inlet above the Smith mill to the cities would be no more than it would be to bridge the bay. At the same time, it is declared that the large yards needed for freight terminals and dockage facilities can be obtained on the east side of the bay cheaper and better than on the peninsula side.

To Open Store.

F. E. Westberg, who recently arrived here from Portland, has leased a room in the O'Connell building on Market avenue and plans to open a 5, 10 and 15 cent store there within a few weeks.