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## NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE

Alleged Murderer of Pearl Forbes  
Protested Innocence to Last.

### CHARRED FLESH SOUVENIRS

Leavenworth, Kansas, Disgraced by Barbarous Mob of Seven Thousand Citizens—Governor Indignant at the Crime

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 15.—Fred Alexander, the negro who assaulted Eva Roth Saturday and was suspected of assaulting and murdering Pearl Forbes, November 6th last, was burned at the stake shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon.

He was brought from the penitentiary this afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Citizens learned that he was being brought to the county jail and gathered in great numbers, probably 7000 or 8000 people, and although the officers got him into the jail, the mob secured heavy railroad iron and, bursting the jail doors in, took Alexander to the scene of the Forbes murder, about eight blocks from the business portion of the city, and sticking a railroad rail in the ground, fastened him to it with chains, poured kerosene on him and burned him to death. The wretch protested his innocence to the last.

After battering down the jail door the mob rushed in and beat the negro almost into insensibility.

"Don't hurt him," they cried. "We'll burn him," was the response. "Confess before we harm you," said they.

"I have nothing to confess," cried Alexander. "I am innocent; I am dying for what another man did. If I had been guilty I would have said so at the penitentiary and would have stayed there for life. The warden told me, the police told me so. Would I not have told them if I had been guilty?"

"He lies; burn him," cried the mob. "Take him where he committed the murder," suggested one. The suggestion met with instant approval and the negro was thrown into a wagon and taken to the corner of Lawrence avenue and Spruce street. The exact spot where the murdered girl was found was located and there a semi-circle was formed.

A howl went up from the mob, which was quickly hushed as the prisoner raised his bound hands and began to speak.

"You're going to kill me, whatever I say," he said, "but you men are wrong. I want to tell you right now you've got the wrong man. I did not do that and some day you men here will run up against the man who did. I know it ain't no use to say so, for you're going to kill me, but I did not do it."

He was then dragged down the embankment to a pile of wood, with his hands still shackled, and there bound to a stake. Coal oil was applied and John Forbes, father of the murdered girl, lighted the match. Again Alexander was asked to make a confession but the negro replied he had nothing to say.

As the flames leaped about him Alexander clasped his hands together and began to sing to and fro while the crowd yelled. In less than five minutes he was hanging limp and lifeless. There was a wild scramble to obtain relics, bits of charred flesh, pieces of chain, scraps of wood—everything that could possibly serve as a souvenir was seized with morbid avidity by the eager people.

It was understood that yesterday morning Governor Stanley instructed Warden Tomlinson of the penitentiary, to refuse to deliver Alexander to the sheriff and that he is highly incensed at the warden's failure to obey his instructions.

### SHIP IN THE BREAKERS.

Flottbek, Bound From Yokohama to Tacoma.

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—A special to the Times from Port Townsend says: The German ship Flottbek, Captain

Shemakur, 34 days from Yokohama bound for Port Townsend, is piled up among the breakers two miles south of Olette island, off the coast near the Flattery rocks. The vessel is in a most dangerous position, and while riding well when spoken, she is likely to become a total wreck.

The Flottbek was first spoken by the Tacoma collier Mattewan, which went to her assistance and succeeded in getting a line aboard. It parted, however, at the first pull, and having no available cable aboard, the Mattewan started off for assistance. She spoke the tug Magic in the straits and that steamer hurried back here. At 3 o'clock this morning the powerful tug Wanderer, Captain Gove, was dispatched to the scene. No news has been obtainable today from the cape, the wires being down.

The Flottbek is an AI steel, fullrigged ship of 1861 tons and was bound to Tacoma to load wheat for the United Kingdom.

### WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE.

Important Reapportionment and Railway Commission Bills Introduced.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 15.—The senate and house confined themselves to routine business at the morning session today and in the afternoon went into joint session, engaged in the wearisome task of canvassing the returns of the recent election. The work was not completed at 5 o'clock and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

The features of today's session of the senate were the introduction of a reapportionment bill by Withshire, and the introduction of a railway commission bill by Tollman, a Democrat, of Spokane. Both bills have been outlined heretofore. There is little difference between the Tollman bill and the Preston bill, which was introduced yesterday, save that Tollman's bill provides for the appointment of the commission by the governor.

Withshire introduced his reapportionment bill without comment, although it gives promise of provoking a very bitter fight. It will be referred to a special committee to be appointed by Lieutenant-Governor McBride, when he is sworn in tomorrow.

The senate also passed an appropriation bill providing for \$50,000 to pay the salaries and expenses of the legislative session.

### QUAY ELECTED TO SENATE.

Police Had to Be Called In to Restore Order in Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15.—The state senate today at 3 o'clock selected Colonel M. S. Quay as its choice for senator. The ballot was: Quay, 26; Guffey (Dem.), 12; Dalzell (Anti-Quay, Rep.), 10; Huff and Smith, 1 each.

The vote in the house was delayed by crowds surging on the floor, making it necessary for Speaker Marshall to appeal to the mayor for police aid. The sergeant-at-arms telephoned to the police station, and during the wait for the police the officers of the house made another unsuccessful effort to disperse the crowd.

When order was finally restored in the house the vote was taken and Quay received a majority. This insures his election. Tomorrow both houses will meet in joint session and ratify the choice.

The house vote was: Quay, 104; Guffey, 44; Dalzell, 24; Huff, 6; Smith, 11; rest scattering.

Quay's commission has already been prepared and signed. He goes to Washington tomorrow afternoon and takes his seat in the senate Thursday.

### AMENDMENT DISPOSED OF.

Senate Is Willing to Confer Discretionary Power on President for Increase of Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The house spent another day on the river and harbor bill without completing it.

Some progress was made by the senate today in the consideration of the army reorganization bill. One amendment that has created much debate was disposed of, and an agreement has been reached for a "vote very soon." Bacon's amendment, striking out of the bill the discretionary authority conferred upon the president to increase the size of the army, was laid on the table by the decisive vote of 39 to 20.

## MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR READ

Many Bills and Resolutions Introduced in Senate.

### REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CALLED

Governor Urges Prompt Election of Senator, Favors Collection of Taxes Semi-Annually and Investment of School Fund.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—The governor's message was read before the joint session of the legislature this afternoon. The governor urges that the school fund of \$600,000 now in the treasury be invested. He urges the prompt election of a senator and that a resolution be passed favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote.

As a remedy for the present inequality in assessments in the different counties, the governor says the legislature should adopt one of two systems—either to assess a certain amount against each county, leaving the county to raise its taxes as it may see fit, or to provide the state board of equalization with a law strong enough to enable it to accomplish its purpose. He also recommends the collection of taxes semi-annually.

### CAUCUS CALL ISSUED.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—The Republican caucus call was issued today and is being freely signed. The only condition in the call is that it shall be binding when 46 members, or a majority of the legislature, have signed. The manner of voting is left to the decision of the caucus.

### MANY BILLS INTRODUCED.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Both houses of the legislature began work at 10 a. m. today, only the senate getting down to the order of introduction of bills.

In the house a resolution by Smith, of Union, passed to supply each member with three daily papers. Eddy's resolution directing the ways and means committee to report two appropriation bills, the general bill within twenty-five days and the special bill within thirty days, was passed.

In the senate, Brownell, of Clackamas, secured the passage through two readings of a bill providing for the expenses of a delegation of Indian veterans to Washington and return. Brownell's joint resolution in favor of the Lewis and Clark expedition celebration at Portland in 1905 was passed.

Resolutions were passed providing for joint committees to investigate the matter of state printing, and to report recommendations, to investigate the management of the school funds, and to investigate the soldiers' home.

A joint memorial was passed opposing the proposal to give the department of agriculture control of the forest reserves, also one urging re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act.

Bills for new assessment and taxation laws, laws governing warehouses and to amend the school laws, were introduced and passed one reading.

Senator Corbett arrived in the city today, and is at his headquarters in the Willamette Hotel.

### DUBOIS ELECTED.

Receives Congratulatory Telegram From Pettigrew, Teller, Cannon and Towne.

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 15.—The legislature balloted in separate session for United States senator at noon today.

The vote in the senate was: DuBois, 13; George L. Shoup, 7; Joseph C. Rich, 1. In the house: DuBois 38; Shoup, 26; Rich, 1.

This elects Mr. DuBois.

DuBois received the following dispatch after his election: "Washington, Jan. 15.—Fred T. DuBois, Boise, Idaho.—Four of the old guard salute you. Your selection is not only a personal gratification, but a sign of hope for the new Democracy." (Signed.)

"PETTIGREW,  
"CANNON,  
"TELLER,  
"TOWNE."

### CLARK SURE OF ELECTION.

Will Represent Montana in the United States Senate.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15.—Both houses of the Montana legislature voted in separate session for United States senator today. For the long term, to succeed Thomas H. Carter, who goes out of office March 4th, Wm. A. Clark, of Butte, received a total of 47 votes, or a majority of one over all. He did not, however, receive a majority in the house, and therefore a joint ballot will be necessary.

Late tonight his friends are claiming he will have at least 53 votes on joint ballot. It is conceded that he will be elected tomorrow. Thomas H. Carter

received the solid Republican vote, 30 in all. There were two absentees, both Republicans.

For the short term, or the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Clark, the fusion strength was scattered, some dozen men being voted for. H. L. Frank, of Butte, led with fifteen votes. Others got from nine to one each. Ex-Senator Lee Mantle, of Butte, is the Republican nominee for this term. It is generally predicted that the struggle for the short term will be prolonged.

### OUR MEN-OF-WAR BEST.

Those Purchased in England Do Not Give Equal Satisfaction.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Men-of-war purchased by the United States from English shipbuilders or built on English designs for the American navy do not possess the stability of American designed and constructed ships.

This was the opinion expressed by Rear Admiral George W. Mifflin, engineer in chief of the United States navy, who continued:

"We have found that the ships from British shipbuilders are not as stable as our ships are. Two ships purchased during the war with Spain were special objects of concern, and, as a result of an inclining test of one of them, Naval Constructor Bowles reported her unseaworthy. This finding was based, however, upon data which was erroneous, for the reason that though the weights below deck had been removed the guns remained in place. Another test showed that she was tender—that is, approaching instability—and that her stores below acted as ballast. We make our ships more stable than this, being particularly careful to attain the proper metacentric height.

"There is no reason why any of the British ships should be unstable. The battleships the British build have great depth of hold, breadth of beam and considerable draught and these conditions make them very likely to be stable. I do not think it is proper to question the ability of the English naval constructors to build anything that floats. They are the best shipbuilders in the world."

### EXPRESS COMPANY FORCED OUT.

Great Northern Express Company Compelled to Quit Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The Oregonian tomorrow will say:

The Great Northern Express Company will withdraw its service from Portland next Sunday and quit the lines of the O. R. & N. Co.

Since the Union Pacific rules in the affairs of the O. R. & N. and the Pacific Express Company has the preference on the Union Pacific system, it has been found impracticable to renew the agreement for express service that divided it between the Pacific and Great Northern.

Here is a case where the Harriman and Hill interests come somewhat into antagonism and the separation of the express business in this territory is said to be evidence that the two railroad magnates are not so close together as many suppose.

### STATE'S CASE COMPLETED.

Damaging Testimony Introduced Against Alleged Murderers of Jennie Bosschleter.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 15.—With an array of expert evidence to show the cause of death, the admission of statements made by the police, that one of the defendants made a confession of the crime, Prosecuting Attorney Emley tonight announced that the case of the state against Wm. A. Death, Andrew Campbell and Walter McAllister, three of the four young men accused of murdering Jennie Bosschleter, was completed.

### TWO MORE RESIGNATIONS.

Prominent Professors of Stanford University Protest Against Dismissal of Professor Howard.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 15.—As a protest to the forced resignation of Professor George E. Howard, head of the department of history in Leland Stanford, Jr., University, the resignations of Prof. W. F. Hudson, of the English department, and Prof. C. N. Little, of the mathematics department, were tendered today.

### LABORERS FOR HAWAII.

Two Carloads of Portuguese Pass Through Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Two carloads of Portuguese laborers bound for the sugar plantations of Hawaii passed through Chicago en route for San Francisco, where they will embark for the voyage to Honolulu. There were seventy-five in the party, all but half a dozen of them men, and none of them able to speak or understand English.

### PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Silver, 63 1/2.

## PURSUIT OF BOERS RECEIVES CHECK

Colville and Paget's Columns Unfit for Service.

### AWAITING REINFORCEMENTS

British Convey Captured by Boers—Six English Killed, Seventeen Wounded and Five Missing in Engagement at Murraysburg.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The casualty list shows that there has been a severe engagement, with the loss of six killed, seventeen wounded and five missing, at Murraysburg, where the Dutch are said to have been joining the invaders. Murraysburg is sixteen miles west of Graaf-Reinet.

Indications are not wanting that the decision of the government to send reinforcements has not been taken a moment too soon. Colonel Colville's mobile column which has been pursuing the Boers has been obliged to rest at Greylingstad to erect a blockhouse and to cease operations until reinforced by mounted troops.

General Paget has taken his force to Pretoria to rest. Many of his men are suffering from enteric fever. Three hundred Boers captured a small British convoy at Bronkhorstpruit, near Pretoria, but made off after liberating the prisoners.

### OCEAN TELEPHONE.

Has Now Been Perfected and Will Soon Be Put in Operation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The Herald says:

According to the statement of Prof. Michael Pupin, adjunct professor of mechanics in Columbia University, the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has paid him, instead of \$250,000 as originally stated, nearly \$500,000 for his recent invention of a system by which an ocean telephone is made possible. This is in addition to the annual royalty of \$15,000 a year during the life of the patent.

"The Bell company has tested the invention for six months," he said, "and express themselves as perfectly satisfied with it. The question of an ocean telephone is solved from a scientific standpoint and there now remains only the commercial question.

"There is no doubt that as soon as the financial part of the matter is settled it will be perfectly possible to telephone to San Francisco and London and to send cable messages to Europe at far less cost than at present."

"Briefly," the professor added, "the question had been to overcome resistance. In the Pacific ocean cables the line has so many obstacles to battle with that it is comparatively slow in traveling and becomes very weak before it reaches its destination, 3000 miles away."

His invention, when applied to land wires, he explained, will enable messages to be sent much further without relaying than at present and will make conversation possible between New York and San Francisco.

### NEW MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Will Include Pacific Coast and Islands Under American Flag.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—A Pacific medical association is about to be organized. The plan is to have San Francisco the center of a Western medical field embracing Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California, Alaska, British Columbia, the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippine archipelago and other islands of the Pacific, the western part of Mexico and of the Central American republics and possibly the empire of Japan.

A preliminary meeting of the most prominent physicians interested in this movement will be held in this city on Saturday evening.

### JURY COULD NOT AGREE.

Case of Ex-President Hiramfield of a Miles City Bank.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15.—The jury in the United States court in the case against Aaron Hiramfield, ex-president of the State National Bank, of Miles City, indicted for misappropriating funds and making false reports and entries, was discharged, the jury being unable to agree.

### HOGAN KNOCKED OUT.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Oscar Gardner knocked Tommy Hogan out in the sixth round tonight.

### JOHANN FABER DEAD.

NUREMBERG, Germany, Jan. 15.—Johann Faber, founder of the Faber lead pencil factory, is dead.

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