

# The Morning Astorian.

VOL. LVII.

ASTORIA, OREGON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1904.

NO. 99.

## EGBERT PAYS PENALTY FOR AWFUL CRIME

**Dies on Gallows at State Penitentiary for Murder of John G. Saxton and John West in Harvey County.**

**Makes Good His Promise to Die Game and Bravely Meets His Doom.**

## BAD RAISING HIS DOWNFALL

**Attributes His Deplorable Fate To Bad Associations—Story of His Desperate Crimes.**

Salem, Jan. 29.—"Bad raising and bad company are the direct causes of my downfall. That's all; my heart is too full to say much. I have repented my sins."

With the above words fresh upon his lips, Harry D. Egbert, the murderer of John G. Saxton and John West, today paid the penalty of death for the crime and kept his resolution to "die game."

The drop was released at 12:42 and in 9 minutes and 18 seconds Egbert was pronounced dead.

Egbert was the first criminal to suffer capital punishment under the law directing that all hangings take place at the penitentiary.

Harry Egbert, alias Jack Frost, ex-convict, burglar and murderer, was hanged for one of the bloodiest crimes ever committed in this state—the killing of John G. Saxton, a well-known attorney of Burns, Ore., and for the time-being a deputy sheriff, and Saxton's companion, John West, in the Wild Horse valley, October 4, 1903.

Wild Horse valley is an isolated place in southeastern Oregon, about 125 miles south of Burns. Saxton and West had been pursuing Egbert for several days to arrest him for a burglary committed in Douglas county, Oregon, when they came upon him at Fields' ranch. As they went up to the house Egbert commenced shooting and mortally wounded West at almost the first fire. Saxton ran inside the house and he and Egbert exchanged a fusillade of shots through a partition between

the two rooms. This was unproductive of results and Saxton went outside the house. In response to cries from West, who was still alive, Saxton exposed himself to Egbert and was himself shot down.

Egbert escaped through Nevada to Rockland, Idaho, where he was captured three weeks later. He was brought back to Burns, where he was tried and convicted of murder. December 14, while en route to the penitentiary, Egbert's handcuffs were removed at Baker City to allow him to eat. Seeing a heavy sledge hammer near him, the desperado seized it and was in the act of bringing it down upon the head of the deputy sheriff, who had him in custody, when bystanders interfered, and after a struggle replaced him in irons. He was successfully placed in the penitentiary without doing further harm, but until then he was not unshackled.

## Arrayed Against Unions.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 29.—Members of the Master Builders' Association of this city are endeavoring to get all contractors in Spokane to agree to refuse employment to the members of the Building Trades Unions unless they will agree to withdraw from the Building Trades Council. An agreement is being circulated among the contractors for signatures, which provides that signers will not employ any member of the Building Trades Unions unless he withdraw from the Building Trades Council. There are 14 members of the Master Builders' Association, and it is estimated that there are 440 to 500 contractors in the city. The members of the master builders comprise the larger contractors, and those outside are mostly sub-contractors. The petition is said to have been signed by all who have been approached, and it is the intention to get every contractor in the city to sign, so that the lockout will be complete.

## Changes in the General Staff.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Some additional details have been made to the general staff of the army, as follows: Colonel—Arthur L. Wagner and Stephen P. Jocelyn. Lieutenant-Colonels—Henry A. Green and John G. B. Knight. Majors—William E. Birkheimer, William W. Gibson and George F. Harrison. Captain—Grote-Hutchinson.

## Chicago Man Gets Decision.

Salt Lake, Jan. 29.—Otto Sletoff, of Chicago, was given a decision over Jerry McCarthy, of Salt Lake, tonight at the end of 20 slow rounds.

## WHOLESALE ARRESTS MADE AT PENDLETON RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT LAND FRAUDS

**Charges of Perjury and Conspiracy Lodged Against Eleven Citizens Involved in Thomson Case.**

**Prosecuting Witness Against Thomson County Judge and Notary Public Released on \$2000 Bonds While Others Are Allowed Liberty on Furnishing \$500—Information Filed By Special Land Inspector.**

Pendleton, Jan. 29.—United States District Attorney Hall, with United States Marshal Probstel, of Portland, today arrested 11 citizens who were connected with the Asa Thomson case on a charge of perjury and conspiracy to defraud the government of lands.

Warrants were served on Charles Cunningham, the prosecuting witness against Thomson, County Judge G. A. Hartman, who affixed his seal to the oaths for final proofs; Joe H. Parkes, the notary public who filled out the papers; Asa Rayburn, Dallas O'Harra, Glen H. Sailing, Shelly Jones, Mark S. Hackelford, Kate James, John Doe and Richard Roall, charged with making false affidavits in final proofs for homestead entries before Judge Hartman and Lee Moorehouse, clerk for the supreme court of the United States.

The men were all arrested. Cunningham, Hartman and Parkes were released under \$2000 bonds and the others on \$500. Information was filed by Special Land Inspector A. R. Green.

## POISONED CANNED BEANS CAUSE DEATH OF GIRLS

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Eight girls belonging to a cooking school at Darmstadt are dead, and six others are dying from poisoning which resulted from the partaking of a dish made of canned beans and meat, and a medical inquiry into the occurrence is being made. Up to the present the investigation has failed to define the exact nature of the poison which brought about such fatal results, although it is now thought that allantoicum or sausage poison was the cause.

## CABLE MESSAGES OF GOOD WILL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

New York, Jan. 29.—Interchanges of cable messages of good will with English pilgrims at a supper at the Carlton hotel, London, formed a striking feature of the banquet given at Delmonico's tonight by the Pilgrims of the United States in honor of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador. Bishop Potter presided. Prominent personalities of both this country and Europe were present.

London, Jan. 29.—While the American branch of the Pilgrims' Society was giving its dinner tonight at Delmonico's in New York in honor of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador to the United States, the English branch of the society celebrated the occurrence with a supper at the Carlton hotel. Shortly before the Delmonico banquet commenced some 70 members of the Pilgrims' Society here sat down at a number of small tables which were looped up with telegraph wires strung on miniature poles and decorated with foliage.

## KID BROAD LOSES TO HANLON THROUGH LACK CONDITION

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Kid Broad, of Cleveland, lost his fight with Eddie Hanlon tonight because he was out of shape for the contest. He stayed with it for 14 rounds, and then, utterly exhausted, gave up the struggle, which would have resulted in a victory for the local lad.

Broad had but a few days' training, and when he entered the ring tonight was not fit for his battle with the little fellow who made so fine a showing with Young Corbett. Broad frankly admitted at the end of the 14th that he was in no condition to continue the fight and the referee gave the decision to Hanlon.

## Spokane Saved By Promoter

Spokane, Wn., Jan. 29.—Whitaker Wright, the meteoric financier, who set all London agog a few years ago, and who committed suicide Tuesday just after receiving a sentence to prison for seven years, was at one time well known in Spokane, and a number of the present wealthy Spokane mining

men give him credit with placing them in position to accumulate wealth. Wright supplied money to put Spokane on its feet six years ago, after the hard times.

Spokane mining men had plunged heavily in Rossland camp, and were loaded to the guards with stock. They controlled the district. When Governor MacIntosh, of Rossland, conceived the plans of amalgamating the mines there he went to Wright, who was then in the height of his power in London. Wright took up the project and formed the British-American corpora-

tion, with a capitalization of \$7,000,000. It was a parent company, which bought right and left in Rossland mines, in order to control the northern belt. Among the mines bought by Wright were the Le Roi, for \$3,500,000; the Josie, for \$250,000; No. 1, for \$300,000, and the Great Western, for \$150,000. There were a score of smaller properties, and most of the money came to Spokane. Senator George Turner, Frank H. Graves, L. F. Williams, J. M. Armstrong, W. M. Bidpath, W. J. C. Wakefield, George Forster, Larson & Greenough, W. W. D. Turner, I. N. Peyton, W. J. Harris, George Crane, Fred Olyer, Frank Loring and others got stakes ranging up to nearly half a million dollars each. Some of the finest business buildings in the city were bought with money which came from Wright. Mr. Wright was known personally to Senator George Turner and I. N. Peyton, who met him in London when dealing for the sale of the Le Roi mine.

## Paper Fights Officers.

Colfax, Wash., Jan. 29.—Commenting on the recent assault on a young woman in a saloon here and the investigation of charges filed as a result of Chief of Police Mackey and Night Officer Allphin failing to interfere to prevent the alleged crime, the Colfax Gazette, supposed to reflect public opinion in this matter, says:

"Mackey and Allphin have proved themselves utterly unworthy of public trust. They have permitted crimes to be committed which could have been prevented had they acted when they were informed. If the council will not remove these men the mayor should declare an emergency and remove them himself. The supreme court has sustained similar action, and would sustain Mayor Van Schoick in this matter."

The mayor is known to favor removal of the officers.

## Date for Filing of Petitions.

Salem, Jan. 29.—Attorney-General Crawford, in response to a question propounded by Secretary of State Dunbar, rendered an opinion yesterday, in which he held that all petitions for the initiative under section 1 of article 4 of the constitution (the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution), in order to be legal, must be filed in the office of the secretary of state on February 5, 1904, or just four calendar months before the election at which they are to be voted on, and which takes place on Monday, June 6.

## BIRTHDAY OF MCKINLEY IS RECALLED

**Governor Vasant and Other Notables Attend Banquet Given Out of Regard of Memory of Late President.**

**Function Held at Omaha Under Auspices of the McKinley Club.**

## HANNA WILL REFUSE HONOR

**So Says One of the Speakers in Touching Upon the Forthcoming Nomination for President of United States.**

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 29.—The McKinley Club tonight celebrated the birth of William McKinley with a banquet, at which Governor Vasant, of Minnesota; Governor Mickey, of Nebraska; Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee; Murat Halsted, and John T. Webster were the principal guests.

John T. Webster, Nebraska's candidate for the vice-presidency nomination, spoke to the toast, "Republican Party," and Murat Halsted on the "President of the United States." Halsted during his address expressed the opinion that Hanna would refuse the nomination for president, and that Ohio would go for Roosevelt, who would receive the nomination.

Edward Rosewater addressed himself to the toast, "Reminiscences of McKinley."

Governor Vasant spoke on the "People and the Railroads." The governor's remarks had particularly to do with the recent proceedings of Minnesota against the railroad mergers.

## Expedition From Colombia.

Panama, Jan. 29.—News has reached here from Bogota that inasmuch as Generals Reyes and Cavallero have assured Colombia that the United States will only object to her landing forces in the canal zone, the Colombian government intends to organize and send an expedition against Panama.

**20**

**PER CENT REDUCTION**

**On Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Shoes, Etc.**

Excepting only Dunlap Hats, E. & W. Collars, Oil and Rubber Goods and Dents Gloves.

**THIS MEANS A GREAT SACRIFICE as our goods are sold on very close margins.**

**SALE COMMENCES**

**Monday, January 4, 1904.**

**P. A. STOKES**

**The Home of Bargains, Quality, Style and Economy.**

We have advertised ladies' cloaks, suits and skirts at one-half price. Go where you will you can't beat it. We give you the quality first and the prices second. More cannot be done in honest merchandising.

**The A. Dunbar Co.**

566 Commercial Street.

**SALE CLOSSES SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 9 P. M.**

**LATEST MARCH TWOSTEP "Social Whirl"**

J. N. GRIFFIN.

**Groceries, Hardware, Ship Chandelery, Paints, Oil and Glass—Hardwood Lumber Boat Supplies etc.**

AT

**FISHER BROTHERS**

Cor. Bond and 12th Sts. Astoria, Oregon