

CORONER INQUIRES

Seeks Cause of Death of Bow Kam, a Chinese Slave.

FOLLOWED AN ESCAPE

Her Companion Takes Refuge in a Mission—Chinese Tong Hold Yuen Bing Liable for Price of Both Women.

Mystery surrounding the death of Bow Kam, a Chinese slave and the escape of her companion, Chow Sheem, also a slave, to the Chinese Rescue home, threatens serious trouble in Chinatown. The coroner is investigating to learn whether Bow Kam died from natural causes.

REPUBLICANS WILL MEET IN CONVENTION

Tomorrow Set for the Important Meeting—Democratic National Committee Called for January 12, 1904.

CONDON WILL HAVE A NATIONAL BANK

Washington Bureau of the Journal. Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The First National bank of Condon, Ore., was today authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital, with J. Frank Watson of Portland as president, Edward Dunn as vice-president, N. Farnsworth, the cashier, is of New York.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN Baffles the Police

Marion, Ind., Dec. 10.—The mystery of the unknown woman who has been visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Druly of this city since last May is deepening. Mrs. Druly was chloroformed and left for dead in her own room today. The unknown gained an entrance into the house and secreted herself in a hallway. She threw a cloth containing chloroform over the victim's head, bore her to the floor and held her until unconscious.

LAWLESS CHICAGO

Mob This Morning Beat Street Railway Employees and Smash Property.

POLICE GROW FRANTIC

Rescue Conductor From Hands of the Assaultants and Club Right and Left—Non-Union Men Are Badly Handled.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 10.—A serious affair happened this morning, which for a time looked as though a bloody riot might become widespread. Angered because a train crew on the Halsted-street railway, on which a dozen union men were riding, did not wear union buttons, the workmen left the car and threatened to throw the motorman and conductor into the Chicago river.

WANTS NO SPLIT IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

New York, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, mother of Christian Science, is apparently not through with Charlotte Perkins Gilman (formerly Mrs. Stetson) and now repeats her invitation or command, in order that a settlement of present differences between the First church and other Christian Science bodies may be reached at once.

SENATORS DISCUSS WOOL INTERESTS

Washington Bureau of the Journal. Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Meetings were held here yesterday and today in Senator Warren's committee room for the purpose of reporting on the resolutions of the National Wool Growers' association and National Association of Wool Manufacturers, and for discussing the pending legislation in congress and to suggest what action is to be taken at the national convention of wool growers to be held in Portland, Ore., January next.

AUTOS WILL FIGHT SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Ventura, Cal., Dec. 10.—Automobiles will cut quite a figure in the freight and passenger war, which has been inaugurated by the residents of Ojai valley and here. They complain that the Southern Pacific has not been giving good service in spite of their protest.

ASSOCIATED PRESS MAN JUST FORGOT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Charles Diehl, assistant manager of the Associated Press, was recalled before the committee on military affairs this morning. There were certain discrepancies in the dates of his testimony and that of Melville Stone, manager of the Associated Press, relative to the employment and subsequent dealing with Bellair, the ex-convict and a trusted special correspondent. He said he couldn't say as to whether General Wood had any knowledge of Bellair's history until the latter was sent to China.

LANGFETT ON JETTY

Major's Annual Report Covers Work at Columbia's Mouth.

A FORTY FOOT CHANNEL

Chief Engineer Explains the Work in His Department and Outlines Plans for the Future of the River.

Major W. C. Langfett's annual report upon the improvement of the Willamette river, and of the Columbia river, below the mouth of the Willamette, and their tributaries, was received this morning from Washington, D. C. The report has been published in book form, and contains much interesting data relative to projected improvements. Numerous maps and illustrations accompany the reading matter. Relative to the work under way at the mouth of the river, the report says: "At the beginning of the present fiscal year the work of repairing the jetty tramway, putting the plant into condition and other preparatory work was in progress under appropriation of \$500,000 made by act of June 13, 1903, for continuing the improvement. This act also authorized a contract not exceeding \$1,000,000. Up to this time such repairs as had been completed were done under appropriation of \$250,000 made by act of June 6, 1900.

DEATH OF H. C. WATSON

Albany, Or., Dec. 10.—H. C. Watson, a prominent attorney, died at his home in this city last night of organic heart disease, aged 49 years. Mr. Watson was born in Tennessee and located in Albany in 1858. He took a leading part in Democratic politics and at the time of his death was serving as school director. He leaves a widow and three children. The funeral will be held from the Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

SAYS SHE HAS THE ONLY LIGHTED WAY



MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY.

PACIFIC MAIL TO ENTER HERE

REPORT THAT ITS WAS AGAINST THE NEW CHINA COMMERCIAL COMPANY WILL BE CARRIED INTO PORTLAND WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

The rate war being waged at San Francisco by the allied steamship companies against the China Commercial company is to be carried north. Portland will soon be the scene of operations. Plans are now being perfected to have a Pacific Mail steamer call here every three weeks on the outward voyage to the Orient. The China Commercial company was formed last May, and since that date the oldest-established lines have been using their combined efforts to put the newcomer-out-of-business. So far they have failed, the new concern meeting every cut in rates that has been made.

THEATRICAL MAN OF SALT LAKE HANGS

Sale Lake City, Utah, Dec. 10.—The almost lifeless form of James McGregor, a fiddler in the Salt Lake theatre, was found dangling from the flies last evening by Miss Mabel Brownell, who was playing the leading role with Standard in "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush." Her screams attracted the attention of the stage hands. The rope was cut and the limp form of the would-be suicide fell to the stage 20 feet below. Although the man's neck was broken, life was not extinct and he lived until a physician came, but he did not regain consciousness. The cause of the suicide is not known.

PORTLAND'S SHARE OF THE "KITTY"

The monthly contributions from the gamblers continue to pour into the city coffers through the medium of the police and the municipal court. Today \$445 reverted to the city by forfeited ball. As stated by The Journal yesterday the sum paid by the larger gambling houses is \$25 less than it was the latter part of last month. Police Commissioner Hunt explains this by saying that in the aggregate for each month the amounts will be the same as for November, when the total for the month was increased \$50 for a dozen of the big establishments.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTER FEIGNS DRUNKENNESS

Apparently helplessly drunk, J. W. Mason was locked up in the city jail on a charge of larceny this morning. T. A. Henley, proprietor of the New York Mercantile company, the complaining witness, tells this story: "Mason entered the store and snatched a shirt under his coat. He went out and wrapped up the shirt in a newspaper which he found in a saloon, went to the drygoods establishment a second time and took another shirt. He was seen by the proprietor who followed him into another saloon where he secured another piece of wrapping paper and bundled up his booty. The proprietor kept the man in sight until he saw Patrolman Cary, who arrested the man. When he was taken to the station, he feigned drunkenness. By the time he reached the station he appeared to be so drunk that he could hardly stand.

BATTLE AT MIDNIGHT

Wentz Rescued From the Hands of Bandits After Desperate Fight.

BOUND HANDS AND FEET

Kidnaping Desperadoes Demanded \$100,000 Ransom—Detectives Overrun Tennessee and Rescued Prisoner.

(Journal Special Service.) Memphis, Dec. 10.—Details of the fight with the kidnapers of Millionaire Edward Wentz show that a more desperate plan has not been outlined for securing an immense ransom. The Miss Stone kidnaping case in Eastern Turkey bore not the unusual features that this one does. Young Wentz went into Tennessee on a hunting trip last summer. After leaving Bristol he was not heard from until night before last. Rumors were current that he had been kidnaped by a band of desperate mountaineers, and detectives were sent into the remotest parts of the mountainous state. The chase of the bandits has been going on for several weeks. A month ago no closer were the officers on the trail of the outlaws than their abandoned campfires were discovered burning. A hundred thousand dollars was demanded for the return of the young man, and his millionaire father in Philadelphia at one time agreed to give the amount if his son's safe return would be guaranteed. This was not definitely promised, and the detectives were instructed to continue their search, which culminated in the sensational fight Tuesday night, the details of which now reach civilization.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN HOPES FOR HARMONY

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The emperor today opened the Japanese diet with an address in which he referred hopefully to the negotiations which he expects will bring peace throughout the Far East.

NOTED MAN IS DEAD

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—Hal Lewis, aged 52 years, a former supreme court justice of Georgia, died this morning at Greenborough. He sprang into national fame in 1894 by making a speech nominating W. J. Bryan for the presidency.

DESPERADOES HOLD UP PROPRIETOR OF ALBANY PLACE AT POINT OF REVOLVER

Albany, Or., Dec. 10.—The saloon of M. Baumgart was held up and robbed last night by two bold thugs. Mr. Baumgart, the proprietor, was tending bar and was alone in the saloon at the time. The two men entered about 11 o'clock and after buying a drink one went out of the front door, but returned almost immediately. Mr. Baumgart engaged in conversation with the other man and was standing in front of the bar, when they suddenly pulled revolvers and demanded his money. They opened the cash register and took out \$17 and then went through Mr. Baumgart's pockets, securing his purse, which contained about \$15, and a Smith & Wesson .32-caliber revolver. They then marched their victim to the rear end of the saloon and rushed out of the front door, across First street and down an alley. Officers notified. Sheriff Huston and Chief of Police McClain were at once notified and commenced a vigorous search for the robbers, when they suddenly pulled up the depot by two citizens who were on Washington street. The officers in Junction and Eugene were notified, as it is thought that the bandits went south on the Overland, although the train was closely watched. The two men were around town during the night and were around town during the day. They inquired of several men regarding the banking gambling games, but were informed that the town was closed. They said that it was their understanding that it was a wide open town. They frequented several saloons during the afternoon and evening and said that they were roulette dealers and had been in Portland for about three weeks. They are about 30 years of age, smooth shaven, slender built and good looking young men. One is about 6 feet tall, wears dark clothing, such as suit and white shirt and a flat black hat. The other one is perhaps two inches shorter, wore medium light suit of clothes, negligee shirt and dark brown hat. They did not have the appearance of working men, but bore the look of professional crooks. They were under police surveillance, but turned their trick just the same. It is surmised that they were looking for a big haul at some gambling roll, but when they learned that the games were not running concluded to make a smaller stake.

DOLD THUGS ROB SALOON

Desperadoes Hold Up Proprietor of Albany Place at Point of Revolver

PROFESSIONAL CROOKS

Officers Notified, But Bandits Escape Toward Eugene—Were Seen About Town During Two Days.

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