

PARKER'S OWN STORY

Forger Says He Escaped Shackled at Heppner Junction.

TATTOO BETRAYS HIM

Waitress at Ranch Where the Fugitive Ate Breakfast Told Employer of Them--He Notified Sheriff at Condon--Crowd Sees Him Off.

(Journal Special Service.) Arlington, Or., Dec. 26.—"Five minutes after I stepped from the train into the darkness and mud I was sorry and wished I was back in the sleeper," said Thurlow W. Parker, the young forger, today, in speaking of his sensational escape from Detective Day last Wednesday morning. "Had I known what hardships I was to endure I would never have escaped. The roads south of Arlington are terrible to travel, and I was without a coat and fearing any minute that I would be overtaken by officers. I was almost beside myself. But my greatest suffering," he said, as he rolled a cigarette, to which habit he is a confirmed slave, "was caused by desire for smoke. I had no paper or tobacco, and the craving for cigarettes almost set me wild. At the first store I found I invested in tobacco and cigarette papers. After that the road was not so rough nor the distance so great."

His legs securely shackled and closely guarded by Sheriff Tom Johnson of Gilliam county, Parker is today retracing his steps to Arlington in the stage which runs from Condon. Detective Joe Day of Portland arrived here last night and is waiting his prisoner, with whom he will return to Portland tomorrow.

"It looked so easy to get away I could not resist the temptation," continued the fugitive. "Day was good to me on the trip. I know I abused his confidence and I am sorry now. For I suppose it will go harder with me."

"I don't know where I got off, but it was a walk of four hours to Arlington in the same direction as the train went. I slipped one leg out of the irons and broke the other shackles with a stone. It was a bad walk in the dark. I hardly knew which way to turn, but intended to strike off into the interior. However, I was foolish to follow the telephone line from Arlington."

If Parker's story is true, he escaped from the train at Heppner Junction, 10 miles above Heppner. Arlington people think he got off here, as he was seen at the Grand hotel shortly after the train passed at 3 p. m. Constable Sweeten here takes this view. Parker's leg irons have not been found.

Leaving here before daylight, Parker reached William Head's ranch at Rock creek, where he had breakfast and bought a jumper to cover his tell-tale sweater.

The tattoo marks on his hands resulted in his capture. A waitress at Head's ranch, who served him, noticed the marks on his hands. She was aroused her curiosity. When Head rode to Arlington he learned the story of Parker's escape and sent word to Condon to arrest Parker.

At Head's ranch Parker said he was working on a railroad survey and would be back for Christmas dinner.

Wednesday night Parker slept at Olex, 18 miles south of here. There he purchased overalls and a cowboy hat. Thursday he walked to Howard Toby's ranch, 12 miles from Condon, and rode with Toby to the county seat, where the sheriff arrested him.

To Alvah Jackson, bridge foreman near Olex, Parker said he came from Castle Rock. Dr. Jackson followed on horseback to Condon Thursday. Parker says he had extra clothes in a small grip which he took with him. "There is great interest in Parker's sensational flight through Gilliam county. At Condon a large crowd watched the stage leave this morning and here the case is almost the sole topic of conversation."

MIRACLE SAVES A TRAIN FROM WRECK

(Journal Special Service.) Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Burglars at Mingo Junction last night rolled the great iron wheels of a passenger train off the tracks and started across the tracks, where a wagon was waiting and in which it was evidently planned to cart it away. A passenger train came around the curve, struck and knocked the safe off the truck, but as if by a miracle the train was not derailed. The robbers escaped.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—The great storm sweeping in from the West struck this city this morning and enveloped the streets and bay in darkness. Ferry boats drifted helplessly and were unable to keep their bearings. The day is almost universally being observed as a holiday, otherwise business is being greatly hampered. The darkness lasted more than an hour. The weather forecast shows today and

COMBINE IS DISSOLVED

Lumbermen Disagree Over the Overproduction Clause.

TRADE WAR POSSIBLE

Ten Per Cent of the Members of the Combination Refused to Continue Terms That Have Been Held for Two Years.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association has gone to pieces. J. M. Alexander of Vancouver, B. C., a member of the committee of export millmen that met in San Francisco this week to settle the disagreement between the warring factions of the combine, passed through Portland Thursday evening on his way to his home, notified E. T. Williams of the committee that the association was a thing of the past.

This probable disagreement has been foretold since the secret meeting in Portland last week, and it came as no surprise to local exporters, but the official notification of the failure of the combination was not brought, nor did the local members of the committee, Mr. Williams, know how matters stood until the visit of Mr. Alexander.

The trouble was over the overproduction clause in the agreement. Certain millmen objected to renewing the clause in the contract that provided for heavy fines if the various mills did not abide by an agreement to limit production. The majority of the association members stood firm for the unchanged contract, but the minority was just as sure in its position and the result was a dissolving of the tie that for two years has kept peace in the Pacific coast export lumber trade.

"There were not over 10 per cent of the members that wished to do away with the overproduction clause," said Mr. Williams today, "and 90 per cent of the people in the association, or 50 per cent of the mill capacity in the combination were in favor of an unchanged agreement. Such an association is of no value unless all are in it, and when it was found impossible to agree the only thing to do was to dissolve."

"It is certainly not a serious problem for local mills. The export trade gross is not over 10 per cent of our trade. We manufacture chiefly for domestic demand and the entire import business is not of great importance. Besides, we will still get foreign markets and can meet competition as we did before the agreement went into effect. It appears that California mills do not enter into the trouble at all," said Mr. Williams.

"California mills do not worry us. It is the people that have big mills on the coast, but live in California, that have made the fight. Such a thing as a California mill interest is absurd, for there is no considerable mill interests in the state at all."

The export lumbermen's association that will be dissolved December 31, has been in existence for two years; members of the combine say that the agreement has greatly aided them in securing better prices and avoiding ruinous competition for foreign business. The local situation in the northwest will not be affected by the cessation of the export understanding and local or domestic conditions will continue to operate as the chief factor in 90 per cent of the lumber business of the Pacific coast.

ALLEGED DYNAMITER APPEARS AS WITNESS

(Journal Special Service.) Helena, Mont., Dec. 26.—Isaac Gravelle, who is undergoing trial here on the charge of sending threatening letters to the Northern Pacific Railroad company, was on the stand in his own behalf today. His testimony is briefly summarized. Gravelle made a general denial of having sent the letters. He said that they might have been written by Harvey Whitton, his cellmate in the Deer Lodge penitentiary. He also endeavored to prove an alibi, reciting at great length his varied travels along the route of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads, but according to his story was never within 20 miles of an explosion at the time of its occurrence.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STORM

Freeport, Ohio, Dec. 26.—While the blizzard was in progress last night burglars forced an entrance into the Harmon department store and carried away seal skins, silks and jewelry amounting to several thousand dollars.

WILL SEND A FORCE TO MAINTAIN ORDER

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Dec. 26.—It was learned today that Japan is preparing a force which will probably number 15,000 troops which will be sent into Korea to maintain order at the disturbed ports. She has been assured by Russia that such an action will not be considered as an unfriendly act or cause a war.

HANGS IN BOX CAR

(Journal Special Service.) St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—The body of Philip Wentz, secretary of the Wentz Shoe company, was found hanging in an empty box car today suspended by a piece of fence wire. The relatives think it was a case of murder, while the coroner says it was suicide.

LOGGING ALONG THE LEWIS RIVER



(Journal Special Service.) Kaiaua, Wash., Dec. 26.—It is the general supposition that the larger and better part of the timber land of Clarke and Cowlitz counties, especially along the Lewis and Cowsman rivers, was destroyed by the fires of 1902. This is a false supposition. The amount of timber destroyed was immense, and according to a recent estimate of the Weyerhaeuser company's timber cruisers, amounted to 2,000,000,000 feet in Clarke county, but that in a small proportion of the timber yet standing, whose worth can be estimated by the million. The east fork of the Lewis river is attracting the freshest interest at present, as it is being more rapidly developed.

Where a year ago the immense forest stood in silence, disturbed only by its own children, now there is a population of several hundred loggers, settlers and timber men. Houses are being built, spurs run out from the railroad, and large crews kept constantly at work. Over these spurs one company alone, the Weyerhaeuser, sends 20 cars of logs per day. The west fork of the Lewis river has been longer settled, but slower in developing the lumber interest there. The logs are rafted down the river, thus necessitating much blasting and dredging to clear the channel. Among the largest of the logging engines in operation is that owned by Frost & Bozarth.

SENSATION OF A SERIOUS NATURE

Official Report on New York Postoffice Tells of Some of the Most Gigantic Frauds so Far Exposed.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—A bomb in the New York postoffice has burst at last Christmas evening. Major Little and a force of inspectors that have been working under him for two months forwarded to Washington a report containing the following findings: "Two promotion syndicates have been in existence in the New York postoffice for some time. Each employee paid 25 cents a week into them, making a fund of \$18,000 a year, which went to some extent in Washington. George W. Beavers is credited with being the recipient when he was chief of the bureau of salaries and allowances."

HERMANN HAS NEW IDEAS ON FAIR BILLS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 26.—It has developed that Congressman Hermann of Oregon fears that there will be trouble getting the Williamson Lewis and Clark bill through the house, and will suggest to the Oregon delegation that the wisest course to pursue in getting government aid for the exposition is to induce the house committee to report a substitute bill authorizing the government to erect buildings and make exhibits at the Portland fair, but carrying no appropriation. Then in some other general appropriation bill introduce an item carrying a liberal appropriation for the substitute bill.

CONFESSES TO THE CRIME OF MURDER

(Journal Special Service.) San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 26.—Miss Figueroa has made a complete confession of the murder of Lee Gar, the Chinese laundryman at the Needles last Sunday. Under oath the woman this morning swore that the crime was committed by Miguel Antonio for the purpose of driving away an evil influence, which had caused him to lose his revolver two weeks before.

ZERO WEATHER IS HOLDING THE WEST

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—The snowstorm which began yesterday morning and spread over the entire lake region and Middle West, is now showing signs of abatement, although the thermometer is going toward zero weather. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The thermometer was 17 degrees below zero this morning. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 26.—The cold wave continues. Zero weather was still raging this morning. Chicago, Dec. 26.—The cold weather continues. The thermometer was 8 degrees below zero since early this morning.

THE ENDORSEMENT PLEASES PRESIDENT

(Journal Special Service.) Washington Bureau of The Journal. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Senator Fulton today received a letter from President Roosevelt expressing gratification for the recent action of the Republican members of the Oregon legislature in endorsing his administration and supporting him for re-nomination. The informal notice of the endorsement was communicated by Senator Fulton to the president last Friday.

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STOLE THE DEAD BOX

Sensation Caused by Discovery of Scheme to Commit Fraud.

ONE GRAVE FOR TWO MEN

Soldier's Coffin Sold to an Undertaker and Mrs. Keefe is Buried in It--An Appeal is Sent to the President.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 26.—One of the most remarkable schemes of fraud which has come under the eyes of government officials was exposed today after a week's investigation.

Saturday morning a week ago the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Keefe was interrupted. On the preceding Thursday Mrs. Keefe died at her home, and on Saturday, under the direction of Undertaker McAvary, her funeral was to take place at Holy Cross cemetery.

When the box containing the casket and body of Mrs. Keefe was lowered into the grave, Mrs. C. Aitken, a daughter of the dead woman, made the startling discovery that the box in which her mother was going to her last resting place bore the United States government inscription to the effect that the box contained the body of Sergeant William Fogarty of the Third artillery, and that the casket should not be opened under penalty of the law.

The question now arises, what has become of Sergeant Fogarty's body? It develops today that Fogarty and his brother were buried in the same grave one on top of the other. War veterans expect to develop a big scandal.

So far as investigations have gone it is proved that some one in the government service sells coffins and dead boxes designed for soldiers to local undertakers. This can be done only by removing the remains from the grave, taking the coffin and box and then re-burying the dead body in the dirt.

Undertaker McAvary will not talk of the Keefe matter, but strenuous times are said to be going on in quarters near circles at the army building here and at the President's.

Veterans of the Spanish-American war have sent the following message to President Roosevelt: To President Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.—We can produce affidavits showing that the casket of William Fogarty, battery E, Third artillery, was used for burying civilian dead by an undertaker. We ask you, as a comrade of the Spanish war, to co-operate with us in investigating the scandal.

WILLIAM C. CLAYTON, Chairman, Camp Reinhold, Richter of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

BYSTANDER A VICTIM OF SHOOTING SCRAPE

(Journal Special Service.) Helena, Mont., Dec. 26.—Bob Tuckernath was the victim of a shooting scrape this morning, which will probably prove fatal. Aaron Lewis, the well-known bartender in the Zanzibar saloon, in emphasizing some remarks made to a member of the Twenty-fourth infantry, essayed to strike him with a revolver. The soldier ducked the blow with remarkable agility, the weapon hitting the bars and discharging the bullet, which narrowly missed Tuckernath's heart, passing through his left lung. Lewis was arrested.

A GENERAL STRIKE IS NOW PROBABLE

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—Unless the union teamsters consent to the formation of a permanent arbitration board, on Wednesday next a general strike is liable to result between them and the associated teaming interests. The livery drivers' strike is still on. The funerals today were hearse accompanied by police guards and there were no demonstrations by the strikers.

SIR HENRY BULLARD DEAD

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 26.—Sir Henry Bullard, Conservative member of parliament, died today. This gives the Liberals a chance for obtaining another seat.

GORMAN A CHOICE FOR PRESIDENCY

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—The Times Thursday made a poll of Democratic senators and congressmen on their choice for a presidential candidate. Gorman was favored by 12 senators and 30 representatives. Judge Parker was next and the third choice fell to Francis Marion Cockrell. W. R. Hearst was favored by three representatives.

TROUBLES POUR IN ON I. B. SMALL

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 26.—I. B. Small, the Owsling, who is searching for his runaway wife, has more troubles. He was arrested last night for drawing a pistol on a crowd in front of a boycotted restaurant on Market street. Small was attacked by some toughs in the crowd and was struck over the eye. He backed against the building and pulled a gun. He says he went into the restaurant to see if he could get work, as he saw a sign saying that men were wanted. When he came out he was

booted by the crowd and tried to make an explanation. Two men, he says, approached him, one striking him in the eye, while the other hit him on the jaw. The blow on the eye caused the blood to flow. Then he pulled his pistol and held the mob at bay. He says: "I asked the police to arrest the men who struck me, but they would not do it. I was hurried away in a patrol wagon, taken to hospital and charged with exhibiting a weapon."

When searched at the station he had a set of brass knuckles on his person besides the pistol.