

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

JURY RETURNS VERDICT AGAINST F. WARE GUGLIEMO OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE - CASE GOES TO SHERIFF FOR EXECUTION - DEFENDANT SUBMITS NO ARGUMENT.

Quietly and without ostentation John W. Minto, ex-deputy revenue collector, began his duties this morning as the head of the Portland postoffice, succeeding F. A. Bancroft. He reached his desk early and at once began a minute examination into the details of the office.

POSTMASTER MINTO IS IN CHARGE

NEW OFFICIAL THIS MORNING SUCCEEDS MR. BANCROFT AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE - WILL SEEK TO AVOID EMBROIDERINGS.

Mr. Minto positively refuses to discuss even the possibility of removals or changes in the personnel of his corps of employees. With reference to his assistant he has nothing whatever to say. The position is now held by Charles Burckhardt and rumors have been insistent that his removal would follow the inauguration of the Minto regime.

Under such circumstances it was not surprising that 50 minutes after the jury left the court room a verdict was returned that they had arrived at a verdict. At 10 minutes after 5 o'clock Foreman H. C. Coleman handed the jury's finding to Judge Cleland. Guglielmo, with his eyes cast down, his left hand in his pocket and perspiration rolling from his forehead, stood up and listened to the reading of the verdict, which pronounced him guilty of murder in the first degree. The only penalty is hanging.

VAST TREASURE OF INLAND EMPIRE

PUBLISHERS HUTCHINSON BELIEVES FARMERS OF NORTHWEST ARE MOST PROSPEROUS IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT THOUSANDS WILL COME.

E. H. Hutchinson of Spokane is at the Imperial hotel, having come into Portland after finishing a two weeks' journey through the Palouse, Big Bend and Lewiston countries of the inland empire, and says the crop yields of that section to the north of the Columbia and Snake rivers is going to be far and away the biggest in the history of the country.

TELLS STRANGE YARN OF MIDWAY ISLAND

Midway Island, situated about halfway between San Francisco and Honolulu, is inhabited by countless birds, according to Capt. Reiner, master of the steamer Francis H. Leggett, who has just arrived from there. He says they are thicker than mosquitoes in the swamps of New Jersey in the month of July.

As only 16 people are on the island, and they have been there but a short time, the names of the birds are not known. One variety, about the size of seagulls, insisted upon taking up their abode on the steamer while she lay in the harbor. They even laid eggs about the deck, and the members of the crew had them at their meals three times a day. They are described by the captain as being superior in every way to hens' eggs.

AT THE THEATRES

NOVEL DOG SHOW. Some people do not care for "animal acts." These same people are cordially recommended to see Brydon's dog circus at the Star theatre this week and they'll change their mind.

THE BAKER. The Baker company will change from powerful drama to bright, sunny comedy and open their second week with Henry Guy Carleton's pretty play, "The Butterflies" Sunday afternoon.

THE QUEEN IS COMING

"The Queen of the Musketeers" will be the new bill at Shields' park, commencing Monday evening. Like all the other Zinn productions in which the splendid Shields' stock company has appeared, it is especially adapted for warm weather. It is a merry mélange of music, dancing and frivolity.

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AT THE BIJOU

The Bijou this week has in Wilder and Wilder a team of sketch artists who do not imitate. Their act is original and that is why it makes such a favorable impression on people who make it a business to see everything in the way of vaudeville. It is funny and would make a graven image laugh.

AT THE ARCADE

Between the Apollo Comedy Four and the inimitable business of William Wells the patrons of the Arcade theatre this week have plenty to laugh at. The act of Wells and Baron is dependent almost entirely for the great success that it makes upon the hideous grimaces of Mr. Wells, whose make-up is surprising. Scarcely we've had a tramping in plenty, but Wells - well, Wells has to be seen to be appreciated.

A SEASONABLE PLAY

A good hot weather show, full of the fresh country air of rural Indiana country scenes and people who live close to green fields and running brooks. That kind of play is "Just Struck Town," in which Elmer Walters' big company will appear next week at Cordray's, and it is just the kind of a play which appeals to theatre-going when the thermometer is soaring above 80.

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SAYS GOLD IS BECOMING COMMON

George E. Roberts, United States mint director, was in the city for a few hours yesterday, the guest of his friend, B. F. Stevens, of the First National bank, while en route to Alaska. Mr. Roberts expressed the belief that there will be no more silver dollars coined for many years, if more are ever coined, because the 155,000,000 ounces of silver bought between 1890-93, has been used up and the gold production of the country has increased to such a remarkable extent.

MARKABLE INCREASE IN GOLD PRODUCTION DURING DECADE - SILVER DOLLARS WILL BECOME SCARCE

Most of the coinage of the past year has been in copper cent pieces and in nickels, the profits to the government on these two kinds of money having been about \$2,000,000. A pound of copper costing the government 15 cents can be coined into 144 coppers; and a pound of nickel, costing the government 40 cents, can be coined into 14 worth of five-cent pieces. Peasles are coming into general use from ocean to ocean.

Contract Let for Furnishing Theatre.

The contract for the furnishing of the new Columbia theatre has been let by the management and in more than one respect is notable. It provides for the best of everything and has a face amount of \$20,000. The opera chairs are to be most comfortably made and are fitted with spring seats, back and bottoms. They are constructed on a Turkish pattern of special design and built at a cost of \$12 each.

Postage Stamp Rates on The O. W. P.

Round trip rates will be placed in effect for Sunday and the Fourth of July from Portland and to Portland, as follows: 25 cents to Oregon City and Canemah Park; 25 cents to Gresham; 50 cents to any point east of Gresham up to and including Estacada. Tickets good for one day only.

Schedule of Steamer T. J. Potter.

The seaside steamer T. J. Potter will leave Portland, Ash street dock, for Astoria and Ilwaco as follows: July 1, Friday, 9:00 a. m. July 2, Saturday, 11:15 a. m. July 3, Sunday, 9:00 a. m. July 4, Wednesday, 9:00 a. m. July 7, Thursday, 9:00 a. m. July 8, Friday, 9:45 a. m. July 9, Saturday, 1:00 p. m. Get transportation and berth tickets at O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

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