

# DARK MYSTERY IS DR. LEE'S MURDER

Struck down by an assassin, whose identity the police have not discovered, at the corner of Fourth and Pine streets last night, Lee Sing Hom, a Chinese physician, received injuries from which he died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 3 o'clock this morning. He received a blow from some blunt instrument, which must have been delivered with terrific force, a post mortem examination showing that the base of the skull sustained a fracture four inches long.

It is claimed by the Chinese that the murder was committed by one of three young white ruffians and was witnessed by a white man and a woman, who stood on the opposite corner. Though the police are working on the theory that the Chinese are telling the truth, their story is hard to credit for many reasons, and it is entirely probable that Hom was marked for the weapon of the assassin as the result of factional strife, trouble with a personal enemy or the vengeance of a highlander organization.

Lee Sing Hom was a member of the Lee company, composed of several Chinese, engaged in business at Second and Pine streets. He lived at 271 Ankeny street and was on his way from his home to the company store when he met his death, about 10:30 o'clock last night. When discovered he lay in the center of the street, with the blood gushing from ear, nose and mouth. Detective Day was detailed on the case by Chief Hunt, and Detective Snow and Water are also endeavoring to discover the murderer. Hom's partners say they will give a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. This money was to have been placed in the First National bank this morning, but has not yet been deposited.

**Cook Knows Something.**

Ho Kee, a Chinese cook, is the only person so far located by the detectives who claims to know much about the murder. His story is improbable in a number of ways, but he sticks tenaciously to every statement he has made.

"I was in John Kee's place, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Pine streets," said Kee, "I walked out on the sidewalk and saw three young men. One of them, who acted as if he had been drinking, was just strolling toward Hom, who stood in the center of the street, as if waiting. The man used

bad language and said he would kill Hom. One of his companions caught him by the arm and tried to hold him back, but he broke away.

"Then I ran back into the room and told my friends somebody was going to hurt Hom. We all ran outside and there lay Hom in the street. The man who said he would kill him was just returning from where he lay, and with his two companions walked down Fourth street toward Ankeny. A white man and a woman stood on the opposite corner and must have seen the murder. It was rather dark after I came out of the room the second time, as the electric light at the corner had gone out."

Joe Heath and James McNulty, two members of the fire department, stood at the corner of Second and Pine streets shortly after the murder was committed. Their attention was attracted to about 15 or 20 Chinese, who were at that time congregated on the sidewalk at the corner of Fourth and Pine streets. They turned away, but hearing a shout, looked again and saw the crowd in the center of the street. Then the crowd scattered, and one Chinese was seen stooping over the victim of the assault. When the firemen reached the scene a number of Japanese, two or three Chinese women and several white men had arrived. At this time the arc lights were burning brightly.

The body of the murdered man was removed to the morgue this morning and an autopsy performed by Dr. J. C. Zan. He pronounced the cause of death cerebral hemorrhage, due to a blow of a heavy, blunt instrument. Coroner Finley will not hold an inquest for two or three days in order to give the detectives a chance to discover a clue to the murderer.

The victim of the assassin had a cheap watch in his blouse pocket and a jade ring on his wrist when he was taken to the hospital. Robbery is not regarded as the motive for the murder by the detectives, though Hom had no money in his clothing when searched at the hospital. Kee's story does not support the theory of robbery as the motive.

The murdered Chinese was a single man, aged about 40 years. He was well known among the Chinese, and so far as the detectives have ascertained, had no bitter personal enemies.

# CAUSES A PANIC AMONG PASSENGERS

**STRANDED WILLIAM G. PAYNE FROM NEW HAVEN TO BRIDGEPORT STRIKES FLOATING LOG—FLIES THROUGH FROM PADDLE WHEEL INJURES SEVERAL.**

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Sept. 7.—Six hundred passengers on the sound steamer William G. Payne, outbound from New Haven to Bridgeport, were thrown into a panic when fragments of a broken log and paddles went crashing through the wooden panels of the starboard side, while the vessel was off Port Schuyler last evening. Several persons were injured by the flying timbers and, fearing that the boat was sinking, many women ran to the guard rails and would have leaped overboard had it not been for the coolness of the male passengers and officers.

The starboard wheel of the steamer struck an immense log, the paddles were stripped and sent piercing points crashing up through the cabins and the women's parlor, just above the wheel-house. The velocity of the log was so great as to tear hundreds of the planks away and send them whirling through the passageways and parlor decks, and the steering apparatus was torn apart.

The engineer stopped the machinery and while the passengers were in a panic the boat ceased moving. The passengers of the disabled steamer, 508 in number, were transferred to the Richard Peck, a sister boat.

# SAYS PORTAGE DEED MUST FIRST BE GIVEN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—In accordance with the report of Major Langitt relative to the state of Oregon's request for permission to utilize as the motive for the murder by the detectives, though Hom had no money in his clothing when searched at the hospital. Kee's story does not support the theory of robbery as the motive.

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# WILL DECIDE ROUTE FOR PORTAGE ROAD

A meeting of the state portage board and the open river commission executive committee will be held at the office of J. N. Neal tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the committee's proposition for building a portage road will be passed upon. It is understood that the parties to the contract have practically settled upon the terms of the formal agreement under which the road shall be built.

# SEEKING FLAW IN GAMBLING CHARGES

Col. F. V. Drake has demurred to the information drawn by District Attorney Manning in the gaming case of William O. and Ah Far, Ah Han, Ah Wong, Ah Woy, Ah Wing and Pary Jim, who were arrested July 30, for running a dice game in this city.

The demurrers were entered on the ground that the information is defective. Colonel Drake stated in argument of his demurrer that the district attorney, in drawing up the information, failed to state the game played and also failed to state that it was unlawful, claiming that any offense had been committed.

Deputy District Attorney Moser argued that the information is not defective. The matter was taken under advisement until tomorrow morning.

# COURT IS ASKED TO CONFIRM BIG SALES

The stock of goods in the store of the firm of Honeyman & McBride has been sold, according to an order issued by Judge Webster some time ago. Jessie M. Honeyman, executrix, and Arthur Honeyman, executor of the estate of the late Walter B. Honeyman, who was one of the members of the firm, have filed their returns of the sale in the county court.

D. B. McBride has purchased the stock of merchandise in the woolen department for \$24,164, and also the fixtures for \$197, while the trawlers in the netting department was purchased by R. C. McKinney for \$7,545.

The petitioners state that these were the highest bids and ask the court for confirmation of the sales.

# FOREST FIRES BURN ONE MAN TO DEATH

(Journal Special Service.)

Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 7.—Two immense forest fires are raging, one on Ben Leonard mountain, where much valuable timber is being destroyed, the other on Big creek. Half a mile of the big creek flume is gone and Santa Cruz is without electric railway service and power on that account.

Pasquel Bonogini, postmaster at Swanton, who was fighting fire, was overtaken by flames and burned to death. His body was found in a ravine where he went to alleviate his suffering.

# SULTAN THROWN INTO STATE OF HYSTERICS

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, Sept. 7.—Tagelbi reports that the revolutionary Armenians under the noted leader Indrak, have been captured at Van. Turkish troops have been sent to regain possession of the city. The revolutionary successes have thrown the sultan into a state of hysterical excitement.

**TO SUGGEST PLEA.**

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—It is reported that Prince Sviatopold has been selected to succeed the late M. Von Plehva as minister of the interior.

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# KNIGHTS COMPETE FOR RICH PRIZES

**GREAT CROWD AT GOLDEN GATE PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO WITNESSES DRILLS—CHICAGO ASSURED OF BEING THE BEST ENCAMPMENT CITY.**

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—On the green sward of Golden Gate park's nine-diamond baseball field this morning the four crack drill corps of the Knights Templar met in competition for the coveted prizes ever hung up in a similar competition.

The great oval, surrounded by sloping banks bordered by shrubbery and giant trees, made a magnificent amphitheatre for the drill. The banks were jammed with spectators, and others found good points of vantage in carriages on the drives.

The appearance of the first team was the signal for applause, which continued until the corps commander gave the order that started his men in their evolutions.

The day was intensely hot, and the drillers suffered greatly. The contest began soon after 10 o'clock but it was announced that the last drill will not be finished until late this afternoon.

On the showing made in the parade, St. Bernard commandery of Chicago is picked by a majority of the spectators to win.

The competing teams are St. Bernard of Chicago; De Moines, of Louisville, Ky.; Melita, of Birmingham, N. Y.; and Ivanhoe, of Milwaukee. The judges are army officers from the Presidio.

At the conclusion of the competitive drill two local drill corps gave exhibitions. Prizes aggregating \$20,000 in value will be awarded, and so liberal is the list that each competing drill corps is assured of one prize, and the cost of the last prize exceeds \$1,000.

All competitors save Chicago for the 1907 conclude are practically out of the race. The Illinois delegation has assurances of enough votes to give Chicago the prize on the first ballot.

# THURSDAY'S ENTRIES AT IRVINGTON TRACK

The following are the entries for Thursday's races at Irvington park:

First race, five and a half furlongs, 3-year-olds and upwards—7265, Caroburn, 98; 7267, Bob Crawford, 109; 7264, Cannell, 109; 7247, Nell Holton, 109; 7264, Billy Brookwood, 109; 7262, Paul E. Jones, 91; 7243, Zedoc, 109; 7218, Maryatrix, 102; 7275, Friarlene, 104; 7274, Hannah Van, 102; 8485, Capitol, 102; 7294, Virginia Boy, 92.

Second race, five and a half furlongs, 4-year-olds and upwards—7251, Master, 105; 7283, Chief Aloha, 100; 7261, Amasa, 105; 7248, Lady Myrtle, 105; 7291, Cracker, 105; 7285, Frank Pearce, 100; 7287, Balldor, 105; 8724, Mocoorto, 105; 7292, Eastwood, 100.

Third race, six and a half furlongs, 3-year-olds—7276, Gentle Harry, 97; 7261, Harka, 107; 7260, Dusty Miller, 100; 7288, War Times, 103; 7260, Frivolous, 97; 7260, Ross Hawk, 102; 7285, North West, 102; 7292, Rictoul, 102.

Fourth race, one and an eighth miles, 3-year-olds and upwards, hurdle handicap—7259, Dr. Long, 145; 7285, Casador, 124; 7297, Marano, 120; 7269, Quidado, 122; 7288, Jim Roberts, 120.

Fifth race, seven-eighths mile, selling, 4-year-olds and upwards—7292, Red Damsel, 112; 7244, Col. Van, 107; 7288, Dora L, 105; 7281, Galley Goodwin, 112; 7252, Leah, 107; 7282, St. Philippina, 107.

Sixth race, one mile, selling, 4-year-olds and upwards—7282, Lady Kent, 102; 7272, Clearice, 102; 7281, Merdona, 102; 7282, Corro, 102; 7277, Chickadee, 107; 7291, J. V. Kirby, 102.

# BLIND IS AIMED AT CUT RATE BROKERS

Should the ordinance today deposited with the city auditor become a law the ticket brokerage business in Portland will become a thing of the past. After rumo had been at work talking for months "what the railroad interests would do to this business locally, the blow finally fell and an ordinance now awaits the action of the council. It is complete and will forever suppress the sale of practically all railroad and steamboat tickets by other than the issuing lines or authorized agents.

What will particularly hit the brokers is the section providing that the broker shall neither buy nor sell any passes, mileage books or tickets, any excursion or commutation tickets or any form of ticket that shows on its face that it was sold for less than the usual tariff rates, because of certain conditions that the purchaser was supposed to comply with before the ticket was honored. It is also provided that any one employed by a brokerage firm who shall violate the law will be held equally responsible with the person to whom the license is granted, and that any one working in a brokerage office which has not been licensed shall be held responsible as well as those who conduct the place. The ordinance is intended to remove all conditions which have not become effective within 10 days of its passage.

# POKER PLAYERS HAVE TIME TO BURN NOW

So far as poker games are concerned Portland is a closed town today. Obeying the ukase issued by Sheriff Wood and District Attorney Manning yesterday, proprietors of the games where the big flush and the small straight are sought closed business last night and the five-card devotees are restless today.

Hot machines, however, are running in the same old way. Numerous of the cigar stores or saloons has removed their slug-paying machines and few of them have removed the machines that pay in money. In the back rooms of practically every saloon as here as the money-paying device are still in operation.

Open opposition to the fiat of the sheriff has been encountered only in Chinatown. Sheriff Wood asserts that the slant-eyed sports are preparing to resist him and have resorted to various wily methods of accomplishing their designs. Immense sheet, iron doors with heavy locks have recently been erected in front of the entrances to the fantan games.

# HOLBROOK FIRE IS NOT UNDER CONTROL

Destruction of the remainder of the C. D. Davis Fuel company's 5,000 cords of wood near Holbrook is imminent today. Mr. Davis this morning sent to Portland for more help, and this afternoon 15 men departed for Holbrook to relieve the exhausted fire-fighters who have been working in the heat and smoke since Sunday night.

Reports from the head works at Bull Run this afternoon are to the effect that the fire near there is spreading, and it is feared that the timber will be attacked by the flames tonight unless there is a very heavy dew and cooler weather.

# BODY FOUND IN BUSHES ON LINNTON ROAD

What is evidently a suicide has been reported to Coroner Finley. Late this afternoon a man named Tarratt called at the coroner's office and informed that official that he had found the body of a well-dressed middle-aged man in a clump of bushes on the other side of the fair grounds on the Linnton road. Coroner Finley decided to go out tomorrow morning to the scene, and will be piloted by the discoverer of the body.

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