

Showers tonight and Tuesday; southerly winds.

ALTAR CANDLE LIGHTS MAY BE USED TO AID TO USE STEPS GLASS WAY SLIPKINS FIRST TO CONFESS FOR BURGLARS' SEARCH BELT LINE FOR WAR WEDNESDAY CRIMES OF INNER CIRCLE

Thieves Enter Trinity Church in Vain for Money Taken Up at Collection Last Evening.

THEN FORCE WAY INTO DR. MORRISON'S HOUSE

Get in by Basement, Smash or Pick Four Locks and Finally Find Eighteen Dollars—Rector Wakes and Stands Ready to Shoot, but Thieves Escape Unhurt.

Here is a list of recent church robberies: First Church of Christ, Scientist, entered on the night of February 26 and ransacked. Has reading-rooms in Fenton building. Nothing taken, so far as known. Third Presbyterian church, entered on the night of February 26. All the locks broken. Entry made by prying off doorknob. Musical instruments left by members missing. Grace M. E. church, robbed on the night of February 21. Entrance gained at back door. Few small articles of little value missed. White Temple, robbed on the night of February 21. Stolen three fountain pens, \$1 worth of 2-cent stamps. Entrance gained by prying up side window. Unitarian church, robbed on night of February 26. Stolen \$3 in stamps, \$2.95 in cash. Number of burned matches found scattered on floor.

Through an unlocked door in the rear of the church, burglars entered Trinity Episcopal church, Nineteenth and Everett streets, last night, walked boldly across the sanctuary to the altar, struck a match upon the polished marble, removed a candle from a golden candelabra, lighted it and, guided by its rays, proceeded to loot the church. After pillaging the church they went to the residence of Dr. Morrison, the rector, still bent on discovering the treasures which they imagined he had hidden. They finally aroused the family, however, and Dr. Morrison, armed with a revolver, put them to flight.

Alone in the vast church building, disturbed only by the echoes of their own hushed footsteps, the thieves went liberally about their work. By means of a chisel they forced open the desk of the sexton, in which it was thought the Sunday collection had been stored. However, the desk was found to be empty. In the same room is a huge iron safe, with which they struggled, but it held secure its sacred treasures. In the safe was \$80.50 in money—the day's collection—two silver chalices and a silver flagon.

Unable to work the combination upon the safe they abandoned it and hastened through the various rooms and closets surrounding the main auditorium. In the room, the vest of a child, the boys are hung in lockers. These the burglars hastily searched, groping vainly through the garments in their efforts to find a hidden treasure.

Not Impressed by Sanctity. Then they went out into the great auditorium, where the rays of their single candle shone dimly upon long rows of vacant pews. Undaunted by the sacred stillness and emblems of sanctity that surrounded them, they hurried over the heavy-carpeted sanctuary toward the altar.

The altar is of pure white marble, surrounded by a cross. On each side of the cross is a magnificent golden candelabrum and a golden vase. The words, "Holy, holy, holy," are chiseled in the marble. The candelabra and vases were not removed by the vandals, though charred remnants of matches were strewn before the altar, showing they had examined them. Having traversed the various corridors and rooms in their search, the burglars finally concluded that the treasures had been removed. Extinguishing the candle at the door, they tossed it far out among the pews, where it was found by the sexton this morning. A small glass tray on which it had rested in the candelabrum was broken by the pillagers. From the church the burglars proceeded to the residence of Dr. Morrison, the rector, still bent on discovering the treasures which they imagined he had hidden. They finally aroused the family, however, and Dr. Morrison, armed with a revolver, put them to flight.

Committee of a Hundred Representative Men Chosen to Consider Best Methods of Securing Public Utilities.

FIRST MEETING AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

Project Started by F. I. McKenna a Few Months Ago Now Formally Approved by Mayor and Backed by Leaders of Every Section of City—Every Prospect of Success.

ELKS HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO LAND

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Before the building was completed, M. Cohen, who was then a minor, being only 14 years of age when the foreclosure action was begun, entered suit to have the foreclosure deed set aside, alleging "that such service of summons upon him was insufficient, and that the defendants in subrogated to the position of mortgagee by publication, and that, by reason thereof, the decree of foreclosure is void as to him, and of no force, virtue and effect, and that the defendants are subrogated to the position of Biddle as mortgagee only, and is without legal title to the premises; wherefore, he prays that he be allowed to redeem, etc."

Mother Rolls Upon Babe in Sleep, Smothering It to Death. By rolling upon one of her 3-month-old twins in her sleep Mrs. Robert H. Carter smothered it to death. The accident occurred at the Barr-hotel early yesterday morning. The father and mother arrived in the city late Saturday night from South Bend, bringing seven children with them. As the children were all under the age of 8 years, and the mother had had to care for the twins particularly during the whole trip, besides watching the other little ones, she was worn out when she reached the hotel. It was found that there were not sufficient accommodations for the whole family and the father and mother were forced to take the twins in with them. Being worn out by the trip and the worry, Mrs. Carter fell to sleep and during the night rolled upon the baby boy, Edwin, in such a manner as to smother him. Mrs. Carter was awakened about 1:30 o'clock by the cries of the girl baby. She discovered the boy under her and found that he was in a comatose condition. She and her husband sought to revive him with artificial respiration by blowing into his lungs, while waiting for a physician to arrive. Their efforts and those of the doctor were unavailing. Coroner Finley was summoned and investigated the case, but found that it was purely an accident. The mother is almost distracted with grief. Mr. Carter has been farming at South Bend, but recently sold out his interest there and came to Portland in the hope of being able to get a small farm near the city.

Government Arranges to Charter Great Northern Steamers for Troopships in Case of Chinese Trouble.

TRANSPORTS HELD AT MANILA FOR EMERGENCY

Eighth Infantry Sails for Orient From San Francisco on the Logan—General Lee and Major Taggart Among Those Sent to Front—Pacific Mail Boats May Be Required.

Washington, March 5.—Determined to be prepared for all possible contingencies in the orient, the government is neglecting no precautions and has ordered the transport Meade, McClellan and Kilpatrick be held at Manila upon their arrival, pending developments. The quartermasters' department is reported to have made a tentative agreement with the Great Northern Steamship company to charter the steamers Minnesota and Dakota to convey troops and supplies to the orient if needed, though this is denied by Secretary Taft. Should affairs in China reach a crisis it is regarded as likely that the government will charter in addition to the Pacific Mail vessels the boats of the Pacific Mail. There is no secret that the war department is making preparations for transport and other services in the event of trouble in China, and should there be an outbreak a large number of vessels, including some of the largest craft on the Pacific, will be chartered for the same purpose. It is also reported that the Atlantic liners were brought into use in the Spanish-American war.

NO LAND FRAUD CASES TO BE TRIED UNTIL APRIL

Henny States That He Does Not Know When Prosecutions Will Be Renewed. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 5.—Attorney F. J. Henny said this morning that he did not know when the Oregon land fraud prosecutions would be renewed. The court calendar was crowded, he said, and the cases could not be taken up at present. "I expect to go to Oregon shortly to look into the matter. I think it will be the middle of April before we get at the cases, but I cannot give the date positively."

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Reported That Man Detectives Have Been Ostentatiously Seeking Has Been in Custody a Month.

PROMISED IMMUNITY TO BETRAY COMRADES

Will Be Allowed to Make Escape—Grand Jury in Session This Afternoon—One Witness Examined—Indictments Prepared to Be Returned Tomorrow.

Boise, Ida., March 5.—Although Gates given a week in the Steunenberg case have been searching very ostentatiously for L. J. Simpkins, alias J. Simmons, for some weeks, it is rumored that he has been in custody the entire time. According to a report, which is strenuously denied by detectives and officials, Simpkins was arrested four weeks ago and was in reality the first man who confessed to the authorities that Steunenberg was assassinated by the "inner circle" of the Western Federation of Miners. He is said to have made a confession, under promise of immunity from punishment and it cannot therefore be used in court. It served its purpose, however, in that it was this statement of Simpkins which induced first Harry Orchard and more recently Steve Adams to confess to the crime without holding out any promises. Grand Jury in Session This Afternoon. One Witness Examined—Indictments Prepared to Be Returned Tomorrow. In this way, indirectly, Simpkins has been the means of causing the arrest of the entire party now in prison for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg at Caldwell December 30. It is said that he is to be rewarded by being permitted, when the proper time comes, to quietly slip from the country. It is not believed, therefore, that they will ever "arrest" the man for whom they have professed so assiduously to be looking. Just where Simpkins is or how he was induced to admit his connection with the crime of the "inner circle" is unknown, and the theory is advanced that he may already be far away from the United States, the purpose of the confession having been fully realized. It is a significant fact, however, that Governor Gooding has not yet revoked his offer of a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of Simpkins or for information leading to his arrest.

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Grand Jury After Pink Teas. Progressive Euchre Parties Have Same Degrading Influence as Gambling Houses. INDICT SOCIETY LADIES THAT PLAY FOR PRIZES. Jurors See Little Difference Between Playing for Silver Thimble or for a Silver Dollar—All Are Common Gamblers.

Desert of Sahara is Now Winter Resort. Paris, March 5.—It is expected that the trans-Sahara railway line, which is to unite Oran in Algeria and Timbuctoo will be completed before the end of this year. Already 1,500 kilometers of the line across the great desert are in operation and a few days ago M. Jonart, the Algerian governor-general, attended the opening of another trunk line. The Sahara desert has become a favorite winter resort like Monte Carlo and Nice and many hotels have been erected along the railroad.

Indian Murderers See Last Chance of Freedom Vanish. Washington, March 5.—The supreme court today dealt the application for writs of habeas corpus made by Columbia George and Toy Toy of Oregon, serving terms in the Federal penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., for the murder of a federal prisoner at McNelly's Island, Washington. The petitioners alleged that the state of Oregon was without jurisdiction in their cases. About four years ago a relative of Columbia George and Toy Toy, on the Umatilla reservation, was taken sick and died. George and Toy Toy poisoned the witch doctor who attended him. When the two men were tried in the state court their defense was that tribal tradition permitted them to take the life of the witch doctor under the existing circumstances. An appeal from the death sentence was taken to the United States court of the legal ground. But the state court had no jurisdiction in the case, and that the Indians on the Umatilla reservation became state wards when the allotment of lands in severalty was made. Had the supreme court decided that the government had no jurisdiction over crimes committed where allotments in severalty were made to the Indians, the case would have been remanded to the state court. It is contended by the attorneys for the two Indians that the federal court had no jurisdiction in the premises, that the Indians on the Umatilla reservation became state wards when the allotment of lands in severalty was made. Had the supreme court decided that the government had no jurisdiction over crimes committed where allotments in severalty were made to the Indians, the case would have been remanded to the state court. It is contended by the attorneys for the two Indians that the federal court had no jurisdiction in the premises, that the Indians on the Umatilla reservation became state wards when the allotment of lands in severalty was made.

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