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YOUTHFUL SLAYER OF AGED VETERAN CONFESSES CRIME

Fifteen-Year-Old Thomas Reeves Admits Murder of William Powell, But Claims That He Was Threatened by Victim With Knife and Shot Before He Knew. Dime Novel Reading Cause

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Cottage Grove, Or., Aug. 7.—In custody of Sheriff Fred Fiske, Thomas Reeves and Hugh Saxton, ragged, unkempt boys, arrived at this place this morning to answer the charge of willfully murdering aged William Powell, a Gettysburg hero, a refugee from the San Francisco disaster, and as harmless a wanderer as long years of toll ever brought to a senile dotage. Manacled together by strong cuffs of steel, the boys—took their arrest lightly.

ago at the Portland Wire & Iron works, Third and Flanders streets. Most Wanton Murder. Criminal history furnishes few instances of such brutal and wanton murder as the deed of which the two youths are accused. Walking the railroad tracks near this place Sunday evening, they came across the camp of aged William Powell, who was preparing a meal. They demanded food and the old man petulantly refused. Then it is charged they sat down beside him and taunted him.

The juvenile murderers are products of the city of Portland, and gained their desire for glory as desperadoes, they declare, by reading the dimestore stories of Deadwood Dick, Nick Carter and

Sheriff Fred Fiske, Who Brought the Boy Murderers to Cottage Grove.

similar yarns of the crimson type. One is a graduate of the notorious "Goose Hollow" gang, which has infested that portion of South Portland for years. Career of Murderers. Thomas Reeves is 15 years of age and lives at 544 Columbia street, Portland. On the witness stand today he confessed that he fired the fatal shot, though the old man declared that the younger lad was the murderer. He is a member of what he calls the West Side club, an organization of young men and boys who reside in the Goose Hollow district. The object of the club, he says, is to teach its members how to fight and to have a good time.

FIREMAN'S FUND WILL PAY UP

Announcement Made by Attorney to Policy Holders—California Insurance Company Levy Five Assessments

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Attorney C. E. Kinard at a meeting of the policyholders last night announced that the Fireman's Fund Insurance company would pay 100 cents on the dollar, he said that he had talked with the large policyholders of the company and with the stockholders and they had assured him that the company's losses would be paid in full. He said that he knew of the plan by which this would be accomplished, but was not ready to tell it, because he had promised to keep the details secret from the public.

President Dutton to make deposition giving the names of the stockholders, so that personal suits may be brought against them, they say, until exhausted, when they hid themselves in a hayfield. They spent Sunday night in a hay mow and emerged next morning. Cautionally they continued their journey down the tracks and met a trackwalker.

WIFE'S TEARS INDUCE ABSCONDER TO RETURN



Three poses of William H. Belcher, former mayor of Paterson, New Jersey, self-confessed forger and embezzler, who returned after a year's flight, and is sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary.

MEANEST THIEF LURED TO PRISON BY WIFE'S LOVE

Former Mayor Belcher of Paterson Pays Penalty for Embezzlements and Forgeries—Lured to Children on Morality While Robbing Friends.

(Journal Special Service.) Paterson, N. J., Aug. 7.—Twelve years in the penitentiary is the sentence imposed on William H. Belcher, former mayor of Paterson, who surrendered to the authorities from whom he had hidden for a year. His surrender was due to the tears and pleadings of his wife, who used every art, every wile known to woman to coax her husband to come back like a man—like the man she married six years ago, whom she thought honest, but who, it was learned yesterday, paid the expenses of their wedding trip to Europe with stolen money.

On July 15 there was an affectionate greeting between husband and wife—the first in 18 months. It called the woman to go to the cottage to be introduced as "Mrs. Williams." Constantly compelled to regard herself as a wife of a criminal, yet forced to assume an exterior that belied her mental state, Mrs. Belcher remained there a week under these torturing, humiliating conditions.

Belcher was a living paradox. While stealing right and left, he was accustomed to take parties of business men to the public schools, where he would address the children and abjure them to be honest and upright. After the orations he would banquet his guests—and he bought these banquets and kept himself in fine style. It seemed, on \$1,200 a year from his law practice and a net income of \$2,500 a year as mayor, yet nobody was suspicious.

GREAT CAVE IS FOUND IN SIDE OF ST. HELENS

Portland Men Explore Cavern Forty Feet in Diameter Which Seems to Lead Into Extinct Crater of Mountain—Cave Is Described.

A marvelous cave, six to eight miles long, 40 feet in diameter and believed to lead into the very bowels of the extinct crater of Mount St. Helens has been found by explorers and was visited last week by a party of Portland men. They followed the subterranean chamber nearly two miles with lanterns and then clambered out through a break in the side, opening upon a swale.

The entrance to the cavern is about a mile from the house of Ole Peterson, a farmer residing 25 miles northwest of Amboy, near the headwaters of the north fork of the Lewis river. Amboy is the nearest trading post. The Portland men, going into the St. Helens foothills with pack horses, ran out of provisions and had to send a man back to Amboy to replenish the supply. While waiting at Anderson's house they were told of the cave and went to see it. D. J. Forbes of the American Securities company, with offices in the Benton building, who was a member of the party, said of the trip:

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COUNTY MAY AID PORTLAND BUILD PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Commissioners and City Authorities to Hold Conference Regarding Project Before Next Tax Levy—Need of Institution Is Generally Recognized.

"Before the next tax levy the county court and the city authorities will hold a conference on the establishment of an emergency hospital," said F. C. Barnes, county commissioner, today. "We realize the need of such an institution and will do all we can toward establishing one."

There isn't a city of Portland's size in the United States where injured persons are first taken to the police station in a patrol wagon before they are taken to a hospital. Here both hospitals are over a mile from the station and the patrol wagon was never designed to carry injured persons.

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EMMA LABOUX TO BE HANGED ON OCTOBER 19

Woman Who Was Convicted of Slaying Husband and Packing His Body in Trunk at Stockton Must Die Next Autumn—Prisoner Unmoved by Sentence.

(Journal Special Service.) Stockton, Cal., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Emma La Doux was this morning sentenced to hang at St. Quentin on October 19 next, between 6 o'clock and noon. She listened calmly to the verdict, unmoved. Mrs. La Doux was convicted of the murder of her former husband, Albert N. McVicar, whose body was found packed in a trunk at the Stockton depot last March.

The trial developed the fact that the woman gave McVicar poison, placed his body in the trunk and ordered it shipped to Jackson, California, McVicar's home. The odor caused the discovery. The police soon got the right clue and arrested the woman a few days later at Antioch, California.

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ATTEMPT TO DIG OUT OF COUNTY JAIL

Fifteen Prisoners Near Liberty When Jailer Mitchell Discovers the Plot Is on Foot

With Pewter Spoons Men Incarcerated in County Bastle Pry Big Stones Loose and Begin to Tunnel Under Wall, Hiding Dirt Under Their Bunks.

An attempt to tunnel out of the county jail that lacked only a couple of hours' time of being successful was foiled by County Jailer Mitchell at 9 o'clock last night. Had he been two hours later in making the discovery 15 of his prisoners would have been as large for only three feet of soft earth remained to be dug away when Mitchell found the tunnel.

Fifteen prisoners are in close confinement, eating bread and water today, Jailer Mitchell says they will all be kept in close confinement on bread and water until they tell who were their leaders in attempting to escape. The prisoners had only pewter spoons and their fingers, each of them in two nights had half accomplished their purpose of digging under the wall of the jail near the Fifth street entrance. The floor of the jail is of heavy flagstones and when laid were firmly glued together with cement. A careful inspection this morning revealed a number of places where the prisoners had tried to dig the cement from between the stones.

Back in a dark corner of corridor No. 4, under the sink, a heavy stone about two feet square had finally been pried out of place and there remained only a few feet of soft earth between the prisoners and the outside world. Eagerly they worked, each of them anxious to be down in the dark tunnel tearing away the dirt that barred them from freedom. The earth from the tunnel was carried away quickly and dumped back under the sink in the cells. The men detailed to give the alarm at the approach of the jailer sprawled in apparent carelessness along the corridor and to prevent suspicion told stories and laughed.

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