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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



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

lives at \$46 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.

Hugh Saxon is 16 years of age. He says that he lives at 438 Carter street. He is a typical walf who ran away from his home in Texarkans, Texas, one year ago, because the town wasn't large enough, he says, and because he wanted to see the world. He rode the brake-beams across the southern desort to Sacramento and from there rode the beams to Portland. He arrived in hat city a month ago, Both Saxon and Reeves were employed until a week (Continued on Page Two.)

ago at the Portland Wire & Iron works. Third and Flanders streets.

held that rank that he fought with Meade at Gettysburg, it was also there that his undoing came. He quarreled with a cavairy lieutenant and was court-martialed, receiving a dishonorable dis-

charge.

Powell came west and began to preach the gospel. He finally drifted into San Francisco and went into business. He acquired property but lost it all in the great disaster. He has five grown children in that city and a brother in Seattle. It was after the disaster that he was forced to mend umbrellas and began to tramp. He went to Portland but failing to find employment started back to San Francisco. He was en route to San Francisco when death at the hands of two mere boys overtook him.

Capture of Touths.

FIREMAN'S FUND WILL PAY UP

Announcement Made by Attorney to Policy

Holders—California Insurance Company

Levy Five Assessments



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,

Former Mayor Belcher of Paterson Pays Penalty for Embezziements and Forgeries-Lec-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.

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ding trip to Europe with stolen money.

Mrs. Belcher first learned of her fugitive husband's whereabouts in April, when, after eight months of aimless traveling through the west, always haunted by fear of apprehension, he came by way of Canada into Boston and registered at the American house under an assumed name. Through a chain of family connections he told his wife where he was, and she wanted to come to him immediately. But he deferred her visit, advising her that he preferred to meet her in some secluded spot in the White mountains.

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It was on May I that he went to the Maple cottage in Bartlett, New Hampshire, a pretty spot 70 miles from Portland, Maine. There he posed as "B. H. Williams." a wealthy New York lawyer, who was suffering from gout and sought relief in the drier air of New Hampshire.

Quickly he made friends and amused the summer guests with his stories, and after a short time became intimate with some of the best citizens of the place. L. C. Dunbar, one of the prominent business men, and a physician, J. C. White, took an interest in his aliment, and not only prescribed for him, but took him riding in automobiles and introduced him to all the social pleasures of the town. His new-found friends did not suspect that, back in New Jersey people were calling him "the meanest thief" and that they accused him of stealing \$150,000.

On July 10 there was an affectionate greeting between husband and wife—the first in 10 months. It galled the woman to go to the cottage to be introduced as "Mrs. Williams." Constantly compelled to regard herself as the wife of a criminal, yet forced to assume an exterior that belied her mental state, Mrs. Belicher remained there a week under these torturing, humilisting conditions.

Portland Men Explore Cavern Forty Feet in Diameter Which Seems to Lead Into Extinct

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 Fenton building, who was a member of the party, said of the trip:

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Describes the Cave.

"We were told by Anderson of the existence of the cave. At his house we met a man who was out to investigate geological matters and we went with him into the cave. It was pitch dark and all we saw was by the light of the lanterns we carried. The floor was smooth and the sides hung with stalactites or oozings of lava that had cooled. The entire lining of the cave was black lava, evidently impregnated with iron.

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"The sides of the cavern bulged at places, and it appeared to be about 40 feet wide and the same in height. We followed through it for more than a mile and some of the party went on farther. At the point of beginning it

PLAN CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AT KANSAS CITY

cons, Ushers and Congregation.

Commissioners and City Authorities to Hold Conference Regarding Project Before Next is Generally Recognized.

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

Nobody appreciates the need of an
emergency hospital more than do the
officers of the city health department.
Lack of money has prevented even a
discussion of the possibility of such a
hospital.

The plan now is, however, that the
city and county shall combine in bearing the expense of constructing and
maintaining the institution. A portion
of the block occupied by the court house
would be used for the purpose. Three
and probably four rooms would be
needed.

Here a doctor and at least one nurse
would be constantly in attendance. As
there are several good private ambulances which can be called out at a
moment's notice day or night it would
not be necessary to buy one of these
expensive vehicles.

Judge Webster Interested.

It is known that County Judge Web-ster has been much interested in the hospital plan and that both commis-sioners are also willing to cooperate with the city authorities.

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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.

The case of W. S. Lotan, deputy city auditor, injured by failing from an Oaks car Saturday night, is an instance of what happens frequently. Only because of the identity of the victim has the case excited more than usual attention.

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Mr. Lotan was injured soon after midnight. The patrol-wagon took him to the station. There he was laid on a bench. Not even an old coat to put under his head was available. He was almost unconscious and was seriously injured. A telephone message to the city physician. Dr. Spencer, failed to bring him to the station inside of 30 minutes. Finally the patrol-wagon was again put into service and Mr. Lotan was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, over a mile away. It was nearly an hour from the time that he was injured before he received proper atten-

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

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

His Body in Trunk at Stockton dumped have

cells. The men detailed to give talarm at the approach of the jail sprawled in apparent carelessness alor the corridor and to prevent suspicited stories and laughed.

The noise they made trying to qui any fear the jailer might have entitained of their purpose was the vermeans of causing him to watch the closely.

"When they laugh and sing look of for devilment," says Jailer Mitchell, when he heard laughing and singing corridor No. 4 he accordingly looked of for devilment. The jailer hardly known that the corridor No. 4 he accordingly looked of the devilment. (Journal Special Service.)

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Emma I La Doux was this morning sentenced to hang at St. Quentin on October 19 next, between 6 o'clock and noon. She listened calmiy 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 poiles soon sot the right clue and arrested the woman a few days later at Antioch, California.

The prisoner told conflicting stories, one being that McVicar took poison and the other that he was poisoned by a mysterious Joe Miller. The prosecution claimed that the motive of the murder was Mrs. La Doux's fear that she would be prosecuted for bigamy, declaring that she had not been divorced from McVicar when she married Eugene La Doux.

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S. P. Yardmen Strike.

(Journal Special Service.)

Sacramento, Cal. Aug. 7.—Three hundred yardmen employed in the Southern Pacific shops struck yesterday for higher wages. They are receiving 20 cents an hour for 5 hours and want 22½ cents. They are moatly foreigners. The request was refused and all were discharged, their places being filled at higher wages.

Image rinds Eole.

The jailer moved the mop, and two pieces of board were under it. The pieces of board were moved, revealing a gaping black hole down to the bottom of the jailer had found the tunnel, every prisoner in the corridor that he wind as a sound aslesp, and none of them knew a thing about how the hole had been dug.

The dirt had been scattered under every bunk in the corridor, and there was no way of determining who the leaders were. Jailer Mitchell is confident that he will learn their names after a few courses of bread and water have been served. He declares that the leaders were J. C. Bennett and John Davis, who were committed recently to serve a year each for larceny. Other prisoners in the corridor, and there was no way of determining who the leaders were. Jailer Mitchell is confident that he will learn their names after a few courses of bread and water have been served. He declares that the leaders were served. He declares that

General Corbin and Other Officers Built Private Homes at Expense of Uncle Sam While Stationed in Philippines

Manila, Aug. 7.—As a result of the investigation into army construction shops, which is being conducted by Colonel Woods, inspector-general of the division, Major-General Leonard Wood is rendering bills for government articles to 40 officers of the army and civil government, including Major-General Wood's predecessor as commander-in-chief.

Tens of thousends of deliars are owing the government and have been buried beneath a mass of official red tape for more than two years. The officials who are concerned will be completed to pay a monthly sum from their wages, which will be held out by the auditor in the case of civil employees and by the paymasters of the army in the case of army officers.

It is said that the indebtedness of General Corbin axceeds 25,000. The money is due for repairs to his result of the following the lived in Manila, and the house is not government property.

The house had extensive repairs to his result of the property and other artisans comployed by the government. Three other officers and other artisans comployed by the government and have been buried beneath a mass of official red tape for more than two years. The officials who are concerned will be completed to pay a monthly sum from their wages, which will be held out by the auditor in the case of civil employees and by the paymasters of the army in the civil and the constant of the constant

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Slaying Husband and Packing

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San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Attorney C. E. Kinard at a meeting of the policy-holders 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 policy-holders 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 pian by which this would be accomplished, but was not ready to tall it, because he had promised to keep the details secret from the public.

Kinard's 100-cent promise seemed impossible after President Dutton's statement that the Fireman's Fund was going into liquidation and no assessment would be levied. Yet the policy-holders are much encouraged by Kinard's statement.

In the meantime the organized policy-holders are not willing to remain inactive. They are contemplating forcing

Juvenile Officers, Organist, Dea-