

GROHS DIES AS RESULT OF GARRETTZ' BULLETS

Millworker Will Now Be Charged With Murder—Also Shot Two Men Who Started for Doctor After Saloonkeeper Was Made the Target.

After lingering in a delirious condition for four days, Anton Grohs, proprietor of the Spokane saloon, 215 Water street, who was shot and mortally wounded in front of his place of business last Tuesday evening, by Peter Garrettz, a young mill worker, died at the Good Samaritan hospital last night at 10:35 o'clock.

A charge of murder will now be filed against Garrettz, who is at present confined in the county jail. James Higley who was also wounded by the youthful murderer, lies in a precarious condition at the same hospital, but the surgeons hold out hope of his recovery.

The crime for which Garrettz may now have to answer with his life occurred last Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Crazed with drink and brooding over Grohs' action in demanding the payment of a bar bill, Garrettz visited the Spokane saloon and was ordered from the place by the proprietor. The young fellow took his departure through a rear door and a few minutes later Grohs, hearing a knock at the front door, went to investigate. As he stepped out of the building Garrettz, who was in waiting, fired two shots at the liquor dealer.

Two Others Were Shot. Grohs staggered back into the saloon and informed James Higley and John Gavin that he had been shot. The two men started to secure medical assistance and as they stepped out on the sidewalk Garrettz again brought his weapon into action with the result that

Higley received a bullet in the abdomen and Gavin was wounded in the shoulder.

The police and a physician were summoned and Higley and Grohs were removed to the Good Samaritan hospital. It was found upon examination that Grohs had sustained two wounds in the abdomen, the bullets perforating the walls of the stomach. Higley also was shot in the abdomen, the bullet puncturing the small intestines eight times.

From the first the surgeons held out no hope of Grohs' recovery, and it was regarded as remarkable that he did not succumb shortly after reaching the hospital. He remained in an unconscious condition and for a day prior to his death was delirious.

When James Higley was taken to the hospital Garrettz went into the north end district and terrified a saloonman at Tenth and Glisan streets and a pawnbroker on North Sixth street. Detectives Price and Baty while on their way to board a train for Kalamazoo to head off the criminal in the event of his attempt to escape to Seattle met Garrettz at Third and Flanagan streets. The desperado attempted to draw a revolver upon the approach of the officer, but was promptly subdued.

Upon being searched at the city prison two revolvers and over 30 cartridges were found on his person.

The prisoner after arrest refused to make any statement and preserved a surly silence. An attorney was re-

ferred to the foremen who contribute suggests the amount of mail received by the tax collector. Stacks and stacks of letters containing money orders have been received, but will not be reached by the busy clerks and officials for several weeks. Piles of these letters are stacked on Mr. Molten's desk, while other bundles and stacks are in the huge vaults, waiting their turn to be examined and accounted for by the busy officials.

This delay has caused many anxious persons to add further discomfort to the labor-ridden clerks by calling up over the telephone and asking why they have not received a receipt for their taxes which they paid by mail several days ago. Each individual who calls up seems to think he is the only taxpayer in the county and at times expresses doubt as to whether he is getting a square deal when the clerk tells him that they have not had time to make an acknowledgment of his payment.

To those who may have had any doubts as to the amount of business that the officials had on their hands last week, a visit to the courthouse would have been sufficient to convince the most skeptical. The time for paying taxes is from February 1 to March 15, that is, if the taxpayer wishes to secure the benefit of the rebate, February 1 to 17 clerks were put to work in the office.

Each day and night the clerks were divided into three shifts, working eight hours on each shift. The clerks have labored ceaselessly for six weeks, and when Friday night came they were fagged out. The accountants had to balance their books every day, and in this last week, when the clerks had lined up eager to pay their taxes into the county coffers, there was no sense that they should be jammed one another about in the narrow corridors, the work was not easy. Men and women climbed upon the benches lining the sides of the walls that they might get a nearer view, if not a nearer place to the windows, where the clerks were hurriedly taking in the money and issuing receipts.

Two Millions Received. More clerks would have been put to work had there been room for them, but as it was, they presented almost as crowded an appearance as the taxpayers on the other side of the desks. Chief Deputy Molten said last night that the total amount collected could not be exactly ascertained for several weeks, but that it approximated \$1,000,000. This, of course, is in taxes paid by taxpayers who are entitled to the rebate. Others will pay their taxes by April 1, when the tax payment minimum delinquent tax will be reached. Mr. Molten said that this year's taxes were \$600,000 greater than ever before, and that the delinquent taxes will be less in proportion to the increase.

JUST A LITTLE GAME OF POKER, SAYS HEYBURN

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 15.—The railroad stock situation is nothing more nor less than a little game of poker on Wall street," said Senator Heyburn of Idaho at the White House today. "No matter what happens over there the prosperity of the country at large is not going to suffer by it. There is too much money in the country for Wall street to swing."

Governor Denson of Illinois conferred with Roosevelt this afternoon. On leaving he declined to discuss the subject of the conference.

ONLY SULPHUR CURES THESE SICK SHEEP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pullman, March 15.—A strange disease has been ravaging the sheep flocks of eastern and southern Washington and eastern Oregon. Hundreds have died and the state college experts have investigated the matter. It is said to be caused by a parasite that preys on the lungs and intestines of the sheep. The experts say the disease has not been heard of here for 15 years. The remedy is to shut the sheep up in a tight room and fumigate them with sulphur smoke.

Convicts' Hire Paid to State. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, March 15.—The Lowenberg & Goring company today paid into the state treasurer's office \$1,444.24, representing the amount due for convict wages at their stove foundry. There are now 327 prisoners at the state prison.

LID STILL FITS, BUT NO ONE SITS

Tacoma Councilman Hop Clear Off It, as Election Day Draws Nigh.

WHEN ALL ARE GONE PROSECUTOR FOLLOWS

Plicity of Sure Thing Cases Worked Up, but Courage Necessary to Attach Penalty Has Oozed—Blaw Law Developments at Seattle.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., March 15.—The Tacoma city council is afraid to tackle the whiskeymen here and rather than take issue with the liquor power it prefers to repudiate its own ordinance, passed several weeks ago.

While Mayor Wright's administration has shut up the town as tight as a jug on Sundays and forced a purification of the streets on Sabbath, when it comes to prosecutions, he is unable to secure convictions.

By almost unanimous vote the city council last night dismissed the charges against certain saloonkeepers for alleged violation of the law governing the sale of intoxicants. The police had collected evidence against nine different saloonkeepers who had, it is said, persistently violated the recent ordinance passed by the so-called reform council.

The first case tried was that of a Bismarck saloonkeeper. A dozen witnesses testified he had flagrantly violated the law by selling liquor to minors. When it came to a showdown the men who passed the ordinance were afraid to act and revoke the licenses, which is the penalty imposed by the ordinance.

Two other cases were also tried before the council sitting as an investigating body, and after they had voted almost unanimously to dismiss the charges the city attorney refused to bring charges against other saloonmen accused. The earnestness of the spring election accounts for this action of the council. Many of the members are candidates for reelection and fear to antagonize the liquor men.

LIDDED MEN RETALIATE

Sauce for Saloon Goose Must Be Sauce for Theatre Gander.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, March 15.—In retaliation for the enforcement of the Sunday closing law against their business, the King County Liquor Dealers' association has lodged complaints against the theatrical managers for having violated the same law February 17. Acting on these complaints Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh will bring prosecutions against the accused men Monday. The latter comprise John Cort of the Grand and W. W. Russell of the Seattle, legitimate houses, and the following vaudeville managers: John Emmersley, Alex. Pentecost, Nat. Relas, Tom Conside and R. T. Shannon.

The theaters were not included in Mayor Moore's original order for Sunday observance and when the saloonkeepers failed to secure the enactment of a more liberal Sunday law in the recent legislature they adopted a plan to make the law generally burdensome, not losing confidence from the fact that in the adjoining county of Pierce a similar move against the theatrical men failed, the latter winning the decision.

Should the saloonmen win the case they will proceed against the cigar dealers and others.

NEWSPAPER MAN'S JURY

Half-Dozen of Them at Seattle Find Steve Reggio Guilty.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, March 15.—Steve Reggio, the first saloonkeeper indicted for violating the Sunday closing law, was tried before Police Judge Gordon and a jury of six newspaper men today and was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution. There were no mitigating circumstances in the fact that the saloon was open only three minutes after the stroke of 12 Sunday morning.

The newspapers here have, as a rule, treated Sunday closing lightly, but six young men chosen from the various papers as jurors were only a few minutes in reaching the decision that Reggio was guilty.

PHENOMENAL PLUCK OF FATALLY HURT CHILD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, March 15.—Refusing an anesthetic and insisting that he be allowed to see the surgeons cutting away "the hurting parts," 8-year-old Willis Baer, terribly crushed under the wheels of a truck, retained consciousness while the surgeons at Providence hospital reduced the fractures of his ribs and collarbone and dressed many lacerations. Internal injuries also existed and it is not thought the boy can recover. His pluck was shown when torn skin was pulled away as his underclothing was removed. Young Baer was riding on a heavy truck and was jolted off and ground under the wheels.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT WALLA WALLA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla, Wash., March 15.—St. Patrick's day will be observed in elaborate style at St. Patrick's Catholic church here tomorrow. Father Purcell of Coeur d'Alene will deliver a special sermon in the morning and a special St. Patrick's entertainment will be given in the evening.

The Young People's society of Olivet Congregational church gave a pancake baking contest and social last night in honor of the Irish saint.

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