

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1907.

AMERICANS ARE TO BE EXECUTED

Yankees Convicted of Murdering Mexicans for Their Life Insurance Money.

CASE IN COURTS FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS

Rochester Lawyers Are Indicted for Chihuahua Where They Resort to Greater Crime.

(Journal Special Service.) Chihuahua, Mexico, May 4.—Unless an appeal to President Diaz is productive of executive clemency, which is regarded as improbable, this city will be the scene within the next two weeks of the execution of two Americans, C. T. Richardson and William Mason. They were convicted of murdering two men here for life insurance money, Richardson being the insurance agent, and Mason, his brother-in-law, an assistant agent. By order of the court they are to be shot to death. C. S. Harle, the examining physician and the third member of the conspiracy, is also under sentence of death.

The case has occupied the Mexican courts for the past five years and is one of the most extraordinary in the criminal annals of the republic. The two victims of the conspiracy were a man named Devers, deceased from El Paso, and a man named Mitchell, said to be a half-brother of Mason.

The prime mover in the plot was Richardson, whose real name is Hulbert. He was a Rochester lawyer who ran away to Mexico with seven indictments hanging over his head for running a "divorce mill." Mitchell was another Rochester lawyer who followed him later. With the help of Dr. Harle of Chihuahua they poisoned their victims with strychnine after having insured their lives in a New York company for \$25,000.

After the murders the gang, except Harle, moved to Texas. Suspicion was aroused, and a detective was sent to Texas. Poising as a lumber merchant, he worked into intimacy with them. He took part in another plot to steal \$50,000 and had himself arrested with the others. Besides the men there were two women mixed up in the affair.

Discovery Accidental. The discovery of the insurance plot was quite accidental. In the fall of 1902, while looking over some Mexican policies, the solicitor-general of the insurance company in New York noticed a peculiar coincidence in two Chihuahua claims. The claims came through the same agent, Richardson, were certified by the same doctor, Harle, and in both cases Dr. Harle had been the examining physician. The men had both died after short illnesses. One of them, Harry Mitchell, insured for \$15,000, had died on February 11. The other, James Devers, who was insured for \$10,000, died on February 25. Yet the Mitchell claim was presented in February, and the Devers claim not until July. In both cases the insured had no other relative than the beneficiary. In the first case the beneficiary was Hulbert's wife; in the second case it was William Mitchell, who posed as Devers' half-brother.

Upon investigation it was shown that the men had died and been buried as stated. It wasn't a case of "burying the rocks on the company." Then the checks for the Devers claim came back to the New York bank. It was indorsed by C. T. Richardson, otherwise Hulbert. The other had been previously paid to his wife, the murdered Harry Mitchell's sister.

Detective on Trail. After the crowd had removed to Dallas, Texas, a detective named Gray was sent to Dallas in the guise of a lumber merchant. He succeeded in meeting Hulbert and after the two had become intimate Hulbert broached a scheme to loot the insurance company out of \$50,000. He said he had had experience. Detective Gray proposed that they insure Gray's brother-in-law for \$50,000 as a beginning. A detective named Evans was imported by Gray as his brother-in-law. When the scheme had been thoroughly worked up and all the preliminary steps taken the whole crowd, including Gray, was arrested. A fellow-detective of his had already overheard the scheme and had been sent to kill off Gray. By accident in the prison at El Paso, Mason discovered what Gray really was.

Mason at once went into a sham cataleptic fit that lasted two months. Medical experts watched him, and declared that he was shamming. But all the usual tests failed. He paid not the slightest attention to needles stuck half an inch into his foot. He was dropped into a tank of cold water and sank to the bottom. His teeth were clenched and he was fed on milk introduced through his nose by a glass tube. Finally the detectives hit upon the idea of mixing whiskey with the milk. The man became drunk, jumped from his bed and cursed at everybody in sight.

Finally Dr. Harle, who was still in Chihuahua, was induced to cross the border and was arrested. He was forced into a confession about his connection with the two Chihuahua claims. This was all the detectives needed. The proceedings against Mason and Hulbert on the Dallas plot were dropped and all three were extradited to this place and held for murder. With abundant money at their command the conspirators fought the case step by step, taking the case to the highest courts of Mexico. With every twist and turn known to the law exhausted there now appears no hope of their escaping death at the hands of the executioners.

STRAWBERRIES TOUCHED BUT ORCHARDS UNHURT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Milton, Or., May 4.—Orchards about Milton did not suffer much from the frost which played havoc along the state line. Strawberries, however, have been severely frosted, but later fruits are not materially damaged. The growers and dealers are very optimistic over the prospects of late fruits in this section.

A GREAT REMNANT CLEAN-UP



Of Odds and Ends, Broken Lines, Short Lengths and Remnant Lots From The Symes Bankrupt Stock at Half Price and Less

Tomorrow the big day at the greatest Bankrupt Sale ever held in this city. All the broken lots marked down; reduced again from the already low prices, to keep the buying at fever heat. At 8 tomorrow morning the most terrific price cutting of the entire sale begins. Come with the crowds.

- Thousands of Yards of Dress Goods Remnants In Cashmeres, Serges, Albatros, Mohairs, Novelties, etc.; newest of this spring's dress stuff; all colors, good lengths; just the thing for waists, skirts and full dresses; qualities worth 50c and up to \$1.00 a yard all reduced to just half price. 50c Kinds 25c Yd 75c Kinds 37 1/2c Yd \$1.00 Kinds 49c Yd
- Remnants of the Finest 25c Lawn Organdies 7c Half a counter full of these and all grades worth up to 25c at 7c yard; all the newest and finest of this season's goods, sheer, elegant qualities in dainty patterns and colorings. None worth less than 15c and most all 25c grades. All in one big lot at, choice 7c
- Clearing Out Odd Lots of 63c and 75c Fancy Silks 45c Yd Thousands of yards bunched in one great lot; Symes' fancy silks of every kind; rich 19-inch novelty plaids, checks and fancy silks of all descriptions; over 50 different kinds and patterns in the lot; also hundreds of yards of plain black and colored silks. None worth less than 65c and up to 75c. Choice, yard 45c
- 35c MILL END WAISTINGS 14c Think of it—White Waistings and Dress Goods, worth up to 35c at 14c yard. The finest of mercerized madras and pique, full width, all perfect and good long lengths. None worth less than 25c and most all 35c grades. Bunched in one great lot at, choice, yard 14c

Pictorial Review Patterns Are Best—Prices 10c and 15c All the New Styles Now In

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ENTIRE BLOCK ON YAMHILL, FROM 2ND TO 3RD.

All-Wool Ingrain CARPET REMNANTS Up to 1 1/2 yards, long and cheap 44c at 75c—Choice.

Clean-Up of DRAPERIES Yard wide Curtains, remnants and short lengths; Symes' best 15c grade; yard 8 1/2c

A GREAT \$9.98 SUIT SALE WORTH UP TO \$25.00

Clean-Up of all 1, 2 and 3 of a Kind From the Symes' Bankrupt Stock

It means the pick of hundreds of Symes' finest and best, and we state without fear of contradiction, it's the season's greatest and most sensational Suit offer. Every new style, material and color is represented, for bear in mind, many of these are real Pattern Suits, best all wool materials, beautifully tailored, richly trimmed and jackets all silk lined. It's a suit offer that will make this the most talked-about sale in Portland. No old styles, but every one the newest and best and values up to \$25.00. Choice.

- 500 Ladies' White Jap \$3.50
- Silk Waists \$1.98
- A 20 Doz. Bargain Lot of \$1.25 Lawn Waists 39c

Clean-Up of Dress Goods Remnants and full pieces of 28-inch fancy plaid novelty, new spring styles; Symes' best 50c grades; yard 18c

All Symes' best 60c Dress Goods reduced to 39c; fancy plaids, checks, striped and plain, all colors. Pick the best at choice, yard 39c

Clearing Symes' Wash Goods Regardless of cost and loss, and remember these are all the finest and best of fabrics, too, at less than you usually pay for the commonest grades; yard 89c

Mill Ends of yard wide Figured Silks; finest 10c and 15c grades; yard 6 1/2c

Big Cuts in DOMESTICS Best 10c dark colored Percales; fast colors and an extra fine grade; yard 7 1/2c

Yard wide Percales, light and dark colors; never sold under 15c; yard 12 1/2c

Towels and BEDDING Large, good size \$2.00 Bed Spreads; just 50c in all; yard 74c



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Clearing Symes' Wash Goods

Room-Size \$8 Rugs \$5.64

6 PHOTO POSTALS 39c

Grand Free Concert all day tomorrow in our new Phonograph Parlors. Everybody invited to attend. IT'S FREE

A Tremendous Monday Sensation—Thousands of Yards of RIBBON REMNANTS AT HALF PRICE

Every one at just half the remnant price and goodness knows prices were low enough already. But we want to clean-out every one in a single day and that's why we've cut prices RIGHT IN HALF and that means in many instances 3 and even 4 yards for the price of 1. Ribbons of every kind—black and colors, plain and fancy, figured, striped, dotted, Persian and other effects. Ribbons of every conceivable style and width. All lengths from one-half up to two and three yards. Ribbons worth 10c up to 50c a yard—there's no reserve. Pick any in the lot—choose the best and pay us JUST HALF THE REMNANT PRICE. Get 2 remnants for what 1 sold for yesterday. Sale begins at 8—and there'll be plenty of extra salespeople to help wait on the crowds.

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- Millinery Excitement Women's Sample Trimmed Hats Worth Up to \$3.98 \$10—Choice
- 9c for Women's 20c Fine Black Hose

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A Clean-Up of Yard-Wide Black Taffetas \$1.19

Room-Size \$8 Rugs \$5.64

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A Sale of TRIMMINGS

50 pieces of the finest 50c and 65c Military Bands, at 1/2 a yard; all gold leather in the latest draw string style; black, navy, red, green, gray, etc. Why pay \$1.00 elsewhere for these stylish Bags when here they are at, choice 69c

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25c for 75c Chemisettes

25c and 35c Neckwear 12c

25c and 35c Neckwear 12c

Another Big Buy of 500 SUIT CASES At Almost Half Price

Suit Cases at \$1.69

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