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HARRIMAN AIMS TO EXTEND EASTERN OREGON SYSTEM

SLAYS TWO, DRIVES ONE TO INSANITY

M. J. Dafty, Retired Capitalist of Los Angeles, Beheads Son and Daughter With Ax; Attempts Life of His Wife.

Mrs. Dafty Gibbering Maniac—Dafty, an Epileptic—Attempts Suicide and Almost Kills Officer—He May Recover.

Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—Chopping off the heads of his son Fred and his daughter Mrs. Ada Lacombe, cutting his wife's arm with the same ax with which the murders were committed and driving her into probably hopeless insanity, slaying his own throat with a huge cleaver and fighting a hand-to-hand battle with Police Officer Cos who attempted to arrest him, M. J. Dafty, a retired capitalist, 64 years old, ran amuck here early today during a sudden attack of epileptic insanity. Officer Cos was rescued by Detectives Jones and Boyd, who reached Dafty's residence and arrested the insane man. He was taken about to plunge a knife into the heart of the policeman with whom he was struggling on the floor.

Dafty, who lived with his son, murdered the young man while he lay in bed asleep this morning. Seizing an ax he severed the youth's head from his body and leaving the corpse lying in a pool of blood dashed a block down the street to the residence of his daughter with whom his wife, who had been separated from him for some time, made her home.

Head Off With One Blow. Entering the Lacombe house quietly, he approached stealthily his unsuspecting daughter, who was seated at a sewing machine. He raised the ax and chopped off her head with one powerful blow. Then, in fiendish rage, he slashed and cut the neck of his victim.

Mrs. Mary Dafty, wife of the maniac, heard her daughter's body fall from the chair and rushed into the room. Mad with his lust for blood, Dafty turned on the helpless woman and struck her upon the arm with the keen blade of his terrible weapon. He was not successful, however, in inflicting a mortal wound and his wife, screaming with terror, ran out of the house and sought protection with a neighbor.

After hacking his daughter's body in a score of pieces, the maniac coolly cut out of the house and drove his way back to his own residence. He returned, apparently awakened by the sight of his mutilated body, overtook the aged man upon his return home and lying down upon the bed in a pool of his own child's blood, he tried to commit suicide by hacking his throat with a huge cleaver.

Before Dafty could cut himself fatally, Police Officer Cos, who had refused admittance, knocked down the front door. Seizing a sharp knife, Dafty attacked the policeman. They clinched and fell to the floor. With the mysterious strength of a maniac, Dafty was rapidly overpowering the officer and had raised his hand to plunge the knife into his victim's heart when the detectives appeared.

Remarkable cunning marked the man's wild orgy. After he had slain his son, he carefully wiped the blood from his hands and the ax before leaving the house. At the Lacombe home he passed silently by the cot upon which his 2-year-old granddaughter was sleeping.

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OHIO'S SENATORIAL FIGHT INVOLVES MANY BIG MEN



Senator Dick of Ohio, in the upper left; Senator Foraker of Ohio in the upper right. In the bottom row, reading from left to right, are Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland, former National Committeeman Myron T. Herrick and "Brother" Charles P. Taft.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 13.—Ever since Foraker and Taft battled for the Ohio presidential vote in the Republican national convention, the Ohio senatorial situation has been highly complex. During the early days of the Taft campaign one of his greatest stumbling blocks was the notorious division of his own party in his own state, caused by Senator Foraker and Senator Dick and other friends. The division was due primarily to long continued hostility between Foraker and the Roosevelt policy, which naturally resulted in hostility between Foraker and the Taft policies. With Taft, the undisputed victor in every skirmish, it has been universally conceded that Foraker would be forced to retire from the senatorial state.

Foraker's Position. When Foraker was procuring his presidential votes he had no stronger backer than his Ohio colleague in the Ohio house of congress, Senator Dick. Foraker and Dick have always been in the same harmony and unity of action. As a result the Foraker blight becomes also a Dick blight, and the senatorial contest in the Buckeye state is accordingly further involved.

Senator Foraker's term expires March 3, 1909, when he will have served 12 years in the upper house. Senator Dick's term expires March 3, 1911, when he will have served seven years in the upper house. The contest is now on for both of their places.

Letters have been received in Cleveland indicating that Republican leaders in southern Ohio will demand that the senatorship, to be vacated by Foraker next year, be given to that section of the state. Foraker himself is from Cincinnati and southern Ohio. Dick is from Akron and northern Ohio. If Foraker returns and a northern Ohio candidate is elected to succeed him, the northern part of the state will have two senators until the term of Senator Dick expires.

In 1911, while southern Ohio will have none, hence the political pot is boiling hot.

It has been generally expected that the leading candidate for succession to the Foraker term would be either Myron T. Herrick or Theodore E. Burton of this city. Others in Favor. Herrick is an ex-governor and an ex-national committeeman. Burton is a member of the lower house of congress of long record, and many honors. Both have been Taft boomers, and both are accordingly in favor of the Taft management in Ohio. Herrick was one of the famous "Brother Charles" who has furnished the financial sinews of war for William H. Taft's campaign. According to present indications he is not at all unlikely to receive a well-rounded senatorial boom in the very near future, and should put him in the way of making a record in the senate.

So far as known Dick and Foraker have not been consulted as to these arrangements. In this event Burton and Herrick would obviously a simple matter for the Burton-Herrick forces in northern Ohio to combine with the Charles Taft forces in southern Ohio and deliver the Foraker seat to Taft the present year and the Dick seat to one of the Cleveland returnees to Washington. Necessary to secure a joint caucus of 46 members of the legislature, all pledged to abide by the majority vote of that caucus in settling the election of the four vacancies, and estimated that a majority of the anti-Taft members of the legislature would stand for his name. All that he has to do, therefore, is to bring in seven Statement No. 1 men to make the 46 votes necessary to election and the thing is done.

Every effort is being put forth to accomplish this plan. Support of the Fulton faction for presidential seats and speaker of the house will be made contingent upon acceptance of the scheme and agreement of the candidate for president or speaker to work for its success. Fulton's candidates for president of the senate and speaker of the house, therefore, are expected to bring at least two Statement No. 1 votes into the joint caucus.

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GOVERNOR INVITED TO CONFERENCE

Important Meeting to Be Held at Pelican Bay—General Manager O'Brien Will Join Party, Which Leaves Friday.

Edward H. Harriman, railroad magnate, wants to talk about the long delayed extension of his system into and through central Oregon. Therefore he has invited Governor George E. Chamberlain, F. S. Stanley, head man of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company and promoter of an independent road into the Central Oregon country, and James P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman line, to make a trip to Pelican bay to talk the matter over. The company will leave Friday, will go to Shaniko by train and from there to Pelican bay on Klamath lake by automobile. The trip there and back, it is expected will take about seven days. General Manager O'Brien received a telegram yesterday from Mr. Harriman asking that invitations be extended to Governor Chamberlain and Mr. Stanley to accompany him on the visit to Pelican Bay. In accordance with this it is now planned to start on Friday. Mr. O'Brien claims that there is nothing of particular interest attaching to the trip. He does not know, he says, what is going to be talked about when the party reaches the summer home of Mr. Harriman, but in the electric-lighted wilds of Klamath county.

Governor Chamberlain says that while at any time he would be most pleased to accept an invitation to visit Mr. Harriman at his camp on Pelican Bay, just at this time the business of his office would prevent his acceptance unless it were that he considered his trip would give him an opportunity to attempt to secure good results for the people of the state, particularly of those transportation residents of the central portion of the state.

"I expect to discuss the construction of the central Oregon road and the Crater Lake road with Mr. Harriman," the governor said this morning. "Other than that, I do not know what will be the subject of conversation, and of course I do not know what will be the result of the trip. I expect that it will take me about seven days to go there and return."

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THAT MELON IS PERFECTLY SAFE



HOMESTEADER KILLED BY BARTENDER AFTER CHALLENGE TO DUEL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Stevenson, Wash., Aug. 13.—Skamania county's mountainous timbered district is today being scoured by Sheriff James Haffey and deputies in their hunt for Antonio Picciano, an Italian bartender in W. K. Ellsworth's saloon, Crook's Landing, who last night instantly killed Ben Stahl, a homesteader near Crook's.

Stahl, according to the evidence adduced at the coroner's jury this morning, came into Crook's yesterday afternoon and spent the day and a part of the night at Ellsworth's saloon. He was drinking heavily. About 11 o'clock he became engaged in an altercation with Picciano, claiming the latter had robbed him of a purse containing \$10. The argument became heated and Stahl is alleged to have leveled his Marlin rifle at the bartender, calling him names and daring him outside. Picciano accepted the dare and the murder resulted, the bartender emptying three bullets into Stahl's body before the latter had a chance to fire. Picciano fled immediately after the shooting, and no trace of him has been found. There was but one witness to the shooting, W. H. Ellsworth.

The authorities at Stevenson were notified this morning about 7 o'clock. Picciano could either have taken a skiff or buried himself in the vastness of the Cascade mountains' timber. The Portland and Astoria authorities have been notified.

Stahl is believed to have had relations in Portland. He settled on his homestead about a year ago. He was single and had borne a good reputation. Picciano came here about a year ago as foreman for a firm of Spokane railroad contractors on the north bank road. He soon resigned to take the position as bartender in Ellsworth's saloon, where he has since been. He is believed to be unmarried. He was of a rather sturdy disposition. Picciano is about 30 years old, five feet four inches in height, 140 pounds weight, black short hair and mustache. At the time of his escape he wore a black soft hat and a dark mixed suit.

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CONVICT FREED TO FIND BOY

Lad Missing for Two Years May Be Returned to His Parents.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 13.—Claiming he knew the whereabouts of Cecil Brittan, the little son of R. L. Brittan, who disappeared from Toll Gate two years ago, James Breen, a convict, has just been granted a conditional pardon by Governor Mead, that he may locate the boy. He says he has found him in a mountain camp above Lewiston. The Brittan lad was lost in the mountains 25 miles from here two years ago July 15. The child is now seven years old. At the time of his disappearance a search was made by 500 men, but the boy was never located. The father has answered claims of finding him all over the country, the latest being at Spokane this spring. When a boy at Spokane was questioned by the police about the Brittan boy disappearing and told of Jack Breen. About the same time Breen was arrested in Spokane for overdrawing his bank account. He was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He then said he knew where the boy was and would get him, if allowed. He was granted a conditional pardon and went to work. Last week, with the father and mother of the boy, he went to Lewiston, but when he came back from the mountains he had no boy, but excuses, saying his horse was shot under him. Brittan and Breen came back to this city and will make another trial. Breen says he saw the lad last week and talked to him. The boy is in good health and satisfied, says Breen. The story was received eagerly by the father, who has never doubted but that the son was kidnaped, and not lost to die.

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TAFT TOO MUCH FOR HIS STEED

Poor Beast Goes Down Under His Bigness—Luckily Nobody Hurt.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 13.—It became known here today that Judge W. H. Taft, Republican candidate for the presidency, narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon, when the horse he was riding on a mountain road gave way beneath his weight and Taft was thrown headlong to the ground. The horse's knees collapsed and the animal went down in a heap. Judge Taft fell on his hands and knees in front of the horse with great force, but sustained no injuries other than a few bruises. General Clarence Edwards was with Taft when the accident happened. The horse was brought here from Kentucky by General Edwards particularly for Taft's use and it was purchased under a guarantee that it would carry 300 pounds with ease. Edwards is in Washington today endeavoring to get another horse which will meet the requirements of the candidate. Taft's remarkable agility prevented his being seriously hurt. He was on his feet a moment after the accident and helped the horse to his feet. Representative Heburn of Iowa arrived today to consult the candidate.

FEDERAL JOBS FOR DISHONOR

Scheme of Fulton Adherents Involves Practical Sale of Statement No. 1 Votes in Lieu of Federal Patronage—Debauch Legislature, If Can.

A big price in federal patronage is to be paid for debauching Oregon's next legislature in the effort to overturn the people's will and defeat Governor Chamberlain for the senatorship. The candidate who weathers the joint caucus now being arranged by Senator Fulton, if it is possible to frame up such a caucus, is to pay the price in patronage, whether that man be Senator Fulton or some one else. This price, part payment for the be-embroidered honor of seven Statement No. 1 members of the legislature, has been estimated at \$100,000. The scheme of the Fulton faction, so it is said, is this: The job of postmaster of Portland, now held by John Mintor, the job of collector of customs for the Port of Portland, now held by P. G. Malcolm; the job of collector of internal revenue, now held by David M. Dunne; the job of United States Marshal, now held by Charles J. Reed. These jobs, it is estimated, should be spread for at least four defectors from the Statement No. 1 ranks, and possibly more, according to the power and earnestness of those who are hungry for the positions. Fulton Laying His Plot. Senator Fulton is bending all of his energy and shaping all of his efforts towards the defeat of Governor Chamberlain for the senator before the next legislature. In the furtherance of his scheme and agreement of the candidate for president or speaker to work for its success, Fulton's candidates for president of the senate and speaker of the house, therefore, are expected to bring at least two Statement No. 1 votes into the joint caucus.

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HOUSE DIVIDED ON SON-IN-LAW

Popper Favors Dr. Fitzgerald's Suit, Though Mother Kidnaped Girl.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Palo Alto, Cal., Aug. 13.—Dr. Fred F. Fitzgerald, the young San Francisco physician who journeyed to Morris, Ill. for the purpose of marrying Miss Ethel Ludwig, only to have his intended bride spirited away by her mother, is today under the coming wing of the young woman's father, Otto Ludwig, at the latter's home in this city. It is said that through the father's reconciliation may be effected. According to the best information, Miss Ludwig is even now on her way to Palo Alto for that purpose, but had kept her hidden away from her lover for almost a week. If Mrs. Ludwig follows her daughter to California and again attempts to outwit Cupid, it is declared there will be a clash of family authority that may be more sensational than any of the events thus far in the strange romance.

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TO SERVE SCIENCE WOMAN WILLS BODY TO MEDICAL COLLEGE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 13.—After expressing a wish that her body be given to a medical college at Portland, Or., Mrs. L. C. Chamberlain, who has been ill with tuberculosis for the last six weeks, is dead. Weeks before her death Mrs. Chamberlain realized that she was soon to die and believed that

her remains might be of benefit to the scientific world. "I have been very glad to have been named as honorary president of the American Olympic reception committee, but it will be impossible for me to go to New York City to attend the reception. If the members can come out to see them here at my house and meet them in person. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

It is considered probable that the team will accept the invitation and make the trip to Oyster Bay just after the big reception which will be held here August 21.

Treasury Statement. (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 13.—Today's treasury statement shows receipts \$1,668,125, expenditures \$1,232,900.

FIREMEN KILLED; ENGINEER MAY DIE

Construction Trains on Milwaukee in Washington in Collision.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Aug. 13.—W. A. Coomber, a fireman, was killed, and William O'Brien, engineer, and William Kennedy, brakeman, were seriously injured in a collision of two construction trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line west of Walla Walla, Wash. The first train of Maple Valley, at 9 o'clock last night, O'Brien in a critical condition, was struck by a second train which was out on the operating line with the morning train.