MIDNIGHT TRIP GIVES CUPID VICTORY

Colonel T. H. Dunckley of Centralia Vainly Attempts to Prevent Marriage of Pretty Daughter to Young Portland Man.

A midnight trip from Centralia, a hasty visit to the county clerk's office and a speedy automobile ride to the parsonage of Rev. Mr. Walker, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian church on Eleventh and Columbia streets, ended a two years' romance this morning.

The parties to the marriage were the beautiful Helena M. Dunckley, daughter of Colonel T. H. Dunckley of Centralia, and niece of W. H. Dunckley, of Ladd & Tilton's bank, and Robert H. Murray, son of W. L. Murray, with offices in the Board of Trade building.

The marriage took place in the face of strong opposition on the part of the bride's relatives, and Colonel Dunckley arrived at noon today to find that his daughter was married and had already departed to an unknown destination with her young husbnd.

Man of Exciting Career.

Robert Murray, the groom, has to his credit one of the most exciting careers ever indulged in by a man of 25. His father has been a resident of Portland for 20 years, and "Bob," as he is known to his many friends, showed from the first a daring disposition, which took him to Alaska at the age of 16, where he made his way alone to most lucrative situations. While in Dawson at the time of President McKinley's assassination, the first papers announcing the sad event came in and were promptly bought up by Murray, who took them down the Yukon and sold them for an aggregate price of over $1000 for the 500 papers. He afterward went to Nome.

When he was 17 he was shanghaied on board the bark Peter Iredale, and during her long voyage of 158 days to Belfast, Ireland, he was not heard of and was supposed to be lost.

Returning to Portland, he entered into the machinery business and spent several years with various firms here. Two years ago he met Miss Dunckley, the lovely and vivacious belle of Centralia, fell in love with her and became engaged. Owing to his captivation he went to Centralia and started into business for himself. But the parental opposition to the marriage grew so strong two months ago that he left Centralia and came to Portland and went into business with his father.

Girl Comes to Portland.

But the young people refused to give up their cherished plans for a happy home and last week Miss Dunckley signified her willingness to leave her father's roof and come to Portland to join her fortunes with her young lover.

Last night she gave her father as a pretext for her absence for the night that she was to visit a young friend whose husband was absent in Seattle. Packing up some of her things, she caught the midnight train and reached Portland at 7 this morning, where she was met by Mr. Murray and his father, who finally consented to help the match on.

A quick routing out of Cupid Prasp, the buying of a ring and a swift trip to the clergyman's made them man and wife. At the conclusion of the ceremony a telegram was received by W. H. Dunckley of the Ladd & Tilton bank, from Colonel Dunckley, informing him of the elopement and asking him to prevent the marriage. But the young people had vanished on their honeymoon and will not return for some days.

They will reside in Portland.

According to Miss Dunckley her relatives' opposition is based on groundless dislike of her young husband. "They want me to marry another man," said she this morning. "But I must follow my heart and I'm sure I'll be happy."

Colonel Dunckley found his daughter gone when he arrived on the noon train.

Typhoid in Impure Water

In nearly every case, typhoid, as well as malaria, dysentery and the other hot weather complaints that so often end fatally, has been traced to impure water.

Because to the naked eye the water appears clear is no guarantee that it is pure. Often one has but to look at it through a magnifying glass to see millions of deadly microbes.

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RATS MUST BE DRIVEN OUT

Dr. Wheeler Tells How to Avoid Danger of Plague.

"While there is no danger of bubonic plague at present in Portland, still the people of this city should be educated to the necessity of taking preventative measures against the infection," said Health Officer C. H. Wheeler this morning, "and right now, in view of the recent scare, is a good time to say a few words about cleanliness.

"Householders should cooperate with the health department by keeping garbage in airtight cans, and by having it destroyed as frequently as possible. All rubbish piles and heaps of any kind of dry material that might afford shelter to rats should be burned or otherwise disposed of. Rats require shelter and food, and the rodents seek localities that provide both.

"As everyone knows, rats are the chief carriers of the plague germ, and the destruction of these depends on the demolition of their abodes and the source of their food supplies. It has been demonstrated that trapping and poisoning are ineffectual remedies, as the rats breed faster than they can be eradicated by these methods.

"Wooden sidewalks and old wooden stables are dangerous to the community and should be condemned and replaced sanitarily as fast as possible. Basements and stables should have concrete floors in order that the disease spreading rodent may not have a chance to find a hiding place.

"Portlanders should take a lesson from the San Francisco plague epidemic. There the people spent $1,000,000 to destroy the rodent tribe, and this money might have been saved had preventative measures been taken in the first place. More than 6,000,000 square feet of rat proof concrete was put in the basements and buildings of the bay city."

Dr. Wheeler has received a book from the San Francisco health department descriptive of the campaign waged in that city to annihilate the rats during the year of the plague in California. The book contains many valuable and useful hints which he intends to put into practice here.

WE WON'T WAIT ON OPEN DRAWS

As soon as Mayor Simon can obtain the consent of the United States government engineers, the new adjustment of traffic across and through the bridge draws will be announced. The mayor appeared before the Port of Portland yesterday and secured the cooperation of that organization. He afterwards saw Judge Webster of the county court and that official declared himself heartily in favor of the mayor's proposition.

There is hardly a doubt but that the federal engineers will give their consent also, so that within the next few days thousands of Portlanders who use the bridges across the Willamette river will enjoy the novel sensation of being able to go to and from their work without being delayed by open draws.

The hours agreed upon by the mayor, the Port of Portland and Judge Webster for the closing of the draws are from 6:30 to 7 in the morning and from 7:15 to 7:45 in the morning and from 5:30 to 6:30 in the afternoon. Should the periods mentioned meet with the approval of the war department the new rule will be put into effect immediately.

FLAG FAMINE MAY SPOIL EFFECT

Portland has a flag famine, according to George L. Hutchin, and unless some preparations are made in the near future there will be trouble in finding enough of the national banners to adequately decorate the streets of our city upon the occasion of President Taft's visit here in October.

When President Roosevelt visited Portland several years ago the streets were decorated with American flags, which make the prettiest decoration possible," said Mr. Hutchin this morning. "At the time the president spoke repeatedly of the beautiful effect gained by the use of the flags. Strung from the center of the streets over which the parade passed, these flags made Portland distinctive in its decorations, for in other cities bunting had been the prevailing material for decorative use.

"In my opinion nothing better than the flags could be used to dress the city upon the visit of President Taft. I know, however, from my experience in hunting flags for the Rose Festival decorations that they are almost impossible to get. I believe it would be well for the city to buy a large supply of flags to be used on the occasion and for subsequent occasions. Whatever is done, however, should be done at once, or it will be hard to secure sufficient flags to make a showing."

ASTORIA INDIVIDUAL BRINGS PROCEEDINGS

Some Astoria individual is after Frank L. Smith, head of the Frank L. Smith Meat company, charging him with selling short weight butter. Papers in the case were received from Astoria by the sheriff's office today, and Mr. Smith sent word that he would furnish the $40 cash bail required. The case is to be tried in the justice court at Astoria next Saturday.

At the office of the company it is stated that the company handle only the commercial brands of butter, buying its supply from the creameries, and has no brands of its own. Nothing is known of the particulars of the Astoria case.

Garden Land Jumps in Price.

Weston, Or., Aug. 18.—Mr. Bettart of Milton purchased from Chris Thoeney his Pine creek garden and orchard land, 12 acres, one mile south of town, yesterday for $3000. This place was purchased a few years ago by Mr. Thoeney for $1200.

MIX FUN WITH SERIOUS BUSINESS

Mutual Insurance Men Seeing Portland's Sights—Sessions at Woodmen's Hall.

Insurance men representing the mutual companies of the country are telling how to adjust risks and carry on the business in a better manner generally at the Woodmen of the World hall today. The important discussions of the fourteenth annual convention of the American Association of Mutual Fire Insurance companies are scheduled for today's program and the delegates to the convention are deriving much benefit from the addresses being made.

The big delegation present in the city is mingling fun with the business of the session and last night took a car ride through the city. In addition to this trip many sightseeing tours will be arranged for the delegates and their wives, many of whom are in the city. Automobile trips and excursions on the river will be the order of the afternoons after the close of the business sessions of the convention. This evening a trip will be made to the Oaks, where the delegates will listen to the music and see the sights generally.

Today the following addresses were given, all of which were of great interest to the hearers and were forcefully presented by the speakers:

"Adjusting as an Art," A. B. Smith, Topeka, Kan.; "Necessary Elements in Adjusting Losses; Judgment, Equity and Courage," F. E. Leech, Lincoln, Neb.; "The Difficulties and Obstacles in Adjusting Losses," I. J. Case, Alta, Ill.; "Hazards and Rates," B. L. Barry, Dayton, Or.; "Pure Farm Insurance," C. J. Olsen, Upland, Kan.; "Legislature, Lobby, Laws, Etc.," W. E. Straub, Lincoln, Neb.; "The Scientific Principles of Lighting and Protection," Professor J. H. Epperson.

CHILDREN TOO SMALL TO WORK

Contractor in Packing House Arrested for Violation of Law.

"Employing child labor without a permit," is the charge upon which a warrant was sworn out this morning for Fred Kaster, a labor contractor working for the Oregon Packing company, East Eighth and Belmont streets. Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, member of the child labor commission, and also city market inspector, visited the place this morning bent on inspecting the fruit being canned at the place; only to run across the other violation of the law.

Mrs. Evans was leaving the place when her attention was drawn by the extremely youthful faces she saw at work. Inquiry revealed that the children were most of them between the ages of 10 and 14 years of age and that none of them had permits. A warrant was immediately sworn out for Kaster under whom they were working by contract and was given to the police to serve this afternoon. He will be tried in Justice Bell's court.

O. L. MacPherson of the Oregon Packing company stated this afternoon that his company didn't employ the boys noted by Mrs. Evans, but that they were hired by Kaster. "We know only Kaster in this transaction," he said. "We don't have anything to do with his employes, but merely contract with him for certain work. He can employ anybody he likes, so far as we are concerned, legally.

"Our own employes are none of them under age, unless we have the permits for them. I really think that Kaster sinned through ignorance, if he really did sin. But that lies with him. We have no control over him in that matter."

TAFT WOULD BOX EARS OF BOXING STORY CARRIER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 18.—President Taft is angry enough today with Masseur Barker, his anti-fat specialist, to put on the gloves with him and deliver a "sleep tablet," or "haymaker," or whatever they call it at San Francisco, because Taft suspects Barker is responsible for stories of presidential boxing.

Secretary Carpenter is desperate today under an avalanche of questions regarding the reports that the president has shown wonderful heavyweight prospects and that he has the making of a great boxer and wrestler.

"The president is not taking boxing lessons and probably never will," declared Carpenter today. "All the truth in the story lies in the fact that President Taft takes regular exercise with weights, dumbbells, etc."

Barker was loud in his denial that Taft was about to discard golf for a more Rooseveltian form of exercise.

"I never said the president was boxing," declared Barker. "I never said he had the making of a good prizefighter and wrestler and that all he needed was a little more training. The stories are a shame. No wonder the president is 'sore.'"

The presidential dignity of the present administration, which follows the regime that lifted boxing and wrestling matches into high favor at the White House, is injured and there is trouble in the wind about the summer capitol today.

THREE THRESHERS BURN NEAR COLFAX

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Colfax, Wash., Aug. 18.—A threshing machine belonging to William Klichie, a Tekoa farmer, was burned yesterday afternoon on the farm of E. F. Maurer, together with 75 sacks of wheat. The loss is $1000, fully covered by insurance.

J. A. Adams' separators was also burned by a smut fire yesterday evening on the farm of George Miller, two miles west of Colfax. The loss is $1250, insured for $800.

A threshing machine belonging to A. L. Ballaine, at work on the farm of J. L. Lindley on Pleasant valley, was totally destroyed by fire, together with 800 sacks of threshed wheat. The machine was valued at $1000 and was insured for $600, the grain was valued at $1500 and was insured for $900.

TWO MEN HOLD UP THREE MEN

Union Avenue Saloon Is Visited by Highwaymen With Automatic Revolvers.

Fred W. Lutkemier's saloon at 49 Union avenue was held up about midnight last night by two men with their faces covered with black handkerchiefs, who secured $80 in cash, three watches and several stickpins. No trace of the robbers has been found by the police.

In the saloon at the time of the holdup were Mr. Lutkemier, the proprietor, K. Hartmann, who lives at the Union hotel, nearby, and C. Johnson of 1329 East Fifteenth street, north. All were searched by the highwaymen.

Entering the saloon the two robbers found the proprietor and the two men chatting at the bar. Both the men were dressed in black clothing and wore black slouch hats. One is said to be about 20 years old, five feet, 10 inches in height, slender and dark. The other is described as about five feet, eight inches in height.

With automatic revolvers upraised, the two men commanded the saloonman and customers to throw up their hands, and warned them to be quiet. Lutkemier began to laugh, thinking it a joke. Angrily the robbers warned him to keep quiet.

Then Lutkemier was commanded to step out from behind the bar. With Hartman and Johnson he was lined up against the wall, facing inward. Calmly and with care the smaller of the two searched the three.

Completing the search of the trio, the robbers broke open the cash register, locking the three in a back room of the saloon. Finally, the saloonman and customers found courage to break out of their prison. They found the robbers gone.

HEROIC DEED OF ALICE THAW

Former Countess Walks 20 Miles in Rain to Intercede for Brother.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Megantic, Maine, Aug. 18.—Nearly exhausted and unsuccessful, Alice Thaw, formerly Countess of Yarmouth, last night started for White Plains, N. Y., to rejoin Harry, her brother, after a heroic effort to secure his freedom.

She walked 20 miles through the woods across the Canadian border in a terrific downpour of rain to see Justice Mills and try to persuade him to parole Thaw.

After a long discussion of the case, the former countess offered to post $1,000,000 as security for Thaw's good conduct if released. Mills refused to consider her plea or the offer.

After Monday's rains the wagons could not travel the muddy trails leading to Mills' mountain camp, 10 miles away. Not dismayed by the roads the plucky young woman started yesterday from the camp and walked the entire distance, accompanied only by a guide.

FLOODS ON ARKANSAS RIVER IN COLORADO

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pueblo, Colo, Aug. 18.—The worst flood of recent years is threatening half a dozen towns with destruction and causing tremendous property damage today. Fed by the heavy rains which have been flooding the canyons of the mountains for the past two days, the Arkansas river is on a rampage and is steadily rising past the danger point.

The greatest damage thus far wrought is at Howard and Florence. It is feared that several fatalities have occurred at Howard. All communication with the town has been cut off.

Part of Pueblo is threatened by the rising river.

The railroads report many washouts.

But for the bravery of men on horseback this morning, a number of persons would have been drowned by the first wave of the flood. The men rode ahead of the flood and warned the people living along the bottom lands to go to higher ground.

WEATHER MAN TO BE BUSY IN NORTHWEST

Washington, Aug. 18.—The weather bureau today issued the following bulletin:

The severe warm wave in the middle western states will be broken in the plains states and Missouri valley tonight and in the states of the middle and upper Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys, Wednesday, and the fall in temperatures in these states will be attended by showers.

There are at present no indications of prolonged excessive heat in the eastern states.

The next disturbance from the west will appear in the extreme northwest on Thursday, advance over portions of the central valleys and great lakes Friday and Saturday and reach the Atlantic coast about Sunday.

OREGON SADDLES AT FRONTIER SHOW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 18.—The Dalles is perhaps the only Oregon city that will have a display of its products at Cheyenne's frontier celebration, in progress in the metropolis of Wyoming this week. Victor Marden has on display there 20 of his celebrated saddles and 30 pairs of schaps and bridles, bitts and spurs of his own manufacture. Mr. Marden has shipped large quantities of cowboys' supplies into Wyoming, but this is the first time he has made a display at the cowboys' annual gathering called the frontier celebration.

TWO IN LINE OF LAJOIE SUCCESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, Aug. 18.—Secretary E. S. Barnard is most prominently mentioned today as the probable successor of Napoleon Lajoie, who resigned yesterday as manager of the Cleveland baseball team. Lajoie will continue playing with the team, which he has managed for five years.

First Baseman Stovall, who acted as manager for a week this season when Lajoie was injured, is also mentioned as a posible successor to the resigned manager.

MONTANA MAN BUYS PROPERTY ON LOVEJOY

W. S. Barbour, a prominent attorney from Dillon, Mont., closed a deal yesterday with Mrs. Edith A. Johnson for the purchase of 100 feet front on the south side of Lovejoy street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, paying for the parcel $10,000. The purchaser will remove the old frame dwelling on the property and erect a modern residence for his own occupancy. He intends removing with his family to Portland as soon as the building is completed.

SCALP ON THE KITCHEN DOOR

Los Angeles Visitor Says Portland Has Seattle Beaten a Mile.

Thomas McCusker has been boosting for Seattle, but he says he had to do it for the honor of the great northwest, and because he had previously boosted so strenuously for Portland and for Oregon. It happened this way.

J. A. McCusker, a well known real estate man of Los Angeles, made a flying trip to Seattle recently to see the exposition. On his way back he stopped in Portland and during his intended short stay here, visited the Portland man with the same name.

"I tell you what," said the man from the Angel City to the McCusker from the Rose City, "you can't beat em. The San Joaquin valley is the most fertile the most beautiful and altogether the most wonderful valley on the Pacific coast. Aside from Los Angeles, Seattle is the most progressive, the most up-to-date and the liveliest city on the coast. It is a comer and in a short time there will be nothing to it but San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle in the order named." The Portland man demurred.

"Have you looked around in Portland?" asked the Portland McCusker. "Have you been through the Willamette valley? Have you been up on Council Crest and looked out over the city on the east and out over the Tualatin valley on the west? Have you been up the Willamette and the Columbia rivers?" The Angel man said he did not think it necessary.

"Well, go out and take a look and let me know what you find," said the Portland booster, and the visitor said he would. Three days later the man from the south drifted in to visit the Portland man in his office in the Couch building.

"Say," he said, "I take it back. I went up on Council Crest. Then I came back down town and got an automobile and took in everything. I went over into Tualatin valley. I went up on the Oregon electric. I hired a launch and took a trip up the Willamette and then took a boat ride to Cascade Locks. I am going to ride in the observation car all the way to the southern boundary of the state.

"The Willamette valley is the prettiest valley in the world. Just one look off Council Crest cinches that. Portland is the finest town on earth. It has a wonderful country around it. It is going to be the big city of the Pacific coast. There is nothing to it. It has got Seattle skinned to a pale and sun-dried frazzle. Ten years from now there will be only one town north of San Francisco and that will be Portland. Seattle will be a way station on a side line without a night operator. Forgive me; what I said was wrong; all wrong."

There was where Thomas McCusker became a Seattle booster. He called attention to the Alaska trade, to the big bay which is Seattle's pride. He used the Seattle arguments and convinced his namesake from Los Angeles that the Queen City would always continue to be a thriving village, even if Portland was the only real city north of the Golden Gate. But it was hard work. The last thing the visitor said as he started for his train sounded something like this:

"You may be right, but I doubt it. I tell you Portland hasSeattle's scalp tacked on the kitchen door, and even the scalp looks bald to me."

Big Ranch Deal.

Wallowa, Or., Aug. 18.—The Litch, Funk & Hotchkiss Co. has bought 9800 head of sheep and 1280 acres of land from Frank Kernan, for $27,000.

GATE KEPT OPEN; OLD MAN KILLED

Coroner's Jury Says Blame of Death on Streetcar Employes.

Employes of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, are responsible for the death of William Kirkpatrick, 60 years old San Jose, Cal., resident, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday. The employes mentioned are the conductor and motorman of the Mount Scott train which carried the aged visitor.

Kirkpatrick was struck and rolled several yards by a Hawthorne avenue car at East Twenty-seventh street on the morning of August 8. When picked up it was found he was seriously injured. He died at the Good Samaritan hospital Saturday night.

At the inquest it was shown that Kirkpatrick alighted from an inbound Mount Scott train at Thirty-seventh street, through the inside gateway, which had been left open. Immediately upon stepping to the ground he was struck by the Hawthorne avenue car, running in the opposite direction.

Kirkpatrick was a brother of Joseph Kirkpatrick, of Mount Scott, whom he was visiting. The body will be interred in San Jose. The verdict reads:

"Deceased came to his death on August 14, 1909, at Good Samaritan hospital, in Portland, Multnomah county, Or., from a fracture of the base of the skull. The deceased having been struck by a Hawthorne avenue car of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, on August 8, 1909, at about 7:30 a. m. in said city of Portland, Multnomah county, Or., at the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Hawthorne avenue.

"From the testimony submitted to this jury we are of the opinion that the employes of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on the Mount Scott line are lax in following instructions with reference to keeping gates closed on platforms in accordance with the rules of the company and city ordinances."

FLOWERS DIE AT COLFAX BECAUSE OF WATER FAMINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Colfax, Wash., Aug. 18.—Colfax is face to face with another water famine, and it appears as though the $100,000 invested in the municipal water system five years ago will be of no avail, unless some scheme can be devised to stop the leaks in the 13 miles of wooden pipe carrying water from the Elberton springs, the source of supply. In order to conserve the slender supply the council last Wednesday issued an order prohibiting all lawn sprinkling. Hundreds of beautiful flowers are dying as a result.

There is an abundant supply of water at the springs, but the action of the council in equipping the system with wooden instead of steel pipe is responsible for the present plight.

FIGHT ON OVER COUNTY FARM

Bidders Threaten Suit to Enforce Right to Complete Purchase.

Today the sale of the county farm, which was generally supposed to be closed with the acceptance of the bid of W. A. Spanton and the payment of $5000 to bind the bargain, is hanging in the balance. After conferences extending over several days the county court seems to be on the point of declaring the contract forfeited and advertising anew for bids.

On the other hand, there is war paint on the faces of Spanton and those associated with him in the purchase. Declaring their ability to hold the county to the bargain, they threaten that unless the county accepts another payment on the land and gives them a deed today they will sue the county for damages for failure to deliver deed.

Back of this mixup there are several reasons. It will be remembered that after the county farm was awarded to Spanton on his bid of $154,000 there was a sudden tempest among those who had formed a syndicate with him. Suit was filed in the circuit court to straighten out the disputed claims as to how the purchase should be cut among the buyers. While this was going on, and for some time after, the purchasers neglected to make the second payment of $30,000 stipulated in the deal. In fact, about 30 days have passed since the money has been due.

Yesterday Spanton and his associates went to the county court and tendered the $30,000 in cash, as well as interest on that sum for the time it has been overdue. He deposited the money on the table in front of Judge Webster and the county commissioners, but they declined to receive it. They did not absolutely refuse, but said they desired more time, and invited Spanton to return today.

This morning the purchasers interested came in force, but again they failed to secure a final answer. They were told that they would be notified this afternoon. Then it was that they delivered their ultimatum that unless their $30,000 is accepted this afternoon they will not repeat the offer, but will sue for damages.

Still another element is hinted at in the affair. The county court, it is safe to say, would not desire to forfeit the rights of the purchasers unless they had some new offer in sight, as good or better. It is believed that if the farm were readvertised it would be certain to bring more than it sold for before. A new farm has already been purchased and preparations made to evacuate the present location within six months.

It appears that in the contract with Spanton the words, "time is the essence of this contract," were overlooked, and for this reason it is claimed by the purchasers that their failure to pay within the time specified does not invalidate the contract. They claim that it is still binding on their offer to pay interest for the time overdue. The county may yet be forced to accept their view and to allow them to complete their payments.

THIEVES ENTER DALLES LAUNDRY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 18.—The clothes cleaning department of the Dalles Laundry company was entered by thieves last night and several suits of clothes stolen. Entrance to the building was gained by the thieves breaking a pane of glass and reaching a snap lock. No arrests have been made.

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