

ROBBERS' VICTIM

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APPEARANCE OF

DAINTY THOONS

WARRANT ISSUED

BABY FARM IS

Blood Poisoning May Set In Within 48 Hours—No Trace of Bandits Found—\$100 Reward Offered.

Old-Time Republicans, in Honoring Martyred President's Memory, Praise Assembly Plan—Ex-Gov. Geer Spoke.

Embezzling Celestial Arrested at Fort Worth, Texas—May Escape Trial in Oregon—Legal Question in Way.

Present Cometary Visitor May Be Same as Was Observed Three Times During the Last Century.

George Neece Struggled With Assailant on Burnside Bridge Before the Plunge—Swam Ashore After Bath.

Heidelberg Police Are Said to Have Been Requested to Arrest Dr. Frederick A. Cook, C. Devant Explorer.

Startling Revelations Follow Investigation Into Case of Baby's Corpse Found in the Sands.

Thompson's Recovery Doubtful. Dr. Anthony, who is attending Manley Thompson at St. Vincent's hospital, fears blood poisoning for his patient. "Infection may set in within 48 hours," he said. "If we can avert it, Thompson's life will be saved. He has two wounds, one in the cheek, the other through the left lung. The latter is worst and most to be feared."

A revised description of the highwaymen was given out by Sheriff Stevens last night. It reads:

No. 1—Age, 19 to 21 years; height, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches; slim build; rather narrow shoulders, thin hands, dark hair, quite long, shaved down the side of neck; narrow complexion, puny face, rather boyish looking; untidy in appearance; had ready-made black mask with curtain completely covering chin; soft hat, dark or dirty gray; no overcoat; rather tight fitting dirty, dark suit, on grayish order; light colored, soft shirt; gave the name of Wendie, carved short barrel, blood gun; probably 38 caliber.

No. 2—Called "Jack," probably a young man, but a little older than No. 1; height 5 feet 8, to 16 inches; quite square shoulders; dark hair, probably was black; dark suit; thick short shirt; black mask, ready-made, with curtain completely covering chin; active on his feet. This man No. 2 acted as the leader and talked continually to No. 1, telling him what to do.

Sheriff Stevens offers a personal reward of \$100 for information leading to the capture of the two highwaymen. The sheriff will not exact an appearance in court or impose any other inconvenience upon his informant.

Sheriff Stevens came to the conclusion last night that the two men who robbed the Twelve Mile house and shot Manley Thompson at the Seven Mile house Friday night were on one either employee of Fred T. Merrill, proprietor of Twelve Mile house, or men to whom Merrill owed money. The sheriff based this conclusion principally on statements made by Fred T. Merrill, the chauffeur who drove the taxicab, and Mrs. Merrill. Hadley heard the robber Jack say:

"The old fellow owes it to us, and we will get it if we have to kill him."

To Mrs. Merrill the smaller of the two robbers said: "I know this place. You had better not fool with us."

Cold Blooded Attempt. Sheriff Stevens and County Jailor R. W. Phillips describe the shooting of Thompson at the Seven Mile house as one of the most cold blooded attempts at murder they have ever known.

Said the sheriff last night: "We will get those fellows. We will not rest until we do get them. I am sure they are local men and believe they are still in this vicinity."

This last remark of the sheriff indicates that all officers believe organized highwaymen are responsible for all the numerous recent holdups. As much of the blame for the operations as to secure for punishment the men concerned in last night's affair, the sheriff and his deputies, Constable Wagner and Deputy Constable Klerman, the entire detective force under Captain Bailey, and the uniformed men of the Sheriff's office, joined in the man hunt which continued through last night.

"I feel very grateful to the police department for the help given in the case of the robbery," while he was resting for the first time since he began to hunt for the robbers a little after 9 o'clock Friday night.

Watching Every Door. The police have been watching every car line. Every man has been given the description of the two men and are on the lookout for them. The first man, officer or citizen who gives information leading to the arrest of the two gets the \$100 which I personally offer for their capture."

Sheriff Stevens' experience Friday night was almost as quiet as that of Frank Hadley, who drove an Oregon Taxicab company's machine through the darkness with one gun pressed to his neck, another to his back, the mingled comedy with tragedy by finding a trembling refuge under a bed at Seven Mile house while, below, Manley Thompson struggled with the highwaymen who had shot him.

Sheriff Stevens said relating his experience: "Our first news of the hold-up came from a call from a man, Jailer Phillips and I drove with the speed of a high power six-cylinder auto out toward the place. We did not stop to think of the consequences of bad roads or short turns. Part way out we stopped and we got a check from Mrs. Merrill on a telephone. She said the robbers had turned toward the Seven-Mile house. We got there just three minutes after the robbers left, and just as Thompson was being carried in to the house."

Might Have Caught Robbers. "Had the robbers stayed in the machine we would have certainly caught them. If they had come back toward town we would have met them. If they had gone the other way we could have caught them, as we had much the swifter machine. But they did not. Jailer Phillips has been helping me. Jailer Phillips has been helping me. Jailer Phillips has been helping me."

"No, I don't know anything about them," said the man who was a chauffeur. "I don't know anything about them."

"Well, I don't either. We'd better not monkey with it."

"Then they can arrest them and disappear. In addition, Mrs. Merrill said last night."

"There was something very familiar about the actions of the little man who was with them."

William McKinley's birthday was celebrated and honored last night by a menagerie from different parts of the state, the guests of the Republican club of Portland.

Three incidents stood out prominently during the course of the evening—the touching tribute paid to George H. Williams, the Grand Old Man of Oregon; the eloquent and heart stirring address of Judge H. A. Northrup on "The Boys of '61"; the straightforward commemoration of William McKinley by Governor Benson and his simple yet earnest wish for the future of Oregon.

Politics Injected. Aside from these addresses, the after dinner speeches drifted away from the man whose memory was being made green in the hearts of those attending and tended to the glorification of the assembly and the discussion of petty details of local politics.

The dinner brought about a representative gathering of the old time war-horses of the pre-primary days of Oregon. All of the old timers were there, together with their sons and disciples from Judge M. C. George, the toastmaster, to Max G. Cohen and Charles E. Lockwood, ex-secretary and secretary, respectively, of the Union Republican and the Portland Republican clubs of the city.

Judge George, in opening the program of after dinner speeches, called upon Senator Fulton to respond to the toast of "The President of the United States."

Senator Fulton, in beginning, read a telegram from President Taft in answer to an invitation to be present, expressing regret at his inability to be present at the dinner. The speaker then plunged into the heart interest of his talk. He said that Lincoln, Grant, Sherman and McClellan had been the children of the convention system. It was safe to assume, he said, that William H. Seward, and not Abraham Lincoln, would have been the president of the United States under the direct primary, had that been the system of the nation when Lincoln was elected.

Taft had no superior in all the long list of his predecessors, Fulton contended. He stood as a man with a fixed purpose, the most splendid spirit and character of the twentieth century.

Taft was elected on a Republican platform, Fulton said, and he will carry out the policies of William H. Taft. Those policies are the policies of the Republican party, and if Republican policies are those of the party, then Taft will carry them out.

Taft stood for the spirit of liberty and freedom, and so stood for the spirit of patriotism and loyalty to his country. He concluded by asking how the people of Oregon could do better in the commemoration of McKinley's life than by their efforts toward the rejuvenation, reorganization of the militant Republican party in Oregon.

T. J. Geer spoke on the subject of "William McKinley." During the latter part of his address he paid tribute to McKinley; during the first part he paid tribute to the assembly. He was sarcastic in his comments on the opposition to the assembly idea, and commiserated with the "leaders" who were denied the right to "assemble." He said that he was there as a "day member" to celebrate the memory of an illustrious citizen.

Following Mr. Geer's speech, a letter was read from George H. Williams, who has been recently elected an honorary member of the Republican club of Portland, together with Roosevelt and Taft. Judge Williams, in his letter, which was clear and forceful as any of those in the days of years ago, urged party unity and cooperation.

Following the reading of this letter, which expressed sorrow at the inability of the writer to be present, Senator Fulton delivered a touching and sincere tribute to the Grand Old Man of Oregon, telling of the signal honor accorded him at the last national convention. Upon motion resolutions of regret for the aged jurist's inability to be present were adopted by unanimous vote, and the wish was expressed that he would live for years of peace, comfort and prosperity.

Judge H. H. Northrup followed with an address, the topic of which was "The Boys of '61." This address, by the most eloquent and enjoyable of the crowd, went over like a bomb, the events leading up to the civil war, and painted in gripping terms the sacrifices and achievements of the soldiers who fought for and sustained the nation during the days of her trial of fifty years.

Governor Benson in beginning his address said that he recognized the fact that the applause accorded him was not for himself personally but for his office, and was due in part to the joy felt by the people of Oregon in the election of McKinley, and in part to the error to grace the Republican governor, he expressed his confidence that the year from now another Republican governor would be one of the honored guests at the McKinley dinner.

Governor Benson reviewed the career of McKinley in happy vein, and drew from it the lesson of loyalty to principle and to country which has made the name of the assassinated president beloved by the entire people of the country. He concluded by hoping that the career of McKinley and the lesson that his career taught would go to establishing unity of purpose and party in Oregon and that the party would live in the state as the emblem of Lincoln and of Grant.

Mayor Benson spoke briefly on the subject of "The City of Portland," while W. D. Fenton spoke on "Party Loyalty." In addition speeches were called for from well known men not on the official program.

pointed the gun at us. I can't recall how many times I have seen him somewhere before. I am sure the big man knew me. He never got out from the shadow. At the time I thought the chauffeur was in cahoots with them, but I am sure now that he was not. I am just as sure that those fellows planned the whole thing, and because of their not making the slightest effort to look for him, knew that Mr. Merrill was away. They did not want anything but money. They did not try to get the men's watches or my rings."

Prize Butter Made Near Albany. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Jan. 29.—At a recent meeting of the State Dairy association, J. J. Applegate, a Linn county farmer, was awarded first prize for his fine quality of acorn butter.

Charles Wong Fung, the Chinaman who ran away three weeks ago with \$3000 belonging to the Yuen Wo company, was arrested yesterday afternoon in Fort Worth, Texas. A question has arisen as to whether he can be brought back to Oregon for trial.

It was through the efforts of Captain Moore and the detective department that the man was caught. The word reached Fort Worth, and this morning the local detective bureau received a telegram from the authorities at that place asking if there was a reward. In reply to this Captain Moore replied there was a reward of \$25. The Texas authorities replied that their informant would not reveal the hiding place of the man for that amount.

The Yuen Wo company was told the man could not be arrested for that amount, and then \$500 was offered. The Texas authorities replied that their informant still asked for more money, and the local officers went again to the company, which raised the reward to \$500.

In reply to this offer the Fort Worth man said the informant would not do so unless they were assured of a reward of \$250 and 10 per cent. of the amount recovered. This was finally agreed upon by the Portland company, and within a few hours the word was received from Fort Worth police that the embezzling Chinaman was in custody.

District Attorney Cameron began the preparation of papers for the governor to issue requisition papers upon, and took them before the circuit court. It was there discovered that the fact was that the man wanted was a partner of the company he is charged with robbing, and there was a possibility the man could not be extradited. The matter is being held over until Monday.

The Chinaman is being held. Charles Wong Fung was managing a cannery at Astoria for the Yuen Wo company, of 80 North Second street. He disappeared about three weeks ago, and took \$3000 in cash belonging to the concern. Charles Wong Fung is a member of the firm. When arrested in Fort Worth he had a cashier's check on the Wells-Fargo bank of Portland for \$271 and \$67 saved in his shirt. His identification papers, signed by Henry Blackman, collector, with his photograph attached, gave the lie to his assumed name of Charlie King.

NO. 2060 WINS THE \$1000 AUTO

Comet "A-1910" was foiled again last night in its attempt to show off its form to "expectant" Portland, and hundreds of star-gazers, temporary roof-dwellers and other astronomically inclined persons, were grievously disappointed.

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From his experience Duchamp declared he believed the comet or meteor was possible time to see the comet or its reflection, was between 7 and 7:15 o'clock in the evening. He was unable to discover any trace of the wanderer last night. Mr. Duchamp declared he and many others saw the comet distinctly and believed that on a clear night it might be viewed with the naked eye.

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HAMILTON SHORT IN FEDERAL ACCOUNTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Jan. 29.—The bonding company that insured the federal government against loss, the Hamilton, former adjutant general, now in sentence of from one to ten years in the state penitentiary for embezzlement while in office, has asked for a writ of habeas corpus to find out how much Hamilton is owed by his federal accounts. Two items, one for \$75 and another for \$321, have been unearthed and a search is being made for any others, as the bonding company wants to settle with Uncle Sam.

(By the International News Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Is the new comet that follows the setting sun this evening the great comet that was observed in 1843?

Its elements have not been determined, so far as the published reports tell, but it may be found to be identical with the glorious visitor of nearly three quarters of a century ago. Professor Elijah H. Burritt of Yale, one of the most popular astronomers of his time, gave the period of the comet of 1843 as a little less than 22 years. Other astronomers have made the period much greater, yesterday there seemed to be reason for believing that Burritt was correct and that our present cometary visitor is the same that appeared with two tails in 1843, was here, though less prominent, in 1845, and made a good showing in 1857. There are a great many variations to be explained, to be sure, but the skies are full of explanations.

Meteor Showers Expected. The identification of the comet will depend on the determination of the elements in regard to which no news has yet come from the observatories.

We may expect a meteor shower some time during the month of May. Comets seem to be merely a larger mass of the materials which are occasionally fall to earth and become known to us as meteor stones. It is probable that they attract particles of matter in accordance with our known law of gravitation while they go flying through space. That these particles get away from them under the attractive power of planetary bodies seems likewise reasonable.

There is no danger, no possibility, of either Halley's comet or the new comet striking the earth. We may sweep through the tail of any comet without knowing it, and if there be any effect it will be beneficial. But the little old planet on which we live knows how to keep itself and its people free from injury, and it may be depended upon as able to keep out of range of every possible enemy that it cannot destroy, as it destroys the meteors upon too near approach.

HEAVENLY WANDERER DISAPPOINTS THROGS OF LOCAL SKYGAZERS

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POLICE WANT CRIME; FATHER SERIOUSLY ILL

Word has been received by the police to look for Robert J. Crine. He is wanted by his relatives at Newton, S.C., where his father is very ill. Crine is known to be some place in Portland.

Journal want ads bring results.

Poised in mid-air over the waters of the Willamette river, George Neece battled last night with a powerful masked highwayman until the thug despairing of robbing his victim, threw him into the river. This occurred on Burnside bridge about 9 o'clock. Neece, who is a Western Union telegraph operator, swam to shore. Exhausted by his struggle with the robber, he was barely able to enter himself to the bank, where he lay more than an hour, unable to move.

With clothing drenched, Neece entered the Hotel Philip about 11 o'clock, wild-eyed and terrified. Here he was taken in charge by his friend, W. M. Wilson, who accompanied him in a warm to Neece's half frozen body. Neece was able to relate rather incoherently his thrilling experience.

"I thought I would take a little walk," he said, "when I was about the middle of Burnside bridge I stopped and was looking into the water when the highwayman came up from behind, and without warning, threw his arms around me. His first hug nearly choked the breath out of my body. The way he had me I couldn't yell loud enough to make any one hear, and at the moment there was no one near."

"I didn't have anything of much value on me, but I made up my mind I wasn't going to give up so easy, anyway. I tried to twist around and get a grip on him, but that was all I could do. He was simply unable to do it. Then he bit him, and I bit him. With this he picked me up as if I were a child and threw me into the water. If I hadn't been a strong swimmer I would have gone under and stayed. In addition, I was fighting for my life."

"When I first struck the water I was breathing hard from the struggle. This and the shock of striking the surface of the river made me swallow some of the water. Altogether I had a terrible, scorching shiver. Several times I thought it was no use, I struggled any more. I was actually surprised when I finally reached a float and pulled myself out on it, after I had hung, I don't know how long, by my arms, waiting till I got enough strength to haul me up myself."

Neece did not seem seriously worse for his experience.

SHRINERS MEET; TALK BUSINESS

All the "wild animals" were left in winter quarters when members of the Al Kader temple, nobles of the Mysal Shrine, met at the Masonic temple last night, owing to the fact that the meeting was a business session only. But on a Saturday night during February, there will be a plenty doing. On that date the semi-annual ceremonial session of the tribunes will be held in this city, and the entire floor and hall space of the great Masonic temple has been reserved for the occasion. It is expected that many new features will be introduced for the blistering and torturing of the victims, and all headmen are expected to be on hand.

Illustrate Potentate William H. Galvani last announced, after the reading of the financial report, the appointment officers and the new committee for the ensuing year. It is expected that 1910 will be a red letter date in the history of the local shrine, and every committee man is going to be given plenty to do. The following are the officers and committees:

Master of the Nomad band, W. H. McCord; chief courier of the desert, J. Speiser. The past potentate constitute the advisory board.

Chairman of committee on fraternal greetings, W. E. Green; chairman of banquet committee, John W. Minto; chairman of finance committee, J. E. tortures; C. Clark; chairman of medical staff, C. H. Wheeler; chairman of committee on necrology, D. W. Taylor; band first drumroll master, G. W. Stapleton; marshal, J. P. Moffitt; directors, A. H. Lea, McClelland and R. Quackenbush; captain of the guard, N. Avery, and outer guard, A. G. Bachrodt. Chairman of the reception committee, John B. Cleland; chairman of committee on hospitality, J. G. Mack.

NORTH COAST BUILDERS STALLED AT YAKIMA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 29.—The North Coast Builders' association here to secure another franchise before it can build through this city. Its present franchise calls for the line up First avenue, while its right of way is between First and Second avenues. A conference to place today between English Pittman of the North Coast and the county commissioners to settle upon the new location of the county road through Union gap, below North Yakima, so that the North Coast may build a road. The road cannot begin construction through this difficult pass until this matter is settled.

SECOND DEGREE IS ARNOLD CASE VERDICT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Jan. 29.—A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned at 8 o'clock this evening against Chas. Arnold, alias George Tracey, for the killing of Albert Rabael near Umatilla several months ago. The jury was out but a few hours.

The murder was one of the most brutal in the history of the county. Rabael was brutalized with a huge club. The prosecution had a strong case of circumstantial evidence implicating Arnold, but lack of direct evidence saved him from hanging.

Linn Teachers' Exams.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Jan. 29.—W. L. Jackson, Linn county superintendent of schools, has issued notices of examinations for applicants for state and county papers, to be held at Albany commencing Wednesday, February 2.

(International.) Berlin, Jan. 29.—It is reported that the police at Heidelberg have received a request for the arrest of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited Arctic explorer, who is said to be a patient in Eurer's sanitarium in the Neckar Valley.

No details as to the reported warrant could be obtained. It is said that the warrant was sent from abroad.

New York, Jan. 29.—It may be that Dr. Cook's former secretary, Lombard, who took his papers to Copenhagen, has sworn out a warrant for Cook's arrest. Lombard has a big bill against Cook for services and expenses.

When a reporter called at the home of Dr. Cook's brother, William L. Cook, in Brooklyn, today, Mr. Cook was reading, he declared, the latest three epistles from his brother, Dr. Cook, in as many weeks. Dr. Cook is in Europe but the brother would not say where.

William was also positive that Mrs. Cook is with her husband, and that she has not deserted him as "false friends" would have the public believe. Neither have the couple deserted their children, said Mr. Cook.

COOS BAY LIFE SAVERS EFFICIENT

"All this cry in the papers about inefficient lifesaving crews and equipment is tommyfool," exclaimed Captain H. Emory, assistant inspector of the Thirteenth district, lifesaving service of the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California. Captain Emory returned yesterday morning on the steamer Allouez from Marshfield, where he has been since the wreck of the steamer Carina. Investigating charges against the lifesaving crew at that place.

At first Captain Emory was not inclined to talk about the matter, saying that he had secured the necessary testimony, but that his report had not yet been sent in and he was very busy engaged in making that out, preparatory to sending it to Washington. He finally consented to talk, however, when pressed to say whether there was anything in the recent report of inefficient among the crews and in the equipment at Coos Bay.

"There is nothing the matter with the gear," said Captain Emory emphatically, "and if there is any improvement that can be made in any of the things, it is among the crews and in the equipment at the stations. There is a board of appearances in Washington which meets several times a year, and they are on the lookout for just such improvements."

"In the matter of the firing of the line, the stations on the coast have used the longest line that they had, which is the longest that can be fired. It is about 700 yards long. They have prescribed charges with which to fire the lines, and they have to follow the regulations in this matter. Most people seem to think that lifesaving crews are inefficiently working under the rules at 12 inch guns. Even had the line reached the steamer those aboard could not have reached it, nor could a hauser have gone out in that surf."

"Each of the stations have two guns and all of the stations on the coast are equipped with a 24-foot gasoline lifeboat as well as an ordinary lifeboat. The one that belonged at the Coos Bay station was on exhibition at Seattle and while being towed down from there was damaged in rough weather and consequently was undergoing repairs at the time of the wreck of the Carina, but for that matter nothing could have gone out in that surf."

"Our crews are recruited by means of the civil service and are required to have experience of a nature that will fit them for these duties. They are supposed to be used to the surf and if a man shows that he is unfit for the position, he is replaced."

Captain Emory said that people seemed to think that lifesavers are men of a different class than other men, and that they should needlessly risk their lives when there was no possible chance of them doing any good for the shipwrecked.

YAKIMA AND KITTITAS STOCKMEN ORGANIZE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 29.—Stockmen from Yakima and Kittitas counties to the number of 150 met here today and organized the Yakima and Kittitas association of Yakima and Kittitas counties, with the following officers: President, J. J. Wiley; secretary, Elmer Marks; treasurer, P. A. Bounds; these officers, with A. R. Able, Thomas Fear and Mitt Brown, to form the executive committee. All members of the association are users of the Rainier forest reserve, and they adopted a constitution approved by the government, and they are now on a recognizable basis with the government.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARE HONORARY MEMBERS

At a meeting yesterday morning of the Police Athletic association, it was decided to extend honorary membership of the club to the police reporters and the sports writers on the local newspapers. The club rooms are located at the Union block, Second and Stark streets.

The association has for its object the promotion of athletics among members of the department and providing a place for the social entertainment of the club maintains a splendid gymnasium and club rooms.

Orders Rates Reduced.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 29.—An order has been made by the railroad commission reducing the rates charged by the Southern Pacific company for transporting potatoes and onions so that they will correspond with and be proportionate to the rates charged for the transportation of straight and mixed carloads of wheat, corn, grain, flour and mill feed. The matter has been under investigation for some time, and the order will take effect within 30 days from January 25, the date of the order.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Butte, Mont., Jan. 29.—The "Baby farm" exists in this city and that the person in charge is engaged in trafficking in babies in the opinion of the police officials who have been conducting an investigation at the instigation of Chief Donahue of Livingston, who was seeking information as to the circumstances under which Mrs. Thompson purchased a four month old baby, which was afterwards found buried in six inches of sand on an island just south of Livingston. It being alleged that the infant was either strangled or chloroformed before being consigned to the earth.

The Thompson woman, who is now in the Livingston jail, will likely have to face a charge of murder. Chief of police Quinn and Chief of Detectives Jerry Murphy have interviewed the woman, who is alleged to conduct the "Baby farm." Her name is Bertha Watner and she lives at 427 South Main street. In the directory she is styled a widow.

For Safe Keeping. In reply to the questions of the officers she advised that she took babies for safe keeping and that she always exacted a promise from the parents or persons leaving the infants that there should be paid so much a week for the support of the baby.

She said that if after several weeks the parents or party who left the baby with her did not put in an appearance and pay the expenses she sold the infant to any reliable person, at prices ranging anywhere from \$15 to \$25, or whatever the man who was secured acknowledged she sold a baby to the Thompson woman for \$15, the latter saying that she wanted a baby to adopt.

Mrs. Thompson informed Chief Donahue that she purchased not less than four babies from the 24 men who were three of which she sold over again, realizing a profit on the transaction.

When Chief Donahue called at the Watner place yesterday he was informed in reply to a question if she had any babies for sale, that she would dispose of one to him for \$25.

NO ONE BLAMED FOR LIVES LOST IN SEA TRAGEDY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Jan. 29.—"No one is blamed and no one is entirely exonerated," was the verdict