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WOMAN WAS NOT JOHNSON'S W

NURDERED MAN WAS INFATUATED WITH MRS. KERSH

and Had Given Her All of His Money-Had Just Disposed of Property.

J. P. WEBB FOLLOWED WOMAN, MAN AND CHILD

Police See Double Plot to Do Governor Declares There Shall Away With the Farmer to Secure His Money.

History of Crime.

The body of W. A. Johnson, a farmer from eastern Washington was found in a trunk at the Union depot at 11 o'clock last night. Johnson had been murdered about 2:30 yesterday afternoon in a room in the New Grand Central hotel.

Mrs. B. W. Kersh, who accompanied Johnson was arrested early this morning in the Willamette lodging house, corner Sixth and Stark. J. P. Webb. who was with her at the time was also arrested. The sum of \$1800 which Johnson gave her yesterday afternoon was found on Mrs. Kersh. Webb is held on a charge of murder. Mrs. a charge of murder. Kersh is held as a witness.

Cropping out in rapid succession, sen- this tip. sation followed sensation in the investigation into the Johnson trunk murder mystery today, promising to make it so startling as to parallel in horror all of the greatest murder cases of the age. First came the disclosure that the wo man who was arrested with J. P. Webb, a printer, who is accused of murder in wife of the murdered rancher, is in week," and to make a report to the atreality Mrs. B. W. Kersh, of Scattle, torney general's office.
Wash, and that she has been living with Fredericks had declar

Webb for several weeks. as an accessory, is his mother. Robbery was the motive of the mur-

der the intention being to get \$1800 was found crumpled in a trunk last gillett said simply, "there will night at the Union station and tagged no right in Los Angeles. I know the state law as well as Mr. Fredericks."

W. Kersh, and that her husband HALF MILLION FOR The woman has admitted she is Mrs. is an electrician employed by the city of Seattle. She has been living with Webb, who is in jail. She says she came to Portland with Johnson for the purpose of getting a divorce and marrying him (Johnson). She dentes knowing anything about the murder, but her stories conflict in several

It is thought Webb killed Johnson about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, crammed the body into the trunk, had it taken to the station, then persuaded (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

RENO GETS GREAT FAT MEN'S BATTLE

Was to Marry Her in This City Growing Suspicion That Gillett Has Something to Tell the Public Concerning the Big Fiasco.

> GLEASON SAYS MANY WILL ATTEND THE SHOW

Be No Fights in Los Angeles, or Within State.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, June 21.—Reno gets

the fight. Jack Gleason anxiously awaited this word today from Tex Rickard anouncing the definite selection of the Jeffries

Johnson battleground.

Gleason said, "we will get to work to make our arrangements all over again. am informed that many special trains are being arranged for here and I anticipate that a great crowd of San Fran-ciscans will be at the ringside. The railroads are preparing to do an im-mense business July 2 and 2, and I am going to see the officials this af-ternoon to see if a special reducted rate cannot be secured. I believe that a rate better than the usual holiday fare of \$11.35 will be granted."

It is believed that Governor Gillett

had some good reason for declaring the fight off other than a mere reform move-The conditions of the men suggests a "fat-fest" and eastern sporting writes have boldly given their papers

Gillett is expected to spring a surprise in a day or so. He has something up his sleeve.

A Los Angeles dispatch says: 'District Attorney Fredericks at noon today received a telegraphic request from Attorney General Webb to a printer, who is accused of murder in vestigate an alleged prize fight that the first degree, and who posed as the will be held in Los Angeles late this

Fredericks had declared that, he had no definite plans regarding the 10-round Then, next came the startling fact that the figure and boy, who was left in the Willamette rooming-house, Sixth and Stark streets, last night by the woman and Webb, claims, although both the woman and the accused men said he was the son of Johnson, that his name is Willie Webb, and that Webb is his father and the woman who is held.

"The city attorney of Los Angeles."

name is Willie Webb, and that Webb is "The city attorney of Los Angeles," his father and the woman, who is held he said, "has assured me that boxing matches staged in this city are legal according to the present city ordinance, and that they do not violate the state

POSTOFFICE SITE **OBTAINED BY BOURNE**

(United Press Lessed Wire.) Washington, June 21.—An appropriation of \$500,000 for the purchase of a site for a postoffice building at Portland, Or., was inserted in the public has issued the orders at the direction buildings bill in the senate today. The successful fight of Senator Bourne, who forced through an amend-

ment, won the day. ZENS HEAR HAILHUAUS: BENT ON PACKING TONIGHT'S MUNSIER WASS MEZINE

garded as serious. Wilbur and Spencer and A. E. Clark pitch. have reported that the municipal judge Cour

at their intersection. Such a warrant issued by the judge would need be served by the chief of police.

Whether the chief would perform this duty in the face of Mayor Simon's disapproval and the city attorney's refusal to issue a complaint, remains to be seen. Resolutions adopted at tonight's meeting will determine whether this course of procedure will be adopted. The attorneys have also reported that if Mayor Simon's influence prevents the operation of streets and favoring the granting of a franchise containing a common user clause.

A delegation to wait upon the council tomorrow morning and tell the city George L. Rockwell, chairman of the Anti-Fight league of Ohio. Attorneys for the league maintain that the Nevada laws prohibit prizefighting.

Carpenter's hall is at the corner of the league chaims part of the opedit for preventing the big fight in Callifornia. They hope to influence Governor Gillett's action.

Alarmed by reports that railroad interests will attempt to pack the mass meeting in Carpenter's hall tonight east side organizations and citizens redoubled efforts today to make sure that all who oppose vacating east side blocks to the O. R. & N. company is attempting to kill the referendum by proceeding with work on the east side pier of its new bridge, and that the railroad is by the same method trying to get possession of hammer his sparring partners. garded as serious.

The east side blocks through its influence on council members, public interside blocks be dealt with, but Attorneys est in the situation is keyed to a high

Councilmen Lombard and Kubli and issue a warrant for the arrest the East Side Business Men's club are of the O. R. & N. company for the obstruction of Oregon and Adams streets paring for tonight's meeting. They will at their intersection. Such a warrant issued by the judge would need be condemning the vacation of streets and









COMING TO AID IN

ASSEMBLY PLANS

Favor It: In the Second Place

Washington, June 21 .- Any intimation

a "bune" of a kind with the announce

there as a representative of Roosevelt

mission; first, because he is against

what the assembly stands for, and, sec-

of His Policies.

Top row-From left to right, Detective Price, the prisoner J. P. Webb, Detectives Carpenter and Mallett, little Willie Johnson (or Webb). Lower row-Left to right, W. H. Johnson, murdered man; Mrs. B. W. Kersh and the trunk in which Johnson's body was packed.

ORDERED TO STOP PRIZEFIGHT GAME

At Governor Gillett's Direction. In Special Message to Legisla-Attorney General Webb Instructs District Attorneys to Stop Everything.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 21.-District attorneys of Los Angeles, Kern and Shasta countles, where boxing contests" are now scheduled, will receive, instructions from Attorney General Webb today to stop the fights. Webb of Governor Gillett, who is keeping posted on sporting news. Among the contests ordered stopped were the At-tell-Moran fight in Los Angeles next Friday night, and bouts at Redding and

JOHNSON KEEPS UP WORK AND PICKS UP COIN INCIDENTALLY

San Francisco, June 21.—Attorneys for George Little, the deposed manager of Jack Johnson, and counsel for the olg black met last night and settled the question whether Little presented John-son with a fictitious check for \$300. Today the financial difficulties between Little and Johnson are smoothed away and honors are even.

Johnson went out on the road this

OHIO ANTI-FIGHT LEAGUE SENDS POST CARDS TO DICKERSON

STANDS CHAMPION OF POPULAR RULE

ture in Special Session Urges Direct Primary-Says People Will Have It.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., June 21.-The legisla ture, in special session today, is in receipt of a message from Governor Hughes, urging the enactment of a direct primary law. That portion of the message reads as follows:

"I recommend for your consideration the amendment of the law relating to primaries, the making of suitable provision for direct nomination of candidates for public office and in connection therewith provisions for representative and responsible party management.

"The people are dissatisfied with present conditions, and demand a Whatever may be said of the imperfections in the laws relating to this matter in other jurisdictions, there can be no question that these laws reflect a wholesome sentiment, which is countrywide and cannot be denied."

THREATENS CROPS

Portions of North Dakota and Montana Suffer-Heat and Winds Scorch.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Minneapolls, Minn., June 21,—A se rious drouth is threatening the crops of northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana with destruction. With a precipitation of from 31 to 57 per cent of the normal rainfall, the ground is parched and farmers are apprehensive of almost total loss of crops.

Unless present scorching winds and high temperatures cease, 50 per cent of the crops will be ruined. The temperatures throughout the dry section of North Dakota ranged around 110 de-

SWINGS BIG STICK FORPOSTAL BANKS

Demands That Senate Accept In the First Place He Does Not House Measure—Senate Insurgents and Democrats Say Nay: Deadlock Impending.

(United Press Leased Wire,) Washington, June 21.—After Presi-dent Taft had carefully spent several sist the assembly faction is known to be days in efforts to facilitate the passage of the postal savings bank bill, the measure is still sticking and the president is "mad."

Taft's anger was so great that he in the endeavor to induce the legislature cancelled his proposed trip to New Hav- to refuse to elect Chamberlain, and en and announced that he would sit which Roosevelt denounced in a Journal tight on the congressional lid as long interview as false.

As necessary to accomplish the pas- Roosevelt will not go on any such as necessary to accomplish the pas-sage of a "satisfactory" postal savings The president demands that the sen-

ate shall accept the bill without amend- the assembly are against nearly every ments, but the insurgents and the Dem- essential policy for which Roosevelt in ocrats are determined to force changes, bored. It is believed that Taft is ready to stay here all summer, if necessary. The Hughes of New York from accepting an atreet, where she shared her apartm Democrats and insurgents are not to assembly invitation. The facts were with Mrs. Anabel Earl. When she be moved by cajolery or threats. They presented to Hughes immediately after to expect the senate to accept the house resulting in his positive declination.

bill, which is entirely different from Not only will Roosevelt not go to help the bill passed by the senate. They add the assembly, but in no way will he some time before that date. that they are not bound by any prom- lend them encouragement. Further, no ise the regulars may have made to progressive senator or representative

use the "big stick" when he heard and Bristow will refuse all calls to aid several senators had planned a fill-buster against the bill. Taft feels that he is pledged to support the house bill "Instead of helping any such move-garding Mrs. Garretson this morning." he is pledged to support the house bill "Instead of helping any such move-because a number of house insur-gents supported a rule which made pos-the circulating of literature upholding sible the passage of the postal bill by the Oregon laws." the house. He believes that if the La Foliette, Dolliver and others in-measure goes to conference a "spe-cial privilege" provision will be written in by the senate and that the house will not accept the amendment.

Senator Balley, reputed to be lead-

ing the filibuster, conferred with the president today. When he emerged he "They must abandon that bill

they will be here through August." This was taken to mean that a fight between the president and the recalcitrants was impending.

EX-GOVERNOR M'GRAW AT POINT OF DEATH

Seattle, June 21 .- Pormer Governor John M. McGraw, who has been serious-ly ill for the past three months, was re-ported very low today. It is believed death is a matter of hours only. His glymelans offer no hope for his re-

OF TWO BIG FIRMS

Wm. Krugg of Large Nebraska Brewing Concern Comes to Death in Automobile Accident in Omaha.

SAMUEL ELMORE DIES IN AWFUL SMASHUP

Mrs. M. G. Garretson Is Also Crushed to Death When Machine Strikes Car.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Omaha, June 21.-William Krugg, millionaire and head of the Krugg Brewing company, was killed here to-

day in an automobile accident. Two other persons were fatally injured. Fred I. McCormick and Al Schultz were fatally injured and J. H. Warren was hurt seriously.

Krug's car, driven by the million aire, collided with an automobile driven by Warren. The Krug car struck a telegraph pole and Krug and McCormick were crushed behurled a distance of 75 feet and hung suspended on the brink of an embankout as their car hurtled through the air.

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PORTLAND PEOPLE

Mrs. Marion Garretson was a woman well known in Portland, having lived here since her early youth. Before her marriage her name was May Bateman. She attended the Park school and lived with her parents on Clay street between Tenth and Eleventh streets. While a young girl, Mrs. Garretson was married, and later was divorced, afterward marrying Purdy Garretson, a traveling man who makes his headquar-

Those Who Favor It Are Foes ters at Spokane Mr. and Mrs. Garretson have been separated, though not divorced, for a number of years. She was about 33 years of age, was large and of striking figure and a blonde.

Mrs. Garretson had known Mr. Elmorg for a number of years, being seen fre-quently with him when he was in the city. On different occasions she had followed Captain Elmore when he has ment made in January, 1907, when it was claimed that Ormsby McHarg was taken trips down the coast, and had been much in his company while he was absent from home.

For a time, however, Captain Elmora and Mrs. Garretson had a falling out and were not seen together, but about nine months ago they patched up their differences and since that time had been on very friendly terms.

Since her separation from Garretson, Mrs. Garretson had been living in Portond, because the politicians engineering land at various apartment h

Up to two months are Mrs. Garretson lived at the Ionian Court, 576 Couch The same reasons prevented Governor with Mrs. Anabel Earl, When she left the Ionian court Mrs. Garretson wen declare the president is unreasonable it was announced he had been invited, to San Francisco, presumably to visit her sister, Mrs. Brant, who had moved to the California city with her husband

Mrs. Earl has also left the Ionian court, and now has apartments at the Taft. will aid them. Such progressives as Marlborough apariments, Twenty-first The president decided to borrow and Dolliver, La Follette, Cummins, Clapp and Flanders. While they resided to saying that all information should come from the dead woman's relatives. So far as known Mrs. Garretson has no relatives living in Portland at the pres-

BIG DEAL IN ELMORE PROPERTIES PENDING

Samuel Elmore spent a large part of his time in Portland, and when in this city he made headquarters at the Hotel Portland. Mr. Elmore, in addition to owning many of the great salmon packing plants of Oregon, was principal owner in the Elmore steamship line plying between Astoria and Tillamook.

It was reported from San Francisco as late as yesterday afternoon.

that Elmore was to meet a representative of an eastern packing liouss, with coast headquarters at San Francisco, for the purpose of negotiating transfer of the Elmore packing plants to this concern.