

CHINESE MURDER MYSTERY DRAMA MAY BE HALTED

Orientalists Object to Play Which Depicts Slaying of Elsie Sigel; Warrant for Manager Is Issued.

Leon Ling may not murder Elsie Sigel, as per program, at the Bungalow theatre this afternoon and evening and many times during the week, for that blood-thirsty melodrama, "The Great Chinese Trunk Mystery," is being eyed dubiously by the police, to whom Chinese of Portland have complained that performance of the play might incite feeling against them.

Last night the district attorney, Mr. Gooding, of the Chinese consul, Mr. Backlin, was told that the mystery should not mislead Portland audiences. On the other hand, George Baker, manager of the theatre, said he did not intend to be dictated to by the Orientalists. He will decide whether or not the blood-thirsty tragedy will be reenacted before a Portland audience.

Warrants were issued by the district attorney yesterday for the arrest of the manager of the company, and for the advance agent, who is blamed for sticking up divers lithographs in which the crime was the prevailing note. Mr. Ham, acting for the consul, signed the complaints, which charged that the lithographs were posted in violation of the law forbidding the playing of dramatic portrayals of criminal acts committed by a desperado or one of like genus. These warrants probably will be served today.

Lithographs Objectionable.
"Even the lithographs might cause trouble," said the Chinese consul. "On them are depicted outrageous scenes sufficient to arouse the anger of a sensible person against our race. And as for the play it probably would do more harm than the posters."

"The show has been put on all over the country," said George Baker. "It is a melodrama, but I have been informed, is a clean play. The management offers to let the public judge for itself. Unless restrained by the police, we will produce the play tomorrow."

In the meantime Judge Cameron, district attorney, mopped his brow and mulled over his law books. He said it was one of the knottiest questions yet. "Desperado," he said, "endeavoring to interpret the law strictly with a bulky dictionary, a thesaurus and a book of synonyms, 'is said here to be a desperate person, a ruffian, a bully. The law prohibits the picturing or producing of any criminal act of a desperado.'"

Portland Chinamen have been working on the question for several days. They obtained Judge Day, and he prepared the warrants. The question has stirred offshoots Chinatown as never a bit of mimicry has stirred it before. With attendant gesticulations the possibility of the play has been shrilly intoned from one end of the quarter to the other.

Gory, They Declare.
For, as a matter of fact, affirm the Celestials, "The Great Chinatown Trunk Mystery" is about the bloodiest thing that has come around the wheel in many a day. Directed against them is such a measure that the minds of ignorant persons might be inflamed by the Chinese fear trouble.

To read from the advance notices, the play is built upon the murder of Elsie Sigel, a prominent girl of New York whose murder, it is said, was found in a trunk in a Chinese opium den. Leon Ling, with whom she was in love, it is supposed, was sought for the murder, but thus far has escaped pursuit. If the lithographs that for several days have been posted in the city, mean anything, the melodrama will be as full of gore as it was possible to get it. These posters show the Chinamen doing all sorts of horrible things in cold blood, gleefully grinning and apparently chortling over their fiendish ingenuity. Their victim is a beautiful young woman, whom the clever playwright, it is said, named Elsie Sigel, as per real life. And the arch-villain, to enrich the scheme of things, answers to Leon Ling.

"I have conferred with the chief of police," said Judge Cameron last night, "and we feel that it would be better to let the murder be done tomorrow afternoon. But, understand, we have not definitely decided. If the play is as bad as the pictures we probably will stop it, or at least, have some of it sandpapered. The warrants we issued relate to the lithographs, and the cases will be carried through."

The district attorney would not submit to cross-questioning as to whether he would act as censor tomorrow afternoon.

CONCLUDE WORK ONLY TO TAKE UP FAR BIGGER TASK

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its work to carry on such an educational campaign as was advocated in the report of Retiring Secretary George S. Walker and by other speakers, and a mail well versed in every detail of the industries will be sent to Washington and maintained there to guard against any measures being enacted under misapprehension. It was set forth during the sessions repeatedly that while there is no reason to doubt that the issues affecting the sheep and wool industries are and have been treated in all fairness, misunderstandings and unfamiliarity with actual conditions have and may lead to measures the effect of which would be anything but that intended.

Trend of the Resolutions.
Resolutions reported by the committee on resolutions yesterday afternoon were adopted as a whole. They include endorsement of schedule K as applicable to the wool duties; the making of a permanent tariff board, such as the temporary board appointed by President Taft; and the appointment of a committee from the association to represent the association in matters pertaining to tariff legislation. This committee to be appointed by the association president with the consent and approval of the executive committee.

The resolutions adopted indicate also a better understanding between the sheep and wool men and the forest service and closer relations and more



Frank R. Gooding, new president of National Wool Growers' Association.

Friendly terms than in the past. The resolution provides for a national advisory board, consisting of a representative man from each state and territory having a reserve, to take up with the secretary of agriculture and the forestry department changes which it is believed should be made in the interest of the sheep industry. This advisory board will also find it its duty to make a careful consideration of all complaints and of the regulations of the forest service.

The proposed speed limit measure is endorsed from the viewpoint of quicker transportation as well as from a humanitarian point of view.

The resolution carries a protest against the proposed Parson's bill, and authorizes the executive committee to take up the matter of freight rates with the Interstate Commerce commission should this be deemed necessary.

No Trouble Over Elections.

The election of officers went off in accordance with a cut and dried program, the delegations from the various states having fixed up a slate prior to entering the convention hall yesterday morning. Dr. J. M. Wilson, of Wyoming, who had been urged to accept the presidency, retired in favor of Frank R. Gooding, of Gooding, Idaho, ex-governor of the state, and younger brother of retiring president F. W. Gooding of Shoshone, Idaho.

The nomination of Mr. Gooding was made by Frank R. Hagenbarth of the Idaho delegation. Utah was given the western vice presidency by the election of George Austin, of Salt Lake City, and there being no rivalry for the position of eastern vice president, A. J. Knollin of Chicago, was reelected, all of the elections being unanimous or by acclamation.

Omaha was given the next convention upon motion of William Dais of the Wyoming delegation, which had been leading the faction that had figured on Dr. Wilson to take the leadership.

The election of the executive committee was as informal as that of the officers, the result being as follows: Washington, F. M. Rothrock; Oregon, Jay H. Dobbin; California, Fred Ellenwood; Arizona, F. W. Perkins; New Mexico, H. F. Lee; Nevada, Thomas Nelson; Idaho, F. J. Hagenbarth; Utah, Peter Clegg; Wyoming, William Daly; Montana, J. B. Elliott.

S. W. McClure Succeeds Walker.

The executive committee met last night in the headquarters of the Idaho delegation at Hotel Oregon and elected S. W. McClure secretary in place of George S. Walker by a very close margin, five of the ten members voting for Walker and five for McClure. To settle the tie President Gooding cast the deciding vote in favor of McClure, who was the choice of the Gooding faction. The new secretary has for the past three years been chief inspector for the bureau of animal industry at Portland, but will resign that position to devote his time to the association work.

The retiring secretary has held the position for five consecutive terms, during which time the association has grown from 65 to 300 members. He is credited with being instrumental in inaugurating many of the campaigns that have brought the association to its present prominence and prestige, among them being the warehouse system, through which sales of wool are now being conducted. The retiring secretary makes his home at Cheyenne, where he has other interests.

Frank D. Mericle of Montana was elected treasurer.

President Gooding announced the appointment of members of the committee on legislation for uniform laws on taxation of sheep shipped from one state to another, dipping feet, etc., as follows: Utah, C. B. Stewart; Idaho, P. G. Johnson; Oregon, George McKnight; Nevada, Jones; Arizona, F. W. Perkins; California, L. L. McCoy; Washington, S. P. Nelson.

Some Delegates Go to Beach.

Owing to the amount of time consumed in acting upon the resolutions

and routine matters it was found necessary to dispense with the reading of several papers scheduled for yesterday's sessions, with the exception of one on "The Shepherd," by Dr. J. M. Wilson of Douglas, Wyo. Dr. Wilson is a brilliant orator, and his address was one of the most interesting of the convention.

Last night a large number of delegates left for Clatsop Beach on the special excursion train operated for their benefit by the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, and they will spend the day watching the waves roll in upon the beach and perhaps enjoy a dip in the surf. Some left for home, while others remained to see the city, for which they have had very little time during the life of the convention.

WOOL DELEGATES ARE MUCH PLEASED WITH LOCAL HOSPITALITY

Delegates to the National Wool Growers' convention held here during the week, expressed themselves much pleased with the cordial welcome extended to them by the citizens of Portland. They felt particularly indebted to the merchants who so generously supplied them with entertainment during the moments they were not occupied discussing ways and means whereby to improve the sheep and wool industries.

Wednesday evening the entertainment consisted of a reception and dance in the entertainment hall of the Armory and Friday night the men were guests at a smoker and vaudeville performance at the same place. A good program was presented by play folk from the various show houses. C. C. Chapman, manager of the Commercial club, and Deputy District Attorney Frank Hennessy, also assisted in entertaining with poetry and song.

Friday night the delegates and their ladies were guests of Portland at a performance of "The Girls" at the Baker theatre and last night many of them took the trip to Clatsop Beach to remain over Sunday and drink in the pungent breezes from the old Pacific.

OIL MAN KILLED BY ANGRY RIVAL IN KANSAS TOWN

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prostrate on the floor and dying from a bullet wound in his heart and another in his arm.

Truskett walked out of the hotel and an hour later gave himself up. He was lodged in jail here.

Truskett Considered Deranged.
Friends of both men at Caney doubt that the shooting was brought on by any physical act on the part of Neely. They say the victory of Neely's company by injunction in the litigation over the sub-lease of the gas land, worked upon Truskett's mind until it became temporarily deranged. It became known that the Goodman land, over which the trouble arose, is an exceptionally valuable gas and oil property. It is owned by an Indian and was leased several years ago to a man named Goodman. Both Neely's company and Truskett claimed the sublease but the former had obtained an injunction restraining Truskett from entering upon the land.

Truskett has been a resident of this county for years. His wife and daughter live at Wichita. When told of his deed, both collapsed.

Neely Man of Large Affairs.
Neely was president of the Wichita Gas Pipe Line company, one of the largest in the southwest. He came to Caney a few days ago on a tour of inspection. At Lima, Ohio, he was one of the city's most prominent business men. He was president of the Lima Trust company, owner of gas plants at Kenton, Lima, Celina and St. Mary's, Ohio, holder of oil properties valued at thousands in Ohio and Oklahoma, president of the Gas Engine works at Muncie, Ind., and a trustee of Ohio Wesleyan university.

CHEYENNE SHOW MAY COME FOR FESTIVAL

The Rose Festival is about to take unto itself a wild west show. It was reported by the festival management yesterday that the same kind of an exhibition by the same actors who performed wild west stunts, for the benefit of Roosevelt at Cheyenne last year was being planned for Portland during the festival week. C. B. Irwin, at the head of the show, and also an official of the Union Pacific railroad, has been in Portland for several days negotiating with the Rose Festival people.

The show includes rough riding, exhibitions of bad horses, steer riding by vaqueros and other startling features that awakened Roosevelt into enthusiasm

HALF MILLION FOR AVIATORS IN 1911

(United Press Special Wire.)
Paris, Jan. 7.—Nearly half a million dollars in prizes for aviators has already been announced for 1911, according to an official list made public by the Aero club of France.

Among the more prominent of the contests outlined are the London-Mall's Paris to London flight, for which \$100,000 has been offered; the Southern France circuit flight, \$40,000, and the Paris, Brussels, London and Paris flight, \$40,000.

Prizes to be offered at England's international meet alone will amount to \$200,000.

Military Club for Albany.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Jan. 7.—The Albany Military club was organized last evening at a meeting of members of company G, Oregon National Guard held in the new armory last evening. With the following officers: President, Stanley G. Hammel; first vice president, Leland R. Gilbert; second vice president, Frank Powell; honorary vice presidents, Colonel M. H. Ellis, Major C. B. Winn, Captain Frank C. Stellmacher, Lieutenant W. L. Marks, Lieutenant O. B. Stalnaker; secretary, Clarence W. Tebbutt Jr.; treasurer, Quincy E. Propert; chaplain, Professor Hans Flo. Social affairs of the company and other matters pertaining to its welfare will come under the jurisdiction of the club. Preliminary steps are being taken for the production of "The Military Girl," under the auspices of the company at an early date.

WILL GIVE FIRST TALK AS GOVERNOR
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friend of the famous president. It has the name "Andrew Jackson" cut on the handle and is decorated by as many knots as there are letters in the name.

One hundred and twenty tickets for the spread had been sold yesterday afternoon, and as many as outstanding the attendance is expected to reach 200. A special train will be run from Salem to bring Governor West and others who desire to come from the capital city.

The taboo sign has been put on wine and other liquid refreshments aside from grape juice and water. Letters of regret have been received, in addition to those already noted, from Champ Clark of Missouri, and from H. H. De Witt, chairman of the Democratic central committee of California. C. A. Reynolds of Seattle, who had been booked as one of the speakers, has wired that he is detained by business in court.

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