

FAMOUS PIONEER TALE REVIVED BY WOMAN'S DEATH

Mrs. Georgia Babcock Was in Donner Party Which in '46 Was Starved Into a State of Cannibalism.

(Special to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Georgia Babcock, who died at Cheney, Wash., recently, was one of the early pioneers, going to St. Johns 50 years ago with her husband, Washington A. Babcock, from California, making the trip by team.

In 1846 G. A. Donner, Mrs. Babcock's father, accompanied by his wife and children started for California, overland in a company of 51. The party experienced danger and suffering. Mr. Donner received a flesh wound and blood poisoning set in. It became so severe that the party had to leave him. His wife refused to go, but got the party to take the children. Neither she nor her husband was heard from later. The children with the party went on to California, but to such extremes were they driven that their leather and shoe strings were boiled for food and the flesh of those who died was eaten by those who survived. Only 45 of the 51 who started reached California.

BANK HOLDUP AT CENTRALIA MAY BE BANDIT'S FOURTH

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Journal representative, the murderer of President Lawrence Bar of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Centralia, talked freely regarding his crime. He expressed a perfect willingness to plead guilty at once and take the consequences, although he knows that this means the death penalty.

The prisoner had passed a sleepless night—in fact, admitted that he had not slept at all since the murder. Sheriff Foster escorted the man downstairs to the little room in the rear of the sheriff's office to be photographed. His hands moved nervously as he sat for the picture. He looked at the officer to raise them, his eyes were doleful. His whole attitude was one of dejection, as it might well be. Later, after a few moments' talk privately with Deputy Foster, the young man consented to talk, and was taken into the private office, where for an hour he was pried with questions.

Asked if he was willing to plead guilty, he said in effect: "Yes, I'll be hanged to death to do so and have it all over with just as quickly as possible."

Neither Have Died Himself

His greatest regret, as he stated in his talk, was that when Mr. Bar had the drop on him the old gentleman didn't fire and kill him instead of having the affair result as it did. He would have preferred to be killed himself rather than have to kill Mr. Bar and swing for his crime. He steadfastly refused to give his name, and the fact that his relatives, who live in the east, will probably learn his fate seems to worry him more than the fact of his hanging. He told his story of how the shooting occurred and his reasons for going into the holdup business.

A Murderer at 22

The prisoner is a little past 22 years of age. He is not at all bad looking, and wears his dress in good clothing, would make a good appearance. He walks erectly and with a quick step. He is 5 feet 10 inches in height, of rather slender build, and gives his weight at 145 pounds. He wears a black shirt and blue serge trousers, with heavy buttoned shoes. He is of American birth. He speaks in a low tone and slowly. His complexion is light, he is smooth shaven. His eyes are blue. On his right wrist he has a scar just below the wrist near the joint. His hair is light and he apparently takes pride in it, for it is parted with almost care. He wears it long in front, combed to the sides in two mops that are long. The appearance of his hair and the tightly folded crease in his black hat would apparently indicate a degree of pride in his looks.

In Portland Last Month

He says he came to the Pacific coast something like a year ago, going first to San Francisco. Up to a month ago he lived in that city, and most of his time was spent there working at his trade. He refuses, however, to state what his trade is, but says that it would help lead to his identity, which he keeps secret. A month ago he came north to Vancouver, B. C., where he stayed for several days. From there he bought a ticket to Portland, Or., where he remained three or four days. It was while passing through Chehalis and Centralia that he learned of these towns, and this finally caused him to head this way when he made up his mind to hold up a bank, going first to Chehalis, but somewhere that an opening presented itself.

His Preparations for Holdup

In Seattle he bought a gray mackinaw coat, a khaki colored cap and a pair of trousers of the same color. He sewed the corners of the tail of a black

NEW YEAR'S HAPPY FOR STATE WARDS

Convicts and Insane Patients See Pictures; Reunion for the Deaf Tonight.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 1.—The inmates of the state penitentiary and the insane asylum are not without New Year cheer today. The convicts enjoyed a motion picture show and songs this morning and a New Year dinner at noon. The patients at the asylum will have a picture show following their 9 o'clock dinner. The pupils at the school for deaf-mutes will have a special reunion tonight. The pupils at the school for the blind went home this vacation but will be on hand for work tomorrow morning.

PORTLAND PARTY CLIMBS MT. HOOD

Snowshoe Squad of Six Will Stop at Club House at 6000 Feet Altitude.

(Special to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Jan. 1.—The members of the Portland Snow Shoe club who arrived here Saturday night, are today climbing Mount Hood. In the party are J. Wesley Ladd, D. T. Honeyman, J. V. Zan, Dr. H. S. Nichols, B. H. Wickersham and Mark Weygant. Weygant is the veteran mountain guide who has piloted visiting tourists to the summit of the mountain for several years. The snowshoers will not attempt to go any farther up the mountain than the clubhouse, which is at an

STRIKEBREAKER IN JAIL FOR GUN PLAY

Constable Dodges Bullet From Revolver in Hands of Workman.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 1.—Joe Pawuta, a strikebreaker who has been employed in the S. P. shops in this city, was arrested last night when he made a gun play. As he was about to enter the Nevada rooming house someone called him

"a mob." He turned, ran into the street and drawing a revolver, it is alleged, he directed the remark, "Come on out if you want anything," at several of the strikers who were standing near Constable Jarvis, who was standing near by, went after the strikebreaker, and as he did so, the man ran into the railroad yards. His gun was discharged and the bullet whizzed past the constable's head. As today is a holiday Pawuta will not be given a hearing before Tuesday.

It is alleged by the striking shopmen that practically all the strikebreakers carry guns. Several weeks ago Percy Lee, another strikebreaker, was arrested for pulling a gun on a striker. On several occasions, it is said, guns have been discharged within the stockade by the strikebreakers.

"Couldn't Make It Go." San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—Because he "could not make it go" any longer, J. N. Koelf went to Chula Vista, a suburb, and hanged himself to a lemon tree. Koelf was a Swain, 50 years of age. He had no relatives in this country. He left a note saying he wanted to be buried without coffin or ceremony where the body was found today.

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DETECTIVES TRAIL ROBBERS TO EAST

Mystery Still Surrounds Disappearance of \$2500 From Oakesdale Depot.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Assisted by two deputy sheriffs from Colfax, some of the best special agents in the service of the Northern Pacific are hunting for the burglar who robbed the road's depot in Oakesdale, Friday night. The railroad detectives are in command of Chief of Detectives Hindman of Spokane. The case is still a deep mystery, no trace of the \$2500 taken having been found.

Operator Barry and Will Rider, an apprentice, arrested Saturday, were released. Detectives were satisfied they knew nothing of the affair. Search of Miss Smiley of Garfield, who went to Oakesdale, Friday, to see Barry, revealed less than \$1 on her person. Detectives are said to be working toward the east, following a new clue, the nature of which is withheld.

RETAIL MERCHANTS' CONVENTION JAN. 17-18

The sixth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association is to be held in Medford, January 17 and 18. Features of the convention will be reports of retail business conditions from every town in the state, outlines of desired legislation and the annual election of officers. Arrangements are being made by the Medford Commercial club, of which Judge W. M. Colvig is president, to entertain a large attendance of members of the association.

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