

OLD MEN LEFT DIE LIKE DOGS

New Charges Are Uncovered Against Oakland Institute for Blind.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 18.—More sensational charges were heard today at the investigation of the state industrial institute for the blind in Oakland, the most startling being that Superintendent Sanders had boasted openly that he had the investigation "all fixed," that he would remain as superintendent, and that at the conclusion of the probe he would compel all inmates to work or leave the institution.

Further charges of neglect on the part of House Physician H. N. Rowell also were made.

Thomas George, a blind broom maker, was the most important witness of the day. He testified that Superintendent Sanders told him on December 10, the day the board of directors met, that he had the investigation fixed, that his position was secure, and that every inmate of the institute would have to work or leave.

DROP MURDER CHARGE AGAINST LEW SOON

Convinced under the ruling of the supreme court that Ol Sen was an accomplice, it would be impossible to convict Lew Soon, the indictment against him for murder in the second degree was dismissed by Circuit Judge Morrow last Thursday on motion of Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald.

NEW DANISH VICE CONSUL FOR OREGON



Henry Harkson, royal vice consul of Denmark for the state of Oregon. For the first time since the resignation of Dr. Wm. Eisen, three years ago, Oregon has a Danish vice consul. He is Henry Harkson of the realty company of Otto & Harkson, and was appointed October 28 to the position of vice consul of Denmark for the state of Oregon by the king of Denmark.

Mr. Harkson had been doing the consulate work that was necessary here while the office was vacant, acting through the regular office of the consulate at San Francisco. He was the unanimous choice of the members of the Danish colony at a meeting a short time ago.

FRENCH CRIME LIST SWELLING

Murders Have Increased Until They Average More Than One a Day. Paris, Dec. 18.—A feeling of dismay has been produced among the public here through the publication by Procurer General Loubat, one of the leading members of the French bench, of statistics showing the rapid rise of criminality in France.

FOUND 18 STORY BUILDING ON CAMP

Joe Little Bear Takes a Trip Around Town and Observes Changes.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—Without doubt the loneliest man in Omaha recently was the venerable Indian, Joe Little Bear, a full blooded Pawnee. He had come up from Oklahoma to visit with friends among the Omaha tribe, but his bewilderment over changes that have come to pass was greater, perhaps, than the astonishment of Rip Van Winkle after a sleep of 20 years.

Where were the friends of 50 years ago? What had become of Peter Sarpy, who had the trading post at Bellevue? Where was Little Bear's old friend, Chief Iron Eye of the Omahas? Where were all the tribes folk that used to be here to trade furs with him?

Mr. Cooldge was on his way to the federal building, where Mr. North is employed in the internal revenue department, when the old Indian was espied lonesomely wandering about these stony streets, where formerly there had been nothing but prairie grass.

It develops that Little Bear, in the old days before there was any city of Omaha, had frequently come here to trade with the Omaha tribe. He pointed out, with great awe, the 18 story building recently completed, and said that one time, long ago, he had stayed all night with friends in a teepee on the very site where that impressive building now stands.

ATTORNEY'S INDUSTRY WINS PROMOTION



The chief promotion that was received by Robert F. McGuire, who has been named as chief deputy in the office of the District Attorney-elect Walter H. Evans, was from United States Attorney McCourt, under whom McGuire has served for some time. His industry is the chief asset of the chief deputy. Mr. Evans selected this man from a long list of possible eligibles.

FINDS MOTHER LOST SINCE IROQUOIS FIRE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—That truth is stranger than fiction was demonstrated once more the other day when the story came out of how a family, disrupted by the Iroquois theatre fire nine years ago, has become reunited at Grand Rapids, Wis.

The heroine of the romance are Mrs. Ella Mayhew and her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Burrows of West Grand Rapids. For nine years it had been believed Mrs. Mayhew perished in the Iroquois fire. On the day of the disaster Mrs. Mayhew, or Mrs. Maxfield, as her name was at that time, attended the matinee at the Iroquois theatre with a friend.

Her existence would probably never have been discovered had it not been for the settlement of an estate in which she was interested. Her real name was mentioned in the newspapers and was seen by the daughter. A long distance telephone call followed and the voice of the mother answered Mrs. Burrows. The mother went at once to Grand Rapids, where she and her daughter have been reunited.

LUPER OF SPOKANE WILL SUCCEED BUDD

Alexander Lupfer of Spokane will succeed Ralph Budd as chief engineer of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and the Oregon Trunk line. He will take the office January 1. Mr. Lupfer was in Portland yesterday conferring with Budd. At present, he is engaged in construction work for the Northern Pacific.

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