

### SIX SKELETONS IN BASEMENT OF OLD OAKLAND HOUSE

Bones Those of Woman and Five Children; Skeleton of One Wrapped in Newspaper Bearing Man's Name.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Oakland, Cal., May 7.—The police here believe that an entire family—mother and five children—was wiped out by a maniac, their bodies consumed by acid and then buried, on the finding today of six complete skeletons beneath an old house at 332 Seventeenth street. The skeletons were those of a woman 6 feet tall, and five children between the ages of 4 months and 16 years. The baby's bones were carefully wrapped in a well preserved piece of paper bearing the name of a Tanager business man. The skeletons were found by Maco Cochran, who has resided in the house three months. He was cleaning the cellar at the time when his rake uncovered a portion of the skeleton. The house is about 20 years old and is next door to the abandoned Swedish church, under which robbers a year ago attempted to tunnel to the Bank of Commerce. The skeletons were buried within a half foot of the surface of the ground to the east of the entrance to the basement and were mingled together, with the exception of that of the baby. Detectives who were detailed to investigate the case believe that a crime has been committed recently, as the well preserved state of the paper in which the baby's bones were wrapped supports the theory that the bodies have not been buried long. The police department is extending its investigation to every part of California in order to learn of the disappearance of some family who had previously occupied the house. Following the clue of the paper which bore the name of a Tanager, Cal., business man, the police will canvass that town for a possible solution of the mystery.

### HERMAN WISE NAMED ASTORIA POSTMASTER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 7.—President Wilson sent to the senate the following nominations: To be ambassador to Japan—George Guthrie of Pittsburgh, Pa. To be register of the land office at North Yakima, Wash.—Richard Strobach. To be postmaster at Astoria, Or.—Herman Wise.

### PREDICT WATER FAMINE FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, May 7.—Dire predictions of a water famine during the life of the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 are voiced today by W. B. Bourne, president of the Spring Valley Water company. This condition is threatened, Bourne said, by the inability of the company to increase its water supply or make further extensions as a result of failure of the city to act definitely in regard to rates and the purchase of the water company by the city. "Protect our investment or buy us out" was the warning sounded by Bourne.

### GIRL WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE MAY RECOVER

Ella Speck, the Salem girl who attempted suicide yesterday afternoon in the Irving hotel, has a fair chance of recovery at the St. Vincent hospital. She fired a 22 caliber revolver bullet into her breast. A letter was left by the girl, in which she stated life would not be worth living without Edward Gage, living at the Marion hotel at Salem. She came to Portland Monday.

### MRS. VIAL TAKES WITNESS STAND

Says Husband Became Drunkard After She Married Him.

For an hour and a half Anna H. Vial testified against her husband, Leon L. Vial, in her divorce suit this morning before Circuit Judge Davis. Vial is a member of a prominent pioneer family and is one of the heirs to the estate of his father which included in assets the quarter block on the northeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets said to be worth \$500,000. According to the complaint Mrs. Vial charges that he is an habitual drunkard and that he contracted the habit following their marriage in Tacoma, Wash., December 23, 1909. Vial in his answer claims that she knew he was a drunkard before their marriage and that she married him because of his grand jury. Vial pleaded guilty to shooting Martha Dumbleton in Roseburg in 1906 and was sentenced to the penitentiary for six years. Three years later he was paroled and he met his wife shortly afterward. While he was imprisoned his first wife secured a divorce on the ground that he was a felon and also secured a five-ninety-sixths interest in his share of the estate. The present Mrs. Vial declared this morning that when she met Vial he was in splendid physical shape and showed no effects of his drink as he had just been released from the penitentiary. She said that she did not know at the time that he had been in the penitentiary. According to her story he drank occasionally, but that not until the March following did he drink to excess. Vial was declared a drunkard in 1908 on the petition of his mother and L. R. Durham was appointed guardian. Mr. Durham was still guardian at the time of the marriage and the traffic department immediately sent special agents at work on the case, resulting in the arrest of Morris. The grand jury failed to take action on the case last night, but will probably act on the matter late today.

### SAYS NOTE WAS GIVEN ONLY TO PATCH ASSETS

In his answer to the suit of Will Wright, bank examiner, F. H. Goudy formerly bookkeeper for the defunct American Bank & Trust company, sets forth that a note for \$2000, on which he is being sued, was given to the bank only to improve the bank's financial standing and that it did not represent a bona fide asset. Goudy was in the employ of the bank from July 5, 1909, to December 18, 1911. In the course of examination of the books he found certificates representing 20 shares of stock of the company carried on the assets of the bank as a loan, when the certificates had been purchased by the bank from the person who originally had subscribed for them. To cover the amount Goudy gave a note so the answer avers, with the understanding that the matter was to be fixed up later. The transaction took place before the bank closed.

**Judge Bean Returning.** United States District Judge Robert S. Bean, who has been in Los Angeles for almost two months hearing a complicated civil case relative to the possession of a long strip of ocean beach property between the city and private owners, is now on his way to Portland and is expected here the latter part of the week. He will be on the bench Monday morning and at that time it is expected attorneys will be present to arrange for the setting of 16 jury trials that have been awaiting his return.

### TWAS FUNNY, BOY THOUGHT, TO SEE ENGINES "JUMP"

So He Kept Driving Spikes Into Track Until Crews of Trains Were Demoralized on Deschutes Line of O.-W.

Prineville, Or., May 7.—Orville Morris, the lad accused of attempting to wreck O.-W. R. & N. train No. 104 at the Crooked river high bridge, Tuesday night, was lodged in the Crook county jail last night by Sheriff Frank Elkins, the arrest having been made at the request of Special Agent Archie F. Leonard of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. When seen this morning by The Journal correspondent the boy was very reticent and refused to go into details until he knew what action would be taken by his grand jury. In the presence of the sheriff, however, he stated that he drove the spikes into the track. When asked why he did this he remarked that he wanted to see what it would do. He said when the engine struck the spike it gave a jump and started out as if frightened. This so amused him that he drove two spikes a few days later, the spike in each instance being driven into the joints between the ends of the rails. The second time the train hit the obstruction the engine men were more scared than ever and this led the prisoner to give them a "bigger job," as he expressed it. The third time he drove in three spikes into the joints of the rails, and a large bridge spike into the cross-tie and bent the spike over the rail. This time the train nearly left the track. The prisoner showed the sheriff how he took a stone and drove the spikes into the joint of the rail of the track. The train crews were greatly demoralized and the traffic department immediately sent special agents at work on the case, resulting in the arrest of Morris. The grand jury failed to take action on the case last night, but will probably act on the matter late today.

### SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN MADE ILL BY THE HEAT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 7.—Senator Lane was taken up with postoffice department an agent from the citizens of West Fork for a mail route to the coast. Senator Chamberlain was affected by the heat yesterday. His condition is not serious, but he will rest for a few days.

### SEEK REPRESENTATION FOR OREGON'S TIMBER

The Portland Chamber of Commerce will urge lumber manufacturers to cooperate in every possible way with representatives from San Diego towards establishing a suitable exhibit representing Oregon's timber industry at the Panama-California exposition to be held in San Diego in 1915. The Columbia river basin spreads large quantities of lumber every month to San Diego and San Pedro for transshipment into the interior.

**Catch Porter in Vancouver.** Despairing of catching James W. Curry, a colored waiter on the Great Northern, because Curry would slip from the train before it reached the depot, County Agent Harry Bulger had the police of Vancouver, Wash., arrest Curry yesterday when the train reached that city. Curry is wanted for failure to provide for his wife and three children. He will be brought before County Judge Clenton to answer a charge of non-support.

**Army Draft Authorized.** Mexico City, May 7.—Beginning June 1 an army draft is authorized, in a decree issued by President Huerta. It applies whenever voluntary enlistments are inadequate to fill vacancies in the ranks.

### HIS WIFE KILLED FEELINGS FOR HER

Captain Merriam Testifies He Had No More Affection Than if She Had Shot Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., May 7.—"I wrote my wife at Indianapolis from Washington that my feelings for her were as dead as she would have been had she killed me the night she tried to," testified Captain H. C. Merriam, U. S. A., on the stand in Superior Judge Graham's court here today, in his suit for divorce from Mrs. Beesie Merriam. As Merriam spoke his wife's eyes dropped and she went for several minutes. The answer was made to a question asking whether Captain Merriam ordered his wife to stay away from barracks at New Orleans. In another portion of the answer he said that he, by things his wife understood, had made known to her why he asked her to remain away from the post. Captain Merriam said he first learned of the scandal concerning his wife from her. He admitted that thereafter he accepted civilities from Major Murphy, the alleged cause of the scandal, because he was unwilling to believe that the gossip was true. Among those who told him later of the alleged misconduct of his wife were Lieutenant Keeler and Lieutenant Hanna, Captain Lomax, Major Keppart and Lieutenant Williams. While the captain was on the stand a letter his wife wrote him while he was in Texas was read. In it she spoke feelingly of her love for him and for their little girl, Charlotte. At the tender passages the man on the stand winced and his wife, sitting beside her attorneys, broke down and wept. The courtroom was crowded with spectators who seemed deeply disappointed at the fact that the testimony was not nearly so startling and salacious as had been expected.

### WILL SELECT THE BEST MATERIAL TO FILL ALL NEW OFFICES IN CITY

(Continued From Page One.) phrased from the first at today's meeting. "We want every interest represented," said Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, who was elected chairman, in accepting the position, "but there must be absolutely no class distinctions. We must name men and women who represent all that is best in Portland's citizenship, those who will take a deep and active interest in seeing that officials are elected. Our selection must be without regard to the religious or political sentiments of those we name." **Remarks Heartily Seconded.** His remarks were heartily seconded by W. E. Coman, John H. Hall, George W. Larson and others. "We are not working for any administration, past or present, or for any organization or special interests whatsoever except those of the city," said Mr. Kleiser. "That is our attitude in this matter." Mr. Hall declared that the time for politics in Portland has passed. "The only question for us to decide in selecting the candidates is whether men or women that will be able to handle a \$250,000,000 corporation. Not politics but ability is the only issue." Mr. Coman said that all meetings both of the appointing committee of 15 and the committee of 100 should be public at all times. "There is no reason for any star chamber work at any time," said Mr. Coman. "Everything we do should be public, for we are working in the interests of the public." Without a dissenting voice, this policy of openness was heartily indorsed and adopted. **Selection of Members.** Then the committee turned to the task of selecting the members of the committee of 100, which it was decided, is to be unhampered by any suggestions or recommendations from the parent body. The final list will be decided on at a meeting of the committee of fifteen at noon tomorrow in the Commercial club. Present at today's meeting were Dr. A. A. Morrison, Phil Metchan Sr., John H. Hall, G. W. Kleiser, W. P. Olds, J. E. Logan, C. F. Berg, A. M. Churchill, H. D. Ramsdell, F. A. Freeman, G. W. Hoyt and W. E. Coman. The absentees were John S. Beall, W. F. Woodward and J. Fred Larson.

### TACOMA LAUNDRY GIRLS STRIKE AND FORM PARADE

Tacoma, Wash., May 7.—Three hundred girl laundry workers, representing nearly the entire female force of six laundries, walked out on strike today, demanding a minimum wage of \$7 a week. Pickets were stationed before the doors of each non-union shop a few minutes before they opened for the day's work, and those girls who had not already joined forces with the strikers were entreated not to go inside. A parade was formed and marched through the downtown streets, following the walkout. Banners bearing striking legends were carried by the women.

**Commencing tomorrow in Robinson & Co.'s old stand, 291 Washington St., starts the greatest Shoe Slaughter ever known on the Pacific coast. Turn to Page 13.**

### SINGLE WOMEN GIVEN PREFERENCE TEACHING

Unmarried women are given the preference as school teachers by the various school boards of Multnomah county, according to a letter sent out by County Superintendent of Schools Armstrong in reply to a query from a married woman in Multnomah county who is seeking a position in this county. Superintendent Armstrong said this morning that he believed that married women were no better qualified to teach children than unmarried women, as long as they had an education through their regular course of school training. "The various school boards of Multnomah county," he said, "seem to give preference to the unmarried women as teachers, qualifications and experience being substantially equal. This is in harmony with my own views." The directors of Portland district are governed by a rule prohibiting the employment of married women. I think this is a very good rule. Usually unmarried women are much more successful in their work than are those who are married."

### REQUISITION IS GRANTED FOR THORP AND CALHOUN

(Special to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., May 7.—Following a hearing today County Auditor Lister honored the requisition of Oregon authorities for William Thorp and Cleman Calhoun, who are charged with buying two carloads of stolen horses in Crook county. The men have been living at Toppenish and their attorneys presented a number of affidavits from residents of the Washington town declaring the men are innocent of crime and that the requisition is simply to force them back to Oregon to testify in some other cases.

### O. A. C. "GRADS" WILL SPEND DAY AT COLLEGE

May 15, the Portland O. A. C. club will go on a "grads" trip to Corvallis to spend a day at the Oregon Agricultural college as guests of that institution from which all of its members have graduated. Stops will be made along the route to pick up former O. A. C. students, who have announced they will join the party.

### TWO MORE ENTER RACE FOR OFFICE

Councilman Tom Monks Withdraws Without Giving Reason; House, Ryan File.

There was a sudden lull today in the rush of candidates to file their petitions for offices under the new charter with City Auditor Barbur. Up to noon there were only two candidates to announce themselves for the whole morning. Both desire to be elected to a commissionership. One was E. House, pioneer restaurateur, who gave his address as 65 East Sixty-first street, and the other was Ed Ryan. Councilman Tom N. Monks, who was among the first to file for a commissionership on Monday, today withdrew his petition. He gave no explanation of his action. There are now four candidates for mayor, two for auditor and 23 for commissioner. Additional candidates for commissioner to file late yesterday afternoon were Charles H. Beard, of 1205 Cleveland avenue; E. Versteeg, of 555 East Thirty-third street, north; E. C. Mcara, 658 Everett; W. I. Cottel, 604 Second; Mrs. Maria T. L. Hidden, 722 Wasco.

### MUTUAL CONCERNS MUST PAY SHARE

Washington, May 7.—With consideration of the income tax paragraph concluded, the house began today a long debate on the administrative features of the Underwood tariff bill. The debate included renewal of the fight for authorization of a tariff commission. Other proposals debated included authorizing the president to negotiate reciprocal trade treaties with foreign countries, taxing Philippine imports, exempting exports to Porto Rico; providing retaliatory duties against merchandise from countries which tax similar merchandise from the United States, and permitting a rebate of 5 per cent on merchandise imported in American vessels. The only important income tax changes were: To exempt reinsurance reserves of mutual fire insurance companies and exempt payments to beneficiaries of life insurance policies of matured proceeds before reinvestment. Efforts to reduce the minimum income taxable failed. The house minority proposes to demand separate roll calls on many features of the bill, but Majority Leader Underwood insists that the passage of the bill tomorrow is certain. The house this afternoon defeated a Republican income tax amendment exempting all mutual insurance companies without capital stock and stockholders or shareholders. The vote was 68 to 108. Representative Burland of Missouri criticized the big mutual life insurance companies.

One of these declared "The Japs pay better wages than white laundries." County Court Inspecting Roads. Members of the county court are inspecting the roads of Multnomah county today and expect to spend the next few days at that occupation. Superintendent Jackson of the county farm took them in his automobile to view the roads on the west side of the Willamette this morning and this afternoon they will leave for the section of the county east of the Sandy river.



## FRANK E. WATKINS

### Candidate for Commissioner

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2. I came with my parents to Portland in 1883.
3. My father has lived in Oregon since 1852.
4. I was educated in Portland public schools.
5. I have been in the Real Estate Firm of Parrish, Watkins & Co. since 1894.
6. All my property interests are in Portland.
7. My part of taxes paid here on property I own is over \$1200.00 per year.
8. My business and property income is over \$5000.00 net per year.
9. I am married to a Portland girl.
10. My reputation in the community is good.
11. I am deeply interested in the welfare of Portland from every standpoint.
12. I believe I am fully qualified to serve the city well in the office I seek.
13. If you think so, I want your support.

Sincerely yours,  
**FRANK E. WATKINS.**  
Paid Adv.

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