ECURRENCE OF GUN PLAY AMONG CHINESE DATES BACK TO 1912

Murder of Seid Bing in Portland Four Years Ago Has Been Followed by Violence.

10 KILLED UP TO PRESENT

inese Method of Settling Old Scores Takes Violent Turn When Gun Men Are Called In.

By Robert Doble.

A week ago, perhaps, "Charlie," our Chinese laundryman, brought you China lilles, wishing you the compli-ments of the Oriental New Year, still bserved, in spite of republican cus-oms, in the latter part of February. Today brings a new face to the r, and a bland voice that says: Charlie, he no come, He gone die China boy shoot him. And thus you get your first close touch with the mystery and curisity of the Chinese tong war. Charie, whose life apparently was spent et ween taking away solled clothes and bringing back clean ones, had bringing back clean ones, had ance for the Hop Sings to consider. paid the penalty of belonging to a

a secret society. Portland, in the past two weeks, has lights that furnishes spring news to he police reporters, and brings forth as well as material debts, and the cargo of misinformation about the Hop Sings grievance, carried over a doings and the secret mystery of the tongs.

There is really nothing mysterious about a Chinese tong, though it takes in Oriental cast of mind to view with animity some of the murderous onerations of the tongs when they are

company, association, club, society Wong Song, a Seattle Hop Sing, had organization. The Hop Sing tong, been killed by Bow Leongs, and the w Leong, On Leong, Sney Sing local trouble was aggravated by so mgs are secret organizations, which much, pare in many ways to the "ani- never odges of the white man's world, death, ledges of the white man's world, death, refused to pay the demanded he On Wo tong is nothing but a \$1000 for the death of Wong Song. hinese medicine company, which bas Lem Chee Foon, a store proprietor s Portland place of business at 11 of 81 Second Street, and Chung Ah nd street. The Hol Yin Quon Gong, a laborer, 60 years old, were the tong is a peaceable organization sacrifices. Louie Hing and Hol Chung laborers, all of whom come from were the gunmen, Lem Foon was he province in China and who have shot down in his store and Chung ed a club for fellowship in this Gong was riddled by bullets in a re-The Four Brothers, Lo Quon taurant at 75 Fourth street North, ng Jue tong, is a fraternal organ- while he sat at a meal. The unof the descendants of four mended bullet holes in the woodwork who fought and worked to- of the restaurant show where shots sether back in the dim ages-Lo, missed, though enough were fired to Chung and Jue Moon The tongs go on about their ordiary business through the year, col-

ing their dues, holding their banthe New Year, caring for oir sick and providing for their fi-ncially unfortunate members. It is do they spin," and though perhaps when feuds start that the public they have not the glory of Solomon any idea of the tong operations. they are amply fed, lodged and clothed Old Foud Renewed Afresh.

This year's trouble, through many any effort on their part. Their activities, dates back to 1912, when tivity comes when the fight starts; designed by the Bow between fights they are little but vang tong, and a relative of Seid grants. ck, the wealthy Portland contrac-Chinese all 107 Fourth street. Three men of the Hop Sing tong, Oi Sen, their patrons when the fighting is girl, Lew Soon and Wong Si over. In the past four years of fightwere arrested for the murder. A history of the case and of its tentiary for his deeds; in the most of fighting would not do. entinued results is a better exposi- the murders the murderers were never of the spirit and methods of the caught, igs than much description. Money used to hide them or spirit them out wiping out a debt of blood, and blood dping out money debts-a cardinal rinciple of the tongs-appears all ough the story.

When Seld Bing's dismembered body man is concerned, from the face of was found in a trunk in a railroad the earth. Louis Hing showed up epot in Seattle, January 24, 1912, his again a year later, and though he was amily spent more money to catch he murderers, it is safe to say, than as ever spent in Oregon before for the capture of a criminal. Oi Sen, the slave girl, was arrested Detective Day in Billings, Mont., hither she had fled. When returned

o Portland she claimed to have beer an unwilling witness of the murder and named Lew Soon, the San Franco president of the Hop Sing tong, nd Wong Si Sam, a cook, as the mur The two Chinese were arrested. The

Leongs, to avenge their murered tong member-whose death was rought about by Lew Soon's jealousy him in the woman's favor—hired council to convict him. The op Sings spent equally well—they ught both cases to the highest purts, and both alleged murderers were released. The Bow then asked for a money set-It was accepted at \$1000, t never fully paid. The Bow Leongs had tost a life-

must be avenged-money payhaving failed to materialize. evenge was not long in contempla-Less than a month passed bea murderous attack was made the Bow Leongs upon a man they thought was a Hop Sing Membership in the tongs that are

strictly a secret nature is careconcealed, and it is only by tongmen find out the members of other tong. Old Sue Ding, a nery man, and a member of the ceful Hot Yin Quon Shaw, got nself into a suspicious situation it cost his life.

Ding had a relative, a "cousin" the Chinese say, Sue Kee Lan, wno s a member of the Hop Sing tong. enting trouble. Sue 'Kee Lan ded to flee back to China and es-e the local gunmen of the Bow Sue Ding, his relative, helped board a train secretly for to catch a Pacific steamer. ough Sue Kee Lan got safely away, e Ding was marked. The Bow ss concluded that Sue Ding was

fop Sing member. Sue Ding was cooking in the kitchen the rear of the Hoi Yin Quon Shaw tarters, 84 Second street, third floor, the night of February 22, 1912 Seid Wing and another Bow gunman caught him, cornered and shot him to death,

Money Pays for Blood. ey pays for blood. The Bow id over to the relatives of the man through a prominent memof the Four Brothers society, afong to the Hop Sing tong g was an old man; his days had been near an end—three and dellars was an ample payso it was concluded. death, however, had been one two attempts on supposed Hop-ng members. Chin Wing, a Hop-

and other parts of the state. man, was carrying a crippled in his rabbitskin-lined sleeve an attack made on him in a ow Leongs, and they had not

to caught.

here was another item, too, that red on the war. The Chinese, in its and out of them, prefer to settheir differences without the aid association furnished dinner to the

FIGURES IN CHINATOWN LAWLESSNESS THAT PROVOKED RECENT TONG WAR



Above, left to right-Oi Sen, Chinese girl, central figure in tong feud; Lew Soon, former president of the Hop Sing tong; Joss, such as adorns headquarters of rival tongs. Below, left to right-Chinese reading proclamation of truce in tong war, Wednesday afternoon, from bulletin board at Second and Oak streets; Oi Sen's certificate of membership in the Hop Sing tong; Louie Hing, Chinese "highbinder" and accused murderer; Fong Gee Lung, the "tiger man," a highbinder, charged with three murders.

the Hop Sings, feeling themselves outnumbered because they had a side
fend with the Suey Sings, paid an
indemnity—the sum is not known outside of Chinatown—for the 1913 mur
Wednesday of last week, when a tema long time before war starts, and trying its best to become a republic stance of the same thing. No Chinese who belongs to one of the warfor the sum is not known outside of Chinatown—for the 1913 murside of Chinatown—for the 1913 mur
Wednesday of last week, when a temporary peace pact was signed by Lee
"forewarned is forearmed" with the in spite of Yuan Shi Kai. But in the
chinatown and Jung Bing, who has the same
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ders. As before the Bow Leongs use ing, no Chinese has gone to the peni- their powerful finances to gain what the legal battle to land Louis Hing The quickest methods are in the penitentiary, and violated the Chinese code by stepping outside of prescribed tong methods to get their revenge. The Hop Sings, though hay-Thus it happened with Louis Hing and Hoi Chung. They vanished, as ing once more settled the score, again felt that they had a grievance. far as the police power of the white feeling was common to the Bow leongs, too, since they had never had adequate payment in either money or arrested, he escaped prosecution belives for their murdered clansmen, and this year's war was the result. Thus the fight was resumed in Portof San Francisco, had formed land and elsewhere. In the coast-wide

y as it started—and long distance telephone messages the entire length of the coast were utilized to notify tong partisans that the war was onjust so quickly it stopped.

The tong men, who had been sent rom one city to another, ceased their efforts, until the peace should made permanent or war should be reumed again. It was predicted that because each side had two deaths to its credit-or discredit-peace, at least gone to those cities, to do their killuntil next year, would result. the gunmen would depart to their own ommunities. They would go back to the places

where they were known-and useless. clothes garb the younger Chinese. The up to the Chung Hwa, the merchants' gunman, in his own town, is of an alliance with the Bow Leongs, and fight four Chinese were killed up to little use to his tong. He is known

not known, the gunman becomes useful to his society. The local victims- streets in 1886, when, in the to-be do not know him. He does not then hurries away. And, like the gunman "does the rest." So, in every Portland tong war, gunmen have been be but one thing—commercial imported from San Francisco and Like other hoary customs, the Seattle, and Portland gunmen have fights interfere with "business."

Then ing.
r own The Chinaman has become ezd" in our sense of the word. Cues of having friends shot in their offices are a thing of the past; American Business fell off, and protests went josses were cast out of the Chung association, to stop the battles. Hwa, several years ago, and China is

A local representative and an equal number were wounded points out to the gunman has victim, in a battle with rifles and revolvers. The end of the tong feuds has been well-known camera advertisement, the predicted for several years and the and more. cause for their finish was stated to but one thing-commercialism and Like other hoary customs, the tong the fight in 1913 Chinese merchants nightfull, to avoid the unpleasantness

great fight at Second and Alder buy. And Chinese who belong to no spurned by the philosophic Miss Kitch-streets in 1886, when, in the then society are equally fearful—certain perfect propriety, regardless of her Chinatown, seven Chinese were killed little mistakes by gunnen have propriety regardless of her brought several Chinese of no tong affiliation to an abrupt death. stores' sales dropped off 50 per cent Portland's four-year

Leong, Seld Bing, because he interpresident, Lew Soon, and tried to

terious, tragic opera-bouffe, Oi Sen to the state line, however, together has married Seid Wing, a "cousin" of with certain movements of those who the man who was killed because of are familiar with the love for her, and they have set- business" has caused local authorities tled down in peace to run a noodle to exercise special vigilance against violations of the dry statute.

LOCAL WOMAN MAY SEEK A SHARE OF LEGACY OF \$40,000

Miss Elizabeth Spencer Said to Be Neice of Late Francis. Ripley of New York.

MAN SAID TO BE A MISER

Edna Kitching, Another Relative of Greenwich, N. Y., Refuses to Accept the Legacy, It Is Said.

If Edsa Kitching, serene and philosophical in her hall bedroom in Greencorn of Uncle Francis F. Ripley's tainted legacy, Miss Elizabeth Spencer of Portland will be glad to ac-

Doubtless many other young women would also be willing to take a chance but Miss Spencer has rather more claim than others because she is the late New York miser's niece, once re-

Miss Spencer received, only a day or so ago, clippings from eastern papers telling of Miss Kitching's refusal of a legacy of \$40,000 left her by Ripley her uncle. Miss Kitching was quoted as saying Ripley was mean and cruel, that he obtained his fortune by oppressing and grinding the poor, that he devoted his life to extorting from the hapless debtor every ounce of his "pound of flesh."

May Get Big Share.

Being "set" in her ways, Miss Kitching declared she preferred to eke out her life on an income of \$300 per year, to living in luxury on the \$40,000. But Miss Spencer told Bartlett Cole, her attorney, that if he thought she could get a share of the fortune her relative refused, he should begin at once to set about getting it.

Miss Spencer's mother was a cousin of Ripley's, Cole stated yesterday. Another cousin is a Mrs. Robinson, now living in New Jersey, he said. Miss Spencer and Mrs. Robinson are the only surviving kin of the deceased miser, with the exception of the stubborn Miss Kitching. All of which means, Cole believes, that Miss Spencer will get at least half of the \$40,000. Some queston as to the validity of the disposition of other property left by the recluse may lead also to her acquisition of even larger sums, .Mr. Cole suggests,

Misfortune on Trail,

Miss Spencer came to Oregon from Elizabeth, N. J., several years ago. With some \$12,000 left her by her other, she invested in a ranch near Prineville. A heavy mortgage had encumbered the property and she was unable to carry it. The result was that she lost much of her inheritance and since has been living quietly in Portland. Until lately she resided at 25 Prospect drive, Portland Heights. With what little she saved from the wreck, she has been getting along as best she could. If she has any claims to the estate

spurged by the philosophic Miss Kitch cousin's scruples.

Patrol Highway for Bootleggers. Medford, Or., Feb. 26 .- District Atorney Kelly has been promised state aid in the matter of patrolling Pacific highway for those who unlaw with the love of the Hop Sing fully carry intoxicating liquors into this country from California, Only two steal Ol Sen. To date 10 Chinese in arrests have been made in this county oast cities have been killed and many for drunkenness since the state pro hibition law because operative, one at And to cap the Climax of this mys- Ashland and one in Medford. Nearness

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Thieves Have Busy Night at Eugene

cause witnesses would not appear.

Bing Kongs, the powerful

at the expense of the society without

Kept fighting men have existed in

of town after the shootings.

Police and Sheriff Porces Spend Day in Effort to Bound Up Perpetrators of Series of Burglaries.

and the sheriff's force were kept busy today investigating several robberies that occurred last night. E. Hanson's clothing store, on North avenue east was entered during the night through a skylight on the roof and about \$200 worth of clothing, shoes and hats was stolen. Apparently two or three men did the job, one remaining on the roof and hauling the goods up through the selected the best they could find in the store. The residence of J. A. Griffin local

sales manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, was entered between and 11 o'clock and articles valued at about \$50 were stolen. C. Thienes' meat market,

Thirteenth avenue east, was robbed of a considerable quantity of meats, lard and about \$4 in cash The chicken yard of Mrs. Mary Sparks was entered and a dozen or more chickens were stolen, the thief leaving the hens' heads inside of the

Medford Academy Graduates Organize

Sixty-five Former Students of St. judges. Mary's Meet in Reunion and Permanent Alumni Is Formed.

Medford, Or., Feb. 26. - Sixty-five former students of St. Mary's academy, most of them from classes graduating rom 1860 to 1870, held a reunion at the academy Thursday evening and formed a permanent alumni organiza-tion. Medford supplied the greater number of the former students. Addresses, vocal and instrumental music and reminiscent papers featured the program. An executive committee was elected, composed of Mrs. Miles Can-trell, Mrs. Kate McAndrews, Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Mrs. Ernest McKee and Miss Alice Hanley. Many visitors were present. St. Mary's academy was founded in Jacksonville in 1865 and moved to Medford seven years ago. It numbers among its graduates hundreds of

Meeting at White Salmon White Salmon, Wash, Feb. 26. — The horticultural meeting held Friden at 83 Fourth street The horticultural meeting days before. The assailants day was addressed in the morning by days before, and they had not F. W. Allen, assistant horticulturist experiment station and M. L.

prominent women in southern Oregon

orchardists and their wives of whom over 200 attended the meeting, com-ing from all parts of Klickitat county and Underwood, on Hood River. The speakers in the afternoon were Carl Kautz, manager of the Hood River Fruit Growers association cold storage plants, and Dr. J. S. Caldwell, by products specialist of state experiment station. The meeting was held at the Leo theatre. Luncheon Eugene, Or., Feb. 26 .- Eugene police being served at the commercial club

Jefferson Team Wins the Debate

Woodburn, Or., Feb. 26 .- In the deskylight with a rope while the others bate between Jefferson, Or., high school, and Woodburn high school last night, which was held before a large audience at the M. E. church, Jefferson, on the affirmative side, won. The subject was, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of milltary training and service."

The judges declared the points made by both sides were equal but the Jefferson debaters showed more experience in their work. The leader of the Woodburn team, Raymond Lawrence a 14-year-old boy who displays promise, this being only his second attempt.

The judges were Salem men: George H. Alden, dean of Wilmmette university; Rollin K. Page and Ernest Blue After the debate a banquet was served at Moose hall by the junior and senior high school girls for the debaters and

Dr. Enna at Seaside. Seaside, Or., Feb. 26.—Dr. Emil Enna, of Portland, played to a large of music lovers Thursday night at the National theatre. Dr. Enna's program included selections Scarlatti, Saint-Secns, Debussy and the later writers, Arthur Foote, Ethelbert Nevin and Edvard Grieg, finishing with Wagner's Parsifal, Mrs. Clyde Van Uteral, vocalist, accompanied by Miss Virginia Drake, In the afternoon a reception wa tendered him at the home of Mrs. M. S. Drake. The living room was dec-

orated with pussy-willows, artificial C., blossoms and greens with unted butterflies. Those who assisted were Dr. Hodges, Miss Lystra Tagg, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Prouty. The Woman's Club of Seaside will entertain the state federation in October and the money raised by the concert will so towards entertaining them.

AGGIE WRESTLERS AT EUGENE TAKE BOUTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Rutherford Wins Over D. C. Mosby and Scores Oregon's Only Victory.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Feb. 26.-Winning every bout but one the veteran Oregon Aggle wrestlers defeated Oregon tonight in Hayward hall. One of the six bouts, Prestei against Hawkins, went three extra ninutes.

The match between Captain Ruther ford and ex-Ceptain D. C. Mosby was the liviliest, Rutherford winning Oregon's only bout, The Aggies on the whole were more aggressive than the raw Oregonites and took more chances. Ex-Captain King lost to Ed. Allworth after

tering the match against Coach Shockley's wish, Schockley wanted to forfeit match because King had been suffering from rheumatism in the shoulders. King defeated Allworth last year, Captain Frank Bolin, of O. A. C., was panther-like in aggressiveness against Clark, of Oregon 115-pound class-Hartman, O. A. C.

125-pound class-Captain Frank Belin, O. A. C., defeated Gordon Clark, U. of O., in two falls in 2:34 and 2:30 ninutes. 135-pound class—J. C. Hawkins, O. C., defeated Harold Prestel, U. of O., on two decisions out of three. 158-pound class—Captain l

defeated Bruce Flegel, U. of O., two

Rudy Rutherford, U. of O., defeated D. C. Mosby, O. A. C., by a fall in 2 minutes and a decision.

175-pound class—W. H. Waters, O. A. C., defeated Dal King in two falls in 4:22 and 1:38. 175-pound class—Ed. Allworth, O. A., defeated Bernard Breeding, U. of ... on one decision and one fall in

Multnomah Loses. To W. S. C. Players

Teddy's Autograph Valuable.

New York, Feb. 26.—T. R.'s autograph is worth \$250, even when it isn't signed to a check or promissory note. Marjoric Sterrett refused that amount for a letter Roosevelt wrote telling her all about his ancestors and grandchildren.

Washington State college's wonderful aggregation of basketball tossers put an end to the winning streak of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club quintet last night in a fast game in the club gymnasium by defeating the "Winged M" players by the score of 34 to 26. It was the first defeat of the season for the Multnomahlans.

Coach Bohler's athletes outpassed,

outguarded and were consistent in their basket shooting, while the local club players showed their true form but once during the game and that was shortly after the opening of the second period, when they took the lead, only to lose it later. Following the game, the players elected Clayton Sharp, the star pointer scorer of this season's team, captain of the 1916-1917 quintet.

The line-ups: Multnomah-Rossman Edwards and Sharp, forwards; Dewey, center; Twining and Toomey, guards. Washington State-N. Moss and Copeland, forwards; Bohler, center; and R. Moss and Price, guards.

Singers Dedicate New Auditorium

McMinnville College Glee Club Pays Sheridan a Visit and Citizens Show Their Appreciation of Program.

Sheridan, Or., Feb. 26.-The large quartets, impersonations, a city. musical farce and excerpts from the Pirates of Penzance," in which was gene and 15 from Roseburg.

Introduced a "Spanish Maiden" and A banquet followed the degree work and it was followed by speeches by to the school and the glee club and filled the large auditorium and expressed their appreciation of the various numbers rendered by repeated encores, which were graciously respond ed to by the college songsters.

County Maintains Record. Sheridan, Or., Feb. 26.-Yamhill county retains its record as a producer of varied products of exceptional quality and is now shipping seed oats to the eastern market. G. C. Johnson, east of town, recently sent a carload of these superior oats to Pennsylvania farmers, and so well pleased were they with them that an order for anothe carload has been received by Mr

This year's fight was another in Knights of Pythias Stir Cottage Grove

Lane and Douglas Lodgemen Held En thusiastic Convention With Degree Teams Putting On the Work.

Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 26 .- The reent convention of Lane and Douglas county Knights of Pythias held here From the time of the parade of nearly 100 knights led by the Cottage tion at 1:15 a. m., there was "something doing" all the time,

The degree teams from Eugene an Roseburg were present and exempli-fied the esquire and knight degrees in a manner that was highly compliment ed by Grand Chancellor Willard L Marks and Grand Keeper of Records auditorium of the new high school and Seal Walter G. Gleeson of Salem. Past Grand Chancellor D. E. Yorar building was dedicated last evening of Eugene was also present. The conby the McMinnville College Glee club, vention was in charge of Deputy in a program of songs by the club, Grand Chancellor Fred Bartels of this

There were 40 delegates from Et visiting knights.

Smith in Custody. Medford, Or., Feb. 26. — Deputy Sheriff R. S. Leabo of Portland arrived today to take into custody Charles W. Smith, charged with unlawfully taking a new Kisselkar away from Portland, Smith claims to have paid about half the price of the car The circumstances under which he left Portland caused the owners of the can to believe that he was escaping with Von Redmon of Portland, Inter

it to defraud the agency. ested in the car, accompanied the of-ficer to Medford. He identified the auemobile and will drive it back. Woodhouse and Johnson, arrested

with Smith, have been released, being

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