

WOMAN DRUGGED, THEN BURNED TO DEATH BY FIEND

Pomona, Cal., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—One of the most fiendish murders in the annals of Southern California occurred here early today when Mrs. J. T. Swain, proprietor of an upholstery store, was bound, drugged and burned to death by an unknown assailant.

Not only did the murderer seek to obliterate all traces of his crime by burning Mrs. Swain's home and store, but he also fired the offices and warehouse of the Hiram Fuel & Feed company, next door, which resulted in the destruction of the buildings, causing a total fire loss of \$75,000.

While the Swain store and home were burning, firemen succeeded in driving the flames away from a door long enough to permit P. D. Sutherland and W. M. Counsellman, newspaper men, to enter. They found Mrs. Swain's body.

WOMAN WAS DEAD
At the time it was believed she was alive. She was rushed to a hospital, where doctors said life was extinct, also that she had been bound and drugged. Mrs. Swain did not give up the struggle for her life, however, without making a frantic attempt to escape from her terrible fate, for she succeeded in dragging herself to the door of her home in spite of her drugged condition, where she evidently fainted, unable to unlock the barrier to the street and safety.

The plot was the second attempt to take Mrs. Swain's life, according to the Pomona police, for a similar attempt to burn her property while she was asleep was made last Friday night. At that time, the police say, Mrs. Swain was also drugged, but awakened in time to summon the fire department, and the blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Blanton Plans to Distribute Speech

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Representative Blanton of Texas today announced that he would have reprinted and distributed to the people of the United States his remarks which were expunged from the Congressional Record as unprintable. "My colleagues will then probably realize their blunder in censuring me and attempting, through expunging to keep these vital facts from the public," said Blanton in a formal statement.

Tennant Resigns as Registrar at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—H. M. Tennant, college registrar, has resigned, effective January 10, to take up commercial work in Oakland, Cal. He has been connected with O. A. C. for more than 10 years, and more than 50 per cent of his work during the last eight years has been as vocational class advisor. Tennant will direct the administration of registration for the next term, January 3 and 4. He was the first full time registrar at the college. At present seven persons beside Tennant are employed for full time.

POWER PLANT OPERATES

Dec. 12.—After being without lights for a month, the power plant is in working order once more. The pin-stock which gave way under extremely heavy pressure, has been replaced.

Baby Is Fatally Shot by Sister; While at Play

New York, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Baby Marie Albertino is dying in Bellevue hospital today as the result of being shot through the right eye by her 7-year-old sister, Annette, who accidentally pulled the trigger of a "shotgun" she found in a drawer. The older girl protested her innocence for three hours until police accused her father of the shooting.

Rover Will Go to Dog Heaven Unless License Obtained

If Rover's license fee, which was due September 1, is not paid by Thursday, Rover will not be held accountable for his owner's negligence and be impounded. Instead—by way of enforcing the dog license law—Ross Churchill, humane officer, with warrants signed by Municipal Judge Rossmann will arrest Rover's owner.

Tax Levy for Year Fixed at 30.8 Mills

Dallas, Or., Dec. 12.—Polk county's levy for next year's taxes will be 30.8 mills, including state tax, if the budget just prepared is approved by the taxpayers. The total amount of taxes to be raised, exclusive of school district and municipal, is \$447,158.47. Included in the budget are provisions for the retention of the county agent and the county librarian, but no allowance was made for a county nurse.

HANDLE GROWERS' WHEAT AT \$1.15

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12.—The Northwest Wheat Growers' Association, has handled approximately 15,000,000 bushels of wheat this season and the average price will be \$1.15 a bushel for No. 1 grade, according to the annual report made Monday in Spokane at a meeting of the association. The report was submitted by George C. Jewett, president.

It was stated in the report that the directors of the association misjudged the wheat market somewhat and as a result the average returns to the grower would not be as large as might have been possible.

"The dissatisfaction in price has been caused by the failure of your board of directors and operating officers to judge the grain market properly," said Jewett, "and to sell all wheat delivered as rapidly as possible. Price conditions were such that all deliveries were made on a falling market and, therefore, any wheat not sold promptly was not sold on the best market. In this connection it is well to know that a large portion of our deliveries were not made until after the price had dropped."

\$546,071.60 Budget Adopted by Umatilla

Pendleton, Dec. 12.—After a spirited meeting Saturday in which Umatilla county citizens presented arguments on the adoption of the 1922 county budget, the county court Monday adopted the budget as drawn up by them with the members of the county budget commission. The budget totals \$546,071.60.

Wireless Phone Station Will Be Established Here

Press dispatches, market quotations, agricultural, hydrographic, weather reports and time signals will be broadcast daily to all persons in Oregon and adjacent states having radio telephone equipment when the proposed telephone radio station is established in Portland, according to Clifton Watson, who arrived here Sunday from Mare Island, where for the last five years he was in charge of the radio laboratory. "There are 5000 persons in San Francisco who own radio receiving apparatus," said Watson. "They receive information daily from the radio telephone service."

Watson will establish a radio telephone station in Portland in connection with a supply store for radio equipment.

'BIG 3' TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Another meeting of the Big Three has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was announced at British delegation headquarters this morning. The discussion between Messrs. Hughes, Balfour and Kato concerning questions of naval ratio, the naval holiday and Pacific fortifications will be continued. It was stated.

FULLMAN JANISON WANTED
Woodburn, Dec. 12.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Fullman Jamison, charged with passing bad checks here. He came here from Scotts Mills and Silverton, where he is alleged to have left unpaid bills.

Lighted Candle in Window to Beckon Christmas Singers

Would you care to hear a bevy of girls on a big truck in front of your dwelling sing Christmas songs? Then buy a candle and some evening near Christmas put it in your window. This will be a signal for passing choristers to stop and sing.

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