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TWO SLAYERS WILL BE HANGED FRIDAY

Arthur Covell, Paralytic, and L. W. Peare, Aged Man, to Pay for Crimes

FORMAL NOTICES ISSUED

Both Men From Coos County; Mystic and Occult Student Will be Carried Up the Scaffold Steps

Formal notices of the double execution at the state prison on May 22, beginning at 8 o'clock, were sent out Friday by Warden A. M. Dalrymple.

The first of these will be Arthur Covell, crippled mystic and student of the occult, who will pay the penalty for the murder of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ebba Covell, near Bandon, on Sept. 3, 1923. He is paralyzed from the waist down and will be carried to the scaffold.

On the same morning and shortly after the first execution, L. W. Peare, his hair well streaked with gray from his 70 years, will be hanged for the murder of his wife and James H. Culver, a neighbor, near Myrtle Point, Dec. 27, 1922.

Covell, termed the arch-murderer and plotter, who planned to snuff out several lives "when the stars were favorable," carried out his crime through the agency of Alton Covell, his nephew, and son of the slain woman. Young Covell, now 18, is serving a life term in the prison and has seldom if ever seen his uncle, who lies on a cot in the hospital ward.

Covell studied astrology for 15 years and is said to be exceptionally informed. Investigations by criminologist Luke S. May of Seattle, revealed that Covell had a typewriter arranged with astrological characters. On this machine he wrote various murder plots and then transcribed the writings in ink to a book holding to the astrological characters. He plotted the murder of a clothing dealer, the criminologists found, and in accordance with his plot the victim was to be found at the bottom of a stairway, indicating that he had fallen to an accidental death.

A sentence scribbled on a piece of paper gave the final clue. It read: "This is the day! Will Alton carry out the plan?"

DONEY IS LUNCH TALKER

HEAD OF WILLAMETTE TO ADDRESS BUSINESS MEN.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university, who has been on leave of absence for about a year, will tell about his travels and visit to Boston and Cambridge at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday. "To the Hub and Back," is the title of the address which Dr. Doney will give to the business men.

Dr. B. L. Steeves, president of the board of directors of Willamette university, will be the presiding officer of the meeting and will introduce Dr. Doney.

DISABLED VETS GATHER

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENS; 100 PRESENT

CORVALLIS, May 15.—The fifth annual state convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World was convened here today with close to 100 delegates present. Appointment of committees was completed with Theodore W. Green of Portland, commander. Governor Walter M. Pierce, Adjutant General George A. White and other visitors will address the convention tomorrow prior to the election of officers.

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED TO THE LINEN MILL?

The quota to the second linen mill, \$300,000, should be completed by Monday noon. The hustlers are working hard to accomplish this. Perhaps the reader has not subscribed. If so, he may use the following form, or clip out and sign, and send to the Salem Chamber of Commerce:

I hereby agree to subscribe for..... share of preferred stock of the value of \$100.00, and..... shares of common stock of the par value of \$10.00 in a corporation to be organized for the purpose of manufacturing flax fibre products within the City of Salem or its immediate vicinity and agree to pay for the same in four installments at the call of the Board of Directors of said company.

Name

Address

RUNAWAY BOYS SOUGHT BY POLICE OFFICERS

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD LADS TIRE OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Elton Quinlan and James Heltzel, Jr., Missing; Parents Find Message

Police last night were searching for Elton Quinlan and James Heltzel, Jr., 16 year old boys who ran away from home. Elton is the son of J. J. Quinlan, prison engineer, and James the son of J. G. Heltzel, local attorney.

A brief note was found to the effect that the two lads were dissatisfied with the way their school work was going and had decided to take a vacation. They left word that they would return to Salem in the fall.

Elton hearkened to the call of the wanderlust last summer when he ran away with "Pee Wee" Sherman, an inmate of the penitentiary. He proved more thoughtful Friday, for last year he left his bicycle and some clothing on the banks of the Willamette river near the West Salem swimming hole, giving the impression that he had been drowned. The river was dredged and divers employed in an effort to locate his body.

After several weeks young Quinlan and Sherman were arrested in Iowa and held until Mr. Quinlan went east after them.

DRIVE STARTS ON SHADY MAGAZINES; TO BAR 20

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY WASHINGTON ATTORNEYS

Sale of Publications Said to Be Obscene to Be Effected by Move.

SPOKANE, May 15.—A statewide fight against the sale of magazines containing indecent and obscene literature will be planned at a meeting of county prosecutors of the state of Washington to be held in Tacoma May 22. Charles H. Leavy, Spokane county prosecuting attorney and president of the state prosecutors, announced here tonight.

Prosecutor Leavy, who recently barred approximately 20 magazines from news stands here, declared that a uniform procedure of prosecution of any company that distributes magazines containing indecent literature and pictures will be decided upon at the meeting.

Mr. Leavy said that Washington laws ban salacious matter and that he will give the prosecutors at the convention a list of the publications and will make public the names of them at that time.

"Do you think there is a jury in the land that would not convict a man for distributing that kind of stuff to school children?" Leavy said, referring to a story in one publication about a young girl's relations with men.

"Some of the magazines have just started this month and others started during the winter. Just as long as I am prosecutor that kind of stuff is off the news stands here or every man who offers it for sale is going to get into trouble."

BOY DROWNS IN CREEK

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 15. Otto Myers, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Nellie Myers of this city, was drowned this evening while swimming in Gale creek, just south of town. Companions recovered the body at the Tualatin river bridge.

DAVIS DENIES CHARGES

TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.—Jonathan M. Davis spent two hours on the witness stand this afternoon denying charges that he had accepted or solicited bribes in exchange for pardons while he was governor of Kansas.

ROGERS' SISTER DEAD

CHELSEA, Okla., May 15.—Mrs. D. Lane, sister of Will Rogers, comedian and film star, died here today following a stroke of paralysis.

GENERAL MILES IS CALLED SUDDENLY

Premier of American Army Leaders Suffers From Acute Heart Attack

BRILLIANT CAREER ENDS

Famous Army Officer, Great Indian Fighter, Diplomat and Author Was 86 Years Old at Death

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, premier of American army leaders, Indian fighter, diplomat and author, has taken up the long trail.

His career, spanning six of the important military periods of his country's history, ended suddenly late today in the big tent of a circus just as a fan-fare of trumpets announced the opening pageant.

General Miles was surrounded by happy children, including those of his own family's third generation, excited over the prospect of witnessing reproduction of the scenes which on their actuality had occupied so important a phase of his life.

Turning to Mrs. W. B. Noble, mother of his daughter-in-law, the general complained that he felt ill. Before help could be summoned, he collapsed in the arms of Dr. A. E. Craig, sitting directly behind him.

The body was removed underneath the tier of seats to the outside where a hasty examination resulted in the diagnosis that death had resulted from myocarditis and acute dilation of the heart. This was confirmed later at the hospital to which the body was rushed.

Despite his advanced years (86) the death of General Miles came as an extreme shock to his intimate associates. During the 22 years which have elapsed since he was retired "for age" he had maintained an active interest in current affairs, particularly those which touched either the army or navy.

Any incident affecting either service was a matter of personal interest to the veteran soldier.

There was no outward indication of a changing in his robust health when he announced today his intention of accompanying his grandchildren on their annual circus jaunt. Arriving at the show grounds he gaily greeted one of the proprietors whom he had known for years, with the remark that he intended never to miss a performance.

Mrs. Coolidge was present when General Miles collapsed but was seated some distance from him, and as was the case with most of the audience, failed to recognize the crumpled figure which was carried hastily but tenderly away. The excitement in that vicinity lulled quickly and the circus program was resumed after a brief pause. As the acrobats tumbled and the clowns grimaced, however, the wires were carrying news of the warrior's death to the far ends of the reservations where a few aged members of Indian tribes he fought, grimly but fairly, through so many campaigns.

LIONS CLUB ADDRESSED BY RED CROSS SPEAKER

RISE OF SERVICE CLUBS IS STRESSED AT LUNCHEON

Dr. Thomas E. Green Declares That Service Is Keyword of Present Day

"The rise of the many service clubs and organizations following upon the World War demonstrated the breaking down of the old philosophy of competition," declared Dr. Thomas E. Green, director of the American Red Cross, before the Salem Lions yesterday.

"The trouble with the world was in the philosophy," he continued. "Material bigness dominated, but today service is the keyword. What people put into this world will count. The growth of the Lions club is an example of the expansion of the sentiment."

"If the human society is to go on, the old competitive system must be changed and one of a new basis substituted. It is the reason for the Nation American Red Cross, which is doing something for some one," he said.

"When I came before you once before I had traveled the world over, I had conferred with the churchmen, the educators, financiers, and the military leaders, and they all said war was impossible. But it came and demonstrated the falseness of the philosophy of co-

TROUTDALE IS SWEEPED BY BLAZE; DAMAGE \$75,000

LOCOMOTIVE SPARK SAID CAUSE OF FIRE

Business and Residence Section Burn; Fire Protection Is Lacking

PORTLAND, Or., May 15.—Fire thought to have been caused by a spark from a locomotive, swept Troutdale, 15 miles east of Portland today and burned the principal part of the business section of the town, as well as several residences.

The property loss was conservatively estimated at \$75,000, partly covered by insurance.

As the town was absolutely without fire protection, other than that furnished by garden hose, a call was sent to Portland and an engine company made the run to the town, and set itself up on the banks of the Sandy river and pumped water 1,000 feet to the fire.

The blaze was finally stopped by a combined force of Portland and Gresham fire fighters, aided by citizens. A strong east wind hampered the work of the firemen, and for an hour the entire town seemed doomed.

MOROCCAN FIGHT SEVERE

BATTLES WITH RIFLEMAN INCREASING IN INTENSITY

TEUTUATA, Spanish Morocco, May 15.—(Associated Press.)—Reports received here from the French zone say that the fighting between the Moroccan rebels and the French has intensified and also that the military operations are becoming harder. Abd-el-Krim, the rebel leader, is reported to have captured large stores of provisions and war material in the Beni Zerual country.

The advice added that the French operations designed to relieve outposts besieged by the Rifians are nearing completion. One post already has been relieved with the aid of native troops.

ABOLISH COMPULSORY DRILL

SEATTLE, May 15.—A petition bearing 1,000 signatures asking that compulsory military drill be abolished at the University of Washington, was presented by the World Fellowship society at a meeting of the board of regents here yesterday.

Announcement of promotions of members of the University of Washington faculty were made by President Suzzallo following the meeting.

RAIN AIDS FIRE FIGHTERS

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 15.—With rain in northern Minnesota aiding in extinguishing forest fires in that section, half a dozen units of the Wisconsin national guard were called out tonight to cope with the situation in that state.

PARENTS INTERESTED IN HEALTH WORK

CHILDREN EXAMINED AT GARFIELD AND HIGHLAND

Many Women Will Assist in Other Schools of City During Coming Week

"We are more than gratified with the results secured with the number of children examined in the first four days of the past week," declared Dr. Walter H. Brown, director of the Marion county health demonstration, in commenting upon the support given at the Garfield and Highland schools.

Of the 63 children examined, 35, parents were present, making a percentage of 56 per cent, while at the Highland school 60 parents of the 92 children were present, thus making a 65 percentage. Of the total of 155 children given an examination by the experts of the health demonstration, 95 parents were present, thus giving a 61 per cent for the first four days of the week.

Parents are showing a keen interest here and the results are gratifying to the experts engaged in the work.

It is stated that only a small portion of the pupils of the two schools were examined, and the showing made in the grades selected was great. Of the 71 children in the grade at the Garfield school, 63 accepted the offer of the Marion county health demonstration, five other children desired to do so, but were too late in getting their offer turned in to the officials. Only three children

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WORLD RECORD BROKEN BY STRING, TWO YEAR

BAY COLT OWNED BY BUTLER ASTOUNDS RACING MEN

Distance of 1 Mile, 70 Yards Covered in Sensational Time of 1:41 1/2

NEW YORK, May 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A world's record fell at the Jamaica race track today when Sting, James Butler's three-year-old bay colt, by Spur Gnat, covered a mile and 70 yards in the fourth race in the phenomenal time of 1:41 1/2. The sensational performance of the Butler horse, which clipped two-fifths of a second from the former mark, was considered the most noteworthy among racing men because Sting shouldered 124 pounds imposed for a handicap.

Ridden cleverly by Jockey Laverne Fator and pressed all the way by the Belair Stud's Flame, Sting easily surpassed his achievement of last Saturday when the speedy colt established a Jamaica track record for a mile and one-sixteenth at 1:42 3-5.

RUM RUNNERS WILL RETURN TO HARBOR

Liquor Fleet, Driven to Sea by Coast Guards; Coup Is Planned

ACTION AWAITS RETURN

Authorities Declare Supplies of Liquor Boats Have Been Replenished at Northern Entry Ports

NEW YORK, May 15.—(By Associated Press.)—New York's rum fleet, driven from its anchorage off Sandy Hook by the relentless siege of the coast guard, is preparing to return to its old position within a few days, coast guardsmen attached to the cutters Seneca and the Yamacraw said today when they put in at Staten Island for supplies. Information filtering through from the few ships that still are playing a waiting game with the dry navy, the guardsmen said, indicated that the return of the fleet of many ships which scattered yesterday, is scheduled for Monday.

Most of the ships that left, it was stated, were off Hampton Roads or had sailed for Canadian ports to replenish their supplies. If the ships return, however, it was said, they will find the coast guard still vigilant. There are 40 government ships now patrolling rum row with 19 in reserve ready to keep tight the blockade.

Two legal blows were struck today in the work of drying up the Atlantic coast. Judge Garvin in federal court reaffirmed his previous decision that the \$200,000 cargo of the Dutch schooner eehond, seized last December, is forfeited to the United States. Its owners contended that it was captured while making for shore in distress. Captain Lemaitre of the Lloyd Royal Belgic steamship Mercier on whose ship nearly 600 cases of liquor were seized yesterday, today was fined \$1,997.

ELECTRIC STORM SEVERE

DISTURBANCE SAID TO BE MOST TERRIFIC IN YEARS

ROEBURG, Ore., May 15.—One of the most terrific electrical storms experienced here in recent years, struck the city shortly after 5 o'clock this evening. Lightning struck the power lines leading into the city, putting the city's lighting system and telephone out of commission for a short time. Although the storm lasted only 18 minutes, the weather bureau reported a total of .38 of an inch of rainfall. The water flooded the streets and in some sections yards were inundated.

UNION COUNTY MAN IS PARDONED BY PIERCE

INNOCENCE ESTABLISHED BY INVESTIGATIONS

Crime Charged to Floyd Gauthier Held Impossible in Face of Testimony.

Floyd Gauthier of Union county received a conditional pardon Friday from Governor Pierce and full restoration of citizenship depends upon his future conduct. Gauthier was serving 10 years for statutory rape.

"I have had special investigators working on this case," the governor said. "The evidence has been reviewed most carefully and my personal investigations have convinced me that Floyd Gauthier is not guilty of the crime for which he was convicted. My experience as governor has taught me that very few innocent men ever are incarcerated in the penitentiary, but when I do find one there I shall open the doors for his release with the same sense of duty that I keep them closed on the guilty ones."

According to Governor Pierce, Gauthier did not meet the girl in question until 7 o'clock of the night preceding his arrest. The testimony of reputable physicians made it impossible for him to be the father of her child.

Gauthier's companion, Chester Butcher, admits his own guilt in connection with the night ride, and corroborates other testimony that Gauthier was innocent of the crime. Gauthier's conduct in taking the parties on the ride and giving money to the minor girl is held inexcusable by the governor, and on this account a conditional pardon was granted.

WILLAMETTE FACULTY FAVORED "SPOTTERS"

STUDENT COMMITTEE FINDS REPORTS ARE TRUE

Findings Rejected by Narrow Margin; Ends "Stool Pigeon" Controversy

The student committee appointed recently to investigate the reports that "stool pigeons" were being used by the authorities to aid in enforcing student regulations at Willamette university gave the following report at the regular student body meeting yesterday: "We find that during the year, previous to the present administration, students were encouraged to report the names of students not in sympathy with the administration."

By a very close vote the report was not accepted. The reason given for voting against the measure was by a number of the students was that they wished to bring the controversy over the matter to a close.

HUGH BELL GETS PRIZE

STUDENTS HAVE FINAL DECISION IN ALBERT AWARD

Hugh Bell won the Willamette University Albert's prize as a result of the secret ballot held during yesterday. The two others nominated by the faculty as candidates for the prize were Rawson Chapin and Miss Laura Best.

Mr. Bell comes from Rickreall, is a member of Sigma Tau fraternity and the Philodorian Literary society.

The prize, which consists of \$25 in cash, is given yearly by Joseph Alberts, local banker. George Olliver was the winner of the prize last year.

HALL FACES DEATH

SACRAMENTO, May 15.—Floyd Hall, San Quentin prison escapee and youthful murderer, who was apprehended here Thursday night in a rooming house, will be prosecuted on two separate charges, each of which bears the death penalty.

Friday in Washington

Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles, veteran Indian fighter and army leader, died suddenly while attending a circus performance.

Winners of medals conferred by the Roosevelt memorial association received decorations at the hands of President Coolidge.

Reports were current that Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama would retire from public at the expiration of his term in 1927.

Eastern trunk liners petitioned the interstate commerce commission to consider current earnings in its equity into general railroad rates.

PORTLAND WINS IN CHECKER TOURNEY

Multnomah Team Takes 90 Wins in First Event Held Here in 10 Years

DAVID HEDGES IS VICTOR

Emmons of Eugene Ranks High for Local Team; Tournament Is Said Largest Staged in State

Portland won the checker tourney which closed at midnight by taking 90 wins to Albany's 24, while 40 games went by draws. David Hedges, state champion checker player, had the cleanest sheet with seven wins and one draw. He played in the first division.

A. N. Emmons of Eugene, representing the Albany team, ranked high for the locals with two wins, one draw and five losses. Mr. Stone in the second division came out with four wins, three draws and one loss.

This tourney was the biggest one ever staged in Oregon, it was acknowledged by Portland visitors, who made the special trip here.

Many Boards Used

During the evening the contest between the Albany and Portland players required the use of 24 checker boards. Players lined both sides of the two long tables in the main room at the Chamber of Commerce, while spectators were draped about the room and stood peering over the shoulders of the players.

Some of the best checker players of Portland and Multnomah county competed with Salem and Albany players. The Salem team entered under the colors of the Albany team because the Salem club has not been organized as yet.

Many Organize Players

Plans are under way to secure an organization here. I. Greenbaum, one of the promoters here, is confident that the finishing touches will be made soon.

Portland players participating in the contest last night were: David Hedges, E. H. Bryant, Van Zandt, Mr. Wark, E. Berg, Mr. Tucker, A. Nance, A. G. Johnson, W. L. Bryant, J. Graham, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Byle, Mr. Etlinger, Mr. Billaster, John Pew, Mr. Hay, Mr. DeGraff, Mr. Hrad, C. Johnson and Mr. Pelyne.

The Albany-Salem team was represented by William Stewart, A. A. Simmons, J. Greenbaum, Mr. Hornback, Dave Drager, S. B. Laughlin, G. W. Stone, Mr. Greenwood, D. Wiedmer, W. Patterson, Fred Hofflick, J. M. Ott, J. L. Sherman, Paul De Autremont, H. C. Cook, Mr. Carney, W. F. Wright, William Judd, Mr. Miller and R. W. Fry.

The next tourney is to be staged in Portland, on a date to be selected by a joint committee.

MILD TORNADO HITS EAST

HOUSES, BARN UNROOFED; MANY STRUCTURES FLOODED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Several houses and barns were unroofed and shrubbery and trees were stripped of limbs when a tornado struck Norman, 20 miles south of here early this evening, according to reports received here. Wire communication between Oklahoma City and Norman is paralyzed.

NORMAN OKLA., MAY 15.

(By Associated Press.)—Several houses were blown down and many sections of the city were flooded by a wind and rain storm here tonight. Water stood more than a foot deep in the business district and communication of all kinds was paralyzed. The city was in darkness nearly three hours. No one is known to have been injured.

PHILLIP HAMMOND FREED

OREGON CITY ATTORNEY SAID NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE

PORTLAND, May 15.—A jury in federal court here today returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Phillip L. Hammond, Oregon City lawyer, and member of the lower house of the state legislature, indicted on a charge of violating the Bonus law act.

Hammond was alleged in the indictment to have collected \$100 each from Joseph and Mary J. Mooney, parents of John L. Mooney, who died at Camp Fremont, Cal., to obtain compensation from the government.

The law provides that the fee in such cases shall be \$25.



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