

The Tramp Arrested.

The tramp that stopped at Hager's house the night previous to the murder, and for whom the authorities have been searching, was arrested on Monday last by the assistance of Mr. Plummer, of East Portland, who recognized the fellow. Sheriff Pillsbury was informed, and yesterday probably returned with the prisoner, who will receive a preliminary examination at Oregon City.

The Dalles Industrial Society.

A permanent organization of the Dalles Industrial Society has been effected by electing the following officers: Charles Reed, President; J. E. Gantenbein, Secretary; E. Wingate, Treasurer; C. A. Stowell, S. M. Nye, Geo. Wright and Thomas B. Merry, Directors. The Directors have concluded to give a course of five lectures. Hon. M. P. Deady has been invited to deliver the first lecture.

Stock Dying.

A correspondent of the Statesman from Monroe says: Stock is suffering and dying. Mr. Nelson, whom I mentioned some time ago as having a flock of goats in the mountains, will lose nearly all of them. Other parties are also great losers. Mr. Jesse Hanley, a farmer, two miles south of here, has lost within the past month four of his best work horses, by what he supposes to be lung fever. Two other horses are sick, and will probably die.

Agricultural Outlook.

The prospect for an abundant harvest was never better at this season of the year in Rogue river valley than at the present time. For a month past the weather has been mild, the rain falling and the ground being in the condition to receive seed. The time has been improved by the farmers and many thousand broad acres of rich soil have been sown in grain. A majority have completed their work, and others are still engaged in enlarging the area of their prospective harvests. Grass is growing thick and stock is beginning to pick up. In fact, everything pertaining to the farmer and the stock raiser presents a most cheerful appearance.—Jacksonville Times.

Killed by a Boulder.

A farmer named Bowman, residing on Rock creek, Wasco county, lost his life in a somewhat peculiar manner on the morning of Thursday, March 9th. It is customary with farmers who have large boulders on their land, to dig holes and bury the rocks sufficiently deep so as not to interfere with the plow and other agricultural implements. Bowman's farm was covered with a number of rocks, and in order to bury one of these immense glacial deposits he had excavated a very deep hole. While removing the dirt beneath the boulder the bank caved in and the huge rock weighing thirty tons fell upon the unfortunate man, crushing him to almost a shapeless mass and killing him instantly. Both legs, one arm and his ribs were broken. Deceased leaves a wife and family of children to mourn his demise.

Contract Awarded.

Bids were opened to-day at 1 o'clock by Councilmen Andrus and Stephens, for boarding city prisoners for one year. The bids were as follows: P. McFeely, 16 1/2 cents per meal; D. Hunt, 19 cents per meal; H. J. Lynch, 15 cents per meal; Lewiston & Fretland, 15 cents per meal and no extra charge for extra meals. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Lewiston & Fretland, and they immediately entered into \$5,000 bonds for the faithful performance of the contract. The little item of "no extra charge for extra meals" has quite a significance. The ordinance under which these bids were invited provides that city prisoners confined in the prison shall receive but two meals a day, while if they work on the street they are allowed three meals per day. That clause in Lewiston & Fretland's bid secured them the contract as they are bound to furnish extra meals at the same price as the regular meals.

Col. A. R. Eddy.

The Malta Times and United States Gazette of Feb. 1st has the following notice of the death of an American army officer who was well known on this coast, and especially in the military department of the Columbia:

Col. Asher R. Eddy, of the United States Army, died suddenly at the Imperial hotel in Malta on the morning of the 27th inst. He had arrived but the day previous with his wife and daughter from Cairo, where for several weeks he had been unwell, though not thought to be dangerously so, with the Egyptian dysentery. Col. Eddy was born in Rhode Island in 1824, and graduated at the United States military academy at West Point in the class of 1844. In all his social relations, both among his military comrades and his large circle of acquaintances, he was universally beloved and respected. His wife was completely overwhelmed by the sudden and terrible bereavement which had befallen on her.

The military commandant at Malta, the Hon. Major General Fielding, with the hearty approval of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Arthur Borton, kindly offered the American Consul, Mr. Henry Buggles, a military escort to the funeral cortege, but the necessity of an immediate burial prevented the acceptance of the kind offer.

By the death of Col. Eddy, General Hancock, of the United States Army, is the only survivor of the class of 1844.

ON THE GALLOWS

Execution of Brown and Johnson

They Pay the Debt to Outraged Society and Law.

Scenes and Incidents in and around the Court House During the Execution.

This has been a day of gloom to the fair city of Portland. Good citizens, though sorrowful for the fate which has overtaken these unfortunate men, have felt that, dreadful as the penalty was, it was a just sequel to that other awful day, the 20th of August, 1878, when these men boldly entered a business place in this city in broad daylight, while hundreds of people were passing to and fro, knocked the proprietor down with a murderous iron billet, robbed his safe and taking their booty escaped to the street and, in face of an officer in pursuit, seized a grocer's wagon and escaped, after shooting at the officer and killing a young man happening, by some mysterious fate, to be passing in the track of the bullet.

THE LAST NIGHT

Of the doomed men on earth. Oh! what shadows from the past must have flitted before and haunted their sleepless eyes, for both men were restless, sleeping but little. Rev. Father Fierens called on Brown and remained with him until 11 P. M., engaged in pious ministrations for the good of the hopeless man, endeavoring to aid him in finding that hope in the hereafter which robs death in any form of its terrors. After the good Father had departed with tearful eyes from the solemn cell, the prisoner sat up busily writing over sheet after sheet of paper till 1 o'clock A. M., when he laid down and tossed from side to side till nearly morning. A little before five o'clock he seemed to be sleeping soundly. Johnson refused to see Father Fierens and said that he did not wish to talk with anybody, and spent an apparently more restless night than Brown.

THE FINAL DAY.

Both men left their beds at about 9 o'clock and both showed the terror of a dreadful night in pallid faces and weakened voices. Neither one ate any breakfast. Brown seemed the more composed and seemed to be making a heroic effort to appear resigned and cheerful.

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Light clouds overcast the sky as if to deny them a last look at the sun. Preparations for executing the sentence, made by Sheriff Norden were complete. The military consisting of the Washington Guard, commanded by Capt. Horatio Cooke, the City Rifles by Capt. W. A. Hart, the Emmet Guards under Capt. Cox and Capt. Tom Mountain's battery of artillery, assembled at their separate armories at an early hour and marched to the Court House, where Capt. Cooke took command of the whole and dispersed them as follows: Captain Mountain's battery, with loaded cannon, at the corners of Fourth and Main streets and Fifth and Salmon streets; the City Rifles in the north yard; the Washington Guard in the south yard of the Court House, immediately near the scaffold; while the Emmet Guards formed a patrol on the pavement around the square, outside of the fence. A large concourse of people assembled in the vicinity long before the hour appointed for the execution.

As the forenoon wore away and the dreaded hour approached the anxiety of the crowd increased, but there was no appearance of disorder.

With the doomed men the hours were tediously away. Johnson being violently ill and vomiting. Brown ate a hearty meal at 8 o'clock and nerved himself to bear all bravely.

THE CLOSING SCENES.

The law requires a certain number of witnesses to an execution and the sheriff had issued about sixty tickets admitting the holders within the jail yard.

Reverend W. C. Chittin remained with the prisoners during the entire forenoon. Doctors Rex and W. H. Saylor were the attending physicians, appointed on the part of the State. Drs. J. B. Pilkington, Wm. Pfunder and W. S. Zieland, of San Francisco, were present. As the minutes ticked off toward two o'clock gentlemen present anxiously referred to their watches. We saw Sheriff Crossen, of Wasco, Sheriff Hogan, of Douglas, and Sheriff Baker of Morrison county, among those present. Representatives were present from the Portland BEE, Oregonian, Standard, West Shore, Deutscher Zeitung, New North West, New York Police News, Salem Statesman, Washington Independent, Frankforter Zeitung, Frankforter-Mair, Pacific Life, San Francisco.

At fifteen minutes to two Sheriff Norden and Deputy Sheriff Church walked up the stairs, followed by Brown and Johnson, Rev. W. C. Chittin and W. W. Page.

THE PRISONER'S APPEARANCE.

Brown was neatly shaved and dressed in a plain suit of black, and during the reading of the death warrant appeared as cool and collected as any man present, and the only outward indication of his awful position was a slight paleness. He sat with his legs crossed and hands clasped on his lap, whirling one thumb over the other.

Johnson wore a light brown suit and ornamented slippers, and sat curled up and quietly cool in his chair, looking very pale and weak.

BROWN'S SPEECH.

Sheriff Norden asked Johnson if he had anything to say, to which he answered "No" in a clear voice. Brown, when asked, stepped smartly on to the trap and said, "I will try and say a few words in behalf of the people. Six months ago I was the chief of a gang of highway robbers in California. I came up here to see what I could spot. Johnson was not one of them. We were to make a raid on McLaughlin's bank; go into the town on horseback. I never saw the man I would take water from. I planned the robbery." Here followed ten or fifteen minutes of rambling, incoherent talk, exposing dark and daring robberies planned and executed. Finally the Sheriff asked him if he wished to recount the actions and incidents of his life, and gave him until 2:30 to speak.

Brown resumed—I will simply say that I have been a famous highway robber, and I close by singing a song called James Rogers, in which the chorus runs "Come all you tender-hearted Christians." He sang it in a very clear and distinct voice, with good dramatic effect.

He then continued: "For God's sake, young men, listen to my advice and you will never come to this. Mr. Sheriff, I want to sing another song." He tuned up and sang a ditty on "Hang the poor man and let the rich who have money go free." He forgot a verse, started up again then went on: "Oh, pshaw," and continued, "Go on Mr. Sheriff, I am through. Go on if you wish. Let me see; just think of my poor father and mother to-day, and Johnson's here. I believe I am reconciled to my God, but I don't know. There is a right and wrong; we can't always tell. I think those friends who have done so much for me and have made efforts to have my sentence commuted. I am sorry for the boy, and his father and mother. As for Mr. Sprague, I fired at him with the intention of killing him. I don't see how I missed him. I did not listen to the teachings of my mother; if I had I should not be here."

JOHNSON GETTING IMPATIENT.

Johnson interrupted him and seemed impatient at the delay. He still talked on and seemed to be talking against time to live as long as possible. He saw Sprague and told him he didn't believe he dared to face him with a pistol. "I hold no grudge against the Governor. I forgive all." Judge Page stepped forward, and reaching out his hand, said: "Good bye, Brown." Johnson immediately sprang to his feet and said, "I wish to say I have been no highwayman and crave no notoriety, but I wish the world to know that this is a judicial murder." The Sheriff and his deputy rapidly adjusted black caps over their faces, shackles on their arms and wrists, the noise in each rope over each head. Rev. W. C. Chittin offered a brief prayer, and the drop fell noiselessly and suddenly at just 30 minutes past 2 o'clock.

We have seen scores of men die, under all circumstances, including the most hardened and abandoned men used to the demoralizing influence of war, but never expected to see a human being go to eternity with the recklessness of Archie. Every witness to the execution will now most certainly approve the firm stand taken by this paper in favor of law and order.

AFTER THE TRAGEDY.

The bodies were left suspended until within ten minutes of 3 o'clock, when they were cut down and examined by Drs. Saylor and Rex, who affirmed that the neck of Johnson was dislocated and Brown died from strangulation.

In seven minutes from the time the drop fell Johnson's pulse ceased to beat, whereas that of Brown continued to pulsate for fourteen minutes. The black caps that covered the disturbed countenances of the two men were not removed and were placed in the coffins prepared for the reception of the bodies, which then were given to the friends in waiting. The great concourse of people attracted by curiosity then began to disperse and moralize over the guilt and certain punishment which crime is sure to receive sooner or later. We will add but little further concerning the fate of these two malefactors. They were the most depraved and wicked of criminals, impertinent and unfeeling. Brown was full of the most extreme bravado and vanity to the last moment, and notwithstanding occasional spurts of contrition, seemed to gloat over his wickedness and the fact that he was the leader of a band of the most reckless robbers and murderers, knowing no mercy, and had no consideration or sympathy for their victims. He took a special delight in recounting his exploits and in the opinion of those who heard his utterances, had no sorrow for misdeeds, though at times he confessed repentance. That he has been the victim of dime novel and sensational reading was plainly perceptible, and that the love of notoriety was one of the principal causes that led him to a shameful and

Asphyxiation.

During the last Spring Mr. White and his brother-in-law moved to Eastern Oregon. The families consisted of twelve—six of each. While there industriously at work, the dread disease diphtheria visited their families, and in less than two months but four were left. From there Mr. White removed to the Willamette valley, and is at present living at Buena Vista, working at his trade, that of shoemaking.

State and Territorial.

Union is to have a Scientific Society. Sheep are poor and generally scabby in Southern Oregon.

Over 50 persons joined the churches in Eugene on the 9th.

Cougars and catamounts are being killed in Jackson county.

Whisky is raising a small war at Carleton, Yamhill county.

A large colony of Oregon City people are said to have located at Tacoma.

Wagner, Jackson county, votes a ten mill tax to build a \$1,000 school house.

A. B. Conley, of Union county, lost a valuable mare, found dead in the field.

There is a company of 27 members at Alkali Flat, Umatilla county; J. Jacks, Captain.

R. C. Allen, of Weston, the Leader says, died in that place of apoplexy, on the 2d.

Turner Station is partly under water from overflow of Mill creek, says the Town Talk.

General Mart V. Brown made a rousing temperance speech in Albany the other night.

It is rumored that a \$2,000 nugget has been found in Applegate diggings, Jackson county.

The Jacksonville Times says the money on hand will run their schools through the year.

Indignation meetings have been held and effigies of Hayes and Chinamen burned at many places.

The Itemizer says wheat was 82 cents at Buena Vista.

The Odd Fellows at Jefferson are to build a Lodge Hall.

An infant daughter of J. O. Davidson, of Buena Vista, died lately.

The Lewiston Teller says Mr. Swartz, of Camas Prairie, lost 800 sheep.

A little daughter of Columbus McFarland died at Tangent of diphtheria.

The Democrat says the Blue Ribbon is becoming popular in the forks of the Santiam.

The Palouse Gazette says the steel cable on the Penawawa ferry was broken during the high water.

Little Fanny Smith, of Dayton, W. T., only seven years old, lately had to have her leg amputated.

Ranchmen have built a fort near Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, and have an armed company of 50 members.

A small boat was navigated down the Calipsoia, from 20 miles above Brownsville to Albany in rear of a drive of logs.

Dayton roughs tried to induce the Chinese to "go," using weapons to emphasize their feelings, and got fined \$20 each.

There is soon to be a steam ferry across the Columbia at the Dalles. Arrangements are completed for building the boat.

The excitement about rich placer mines supposed to be found in the Palouse country doesn't seem to be well founded.

The Coos Bay wagon road was encumbered by fallen trees after the late storms, and so were all other roads in timber country.

The galvanized iron cornice is being put on the Capitol building rapidly and soon it will look something better than a mere brick pile.

Railroad surveys between Weston, Umatilla county, and Whitman's Station, have reached a point near the Walla Walla river.

The new grade, which will dispense with two bridges on Grand Ronde river is being constructed. At present the stages ford the river.

Rev. E. Heisinger, of Dayton, will soon return to his old home in the East, also Rev. Mr. Jones, of the Methodist church in the same place.

Damage was done at Marshall's saw mill, on the Palouse, by the breaking away of an ice gorge, that destroyed the dam and sent loose 200,000 feet of logs.

Soap creek, Polk county, is organizing a Blue Ribbon club and the Grange organization is in full force there. In that section wheat bids fair for a fine crop.

Entrance to Rogue river is said to be favorable for shipping, with 20 feet of water on the bar, which is an argument in favor of a railroad with terminus there.

Damage suit brought by J. I. Willaby against the City of Albany has been settled. He fell into a ditch and had his collar bone fractured which he thought was worth \$10,000 and got \$1,500.

School District 29 in Linn county now holds from Tuesday morning to Saturday evening, so that the children can help the old folks at home on Mondays, which is wash day. So says the Albany Register.

Wife Beating.

A case of wife beating occurred in the vicinity of the Waldo Hills on last Friday evening, which so incensed the people that they came very near taking the brutal husband out, tying him to a grub and whipping him severely.

An Oregon Invention.

Mr. Joseph Perkins, of Eugene, shows us an automatic ventilator, invented by him, that can be made of any size, and operates by the means of a rigoline confined, that it expands or contracts according to temperature, and so opens and closes the door. It can be adjusted to work at any desired temperature. Mr. Perkins is 73 years old and begins role of inventor rather late in life. There are useful qualities comprised in his invention and it may prove valuable.

Attempted Burglary in East Portland.

A. Goodough, a gentleman who resides in Holladay's addition to East Portland, had an unexpected visit from burglars last night. The scoundrels cut the lattice door and tried to pry off the lock, but were probably frightened away by the wife of the proprietor, who suffering from toothache, arose from bed to apply some remedy to ease the pain. Five houses have been burglarized of late in the vicinity and a gang of fellows camped in the woods are suspected, as they are idle, good for nothing characters who have no visible means of support.

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