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SPokane Officer IS THREATENED

Five Sticks of Dynamite Are Found at Door of County Assessor's Home.

THREAT GREW OUT OF POLITICAL FIGHT.

Letter Accompanying Dynamite Said Assessor and Family Would Be Exterminated—Assessor Stewart is Accused of Favoring the Railroads—Bitter Political Fight is Being Waged Between Two Factions of Republican Party—Guard Will Be Kept at House to Insure Safety

Spokane, Aug. 30.—Five sticks of dynamite, accompanied by a threatening letter were found on the threshold of the residence of County Assessor D. H. Stewart last night.

The letter was written on plain, white paper and gave no clue, but threatened to exterminate the assessor and his family for the alleged favoritism shown by him to the railroads in the matter of his assessments.

It is the outcome of a bitter political fight in this county between the railroad and anti-railroad factions of the republicans, which has just had a bitter culmination in the fight over the assessments of the Spokesman-Review property.

Efforts have been made to suppress the dastardly act, but the sheriff's office is now searching for a clue that will locate the criminal.

The letter stated in a few brief lines that unless the assessor switched from the railroad faction to the other side that the crime of which this dynamite was an awful hint, would be carried out.

A guard will be placed about the assessor's residence for a few days to insure his safety.

STRIKE TO CONTINUE.

Leaders Deny That Old Men Are Suing for Former Places.

The strike conference committee, representing all the unions involved in the strike this noon ratified the action of the executive board in continuing the strike.

Strike leaders deny absolutely the reports emanating from packing house offices to the effect that union men are seeking their old places.

Declare Death to Unionism.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Regarding the stockyards strike it is now certain of a complete collapse. Wholesale employers of labor in Chicago have declared that they contemplate taking advantage of the situation to wrest the city from its position as a stronghold of organized labor in America.

The shut-down of the Pullman plant is cited as evidence of a movement in this direction.

Fears are expressed by employees of the International Harvester Company that the plants will be shut down. In thousands of Chicago concerns placards are being displayed, setting forth that men registered at the Chicago Employers' Association will be given preference. This association represents the anti-union element among the employes.

WILL EXAMINE STOMACH.

Relatives of Mrs. McVickers Believe There Has Been Foul Play.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—A quantitative analytic analysis of Mrs. J. H. McVickers' stomach is to be made at Chicago. A telegram to have the stomach brought to this city has been sent to Pasadena by Horace McVickers, her stepson, today.

Mrs. Clara B. Game, a niece, now at Pasadena, strongly advised this step on account of alleged new facts brought to light at Pasadena. Mrs. McVickers' will was opened and read today. Those interested here agreed to keep the contents secret.

Thibet Settlement at Hand.

Simla, Aug. 30.—It is understood the terms of the British demands on Thibet are being settled in a most satisfactory manner. The British, as a result, will likely leave L'Hassa much earlier than was expected.

Murderer Electrocuted.

Athens, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Antonio Giorgio, who, with Giuseppe Versaca, was convicted of the murder of John Vangorder and his half sister, Miss Farnham, in Allegheny county, was electrocuted this morning. Versaca will be electrocuted next week.

WHEAT ADVANCES.

Steady Upward Climb is Noted in the Market.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Old September wheat opened at \$1.09 1/2 and closed at \$1.07 3/4; new September opened at \$1.08 1/2. Corn, 53 1/2, oats 32 1/2.

No Local Sales.

Local wheat remains at 67 cents for club and 74 cents for bluestem. There are no offers to sell. "The farmers want 70 cents," said E. W. McComas, a local buyer.

ROOSEVELT'S LETTER READY.

President Expresses Great Interest in the Bull Run Army Maneuvers.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 30.—No visitors are expected today. The president completed his letter of acceptance and spent the day on departmental business.

He is greatly interested in the coming army maneuver at the Bull Run battlefield, and will receive daily reports to judge the practical efficiency of the force participating.

CABLE IS SPliced.

Government Line From Seattle to Sitka Open for Business.

Seattle, Aug. 30.—The Seattle-Sitka cable was spliced yesterday at a point 10 miles from this city in the Sound. This connects Nome and all intervening points with the outside world.

FILIPINOS LOSE LIVES IN A FIRE

OVER 200 BURN TO DEATH AT BINANG.

Native Village Destroyed, 220 Lives Lost, 5000 Are Homeless and Property Loss Estimated at \$320,000—Thatched Huts Were Tinder for Furious Flames—No Fire Fighting Apparatus—Town Built on Piles and All Means of Escape Cut Off—Many Families Burned.

Maunla, Aug. 30.—The city of Binang, province of Laguna, in Luzon, was destroyed by fire yesterday evening and 220 people are said to have perished in the flames. At least 5000 are homeless and the property loss is \$320,000.

The city of Binang is the chief center of Laguna province and has a population of 13,000, mostly mixed-blood Filipinos. The town was built principally on the native style, the thatched dwellings being like tinder for the flames.

Many of the houses were built on piles over a slough and the natives were caught like rats in a trap. It is a rich agricultural country around Binang, and many of the natives burned to death were families of Filipino farm laborers.

The absence of any fire fighting apparatus and a high wind made the progress of the flames rapid and highly destructive.

FELL TWENTY FEET.

Chinaman Injured at the Clopton Building While Washing Window.

Wing, the Chinese servant of B. F. Clopton, was dangerously hurt this morning by falling from a window of the Clopton residence while washing the window.

He was holding to the sash with one hand while he cleaned with the other, when the casing pulled out, and Wing fell 20 feet. He turned a complete somersault and fell upon his back. He was carried into the house and Dr. Cole summoned. No bones were broken, but the fellow was badly wrenched and bruised, and suffering from concussion of the spine. He is laid up and will be for some time. In his descent he missed by only a few inches a cement coping, and struck upon the ground beside it.

RYE BURNED.

Product of One Hundred and Twenty Acres Belonging to Harry Rogers.

One hundred and twenty acres of rye, cut and in the stacks, were burned on the farm of Harry Rogers Saturday night, seven miles west of Echo. Mr. Rogers telephoned the fact to J. M. Bentley, who wrote the insurance on it, last night—the first intimation of the fire that reached town. Mr. Rogers stated that the fire came upon the stack field from the southwest, out of the grass on the open plain, and that there was no clue whatever to the origin of the fire. It came before a southwest wind. The rye was insured at the rate of \$1.70 per 100 pounds, for an estimated yield amounting to \$1800 in value at \$15 per acre.

Oil for State Institutions.

Salem, Aug. 30.—If the flow of oil discovered near the deaf mute school proves to be permanent, arrangements will be made to use it for fuel at that institution and possibly others.

KUROPATKIN SURROUNDED, MUST FIGHT OR SURRENDER

Japanese Armies Have Adroitly Cut Off the Russian Retreat to Mukden.

Another Siege Almost Equal to That at Port Arthur, is Now Promised at Liao Yang—Artillery Duel is Raging—General Frontal Attack on Kuropatkin's Positions Will Be Made Tomorrow—Precision of Japanese Movements is Thrilling.

Liao Yang, Aug. 30.—The battle has become frightful this evening, the Japanese have moved forward all along the line.

The troops simultaneously forced their way toward the Russian positions in the face of a murderous fire which decimated the ranks. The movement developed into a hand to hand fight in the trenches, and a terrible slaughter.

One Japanese battery was completely dismantled by the Russian fire, and the remaining force from the disabled battery charged the trenches with the infantry. The loss of life seems to be appalling at this hour.

Kuropatkin's Retreat Cut Off.

Rome, Aug. 29.—A telegram from Kuroki's headquarters states the Japanese right wing has advanced toward Schilko. If the Japanese are able to hold their position, it will make it impossible for Kuropatkin to retreat to Mukden.

Says Japs Were Driven Back.

London, Aug. 30.—The Liao Yang correspondent of Reuter's wires that the Russian and Japanese forces fought again this morning. The Japanese had reached a point five miles west of Liao Yang when the fighting stopped yesterday evening, but were driven back this morning.

The Battle on at Liao Yang.

Liao Yang, Aug. 30.—The Japanese resumed the artillery duel with the Russian forces at 5 o'clock this morning. The heaviest firing occurred southeast of Liao Yang and has been continuous.

The Japanese shrapnel is searching the whole Russian front. The Mikado's forces mass all their guns for a few moments in one square and

then move them to another point with mathematical precision.

At 10 o'clock this morning the Russian fire slackened. An advance along the whole line will be begun against the Russian frontal positions by the Japanese probably tomorrow. The Japanese then will be in a position to deliver a general frontal attack. The Russians are holding their own gallantly. The casualties have been surprisingly small, considering the nature of the Japanese artillery fire.

Baltic Fleet Meets Accident.

London, Aug. 30.—Harris' correspondent to the Central News, wires that two Russian vessels of the Baltic fleet are reported seriously damaged during a gunnery practice while on a third a cannon exploded, killing the commandant and 30 men.

Another Siege Imminent.

London, Aug. 30.—St. Petersburg correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph states the general staff after hearing that Kuroki had cut off the retreat to Mukden, expressed the opinion that Liao Yang would become another Port Arthur. The fortifications there are splendid and provisions are plentiful.

Japs Gaining at Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—Later reports from Sakharoff says today's battle is very severe. The Russians suffered heavy losses. Colonel Pokatle is among the killed. The Japanese are continuing the attack.

Kuropatkin is Surrounded.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—Die Post has a dispatch from Liao Yang announcing that two Japanese divisions have turned Kuropatkin's left flank and attained a position between Liao Yang and Mukden. This cuts off Kuropatkin's retreat on the road to Mukden.

PENDLETON SPORTSMEN FORM HOT LAKE GAME PRESERVE

A game preserve has been secured for Hot Lake by the efforts of Dr. T. H. White, J. V. Tallman, T. W. Ayres, F. W. White and H. J. and A. D. Stillman, of this place, and W. J. Townley and Dr. Pfy, of Hot Lake. There may be others in the association before it is completed.

Two thousand acres of combined tules and upland have been leased from the Hot Lake proprietors, and every legitimate effort will be made from now on to make it the finest wild fowl preserve in the West.

The tules swarm now with wild ducks, and the keeper is feeding them a sack of wheat every day, and the amount will be increased as the fowls increase in number. Many English jacksnipe have also been noticed lately.

The construction of a club house and blinds is going on now, and will be pushed to a rapid completion. In the club house the keeper will reside, and he will be selected for his alertness, vigilance and acquaintance with the state game laws. Every infringement upon the game laws or upon the special rights of the proprietors will be vigilantly prosecuted.

The shooting grounds are about one-half mile from the Hot Lake hotel and the entire preserve is adjacent to the institution.

The marshy feeding ground is along Hot creek, just below the springs, and it never freezes over during the coldest weather.

WIFE DRAGS HUSBAND FROM "21" GAME

Into Baker & Garrison's saloon on Main street and on into the gambling rooms in the rear marched a determined woman last night. The startled dealers for a moment had visions of flying hatchets. But the woman said not a word and after a careful scrutiny of the faces about the crowded tables, she departed. Into a second gambling house she stalked, and there the object of her search was made apparent.

A small man, roughly dressed, stood over a "21" game. The woman watched him for a moment while all the house stared, and then with a thrust she shoved him away from the table. The fellow started to protest and then he saw who was before him.

Without a word he turned and with downcast head slouched out. The white-faced gamblers smiled sickly grins and the games went on. It was the wife of a workman whose wages were needed to pay the grocery bill.

AUTO KILLS TWO.

Barney Oldfield Loses Bearing in Dust at St. Louis Races.

St. Louis, Aug. 30.—In the automobile contest at the World's Fair yesterday, Barney Oldfield, the famous chaffeur, blinded by the swirl of dust in front of him, lost direction of his course, and killed John Swift, a watchman, and Nathan Montgomery, a negro.

Oldfield was hurled high into the air and fell bruised and insensible several yards beyond his overturned machine. A. C. Webb, of Toledo, whose machine blew the cloud of dust in Oldfield's face, won the race, for which a valuable trophy was given.

Oldfield today is resting easily and his injuries are not considered dangerous.

Fifty Drowned in Poland.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—The Tageblatt reports that an overloaded ferry boat on the Vistula river sank near Uatkoewy, Poland, today and 50 were drowned.

Hoar Shows No Change.

Worcester, Aug. 30.—Senator Hoar's condition this morning shows no change. He is still very weak.

James Wilson, a pioneer of Wallowa county, died at the home of Pete Goebel in Wallowa valley, Monday.

OREGON DOCTORS MEET.

Association Meeting Opened by Dr. Mae Cardwell at Portland Yesterday.

Portland, Aug. 30.—In the absence of Dr. Walter T. Williamson, president of the Oregon Medical Association, Dr. Mae Cardwell of this city, third vice-president of the state association, called the meeting to order and presided at the sessions yesterday.

This is the first time in the history of the association that a woman has been the presiding genius at a meeting of the medicals, and the doctors take it as an augury for the good.

When the meeting was called this morning, however, President Williamson was in the chair and the regular program was begun.

About 35 outside doctors are at the meeting and an interesting session is anticipated. One of the prominent physicians from abroad is Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., who delivered an address this afternoon on "Cancers of the Bowels," the discussion having been led by Dr. Andrew C. Smith of this city.

Condon Branch Right of Way.

Condon, Aug. 30.—J. B. Eddy, right of way man for the O. R. & N., is here this week securing right of way for the new railroad. He is making contracts containing the proviso that the road must be built and in operation within one year, otherwise the contract will be void.

FIRE DESTROYS YOHNKA COMBINE

NEW HARVESTER BURNED YESTERDAY AT NOON.

Team of Thirty Horses Had Just Been Unhitched for Noon Hour, When Flames Were Seen Issuing From the Machine—Supposed to Have Been Caused From Hot Box—Loss About \$1800; Insured for \$1000—100 Acres in the Field Yet Uncut.

The almost new \$1800 combine belonging to William Yohnka, burned at noon yesterday in Mr. Yohnka's harvest field, 15 miles west of town. The machine was insured for either \$1000 or \$1200. This was its second season and it had been operated with great care and skill and was practically as good as new.

The 30 horses had just been unhitched from the machine, and the five men had gathered at the cook house for their noon meal, when smoke was noticed arising from the direction of the machine, which was just out of sight in a depression of the field. The men immediately ran over to the machine, which was found to be on fire in almost every part by the time they arrived.

The only possible theory for the fire is a hot box, unless the remote one of spontaneous combustion is considered. There was no explosion, at least none that was heard, though it is possible there might have been one after the men had gotten a short distance away. Even that theory is untenable, as such explosions are usually heard at least a hundred yards. There was no wind, and the wheat and stubble being a little damp from the rain of the previous night, the men had no trouble keeping the fire from spreading.

This machine had cut 1400 acres of Mr. Yohnka's wheat, leaving 100 acres uncut when the fire took place. It is believed Mr. Yohnka will buy another machine this year, but hire the remaining 100 acres cut.

The 1400 acres cut yielded 20 bushels of grain to the acre, which was of good quality.

BOXER UPRISING.

American Missionaries Are Threatened With Extermination.

Shanghai, Aug. 30.—Twenty American missionaries, including women and children, were forced to leave Tamifu, Pechili province, owing to an intended massacre by Boxers.

A local telegraph company refused to dispatch a message to Minister Conger at Peking. An English friend sent a message. The viceroy of Pechili province then sent orders for their protection. The missionaries came out safely.

8000 Witness the Races.

St. Louis, Aug. 30.—Eight thousand enthusiasts saw the beginning of the Marathon race this afternoon. President Francis gave the signal which sent off 30 starters.

Delegate to Baltimore.

J. T. Hinkle and wife, accompanied by Clark Wood, of Weston, will start for the World's Fair Monday next. Mr. Hinkle is a delegate to the national series of the Eagles at Baltimore, and will be joined at this place by John A. Watson, delegate from Portland, and by Herman Wise and Joseph Gribler, of Astoria. Mr. Gribler is state deputy.

The loss caused by the Antwerp oil fire is estimated at \$10,000,000.

MURDER MYSTERY IS UNFATHOMABLE

No Possible Clues to the Cowardly Slayer of Young Ellis.

SHERIFF TAYLOR MAKING A TIRELESS SEARCH.

Last Theory Advanced is That Ellis Had Damaging Knowledge of Some Person Who Killed Him to Hide Another Crime—Young Man Had Just Earned \$70 in Harvest Field—Mystery of His Murder Recalls the Murder of May Wallace in This City Six Years Ago.

Not since the mysterious murder of Miss May Wallace, a Pendleton school teacher, six years ago, has such a perplexing crime been brought to the attention of Umatilla county officials, as the killing of Christopher Columbus Ellis.

Sheriff T. D. Taylor has not been heard of by the local office since he departed yesterday morning for Weston mountain, the scene of the Ellis tragedy. He is being assisted in his search for a clue as to the assassin by Special Deputy Sheriff D. F. Lavender, of Weston. The two will remain in the mountains until the affair is thoroughly sifted out.

The latest theory advanced as to the probable motive for the murder is that the slayer had committed some previous crime of which Ellis was aware. Afraid that the boy would divulge it he lay in wait and shot him down.

Young Ellis had been working in the harvest field of Terry Cockburn, on Dry creek, and received \$70 Saturday night, the evening before the murder. This money he gave to his mother and it was in their little cabin when he was murdered. Robbery is not thought to have been the object of the assassin.

The mystery surrounding the Ellis tragedy recalls the strange death of May Wallace. Miss Wallace was a teacher in the Pendleton Academy and resided on Railroad street with her father and sister.

As she was standing one evening with her back to the window, someone fired a shot from without and the bullet struck the woman in the small of the back. She died the next morning. Miss Wallace was well known and had many friends and no clue as to the murderer or his motive was ever discovered. The dying woman was unable to throw any light on the matter.

A reward of \$1300 was offered by citizens for the apprehension of the person who fired the fatal shot.

Justice Miller's Report.

Justice of the Peace J. L. Miller, of Milton, who conducted the coroner's inquest over the body of Ellis, today filed his papers with the county clerk. The evidence of the witnesses examined is meagre.

K. W. Smith, a resident of the mountain, measured the tracks of the person who evidently followed young Ellis. In his testimony Smith says the length of the stride increased after the body was passed and that the man was evidently running.

The right foot print indicated that the side of the shoe was badly worn.

SOLD 700 LAMBS.

W. H. Evans' Stockers Will Be Fed in Southern Colorado.

W. H. Evans, of Pilot Rock, has sold to Sylvester Bros. of Colorado, (in San Luis valley) 700 lambs which will be fed in the Canadian pea fields. One of the Sylvester brothers owns an 1100-acre field of this product, and all that is necessary to put a band of sheep in first-class marketable condition in 100 days is to turn them loose in this field.

The Canadian pea affords the animals grain and forage both, with the very minimum of time and labor being expended upon them. The Nebraska feeders are very nearly as fortunately situated as there is an immense crop of alfalfa and other forage crops in Central Nebraska this year, much of which will go unutilized unless fed to Oregon sheep.

- Drunken Beast Murders Child. Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—At 7 o'clock this morning Frank Dippold, aged 38, after a night's debauch, went to his home at Heidelberg. He went to the room where his 8-year-old son, Frank, was sleeping, and chopped the lad to pieces with an axe.