



BLOODY CRIME ON SWITZLER ISLAND

Fred Deltz Shot by Partner, Joe Bateman, Who Then Killed Himself.

WOUNDED MAN AT HOSPITAL AND MAY LIVE

After Bateman Shot His Partner He Then Started to Dump the Body in the Columbia River, But Was Persuaded Out of His Frenzied Design by the Pleas of His Companion—Would-be Murderer Then Shot Himself and Set Fire to His Cabin, Burning the Body to a Crisp.

An attempted murder, followed by a suicide, occurred on Switzler's island in the Columbia yesterday, and it was one of the bloodiest tragedies to happen in eastern Oregon for many months. Fred Deltz, a squatter on the island, was shot in the back with a shotgun by his partner, Joe Bateman, who later killed himself after setting fire to the little house in which the men were living.

According to the story as given by Deltz, his partner had returned to the island yesterday morning after having been away for several days in search of work. Deltz was then to go forth in quest of employment, but the two men got into a quarrel because he, Deltz, would not leave his watch with his partner.

Just as Deltz had stepped out of their house Bateman appeared in the doorway with the shotgun and fired point blank at his partner, striking him in the shoulder.

Deltz fell to the ground unconscious and his body was then placed in a wheelbarrow by Bateman, who started to wheel him across a field to the river, evidently with the intention of casting him into the water.

While being carted toward the Columbia Deltz regained consciousness and a fight ensued between the two men, during which the wounded man was beaten about the head and face by his infuriated mate. Leaving Deltz on the ground Bateman then left, saying he would get a hatchet and return and kill him. When he returned Deltz pleaded so hard for his life that his partner relented and said he would spare him. So he placed him in the shade of a tree and left saying he would go and kill himself.

After Bateman had left Deltz managed to make his way to another house on the island, where he told his story. He was then taken in a boat to Umatilla and while the party was on the river they heard Bateman fire two shots and later saw the house where he was going up in flames. At Umatilla Deltz was placed on board the evening O. R. & N. train for this city and he was attended by Dr. J. A. Best, who chanced to be on board. When the train arrived here in the evening the wounded man was taken to the hospital where his wound was cared for. Though terribly hurt by the discharge of the shot and his frightful experience, it is still believed that his life can be saved.

Last evening Marshal Tillson of Umatilla, went across to Switzler's island and there found the charred body of Bateman lying in the ashes of the old house. This morning Coroner Folsom left for Hermiston from which place he went across to the island to secure the remains, which he will bring to this city.

Slayers Known Here.
Envoys A. Demke, officer in charge of the local Salvation Army company, says that he knew the assailant of Deltz well and that his name is Joseph Bateman, instead of Bateman. He first knew him five years ago in Spokane, when he, Demke, was in the shoe business. He says that Bateman was here about April 1, and was given shelter at the Salvation Army quarters for a week. He then left to go to Switzler's island.

On April 3 Bateman wrote to Envoys Demke from Switzler's island and in his letter, written in German, he complained of his treatment at the hands of Deltz. According to the Salvationist, Deltz had borrowed \$50 from Bateman and throughout their

JOHN VANDERCOOK DIED WITH APPENDICITIS.

Chicago, April 11.—John Vandercok, president of the United Press association, died at a local hospital this morning following an operation for appendicitis. He was stricken down 10 days ago while in this city on business in connection with the association. Two operations were performed. Last night he suffered a relapse and died this afternoon at 12:30.

dealings had imposed upon the latter.

Both Deltz and Bateman were members of the Order of Eagles.

ANNA AND DE SAGAN LEAVE.

Two Separate Steamers Carry the Lovers to Europe.

New York, April 11.—Sailing on different steamers Prince Helle De Sagan and Mme. Gould left for Europe today. The prince left on the St. Paul and Mme. Gould on the Kaiser Frederick Der Grosse.

Before sailing the prince was assailed with innumerable questions which he refused to answer. When asked the direct question as to whether he was as yet married to Mme. Gould he turned on his heel and walked away. All efforts to see Mme. Gould were unavailing.

FUNSTON TRANSFERRED.

Washington, April 11.—Confirmation was made today of the president's intention of detaching General Frederick Funston, now in command of the department of California, with headquarters in San Francisco, as president of the general service school at Fort Leavenworth. Funston will probably remain here until after the fleet reception.

FLEET MAY LEAVE PORTLAND OUT

NAVY HAS NO OFFICIAL INVITATION TO COME.

Program of the Atlantic Fleet's Itinerary is Now About Made Up and so Far Portland is Not on the List—Oversight of the Rose Carnival Committee May Deprive Oregon of Entertaining the Fleet.

Portland, April 11.—This city stands an excellent chance of being entirely ignored by the Atlantic fleet when it visits the north Pacific coast.

Relying upon the fact that Portland is one of the largest ports on the coast, the Rose carnival committee failed to send the navy department a special invitation asking that the vessels be sent here and as a result the program of the fleet's visit was made up without Portland on the itinerary. Today Rear Admiral Pillsbury said: "No invitation has come to us asking that any of the ships be sent to Portland during the Rose carnival or at any other time."

"We have no official knowledge of when the Rose carnival is to be held, and unless Portland advises us shortly we may find it impossible to comply with any request for ships."

CARLOAD OF TREES FOR PARK.

Walla Walla Is Now Engaged in Beautifying Herself.

A carload of trees and shrubs was received by the park commission today from the nursery of Storrs & Harrison, of Painesville, Ohio, the largest in the world, and a large force of men is engaged in planting them in the park this afternoon, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. Many of these trees and shrubs are of varieties never seen here. The carload cost \$1000, f. o. b., and the freight amounted to \$355, making it cost \$1355 laid down. This shipment is in addition to \$1000 worth of trees and shrubs bought of the Walla Walla valley nurserymen.

The park commission bought from local dealers all of the stock they had on hand of the kind wanted, but some new varieties were needed and an order was sent east. The local dealers said that before there had been no demand for these varieties and consequently they had not been carried in stock.

LILLEY CHARGES BIG NAVAL GRAFT

Connecticut Representative Says \$100,000,000 Has Been Stolen.

RANK CORRUPTION IN SECURING NAVAL SUPPLIES

Demands That President Appoint a Committee, on Which No Congressman May Serve, to Investigate—Asks That Half a Dozen Navy Yards and Stations Be Abandoned—Congress Is Startled by the Unexpected Outburst of Congressman Lilley.

Washington, April 11.—Representative George L. Lilley of Connecticut, today started the house of representatives by making the charge that \$100,000,000 of the people's money had been misappropriated in providing the navy yards and stations with supplies.

He introduced a resolution calling on the president to appoint a committee to report the advisability of abandoning Kittery, Me., Port Royal, Charleston, S. C., Key West, Fla., New Orleans, La., and Mare Island, Calif., with the suggestion that no member of congress be on the committee in which these stations or yards are located.

He pointed out that the abandonment of Mare Island had been recommended 10 years ago.

FREE LOVE PROFESSOR WEDS.

Prof. O. L. Triggs Renounces His Faid For a New Wife.

Canton, O., April 11.—Prof. Oscar Triggs, who won considerable notoriety while a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, for saying that John D. Rockefeller was a greater man than Shakespeare, was married to Miss Addie Beal Cox, 28 years old, at Turlock, California today.

This is of peculiar interest because Triggs was known as an advocate of free love. Miss Beal's parents live at Canton. Last August Triggs was divorced from his wife and at that time his declarations in favor of free love were made. The new Mrs. Triggs was a pupil of Triggs' while a student at Chicago and since then has been interested in settlement work in the east.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Record of Yesterday's Games Among the Leagues.

San Francisco, April 11.—(San Francisco, 7; Portland, 3.

Wages in Samoa.

A memorandum drawn up by the German colonial office, and attached to the estimates for the information of the members of the Reichstag, contains a statement of the present condition of the labor question in Samoa, in which it is stated that the white population was formerly entirely dependent upon Samoan workmen, while now the major part of the work at most of the plantations is done by Chinese imported for this labor. Each Chinese laborer receives in wages \$2.66 a month. The total cost of each to the employer, the support states, including wages, maintenance, passage money, and medical treatment is calculated at from \$9.83 to \$11.90 per month.

Boise Farmer Disappeared.

F. L. Royce, a farmer from south Boise, and his 6-year-old son mysteriously disappeared from McCammon last Thursday, while the old gentleman was negotiating for the purchase of some land, says a Pocatello item. He was a guest at a McCammon hotel two days and displayed a considerable sum of money. Thursday he and the boy left the hotel to look at a piece of land on the edge of town and nothing has been seen of them since that time. Foul play is suspected. Posses and searching parties have been hunting for three days, and today blood hounds from the state penitentiary were brought up but failed to pick up the scent.

Sheep Bring Good Prices.

Emmet Cochran, the well known Monument shearer, sold last week to Frank McGirr of Fox valley, 1000 head of yearling ewes for \$4.50 per head, to be delivered after shearing, says the Blue Mountain Eagle of Grant county. The price is considered high, but the sheep are high grade and shear very heavy fleeces and are without doubt worth the money. Mr. McGirr is the owner of a large tract of land in Fox valley and has been quite successful in farming and in raising cattle and horses and will succeed in the sheep business.

STOLE DIAMONDS WORTH \$50,000

San Francisco Has Most Daring Robbery in History of Pacific Coast.

THIEVES CARRIED OFF SAFE FULL OF BRILLIANTS

Jewelry Store Entered by Boring a Hole in Adjoining Wall—Made One Start Through Another Room But Encountered Water Pipes and Stopped—Glittering Collection of Gems Valued at Over \$50,000 Carried Off—No Trace of Daring Robbers Yet Found.

San Francisco, April 11.—Diamonds to the value of \$50,000 were stolen from the jewelry store of T. Lundy last night as a result of probably the most daring robbery ever committed on the Pacific coast.

After boring a hole through an adjoining wall the burglars entered the store, smashed a combination lock and escaped with a tray of valuables. The men worked so quietly that the robbery was not discovered until 5:30 this morning, when they opened the door of a store adjoining the jewelry store and found it open.

The men had previously tried to gain entrance from a clothing store in the rear of the jewelry store, but encountered water pipes and abandoned the job at that point.

MORROW COUNTY SHEEP SALES

Early Spring Movement of Sheep Starts Out Well.

The Heppner Gazette says of Morrow county sheep sales of this spring: "After a long depression in the sheep market the spell has at last been broken and several sales are reported this week."

F. C. Oxman, who was one of the heaviest buyers in this county last season, was here this week and made several purchases.

Mr. Oxman bought from Wm. Barritt 1700 mixed yearlings at \$2.50 per head.

He also purchased about 2000 head from Wm. Beymer, 1500 head from Silas Wright, and a lot of coarse wool yearlings from D. O. Justus. The prices on the last lot we were unable to learn.

Paul Hiler, the well known sheepman, this week sold to H. A. Youm, 100 head of yearling wethers with the wool on for \$4.50 per head.

This is the first sheep sale in this vicinity this season and is considered a good price. However, Mr. Hiler's sheep were in fine condition.

HURRY UP CELLO CANAL.

Walla Walla Paper Reviews Progress of River Work.

The Walla Walla Statesman says of the work of completing the Cello canal, to which work Congressman W. R. Ellis is now devoting his best efforts:

"After a great amount of preliminary work, revising plans of the government canal between The Dalles and Celilo, have been completed and forwarded to Washington for approval, says the Statesman."

Government engineers in charge of this important work have assurances that the revised plans will be immediately taken up by the government authorities and if approved, a substantial appropriation for continuing the work will be made.

The Celilo canal is the only really important work to be done in order to open up a channel from Lewiston to the sea, and it is hoped that the revised plans will be approved and the necessary appropriation made.

Within the past year numerous obstructions to navigation in both the Columbia and Snake rivers have been removed by government dredges and the work is to be continued with unabated energy.

The rapid development of a vast area of country tributary to the Columbia and Snake rivers, with the increased traffic incidental to such development, makes it imperative that an open channel to the sea be constructed as quickly as possible.

Another Big Wheat Check.

While George Feringer of this city holds the honor of having received the largest wheat check in the history of the inland empire, it being for over \$73,000, the following from Walla Walla is perhaps second. The Bulletin says: Henry Vincent, the well known farmer of this county, Saturday received a check from the Jones-Scott company for \$53,593.72, in payment for the last of his wheat crop. He has sold much of it previously to this time. The check was issued on the Baker-Boyer bank, and is one of the largest ones made out in this valley this year. Mr. Vincent's wheat brought approximately 75 cents a bushel.

REPUBLICANS CALL THREE CONVENTIONS.

Portland, April 11.—The state central committee called three republican conventions yesterday afternoon to meet in Portland on May 14. They are the first congressional district convention, second congressional district convention and the state convention to choose delegates at large for the Chicago convention.

DID JOHNSON FIND \$1100.

House Mover Makes Rapid Reputation as a Man With Money.

Did Tom Johnson, a laborer for Hasings Bros., find \$1100 in an old building they were moving from the end of town? According to a tale that is told, Johnson made such a find and substance is lent to the story by the fact that the gentleman in question has had much money to spend of late.

While moving the old Jacobs house opposite the Catholic church Johnson is said to have found \$1100 in gold under the place. Whether such is true or not is a point upon which Main street gossipers differ. But whether true or not, the fact remains that Johnson has been flush of late and his plunging has attracted wide attention during the past few days.

Of late Johnson is said to have had money to burn and that he burned it is evidenced by the details of his exploits. At one fell pass he is declared to have bought 20 bottles of champagne in succession at \$5 per, a clip that is followed by few in this modest town. This and other things that Johnson has done of late have given him a reputation as a spender and incidentally he has gotten himself talked about almost as much as though he were in politics.

KENTUCKY SEEKS OREGON HORSES

E. B. EBLIN WOULD SHIP OREGON STOCK EAST.

Owing to Low Prices Offered the Buyer Has Been Unable to Secure But 1000 Head Which Were Purchased From W. W. Brown of Crook County—Plenty of Horses for Sale at the Right Prices.

E. B. Eblin of Kentucky is now in Grant county trying to buy 8000 head or range horses for shipment to eastern markets, but so far has been unable to make any extensive purchases.

He has bought 1000 head of aged horses from W. W. Brown of Paulina, Crook county, the man who gave \$10,000 for the erection of Brown hall, the boys' dormitory of Pendleton academy, but he has been unable to make any further purchases on account of the low prices offered.

He has been on a deal for 4000 head of horses in the Lee district in Grant county but the owners are holding for good prices and he will have to pay more than he offers if he gets them.

Mr. Eblin says that the demand for horses in the eastern and southern states is unprecedented and he will ship out every hoof he can buy in the northwest. He also says that the class of horses raised in Oregon has been greatly improved in the past few years and that it is now possible to find as good drivers, saddlers, roadsters and draft horses on the ranges of Oregon as anywhere in the world, while a few years ago the grade had been allowed to run down considerably.

DIED WITH PNEUMONIA.

Emma, 5-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Kupers Passed Away.

Emma Kupers, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Kupers, living north of the city, died at 2 o'clock this morning from the effects of pneumonia. The funeral was held from the German church this afternoon, the burial being at the German cemetery.

Some time ago the little Kupers girl had the diphtheria from which a sister died. However, Emma recovered from the diphtheria only to be stricken fatally with pneumonia.

BETTER SERVICE IN THE RESERVE

Supervisor Ireland Says Force of 14 Men Will Give Entire Satisfaction.

BIG JOB TO MANAGE 1,100,000 ACRES.

Crew of Rangers in Blue Mountain Reserve Has Been Largely Increased—Salaries Have Been Increased and the Work Can Be Done in a More Thorough Manner—Mr. Ireland Has Been in Forest Service for 11 Years, Having Started as a Ranger at a Salary of \$50 Per Month.

To manage 1,100,000 acres of range land and to see that it is equitably distributed among the sheep and cattlemen of eastern Oregon, is the task which falls to Henry Ireland, supervisor of the eastern division of the Blue mountain forest reserve who is now here.

With him this year Mr. Ireland will have a force of 14 rangers whose duty it will be to patrol the reserve and to see that the regulations of the forestry bureau are complied with. With that force of men he says that better service can be rendered than was given last year, for his crew will be both larger and better than in the past. One reason for this is the fact that the fear of hard times has tended to drive good men into the government service where they may find jobs that are sure and steady though the salaries are small.

For 11 years Supervisor Ireland has been in the forestry service and during that time he has advanced from a ranger drawing a salary of \$50 per month, to supervisor of a great reserve. He entered the service in 1897 when the forestry service was conducted with the department of the interior and when Blinger Herman was commissioner general of the land office.

He says that the separation of the forestry bureau from the interior department was hailed with joy by those in the service.

At present the headquarters for the eastern division is at Sumpter which town lies close to the reserve. However, it is off the main line and because of its isolation is objected to by sheepmen generally. However, Mr. Ireland says no change in headquarters can be made this year.

FRANK FRAZIER INJURED.

Well Known Horseman Run Down by a Colt and Two Ribs Broken.

Frank Frazier, the well known horseman, is now at his home on Jackson street nursing two broken ribs and is receiving congratulations from his friends on the fact that he is still alive. While at his Tutuilla ranch Thursday, Mr. Frazier was working with some horses in a corral going at a race track clip. As a result of the collision Mr. Frazier had two ribs broken and was otherwise badly jarred, though not seriously injured.

Today Mr. Frazier is reported to be rapidly recovering from his hurt and it is said he will be about again within a few days.

Thinks He Was "Jobbed."

At the residence of W. H. McCormack, on the north side, a well-dressed crew succeeded today in removing a broken bit that had been left in the shaft and the work of finishing the well will now be carried through. According to W. H. McCormack his former contractor, Frederick, had dropped pieces of iron in the shaft to retard the work and he has harsh things to say concerning the man who formerly had the job.

S. L. Morse Critically Ill.

S. L. Morse, pioneer of this county, is now lying at the point of death at his home in Pilot Rock. He is suffering from pleurisy and in view of his advanced age he may not recover. His sister, Mrs. Aura Raley, and daughter, Mrs. Frank Saling, are now both by his side at Pilot Rock. Other relatives have been summoned.

SERIOUS HITCH IN HUGHES PROGRAM

New York, April 11.—Early indications following the convening of the New York state republican convention at Carnegie hall today pointed to a serious hitch in the program of the followers of Hughes to have the delegates to the national convention in Chicago pledged to vote for the nomination of the Empire state executive.

At a caucus of delegates last night it was decided to vote against any resolution indorsing the governor for nomination.

This action, however, was merely formal, states William Ward, national committeeman, and no fight will be made in the convention. The Hughes delegates still declare that they will secure his indorsement.

SUSPECTED MURDERERS TO SEATTLE

Seattle, April 11.—Three men were suspected of being members of the gang of five who fatally wounded Marshal Harry Miller of Kent, Thursday night, are thought to have passed through here early this morning headed for Seattle.

The night marshal at Renton accosted the men at the railroad yards and asked them what they were doing.

"Just keep your mouth shut, or you'll get what the other fellow got," remarked one of the men.

The trio then started off down the tracks toward Black River junction. The sheriff was notified and a posse is now in pursuit.

Marshal Miller of Kent, died last night.