



POKER CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Arthur Van Winkle Forges Checks to Get Money to Stay in Clandestine Game.

PILOT ROCK BUSINESS MEN ARE LOSERS.

Name of H. H. McReynolds Is Forged and Merchants Cash Worthless Paper to Value of \$95—Young man Skips Country and Was Last Seen Near Ukiah—Secured the Money Friday, But Matter Was Not Reported to Acting District Attorney Ferguson Until Last Evening.

Although poker playing and gambling of all kinds is strictly prohibited in Pilot Rock, and in all of Oregon, for that matter, another young man has gone wrong as a result, it is said, of a clandestine poker game at Pilot Rock last Friday night.

Arthur Van Winkle, who has been employed by H. H. McReynolds, the Pilot Rock butcher, for the past three months, has just issued four checks aggregating \$95, on the Bank of Pilot Rock and has fled the country, going south toward Ukiah, where he was last seen.

It is said that Van Winkle secured money on the checks with which to take part in a poker game and those who held checks, feeling that he would have money in the bank to redeem them, delayed reporting the matter until last evening, when it was reported to Acting District Attorney Charles J. Ferguson.

Four checks were cashed for Van Winkle Friday night, by the following Pilot Rock men: Carnes Brothers, \$30; H. G. Casteel, \$20; Walter Smith, \$20, and Sim Jinkins, \$25.

When the checks were offered at the bank Saturday, it was found that Van Winkle had no funds there, but that he had an account at the bank some time before. Thinking that he would return to make the checks good, the matter was not given out.

However, after waiting until Monday afternoon for Van Winkle to return, the holders of the checks notified the acting district attorney and a search for the young man is now being made. He was last seen in the vicinity of Ukiah, Sunday. He came to Pilot Rock from The Dalles, but had formerly lived at Ukiah.

Van Winkle was about 22 years of age and had borne a good reputation at Pilot Rock, where he had been employed in the butcher business conducted by Mr. McReynolds, for the past three months. His action is a surprise to all who knew him and it is not believed that he would have committed the crime had he not been inveigled into the poker game, as is asserted by all who are familiar with the circumstances.

Tried to Exterminate His Own Family.

Rockville, Conn., Aug. 4.—Charged with beating out his wife's brains with a sledge hammer and cutting his daughter's throat, John Zeit, a Hungarian farmer, is being brought here. He was captured after being knocked unconscious by his son, whom he also attempted to kill. He sought the lives of his family for fancied wrongs.

PLENTY HELP THIS YEAR.

Farmers Blessed With Good Weather and Sufficient Farm Help.

The second week of actual harvest in the Grand Ronde valley opened this morning, says the La Grande Observer. Reports continue to come in of average crops and aided by favorable climatic conditions, and plenty of help, the farmers are raking in the golden sheaves. Help has been less hard to procure this year than any time in years past. Scarcely a farmer but what has all the help he needs, but is paying good wages, nevertheless.

GREAT BUILDING ACTIVITY IN PENDLETON

Between 30 and 40 carpenters and brick masons are now employed in this city on the various buildings under construction. The largest force of brickmasons and carpenters is employed on the city hall, which is rapidly nearing completion.

The new concrete block garage being erected on Johnson street by the Pendleton Auto company, is now being pushed along rapidly and a considerable force is employed there by Boothby & Hale, the contractors.

Work on the new Episcopal rectory on Johnson street, is also progressing

HEAT KILLS BABIES BY THE SCORE.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Seventy-six prostrations were reported today and the city is in the throes of another terrific heat wave. It was 90 degrees at noon.

Eighty babies died from the heat yesterday and many more deaths are inevitable if the heat continues.

Three deaths were added today to the long list, making a total of eight adults dead in the last 24 hours.

HAVE BRYAN'S PICTURE ON THEIR HOSIERY.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—A windstorm which tore things up around Fairview has served to disclose a new fad which Lincoln's young women have taken up. The wind showed they are embroidering on their hosiery portraits of great men, past and present.

One girl whose skirts were caught by the wind had pictures of Washington, Bryan and Taft worked on her stockings, and blushing admitted that "all the girls are taking up the idea."

FLEET MAKES RECORD.

Traveling Great Distance on Small Coal Allowance.

(Widespread Suva, Fiji Island.) Aboard the Georgia, Aug. 4.—The fleet passed the Friendly Islands this afternoon. The ships are making a remarkable record for coal endurance. Experts on the vessels say the distance traversed per ton is a revelation to the entire world.

The ships spent yesterday morning in evolutions. At a signal from the Connecticut the vessels swung around from single column, in which they had been traveling two days, into battle line.

They will arrive at Auckland August 9.

SAD SUICIDE OF A YOUNG WIFE

DESCRIBES ON PAPER AWFUL PAIN SUFFERED.

Grief Over Loss of Two Children and Homesickness for Mother in Spokane Leads Los Angeles Woman to Take Carbolic Acid—Regrets Rush Act When Too Late.

Los Angeles, Aug. 4.—Mrs. Cora Cummings is in a hospital after drinking carbolic acid and describing on paper the awful pain she suffered before she lost consciousness.

Grief over the death of her two babies and homesickness for her mother who lives in Spokane, caused the woman to seek death.

After drinking the acid she wrote: "Guy, my dear, I feel no pain, only a bad stomach ache; oh, do try, may be—I hope not. When you come I'll be dead. Just think, dead, won't it be funny. Pains are so bad, don't you ever do as I did. It is awful. Don't ever do as I did. I can't stand it. Oh, Guy, its worse and worse, it is killing me, I wish—"

At this point the pencil dropped and she fell groaning to the floor. Her husband, who was near the house, heard her cries, rushed in and took his wife to the hospital.

Religious War Threatened.

Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 4.—A religious war is imminent in Portugal. A bill introduced by Alfonso Costa, leader of the republicans in the chamber of deputies, the most bitter enemy of the government, providing for the expulsion of all religious orders from Portugal, is the storm center. The bill is thought to be a veiled attack on the throne, which favors Catholicism.

Montana forest fires have been placed under control after doing more than \$15,000 worth of damage.

CATTLE RUSTLER DIES FIGHTING

George Moore Dead and Two Companions Wounded Near Lewiston.

GUN FIGHT FOLLOWS SENSATIONAL JAIL BREAK.

Two Men Make Wild Dash for Freedom After Being Arraigned on Charge of Stealing Cattle—Joined by Two Companions on Outskirts of Town and Flight Is On—Meeting Enemies on Road, They Open Fire—Dan Carr Does Deadly Work with Winchester.

Lewiston, Aug. 4.—A thrilling reminder of frontier days in the Inland Empire is contained in the range tragedy which was enacted near here last evening.

As a result of the tragedy George Moore, cattle rustler, is dead; A. J. Sloan and W. P. Reed, companions, are wounded, while Dan Carr, the complaining witness, received five wounds late this afternoon in a gun fight at the Carr homestead seven miles from Orofino, on the Pierce City road.

The shooting affray is the result of a break for liberty made by Reed and Rice, who were arraigned in Orofino Monday morning on a charge of cattle stealing. The men started at breakneck speed out of town and were joined in the suburbs by George Moore and A. J. Sloan, for whom officers had been seeking several days on cattle stealing charges.

Meet in Road.

The outlaws followed the Pierce City road and when within one-fourth mile of the Carr homestead met Albert Carr and Sam Craig in the road. The desperados opened fire and drove young Carr and Craig to cover. Shots were heard by Dan Carr, father of Albert, and he, with a Winchester rifle and three cartridges, started for the scene of the trouble.

Telephone messages from Orofino had warned the elder Carr of the escape of the cattle thieves, and when the shooting commenced he knew his son and companion had encountered the outlaws.

When Dan Carr met the men a fusillade of shots greeted the rancher, but Carr killed Moore at the first shot, wounded Rice with a bullet through the neck and sent a ball through the right arm of Reed. Carr himself received two scalp wounds, a bullet through the left leg, one through the right thigh and one through the body. The wounds are not very serious.

The shooting was reported to the sheriff's office and under the direction of Sheriff Harry Lydon possees were organized at Pierce City, Weippe and Orofino and started in pursuit. Latest reports state that the men have been driven to cover on a ridge between Orofino and Ford's Creek, and it is expected that their capture will be effected tomorrow.

STRIKE WILL TIE UP CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 4.—Canadian Pacific mechanics at Winnipeg struck at noon today. The whole system from Vancouver to Montreal will be tied up, as the conductors and engineers have promised support. Ten thousand men are involved.

CAREFULLY PLANNED.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—J. H. McVety, representing the machinists' union, officially announced today that the machinists of the entire C. P. railway would quit at 10 tomorrow morning, indicating a general strike has been carefully planned for that time.

Road Officials Won't Talk.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—The road officials decline to discuss the strike. The road will be tied up from Halifax to Vancouver during the heavy grain shipping season unless an agreement is reached speedily.

The breach is wide, the strike coming after three months of attempts at arbitration. The men have declined to accept the decision of the arbitration board.

Fire Boat Sunk.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The fire boat Illinois was sunk and three men probably fatally hurt by the collapse of the wall of the big elevator in yesterday's mill and a half fire. The firemen were on the boat playing streams on the smoldering ruins today when the wall collapsed. They swam to escape.

To Can Taft's Speeches.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 4.—Taft is practicing his voice preparatory to delivering several speeches into a phonograph for reproduction where the people will not be able to hear the campaign addresses.

PATHETIC DEATHS ARE NUMEROUS

Horrors of Terrible Holocaust in Fernie District Are Being Hourly Revealed.

BODIES OF UNKNOWN AWAIT IDENTIFICATION.

People Driven to Great Extremes to Escape Heat—Bodies of Entire Family Found in Well—Sought Shelter and Were Suffocated—Son and Family Forced to Flee, Leaving Invalid Mother to Be Devoured By Flames—Four Drunks Perish in Hotel.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 4.—Smoke and embers are still flying over the site of the destroyed town, making it extremely disagreeable for the homeless. There is little danger of further destruction, however, unless another gale arises.

The bodies of the victims have been placed in the basement of the office of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., one of the two business buildings left standing, where the unknown will await identification.

The body of Robert Kern has been found.

One of the tragic fatalities was the extreme to which people were driven to escape the heat. The bodies of a family of four were found in a well, a miner, his wife and two children, where they sought refuge.

The fire had burned to the water's edge, and the miner was badly burned. The wife and children were suffocated to death. Only a little water was left in the well, which was curbed with wood. After climbing into it the miner and family were evidently unable to get out.

Forced to Desert Mother.

Even more pathetic was the awful manner in which Mrs. Addie Turner, an aged invalid, living with her son in a Fernie annex, met her death. When he realized his house was going, Turner prepared his wife and children for flight. The aged woman couldn't walk. She pleaded with Turner and his family to save their own lives and leave her there.

When the house caught fire Turner wrapped his mother in a wet blanket, laid her on the ground, then seized his wife and children and fled. Nothing but the blackened bones of the old woman were found.

Lives Lost in Hotel.

It is believed that several lives were lost in the Waldorf hotel. The last persons leaving after it was aflame, say four drunken men were left on the floor.

Robert Lane, a young miner, who had only been married a few weeks, was found dead in West Fernie.

Fire Extinguished.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—A Cranbrook dispatch says the fire in the Crow's Nest district is extinguished and order has been restored. Hundreds are missing, but the indications are that not so many are dead as was at first reported.

FIVE YEARS OF PIUS X.

Anniversary of Pope's Reign Celebrated Throughout Italy.

Rome, Aug. 4.—There is universal rejoicing at the special celebration which marks the completion of the fifth year of the reign of Pope Pius X, today through Italy. With great pomp the occasion was dedicated in the vatican. The pope is receiving the college of cardinals in a body, and granting audience to a large assemblage of prominent churchmen from all parts of the world.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, was one of the principal visitors. Greetings were extended by all military and lay officials of Rome and several college prelates. As those dignitaries passed in review before the pope the great audience in the chamber of the vatican presented a brilliant scene.

SENATOR ALLISON DIES.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 4.—United States Senator Allison of Iowa, died of heart disease at 2 this afternoon.

A CURIOUS THEFT.

Thief Steals Excess Check Calling for Body of Dead Man.

Dispatches from Nampa state that a thief who passed through there Saturday morning stole a pocketbook containing an excess baggage check calling for the body of a dead man that was being shipped to Nampa. The check was being carried by the brother of the dead man, and while he was asleep on the train the pocketbook was stolen.—Baker City Herald.

If you would not be known to do a thing, never do it.—Emerson.

AIRSHIP FLIES AS GRACEFULLY AS A BIRD.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—Count Zeppelin in a monster dirigible balloon, was sighted over Strausburg today, five hours after he left Lake Constance in an attempt to remain in the air 24 hours. The ship made a perfect ascent, sweeping gracefully into the air, under perfect control. The test of flying 24 hours was made under the requirements of the government, which may buy the balloon. He says he will start on a time endurance trip as soon as he completes the present voyage.

ABDUCTED GIRL RETURNS UNINJURED.

Publicity of Case Probably All That Saved Veronica Cassidy From Horrible Fate.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Veronica Cassidy, the 12-year-old girl whose mysterious abduction last Thursday caused unusual police activity in this city, returned to her home Saturday night from Cincinnati, whither she had been taken by her alleged abductor, F. J. Blair. She told her parents that Blair had placed her aboard a train immediately after leading her away from home and that they had been in a rooming house in the Ohio city until this morning, when the man gave her a ticket to Chicago and told her to go home.

The unexpected return of the child turned a house of mourning into a place of joy. Her mother and sister, asleep since Thursday when they discovered that Blair had given a fictitious address in taking Veronica from her home to be a companion of his wife, became prostrated today.

Mrs. Catherine Cassidy, the mother, became hysterical late today and only the sudden appearance of the missing girl saved her from serious illness, according to the physicians. Anna May Cassidy, Veronica, sister, had spent all of last night with relatives trying to locate the younger girl.

OREGON GETS FOREST FUNDS

SUM OF \$32,318 AS SHARE OF INCOME.

Government Apportions the Proceeds of the Forest Reserves Amounting to \$447,063.79—Montana Leads All States with the Sum of \$75,807.41—Idaho Is Second with \$54,307.84

Announcement has just been made of the amounts which each state containing national forests will receive under the new law giving 25 per cent of the gross receipts from forests to these states. The total amount to go to the states from the receipts of the fiscal year which ended June 30 is \$447,063.79.

The amounts to go to each state or territory are: Alaska, \$2,634.78; Arizona, \$42,610.44; Arkansas, \$313.68; California, \$2,437.78; Colorado, \$50,955.67; Idaho, \$56,307.84; Kansas, \$643.55; Montana, \$75,807.41; Nebraska, \$2,349.77; Nevada, \$4,577.95; New Mexico, \$25,464.12; Oklahoma, \$554.48; Oregon, \$32,318.52; South Dakota, \$8,456.60; Utah, \$32,151.02 (including Uinta Indian refund of \$5,348.07); Washington, \$18,032.79, and Wyoming, \$41,402.38.

The law requires that this money be expended upon public roads and schools by the counties which contain national forest land. In this way the counties are compensated for the reduction of taxable area brought about by the existence of the forests.

Before this year the states have received 10 per cent of the gross receipts, but congress voted last winter to increase the amount to 25 per cent.

Eighty men have been released from the Washington state penitentiary as the result of the action taken by the state board of control a week ago.

BIG INCREASE IN POSTOFFICE BUSINESS

Despite the dry season, alleged crop shortage and prohibition, the July business for Pendleton postoffice is \$247.59 ahead of the business transacted by the office during the month of July, 1907.

The report of the Pendleton office for the past month has just been prepared by Assistant Postmaster Harry B. Reese, and shows the total income from all sources to be \$1623.76, of which sum \$1562.55 was the proceeds of stamp sales. The expenses for the month amounted to \$980.35, leaving a

BIG RESERVOIR IS COMPLETED

Scene of Recent Great Activity Now Deserted Save for a Solitary Watchman.

PRACTICALLY ALL OF MACHINERY SHIPPED AWAY

Big Lake Will Be Allowed to Drain After Close of Present Irrigation Season—Will Be Filled to Full Capacity This Winter—Work of Cementing Main Feed Canal Progressing Rapidly—About 1000 Acres in Reservoir Now Covered With Water—Being Put on Raw Land.

Where two months ago 200 men and 100 teams were toiling on the dam of the Umatilla irrigation reservoir, there is now one lone watchman keeping vigil over the piles of machinery, empty houses, headgate, tower and dam.

Practically all of the government machinery excepting the locomotives has been shipped away, the horses have been sold, the reservoir is now in the hands of the Waterusers' association and the work is completed.

The railroad track has not yet been torn up, but it is expected that this will be done soon. The locomotives will also be sent out soon to other projects and within a few weeks there will be nothing but the grim and forsaken shanties to mark the spot where great activity has been seen for two years past.

Will Drain Reservoir.

The officials in charge will drain the reservoir after the present irrigating season is over in order to allow the bottom to settle and to do away with small seepages which are now in evidence. It is estimated that it will require a month to drain the great space now filled with water, but that it will be a great benefit to the reservoir to drain it before it is allowed to fill during the winter with the flood water, is the opinion of those in charge.

The water now in the reservoir, about 1000 acres in extent, will be allowed to cover the raw lands, thus giving the entire project a good soaking. With the beginning of high water during the fall, the reservoir will be opened again, the canal near Echo have been cemented and all will be in readiness for the filling of the reservoir to its capacity, about 17,000,000,000 gallons.

Work on the cement lining for the canal near Echo, is now progressing satisfactorily and will have been completed by September 1. This will be the very last task of the ditch and dam builders of the Umatilla project, and after that is completed the entire project will be turned over to the people who own the land under it.

Many Applications for Position.

That Pendleton is an attractive place for teachers, as well as home-seekers, is shown by the large number of applications received by Principal Bleakney of Pendleton academy for the position of teacher of domestic science. About half a dozen applications have been received from Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan and other eastern and southern states. A teacher has not yet been selected for the place.

Cut Throat With Scissors.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 4.—The fact has just become known that Mrs. Williams, wife of Sheriff Andrew Williams of Whatcom county, attempted suicide Sunday by cutting her throat and wrists with scissors. It is supposed she was despondent over the recent death of her daughter. She will recover.

Fire in Chehalis County.

Hoquiam, Wash., Aug. 4.—One of the worst forest fires in the history of Chehalis county is threatening the entire logging districts in this vicinity, and is raging twelve miles north of this city. It is reported that the loss is now a quarter of a million.