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REV. RICHESON WILL DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR CRIME

Believed Minister Who Ruined and Murdered Avis Linnel Cannot Escape

FEAR, NOT REPENTANCE PROMPTED CONFESSION

Prisoner is at Ease and Reads Theological Works, in Belief He Will Be Shown Mercy By Governor--- Sentence Postponed.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Rev. Clarence T. Richeson will be sentenced by Judge Sanderson within the next few days for the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnel, after she had been placed in an embarrassing situation by the preacher, who in the meantime had decided to marry Miss Violet Edmonds, an heiress. It is almost certain that the death penalty will be inflicted.

The couple had a short walk and then went into a cafe. Here they had luncheon, after which they took another walk this time to the Fenway. Girl Worrying Over Her Condition. It was while seated on a secluded bench in the park after the girl had told him again of her worry over her physical condition and had entreated him once more to procure some remedy for her that the minister is said to have handed the girl the capsule, declaring it was a medicine that certainly would act in the manner desired.

DEMOCRATS ARE WIELDING HATCHET

Washington, Jan. 8.—War within the democratic national committee with W. J. Bryan wielding the hatchet, resulted today when that body met to name the convention city. The moving spirits are Murphy of New York; Taggart of Indiana, and Roger Sullivan. It is understood they will force the election of Taggart as chairman of the committee on convention arrangements. This it is believed will give the old guard control over the convention.

HATS OFF! SAYS PETALUMA.

Ordinance Forbids Wearing Headgear Theaters; Penalty \$50 or Jail. Petaluma, Calif.—The city council has promulgated an ordinance which will be passed at the next meeting, barring the wearing of all headgear in theaters except skull caps and lace coverings. The penalty for violation is \$50 or twenty-five days in jail, or both. The managers of the theaters are made equally liable for allowing any violation and must give notice of the ordinance by handbills or on the program.

H. M. Cockburn, county commissioner, returned this morning to renew his deliberations with the county court after spending Sunday at his home in Milton.

COMPETITION IS KEEN IN BIDDING FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Twenty contracting firms will submit bids for the contract of constructing the new high school building in this city, according to C. E. Troutman the architect whose plans were accepted by the school board and who arrived here Saturday from Aberdeen in order to be present at the opening of bids next Wednesday. The firms who will compete for the local work are from all over the northwest, from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana cities and, according to the architect, are all reliable firms.

tearing down of the present high school building, the school authorities will have the building vacated, the Pendleton academy buildings having been secured as temporary headquarters. Superintendent Landers stated today that the contractors will not be forced to delay their operations one day on account of the building being occupied as the students and faculty are ready to vacate at a moment's notice.

2 ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Children With Matches Start Fatal Hillsboro Blaze. Hillsboro, Ore., Jan. 8.—As the result of the destruction by fire of the Commercial hotel at this place this morning, Mrs. J. A. Thomas, a guest, is dying from burns she received and her four year old son Howard is dead, his body having been burned to a crisp. It is believed that the fire started in the room occupied by Mrs. Thomas and her children, by the youngsters who were playing with matches. The woman sustained her injuries while trying to rescue the boy who was burned to death.

9 ARE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Five Suspects Are Released After Four Days Deliberation. After deliberating for four days, the old grand jury reported to the court at 4:20 Saturday afternoon, nine men being indicted for the charges against them and five being liberated by way of the "not true bill" route.

Harold Smith and O. F. Hotell, the two men arrested at Echo last week for stealing a couple of sheep, who escaped and were recaptured, were indicted for larceny of sheep upon two counts.

J. D. Manley was indicted on four counts for forgery, he being the man who on September 22 is accused of passing four bad checks for the several amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$21 and to which were forged the signature of T. W. Chapman.

William Spangler drew an indictment on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses from Ab Goon, proprietor of a local restaurant.

Carrying concealed weapons was the charge under which James Roach of Umatilla was indicted while Frank Clark, the burglar who ransacked the residence of Fred Earle on Christmas day, drew an indictment on the charge of larceny from a dwelling.

C. L. Montgomery, the young man who, during the Round-Up, assaulted the Chinese cook of the Boston restaurant, was held for assault with a dangerous weapon.

J. B. Gerton, the young man who forged the name of J. B. Raley to a note and secured \$100 from Miss Ethel Thompson Saturday, was indicted on the charge of forgery and George Cannon of Athena was indicted for stealing wheat on December 20.

THIRD PARTY TALK IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Following his meeting last night with William Jennings Bryan, at the depot here, Senator La Follette today denied a rumor that he and Bryan had discussed the formation of a third party.

Quartette to Hang. San Quentin, Calif., Jan. 8.—Mark Wilkins, I. Byrne, William Burke and George Fugero, will be hanged in pairs here Friday. They were sentenced to death from various parts of the state.

Thirty Die in Race Riot. New Orleans, Jan. 8.—Thirty are reported killed and fifty wounded in a race war at Port Limon, Costa Rica. Troops were sent out to stop the fighting.

Ten Killed in Wreck. Montreal, Jan. 8.—(Bulletin.)—Ten persons are reported killed and many injured in a collision during a severe storm on the Canadian Pacific at Terrebonne, Que., this afternoon.

County Starts Probe. Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—The county grand jury today resumed the probe into the alleged bribing of jurors in the McNamara trial. Several McNamara jurors appeared to testify.

HOOK TO SUPREME BENCH

President Will Nominate Judge Who Favors Corporations. Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—President Taft today told callers at the white house that he had decided to nominate Justice Hook of Kansas, as successor to the late Justice Harlan on the bench of the United States supreme court.

\$60,000 DAMAGE SUIT FOR LOSS OF AN ARM

Attorney Smythe of This City Is Plaintiff in Case. Dan P. Smythe of this city, is suing the Northern Pacific Railroad company for \$60,000 damages for the loss of his left arm under the wheels of an N. P. stock train a year ago last summer and the case is now on trial in the federal court in Portland.

Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles is representing Smythe in his suit and the case was transferred to the federal court from the state courts because of the fact the plaintiff is a resident of Oregon while the railroad company is organized under the laws of Wisconsin.

Aside from Mr. Smythe several other local people are now in Portland attending the trial, having been summoned as witnesses. Among those summoned for the plaintiff are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter, Miss Wilma Burnmeister and E. B. Aldrich. The local people are called to testify to the condition of the plaintiff before and since the accident. Dr. C. J. Smith has been called as a witness in behalf of the Northern Pacific.

Smythe was hurt early in the summer of 1909 while en route to Tacoma with a shipment of sheep. The accident occurred early in the morning while the stock train was a short distance west of the summit of the Cascade mountains.

The train had stopped and Smythe and his foreman went forward to look at the sheep. When the train started onward the foreman rushed back and climbed aboard the caboose but Smythe, who was farther behind, tried to get aboard a stock car and in some manner was hurled under the wheels of the train. His left arm was cut off just below the shoulder and he received frightful injuries upon his head. He was rushed to the Green Lake sanitarium and given surgical aid. For some time his life held only by a thread and it was many weeks before he could leave the sanitarium.

CONFESSED FORGER LIBERATED--PAROLE

Because he has an aged and infirm mother and an invalid sister dependent upon him, J. B. Gerton, the young man arrested and indicted Saturday for forging the name of J. B. Raley to a note and securing \$100 on it from Miss Ethel Thompson, will not be forced by a merciless justice to expiate his crime in the penitentiary. Following his plea of guilty to the charge of forgery this afternoon, his counsel, Col. J. H. Raley, presented an application to the court for a parole which Judge Phelps granted after sentencing him to an indeterminate sentence in the state prison of from two to twenty years.

Col. Raley, who is father of the man whose name was forged to the note, in making his appeal for clemency recited particulars of the young man's crime which he held to constitute extenuating circumstances. He stated that the crime had been committed only because young Gerton was being pressed by his creditors, the grocer, the butcher and fuel man and not with intent to defraud. Another sister, he stated, died several months ago, and it was with the insurance money now past due that he intended to repay Miss Thompson.

District Attorney Van Vactor seconded Col. Caley's appeal. Judge Phelps, in paroling the young man, declared he had a personal knowledge of some of the circumstances surrounding the case which he considered to some degree extenuating but before giving the prisoner his liberty he administered a stern rebuke for the manner in which he took to supply his family's needs.

Judge Phelps placed but one condition on his parole, that he should remain a law abiding citizen, and he warned the young man that any violation of a municipal, state or federal law would result in his apprehension and the fulfillment of the sentence imposed upon him.

Sheep Stealers Plead Guilty. Harold Smith and O. F. Hotell, indicted for the larceny of sheep on two

LOW TEMPERATURE RECORDS OF LATE YEARS BROKEN; 14 BELOW

R. R. AND TELEGRAPH LINES PARALYZED

Trains 12 to 30 Hours Behind Schedule

Mantle of Snow, Fourteen Inches Deep Covers Ground Here; 4 Feet at The Dalles.

Pendleton is today in the grip of the coldest snap that has visited this city for several years, and while no cases of extreme suffering are reported, all are feeling great discomfort from the icy breath of Jack Frost. For the first time this winter the thermometer dropped below zero last night, the mercury in some parts of the city falling to 14 below and at many houses to 10 and 12 below. Unfortunately the official thermometer was damaged in the fire which recently partly destroyed the house occupied by Weather Observer Averil and the new instrument ordered has not yet arrived.

Shortly after noon today the first train from the west since Saturday evening pulled into the station, all traffic having been held up for more than thirty-six hours by great snow banks near The Dalles. Reports received by the local railroad officials state that the snow at The Dalles is four feet deep on the level and that the big rotaries which were sent there to clear the tracks were derailed several times.

However, the tracks have been cleared now and this morning the local station received a wire stating that No. 18 of yesterday would arrive here about noon and would be followed closely by the mail train, No. 6, of yesterday, and No. 6 of this morning.

Trains from East Late. Trains from the east are also running very late owing to deep snow in the mountains. No. 17 of yesterday, due here at 12:15, did not arrive until this afternoon, being more than 24 hours late, while No. 17 of today was marked up this morning fifteen hours late. Last night's mail train did not pass through Pendleton until after 5 this evening. The traffic between here and Walla Walla, however is not impeded by the snow, the trains pulling in on schedule time. The Northern Pacific train between here and Pasco is also making its way without much difficulty.

Snow Fourteen Inches Deep.

The snow on the ground here reached a depth of 14 inches before the storm of Saturday abated, but since its cessation there has been no additional fall. The temperature fell yesterday despite the appearance of old Sol and last night the mercury got on the toboggan and went down fast.

Complaining citizens, however, can take pleasure in the promises of moderation tonight made by the government weather bureau officials.

Schools Still Hold.

Despite the cold weather, the public schools have not been dismissed, although the high school may suspend studies if the snap continues. A roaring fire was kept in the building all night but was still unmanageable this morning. However, owing to the proximity of examinations, it was thought best to try to hold sessions and the students were, accordingly, huddled into a few of the farmer rooms. The other school buildings of the city are modern and comparatively warm so that, unless an additional

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PORTLAND BADLY DAMAGED BY STORM

Silver Thaw Smashes Wires and Trees

Business in Metropolis Is at a Standstill and No Relief is in Sight.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—Portland streets are a tangle of broken wires and trees, car service and phones are badly crippled and the loss by public utility corporations and citizens on account of a silver thaw is estimated at \$300,000. Today the temperature is 20 degrees above zero, the coldest in three years. Business is at a standstill and no relief is in sight.

For the past 36 hours Portland has been in the grip of what is locally termed a "silver thaw," a condition peculiar to the Pacific northwest and of infrequent occurrence the previous experience in this city being in January, 1907, when conditions of exactly similar nature prevailed, though it is believed the present storm covered a considerably wider area. No lives were lost here so far as known, though there were many narrow escapes and a few persons were injured by falling wires, trees and cakes of ice.

Telephone and telegraph wires generally are prostrated and electric light and power wires are down in every direction, depriving many sections of the city of light, power and regular street car service. The electric light, telephone and telegraph companies have hundreds of men at work and some service was given today but it will be weeks before normal service will be restored.

The silver thaw is a peculiar condition, where rain is transformed into ice as soon as it touches any object and is the result of freezing temperatures close to the earth.

Coast Trains Delayed.

Train service from the east on all roads coming down the gorge of the Columbia is demoralized, trains being from 12 to 24 hours late. Trains on the coast roads are moving on fairly good schedules. The indications are that train service to and from eastern points will get worse instead of better. A heavy snow is falling through out the vast inland empire, the fall ranging from a foot to nearly four feet. The snow is drifting badly and the snow plows are making slow headway in the fight against the drifts. The railroad companies have immense crews of trackmen at work endeavoring to keep the roads open but they are meeting with indifferent success. Railroad men state that the conditions are the worst for several years.

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER FOUNDERS; IS LOCATED

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 8.—Following a search in which a dozen warships took part for the torpedo boat destroyer Terry, which foundered off Cape Hatteras last night during a hurricane, the boat was located this afternoon by the scout cruiser Salem and it is believed the vessel will be taken in tow. Eighty three men and officers are aboard the distressed vessel. The search continued for several hours after the receiving of wireless appeals for help before she was finally located.

Charles Hewitt of Baker, was over from his home in the mining town yesterday and spent the night here.

OFFICERS OF NEW UMATILLA COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ARE ELECTED

Judge Stephen A. Lowell is president of the Umatilla County Historical Society which was organized Saturday, the centennial of the appearance of the first white men in this county, Mrs. Edwin P. Marshall is secretary, and Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, Mrs. George Hartman, Jr., and Mrs. Norbourne Berkeley, are trustees. These were the officers named at the business meeting following the address of T. C. Elliott and the organization of the society.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance of both ladies and men at the meeting Saturday and all evinced much interest in the purposes of the occasion, Judge Lowell, who is a member of the state historical society, was the unanimous selection for president because of the interest he has taken in things historical and because of his activity in securing the meeting on the 100th anniversary of the coming of the white man.

President Lowell announced today that the society will hold a banquet some time in the near future, at which a more permanent organization will be formed and plans laid for the future. He declares it is the intention of the society to hold at least one large meeting each year, at which time an address bearing on the early history of this section of the country will be delivered and placed on record for preservation.

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