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FOUL MURDER AT MARSHFIELD

Joseph Russell Shoots and Instantly Kills His Son-in-Law.

SAID HE WAS AN ANARCHIST

And Proceeded to Do a Good Deed for His Country by Blowing Out His Brains.

Marshfield, Or., November 11.—Joseph Nathan Russell shot and killed his son-in-law, Andrew Carlson, Sunday, near Randolph. The crime grew out of an election feud. Russell was a Republican and claimed that his son-in-law was an anarchist. This was one of the reasons he gave for the killing.

Carlson was a widower and his four children were stopping with their grand parents. He had returned from town with a supply of provisions, and on Sunday just prior to the shooting, had carried an armful of wood into the house and seated himself by one of his daughters. A moment after Carlson had set down the report of a rifle was heard in the adjoining room and Carlson tumbled off the chair and fell to the floor. At the sound of the gun Mrs. Russell ran into the house and found her son-in-law prostrate, with his brains spattered all over the floor. The face of one of her granddaughters was bleeding from the bullet that killed her father and grazed her face. Mrs. Russell next entered the bedroom where she found her husband with a smoking rifle in his hands, which he gave up. Russell was evidently standing on the bed when he fired. The edges of the boards on each side of the crack through which he fired show powder marks.

The bullet took effect behind and above the left ear, passed through the head and came out below the right eye, producing instant death. Russell made no attempt to escape and yielded to arrest without protest, saying to the officers that he did a good deed for his country and was willing to be hanged at once. He was given a preliminary examination yesterday and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Russell appeared as clear-headed as any one at the trial, though some claim he is demented. He is about 65 years old and has resided on the Coquille river for many years.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

Minneapolis, November 11.—Albert S. Merriam, a wealthy lumber man, walked into the Commercial Club at noon today, entered a small card room and shot himself through the head with a .38-caliber revolver. Death was instantaneous. Merriam had been a victim of nervous dyspepsia, and recently suffered much, which probably caused his act. He left no letter and the deed appeared to have been entirely unpremeditated. Merriam came to Minneapolis from Quincy, Ill., where he was very prominent.

HUNGRY INDIA.

The British authorities in India have gone to work systematically to meet the dreadful situation forced upon them by the famine, which is bringing distress to well-nigh half the population of Hindustan, and imperiling millions of lives. All leaves of absence to civil servants have been revoked, and every one must be in his place to share in the conduct of the great administrative machinery which the dear-bought experience of lesser famines has led the authorities to devise. As the sole method of affording relief without at the same time imperiling the sufferers vast works of internal improvement have been commenced, at which every applicant can have employment, at wages pitifully small, indeed, but sufficient to keep soul and body together. The works consist in filling up swamps, digging canals, opening roads through the mountains, and like improvements of a permanent character—such, however, as the government would not have felt itself justified in undertaking except for the relief which the money to be thus expended will bring to an imperiled population. The sick, aged and infirm are cared for by direct gifts from the government or by private dole. Still, all means at the command of the authorities and all the private benevolence of the better off among the people can only lessen the horrors of the situation. Not a few of our readers may have heard the painful story of a former Indian famine from our countryman, Rev. John E. Clough, of Iowa, who, during its prevalence in 1877-8, suspended his labors as a Christian missionary to take charge of some of the government relief work in Teluguland. The strain upon Mr. Clough's nerves and sympathies amid the harrowing scenes of that famine was such as to change his appearance in a single season from that of a young, vigorous man to that of one prematurely aged and broken. And all Americans and Englishmen in India whose memory goes back to those days now look forward with dread to the repetition of like scenes in a wider region, during the months that must intervene before another crop can be harvested. Still the sources of relief are larger and the

facilities for its distribution far in advance of what they were eighteen years ago, though still too limited; and the steady progress of road building, giving access to hitherto almost unapproachable regions, to which it was before impossible to convey relief, hastens the day when in such emergencies the surplus food of other lands may find its way to all India's famine-stricken population.

HIS LAST REQUEST.

A Blood-Curdling Scene Sketches from a Pin de Sicile Novel

"George Ralston, you have gone a little too far!" Pale with indignation and outraged pride, the young woman looked him sternly in the face.

"Why, Gertrude," he stammered, in helpless confusion, "I—I—ah—didn't think you would care."

"Didn't think I would care?" she echoed, with freezing mockery. "Did you think, sir, that an acquaintance of ten or twelve months entitled you to a privilege, unasked, that my most intimate friends of many years' standing would not have dared to claim? Have you no conception, sir, of the meaning of the word presumption?"

What had this young man done? Intoxicated by her beauty, and fancying he saw in her glorious dark eyes a challenge, half coy, half saucy, he had rapturously kissed her.

Dumb with astonishment, Ralston now quailed before the lightning-like indignation of the high-spirited girl. He saw he had made a fatal mistake. "This must end our acquaintance, Mr. Ralston," she said. "In many respects it has been a pleasant one. I had come to esteem you highly, to regard you as a young man of high and noble impulses, free from the trivialities, the weaknesses, the inordinate self-conceit and assurance that the spirit of the age seems to infuse into the mental constitutions of the young men of modern society. You have thrown yourself down from the pedestal upon which I had mistakenly placed you. Mr. Ralston," she continued, sadly, "hereafter we meet as strangers."

"Be it so, Gertrude Kajones," replied he, with recovered self-possession. "I shall not question your right to dismiss me thus summarily, however strongly I might feel inclined to protest against the injustice of your act in so doing. Henceforth we meet as strangers. But before I take my farewell of you, as I am now about to do, and go out into the world to struggle with it as only the sorrowing, lonely man, deprived of his last earthly hope, must struggle to keep bitter despair from gaining his heart's strings asunder—before I leave forever the presence of one with whom I have passed so many happy hours, whose memory will cling to me through all the cheerless years that may yet drag their weary length over my head, I have one last request to make of you."

"What is it, sir?"

"Please get off my lap."

SAILOR'S STRANGE DEATH.

Stricken with Heart Failure While on the Main Yard.

Captain Jones, of the British ship *Cambrian Princess*, which arrived yesterday, from Santos, reports the death of Charles Martin, an able bodied seaman, under peculiar circumstances. Martin was at work on the main yard, with Boatswain McLean, taking up kets as they were thrown to him, when suddenly he stopped work. Nothing his distress, McLean inquired if he was ill, but receiving no reply, climbed over to Martin. He found him lying across the yard, his feet hanging over one side and his head and arms over the other. McLean again addressed Martin, and receiving no answer, placed his hand on Martin's shoulder, only to find that the poor fellow was dead. McLean tied a rope around the body and lowered it to the deck. Heart failure was the cause of the death. The body was buried at sea.

PERSIAN'S PASSAGE.

Captain Carnegie, of the British ship *Persian*, which arrived yesterday, in conversation with an Astorian reporter last night, said:

"We left Nagasaki October 4 and had light, variable winds for about seven days, until we reached latitude 40 north. After that the ship made from 220 to 240 miles a day for ten days, and we then encountered a succession of easterly gales, lasting six days. The wind blew very hard at times and we were forced to heave to for three days under main topsail. After that we had a good run of westerly winds right in to the coast, arriving off the river yesterday (Tuesday) at noon. We got a pilot at 1:30, about fifteen miles off the Cape. We were rather late in reaching the river, so had to wait outside until today. We made the passage in thirty-eight days."

TO ATTEND THE PARTY.

Owing to the Birthday Party given by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. in the Presbyterian church tonight, it was thought best to omit the afternoon meeting of the Union for today. The ladies hope to meet all of their friends tonight when a royal good time is expected.

Meany is the leading tailor, and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

THE LEGISLATION THAT IS NEEDED

Views of Congressman Newlands, a Prominent Silver Man.

TARIFF AND SILVER LAWS

The One Necessary to Protect the United States Against Europe, the Other Against Asia.

San Francisco, November 11.—Congressman Newlands, of Nevada, temporary chairman of the St. Louis silver party convention, was interviewed by a Chronicle reporter with reference to the policy which should control the silver men from the mining states during the coming session. Mr. Newlands said:

"I believe that we should accept the verdict of the country; the people have declared in favor of protection and have given the Republican party a contract for the restoration of prosperity. I believe it should be allowed to carry out any reasonable tariff policy without obstruction."

"So you think tariff legislation will give relief?"

"It will give some relief, but not to the extent expected. Free trade would inflict greater injury upon this country than any other. We need, therefore, a tariff wall to protect us against the products of cheaper labor elsewhere. The protective measure which will guard us against cheap labor of gold standard countries must be tariff. The protective measure that will protect us against the existing agricultural competition of the silver countries must be legislation which will restore all relative value of gold and silver. Such a law will be equivalent to a tariff of 100 per cent upon the products of the silver countries, for it would increase to that extent the gold cost of such products. The competition of Europe is insignificant as compared with the existing and threatened competition of Asia. I believe that the true policy of the country is combined tariff and silver legislation—the one protecting us against Europe, the other against Asia."

FLURRY IN WHEAT.

First Goes Up a Few Cents and Then Hurriedly Drops.

Chicago, November 11.—A disagreeable surprise was given wheat speculators at the opening, and although an advance of 2½ was chronicled in the local market yesterday, all the response Liverpool made to this was an advance of from ¼ to ½. The consequence was that large quantities of wheat were offered for sale immediately. December opened from 77½ to 80 cents, against yesterday's closing of 86½. Strong features, however, were not lacking. California reported three more cargoes taken for Australian account and local and Northwestern receipts were very light, though the latter was due to stormy weather.

After the opening decline a general recovery to 80½ occurred, but when the second cable came reporting a break equal to 1½, the liquidation became more urgent and the prices dropped, selling down to 75½ for an instant. By 12 o'clock the bulls had temporarily recovered from their fright and hoisted December to 80½, which sudden rise, however, brought out enough wheat to knock it back again to 79½ in an equally hurried manner. Toward the end of the session rumors of heavy selling by a New York syndicate were influential enough to cause a break to 79 cents and that was the price at the close.

VESSELS PROBABLY LOST.

Wreckage Drifts Ashore Near Marsh- field, Oregon.

Marshfield, Or., November 11.—A wooden rudder drifted into the bay yesterday and was picked up near Jarvis Landing. It evidently belonged to some large ship and it is feared that some vessel has succumbed to the elements during last Saturday night's storm. The stage driver came down the beach yesterday and also reports wreckage drifting ashore near the mouth of the Umpqua river. The main portion of the wreckage was a mast painted white and came from some small vessel.

ROBBED THE POSTOFFICE.

Exciting Times in the Little Town of Paisley, this State.

San Francisco, November 11.—News has just reached here that the post-office at Paisley, Lake county, Oregon, was robbed by two unknown men on the morning of November 6. Deputy Postmaster Herbert Aldrich witnessed the robbery and fired at the burglars as they left the building, wounding both and one so badly that he was subsequently captured by the sheriff's posse. The other started away to the south, leaving bloodstains in the road.

BEGINS HIS LONG TALK.

Lincoln, Neb., November 11.—Saturday afternoon Hon. W. J. Bryan will deliver two lectures at the Funks Op-

era House, in this city. There are supposed to be his opening guns in the four years' campaign for timetallism. "Which Mr. Bryan has promised to inaugurate."

San Francisco, November 11.—California may have an opportunity of hearing Wm. Jennings Bryan this month. He will be in Denver on the 24th instant and the silver state committee of California has invited him to continue his journey to this city. Chairman Lane is offering to defray all expenses of the trip.

Denver, November 11.—Charles S. Thomas received a telegram from W. J. Bryan today saying he would be in Denver November 24, Pueblo the following day and possibly at Leadville on the night of Thanksgiving day.

THE ROYAL GEORGE.

Interesting Extracts from Her Log— Perhaps a Wreck Sighted.

Captain Taggart, of the British ship *Royal George*, which arrived in port yesterday from Rio, gave an Astorian reporter the following extract from his log book:

"We sailed from Rio Sunday, July 12, and experienced light winds until the 23d, when the wind freshened from the northeast. The winds were variable and from all points of the compass with unsettled weather up to the 16th of August. On the 15th we had a heavy southwest gale in latitude 57 south and longitude 67 west, and up to the 27th of August a succession of gales kept all hands busy. On the 23d of August we sighted six vessels, all outward bound, under low sail. The gales continued and on the 31st of August and 1st of September fourteen vessels passed us, all homeward bound, which proves that they had been delayed to the westward, as we had to the eastward, to bring so many vessels together. Variable winds and some fair weather were experienced up to the 25th of September, when a northeaster carried us to the southward. We crossed the equator October 13, and had only light winds, making but 200 miles per day. October 30 we sighted a reef in latitude 23 north, longitude 129 55 west. November 4th the *Drumalis* crossed our bow close hauled. At noon the same day we passed and spoke the *Verberna*, from Concepcion bay for Port Townsend, sixty-four days out. She was from Rio to Concepcion for orders, and sailed from Rio on the 2d of July. On the 5th she was still in sight astern, also a large bark with no royal yards aloft. From that time to the 16th we had shifting winds and heavy seas. On the 10th at 2 p. m. 50 took a pilot on board off the Columbia and at noon today we were towed in by the *Relief*."

It is barely possible that the vessel sighted by Captain Taggart without royal yards on the 5th may account for the wreckage at Marshfield yesterday.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, November 11.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 7s 1½d; No. 1 California, 7s 6½d. Futures opened quiet, 6s 11½d.

London, November 11.—Hops—Pacific coast, 4s 6d.

San Francisco, November 11.—Hops, unchanged.

Portland, November 11.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 78¢; Valley, 81¢.

PRETTY CLOSE.

San Francisco, November 11.—Official returns from all counties in the Seventh Congressional District show that Castle, Democrat and Populist, has been elected over Bowers, Republican, by 50 votes.

ALASKA'S GOLD OUTPUT.

Seattle, November 11.—The output of gold in Alaska this year is about \$4,670,000.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed the receiver of the partnership firm of Arquist and Larson, by the circuit court of the State of Oregon for the county of Clatsop, and all persons having claims against the said firm are hereby notified to present the same, verified as in case of decedent's estates, to the undersigned at his office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 14th, 1896.

C. J. McNECHARD,
Receiver of Partnership Firm of Arquist and Larson.

The Chinese have a fondness for eggs some two or three hundred years old. In several Baltimore boarding houses the same taste is displayed, but the eggs are disguised as spring chickens.—*Baltimore Life*.

GENERAL MILES' ANNUAL REPORT

Recommends the Necessity of Better Defenses Along the Coasts.

ESTIMATE FOR THE COLUMBIA

Suggests That the Standing Army Be Increased and That Bicycles Be Used in the Department.

Washington, November 11.—In his annual report to the secretary of war, Major-General Miles, commanding the United States Army, recommends a liberal appropriation for replacing the present inadequate and antiquated post buildings, especially those on what was formerly the Indian frontier. Gen. Miles believes that the freedom of the country of late from Indian outbreaks is to be ascribed to the fact that the Indians now receive better treatment from the government; that they are more impressed with the power of the army to punish them and that their affairs are in many cases managed by competent army officers. Therefore, he recommends that the same policy as to the Indians be continued.

General Miles again devotes a large portion of his report to consideration of the questions of coast defense and renews forcibly all recommendations on that subject made in his former reports. The estimate that General Miles makes for the next year for the work of the ordnance engineers and quartermasters' department at different coast points includes the following:

San Diego, Cal., \$600,000; San Francisco, \$562,350; mouth of the Columbia river, \$464,235; Puget Sound, \$764,000.

General Miles renews his former recommendations for an increase of the army on the ground that it has not kept pace with the increased wealth of public and private interests, and he suggests that the enlisted strength of the army be fixed at one soldier to every 2,000 people, as the minimum, the maximum strength not to exceed one soldier for 1,000, and the strength to be determined within the limits, according to the necessities and requirements of the nation.

He points out the importance of having at least two stations east of the Rocky Mountains and one west, suitable for the accommodation of one regiment of cavalry, and renews the recommendations made last year concerning the use of bicycles and motor wagons and promotion of competent enlisted men to the grade of second lieutenants after five years' service.

ANXIOUS TO ESCORT MCKINLEY.

Many Want the Honor of Accompanying Him to Washington.

Canton, Ohio, November 11.—Scarcely had President-elect McKinley finished dinner tonight when the mail carriers of Canton were announced. They shook hands with their distinguished fellow townsman. The visit had no sooner ended than a committee called to ask the honor for the Canton Knights Templar of escorting their comrade to Washington for the inaugural ceremonies. The Eighth Regiment, O. N. G., have also asked for the honor, as well as Cleveland Troop, Tenth Regiment of Columbus, and many other similar organizations. One notable body aspiring for the distinguished honor is the oldest Republican club in California, which wired offering to come from San Francisco and do escort duty.

THE POPE DISPLEASED.

Does Not Approve of Archbishop Ireland's Course in the Election.

Rome, November 11.—The statement circulated in the United States that the Pope has decided to remove Archbishop Ireland from the diocese of St. Paul is untrue. But it is stated by those qualified to know that Archbishop Ireland has lost the greater part of the former consideration in which he was held at the Vatican and the course he pursued in the election in the United States has increased this disfavor.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

Special to the Astorian.
Portland, November 11.—The white elephant sent up from Astoria by Foard & Stokes Co., and which was used there in the parade Tuesday night, was one of the most attractive features in the big parade here tonight.

The woman with large feet is shortening because fashion decrees that garter gowns shall be worn this winter.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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