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## ARCH-MURDERER LANDED IN JAIL

Arrival of the Bark Swanhilda With the Plead Butler Aboard.

### DENIES THE MURDER CHARGE

Shipped Under the Name of Lee Weller, One of His Victims—Vallejo Woman Claims to Be His Wife.

Special to the Astorian.  
San Francisco, February 2.—George Edward Butler, the archmurderer of Australia, is in jail here, having arrived on the four-masted bark Swanhilda early this morning. Butler was captured by the officers according to program and made no resistance. He denied that he was the man wanted and seemed to be undisturbed. He shipped before the mast under the name of Lee Weller, one of his victims.  
The murders committed by Butler are among the most brutal ever recorded. He killed ten or twelve persons in Australia, where he operated principally in the "bush." Detectives have been awaiting the arrival of the Swanhilda here for the past three weeks. The vessel was delayed somewhat on the voyage by adverse winds.  
CLAIMS TO BE BUTLER'S WIFE.  
Vallejo, Cal., February 2.—There is a pretty little woman living in this place who works as a domestic servant, the mother of a curly-headed three-year-old boy, in care of the Good Templars' Orphan's Home. She says that the Australian murderer, Butler, is her husband. She is going to San Francisco tomorrow to satisfy herself as to his identity. She is convinced of the correctness of her opinion by the description given of Butler and circumstances surrounding his movements. Her name is Etta Butler. Butler had been in Oregon and Washington. In the latter state he was committed in a theatre. This is known to be true, as his trunks were always filled with music. She heard he was engaged in stealing jewelry in Washington, which he sold in San Francisco.  
BUTLER MAKES DENIAL.  
San Francisco, February 2.—The prisoner denies he was ever married, but says if the Vallejo woman claiming to be his wife has any money he will be glad to acknowledge relationship during his present predicament.  
When he was searched, under the lining of his hat were found several arsenic powders, which he begged to be allowed to keep, saying they were for his toothache.

### MEMBERS' ENTERTAINMENT.

Athletic Events at the Football Club Friday Evening.  
Friday night there will be all kinds of fun at the Astoria Football Club. It will be members' entertainment night and an excellent program has been prepared. The idea is to provide amusement for the members, and, incidentally, encourage work at the gymnasium.  
At the spring games, which take place in June in Portland the A. F. C. will be represented by a track team and the selection of this team is being made at the present time. The entertainment to be given Friday night is one of several which will take place every two weeks. The showing of the members at the entertainments will have much to do with the make-up of the track team.

### LAKE COUNTY EXAMINER.

The work of making convicts construct good roads throughout the great state of Texas is proceeding with commendable rapidity. The arrangement is that the state convicts shall prepare the material for road making, while the county convicts shall do the work on the roadbeds themselves. If this plan is thoroughly carried out it will be millions of miles of good roads. In Oregon there are good roads. In Idaho and she has the worst roads in the Pacific coast. But then Oregon isn't Texas, nor anything else, but just Oregon, and we all know what that is.

### TO PURCHASE O. R. AND N. STOCK.

New York, February 2.—A special cablegram from Frankfurt-on-the-Main to the Evening Post says:  
The Berlin committee of holders of Oregon Railway and Navigation Company five-per-cent bonds have received a joint bid of \$5 from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies for all the stock in the railway and navigation company represented by them, the purchase price to be payable July 1, with three per cent interest. The bid is conditional on its acceptance by at least \$3,000,000 of stock. It is understood the Union Pacific will also become interested later in the purchase. The committee recommended acceptance to the bondholders.  
ENGLAND EATS CROW.  
Washington, February 2.—As representatives of their governments, Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, and Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan minister at Washington, at half past 4 o'clock, at the state department, signed a treaty providing for the settlement by arbitration of the long standing dispute over the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, which has not only ruptured the relation of the principals and kept them apart diplomatically for years, but has threatened to involve the two great English-speaking nations in hostilities.

### DUPONT'S SEAT GONE.

Washington, February 2.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today decided not to attempt to reopen the claim of Col. A. H. Dupont to a seat in the senate from Delaware, on the ground that it was res adjudicata. The decision was reached by unanimous vote.

## CAN MITCHELL GET FORTY-SIX

If He Succeeds He Will Return to Washington for Another Term.

### SENATE REFUSED TO VOTE

Senate House Meets With Thirty Members and Casts Twenty-Nine Votes for Mitchell.

Special to the Astorian.  
Salem, February 2.—The senate today, by a vote of 16 to 12, refused to proceed to the election of a United States senator. The Benson house, with thirty members present, at noon took a ballot, and cast twenty-nine votes for John H. Mitchell and one for Geo. H. Williams. The one vote came from Huntington, of Wasco. Gratke voted for Mitchell.  
The senate had a long discussion over the resolution introduced by Brownell, of Clackamas, that it should proceed upon a viva voce vote to name a senator. The resolution was immediately ruled out of order by President Simon on the ground that it proposed an act contrary to law, in that the house was not organized and no vote for senator could be taken until the second Tuesday thereafter. An appeal was immediately taken from the decision and a long and somewhat acrimonious discussion followed. When nearly every senator had expressed himself, a vote was taken, and the chair was sustained, the vote being 16 ayes to 12 noes. The vote to sustain was as follows:  
Ayes—Bates, Calbreath, Dawson, Gerner, Hobson, Holt, King, MacKay, McClung, Mitchell, Mulkey, Patterson of Washington, Reed, Selling, Smith, Wade—16.  
Noes—Brownell, Daly, Driver, Dufur, Gowen, Harmon, Haseltine, Hughes, Johnson, Patterson, of Marion, Price, Taylor—12.  
Not voting—President Simon.  
—Carter.  
Both houses and senate adjourned until tomorrow. All interest in the senatorial contest tonight is centered on the question whether or not Senator Mitchell can induce forty-six members of the legislature to go into joint convention tomorrow at noon for the purpose of voting for a United States senator. If he succeeds he will return to Washington with credentials showing that he was elected by a majority of the members of the legislature, although both branches of the legislature are not regularly organized, he expects to be seated by the United States senate. Senator Mitchell and his friends profess to be very confident of securing the requisite number. The opponents of Senator Mitchell say that he cannot. They point to the decisive vote in the senate today in sustaining the decision of the president in declining to receive the resolution to proceed to vote for senator. This vote, they claim, settles the matter beyond all question, and that not to exceed forty-one members will go into joint assembly. The Mitchell people say that the vote of the senate today was not a fair test, for the reason that several senators who voted to sustain the decision of the president did so because they believed the resolution to proceed to ballot would be virtual recognition of the Benson house. The question of going into joint assembly, they claim, is another proposition, and in no way recognizes the Benson house. Viewing the matter in this light they are willing to go into joint assembly. In the event that forty-six members do not go into joint convention no vote will be had, as Senator Mitchell is unwilling to go before the United States senate with a less number, preferring to wait until the house is organized by a constitutional quorum.

### GREAT NORTHERN WRECK.

Entire Train Left the Track, but No One Was Injured.  
Seattle, February 2.—News reached Seattle this morning concerning the wreck of the Great Northern westbound overland passenger train just west of Wenatchee Sunday night. The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails, and the entire train left the track, some of the coaches going over an embankment of twelve feet and landing on their sides. There were upwards of thirty people in each coach, but almost miraculously no one was killed, and only three persons painfully injured. The snow was deep and this accounts for the freedom from fatalities. The tourist coach caught fire, but the trainmen put the flames out.

### FINALLY MAKING LAWS.

Measures Unworthy of Populists Passed in the State Senate.  
Olympia, February 2.—This has been the most important day of the present session of the legislature considered from a purely legislative standpoint. The house passed five important measures, either of which will attract attention, and the senate passed three bills of ordinary import only. By a close vote, the house passed a bill to abolish capital punishment and making the measure apply to those at present

## THE FAMINE IN INDIA INTENSE

Failure of the Rice Crop Entailing a Total Lack of Food Staff.

### LABORERS MERE SKELETONS

Bodies Emaciated and the Skin Hanging in Folds—Horrible Sights Presented on All Sides.

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Kampur, India, February 2.—The special correspondent of the Associated Press who is inquiring into the famine ravages in this, the largest district of the Central Province, having a population of 1,500,000, finds the situation very grave. This is the center of the rice growing industry which is the only crop grown, and it has failed and there is a total lack of food stuff in this locality and real famine exists. Many people have already died of hunger and many others are dying.  
The staff employed in the work of relieving the sufferers is inadequate to cope with the enormous area. If relief work had been properly arranged earlier, mortality would have been less, as the rains are increasing the spread of disease. It will take three years to recoup the district. Besides professional beggars, the poor-houses are crowded with native laborers reduced to the last stage of skeletons. Their bodies are emaciated and the skin is hanging in large folds. Others have swollen stomachs, the sign of acute privation. One woman, who was lately confined, has been attacked with rheumatism caused by exposure and is paralyzed. Her babe is horrible to look upon. Its limbs are about the size of pipe stems and its sunken eyes have a most piteous look.  
It is useless to attempt to send the natives to hospitals. They prefer to die. Some horrible sights are witnessed. One man, with both legs eaten away, was a mass of scars, and others were nearly as bad.

### A DOUBLE MURDER.

Angry Poker-Player Kills Two Residents of a California Town.  
Stockton, Cal., February 2.—Charles D. Dodge and Alexander Borland, of New Hope, in the northern section of this county, two of the best known and respected residents of the county, were murdered this evening at New Hope by Charles F. Kleupfer, senior member of the firm of Kleupfer & Co., general store keeper and saloon keeper in that town. The murderer had been playing poker during the afternoon and after some disputing left Kleupfer's place and across the road to a saloon kept by Henry Awre, where they took seats and entered into conversation with Dodge and Borland. Kleupfer started to make trouble, and Dodge and Borland arose and led him out of the place. This enraged Kleupfer, who turned as he got to the door and shot with a pistol four times. Borland fell dead, shot through the head, and Dodge ran to the back of the room where he fell dead without a word. The murderer went across the road to his own place and was there arrested.

### SCHOOL BURNED.

Menominee, Wis., February 2.—The Menominee High School and Stout Manual Training School burned this morning. Loss, \$130,000; insurance, \$52,000.  
FIRE IN PORTLAND.  
Portland, Or., February 2.—Fire tonight destroyed a three-story brick building at the southwest corner of Second and Oak streets. It was occupied by Chinese. The loss is about \$20,000.

### A BIMETALLIC MEASURE.

Washington, February 2.—In the senate today Chandler, of New Hampshire, presented the following resolution: "That it is the sense of the senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard and that the efforts of the government in all branches should be directed steadily to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money, with the free coinage of both, under a system of bimetalism, to be established through international agreement, with such safeguards in legislation as will insure the parity of the value of metals at a fixed ratio, furnish a sufficient volume of metallic money, and give immunity to the world's trade from violent fluctuations in exchange."  
LONG'S CHANCES.  
Bingham, Mass., February 2.—Hon. John D. Long was interviewed today on the matter of his final acceptance of a cabinet portfolio. He said: "I do not consider that Major McKinley has made me a formal proposition yet. I wrote him the other day. You see I could not accept what has not been tendered."

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