

MITCHELL IS DEAD

Portland, Dec. 8.—John H. Mitchell, Oregon's senior senator, died at 10:30 this morning.

None of Senator Mitchell's family were in Oregon. He has two sons living in Oregon, John H. Mitchell, Jr., and William E. Mitchell, a lieutenant in the regular army, stationed in New York. Mrs. John H. Mitchell lives in Parkside with her daughter, the Duchess de Choiseul. Another daughter lives at Canton, O. Judge W. O. Chapman, of Tacoma, is the senator's son-in-law, his wife having died last May of appendicitis.

Portland, Dec. 8.—At eight o'clock this morning physicians report that Senator Mitchell cannot live an hour. He is unconscious. He had four teeth pulled yesterday, followed by excessive hemorrhages, which were stopped with great difficulty, greatly weakening him. He has long been a sufferer from diabetes, and is greatly enfeebled by age and long continued ill health and mental worry resulting from his trial and conviction. Diabetic coma has set in, and he is only kept alive under stimulants and saline solution. Mitchell is past 70 and has no relatives here.

Though in poor health for some time, Mitchell had been able to attend to business. He was taken to the hospital, where until death the physicians applied the most powerful styptics known to science in the effort to stop the flow of blood, but with only partial success. The flow was not continuous, but came at intervals. It was found necessary to use transfusion and saline solutions. Despite the heroic efforts of the physicians, his vitality slowly ebbed and he passed away after being unconscious since midnight. Surrounding the death were his son-in-law, Judge W. O. Chapman, of Tacoma, Postmaster J. E. Minto and Collector of Revenue D. M. Duane, and his law partner Allen R. Joy.

Mitchell took the disgrace which fell upon him in his declining years very keenly, yet no word of complaint or protest was ever credited to him in public utterances. What hurt him most was the way former friends and people under heavy obligations to him drifted away when shorn of his powers. He has appeared but once in public since his conviction, when he attended the dinner given to James J. Hill. He spent his time between his office in the Columbia building and a cheap boarding house.

Salem, Dec. 8.—The death of Senator Mitchell places the appointment of a United States senator for the state of Oregon in the hands of Governor Chamberlain. It is thought here that the senatorial toga may fall

on Hon. Henry H. Gilfry, of Salem, Judge Hamilton, of Roseburg, or Hon. C. E. Wood, of Portland, with the chances favoring the latter.

WILL WORK FOR STATE'S NEEDS

Salem, Or., Dec. 7.—Governor Chamberlain, President Huter and Secretary Walter Lyons, of the Willamette Valley Development League, have appointed 25 delegates to go to Washington and represent the needs of the state of Oregon:

Judge George T. Baldwin, Klamath Falls; L. J. Simpson North Bend; Dr. Tower, Marshfield; W. I. Vaster, Medford; Lou Stinson, Salem; C. A. Hardy, Eugene; B. F. Jones, Toledo; K. D. Hume, Wedderburn; Warren Reed, Gardiner; Fred C. Baker, Tillamook; Judge Taylor, Astoria; J. N. Teal, Portland; H. M. Calk, Portland; E. C. Apperson, McMinnville; E. W. Hauser, Forest Grove; L. T. Griffith, Oregon City; Captain A. B. Graham, Portland; Percy Young, Albany; G. W. Griffin, Eugene; F. W. Benson, Roseburg; Major Blumenrother, Bandon; Virgil Waters, Corvallis; I. B. Bingham, Eugene; Dr. W. N. Ellis, Albany; M. A. Miller, Lebanon.

FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 11.—Cannon today announced the standing committee. The Republican membership of each important committee is increased by one and Democrats retain their previous numerical strength, one to each two Republicans with some few changes. The report of the merchant marine commission is made public. It recommends a bill, which is drafted, providing subsidies.

Oregon was not slighted in making the house committee assignments today. Williamson was given a place on the irrigation and mines and mining. Herndon on Indian affairs and election of president.

The secretary of war today submitted to congress a report of Chief Engineer Mackenzie recommending no further appropriation for the improvement of Clatskanie river, Oregon.

A spirited rate discussion was precipitated by the introduction of a rate regulation bill by Tillman, proposing to give the commission power to fix a maximum rate.

This morning the president conferred on immigration with Gompers and a number of associates.

The president nominated postmasters: J. M. Elder for Coner d'Aiene, Idaho; C. Good, Dallas, and Abel Severance, Tillamook, Or.

Beautiful dolls and pictures given away free at Hull's drug store, East Eighth street. Send for doll certificate if you haven't one. wtf

MARY ROGERS HANGED

White River Junction, Vermont, Dec. 8.—Governor Bell this morning said Mary Rogers must hang. "It is a matter for the people of Vermont to decide, and they decided that Mary Rogers must die. Every opportunity was given her. Every attempt in all courts, both state and federal, failed. Since midnight I have read 600 letters in her behalf, and only one is from a resident of Vermont. I talked with lawyers all night enroute but heard no cause for a reprieve or to commute."

The woman wept nearly all night. She was dry-eyed and broken in spirit this morning. Father Delaney prayed with her much of the night. She slept fitfully toward dawn, and awoke and asked detailed questions about the gallows. A United States marshal is present at the request of the prisoner's attorneys to serve immediately writs of the federal courts if any are issued at the last moment to save her life.

Sheriff Peck is much broken up by the excitement, and friends fear the effect the necessity of the execution will have upon him.

Mrs. Rogers was hanged at 1:14 p. m. and was pronounced dead 11 minutes later.

Without fear and with no sign of emotion Mrs. Rogers ascended the scaffold. She made no statement and merely nodded her head, indicating that she was ready. The march from the death cell began at six minutes after one, just as she concluded the short religious service with Father Delaney. As the deputies appeared at the cell door Mrs. Rogers said she was ready to go. She thanked the prison matron for her kindness.

In the face of death the woman's vanity asserted itself. She called for her gold chain and lock and carefully placed them about her neck, which was bare, the matron having previously removed her collar. She wore no corset, and as the cell door creaked the prisoner stepped out into the corridor and took her place between the sheriffs with the matron by her side, and reached the scaffold without a falter. She took her seat and gazed upon the spectators as though looking at a scene in which she had no part.

The adjustment of the hood caused no tremor. Deputy Sheriff McCauley released the trap, invoking divine blessing upon the woman's soul as he did so.

NO HONORS FOR DEAD SENATOR

Washington, Dec. 11.—Ex-Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, appeared in the supreme court this morning and called attention to the death of Senator Mitchell, whose case is pending. The chief justice nodded his acknowledgment and a notice of the death was inserted upon the docket and a dismissal of the appeal quashed by the death of the appellant.

When the senate met at noon today it gave evidence of embarrassment by the death of Senator Mitchell. His desk was undraped. Senator Fulton decided not to formally announce his death.

MERIWETHER SENTENCED

Washington, Dec. 12.—Sentence was passed by the courtmartial on Midshipman Meriwether this morning. He is to be confined in the limits of the academy for one year, and reprimanded by the secretary of the navy. Bonaparte modified a part of the sentence so as to allow the cadet to go on the annual practice cruise, otherwise he is not allowed to leave the grounds.

Bonaparte said the autopsy and testimony showed a reasonable doubt existed as to whether death resulted from a blow of the fist or a fall. The defendant should be given the benefit of the doubt, but he was found guilty of charges of infractions of the academy's rules in engaging in a fight and assaulting Branch, calling him a sneak and a coward.

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ARTESIAN WATER IN OREGON

Horns, Or., Dec. 11.—The Portland Land Company has obtained artesian water at a depth of 300 feet. The well flows 60 gallons of water per minute. This is the first time artesian water has been found here, although several attempts have been made before. It seems much for the people of this country, and thereby valley will soon be irrigated with water out of the ground instead of from the mountain creeks.

Ashland, Or., Dec. 11.—An artesian flow of water was struck last night in the well being bored by the Southern Pacific company in its yards here at the roundhouse at a depth of 135 feet. The well borer thought he was close to a strike of water last night upon stopping the machinery for the day. This morning the 2 1/4-inch standpipe, standing six feet above the ground, was filled and a steady flow of water pouring over the sides. It is intended to put the well down deeper with the expectation of getting the water under a stronger pressure. The water is soft and sweet.

TWO COAST HANGINGS

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 8.—Angus McPhail, aged 54, was hanged at daybreak at the state prison this morning for the murder of Fred Anderson in a saloon brawl at Darrington, Snohomish county, May 1, 1903. For a long time he feigned insanity, and claimed to have been hypnotized by a stranger. This way he succeeded in delaying the carrying out of the sentence. He met death without a falter. He was pronounced dead in 21 minutes after the drop fell. His neck was broken.

San Quentin, Cal., Dec. 8.—Walter Warner, convicted of the murder of Marie Tomaya at Santa Barbara June 10, 1903, was hanged at 10:42 this morning in the prison yard. The case was appealed to the supreme court, but the judgment of the lower court was confirmed. Warner died game.

THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

New York, Dec. 11.—Henry E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance Company, was a witness at the insurance investigation today. He said the officers had no "joint account" by which they received commissions on transactions in securities. The company neither directly nor indirectly participated in the syndicate operations, and had bought railroad stocks for investments, but no industrial. Had made no loans to officers, but had made a few collateral loans. Ide said the company received an average of four and one-half per cent on loans and mortgages, and it was found the surplus was over a million larger than necessary. There was distributed during twenty years all over about ten per cent. of the assets to policy holders.

Ide explained the company's plan of annually accounting to policy holders. He couldn't be induced to criticize the methods of other companies.

PACKERS' CASES ARE UP

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Garfield was the first witness in the packers' cases to appear at the district attorney's office this morning. He refused to discuss the matter, saying he reserved all his testimony for the court. The work of empaneling the jury began this morning.

The attorneys consumed a large part of the morning arguing the proposal that each be given a separate trial on each indictment, which would necessitate 21 different juries. The judge said two or more robbers being broken into a postoffice could be tried together. The defendants objected, saying there was no analogy. They were still arguing this point when recess was taken for lunch.

MARK FLEMING FARM SOLD

The Mark T. Fleming farm of 180 acres, five and a half miles west of Eugene, has just been sold to John J. Leonard, from Baker City, for \$7000. The sale was made through the agency of Devereaux & Tripp.

WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The shops of the Union Dry Dock Company and the Erie railroad's freight house were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$200,000.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Shaw denies he intends relieving the money market, and says the subject was not considered at today's cabinet meeting.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—A new trial for William Williams, convicted of the murder in April of John Keller and his mother, has been denied. The governor will set a date for its execution.

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 8.—Hiram Goddard, a lumberman of this city bought 7000 acres of timberland from Horace G. McKinley, of Oregon. He is now notified that the certificates are fraudulent. Goddard is said to have lost \$200,000. The United States secret service men want McKinley to answer charges. McKinley was one of the first convicted in Oregon.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 8.—Walter Cave, aged 29, was killed this morning by the derailing of a Santa Fe train, which was running from San Bernardino to Corona. The train was derailed by the towerman to prevent a collision with a Southern Pacific motor. Engineer McArdie was badly bruised and cut but none of the passengers were injured.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Mrs. W. E. Corey, wife of the president of the steel trust, with her daughter Ada and two companions, registered at the Palace Hotel this morning. The marital differences between Mrs. Corey and her husband are said to be the reason of her coming West. It is understood she will secure a residence in Nevada, where she will remain the necessary length of time to sue for a divorce. However, in registering at the hotel this morning she gave her residence as New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Ryan said he gave his personal check for a majority of the Equitable stock, while on the stand in the insurance investigation today. The agitation made him fear the appointment of a receiver, which would cause disaster in the business world, so he bought it to prevent it and restore confidence in the Equitable. He did not borrow money to pay for a part of the stock, nor deposited a part as security. He denied he was carrying stock for Hyde or any one else. He insisted that the sale was bonafide in every particular and said he held stock subject only to the rights of the trustees.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Witte yesterday handed the czar his resignation, when a sensational scene ensued. The czar read, then tore to bits the paper and flung it at Witte's feet, saying angrily: "Are you such a poor patriot as to desert me in this hour of misfortune. Remain in office until I see fit to relieve you." The emperor then turned sharply and left Witte standing in the middle of the chamber. The czar told an intimate friend he would have been glad to get rid of Witte, but the count was indispensable until the crisis is over. Witte is dissatisfied with the treatment of the imperial master, and feels it is beyond human power to restore order.

Boston, Dec. 9.—The grand jury failed to return an indictment against Thos. Lawson on the Barron libel charges. They reported: "No bill."

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Dr. Oliver Hart this morning pleaded guilty to the murder of eleven-year-old Irene Kladow.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—Yuseuro Kubota, minister of education, has resigned as the result of a protest signed by 190 professors condemning Kubota's action in accepting the resignation of the president of the university.

Washington, Dec. 9.—It was announced this morning after a conference that the U. S. senate will not be represented at the funeral of John H. Mitchell. A brief statement was issued saying his friends did not ask for such representation. It is stated the customary crape on the seat of the deceased senator will only be from the time official notice of his death is received to the time of burial. No official notice has yet been

received. The funeral will probably have taken place by the time the senate meets Monday. Fulton will announce his death Monday, but it is understood he will not present the customary resolutions.

Portland, Dec. 9.—Preparations are being made to hold Senator Mitchell's funeral at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday unless his widow, at Paris, cables other instructions. John H. Mitchell, Jr., will arrive Monday and will be the only member of the immediate family present. The body will lie in state at the city hall from 10 o'clock to noon Tuesday. Interment at Riverview cemetery. Prominent men of the state will act as pallbearers. The funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Elks and Odd Fellows.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 9.—Eight robbers appeared on the streets here early this morning, took the revolvers and handkerchiefs from Patrolmen Manning and Orr, put the manacles on the officers, took them to jail and locked them up, leaving a small guard. They then went to the office of the water works opposite the police station, smashed the door, blew the safe with nitroglycerine, stole a small sum belonging to the company and \$200, the personal property of the treasurer. One citizen was awakened and fired one shot. The gang escaped, leaving no clue.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Fire on Mount Lowe this morning destroyed the Alpinist tavern, where a large number of guests are thought to be staying and burned out the power house at Echo Mountain of the Pacific Electric Railway. It burned down the telephone and telegraph wires, cutting off escape to those on the mountain and cutting off communication. It is impossible to learn the conditions on the mountain, as there are no means of ascending. Brush fires are spreading, making it impossible to walk or go by burro. Cars are running only to Pasadena, beyond where all communication has been cut off.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Edward Atkinson, the famous economist, is dead.

Cracow, Dec. 11.—A fresh mutiny of sailors and soldiers at Sevastopol and Kieff is reported.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A divorce was today granted Porel, the husband of Madame Rejane.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Among the presidential nominations today to be commissioner of immigration is Har N. North, of San Francisco.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 11.—The Nantucket Lightship, which was driven out to sea by the heavy storm yesterday, sent the following wireless message today: "Send us assistance from anywhere at once." The gunboat Hist left early this morning. The storm is subsiding.

Rome, Dec. 11.—The third consistory since the election of Pius X, and second for the nomination of cardinals in the same period, began today. It opened with little pomp. The following were made cardinals: Cagliano de Azevedo, of Rome; Joseph Samassa, of Hungary; Cavalcanti, of Seville; Spinoza Maeste, of Seville.

Albany, Dec. 11.—The New York election recount case was argued in the court of appeals today, ex-Governor Black making the principal argument for Hearst and Alton G. Parker for McClellan. The question the court is asked to decide is whether the election law authorized a recount of the ballots already officially counted.

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 9.—Hiram Goddard, who lost \$200,000 through alleged forged Oregon land certificates, today swore out warrants for S. A. D. Pater, H. H. Biggs, George Hubbard, Kay McKay, and Horace McKinley. Two warrants were issued for John Doe and Richard Roe, the names of the wanted parties being unknown. All are charged with forgery. Hubbard was arrested at Portland, but the others are at large.

Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—The first shovel-ful of dirt for the new electric railway line from Salem to Portland was turned here this morning by Mayor Waters in the presence of a large number of prominent Marion county citizens and the Salem militia. Over 150 workmen for the company were present and active work on grading commenced at once. Speeches were made by Mayor Waters and others. It was the most enthusiastic gathering seen in Salem for many years. It is expected the line will be in operation to Portland within the next 18 months, then the line will be extended south to Eugene.

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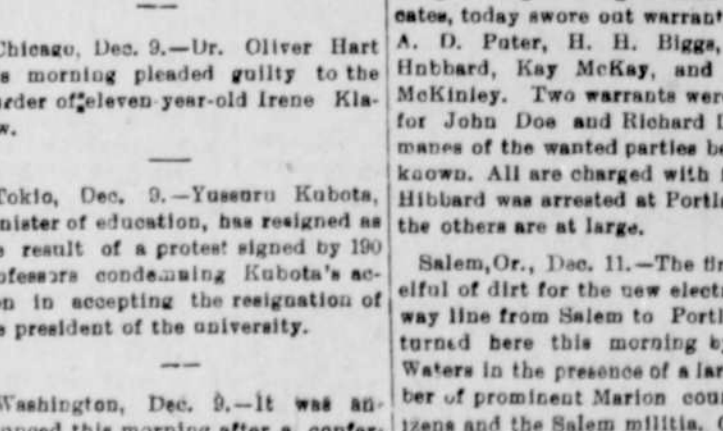
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