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THAW ASSERTS WILL NOT RETURN TO MATTEAWAN

White Plains, July 27.—Harry Thaw declared today that he would never go back to Matteawan asylum, and said he was not afraid to face District Attorney Jerome. Dr. Evans, who declared yesterday that Thaw was not now and never had been a paranoic, today testified that in his opinion Thaw was now sane.

White Plains, N. Y., July 28.—Allenists today began their slow march across the stage in the Thaw case. The efforts of Stanford White's lawyer to obtain his release from the Matteawan asylum are culminating in the testimony of the experts called to prove him sane, and when they are through the prisoner will take the stand himself.

In two respects the hearing was a reminder of Thaw's trials for killing White. District Attorney Jerome of New York, at the request of the attorney-general's office, took entire charge of the state's case. Mr. Jerome and Thaw sat close together that their chairs touched—but, if the prisoner had any fear of the man who had prosecuted him, his face did not show it. All but one of the witnesses were Thaw's today and his equanimity was undisturbed. At times he and Mr. Jerome chatted and smiled like old friends re-united.

JUMPS OFF BRIDGE, 80 FEET, BUT UNINJURED

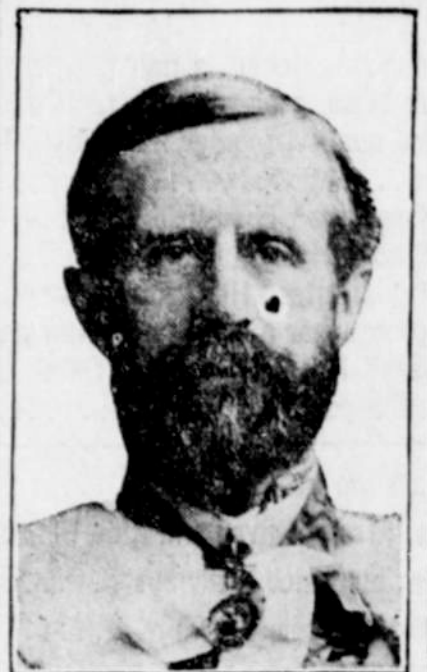
Albany, Or., July 26.—Though he plunged from the highest point of the Albany steel bridge into the Willamette river, 80 feet below, last Saturday night, August Kreiger, a Benton county farmer, is alive and rapidly recovering from the effects of his suicidal leap.

During a short period of mental aberration Kreiger determined to kill himself, and climbed upon the railing of the bridge and jumped. People on the bank saw the leap, and a man in a fishing boat took him to the bank. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, but his injuries were not so severe and now he is practically well, and has recovered from his fit of despondency.

Kreiger is worth about \$15,000, having recently sold his farm, and is said to have no cause for any kind of worry. He had been working hard in the hayfield Saturday, and had become overheated, and after coming to town in the evening became mentally unbalanced.

BIG POWER PLANT SCHEME WORKING OUT

C. P. Houston, ex-mayor of Junction City, has been in Eugene during the last few days in the interests of the big power plant scheme at Triangle Lake, which he is promoting. To a reporter this morning he stated that Leland Spencer, of San Francisco, who is backing the scheme, is expected here very soon to personally look after the construction of the dam and canal for the plant. He said that excavation for the intake at the lake has reached a point that it is now ready for the dam. Mr. Houston says he expects the machinery for the plant to arrive soon, and hopes to be able to have the plant in operation by winter. Before the machinery can be transported from the railroad to the site of the power plant a number of the county bridges along the road



EARL OF ABERDEEN.
Sir John Campbell Gordon has been lord lieutenant of Ireland since 1905. He held the place for a few months in 1886. He is the seventh earl, the fourth having been prime minister from 1852 to 1855.

will have to be strengthened, and he the site of the power plant a number of the county bridges along the road

The name of the company which is promoting this scheme is the Pacific Light and Power Company. The headquarters will be in Eugene when the company begins operations, and Mr. Houston says that the system will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000. It is proposed to furnish light and power to Eugene, Junction, Springfield, Corvallis and all other cities in the upper Willamette valley that wish the service.

GLIMPSES THROUGH GOTHAM GOGGLES

(By Glenn Guernsey.)
New York, July 24.—Lemuel K. Washburn, formerly editor of a Boston paper and now connected with a New York periodical, is out with a deft to the clergy of the country which is likely to make him the center of a cyclone of clerical wrath. Mr. Washburn is of the opinion that prayer is wanted, and to prove his assertion he challenges the gentlemen who wear their collars buttoned behind to a praying contest.

Admitting that a great many prayers have been answered, the editor insists that they have been answered by men and women, and that there is no evidence to prove that any supernatural element enters into the vocal petitions to heaven.

Mr. Washburn is not to be satisfied with prayer-meeting testimony. He is the original doubting Thomas, from Joplin, Mo., on the subject of pious petitions, and his demand is to be shown in challenging the clergyman to a contest to demonstrate the efficacy of prayer, he proposes this test:

In the model which Jesus gave to His disciples, when instructing them how to pray, we find this humble petition: "Give us this day our daily bread." Now, this petition was not offered to the cook of the house, to the baker across the street, to any one on earth who knew how to prepare food, but it was offered to "Our Father who are in Heaven," and any honest answer must be made by "Our Father who are in Heaven."

"Now, my proposed test is as follows: Let five clergymen of any denomination be locked in separate rooms, and the keys be placed in the hands of reliable persons, and nothing in the form of food or drink be allowed them, except what they obtain by praying to God. If these five clergymen are found to be alive and in good health, without perceptible loss of strength or flesh, at the end of a week, it may be assumed that their prayers for 'daily bread' were answered."

So far there has been no rush of applicants to accept Mr. Washburn's challenge. Ministers who have heard of the deft say it is worthy only of "silent contempt," and that prayer is not a matter for a contest, like a foot race or a pugilistic encounter. It appears likely that Mr. Washburn will have to continue a doubter, unless the ministers can affect his conversion by praying for him. Such an attempt is commended to their consideration.

Modest Oscar
Oh, modesty, timidity, shyness, reserve, every word in the dictionary of strength or flesh, at the end of a week, it may be assumed that their prayers for 'daily bread' were answered.

GREAT SEA WALL ALONE SAVES GALVESTON FROM A SECOND DISASTER

Galveston, July 22.—Galveston has weathered a repetition of the storm of 1900, when a tidal wave surfaced the island city, causing a property loss amounting to millions of dollars, but this time the property loss is trivial by comparison and no loss of life in the city proper occurred, although some lives, estimated at ten or twelve, were lost on the outskirts. To the great sea wall alone is attributed the fact that the city is standing today, and with a loss of but \$100,000 as the result of yesterday's hurricane and tidal wave. The famous Galveston beach resorts will have to be rebuilt. The bath houses and other buildings necessary to beach life were badly damaged.

Houston, Texas, July 22.—The West Indian hurricane that menaced Galveston yesterday made itself felt in the interior of the state last night. High winds prevailed in Central Texas, demoralizing telegraphic communication. Today the telegraph companies report a shortage of wires to San Antonio and Laredo. Light showers fell throughout the cotton belt.

A report from Galveston early today says the morning broke clear and warm, and the only evidence of yesterday's storm was along the beach outside of the sea wall, where bathing pavilions and small houses were wrecked. The only known dead are ten persons who were swept off the Galveston fishing pier. They are: C. E. Dalley, circulation manager of the Galveston Tribune; Ray Lee Shorn,

NEWS OF BUSY SPRINGFIELD

FREE SOUP SERVED ALL THIS WEEK

Free soup is being dispensed today at Springfield. No hungry human being need starve. Nor is the soup given by Springfield real estate men to boost the population. This time Mother Nature, with the aid of the water company's pipes, is furnishing the supply. Several thousand fish, chubs, suckers, and probably a few trout are used as a basis for the solid substance, and the unlimited water of the Willamette river for the liquid portion.

How this charitable offer happened is simple. A change was needed in the unloading station for the logs from Wendling. So the employees of the Booth-Kelly Company drained the big pond, and changed their apparatus.

Among the weeds and grass that grow on the bottom of the pond were found hundreds and hundreds of dead fish, which could not escape when the pond was emptied.

Superintendent Tomseth said "there must have been a thousand." An employee nearly laughed and said, "put it a million—that is, nearer right." But today the big pumps thump on and the people drink soup water that runs over the bodies of a thousand dead fish on the bottom of the Booth-Kelly millpond.

CONTRACTORS CHOOSING CONSTRUCTION CAMPS

Representatives of a contracting firm are supposed by Springfield people to be choosing camps along the Natron route in preparation for actual construction. Two men started up the river last Friday, and these are reported to have said that the contract for the first division of the Natron extension at this end has been let, and that construction will begin at once.

SPRINGFIELD WANTS BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY

If the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway does not build a bridge across the Willamette river this summer, it is likely to lose its franchise in Springfield, and will be unable to get another except at a considerable expense. The feeling among the councilmen and mayor is not sympathetic for the works of the company, and from statements made during the last week, definite action on the part of the city of Springfield will be considered, if some specific steps are not soon taken on the part of the electric line.

The franchise may be ended in a few days. Mayor Freery stated this morning that according to the terms, as he understood them, the franchise had already run out, and that at the most the franchise could be terminated in a few days. However, if the electric company will build the bridge this summer, the franchise will be extended with full privileges, to judge from the remarks of the city officials.

Invited to lead the British Guards Band in his new waltz at the Atlantic. It is being played on liners and in the hotels and restaurants of Paris and London. Lieutenant Carlton and his band play the waltz divinely, and

I may consent to lead the waltz number on the night the shell is opened. I am shy of public appearances, however, and for that reason have never even used my box at the Manhattan opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Finnegan and Mrs. W. M. Renshaw made a trip to Modesto and back Sunday in Mr. Finnegan's auto. They stopped at Albany and other points for a short time.

AFONSOE QUILTS PLEASURE TO CARRY BURDEN

Madrid, July 22.—King Alfonso today cancelled all engagements on account of the serious situation in Morocco. Today the first line of reserves were summoned to the colors. Parliament will be asked to vote further credits, so that more reinforcements can be sent to Melilla. It is possible that General Weyler, former Spanish captain-general of Cuba, will be placed in supreme command of the Spanish forces in Morocco. The liberal press is joining in the popular protest against the sending of the soldiers to the Rif coast, alleging the war is solely for the purpose of protecting private mining interests. The newspapers demand the convocation of the cortes and a frank statement of the situation be given.

Relatives and friends of the soldiers who sailed today surrounded the depot just before the troops left



KING ALFONSO.
Young ruler of Spain, who has cancelled all engagements on account of the Moroccan situation.

for Malaga to embark for Melilla, and charged the police with the intention of preventing their departure. In the desperate melee that followed the police used swords and revolvers. A dozen persons were wounded and many were arrested.

Barcelona, July 22.—A riot broke out today when the troops were about to embark for Melilla. An entire battalion revolted and threatened the colonel and other officers with bayonets. Other troops were hastily summoned and the mutineers were dispersed.

To the wife of Geo. Powell, Cottage Grove, Monday, July 19th, 1909, a ten pound son.

E. D. Matlock, the Ninth street grocer, today began suit in the circuit court against Henry Loretz to recover \$125 on a promissory note, together with \$45 attorney's fees and interest from March 12, 1909.

LOWER SIUSLAW NEWS FROM FLORENCE WEST

Mrs. R. H. Bernhardt and son Paul were in Eugene the first of this week on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Mummy and Mr. Lyon, of Eugene, passed through Florence Friday, enroute to Hecla for an outing. They came in from the cape Wednesday and left for Eugene yesterday.

Another deal for real estate on Duncan slough is now on the tapis. E. Benedict has taken an option on Rev. T. A. Yost's tract of about 220 acres of land bordering on the slough.

Rev. E. F. Zimmerman, of the Anti-Saloon League, was in Florence on Saturday and Sunday. He lectured in the Evangelical church Saturday evening and preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

David Monroe and daughter, Ethel, who went to Portland several weeks ago, returned to their home in Glenada Tuesday morning. We are glad to learn that Miss Ethel is considerably improved in health.

E. R. Hollenbeck departed Wednesday for Eugene. Later on he expects to go to Los Angeles, Cal., to visit some of his children, and may visit another in Arizona before returning. He is taking the trip in the hope of benefiting his health, and will be away several months.

Shipping News
The schooner Louise arrived in the Umpqua a few days ago and is loading with lumber at the Gardiner mill.

The steamer San Gabriel loaded with salmon at the Gardiner cannery the first of the week and left for a trip to Astoria.

The Wilhelmmina came up from Coos Bay to the Umpqua last Tuesday, after another load of cement. The steamer Roscoe went to Yaquina Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

The schooner Oakland arrived in from San Francisco Friday morning. She took on a cargo at the Oregon & California Lumber Company's mill, and left again for the bay city Sunday night.

The schooner Albion arrived here Monday from San Francisco and will take out a cargo of lumber.—Florence West.

Mrs. Lois Brokaw, today, through her attorney W. G. Martin, filed a suit in the circuit court against her husband, Fred Brokaw, for divorce.