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THE MINISTER'S DUTY

The alleged confession of Ray Lamphere, now dead, as given in a St. Louis paper, has again torn open the famous Guinness murder farm case of LaPorte, Ind., and it brings into prominence the question, "Should a minister hold as sacred a confession made to him as a pastor, when by divulging it he could clear for the commonwealth a criminal mystery?" Lamphere, convicted of burning the Guinness house, but not of murdering the inmates, is said to have confessed to Rev. E. A. Schell, formerly of LaPorte, now of Burlington, Iowa, but the minister has steadfastly refused to reveal the confession, and Lamphere was supposed to have died with no other confidant than Mr. Schell. But now comes a sensational story that confession was made to another, name not given. According to this, Lamphere had been used by Mrs. Guinness to lure men to her farm, or to aid her, although he took no direct part in the crimes. Finally they quarreled over money matters, and she ordered him from the farm, where he was employed as an ordinary work hand. That afternoon she put her money in the bank, and that night while drunk he went to the house with the intention of robbing her. He intended to kill no one, but chloroformed Mrs. Guinness and the children. He was unable to find the money, but a lighted candle he carried about evidently started the fire, which broke out after Lamphere left, and the greatest female criminal of this age was burned to death with the innocent little ones. Of this Lamphere apparently did not know until the next morning.

The prison officials do not believe the alleged confession, which also gives some information on one or two missing men not before known to have died on the Guinness farm. The Rev. Mr. Schell in all probability knows whether it is straight or not, his belief as a minister, that he should forever hold the secret, the correct one, or is it his duty as a citizen to aid the law laying bare the criminal story confided to him?

HAWLEY DOING GOOD WORK.

Congressman Hawley is doing good work in securing the attention of the government to the necessity of making the Willamette river navigable as far as Eugene. If he should accomplish this object alone his services will be worth many times the salary he draws, because water transportation would result at once in the emancipation of the Willamette valley from the railroad monopoly which has for years drained its resources and retarded its development. It would bring lower freight rates, benefitting farmer and business man alike and stimulating every line of industry.

Mr. Hawley has succeeded in getting into the committee a provision providing for a survey of the entire Willamette River from Oregon City to Eugene. However, he found in the report of the Chief Engineers for 1904, a revised project for the improvement of the river was submitted by the local engineer's office at Portland, and that the recommendation in that report would be accepted now by the Engineer's office at Washington. This provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the construction of a revetment at Salem and \$27,000 for a similar purpose at Albany, or rather opposite these two cities at points where the river threatens to break through the lowlands and do irreparable material.

This is a good beginning and shows that Congressman Hawley is working along lines that will benefit his constituents in a natural way.

THE STRANGE SWOPE CASE

The Swope case at Kansas City, Mo., offers some rather novel features in the line of daily crime as recited in the daily press. Last October Thomas H. Swope, millionaire and esteemed public benefactor, died of supposed apoplexy, and his nephew and heir, Christian Swope, died apparently of the same affliction about that time. Now come the heirs with the statement that they believe both men were poisoned and murdered in order to gain the wealth of the dead millionaire, and the whole estate will be used if necessary to convict the guilty one. They charge also that typhoid fever germs were introduced into the food in order to kill the eight members of the Swope family, and thus remove all the direct heirs, and shift the fortune into the desired channel. The suspect is said to be a man of high standing, and with friends of wealth who will stand by him. He is being held under surveillance day and night by detectives, it is claimed, and when an examination of the dead men's stomachs is completed he probably will be arrested.

The sensation the arrest will cause is being proclaimed in advance as a big one. Let 'er come; sensations don't get too big for the American public.

SEEDS OF WAR

Taxes, the old, old issue that in one form or another has started nearly every war since the world was peopled, has now cost Finland what little liberty it possessed, and troops of Cossacks are being rushed in to completely crush the last vestige of Finnish independence. For a century Finland has been under Russian dominion, but has in a way had home government and had fared fairly well under the czar's control. But recently there has been some stirring around that has created a feeling of open enmity, and when Russia made a demand for several million dollars from Finland for coast protection in which Finland was supposed to be interested, the Finns promptly refused to stand for the taxation. Russia would brook no such insubordination, and promptly brought about a dissolution of the home governing body. Now she is constructing barracks for troops

throughout Finland, and the fierce Cossacks are being sent in to hold the people in permanent subjection.

Taxes and troubles go hand in hand. Not that they should, but because they do. Humanity is most "touchy" where its pocketbook is affected. America once fought out the old issue in bloody warfare, but now we are content to settle it from time to time with wranglings of our law-makers. Finland is not powerful enough to have any real say in its present trouble, and so it will be forced to yield to Russia's heavy tax and at the same time has lost whatever privileges it formerly possessed under the despotic rule of the czar's government. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

The South Eugene Improvement Club will meet tonight, and it is quite likely that the fate of the proposed street railway loop around College Hill will be decided. The soliciting committee still has about \$15,000 to raise, and only united effort on the part of the property owners will secure this big improvement.

The latest bulletin of the U. of O. is evidence that Professor and his assistants have made wonderful progress with the musical department of that institution. The course of study is very complete, and the teachers among the best in the country.

Some professor comes forward with the word that Mars has been experiencing a snowstorm and blizzard. Strange coincidence; only the other night we thought we heard a sleighbell in that direction.

And now the interstate commerce commission may get after the express companies. In which event the government officials will likely have to pay about a dollar an ounce for expressing their opinions.

The retail merchants of Oregon will meet in Eugene tomorrow, and all our citizens should unite in the effort to entertain them, so that they may carry away a good impression of our city.

And now there must be rearrangement of the stars on Old Glory to admit the new states of New Mexico and Arizona. The old original thirteen stars are not so lonesome as they used to be.

Ye gods! A white man has been arrested in Louisville, Ky., for robbing a negro's henroost. The eternal fitness of things certainly got out of bed wrong side foremost that day.

There should be a strong pull made to secure the district fair for Eugene again next fall. We have had it but twice since the district was organized, and are entitled to it.

Street paving and cement walks constitute one of the most effective methods of "boosting" the permanent growth of a city. Eugene people should not lose sight of this fact.

Three West Point cadets are to be dismissed for hazing. They'll probably look rather sheepish for brave soldiers when they walk in home with their doll bags.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO FIGHT CREATION OF NESMITH COUNTY

Committee of Twenty Citizens
Will Go to Roseburg Meet-
ing in February

At the monthly meeting of the Commercial Club last night, C. S. Williams was directed to name a committee of twenty to go to Roseburg on the last Saturday in February to confer with like committees from Roseburg, Springfield, Junction City, Coburg and other communities to arrange to fight the movement to create Nesmith county out of the southern portion of Lane and the northern portion of Douglas. Mr. Williams will name his committee probably tomorrow, president Thompson, who is county judge, declining to take part in the county division controversy.

Judge Thompson's stand on this question provoked a live discussion. C. S. Williams and E. M. Wilkins contending that the judge and commissioners should lead the fight against the proposed dismemberment of Lane county, while Col. J. M. Williams defended the judge. Finally it was agreed that C. S. Williams should name the committee.

Board of Governors.
At a meeting of the board of governors of the club last night a committee consisting of Manager Freeman and F. M. Wilkins was named to attend the matter of erecting an electric light sign across Willamette street at the depot, displaying the name "Eugene." A committee consisting of Robert McMurphy, L. R. Flint and F. R. Wetherbee, was named to attend to the matter of planting the same letters in flowers on the south slope of the battle.

Manager Freeman gave an outline of the exploitation work planned by the promotion department for the present year.

MAN WHO SHOT BROWN'S TAME WOLF IS SUED FOR \$800.00 DAMAGES

William Brown, the man from St. Johns, N. F., who recently arrived here on a trip around the world with four dogs and a tame gray wolf, today instituted suit in the circuit court against Dr. C. W. Southworth, of this city, for damages in the sum of \$800 for killing Brown's wolf. Guard readers will recall the story in an issue of this paper one day last week that Dr. Southworth, thinking the wolf was wild, shot and killed it, while it was wandering around the street near the doctor's home at the corner of West Ninth and Lincoln streets. The wolf was seen a few minutes before with one of Dr. Southworth's chickens in its mouth, but had dropped it before the doctor shot, he said. L. M. Travis and M. Vernon Parsons are attorneys for Brown.

The annual reports of the city fire chief, water collector, city library and city treasurer were read and placed on file.

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MAIN SEWER FOR FAIRMOUNT UP BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Held Last
Evening and Adjourned Ses-
sion This Forenoon

The city council met in special session last evening to dispose of an accumulation of regular business. A petition was presented by the property owners of Fairmount for the construction of a main sewer in that portion of the city. Mr. Van Boskirk and Mr. Svarverud addressed the council in its behalf. The matter was referred to the sewer committee and city attorney for action.

City Engineer Waggoner reported his investigations on the re-grading of Franklin street to prevent an overflow of the mill race, and estimated the cost to be \$600. Mr. Bogue, one of the property owners interested in this project reported that nearly \$100 had been raised by property owners to apply on this work, and urged that something be done.

The council was favorable to this improvement, provided it be done without expense to the city. The matter was referred to the street committee and city attorney for their investigation before any action be taken.

The council adjourned at this time to meet again at 10:30 a. m. today.

This Morning's Session.
At this morning's meeting the council continued routine business. A petition for grading and graveling both alleys in the block between Tenth and Eleventh and Pearl and High streets was read and referred to the street committee.

Citizens of Fairmount presented a petition for an ear light at the intersection of Fifteenth street and Orchard avenue. This was referred to the fire and water committee.

Another petition for an ear light at Thirteenth and Perry streets was referred to the same committee.

C. F. Working was granted permission to lay a temporary plank walk along the west side of Adams street instead of the regulation sidewalk recently ordered put in.

Wesley Pennington's request for a reduction on paving assessment against his property on West Eighth street was granted. J. M. Martin presented a like request, which was referred to the street committee and city attorney for investigation.

The council instructed the street commissioner to have A. C. Mathews gravel a private alleyway on his property on East Eleventh street, used for teaming, and at present in bad condition.

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SPRINGFIELD

BETTER TELEPHONE
SERVICE IS GREATLY
DESIRED AT SPRINGFIELD
Commercial Club Takes Matter
Up at Meeting Last Night—
The Plant is Out of Date

The Springfield Commercial Club held a long session last evening with a large number of the business men present, there being probably 35 out, which is a record attendance. Committee reports occupied a great deal of the time, but some new business was brought up, among which was the matter of better telephone service. It seems that at present there are no less than 240 subscribers using 57 lines on the Springfield exchange, and in one instance there are thirty phones on one line.

The city has simply outgrown its service, for with a population of double that of two years ago it is using the same small switchboard, which always has been crowded. The fact that there is delay and trouble in the service is not due to the operators, for the operators were praised on all sides for the attention they give under the adverse circumstances. There is no question but what the Pacific States Telephone Company will answer the club's request for better service, and it is said that when an improvement is made the automatic call system used in Eugene will replace the antiquated system that Springfield now has.

Mill Race Embankment.
The committee appointed to investigate the condition at the head of the millrace made a report that an embankment 200 yards long and averaging two feet high would prevent another such flood as Springfield experienced this winter. It seems that near the head of the race the embankments are just high enough to handle the usual amount of water and any high water runs over here. The embankment would remedy this. The matter was left to the action of the city council and the Booth-Kelly Co.

More Light.
The committee on light streamers reported that they had secured the same rate as Eugene has, which is 25 cents a month per light. There will be 170 lights in seven strings, which burn every night. The expense of installing the streamers will be paid by the merchants, but the commercial club is to pay for the "juice." The report was favorably accepted. The work of making and stringing the lights will begin at once.

Road Matters.
The committee to investigate the condition of the road up the river reported progress. Parts of the road have been gone over and it was found to be as bad as reported. The matter is set at a standstill at present, waiting upon the residents of that vicinity to take action. They are expected to organize and petition the county court.

The members of the committee for the promotion of the new schoolhouse are awaiting the meeting of the school board early next month.

RIVER BRIDGE IN VERY BAD SHAPE

The Willamette river bridge at Springfield is in very bad shape. There are several holes in the plankings, at this end two planks are warped so as to stand nearly on end. The whole bridge is covered with mud, which is not only very disagreeable for pedestrians, but amounts to considerable weight upon the bridge. The matter was taken up at length before the commercial club last night and they will bring it before the county court.

Allan Boutin, of Bayfield, Wisconsin, son of Frank Boutin, a millionaire timber man well known in lumber circles, is in Springfield, sent to Oregon by his father to learn the timber situation here and lumber business of this coast. The next year he will spend in the mountains with timber cruisers in this vicinity or working in various saw mills. He is a cousin of Mrs. Harry Stewart, and is now stopping at Mr. Stewart's home. Steps are being taken to have Harry Clark, stepson of Mr. Pettine, cared for at the expense of the county. The boy is afflicted with tuberculosis, and it is feared that it is a hopeless case.

Clark & Washburne have nearly 3000 peach trees, which they will set out as soon as the weather permits on their 25 acre tract up the river.

Harry Stewart has a mammoth pumpkin in his store window. He will hold a guessing contest over the number of seeds for prizes.

Springfield Brevities.
O. Kaurin, the photographer, yesterday received word of the death of

postoffice building was impracticable and that the government's original plans would be carried out.

Several other minor matters were attended to and the council adjourned to meet Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. for the completion of the business in hand.

Library Report.
A summary of the library report is as follows:
Actual increase of books, 448; total number of books on hand, 3672; circulation during the past year, 27,651, an increase of 2885 over the preceding year. The number of patrons registered to December 11th, 1909, was 3595, as against 2680 in 1908, an increase of 915 for the year.

Total receipts from all sources during 1909, \$2182.97; total expenditures, \$1852.47; balance in treasury, \$551.90.

Water Collector's Report.
The report of City Water Collector Simmons showed the following: Total collected during the year, \$20,272.35; paid to city treasurer, \$20,242.35; refunded, 53 cents; cash balance, \$152.57; balance on hand, January 1, 1910, \$2250.

ONE FOURTH OF FRANCE UNDER WATER AND LOSS OF PROPERTY IS IMMENSE

Paris, Jan. 24.—One-fourth of France, it is estimated, is under water, snow and rain adding to floods unprecedented in the history of the present generation.

The Seine continued to rise today, and the situation here grew worse hourly, and owing to the difficulty of getting food into the city market prices are advancing, adding another element to the distress of the poorer classes. It is estimated that 25,000 laborers in this city are out of employment, but the casualties are comparatively few, only an enormous amount of livestock being drowned in the country districts.

Late today the situation showed some signs of improvement. The rivers Rhone and Loire are reported falling. The damage to property will foot up millions in France.

HERMANN SECRETS SEALED BY COURT

Portland, Or., Jan. 23.—Refusal of Judge Wolverton to allow Prosecutor Henny to show that letterpress copybooks destroyed by the convicted Herman with the Blue Mountain conspiracy, marked the end of the second week of the trial. The Government attempted to prove that the books referred to were removed from the office and destroyed when Herman resigned.

Ivan Hittchenhouse was on the witness stand and had testified that it was the practice in the General Land Office, in the incumbency of the defendant, to divide the mail before it was opened. All letters from Herman, which were marked personally, were sent to the Commissioner for his personal attention. Hermann would examine the communications, forward many of them to various departments for replies, and retain others for his personal attention. Replies to personal letters would be dictated to Hittchenhouse, acting as private stenographer, and would be placed in the books which have disappeared. In ruling against the evidence brought by the prosecution, Judge Wolverton said:

"In showing that the records were destroyed the inference is sought to be left with the jury, that Mr. Hermann was destroying copies of letters connecting him with the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve conspiracy. This is going too far outside the record."

HILL AND HARRIMAN REACH AGREEMENT

Portland, Jan. 23.—After contesting 5 months in the Deschutes valley and impeding the construction progress by each other as much as possible, the Deschutes Railway Company and the Oregon Trunk Line have at last adjusted all differences to the satisfaction of each.

This adjustment has been accomplished, not as some feared it would be, by the withdrawal of one railroad from the field, but in some shape that both roads will now be free to rush construction to the interior of the state. Two roads will be built, and the prospects is now bright that both will be in operation by Central Oregon in the coming Summer.

Under the terms of the agreement the crossing of the O. R. & N. tracks at Celilo by the Oregon Trunk Line is arranged amicably, locations in the lower and upper canyon have been agreed upon, the conflict at Crooked River crossed adjusted and all right-of-way conflicts south of Madras swept away.

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No. 1 On Dyspepsia
No. 2 On the Liver
No. 3 On the Kidneys
No. 4 For Women
No. 5 For Men
No. 6 On Rheumatism

Dr. Shoop's Restorative