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MUST REMAIN AT MATTEAWAN

United States Supreme Court Refuses to
Review the Case

THAW'S LAST CHANCE EXHAUSTED

His Home Will Be Among the Criminally
Insane For an Indefinite
Period

Washington, Dec. 20.—The door of the supreme court of the United States was closed today against Harry Kendall Thaw.

At the same time the door of the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan closed more tightly than ever before upon him.

Justice McKenna handed down a ruling in which the nation's highest tribunal refused to review his case.

This was the close of one of the most stubborn of all the efforts of the slayer of Stanford White to gain his freedom.

The case, which has run the gamut of the courts of New York and probably has received more publicity than any other criminal case of this generation, is nearing the limit of legal recourse.

The august judges of the supreme court will not review the pitiable and

nauseating story of Evelyn Nesbit. The plea of Pittsburgh's money laden paranoiac will not be heard.

For the present, at least, Thaw must stay in the madhouse prison, as one suffering from the insanity which he himself claimed caused him to kill White at Madison Square garden.

Thaw's application was presented to the court some time ago, but was not made public, and it was not generally known that such a step had been taken until the adverse ruling was announced today.

Foolish Story About Ingersoll.

The foolish story that Colonel Robert Ingersoll "recanted" at some time or other and "did not believe the doctrine he preached" has been revived, it seems, by an evangelist at Silverton. It used to be fashionable in orthodox circles to repeat such fictions about Voltaire, Thomas Paine, Gibbon and everybody else who did not accept the fashionable theology of their day, but a growing regard for morality has limited the practice to the ignorant and unscrupulous. Intelligent preachers understand that their faith has nothing to gain by propagating falsehood.

Colonel Ingersoll preached no doctrine which needed recantation. His criticism upon the Bible were true among German scholars when he made them. To recant them would be to fly in the face of history and philology. The common report that he was an atheist is untrue. A glance at his lectures will show that his faith in Providence was profound. It is a pity that any evangelist should deem it necessary to slander the dead in order to advance the kingdom of the Lord of Love—Oregonian.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN BRIEF

Newsy Items Gathered From All
Parts of the World

PREPARED FOR BUSY READERS

Less Important But Not Less Interesting
Happenings in This and From
Other States

Oregon City is reported to have 50 cases of typhoid fever.

The fortune of the late King Leopold, of Belgium, is \$60,000,000.

Portland is holding a fancy poultry show, this week. More than 1000 birds are on exhibition.

Chicago's expenses for the year 1910 will be \$55,000,000, which is \$3,000,000 in excess of any year prior to this date.

Ex-Senator Harris, of Kansas, died at the home of a relative, in Chicago, on Tuesday. Mr. Harris was senator from 1897 to 1903.

Detective Joe Day, who struck a boy whom he was arresting, several blows in the face, was placed on trial for assault on a minor, on Wednesday.

Walla Walla, Wash., on Monday, voted on the temperance question and the "wet" carried by a majority of 322. The election was warmly contested.

Judge Lorton of Tenn., was confirmed as Justice of the United States Supreme court on Monday. He was appointed by President Taft, to succeed Justice Peckham, deceased.

E. H. Overman, editor of the Shavico Star, was arrested at Antelope, Monday, accused of issuing an alleged worthless check. Overman is wanted in Spokane.

The State Railroad Commission has received a petition asking that a regular passenger train be put on the C. & E. railroad, from Albany east. The petition was filed by E. S. Payne, a merchant of Gates.

Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior department, will insist that congress investigate all phases of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and the truth ascertained concerning the Alaska coal lands.

Next Monday the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will serve notice upon 75 railways east of the Mississippi river, of a demand for an increase of wages, from 5 to 40 per cent. About 75,000 of the Brotherhood are employed on the roads affected.

The present frosty weather, snow and sleet, which now exists over the major portion of the South, is looked upon as a boon, as frost will destroy the cotton boll weevil, the greatest pest the cotton planter has to contend with.

350 Walla Walla people contributed portions of their cuticle to save the life of a popular electric lineman, who had been badly burned by coming in contact with a live wire. The skin was used for grafting on the burned portions of the lineman's body. He will, probably, now recover.

Judge Joshua J. Walton, of Eugene, was found dead at his home in that city, last Monday morning. He had attended church twice on the previous day. When his wife went to call him to breakfast, was the first intimation that he had passed away, as he appeared to be in excellent health when he retired the evening before. Heart trouble is assigned as the cause.

For Sale at Once

Dwelling house, 4 rooms and nearly one block of ground; 1 good couch, 4 chairs, 1 table, 1 stand, 1 No. 8 cook stove and 1 airtight stove, 2 bedsteads and springs and 1 good \$6.50 mattress. Will sell cheap. Inquire of O. W. Compton.

The NEWS will be glad to supply a copy of the paper free, regularly, to any one who will supply items of news weekly from any and all of the surrounding neighborhoods. Some one in every neighborhood should be willing to take up this work for the interests of themselves and neighbors.

SUNNY SOUTH LIKE PORTLAND

New Orleans and Oregon's Metropolis
Have Same Temperature

INTENSE FRIGIDITY PREVAILS

Middle West Suffers, People Shiver, Livestock
Perish—Charitable Bodies Rushed
Aiding the Needy

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Portland, Oregon and New Orleans, La., enjoyed precisely the same temperature Sunday—a minimum of 38 and a maximum of 40 degrees. Montgomery, Ala., was only four degrees warmer than Portland. Memphis, Tenn., was 16 degrees colder. El Paso, Texas, where the prospector finds brimstone and other evidences of heat by digging down two feet, was 14 degrees colder than Portland. Cincinnati was 20 degrees colder. San Antonio, Texas, ordinarily one of the hottest spots in the Union, was eight degrees under Portland.

SHARP COLD GENERAL

Everywhere the intense cold prevails, chiefly accompanied by high winds and hard snow. In Canada there is grave fear for the wheat crop as the winds have swept the snow from the fields and it is altogether likely that the crop will be frozen, as it has no protection.

Reports of disaster to the orange and other crops in the Gulf Coast country came to commission merchants today. The cold wave has spread over all the South with the exception of the extreme lower portions of Florida. The valley region of Louisiana is suffering in a lesser degree because of the Mississippi which tempers the effect of the cold wave.

MIDDLE WEST SUFFERS

In the Middle West intense suffering is reported among the people and livestock is perishing. There is not much fear for crops throughout the Middle Western wheat belt, as the ground is heavily blanketed with snow, from Minnesota to the lower tier of Texas counties. Tennessee and Northern Alabama have two inches of snow, an almost unprecedented condition.

In all the large cities from Denver to New York charitable societies are rushed to the limit to care for the needy who were unprepared for the hard siege. Fires are numerous everywhere. Eleven families in this city were driven to the streets in their night clothing early this morning. Trains from every direction are stalled or badly delayed and all freight business of the Northwest is being abandoned, in the supreme effort to get passenger and mail trains through. Reports of death by freezing came from five states, including seven persons tonight. No word has yet been had of several hundred sailors on Lake St. Clair, and it is feared all have perished.

THESE DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY.

These should be great days for young men. We say that if any one boy is heir to a fortune and another has but his hands and brain for capital, the two boys start on an entirely different footing. The one has to carve out all that he may hope to possess; the other is encouraged by the confidence and applause of all around him, and endless opportunities are open to him. This is true in a financial sense. One has a fortune for a basis, what the other is to obtain must be by the faculties which he possesses. But this refers only to the power to obtain wealth, material wealth, money, lands, securities and the opportunities to gain more wealth.

In all other things the poor boy may be the richer of the two and may be equipped to enter special realms of knowledge which the other's wealth may never be able to buy an admission ticket to.

It is in this last sense that we say these should be great days for young men, for, when it comes to capital, all the wealth of the wisdom of the centuries is at their disposal. Moreover, during the past half-century, the skill of inventions and mechanics, has made all the erudition of the past obtainable at a price which a hundred years ago would have been impossible. Then, too, in the past half century the spirit of investigation has not only opened a thousand new fields, but it has made clear that a world of things which men

accept as problems solved, has as yet hardly been so much as investigated.

The most familiar of these may be seen in changes which have come in the tilling of the soil. For ages men have plowed their land, planted their seed and gathered their harvests, but that what they were doing ought to be reduced to an exact science, no more crossed their minds than it did the patient beasts that plowed their fields. But the science of chemistry grew apace, and at last one inspired man analyzed the soils, then found the component factors in what the soil produced, and so by slow degrees was able to tell what any certain soil would best produce. From the soil the investigation went to the water and its relations to the soil were studied; what the effect of a lack of moisture or excessive moisture had upon lands. Then climates had to be studied, what would flourish best where the growing season was three or five or seven months duration. Then when the rainfall was light and irrigation impossible, what condition of the soil would longest retain the moisture of the winter and spring. Then the enemies of plants came up for investigation and how they could be baffled, became a problem.

A few years ago from the south of France there went up to Paris a cry that a parasite was destroying the vineyards on which the people by thousands depended for bread. Pasteur in his laboratory investigated, found the enemy and how to subdue it, and the vineyards were saved. That was possible at the time; fifty years prior there would have been no remedy. Three thousand years ago, when the question was how to get bread for the thousands who dwelt in Babylon and Nineveh, by accident it was discovered that by irrigation the product of the great valleys north and west of those cities, could be doubled. But that lesson was so little cherished, that tens of thousands of farmers in our country have seen their crops perish through drought, though great streams of water ran through their farms.

That is, the experience and the investigations of the past fifteen years have shown, that through the ages, the work of the farmer has not produced half what it should have done, and this is so palpable that confident predictions are made that in the coming fifty years the increase of the food product on lands already cultivated will more than keep pace with the increase of population. And this is only one field. The progress has been quite as great along all the industrial lines. This is what makes us say that these should be great days for young men, for not only are new fields being opened constantly, but increased intelligence makes clear that the old fields are, as yet, not half explored, but are waiting the conquest of the industrious, the enthusiastic and the brave seeker.—Goodwin's Weekly, Salt Lake City.

Shelburn Siftings.

Mr. and Mrs. Blatchford, of Plainview, have been visiting their sons, the Blatchford Bros., successors to G. W. Mattson.

Mrs. George Gibbons went to Albany Saturday, for an over Sunday visit with her daughters, Mrs. J. W. Miller and Miss Agnes Gibbons.

Walter Churchill and son Lloyd, of Wren station, are visiting with W. E. Churchill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Russell were in Albany Thursday visiting with their son Rufus, who is employed as stenographer in the county clerk's office.

Dennis Trexler returned Monday from a several months stay in Washington. He will return to his work after a short visit with home folks.

Mrs. W. H. Roberts and son Edward came home Thursday after spending several days visiting in Albany.

Mrs. George Vernon who has been very sick is rapidly improving.

Richard Struckmeir, of Thomas, loaded a car of wood at this place, last Wednesday.

Last Sabbath was the election of officers for the Sunday school for the following year. The officers elected were: Sup't., Stanley Taylor; Sec., Nona Miller; Treasurer, Anna Steidel; Librarian, Theron Russell; Organist, Mrs. Taylor; Chorister, Mr. Taylor; Janitor, Homer Russell.

Ira S. Trexler left Sunday for a few days stay in Portland.

A petition to the Marion and Linn county courts is being circulated, praying for a steel bridge to be built at this place. The people in general are very anxious to put their signature to same.

A. Osborn and son are improving the looks of their town property by the addition of a new side walk. R. C.

REPORTS ARE INDEFFINITE

Danish Committee Will Not Commit
Itself

IS DR. F. A. COOK A FALSIFIER?

His Reported Discovery of the North Pole
Is Clothed in a Denser Fog
Than Ever

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—That the committee investigating the polar data of Dr. Frederic A. Cook will return a report neither favorable nor adverse to his claims, were the prediction today of a number of the faculty of the University of Copenhagen who are cognizant of the deliberations of the committee.

The savants of the Danish university who are serving on the committee are said to be deeply embarrassed by their former championing of Dr. Cook, coupled with their inability to find anything approaching acceptable proof in his reports, and to be casting about for a way to retire gracefully from the controversy.

Rumors have leaked from the committee room that the data submitted by Cook is so incomplete that Cook's presence before the committee would not aid the work, and that he would not be asked to appear.

TAFT PICKS POSTS

DIPLOMATIC NOMINATIONS ARE SENT TO
CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft sent to the senate to-day the following nominations of Ambassadors and Ministers:

Robert Bacon, of New York, Ambassador to France.

Richard C. Kerens, of Missouri, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington, Ambassador to Mexico.

Charles Page Bryan, of Illinois, Minister to Belgium.

William James Calhoun, of Illinois, Minister to China.

Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania, Minister to Chile.

Henry T. Gage, of California, Minister to Portugal.

R. S. Reynolds Hitt, of Illinois, Minister to Panama.

John B. Jackson, of New Jersey, Minister to Cuba.

Fenton R. McCreery, of Michigan, Minister to Honduras.

Edwin V. Morgan, of New York, Minister to Paraguay.

Lauritz S. Swenson, of Minnesota, Minister to Switzerland.

Charles W. Russell, of Washington, D. C. Minister to Persia.

Horace K. Knowles, of Delaware, Minister to Santo Domingo (transferred from Nicaragua.)

Gooch Cleanings.

Fred Gooch was in Albany on a business trip, last Friday, returning Saturday morning.

A number of the young folks are talking of attending the masquerade ball at Lyons Xmas eve.

Mrs. H. Phillips has eighteen regular boarders to cook for.

Mr. Monroe, of Lyons, who for some months has been in Fred Gooch's employ, fell and broke his arm between the wrist and elbow.

Fred Gooch is doing fine work with his donkey engine. Frank Gooch is the engineer.

Gooch is booming with thirty working men.

Mr. Fred Marilla, of this city, is doing blacksmith business in Mill City, going and coming on horse back morning and night.

Mrs. H. Phillips was in Scio Monday returning Tuesday, bringing home her daughter, Hazel, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Gough, and going to school.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dilley leave for a visit to her folks in Washington, Wednesday, expecting to be gone for a week or ten days.

Mrs. Effie Miller, of Stayton was in Gooch on business Saturday, leaving for Stayton Sunday morning.

SNOW CAP.

We wish you all

A Merry Xmas
And
Happy New
Year

WESELY & CAIN

Merry Christmas
Happy New
Year



J. F. WESELY, Grocer

We wish you

A Merry Christmas

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