

BARNES PAYS FOR CRIME WITH LIFE

Washington Murderer Hanged for Beating Woman to Death in 1908—Was Very Nervous.

(United Press Leased Wire.) WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 12. Bud Barnes was hanged at 6:30 this morning for the murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich April 30, 1908. He walked to the scaffold with a nervous step and, although he stumbled twice and swayed while being strapped, he needed no assistance. Father Jones, his spiritual advisor, accompanied him. The trap was sprung immediately by five guards and 13 1/2 minutes later Barnes was pronounced dead.

About 500 people tried to gain admittance, but only newspaper men, officers and clergymen were admitted. He murdered Mrs. Aldrich, who was 70 years old to gain possession of her land. He was twice tried for the crime, the first jury disagreeing.

Story of the Crime. It was on April 30, 1908, that Barnes enticed Mrs. Anna Aldrich to accompany him to a lonely spot in Copper canyon, where he beat out her brains with a pick handle he had purchased for the purpose.

Barnes was employed by Mrs. Aldrich and represented to her that he wanted to rent one of her places, called the Keeney ranch, on Coppel creek. Making these representations, he induced the old lady to accompany him in a buggy which he hired from a livery barn in Walla Walla, to reach the lonely canyon. The drive necessitated their going through Dixie and there Barnes bought the pick handle, about which he remarked when he was told it was slightly worn—that it was good enough for his purpose.

When he reached the lonely spot in the canyon, the wheel tracks showed that he stopped and tied his team. Mrs. Aldrich was induced to get out of the buggy. The ground showed marks of a struggle, and her hair combs, purse and other articles were strewn about the ground. After Barnes had broken her skull in, literally beating out her brains, he threw the body into a hole caused by the uprooting of a tree. Here it was four days afterward found by a searching party.

Barnes Is Accused. Barnes was arrested and accused of the crime. He had been seen going through the canyon with Mrs. Aldrich and returning afterward without her. He had told several people that he had rented her place and that she had gone away. His stories were conflicting and the evidence seemed clear. Insanity was his plea.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Southbound freight No. 221 pulled out a drawhead at the oil spur Friday morning and No. 13 passenger was held up a few minutes while the freight got out of the way. Orders for sweet cream or butter-milk promptly filled. Phone the delivery. J. F. Hutchason has returned from a week's business trip to San Francisco. Best meal for the least money at the Spot cafe. Colonel Frank Ray spent Friday in Medford. Ella Gaunyaw, public stenographer, room 4, Palm building. Arthur Brown has returned from a brief trip to Ashland. All we ask is a chance to compare our teas and coffees with that of any other firm in southern Oregon. Southern Oregon Tea & Coffee Co. Phone 1001. 36 S. Grant st. Sherry Miles and Will Muller have returned from a trip to Butte Falls. Best meal for the least money at the Spot cafe. C. L. Pittman of Woodville spent Friday in Medford on business. Persons wishing shade trees A plant in front of their homes, phone D. R. Wood, Main 11, or after 6 o'clock, Mrs. J. F. Reddy, Main 321. W. H. Hodson is confined to his home by a severe attack of lumbago. The Ivy Leaf restaurant is now under new management. Short orders, chop suey, China noodles and all kinds of Chinese dishes a specialty. Regular meals 25c. Sam Dunn, proprietor.

DIME NOVELS THE CAUSE OF CRIME

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Kills Two Men While Attempting to Hold Up a Bank in Indiana.

(United Press Leased Wire.) JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 12. Thomas Jefferson Hall, the 16-year-old lad who yesterday killed Cashier Fawcett and fatally wounded President Woodward and Chauffeur Tucker after attempting to rob the New Albany bank, is held in the reformatory here today. The lad's father, William I. Hall, a cabinet maker, today admitted the boy's identity and said that he was the victim of dime novels. Hall also said that he believed his boy's mind was impaired as the result of a blow he received on the head when a child, which nearly killed him.

Young Hall drove up to a rear door of the institution in an automobile at noon yesterday and forced the Chauffeur, George Tucker, a negro, to accompany him inside. He commanded everyone in the bank to throw up their hands. Before they had a chance to comply with his command Hall started shooting. In all the youth fired 20 shots.

When the smoke cleared away Cashier Fawcett was dead and President Woodward and the negro chauffeur lay on the floor mortally wounded.

During the excitement Hall escaped, but was apprehended as he attempted to alight from a flatboat on the Kentucky shore of the river.

JAMES ANDERSON FINCH

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In a last conversation with John H. Cradelaugh, telegraph editor of the Capital Journal, he made this dying statement: "Say, John, you know that at times I drank too much. I want to tell you now that when I went into Ralph Fisher's room I had nothing against him." Here he sat down and drew a map of the room where Fisher had his offices.

No Idea of Hurting Him. "I had no more idea of hurting him than I had of flying. I don't know just what I said, but the first thing I knew, Fisher was approaching me with a notarial seal in his hand and apparently about to strike me. I may have been mistaken as to his intentions, but thinking he was attacking me, I pulled my gun and shot. After that everything is hazy. I may have shot a dozen times for all I know. I only know that the instinct of self-defense was aroused and I used—probably abused it. I do not know. Fisher was dead and I was standing over him with a smoking revolver in my hands. I can't explain the details of my crime, if it were a crime. I can only give you the results. Looking back calmly now, I can hardly say he was attacking me, but I did think so at the moment I shot him. You can easily imagine that I do not want to have his wife a widow—or mine. There is the whole story."

Heart-Breaking Scene. The last meeting of Finch with his wife and mother was heartrending in the extreme. At 10 o'clock the woman spent some time with him in his cell, and it was only by using force that the grim prison officials were finally obliged to tear the two faithful and loving women away from the barred grating that closed forever on the living form of the son and husband.

"Oh, my God, Jim, how can I bear it?" sobbed the wife of less than a year.

"Oh, my God! My God! By son, my son, my son!" shrieked the mother as they bore her away, agony showing a love that was dearer to her than life itself.

As the women were led away, Finch fell on his knees and gave utterance to deep guttural sobs that seemed torn from his very vitals.

Hard, Cruel Scene. It was a hard, cruel, terrible scene that made the most hardened criminals flinch and the officials turn away, sickened.

Resorting to every resource which

BELIEVE THE RED WIDOW WILL WIN

If She Does, Government Will Resume Investigation of the Death of Her Husband.

(United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, Nov. 12.—If Mme. Steinheil is acquitted, as appears likely today, the government will immediately resume an investigation of the murders of the "red widow's" husband and stepmother, Mme. Japy.

The government is convinced that there are grave secrets of national importance behind the garrotting of Mme. Steinheil, and the authorities are anxious to get at the bottom of the case.

On several instances when the prosecutors were pressing the woman closely she threatened to disclose secrets that would cause a sensation unless the prosecutors desisted. In every instance her threats had the desired effect, and the prosecutor-general started on another line of questioning.

BROTHERHOOD PLANS PLEASANT EVENING

Next Tuesday Evening Men Will Hold a County Fair in Basement of the Church.

The Methodist Brotherhood met in regular session Wednesday evening in the church basement, a good crowd attending. This body has but recently reorganized and is now one of the most hard-working departments of the church. 50 members being enrolled. Every one is now working earnestly to the end that 100 may be enrolled in the coming six months.

Talks and suggestions from various members and a great amount of work was outlined for the coming months. On next Tuesday evening, November 16, the men will hold a county fair in the basement of the church, and if any one wants a good time they can have it on that occasion. Everybody, young and old, is invited. A slight charge will be made for admittance and refreshments. There will be fun, yes, lots of it, to every square foot. Come on and be a boy or girl again. Remember the date, Tuesday evening, November 16.

Attention, A. F. & A. M.

There will be work tonight in the F. C. degree. All are urged to attend.

trained legal minds commanded, Jas. A. Finch's fight to evade the gallows was the most persistent and stubborn in the criminal annals of Oregon. Not one infinitesimal technicality was overlooked; not one apparent flaw in Oregon's judiciary statutes but was assailed. And as a ghastly climax to the hopeless struggle, Mrs. Finch, wife of the condemned man, carried a petition Thursday to Governor Benson, asking that her husband's life be spared. While she waited at the executive mansion for an audience with the governor, workmen were completing the gallows upon which Finch was to die.

Murder a Year Ago. James A. Finch shot and instantly killed Ralph Fisher in the Mohawk building in Portland at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, November 28, 1908. Finch had been disbarred from practicing law in Oregon.

Fisher was prosecutor for the Oregon State Bar association. It is thought that Finch was laboring under the hallucination that he had been "persecuted instead of prosecuted" when he shot Fisher. The two had been warm personal friends. Both were prominent before the bar. Finch, however, became addicted to drink; his clientele fell off and he was brought before the state bar for alleged questionable practices. When, contrary to his expectations, Finch was suspended from practicing for a year instead of a month, his friendship toward Fisher changed to hatred and the testimony showed that he had sworn to "get square."

"Murder in the first degree" was the verdict brought in by the jury on December 30. The jury was out 30 minutes. Finch was sentenced on January 2, 1909, by Judge Bronnough to be hanged at Salem on February 5. Then commenced the fight that was waged into the shadow of the gallows. Finch secured an appeal to the supreme court of the state, and his tribunal last week affirmed the verdict of the lower court.

The Hutchason Co.

Agents for Butterick Patterns

FOR SATURDAY.

Sheets and Pillow Cases—25 doz. 42x36 heavy Pillow cases; for this Saturday sale 17c Full bleached seamless Sheet, 81x90, worth 95c, on sale Saturday at 59c

Crash Toweling. 1 case of Flax Crash Toweling, worth 127c; on sale Saturday 9c 7c Cotton Crash at 5c

Thanksgiving Table Linen Sale

Just received, a mammoth line of Table Damask for this Thanksgiving Sale. Make a note of prices below—call at the store and see the wonderful bargains.

TABLE DAMASK.

19c a yard for 58-inch Bleached Table Damask, worth 30c.
29c a yard for 58-in. Bleached and Cream Damask, former price 50c.
43c a yard for 70 and 72-in. Bleached Linen Damask, worth 75c.
55c a yard for 70-in. Bleached Damask, worth 85c.
73c a yard for 70-in. Bleached Damask, all pure linen, former price \$1.
98c a yard for 72-in. all pure Linen Bleached Damask, our best \$1.25 seller.

Other prices up to \$1.39, worth \$2.00.

Thanksgiving Napkin Sale

NAPKINS, ETC.

An Exceptional Large Line at Powerful Saving Prices.

50c for one dozen Finished Napkins.
98c for fine \$1.25 Mercerized Napkins.
\$1.19 for Napkins worth \$1.50.
\$1.89 for Napkins worth \$2.50.
\$2.39 for Napkins worth \$3.00.

It will pay you to buy Napkins at these prices.

HEMSTITCHED TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS TO MATCH.

\$15.00 Table Set, with Napkins \$13.50
\$10.00 Table Set, with Napkins 8.75
\$ 8.50 Table Set, with Napkins 6.75
\$ 7.50 Table Set, with Napkins 5.75

Don't miss this opportunity to save money on needed Linens.

Dress Goods

These are greatest bargains of the season. Take advantage of these special prices Saturday. Don't buy until you have investigated

BROADCLOTHS.
Special sale of these beautiful \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50 cloths at a very low price. They are all wool, 52 and 56 in. wide, permanent rich, glossy finish; for capes, dresses, coats; in black, wine, navy and brown; Saturday \$1.19

SATIN CLOTH DRESS GOODS.
Lead in style. You'll want a satin striped dress of this kind, all colors to select from. Saturday will be bargain day in this department. These 85c & 75c Dress Goods 36 in. wide, Saturday, per yard 39c

SERGES.
There is no weave quite so popular or serviceable as serge, navy blues and black; also other colors. For one-piece or sailor suits wire texture for pleating purposes, our line is what you must see—specially priced at 98c

HANDKERCHIEF SPECIALS.
5c value Children's Handkerchiefs, 10 for 25c
One lot Handkerchiefs, each 1c
Other Handkerchiefs from 5c to \$2.00

BELT SPECIALS.
35c Black and Brown Elastic Belts, fancy gilt buckle, now 19c
75c and \$1 Leather Belts, this sale price . 47c

NOTION SPECIALS.
5c Pins, 2 for 5c
Big value Safety Pins 5c
Ironing Wax, 2 for 5c
Enameled Darners 5c
500-yard spool Basting 5c
Other Notions Equally Low.

JEWELRY SPECIALS.
New Jet Hat Pins and Brooches.
75c Jet Hat Pins 59c
75c Jet Brooches 59c
75c Jet Beaded Belts 50c

CHILDREN'S COAT SPECIALS.
Children's Coats all reduced one-fourth. Infants' Cashmere and Bedford Cord Embroidered Coats at \$2.00 to \$6.00

DRUG SPECIALS.
15c Talcum Powder 10c
15c Perfume, bottle 10c
1/2-oz. Good Perfume 25c
1 oz. Good Perfume 50c
Toilet Water bottles 50c and 75c
We carry Perfumes in All Odors and Prices.

Waist Sale

Just received 50 Black Taffeta Silk Waists, tailored styles, made of soft finished silks, all sizes; also Jersey and Messaline Waist, worth \$5 and \$6—This Saturday sale \$3.19

Wonderful Millinery Sale

FOR SATURDAY OF TRIMMED HATS.

Trimmed Hats, worth \$10, Saturday at each, choice \$5.29
25 noble Children's Hats at special \$2.98
Trimmed Hats, extra special values, worth \$6 and \$7.50, now at only \$4.29
Misses' Patent Leather Hats, \$1.50 values, now \$1.25

GOOD SHOES

Shoes at prices that don't pay for material.

200 pairs of Ladies Gunmetal, patent calf and vici kid button and bluchers, worth up to \$3.50 a pair, on sale Saturday at \$2.50
Boys' and Girls' all solid kid School Shoes, blucher cut, heavy soles, regular \$2 values, sizes to 2, on sale at \$1.75

SUBWAY SPECIALS.

A mixed lot of Ladies' Kid and Felt House Slippers, not a pair worth less than \$1.50; on sale Saturday (in all colors) at \$1.25

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RESIDENTS FLEEING TO HILLS TO ESCAPE BATTLE

—BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Nov. 12.—Many residents of this city are fleeing today, following the report that one of Zelaya's gunboats is to arrive here tomorrow. The boat is said to be armed with heavy siege guns and it is feared that the city will be bombarded.

WHEAT MARKET SHOWS RESULT OF BEAR BUYING

(United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The wheat market began to show a determined effort on the part of the big people to bear prices, but covering scattered shorts and forced an advance of 3-8 to 1/2c a bushel over yesterday's closing.

MAY CONTEST REOPEN LOS ANGELES ELECTION

(United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 12.—Alleged irregularities in the returns of the 45th precinct of the fourth ward in Wednesday's primary election may result in the institution of a contest by the adherents of William C. Muesel, candidate for mayor.

HIGHER INTEREST RATES FEATURE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Higher interest rates had a quieting effect upon trading in the stock market today. Sales to 11 o'clock were 188,900 shares and at 1 o'clock 411,600 shares.

BUSINESS MEN BELIEVE

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