

BOY FINDS A HUMAN SKULL

Took It Home for Use as Tobacco Jar But Authorities Interfere and Are Now Carrying On an Investigation—May Have Been Murder.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—A human skull found in Sullivan's gulch yesterday and taken home by John O'Neal, aged 16, of No. 306 Tillamook street, for use as a tobacco jar, was later turned over to Deputy Coroner Frank Dane and both the detective department and the coroner's office are today working on the possibilities of murder indicated by the find.

The skull was found at the foot of Hancock street lying on top of a pile of rubbish by two small boys living in the neighborhood. At O'Neal's request the skull was turned over to him and he took it to his home where he cut off the top and was preparing to use it as a tobacco receptacle. His mother, however, insisted that the authorities be notified and Dane was called to the house.

Captain of Detectives Moore was notified and detailed an officer to investigate.

WIFE WAS TOO PRETTY; SO HE SHOT HER

EVERETT, Wash., Oct. 15.—His mind affected by jealousy and maddened because his wife was so beautiful that she attracted unusual attention from other men, Ernest Winkley, 30 years old, shot and killed his 22-year-old wife, fired a shot into the back of Mrs. Pearl Mayfield, his wife's sister, and then made three desperate attempts to kill himself.

After shooting his wife and her sister, Winkley fired a bullet into his own head. This failed to render him unconscious, so he groped around the death chamber and, finding a bottle of antiseptic, swallowed it. Then he slashed his throat with a knife and threw himself across his wife's corpse to die.

STRAWBERRIES THRIVE NEAR CENTRAL POINT

CENTRAL POINT, Oct. 15.—The most phenomenal strawberry crop recorded at any point in the state is that raised by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hickins of this town. They commenced picking strawberries from their vines with the very earliest and are still enjoying the delicious fruit from the garden and in proof of their phenomenal crop have presented several friends with a strawberry bouquet consisting of twenty large ripe berries and numerous green ones, still on the long stems. Their strawberry patch is still loaded with berries and blossoms. Central Point is sure the land of perpetual luxury.

GREAT RELIEF FUND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 15.—Mayor Alexander today deposited \$2700 to the credit of the relief fund for the widows of the Times disaster victims. He raised the money by tramping the streets, selling tickets for the theatrical benefit of the sufferers planned for next week. He was accompanied by Joseph Cotton, president of the chamber of commerce, and a dozen other citizens. The relief fund now amounts to more than \$25,000.

PASSENGER HITS A CATTLE TRAIN

CARTIER, Ont., Oct. 15.—Canadian Pacific passenger train No. 1 dashed into an eastbound cattle train on a curve four miles west of here this morning. Both engines, the baggage and mail cars were badly wrecked. The engineer of the passenger train was scalded and the fireman was killed. A large number of cattle were killed.

WHALING COMPANY SELLS OUT FOR \$1,000,000

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 15.—The purchase of the entire holdings of the Pacific whaling company by Colonel A. D. Davidson and A. D. MacRae, acting on behalf of the Canadian Northern railway company, is understood from authoritative information to be practically complete and the final payments will be made by December 1. The amount involved is approximately \$1,000,000.

RATE VICTORY BY ROADS IS SEEN

Impression Prevails that Commission Will Yield to Demand for Raise By the Railroads over the Middle West.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—A special dispatch from Washington says:

"The railroads are going to get nearly everything they have asked for in the way of freight increases, according to the opinion expressed by unofficial authorities on railroad rate regulation who have been watching the investigation conducted by the interstate commerce commission.

The general feeling is that the commission will effect a compromise between the demands of the roads and the objections of the shippers with the weight of advantage on the railroad side.

All possibility of the rate question becoming involved in the issue of the congressional election next month was removed by the announcement made by the commission to the effect that advances asked by the western roads would be held up until February 12th.

It has been announced that the eastern rate advances similarly would be postponed until that date. In each case the postponement of the date on which the roads wish the higher rates to become effective was obtained by agreement between the commission and the railroad officials.

In each case the postponement is voluntary on the part of the roads and not a suspension by the commission as provided by the new National rate regulation law.

DESPERATE CRIMINAL KILLED BY OFFICER

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 15.—George Johnson, colored, one of the most desperate criminals encountered in this section in years, is dead today, having been riddled with bullets from the revolvers of Chief of Police Klingenspool.

While pursued by a posse yesterday Johnson killed George Bias, fatally wounded Charles Hale and George Lentz and seriously wounded five other of his pursuers. He then took refuge on a cliff, where he defied the posse.

After a pitched battle, Chief Klingenspool climbed to a point above the cliff, opening fire on the desperado from above. Johnson fell dead with nine bullets in his body.

BIG ATHLETIC NIONS COMPETE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 15.—The Irish-American athletes of New York have been installed favorites in the betting on the outcome of the National Amateur nion meet, which began here this afternoon. The Irish-Americans won the junior championship yesterday with a total of 51 points.

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