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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Forty-First Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1911.

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## BEATTIE CONFESSES; IS ELECTROCUTED

### MURDERER IS UNFLINCHING TO BITTER END

Surveys Electric Chair Calmly and With Brief Prayer on His Lips Seats Himself Unflinchingly—Accompanied by Spiritual Adviser.

SLEPT DEEPLY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT UNTIL CALLED

Death Was Almost Instantaneous—Nothing Occurs to Mar Execution—Father Broken-Hearted.

- July 18, 1911—Mrs. Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., murdered.
- July 21, 1911—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., arrested.
- August 21, 1911—Trial begun at Chesterfield court house.
- September 8, 1911—Verdict of guilty; Beattie sentenced to death.
- November 24, 1911—Death sentence executed.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 24.—Calmly and smilingly, almost indifferently, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., walked to his death in the electric chair at the state prison here this morning and paid the penalty for the murder of his young wife.

The execution required just three minutes from the time Beattie stepped into the death chamber. The two guards entered side by side with the doomed man, Rev. J. J. Fix and Rev. Benjamin Dennis, the two clergymen who have been attending the doomed man in his cell, and Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, the prison physician, following.

Through the ordeal Beattie remained with nerve unshaken. His sleep last night was untroubled, and a gloomy, rainy morning failed to bring a tremor to the silent steadiness of his bearing. He knelt for a brief prayer and then began his march to the death chamber. Rev. Mr. Fix handed the prisoner a Bible as the death march began.

The window of the death chamber was dark as Beattie entered, the incandescent globes above the polished oak chair suddenly bursting into light as he crossed the threshold. The rest of the room remained in darkness, throwing the instrument of death into startling relief. Beattie surveyed the chair calmly and without flinching.

A dozen men, official witnesses, sat in the darkened corners of the chamber. Beattie shook hands with the two ministers, murmured a prayer and advanced coolly to the chair, accepting his fate calmly. He seated himself, moving his limbs with calculating deliberation to accommodate the stiff, heavy straps.

The black cap was pulled over the condemned man's head. There was not a tremor of the body as Superintendent Wood lifted his hand in signal which sent the prisoner into eternity.

The switch was thrown. A tiny white thread of smoke curled upward from the death cap, the body twitched into the utmost tension and then crumpled as the current was reduced and cut off.

Dr. Oppenheimer stepped forward, tested the heart and pulse and raised his head, announcing that life was extinct.

### Pays for a Life With His Life



HENRY C. BEATTIE JR.

### BEULAH BINFORD WANTS TO FORGET

Gives Last Interview in Regard to the Case—Says She She Was Only One Girl of Several, But That She Was Chosen as the Victim.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Beulah Binford, the girl for whose sake Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., died today in the electric chair at Richmond, Va., for the murder of his wife, gave the United Press the last interview she will ever give.

"If justice has been done," said Miss Binford, "it is all right. But I am sorry for Henry. I am sorry I was drawn into this thing. Of course, it is hard to imagine any person I actually knew could have done such a thing, but if the jury convicted him he must have been guilty."

Beulah Binford is suffering from appendicitis. She will be operated upon next week, arrangements already having been made for it.

Under a fictitious name Miss Binford is living here with the family of Isador Bernstein, and she is constantly under the eye of Rev. Madison Peters. Upon being asked several additional questions, she said: "Let Me Alone."

"For God's sake, let me alone. I

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### AWFUL FACT IS TRUE--BEATTIE

Wife Murderer Signs Brief Statement Declaring That, While Many of the Details Were False, He Was Guilty of the Crime.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 24.—Rev. J. J. Fix announced today the following confession by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr.:

"I, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this 24th day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me.

"Much has been published concerning the details which was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances, remain. For this action I am truly sorry. Believing that I am at peace with God, and am soon to pass into his presence this statement is made.

"(Signed) "HENRY CLAY BEATTIE, JR." A second statement was issued by Rev. Mr. Fix and signed by the two attending ministers, as follows: "Mr. Beattie desires to thank his many friends for the kind letters expressing interest and the public for whatever it felt or expressed."

Bribery Charged. TOPPENISH, Wash., Nov. 24.—As a result of charges of bribe solicitation here, a petition has been presented for a grand jury. Walter B. Hunsacker, a former saloonkeeper, has made an affidavit charging that three conceivables and an attorney solicited and received bribes before granting a saloon license.

### ONE YEAR EACH FOR MEN WHO TARRIED GIRL

Judge Sentences Men Who Plead Guilty Last Week to Charge of "Assault and Battery" for Tarring and Feathering Teacher.

FATE OF THREE WHO STOOD TRIAL UNDECIDED

Jury Still Out, Reporting to Judge That They Have as Yet Been Unable to Agree.

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Nov. 24.—One year each in the penitentiary was the sentence meted out here today to Everett Clark, a miller, and Watson Seranton and Jay Fitzwater, farmers, all of Shady Bend, who pleaded guilty last week to the charge of "assault and battery" brought against them for tarring and feathering Miss Mary Chamberlain, school teacher.

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Nov. 24.—At 11 o'clock today no decision had been reached by the jury in whose hands rests the fate of N. S. Simms, Sherrill Clark and John Schmidt, charged with having tarred and feathered Miss Mary Chamberlain, the Shady Bend school teacher, in August last.

When it was formally reported to him that the jury had not agreed, Judge Grover announced that he probably would keep them together until tomorrow.

### LOWER RATES ARE ORDERED

Portland-Seattle Win Fight for Cheaper Rates to Points in Northwest 20 Per Cent Reduction Is Ordered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—Portland-Seattle won their fight for cheaper freight rates to points in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho today when the interstate commerce commission ordered a reduction of 20 per cent in rates by the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation companies and their connections.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—The rate reduction case won by Portland and Seattle by the decision of the interstate commerce commission at

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### Underwood Presidential Boom Starts



OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD

### EIGHT JURORS ARE SECURED

State Passes All Accepted During Past Few Days, But Defense Eliminates Four—Have But Seven Peremptories Left.

PERMANENT JURORS SWORN TO TRY JAS. B. McNAMARA

HALL OF RECORDS, Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 24.—As the climax of one of the most tense situations in a noted criminal case, four men were peremptorily challenged by the defense in the McNamara murder case today when District Attorney John D. Fredericks, with an insuperable smile on his face, "stood pat" on all of the men in the box and reserved all of his five remaining peremptories.

The men eliminated were F. A. McBurney, builder and architect; A. D. Stevens, retired cattleman; S. P. O'cott, rancher, all of whom had said they believed McNamara guilty, and J. H. Marshall, a retired hardware

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### HEADQUARTERS OF UNDERWOOD OPEN

Judge Willett; Who Has the Boom in New York in Charge, Issues Statement Saying Underwood is Strongest in New England States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Oscar Underwood's presidential boom is today in full swing in New York. Judge Joseph J. Willett of Alabama, famous in the south as a manufacturer of presidential booms, is in charge of Mr. Underwood's campaign, and today completed arrangements for headquarters in this city.

Mr. Underwood is expected in Washington in a few days to take up his work in congress. Judge Willett stated today that, following the coming session of congress, Mr. Underwood's popularity would be greatly increased.

Clerk Munroe immediately swore P. A. Brode, J. H. Coke and E. S. Bisbee, the latter two farmers, and they took their seats with the five men previously sworn, making eight men positively available to try the case.

By having to utilize its precious peremptories the defense was put to a decided disadvantage, now having only seven remaining of their original twenty.

Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission Will Form Basis of the Fight.

promise to have it reported back favorably from the committee and help in passing it. I promptly accepted his proposition, but Penrose went away and did not return until so near the end of the session that when I went to him he said he could not get his committee together, so I lost out again.

"At the next session I began earlier and got a resolution through the senate which provided for an investigation by the interstate commerce commission. This investigation has been made and reported, and at another session we are going at it again."

## RAILROADS GRAFT MILLIONS FROM POSTAL CAR SERVICE SAYS SENATOR LA FOLLETTE

Fight Against This Abuse He Declares Will Be Taken Up in Earnest at the Next Session.

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Postmaster General Vilas of Wisconsin made the discovery that for the rental which was paid annually to the railroads it could actually build outright, equip and keep in repair all the cars it used and then save \$500,000 a year.

Vilas hastened to put these facts before the house committee, believing that they had only to be made known to be remedied at once. He could not even get a vote in support of his proposition for reforming the evil.

"If he had tried to get it upon the floor of the house there would not have been a corporal's guard to sustain him," declares the autobiography. "The railroad lobby outside and the railroad members inside would have prevented any action. Seventeen years later, when I came to the senate, I looked the matter up



ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE

and there was the same old abuse. During all these years the govern-

ment had been paying enough rental every year to the railroads to buy the cars outright."

The article goes on to tell of LaFollette's struggle for an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill calling for an investigation of the railroad charges and bringing the Vilas report down to date. He was twice defeated in his efforts. Speaking of his second failure and the final victory, the article says:

"The next year when Penrose got the postoffice appropriation bill up I was in a stronger position. For some reason he wanted it passed that day. But I stood in its path with my amendment and the power of unlimited debate. He suggested that if the senator from Wisconsin would not press the matter at that time, but would offer his amendment later and independently, he (Penrose) would

### MRS. PATTERSON GIVES DETAILS OF HER CRIME

Swears Husband Choked Her Before She Drew Revolver and Killed Him—Says He Had Sold Her to Jew for \$5,000.

SAYS PATTERSON WANTED HER TO LEAD IMMORAL LIFE

Tells of Last Conversation With Her Husband Which Led to the Murder.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 24.—Before a courtroom crowded with women who drank in every word of her testimony, Mrs. Gertrude Patterson here today told the details of what happened to her before and after she shot her husband, Charles Patterson, to death.

After a long prelude, during which she recited how she was sold to Emil Strouss of Chicago, how she went to Europe with Strouss, and how after she returned with \$5,000 of the Chicagoan's money, her husband wanted her to lead an immoral life, Mrs. Patterson got down to the day of the tragedy. She said that on the day of the shooting she went to a drug store, telephoned to Patterson at the Phelps sanatorium, where he was ill with tuberculosis, and arranged to meet him near the home of E. B. Hendrie. They met there.

Chokes Her. "Then," said the witness, "he asked me: 'Why don't you withdraw your divorce, suit and deed your house to me? If you do, I'll withdraw the Strouss alienation suit.' I refused. He asked for \$20, saying that he had lost \$12 playing poker and was three weeks behind with his board. I refused.

"As I reached the stone wall surrounding the Hendrie home Chick again demanded that I drop the suit. I refused, and he grabbed me by the throat, and said: 'Well, you'll sign that deed.' He called me vile names and bit my shoulder."

Illustrates Story. Here the witness left her chair and with Judge Hilton assisting her, graphically illustrated the manner in which her husband struggled with her and how the killing occurred.

"I screamed," Mrs. Patterson added, "and Chick pulled a clipping out of his pocket, which he asked me to read. I did so. It referred to his suit against Strouss.

"Don't you know that's blackmail?" I said.

"Well, I don't expect it to come to trial," he replied. "I only want to scare that Jew out of \$5,000, but I'll surrender it and come home if you'll sign a deed to the house."

Struck Her. "I refused, and Patterson struck me, on the left cheek. I staggered back and he hit me again with his fist under the left ear. I fell backward and as I lay on the ground he kicked me in the side. I struggled to my feet. His arm was raised to strike me again and while on my knees I grabbed my revolver and fired. I thought he was going to kill me."

Further questioning revealed the fact that the defendant recollected nothing further until she reached the police station.

Judge Hilton, her attorney, sprung a sensation when he asked Mrs. Patterson why she had told the police that Patterson gave her the revolver. She said on the advice of her counsel, Judge Hilton.

On cross examination the witness' memory failed. She said that she was born in Indiana in 1885, but she could not recall the place. She admitted that she was expelled from the Sandoval school when 13 years old but denied that it was for immorality.

Mrs. Patterson also denied that she had ever lived in St. Louis or conducted a resort there or that she had ever heard of Edward Alexander, alleged to have taken poison in a house which she conducted in St. Louis.