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## THIEF DROPS CHICKS WHEN **RIFLE SPEAKS**

Charles Robbins, East Side Resident, Puts Several Shots Through Henhouse Boof, to the Great Sur prise of an Unknown.

THIEF, IN HURRY, DOES NOT PICK UP SACK

Four of Choicest Birds Were Already **Garnered When Shots** Came.

Charles Robbins of 450 North Court street, in East Medford, turned his artillery boose on chicken thieves last night and greated considerable excitement in that neighborhood, but his aim was poor, however good his intentions may have been, and he failed to even eropple the thief, who made a harried exit muins the birds. It was about 10 o'clock that Mr. Robbins heard a disturbance in his chicken house and, armed with a rifle, he proceeded to perforate the most of his chickens' alcoping apart ments with bullets from his 30-30 Winchester. None of these, however, found lodgment in the cause of the disturbance in this quiet neighborbood, but the cause slid from under, as it were, and hit only the high places in his attenuit to reach the furthermost far point from that locality in the least possible passing of times

After the powder smoke had away and the spinshes of result of an attempt upon the life of as his life should inst, cleared. mud and water on the thief's trail Fremier Yuan Shi Kat, by a homb four of his chickens with their feet the excitement. Although three of tied and very conveniently stowed the horses attached to the premier's away in a gunuy sack where the thief carriage were killed. Yuan Shi Kat had dropped them before making his



DEAD, 35 ARE HUR Fifteen of the injured Are Dying-Owes His Life.

BOMB HURLED AT.

YUAN SHI KAI; TWO

PERING, Jan. 16 .- Two men are dead, 15 are dying and 20 others are

SEVEN PERSONS

QUIT WRIGHT CAMP

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.-

had settled. Mr. Robbins discovered throwing assassin who escaped during CHARGED WITH STARVING A PATIENT TO DEATH remained caim and collected through death Miss Claire Williamson, Mrs it all, and probably to this fact he Linda B. Hazzard, fasting specialist, owes his life. is on trial here today. Miss William. The attack on the premier was made as Yuan was leaving the pal- who, with her sister Dorathea, was a aco for a drive. The first bomb was thrown directly at the feet of the olalia, near Tacoma, last spring. It prime minister, but it failed to explode. Realizing the danger, Yuan of the fasting imposed upon her by is alleged that she died as a result President Said to Be Confident That Committees Complete Arrangements Jackson County Must Wait Another

WEST'S PRISON POLICY LEADS CONVICT BACK

Man Who Made His Escape in 1909 **Returns to Salem and Surrenders** to Governor, and Will Serve Remainder of His Sentence."

SAYS "SQUARENESS" OF WEST IS SOLE REASON

Fearing That His Absence Might in Some Way Injure Policy He Returned.

· SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16 .- After enjoying his liberty ever since 1909, Fred Risinger, an escaped convict, of his own volition returned and presented himself to Governor West this afternoon, and after a brief talk with the governor walked out to the state prison and began serving out the remainder of his sentence, which is omething over a year.

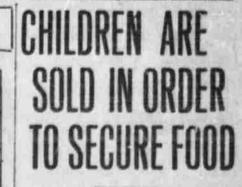
Risinger escaped while a member the brick yard gang. Since then has worked in logging and raiload camps and followed other pursuits. The reason assigned by him for returning was that he felt the governor was playing so "square" First One Hurled Failed to Explode with the convicts that his remaining away might injure his policy, and and to This Fact Chinese Premier bring down lajury on them. He desired, he said, to show his appreciation of the good work the governor was doing for the convicts, and he did this afternoon by returning to the state prison, when he might have gone on and enjoyed his liberty for seriously injured here today as the years to come and maybe as long

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Jan. 16. -Charged with having starved to



Five persons were killed and \$30,000,000 damage done in the total destruction of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's building, covering an entire block in the lower part of New York City. The accompanying photograph shows the fire at its height.





Starving Peasantry in Southeastern **Russia Sell Children to Khirgez** Nomads in Order to Purchase Food for Themselves.

FEARFUL EPIDEMIC HAS BROKEN OUT IN SCHOOLS

Hundreds Upon Hundreds of People Are Said to Have Starved to Death.

LONDON, Jan. 16 .- Starving peasautry in southeastern Russia, in the government of Orenburg, on the Ural river, are selling their children to Khirger nomads in the government of Saratov, according to a telegram from a physician in Orenburg, which is published here. Hundreds upon hundreds of the people in the vicinity are said to have died from hunger. while fully 70 per cent of the children in some of the villages have been stricken with a fearful epidemic.

According to the telegram failure of crops and consequent prohibitive prices from owners of granaries were responsible for a very grave condition until the appearance of the epidemic made matters even worse. There was nothing left to the poor casants but the ever-present opportunity of selling their children into practical slavery. Conditions are so bad in the fever stricken districts that the sold children are probably more fortunate than those who are left to fight plague and starvation with their parents.

So far there has been no relief from outside sources but appeals are being made. Hospitals are over-

crowded with the sick and there are

not near enough physicians for those

who can afford their services. Un-

ess something is done to check the

mysterious epidemic there is every

reason to believe it will spread to a

JURY FOR WILDE

Principal Obstacle Encountered Is In-

ability of Prospective Jurors to

Accept Credibility of W. Cooper

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 .- When

the trial of Louis J. Wilde was re-

Morris as a Witness.

much wider zone.

harried exit.

A Jarge number of complaints have been filed with the police lately regarding their of chickens. A few more escapades like this and the epidemic will probably nass.

**AEROPLANE** TO PATROL FORESTS the horses, exploding with terrific force. Two soldiers, who were act-

Tests Will Be Made to Determine Usefulness of 'Phones in Detecting rious injury to scores of others. Fire in National Forests-Aviator Gill to Soar.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16. Forest Supervisor R. H. Charlton i preparing today to make an extensive testsof acroplanes for forest fire patrol. During the next week Aviator H. W. Gill will, under the direction of Five Members of One Family Found Charlton, conduct a series of experiments in the San Gabriel range.

#### SETTING ASIDE LAND FOR EXPERIMENT STATION

County Commissioners G. L. Davis and James Owens and Surveyor Elkcounty will set aside for the use of cent blizzard in the extreme south- tery, Medford. the state experiment station.

board is part of the county's tract Guymon five members of one family dren, the oldest of which is but 5 quoted today, he authorized the Unit- state. now used as a hospital for indigent were found dead. Henry Falls, a years of age. residents of the county. There are farmer, was frozen stiff near Hooper, from 18 to 20 acres of the tract and a tramp was killed by the cold Beeson of this city are acquaintances

Land."

which will be used for the experiment near Liberal, Kan. station, and it is to determine the exact boundary lines that the survey PARMALEE AND TURPIN is being made.

#### **CONFESSED TO MURDER** OF HIS BROTHER Aviators Phil O. Parmalee and Clif-

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 16 .-Confession of the marder of his with the Wright camp, presumably brother Theodore, according to the over a division agreement of their police, was made here today by Eu- probable winnings, and have detergene Furman, arrested last week in mined to enter the Los Angeles meet connection with the finding of inein- without the backing of the Dayton erated parts of his brother's body in brothers. Their present relations ry M. Trible, commander in chief of and telegraph stations could be com- lutions; lunch. a cinder car.

The alleged confession states that sary for each aviator to deposit a attle this morning. He will be the the prisoner killed Theodore on No- bond of \$3000 for the return of his guest of the local camps today and vember 12 last, that he cut the body machine and pay a royalty of \$200 a will leave tonight for his home at ever was before, your advertising sion, "Business Leaks-How to Ston Princeton, III, up two days later and burned it, day for its use in the meet.

Shi Kai cried, "Drive on," but the order was hardly given before the Dr. Hazzard. second bomb full under the feet of MRS THATCHER TO ng as the premier's body guard. **BE BURIED TOMORROW** were instantly killed, the bursting fragments inflicting fatal injuries to a score of pedestrians, and less se

FREEZE TO DEATH ficiating.

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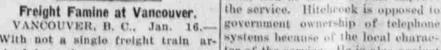
loss of business.

Mr. Thatcher, who was accom-Dead in Southwestern Portion of upon learning of his misfortune the plan a bout committing vention. A reception committee will the year, and it was thought that a D. A. Fairclough, saloonman; H. Oklahoma Known as "No Man's solace possible for man to extend to under investigation for a year or evening with an elaborate banquet at FILES HUGE SUIT brother man, and the local lodge of more.

DALHART, Texas, Jan. 16 .- Sev. Masons of this city will have charge swot were at Talent Toesday, mak- en persons are known today to have of the funeral services. Interment ing a survey of the ground which the been frozen to death during the re- will be made in Odd Fellows' comelength.

Decensed was 26 years of age and western portion of Oklahoma, known Messrs, L. J. Miksche and R. B.

> of both Mr. and Mrs. Thateher, hav- graph lines, operated in conjunction ing known them in North Dakota.



ford Turpin are free lances today. Vancouver is threatened with a - They have severed their connection transformed with a freight famine. Wholesale grocers fication to the express companies for response, J. L. Stockton, Salem; in-

with the Wrights will make it neces- the G. A. R., arrived here from Se- bined economically and efficiently.

should be, too.



for Welcoming Delegates to Sixth Government Ownership of Certain Annual Retail Merchants' Conven-**Telegraph Lines Is Entirely Feas**ible-Subject Discussed by Cabinet. tion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16, Everything is in readiness for the That President Taft is in absolute cutertaining of the sixth annual con. that the supreme court would today accord with Postmaster General vention of the Oregon Retail Mer- hand down a decision in the Jackson

The funeral services of Mrs. Nettie Frank Hitchcock - plan for govern- in this city tomorrow for two days' tion was taken by the court and it Thatcher of Wahpeton, N. D., wife ment ownership of telegraph lines work. It is expected that 150 or 200 will be next Tuesday at least before of C. R. Thateher, who died yester- was learned today from an authori- delegates will be in attendance. Over a decision is rendered. train near Gold Hill, will be held at muive source here. The president is 40 will attend from Portland, leaving the Perl undertaking parlors, on counties that the plan is feasible and that city tonight in a special car, and county court for tomorrow to fix the Bartlett street, Wednesday afternoon probably will recommend some action will be headed by John Malley, presiat 2 o'clock, Rev. W. F. Shields of- on the matter before his term ex- dent of the Portland Retail Grocers' association.

Committees of the local merchants' It was also learned that the plan a member of the Masonie order, and plan to feel out the public pulse con- completed arrangements for the conmembers of that order in Medford President Taft. It the public ap- greet the delegates at Grants Pass decision would, in consequence, be M. Calwell, a bill clerk, and J. H. immediately went to him and have proves the scheme, he president will and accompanying them to Medford, handed down today, since been extending all the help and urge action, as the project, has been The convention will close Thursday

> the Medford hotel. Automobile rides. The cabinet net with President about the valley will be a form of en-

Taft today and the public owner. tertainment. The progrom for the convention ship plan was good over at great will include addresses on live trade-Although, Postmaster General topics from prominent members of The land selected by the state as No Man's Land. On a farm near leaves, hesides a husband, three chil- Hitchcock refused to be directly the retail trade from all parts of the

ed Press to make the following state-The program for the two days is as follows:

Morning, 10 a. m .- Convention "Government ownership of telecalled to order by II. C. Garnett, pres. Ing the baffling murder case. with the postal service, will cheapen ident Medford Merchants' associaboth, and at the same time improve tion; invocation, Rev. W. F. Shields, was subjected to severe questioning half of eity of Medford, W. H. Canon, favors the parcels post with indemni. mercial club, W. M. Colvig, president; cized for their action.

troduction of State President N. A. The postmaster general declared Perry; president's annual address;

Afternoon, 1:30 p. m .- Report of ommittee on order of business; re-If your store is better now than it ports of local associations; discus-(Continued on Page 6.)

Week Before Hearing Definitely From Salem-Great Disappoint-From Salem-Great Disappointment at the Delay.

Although it was believed probable

The scheduled meeting of the tax levy for 1912 will probably be delayed another week.

During the argument before the sumed today three jurors, subject Mr. Thatcher, who was accom-panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of Hitchcock's view was part of a panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of Hitchcock's view was part of a plan to full the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second that the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second that the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second that the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second that the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second that the plan panying his wife to Los Angeles, is of the full of the second the s

FOR TWO DAYS IN JAIL

The principal obstacle thus far encountered in securing a jury is the admission of prospective jurors of their inability to accept the credita-

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16 .- The bility of W. Cooper Morris should be city of Spokane was made the de- become a state witness.

fendant in a \$10,000 damage sult today for the detention of 14-year-old Elizabeth Weber, a sister of Miss J. PIERPONT MORGAN the streets here recently. The authorities detained Elizabeth two days

without a warrant while investigat-The complaint states that the girl

#### "Vags" Given Six Months.

Values that are uncommonly of- nipeg at the time and is prostrated fered in this city's stores should be with grief. Neighbors were the first to discover the tragedy. uncommonly well advertised.



PARIS, Jan. 16 .- In recognition the service. Hitchcock is opposed to Medford; address of welcome, in he. by officials and unlawfully detained. of his gifts to the Louvre, the French When the girl was taken into cus- government, according to a Parisian mayor of Medford; response, P. D. tody December 26, public sentiment newspaper today, has decided to decrived from the east since Friday ow- ter of the service. He is also against Gilbert, mayor Albany; address of was strongly against her detention orate J. Pierpont Morgan with the ing to snow slides in the mountains, ownership of express companies, but welcome, in behalf of Medford Com- and the police were severely criti- commandership of the Legion of Honor.

#### Family Asphyxiated.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 16 .- Six YORKTOWN, Sask., Jan. 16 .that the telegraph combination in secretary's annual report; appoint- vagrants were given alx months with Mrs, Dancan McNichol and her six other constries had proved success. ment of committees on credentials, hard labor yesterday by Magistrate children, ranging from 5 to 15 years SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16.-Hen- ful and he was confident that postal order of business, auditing and reso- South and about 20 others sentenced of age, were asphyxiated by coal to from one week to three months gas while asleep in their home near "just as a warning," said the court. here. The father, Duncan McNichol,

a merchant of Wadena, was in Win-

and butchers are the worst sufferers. Trimble at Spokane.