

THIEF DROPS CHICKS WHEN RIFLE SPEAKS

Charles Robbins, East Side Resident, Puts Several Shots Through Henhouse Roof, to the Great Surprise of an Unknown.

THIEF, IN HURRY, DOES NOT PICK UP SACK

Four of Choicest Birds Were Already Garnered When Shots Came.

Charles Robbins of 430 North Court street, in East Medford, turned his artillery loose on chicken thieves last night and created considerable excitement in that neighborhood...

HAS NARROW ESCAPE



YUAN SHI KAI.

BOMB HURLED AT YUAN SHI KAI; TWO DEAD, 35 ARE HURT

Fifteen of the injured are dying—First One Hurled Failed to Explode and to This Fact Chinese Premier Owes His Life.

PEKING, Jan. 16.—Two men are dead, 15 are dying and 20 others are seriously injured here today as the result of an attempt upon the life of Premier Yuan Shi Kai...

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...

CHARGED WITH STARVING A PATIENT TO DEATH

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Jan. 16.—Charged with having starved to death Miss Claire Williamson, Mrs. Linda B. Hazzard, fasting specialist, is on trial here today.

MRS THATCHER TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

The funeral services of Mrs. Nettie Thatcher of Wahpeton, N. D., wife of C. R. Thatcher, who died yesterday on a Southern Pacific passenger train near Gold Hill, will be held at the Perl undertaking parlors...

SEVEN PERSONS FREEZE TO DEATH

DALLHART, Texas, Jan. 16.—Seven persons are known today to have been frozen to death during the recent blizzard in the extreme southwestern portion of Oklahoma, known as No Man's Land.

PARMALEE AND TURPIN QUIT WRIGHT CAMP

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—Aviators Phil O. Parmalee and Clifford Turpin are free lances today. They have severed their connection with the Wright camp, presumably over a division agreement of their probable winnings...

Trimble at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16.—Henry M. Trimble, commander in chief of the G. A. R., arrived here from Seattle this morning. He will be the guest of the local camps today and will leave tonight for his home at Princeton, Ill.

Equitable Life Assurance Society Building in Flames



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.

TAFT IS IN ACCORD WITH HITCHCOCK'S OWNERSHIP PLAN

President Said to Be Confident That Government Ownership of Certain Telegraph Lines Is Entirely Feasible—Subject Discussed by Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—That President Taft is in absolute accord with Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock's plan for government ownership of telegraph lines was learned today from an authoritative source here.

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS FOR BIG MERCHANTS' MEET

Committees Complete Arrangements for Welcoming Delegates to Sixth Annual Retail Merchants' Convention.

Everything is in readiness for the entertaining of the sixth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, which will gather in this city tomorrow for two days' work.

Although it was believed probable that the supreme court would today hand down a decision in the Jackson county road bond case, no such action was taken by the court and it will be next Tuesday at least before a decision is rendered.

NO DECISION IN ROAD BOND CASE WAS FILED TODAY

Jackson County Must Wait Another Week Before Hearing Definitely From Salem—Great Disappointment at the Delay.

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FILES HUGE SUIT FOR TWO DAYS IN JAIL

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16.—The city of Spokane was made the defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit today for the detention of 14-year-old Elizabeth Weber, a sister of Miss Anna Weber, who was murdered on the streets here recently.

"Vags" Given Six Months.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 16.—Six vagrants were given six months with hard labor yesterday by Magistrate South and about 20 others sentenced to from one week to three months "just as a warning," said the court.

Values that are uncommonly offered in this city's stores should be uncommonly well advertised.

CHILDREN ARE SOLD IN ORDER TO SECURE FOOD

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 peasantry in southeastern Russia, in the government of Orenburg, on the Ural river, are selling their children to Khirgez nomads in the government of Saratov, according to a telegram from a physician in Orenburg, which is published here.

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 peasants but the ever-present opportunity of selling their children into practical slavery.

SLOWLY GETTING JURY FOR WILDE

Principal Obstacle Encountered Is Inability of Prospective Jurors to Accept Credibility of W. Cooper Morris as a Witness.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—When the trial of Louis J. Wilde was resumed today three jurors, subject only to peremptory challenge, occupied the box. They are: D. A. Fairclough, saloonman; H. M. Catwell, a bill clerk, and J. H. McDonald, a carpenter.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN IS TO BE DECORATED

PARIS, Jan. 16.—In recognition of his gifts to the Louvre, the French government, according to a Parisian newspaper today, has decided to decorate J. Pierpont Morgan with the commandery of the Legion of Honor.

Family Asphyxiated.

YORKTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Duncan McNichol and her six children, ranging from 5 to 15 years of age, were asphyxiated by coal gas while asleep in their home near here.

AEROPLANE TO PATROL FORESTS

Tests Will Be Made to Determine Usefulness of 'Phones in Detecting Fire in National Forests—Aviator Gill to Soar.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—Forest Supervisor R. H. Charlton is preparing today to make an extensive test of aeroplanes for forest fire patrol. During the next week Aviator H. W. Gill will, under the direction of 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 Elksnot were at Talent Tuesday, making a survey of the ground which the county will set aside for the use of the state experiment station. The land selected by the state board is part of the county's tract now used as a hospital for indigent residents of the county.

CONFESSED TO MURDER OF HIS BROTHER

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Confession of the murder of his brother Theodore, according to the police, was made here today by Eugene Furman, arrested last week in connection with the finding of incinerated parts of his brother's body in a cinder car. The alleged confession states that the prisoner killed Theodore on November 12 last, that he cut the body up two days later and burned it.