

NOTIFIES POLICE OF TRIPLE CRIME

They Find Three Slain and Informer a Suicide.

New York.—Capt. Thomas Rowe was quietly doing his turn on the Newark (N. J.) police headquarters desk at 12:30 a. m. one morning when the telephone rang. "I've just murdered three men and I am going to kill myself," said a man's voice.

"Where are you?" asked Rowe. "At 638 South Twentieth street," the caller answered and hung up. Captain Rowe marshalled detectives and police radio cars and sped to that address. The converging policemen found an apartment building. Neighbors told them of voices and four explosions in a five room suite leased by Orlando Le Van. No one answered there and the police crashed in the door. The living room lights were on. A body was on the couch. Nearby was a shotgun. In the kitchen were the bodies of three others all riddled with buckshot.

After investigating all the angles, the police were able to reconstruct the crime:

Mrs. Orlando Le Van had died three weeks before at Easton, Pa., and had left her \$30,000 estate to her husband, fifty-five, and named a nephew, John S. Geary, forty-one, as executor. Charles Geary, forty-three, a relative, was caretaker of the Le Vans' farm at Tobyhana, Pa. Mrs. Le Vans' body was entombed temporarily, but Le Van and his brother, Benjamin, unemployed, wanted it buried in a site already occupied by Charles Geary's mother, who had died 14 years before. Geary didn't want his mother's body dug up.

Taking a 12 gauge pump action shotgun and a .32 caliber revolver, he left his wife and two children on the Tobyhana farm and went to Newark. There he met Benjamin and visited a beer garden with him. They seemed on the best of terms. Then they argued about the burial. Returning to the apartment they found Orlando and John Geary and continued the dispute.

The police found three kitchen chairs overturned as though their occupants had risen hastily. The fourth chair was pushed up to the table, on which were four glasses and an empty bottle. From the position of the bodies police concluded that Charles Geary lined Benjamin and Orlando Le Van and John Geary up before the kitchen door and then fired into their backs.

Then he telephoned his grim message and killed himself.

The Gaelic Word "Baile"

The Gaelic word "Baile" (pronounced "Ball-ya"), meaning a town, was formerly used to denote any group of dwellings or settlements larger than a mere village and the name of the local chief was added, says Pearson's Weekly. Thus we have Bally-martin, Bally-honan, etc. Where there was no local lord or chief of sufficient importance to be thus honored, the town was distinguished by some peculiarity of the surrounding neighborhood, e.g., Ball-na-hinch—or Ballynahinch—"the town-of-the-islands."

Origin of Name "White House"

The name "White House" is supposed to have been given the Capitol after it was painted white to efface the blackened walls, the result of its partial destruction by the British in 1814. There is some controversy about this, however, one claim being that it was so named because Martha Custis was owner of "White House" when she and Washington first met. It was first popularly known as the President's House, but by the year 1828 the nickname "White House" had come to be widely used.

Raised on Whisky; Still Going at 102

Toledo.—A couple of years ago on his ninety-ninth birthday "Col." J. D. Hancock "went all to pieces while setting type in Seattle, but he made enough of a comeback to stop in Toledo on his way to a G. A. R. encampment with a hearty word for the "riproarin' life."

The "colonel," who was in charge of railway transportation with the Black Watch in India, and did the same thing in the Civil war on President Lincoln's request, doesn't take credit for his longevity. His father was killed at ninety-six. His mother died at one hundred and seven and two aunts lived to be one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and twelve, respectively.

"This business about drink killing people makes me tired," said the colonel. "I was raised on whisky and I still drink as much as I want. I also take a good smoke the minute I get up and keep it up until late at night."

TWO WOMEN SEEKING MISSION TREASURE

Hoard Believed Secreted in Ancient Church.

San Diego, Calif.—Hoping to end a hundred years' search with discovery of the "Lost Mission of Lower California," and the fabulous treasure said to be concealed within its walls, two American women are prepared to penetrate on burro back several hundred miles into the rugged mountains south of here.

The women, who will spend two months on the journey, are Mrs. Griffing Bancroft, society matron and an authority on Lower California, and Mrs. Bertie Meling, resident of San Jose del Telmo, a small mountain village 200 miles south.

Acting on new information as to the whereabouts of the missing link in the chain of missions which extends from the southernmost tip of Lower California far into Upper California, they plan to press their search to the southern side of inaccessible San Pedro Martir mountain.

Although she refused to reveal details, Mrs. Bancroft said the new information came from two sources. One was a report from a "vaquero" on the Belling ranch that he had seen an old brush-covered flight of stone steps, believed to lead into the mission's gold mine, and another is the story of an old Indian whose forefathers are said to have been caretakers for the mission.

According to meager historical reports, the "lost Mission" was called Santa Ysabel and was built by the Jesuits sometime before 1768 when they were driven out of Lower California by the Franciscans under Father Juniper Serra. The Jesuits are said to have concealed large quantities of gold and other treasures in the mission's walls when they abandoned it.

Search for the legendary mission, has been carried on by many American parties in the last hundred years.

Many Uses for Cacti

Cacti are put to many uses. They furnish fruit known as Indian figs. Some cactus plant pulps of the texture of melon rind are made into preserves like orange or citron peel and sold or made into candy. From other cacti drugs used medicinally, or deadly poisons, are extracted. The lophophoras yields peyote that temporarily turns its addicts into irresponsible madmen. Some sturdy cactaceous structures serve as fence posts, timbers for mines, or even as material for Indian huts. Cacti use really ranges from seeds ground into flour for food to living plants set thickly for impenetrable fences.—Los Angeles Times.

MERRILL'S BANK NIGHT AWARD JUMPS TO \$15

Fifteen of the round, iron men will go to the holder of the lucky ticket at Columbia Gardens at Cascade Locks Saturday night. For the past two Saturdays, no one has come forward to claim the Bank Night prize.

Five dollars will be given to the person who first steps forward when his number is called, if the lucky number, good for \$15 is not claimed on the first drawing.

Johnny Walker's orchestra will provide music for the dance.

LOCKS CITIZEN PLOWS SNOW FROM STREETS

M. L. Morgan of Cascade Locks said he didn't want us to mention this, but we're going to anyway.

When Monday evening found a half foot of snow all over Cascade Locks streets, Morgan made a snowplow, towed it behind his car to clear sidewalks and streets through the main part of town. He repeated the plowing Tuesday.

Through Morgan's efforts, an unasked donation to the city, sidewalks were kept clear and pedestrians enabled to walk about town with ease.

MONEY ORDERS HIGH

Cascade Locks postoffice sent out \$1,022 in money orders during January, according to Postmaster Frank Hall. Usual monthly average is \$800-\$900. Only explanation, says Mr. Hall, is that people are paying bills for Christmas presents, since the Sears-Roebuck catalog for this year haven't been distributed yet.

DAM WALLOPS INFANTRY

The 7th Infantry basketball team went back to Fort Vancouver Thursday night, beaten by Bonneville dam hoopsters to the tune of 53-47. Game was fast and expertly played.

Cat's Kleptomania Is Great Worry for Owner

Sydney. — Sydney claims the commonwealth's most daring and only genuine cat burglar, Simon by name. His record of robberies goes back to the time when he was only a kitten burglar, and he survives at four years, despite shotgun and poison bait.

Typical of Simon was his latest escapade involving the loss by two girls of very necessary articles of apparel which disappeared from their rooms during the night. The things were found displayed on the front fence, in full view of the passing populace. Previously from the same building he had taken pajama pants, numerous handkerchiefs, and a maid's apron.

One morning a man heard a slight sound, as of something moving in the ironing room. Creeping in he jammed on the light switch and saw—a big black and white cat-making off with a blanket in his mouth. It was Simon, who, letting go of his loot, leaped for the open window and was swallowed up in the gloom. Simon takes everything to the home of his mistress, who is very distressed about the whole business and makes every endeavor to trace owners.

THE NEWS-TELEGRAM
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Canal Ripraping Progresses Fast

With 40 percent of its hand-laid riprap in place in the lower lock approach canal Pacific Construction company is well ahead of schedule and contemplates the finish of the canal-lining job in about six weeks, depending on the weather.

Pacific's crew of 41 men has placed about two-thirds, or 11,300 yards of loose riprap. Some 7,500 yards of finished stone has been laid and 3,000 yards of backfill. When completed, 750 feet on the south side and 650 feet of the north side of the canal will be riprapped.

Snow this week almost paralyzed Pacific's rock laying, because the stone could not be dumped without sliding all the way down into the canal.

Pacific's contract is done almost entirely by hand work, aided by two or three trucks and a bulldozer.

Forest Service

District Ranger Roy L. Weeman has completed his "administrative plan," a schedule of all the work to be done during the coming year. The plan is required each year for submission to the forest supervisor's office in Portland. The various projects, number of men required and time needed to complete them are all included. Judging from the voluminous sheets on which Ranger Weeman's plan is written, the public's idea that all forest rangers have to do in the winter time is sit by the fire and swap stories is all wrong.

Columbia gorge district ranger station will soon house what is probably the finest fire truck the forest service has ever had in this district. The old truck is now being rebuilt at Wyeth CCC camp. The 550-gallon water tank is being lowered 16 inches to lower the center of gravity and make the truck better able to negotiate the tortuous windings of the Columbia river highway. A new 40-50 gallon-per-minute pump is being placed on the truck.

Bill Royer, assistant to Ranger Weeman, finally got tired after several days of batching, so he went into Portland Tuesday night to bring back Mrs. Royer, who had enjoyed a several-day stay with friends.

Ranger Al Wang, formerly district ranger at Columbia gorge station, is expected to visit his old stamping grounds sometime within a month or so. He will bring his wife to visit her parents across the river. Wang is now stationed at Okanogan, Wn.

Try a want ad in the Chronicle.

SCHOOL NEWS BONNEVILLE

By FLORENCE GUM
Principal C. N. Robinson called to Brownsville on the death of his son, Mr. Galasheff is substituting for John Teerink, Corbett school student, visited the grade Tuesday.

Miss Eliza Stevens and Jesse O'Keefe attended the institute in Portland.

Jack Wilson, Mac Smith, Harry Smith and Wayne Chalked to Wauna point. They found it windy and the point.

Bonneville played basketball with Springdale last Friday girls won their game by a score of 26 to 8. The boys had a margin, 18-14 in favor of Bonneville. The boys came from 10 to 10 points in the last quarter.

A game was scheduled for Corbett for Tuesday but it will not be played because of the weather.

Those on the health team in the sixth and seventh grades for the past week are: Horton, Elinor Miller, Hawkins, Virgil Anderson, Mann, Thomas White, Dew.

Ione Goodrich, Edith Olga Bacaloff, Jack Wilson, Perks, Gerald Jubie, Leo Harold Jubie, Vito Nanni, Smith, Russell Keley.

CASCADE LOCKS

By WILLIAM WOOD
Miss Rita Barker was hostess of Miss Virginia Tesse's day night and Thursday noon.

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Miss Theodora Gushko, Miss Buche visited the school and Odell schools last week during the vacation here.

Miss Ethel McEae one week's holidays will be in Portland.

The high school basketball team will play Odell Friday in the high school gymnasium. Jack McGarrigle and Ben enrolled in the Locks school this week.

Charles Hulst accompanied father W. M. Hulst, to Monday.

WANT WATER

Information on Cascade water rates and water department operation has been requested by the bureau of municipal engineering of the University of Oregon according to word received today. A bulletin containing information from cities all over the state will be prepared in the direction of the bureau project.

LISTEN, LOOK, STOP CAUTION

Union Pacific's new STREAM-LINER—City of Portland, is now in regular service between Portland and Chicago. This train is running at high rate of speed. Stop, look and listen before crossing Union Pacific tracks.

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