

Faulder, Insane, To Escape The Gallows

Death Sentence of John W. Taylor is Commuted to Life Imprisonment

ARTHUR WALLEN TO SPEND LIFE IN PRISON CELL

JURY TAKES NO TIME IN FINDING HIM GUILTY

Testimony by the Defendant is Most Shocking Ever Heard in Local Courts—On His Own Admission He is Guilty of Terrible Crime is Unanimous Opinion of the Members of the Jury

Three minutes after the jury in the case against Arthur Wallen had elected a foreman, a verdict of guilty was agreed upon. The jury retired to deliberate at 2:30. At 2:45 the verdict was reported in open court. It took but little time to prepare the verdict, and for John Hagelstein, the foreman, to sign it. The penalty is from twenty years to life imprisonment.

Probably never before in a court room in Klamath county has an audience been as horror stricken as this afternoon, when Arthur Wallen, charged with incest, told the story of his encounter with his little daughter. Facing the jury and speaking rapidly and clearly, Wallen, in an attempt to refute the testimony of the witnesses who had preceded him, made admissions that shocked even pioneer court officials who have become hardened to stories of moral depravity.

"I received an injury some time ago," said Wallen. "My head was hurt and my arm was broken in several places. Since that time I have never been the same, physically, mentally or morally."

When he told the story of the day on which the assault was alleged to have occurred, completing his testimony with the confession that brought a horrified expression to the countenance of practically every man (and woman in the court room.

The arguments by the opposing counsel did not take up fifteen minutes time, each attorney bringing out only a few points.

The charge against Wallen is an easy one to make, but a most difficult to prove.

HOPKINS WILL RETURN EAST

PROMINENT LOCAL ATHLETE DECIDES TO SPEND THE WINTER IN HIS FORMER HOME IN RACINE, WIS.

Deane Hopkins, who has been connected with the Big Basin Lumber company for the past year, has resigned his position with the corporation. He leaves Sunday for his home in Racine, Wis., to spend the winter, and he may return to Klamath county in the spring.

Mr. Hopkins has been prominent in local athletic and social circles, and he will be greatly missed by the young people of the town. He was captain of the "Independents," the all-star eleven that defeated the high school team in the Thanksgiving Day football game.

SCIENCE SUBJECT OF CLUB MEETING

SET TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED BY THE CLUB MEMBERS—MISS CORNWALL TALKS ON PROGRESS IN PSYCHOLOGY

A most successful and instructive meeting of the Klamath Literary Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves last night. There was a good attendance and the different papers were listened to with great interest.

The subject was "Revolutionary Tendencies in Science." The meeting was led by C. P. Stewart in the absence of Dr. Westerfelt. Set topics were discussed, psychology, by Miss Addie Cornwall; chemistry, by Professor Fought; astronomy, by R. C. Grosbeck, and aeroplanes, by E. M. Chilcote.

The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday at the same place.

Horseshoe Trust Hit

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—Seeking to enjoin the Master Horseshoers Protective Association, dubbed the "horseshoe trust," from continuing the combination in restraint of trade, Attorney General Wickarsham today filed a petition in the federal court.

DEMOCRATS VOTE REPUBLICAN OUT

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—By a vote of 147 to 125, the house today rejected a resolution declaring the election of Representative Charles Bowman, republican of Pennsylvania, and a stand-patter.

The house voted to declare Bowman's seat vacant.

Miss Eva Coolidge has been elected to the presidency of a Silverton (Ore.) bank.

The "wets" won the election in Harrisburg, Ore.

GREEKS AGAIN ON WAR PATH

FIGHTING IS RESUMED WITH THE TURKS AND GREEKS SCORE A VICTORY IN THE JANIA DISTRICT

United Press Service ATHENS, Dec. 12.—Fighting has resumed between the Greeks and Turks in the district of Jania.

A battalion of Greeks occupied the village of Drisco, near Jania. One hundred Turks were killed and wounded, and the survivors were routed.

To Avert War

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 12.—Diplomats predict a formal ambassadorial conference of the powers in Paris in January as a result of the occurrence here. The majority of military observers declare that war will be averted.

Report is Denied

United Press Service ROME, Dec. 12.—An Athens dispatch says that the report that the Greeks had defeated the Turks at Janina is untrue. It is stated that the Turks annihilated the whole Greek division, compelling the abandonment of the siege and the retreat of the Greeks.

STOCK BROKERS ARE WITNESSES

PUJO DENIES THAT THEY ARE BEING UNDUPLY HELD—SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE FIFTY MORE WITNESSES EXAMINED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Chairman Pujo of the money trust probe committee, denied today newspaper reports that brokers of New York stock exchange are being unduly held to testify in the probe.

"Fifty more witnesses will be examined," declared Mr. Pujo. "These will not be excused before they testify."

It is expected that the hearing will be adjourned at 7 o'clock this evening until Monday, when the committee will probably adjourn over the holidays.

President De Angero of the New York Consolidated Exchange bank was the first witness. He described the feud between his bank and the stock exchange. He charged that the steel trust, the Pennsylvania and the Lehigh railroads had discriminated against his bank. He asserted that his personal associates, members of the exchange, had been denied the floor of the exchange.

DECLARATION OF WAR BY SERVA NOW EXPECTED

MINISTER TO AUSTRIA HAS BEEN RECALLED

Foreign Minister Declines to Give Reason for This Action, and It is Taken to Mean the Severance of Diplomatic Relations—It is Expected That War Will Soon Be in Progress Between Two Countries.

United Press Service

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—Under imperative orders from Belgrade, the Serbian minister to Austria, Simic, has been recalled. Neither Simic nor the Serbian foreign minister will explain the reason.

It is believed that this action denotes the elimination of diplomatic relations. A declaration of war is expected.

James Malone, a well known young business man, is confined to his room by illness.

HE'S THE SAME OLD SUNNY JIM

TRAVELING IN DOUBLE HARNES HAS NOT ENTIRELY SUBDUED THE ROTUND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PAVING FIRM

"There are exceptions to every rule—maybe," say the wisecracks, and there seems to be some truth to their statement. At least, it proven to be so in this case, for our genial "Sunny Jim" Force hasn't changed a bit since he joined the ranks of the benedicts. If you doubt this, come and see for yourself. He takes "A Night Off" with the rest of the good fellows at Houston's opera house Friday evening, December 13th. Up to date vau-deville between curtains.

Pleasant Dancing Party

An enjoyable dancing party was given at the White Pelican hotel Wednesday night by the hotel management, which was attended by a number of local residents. Although the attendance was not as large as at other dances held at the hotel, the floor was comfortably filled, and the dancers were a most congenial party. Music was furnished by the White Pelican orchestra.

TEACHERS WILL BE EXAMINED

CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN TESTS TO BE HELD HERE IN SHORT TIME

Examinations for one year, five year, five year primary and life state teachers' certificates will be held at the Central school, commencing Wednesday, December 18th, and continuing the rest of the week. The examinations, which are prepared by L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of public instruction, will be given in this county under the direction of County School Superintendent Swanwick.

The program of subjects to be taken up each day by applicants for certificates follow:

Wednesday—Forenoon: Writing, United States History, Physiology. Afternoon: Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday—Forenoon: Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography. Afternoon: Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday—Forenoon: Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature. Afternoon: School Law, Botany, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday—Forenoon: Geometry, Geology. Afternoon: General History, Bookkeeping.

There are a number of teachers in different parts of the county holding one year and five year certificates who are preparing to take the examination for life certificates.

LOCAL SHRINERS WILL BE HOSTS

ASHLAND NOBLES WILL MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO THIS CITY IF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CAN BE SECURED

Klamath Falls will be invaded by the hosts of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine next spring, if sufficient candidates can be secured to warrant a pilgrimage of Hillah Temple of Ashland. E. D. Briggs, a prominent attorney of Ashland, left this morning, after taking up the matter with local Masons who are eligible, and it is his opinion that the hegira of the members of the Southern Oregon temple will be toward Klamath Falls.

The Ashland Temple is one of two in the state, and is the only one in Southern Oregon. Every year the Shriners of that city make a pilgrimage to some other city and initiate a class of candidates. Roseburg, Marshfield and other cities have been visited, and Klamath Falls will be next in line if a sufficient number of candidates are secured.

There are a large number of Masons here who are eligible to receive this higher degree, and the majority of them are anxious to do so. In case Hillah Temple visits here, there will be a class of not less than twenty members.

GOVERNOR WILL NOT EXPLAIN HIS SUDDEN ACTION

MANY PEOPLE PLEAD WITH THE STATE EXECUTIVE

The First Hanging Tomorrow Will Occur at 11:30 Instead of at 7:00, as It Was Originally Planned—This is Taken to Indicate That Noble Faulder Will Be Executed by the Governor

SALEM, Dec. 12.—John W. Taylor, condemned with four others to be hanged tomorrow, will not walk on the scaffold, as his sentence was commuted this afternoon to life imprisonment by Governor West, who declined to make any statement regarding the matter.

It is considered almost certain that Faulder will be executed. It is reported that he is insane, and it is probable that he will be committed to a hospital.

The first hanging, it was announced this afternoon, will take place at 11:30 tomorrow morning. As it was first announced that Faulder would be hanged at 7:30 in the morning, the change is considered to mean that the governor will execute Faulder.

There were many people, opponents to the capital punishment plan, who visited the governor this morning. They came here from different parts of the state to protest against the hangings scheduled for tomorrow.

The movement was the result of the response to a proposal made in Portland last Sunday at an anti-capital punishment meeting that everyone present see the governor in person and plead with him.

To Hear Arguments

Arguments on a demand in the mandamus proceedings to compel the city council to designate the commission form charter adopted last May as the official charter of the city will be heard this evening by Circuit Judge Benson, following the adjournment of the Wallen case. C. M. O'Neill is attorney for Henry Rabben and Dr. W. A. Leonard, the petitioners, and the city is represented by City Attorney Drake and City Recorder Leavitt.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will have a candy sale on Saturday, at the Monarch Grocery. Don't fail to patronize it. 12-31

NEW ROAD TO BE STARTED SOON

FOREST SERVICE CHIEF VISITS BLUE LODGE COUNTRY TO HAVE WORK COMMENCED ON NEW HIGHWAY

Actual construction work will start soon on the new road the forestry service is constructing in the Blue Lodge country, which will lead through the Cook and Green pass, and down the Klamath River. Lookouts have been at work, and Supervisor Strickland of the Crater Lake National Forest has started for that territory to have the actual construction work commenced. The construction of this road will open a new territory, and will result in great benefit.

Bloodthirsty Youth is Murderer of Father

Because His Father Commanded that he Carry in Some Wood, Fourteen Year Old Boy Shoots Father Through the Heart Killing Him Instantly

United Press Service

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Martin Rickert, aged 14 years, shot and killed his father, Daniel H. Rickert, at their home here this morning. A record was not made of the post mortem statement of the father.

Neighbors declare that the boy said he shot his father for whipping his elder brother, Valentine. Both of the boys and Mrs. Rickert have been held in custody.

Mrs. Rickert declared that the shooting was accidental. Late this afternoon young Rickert confessed to the killing of his father, following his disobeying his father's command that he carry wood into the kitchen.

The boy declared that his father

went into the yard to feed a horse. The boy fired a .32-caliber rifle through the bathroom window, piercing his father's heart.

The boy told his mother what he had done, and both agreed to claim that the shooting was accidentally. Inadvertently he told the neighbors the secret. Mrs. Rickert corroborated the boy's testimony.

WILL FAULDER DIE ON GALLOWES

SPECULATION IS RIPE HERE TODAY AS TO WHAT ACTION GOVERNOR WEST WILL TAKE AT THE LAST MOMENT

Speculation is rife today as to whether Noble Faulder, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow morning for the murder of Louis Gebhart at a railroad camp near Chiloquin in 1911 will pay the death penalty for his deed, or whether he will be reprieved at the last moment by Governor West.

Some are of the opinion that the governor will grant a reprieve either today or just before the time set for the execution tomorrow as he did in the case of Webb, the Portland murderer, sentenced to hang in September, 1911. Others state that despite the governor's aversion to the death penalty, he will take no action in the

case, following the defeat of the bill to abolish hanging.

Attorney C. M. O'Neill, who defended Faulder when he was tried here last spring, states that he has written to Governor West several times regarding the case, but that he has not received any reply stating definitely what stand the executive intended to take in the matter.

Norman Faulder, brother of the condemned man, is in Salem endeavoring to secure a stay of proceedings. Norman came here from the home of the Faulders in Auckland, New Zealand, just after the killing of Gebhart, and ever since that time he has been working zealously to save the life of his brother, whom, he asserts, is mentally unbalanced.

According to the announced plan, Faulder will step on the scaffold tomorrow morning. Another man will be hanged with him. At 11:30 the other three condemned men will be hanged.

E. D. Briggs, a prominent Ashland attorney, returned home today after a short visit in Klamath Falls. Mr. Briggs was formerly city attorney of Ashland, and is now a candidate for the mayoralty.

KNIGHTS ELECT LODGE OFFICERS

EVAN R. REAMES IS CHOSEN EMINENT COMMANDER—FOLLOWING THE ELECTION THE OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Election of officers for the ensuing term was held at last night's meeting of Cavalry Commandry, Knights Templar. The following new officers were chosen: Eminent Commander, Evan R. Reames; Generalissimo, Charles H. Withrow; Captain General, Dr. L. L. Truax; Senior Warden, Tom W. Stephens; Junior Warden, C. K. Van Riper; Prelate, I. Jay Knapp; Treasurer, Charles Graves; Recorder, L. F. Willits; Standard Bearer, J. J. Barrett; Sword Bearer, George L. Humphrey; Sentinel, G. A. Krause. Following the election, the new officers were installed, this ceremony being conducted by Past Commander George J. Walton.