

MURDERERS MAY GET CHOICE

DOSE OF POISON IS SUGGESTED FOR CONDEMNED MEN

Nevada Commission Recommends That Criminals Be Given Alternative for Hanging

RENO, Nov. 27.—If the recommendations of the code commission now revising the Nevada statutes is carried out criminals condemned to die in Nevada may their "own quietus make" by the hydrocyanic acid route in preference to hanging or shooting. The section of the proposed statute relating to this and recommended by the commission reads as follows:

"If the defendant shall elect to voluntarily take hydrocyanic acid then he shall be provided, at least ten minutes before the time set for carrying the sentence into effect, by the prison physician with a sufficient quantity of such acid to cause instantaneous death. Upon delivery of such acid to defendant the physician shall explain to him the proper method of taking the same and the effect thereof, and there shall be plainly written or printed on the receptacle in which such acid is contained the following: 'There is contained herein a sufficient quantity of hydrocyanic acid to cause instantaneous death. You are authorized to take the same for the purpose of carrying into execution the sentence of death pronounced against you.'

"If the defendant after having elected to take hydrocyanic acid shall fall or refuse to take the same, he shall be forthwith hanged by the neck until dead."

MANY INDICTMENTS WILL BE ISSUED

SEVERAL CITIES CHARGED WITH INFLATING ENUMERATION

Director Durand Has Taken the Matter Up Directly With the Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A considerable part of the annual report for 1909-10 which Census Director Durand has transmitted to Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor is devoted to the subject of overcounting or "padding"; and undercounting the population; of several deliberate conspiracies between private individuals and local special agents and enumerators to inflate census returns; of the desirability of a Federal law prohibiting the unofficial circulation of printed slips containing census questions; and of the extent of the margin of error in the Thirteenth Census count.

After careful investigation of the returns and schedules by expert clerks in the bureau, it was found necessary to correct the population figures for some 23 cities of the United States, whose census returns had been inaccurately made, or "padded" either intentionally or through carelessness or error. In no case, however, was any correction in the population figures made without first conducting a careful investigation in the city itself.

The Director states that in several cities there seems to have been a deliberate conspiracy between private individuals and some of the special agents or enumerators, or both, to inflate, fraudulently, the census returns. It would be inadvisable to present the evidence of such conspiracies in any individual case at the present time, as only after investigation by the Department of Justice and the possible ensuing prosecutions will the facts be fully known.

By direction of the President, the Census Bureau has already laid the facts thus far ascertained with regard to several cases of "padding" before the department of Justice, and other cases will shortly be brought to its attention.

Up to the present time indictments have been brought and convictions secured in the case of three enumerators in Great Falls, Mont., and indictments have been secured, which are now pending trial, in the case of one enumerator in Seattle, Wash., and of three enumerators and one special agent in Fort Smith, Ark.

It is not believed that the errors and fraud in the present census in any way exceeded those in previous censuses; on the contrary, it is very likely that they were less extensive. Greater effort, however was given at the present census than at any preceding to the investigation of the correctness of the returns, and consequently errors and frauds were discovered in a larger number of cases than at any preceding census.

Trainmen Ask Increase

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Demands for increased wages for engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen on the

Wabash railroad have caused strained relations between the management and the railroad brotherhoods. For the first time in the history of the railroad brotherhoods the four organizations are acting as a unit under an agreement that neither one shall settle until all have been granted their demands.

Russian Army May Move

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A special from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current that a whole army corps of 36,000 men is preparing to reoccupy Kuldja, a district of Chinese Turkistan.

The Government Is Out For The Big Telephone Trust

Department of Justice Suspects the Recent Meeting At Chicago

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Anticipating the formation of a multi-million dollar telephone trust, the United States Department of Justice has detailed special agents to investigate every step taken by representatives of the Independent Telephone Association, which is meeting in Chicago this week.

It is reported that a plan is being considered to consolidate all the independent systems in the United States with the Bell-Morgan system. This combination, if effective would apply to all toll service and particularly to those sections of the country where competition between present systems is said to be ruinous.

The Department of Justice holds that the project is likely to become a combination in restraint of trade and it is probable that any steps taken toward its completion may be considered illegal and action begun at once.

On the part of the promoters of the combine it is likely that an injunction will be sought to prevent the interference of the government.

TUCKER GETS CLOSE DECISION

HAD NOTHING OVER HIS YOUTHFUL OPPONENT

Williams and Span Gave Fast Exhibition; as Also Did Allen and Johnson

Lovers of the boxing game were treated to one of the cleanest exhibitions of that sport that has ever been pulled off here Friday night when C. F. Tucker and Jack Linkenbach met in a twenty round bout at Houston's opera house.

Tucker was the first to enter the ring, followed by his seconds, Cecil End, Jack Crawford and H. Mueller. Linkenbach was attended by "Kid" Span, Harry Burroughs and the ever irreplaceable George Mapleson.

The contest was an interesting one throughout and at the end of the affair both men appeared fresh enough to continue indefinitely, though Tucker at this time seemed to be in a slightly better condition.

Round after round passed, with both men doing their utmost to gain an advantage, be it ever so slight, and while occasionally one could hear a bystander claim a "Tucker's round" or "That's Jack's round," the general impression that it was anybody's fight up to the very end.

Linkenbach did at least two-thirds of the leading, and this should have been taken into consideration by the referee, Jas. Hansbrough, when rendering his decision, for in the minds of the audience this more than offset the slight advantage Tucker gained in the closing rounds.

At no time up to the eighteenth round did either man have the slightest advantage, but from that time on Tucker showed his wonderful vitality by doing the fastest work of the entire show, and it is greatly to Linkenbach's credit that he was able to save himself from going down.

When all things are taken into consideration, Link's friends have good cause to feel proud of him. It was his first main-event affair, and to be pitted against such a past-master of the game as Tucker, a man who knows the business from start to finish and one of the best ring generalists of the day, and to make such a gallant showing was greatly to his credit.

During the last two or three rounds Referee Hansbrough had his hands full, and, to tell the truth, he was so overworked that he was nearer out than either of the fighters. In fact, public opinion is that this had a great deal to do with his decision—that he was too tired to raise a hand of each fighter, and just grabbed the first one he saw and raised it, to denote the winner.

J. F. Henley and wife of Merrill are staying at the Baldwin while visiting this city.

THE MOST CROOKED RIVER

NORTH RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS HAS WINDING COURSE

Ten Miles by Air Line, But the Stream Bed Stretches Over Forty Miles

There is a stream in Massachusetts called the North river. It starts in a pond near Hanson and runs to the sea at Scituate. It is ten miles by air line from Hanson to Scituate and the river is forty miles long.

This river is probably the most remarkable body of water, barring the Dead sea, on this footstool, and has stood more abuse and bad language than the Chicago river. When the tide is coming in the river runs upstream, and not only that, but the upper part of it, which is fresh water also runs up stream, and the spectacle of a fresh-water river beating it uphill is alone enough to call attention to itself. But there is much more to it than that.

The North river is noted for being the scene of the first Indian raid on the coast settlements. It is notable for having given birth to the ship Columbia, whose captain discovered and named the Columbia river, and was the first American vessel to circumnavigate the world. It is notorious for having suddenly changed its mind on its course on the night of November 27, 1898, when it moved its mouth three miles to the northward, presented the town of Marshfield with a deep harbor, killed three men and converted about 200,000 acres of prime meadow land into a salt marsh.

But the chief thing about the river is its crookedness. This river is so crooked that it double-crosses itself. If you don't believe it, go and see. There is one place in Hanover where, by making three loops, the river moves toward the sea for a distance of almost fifty feet and meanders about for fifteen miles in doing it.

PLAN NATIONAL PARK BUREAU

BILL INTRODUCED INTO BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

Measure Was Favored by President Taft in His Annual Message

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A Bureau of National Parks will soon be created, if a bill simultaneously introduced in the house by representative Davidson, of Wisconsin, and in the Senate by Senator Smoot of Utah, be enacted into law. It is the purpose of the bill to place the control and management of national parks and monuments and reservations under one bureau, instead of, as at present, having them controlled by several.

President Taft recommended the creation of such a bureau in his annual message. The Secretary of the interior is known to favor the plan and in his annual message to the President said:

"It will doubtless be necessary in the accomplishment of these propositions, to create a bureau of National parks and resorts, and the planning under it of a consistent and broadly considered scheme for national parks and resorts to fit the future needs of the United States government, would be in line with the policy under which our first President planned in 1803 the federal city which now bears his name. Without such planning, no such civic convenience, beauty, impressiveness and national dignity as the city of Washington now enjoys, would have been possible."

The Government now maintains nine national parks, and several other smaller parks and reservations, the total area of which is 4,606,153 acres. During the last five years \$281,515 was appropriated for, and \$152,871 received in the way of revenue from the nine national parks. The revenue is derived largely from concessions made to individuals or companies for operating transportation facilities, hotels, and lunch stations.

The bill introduced provides for the appointment of a commissioner with such experts and assistants as Congress may from time to time authorize, and appropriates \$75,000 for maintenance of the Bureau.

STUDY OF BETTER SCHOOL SANITATION BEING MADE

With a view of maintaining health in the school rooms, and conserving vitality and resistive power to disease in school children, the department of Bacteriology in the University of Oregon is making a comparative study of the actual conditions of ventilation and heating in the school buildings of the state. The results will be set forth in a bulletin to aid

in developing the proper sanitary conditions in both city and country school buildings, which will be serviceable to school boards in the construction of new buildings and the remodeling of old.

Statistics show that the vital resistance of children falls off with the beginning of school age. Experience also has repeatedly shown that a much shorter time under strictly sanitary conditions, with abundant fresh air, is productive of greater results in the school room than a longer time in unsanitary rooms. As an exaggerated example, witness the open air schools in England and Germany.

Letter Reaches Its Destination After Delay of Forty-Six Years

Missive Taken From Body of Dead Confederate Soldier Reaches Vermont Town

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Feb. 27.—A letter which went astray on a Virginia battlefield over 46 years ago has just been sent to the person for whom it was intended.

Major Seymour H. Wood of this city, who served in the First Vermont Cavalry in the Civil War, has mailed to Mrs. Mildred Mitchell of Norfolk, Va., a letter taken by Henry C. Pomeroy of St. Albans, a soldier in the First Vermont, from the effects of a Confederate soldier, apparently dead, when the Vermonters made a charge on the Confederate works at Fisher's Hill, Va., September 22, 1864. The writer was P. V. Harris of Company A, Forty-second (or Twelfth—the address not being perfectly legible) Virginia Volunteer Infantry, in one of the brigades of Gordon's Division, Breckinridge's Corps. As the letter is dated September 22, 1864, it is evident it was written the very day of the battle. It is addressed to Miss Millie Snead, Lynchburg, Va., and to it is affixed a Confederate stamp. The Miss Millie Snead of that day is now Mrs. Mitchell, who is a widow and in charge of the linen room of the Norfolk Protestant Hospital.

Pomeroy lost the letter shortly after the war, but it was found recently in a collection of war relics.

FRISCO LABOR COUNCIL TAKES STAND ON THE MATTER

President Taft and State Legislature Also Mailed Copies of the Memorial Adopted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Denouncing the federal government for hampering the insurgents along the Mexican border and declaring it to be part of a project to aid Diaz, which originated in Wall street, the San Francisco labor council unanimously passed resolutions urging congress to recognize the insurgents, provisional government of Mexico. Copies of the memorial have been sent to President Taft, congress and the California legislature.

WOMAN, 108, DIES IN ARMS OF HUSBAND 111 YEAR OLD

FLORENCE, Colo., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Francis Esper, 108 years old, said to be the oldest woman in Colorado, died in the arms of her 111-year-old husband from burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open grate. Mr. and Mrs. Esper have been married 91 years.

LITERARY EXERCISES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The students of the County High school held their regular literary program in the assembly room Friday afternoon. Apropos of the season there were several patriotic numbers on the program, and "Washington's Farewell Address" was delivered by Glen Garrett.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land)

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, December 6, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Mary R. Motschenbacher, whose postoffice address is at Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 3d day of March, 1910, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 03071, to purchase the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 section 15, township 37 south, range 9 east, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone" law, at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been estimated by applicant at a total of \$400, the timber estimated at 400,000 board feet at \$1 per M, and the land, \$400; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of her application and sworn statement on the 10th day of

March, 1911, before R. M. Richardson, United States Commissioner, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

ARTHUR W. ORTON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Not Coal Land)

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, January 25, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that August Pleb, whose postoffice address is Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 7th day of April, 1910, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 03285, to purchase the N 1/2 SW 1/4, S 1/4 NW 1/4 section 5, township 37 S. range 10 E, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been estimated and valued by the applicant, the timber estimated 800,000 board feet at 50 cents per M, and the land nothing; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 5th day of April, 1911, before United States Commissioner R. M. Richardson, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

ARTHUR W. ORTON, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, Estate of John M. Clifford, Deceased.

Having been duly appointed administrator of the above entitled estate, all persons having claims against the said John M. Clifford, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to me at my office in the Court House at Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

R. M. RICHARDSON, Administrator of the Estate of John M. Clifford, Deceased.

Date of first publication of this Notice, February 23rd, 1911.

D. V. KUYKENDALL, Atty for Administrator.

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