

DOUGLAS NOT AT HEART CRIMINAL

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE INSANE ASYLUM INDORSSES VERDICT OF LOCAL COMMISSION IN LUNACY, HOWEVER

That Alexander Douglas self-confessed firebug, who was declared insane by a commission in lunacy consisting of Drs. C. V. Fisher, R. R. Hamilton and George H. Merryman, is undoubtedly so, and that the commission made no mistake in its finding, is the declaration of Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state insane asylum at Salem.

Dr. Steiner, a former Klamath Falls resident, has written to this effect to Dr. R. R. Hamilton, in a letter which reads:

"Dr. R. R. Hamilton:

"My Dear Doctor—I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th of December with newspaper clippings. The insanity commission, of which you were a part, certainly made no mistake in declaring to the court that Douglas was insane. He did feign and try to string you fellows with his breathing and spasmodic actions. His is one of the most peculiar cases I have ever known. The fellow at heart is not a criminal, and never was. His physique indicates a degenerate and, probably, he is a victim of giantism.

"R. E. LEE STEINER."

PORTLAND WOOL CENTER IS OBJECT OF MEETING

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Bringing all the wool of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon to this port for delivery on board ocean steamships at the low water transportation rates prevailing to the Atlantic seaboard, and getting the advantage of the still lower schedule certain after completion of the Panama canal, is a work in which the wool growers of this state are engaged. D. O. Lively is a member of a committee that has tackled the problem. The movement originated with the Oregon wool growers, and is spreading to every part of the Northwest, whence it will be possible to drive sheep to the vicinity of the Snake or Columbia rivers.

This movement now taking tangible form is regarded as but one of the conditions which the Panama canal will usher in, and which will be perfected by completion of the Cello canal on the Columbia.

Last year some of the interior wool men shipped their product to Portland on the Open River Transportation company's boats and had it loaded here on steamboats of the California-Atlantic line for delivery at New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The rates made by the two water lines were under the railway charge for a direct haul eastward from point of production.

The railway rate on wool from Portland is \$1 per 100, which figure graduates upward back from the coast until Idaho points pay \$1.80 and \$1.50 per 100. The low rate granted by the combined water lines made a saving possible of \$16 a ton from certain places of the interior. When transfers at Cello and across the Isthmus of Panama are eliminated it is clear that this water rate may be cut to a very low figure, which will make the Portland route a powerful incentive for wool men to ship this way wherever it is possible to get their product to the Columbia or Snake rivers at a living figure.

The committee now working on the plan intends to develop a system whereby sheep owners will drive from distant points toward the Columbia and Snake before shearing time. By all of them working together in this purpose it is figured that good feed grounds can be had at the several stages of the drive. As a suitable shipping point near the river is reached the fleece will be shorn and the band will then immediately begin working backward towards the mountains, where the permanent summer range is found.

If all herdsmen drove toward one point at shearing time the plan would be rendered impracticable. But if they agree upon routes, divide the range and have one band follow another in without congestion, it is believed that the sheep may at great economy be made to convey their fleeces to the rivers, where low transportation charges can be secured.

Development of the plan has the utmost significance for Portland. It points to the fact that this port is soon to become the wool center of the entire Northwest, as well as the livestock center.

RENSON SPEAKS OF SALEM'S GAIT

The Salem Statesman of Sunday last says: "Judge Benson of Klamath Falls, who was in the city yesterday, gave expression to the statement that Salem in the past four years has grown faster than any town in the Willamette Valley."

The judicial district over which Judge Benson is presiding temporarily is inclusive of five county seats, which the Klamath Falls district contains but two. But the five counties

in the former district are compact, well settled, and enjoy rapid connection, in many instances by electric roads, which makes it easy to get from one county seat to another.

In the local district, however, it is a different proposition. The two counties are large ones, and it is a day's hard travel, and not by rail, to go from one county seat to another. Just when Judge Benson will return to this city cannot be learned. Judge Kelly will leave for Dallas probably Tuesday next.

LOVER INSANE, CHARGE AGAINST ARDENT SWAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—For ten years Emanuel McKeon has wooed Miss May Kennerman, only to be lodged in the detention hospital on a charge of insanity, as a result of his attentions.

According to McKeon's story it was a case of love at first sight. The young lady did not take kindly to his attentions and avoided McKeon when possible. In order to see her, McKeon worked as a conductor line upon which she rode frequently. Then he went to Alaska to forget his love affair, but without success.

Upon his return he renewed his attentions, and was so persistent that Miss Kennerman had him arrested. Police Judge Shortall, after hearing the testimony, ordered that McKeon be examined as to his sanity.

JURORS EXCUSED; CASES NOT READY

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE MAKES VAIN EFFORT TO FIND WORK FOR MACHINERY OF LAW TO GRIND ON THIS WEEK

Judge Percy R. Kelly called the attorneys before him in circuit court this afternoon in the hope of getting some work for the jury and judge before Monday, but it was impossible. In such cases as one side was ready the other was unprepared, and in a good many neither side was able to take up the case.

In the case of *Erger Bros. vs. F. C. Bamber*, Attorney F. H. Mills announced that a petition in bankruptcy would probably be filed within a few days. This is a law case for the recovery of money.

As no cases were set the special venire of jurors, including William Irwin, J. B. C. Taylor, Carl Adams, Percy Scholl and S. B. Lowe, was dismissed, while the other jurors were ordered to report Monday morning.

RULE BOYS WHEN YOUNG WAY TO MAKE GOOD MEN

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Lack of proper parental influence during character forming periods of life and a resulting disposition on the part of boys to ridicule those of their companions who seek to be good and conscientious are, in the opinion of Juvenile Judge Gatens, among the influences which combine to produce men who ruin girls.

Judge Gatens says: "Boys who try to be good and conscientious are usually laughed at by their companions and shamed into doing the wrong thing. Parents are in a great measure responsible for this as the majority of them raise their boys to feel privileged to ruin as many girls as they please, so that they are careful to avoid disgrace and disease. If the wrong doing of the boys was looked upon as are the indiscreet actions of the girls the early training of the boys might not be so lax.

"If these boys are to be upheld and encouraged by their parents and companions in wrong doing toward girls, what is to become of the good, virtuous girl who has been carefully guarded and brought into pure and unstained womanhood? In all probability she will become the wife of one of the many who has sown his wild oats and who will force upon her and her children the reaping of the harvest in the form of disease or of immorality in other forms.

"Men who have led the vilest lives often seek the purest and most virtuous wives, and because of such a woman's purity and innocence she is more apt to fall a victim.

"How easy it is to tell a mother's girl from the girl who has strayed from mother's influence or who lacks it. The style of her dress alone is enough. The girl who is living the life of a good girl and who respects her mother's opinions will show it by her simple and modest clothes. On the other hand, the girl on the wrong path is conspicuous in clothing gaudy and loud, in which she hopes to make herself attractive.

"One cannot be too strong in condemnation of the man who lures a young girl on to her ruin with extravagant suppers, automobile rides, expensive clothing and all the accessories which form part of the game, but at the same time we must not, in some instances at least, judge too harshly and lay all the responsibility for the wreck on the man, especially if he be a young man. Sometimes I regret to say, it is true that the girls go half way in striking unacquaintances and afterward in suggesting indiscretions. Such a girl surely exhibits a dearth of proper parental teaching."

JOHN C. BEACH CALLED BY DEATH

VENERABLE INHABITANT, FOR TWELVE YEARS A RESIDENT, HAS BEEN LOST FOR SOME TIME—END WAS EXPECTED

John Cameron Beach, aged 81 years, for twelve years a resident of Klamath Falls, passed away at an early hour Thursday morning at his residence, No. 39 Conger avenue.

Mr. Beach had been very low for some time, so that death was not unexpected. He was a native of Glen Falls, New York, shortly after he became of age removing to Wisconsin, where he wedded Altha Murray, the wife who survives him.

He was clerk of Jackson county, Wisconsin, for several terms.

On June 6, 1909, he was stricken with paralysis, since which time he has been confined to his home.

The following children, besides the widow, survive him: Mrs. Clara Beach and Mrs. R. Vance Hutchins of this city; A. H. Beach of St. Paul, Minn.; S. H. Beach, in federal employ at Washington, D. C.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon from the late residence, the hour being set for 2:30. Rev. J. S. Stubbelfield, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

VIETMOE AND ANOTHER SOUGHT FOR TESTIMONY

United Press Service. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—It is believed that Olaf Vietmoe, secretary of the San Francisco Building Trades council, and Antone Johannsen, his companion, missing for two weeks, will soon be found by the federal authorities, who want them to testify before the federal grand jury in Los Angeles.

It is expected that Johannsen will appear, as his little daughter, Loretta, died suddenly at their home at Corte Madera.

Vietmoe's attorneys say he will be here Christmas.

ERECT FENCES, SAVE LAMBS. IS TIP FROM GOVERNMENT

DENVER, Dec. 15.—Experiments conducted in Colorado under the direction of James T. Jardine, inspector of grazing of the forest service, have led that official to strongly recommend the general use of fenced lambing grounds throughout the sheep country of the West. This study was taken up in connection with the coyote proof fence with which the forest service has been experimenting for several years and the results proved highly satisfactory.

According to Mr. Jardine, sufficient pasture for lambing grounds for 1,000 ewes can be inclosed properly with coyote proof fence for \$1,000. Such an inclosure will enable three or four men to handle a band of 2,000 head, and will result in a saving in labor alone of approximately \$140, while an additional saving of \$100 each season can be effected by reason of the fact that an increased number of lambs can be saved when handled in this way. Reckoning the interest at 8 per cent, he figures that the fence would pay for itself in less than six years.

In his report telling of the Colorado experiments, Mr. Jardine says there are about 20,000,000 head of breeding ewes in the far Western states. Ten per cent, or 2,000,000 lambs are lost each year when weaned or before they are three weeks old. Much of this loss could be prevented if lambing grounds were properly fenced.

Moreover, he finds that lambs raised on inclosed pasture are found in better condition and are heavier than those dropped on the open range, and as lambs wean the most rapid and cheapest growth early, he figures that the inclosed method would result in an annual increase of 15,000,000 in the Western lamb crop, representing a cash value of not less than \$500,000.

MAY CARRY MAIL TO CRYSTAL. IF THE BID IS SATISFACTORY

Bids are being asked by the government for carrying mails as follows:

From Klamath Falls to Crystal, 40 miles, via Odessa, three times a week from December 1st to March 31st.

From Crystal to Odessa, 12 miles, and back, twice a week, from April 1st to November 30th.

From Klamath Falls to Odessa, 28 miles, and back, three times a week, from December 1st to March 31st.

By the first and third propositions, which are for carrying to Crystal via Odessa, or to Odessa only, it is guessed that the government is trying to find out whether Crystal can be served in addition to Odessa at an outlay economical enough to justify it. If the bids to carry to Crystal as well as Odessa seem too high the postoffice department will probably serve Odessa only.

It is noticed that the carrying to Odessa is only asked in the winter months, as the boats on Upper Klamath Lake ply during the warmer months, and carry the mail.

LABOR LEADERS HAVE INDICTMENTS

PAIR OF TRUE BILLS AGAINST UNION CHIEFS TO BE RETURNED SATURDAY, AND TWO MORE LIKELY SOON TO BE MADE

United Press Service. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Two indictments will be returned by the grand jury Saturday against two prominent labor leaders of San Francisco.

It is said they were responsible for the order which caused James McNamara to dynamite the Los Angeles Times.

Two other San Francisco laborites are likely to be indicted also.

Under a heavy guard, Orville McManis, star government witness, is likely to leave for Indianapolis Monday.

A request that he be sent there as soon as possible has been received here, and preparations for his departure were started today.

Although the federal jury probing the California end of the dynamiting cases are holding only afternoon sessions, great progress is being made.

HEATING HOTEL IS SLOW UNTIL PUMP ARRIVES

Guests at the White Felician hotel have been speculating, considerably of late at the apparently erratic character of the heating apparatus, which sometimes is in working order and sometimes not.

The scheme by which the rooms are kept warm is for city water running through a piping system which conduits are overlapped, in the basement, by pipes containing hot water from the hot springs, which leaves the ground at 192 degrees. These pipes of hot water warm the city water in the pipes which run through the building.

But the one main factor following up this arrangement is what is lacking, and that is a pump of sufficient strength to force the heated water through the building. For the present the warmed water is diffident about going through the building voluntarily, gravity, momentum and a few other like forces being depended on to make it amble upstairs and downstairs and in my lady's chamber.

But—again that horrible word—the hotel management is seeking to relieve this by getting a pump from New York, which was but recently ordered, and which is expected to be here shortly, and make the building warmer than toast.

There was a temporary coolness on the part of guests Thursday because the water circulation was stopped in order to put registers in the barber shop and some other rooms.

CHINESE PIRATES LOOT A PASSENGER CRAFT

HONGKONG, Dec. 15.—One of the most impudent acts of piracy occurred on the West River, when a passenger boat steaming along near the town of Shui Hing was looted almost under the bows of several Chinese gunboats which were moored in the vicinity.

None of the passengers was hurt. A panic is reported to have occurred among the population of the city of Wu Chow, who are in dread of an attack by the people of Canton in revenge for a recent massacre in that city, when a number of revolutionary troops were mistaken for pirates.

Some of them were killed a number of others severely beaten, while the remainder took refuge in flight.

Robberies continue in Canton. The thieves, when caught, are at once beheaded.

ITALIAN BOY BANDIT IS CAPTURED BY "VICEDMS"

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 15.—Joane Memessa, a 16-year-old Italian boy, fired a shot at two men in a buggy near Broderick in an attempt to hold them up, but was captured by J. C. Magennis, one of his intended victims. When Memessa, wearing a mask, emerged from the brush and commanded "hands up," Magennis leaped from the buggy, and despite a shot from the holdup's revolver twisted the weapon from his hand and overpowered him.

The boy is in the Sacramento Jail. He landed in Boston from Italy three years ago, and had been in California but three weeks.

MOVING TOWARD HANKOW IS REVOLUTIONARY FORCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The revolutionary army of 2,000 men which has lately been engaged in the attack on Nanking, has moved northward to Hupeh province, in which Hankow, now in imperial control, is situated, according to a dispatch received from the Chung Sai Yat Po.

Another division of revolutionary troops has been organized at Canton with General Chan Kwang Ming as commander. This division will also be sent immediately for service in the north.

Tong Shu Yi, the personal representative of Minister Yuen Shi Kai, was reported to have arrived at Han-

kow on his way to Shanghai, where he will meet the revolutionary leaders in a peace conference.

FANNING ISLAND RICH IN ANCIENT RELICS

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.—News of an interesting archaeological find at Fanning Island, in the mid-Pacific, was brought by the steamer Makura. Discoveries have been made there by Humphrey Berkeley of Fiji, the former owner, who recently sold the island to a British-Canadian syndicate for use as a coaling station to be established in view of the opening of the Panama canal, indicating that the island was once inhabited by skilled races.

Excavators have unearthed the remains of a large stone building, 200 by 50 feet. No mortar was used in the construction, the stones having been skillfully morticed together.

Near this building was a tomb containing a human skeleton with a necklace of the teeth of the cachelot and other articles, including the skull of a dog. Mr. Berkeley says he is convinced that the island was one of the resting places of the Polynesians during their numerous migrations in the days before history was written on the Pacific.

POINTER SETTLES IN PATELLA CASE

BROKEN KNEECAP ISSUE WINDS UP BY PLAINTIFF TAKING SLIGHTLY LESS THAN JURY'S OLD AWARD

Settlement of the case of H. E. Pointer vs. the Klamath Falls Land and Transportation company last night led to Judge Percy R. Kelly and the jurors left out of the venire—who number just an even dozen, by the way—having a little time hanging heavy on their hands this morning. When the case of Cantrall vs. Carroll came to a conclusion yesterday the court dismissed the jurors with the understanding that they should appear at 9 o'clock this morning if being expected to go ahead with the Pointer case. But Richard Shore Smith of Eugene, attorney for the plaintiff, and Stone & Barrett and Thomas Drake for the defendant, had a conference at which a settlement was finally determined on, \$2,500 being the amount the defendant agreed to pay to the plaintiff.

It was a good deal like an auction, so the story goes. The defendant, so it is asserted, would have been perfectly willing to settle for an amount less than \$2,500, and so indicated by first offering \$500. Then the compromise amount was increased little by little until \$2,500 was reached, and the deal closed on that sum.

When Pointer had the case up in the circuit court here the jury awarded him \$2,750 and interest, although there were some of the jury who wished to make the amount higher than this, \$9,000 or \$10,000. But the element who were unwilling to give the plaintiff such a large sum were overruled, and as a result the \$2,750 was finally the amount the jury rendered its verdict for.

The bill of the plaintiff asked for \$10,000 general and \$3,000 special damages, but Judge George Nostrand, then presiding on the circuit bench in this district, decided that there was not a showing sufficient to pass a special damage issue to the jury, so the twelve men were instructed to pass on the case as to the general damages in issue.

When the supreme court considered the case, on its being appealed by the defendant, the higher bench decided to send the case back to the circuit court for another trial, holding that the lower court erred in allowing opinion of witnesses as to whether it was negligence for the plaintiff to ride standing in his wagon. The upper court said that the testimony of witnesses could be allowed if it were merely to show whether such manner of riding was customary.

Pointer, it appears, was riding in his wagon across the street car track of the defendant in the good old days when the single "boss" car plodded its weary way homeward or otherwise, up and down Main street. The jar of striking the car track upset Pointer, and a broken patella, or kneecap, resulted, for which damage he sued.

The \$2,500 settlement is for just \$250 less than the old verdict would have secured to the plaintiff.

HEIRS LOSE TO CHURCH UNDER DECREE OF JUDGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—When Timothy Carberry died in this city recently, he left an estate valued at \$800, and when the will came up for probate it was decided that Carberry had eight heirs, seven of whom reside in Ireland.

Peter Tehaney, a first cousin, was the only one of the heirs to put in an appearance at the final distribution.

Judge Thomas F. Graham, after learning of the seven other cousins in Ireland, ordered that the whole amount of the estate be paid to the Church of St. Ann for masses for the repose of the soul of the testator.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE IS DEDICATED

DISTRICT NO. 42 OPENS TEMPLE OF LEARNING WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES—DISTRICT IS LATEST ORGANIZED

On Tuesday evening, January 12th, the beautiful new school house building in School District No. 42, fourteen miles southeast of Klamath Falls, on the Merrill road, was dedicated by well selected exercises. The program consisted of an excellent number of songs and recitations by the school children, a clarinet solo by Mr. Spidell and music by Mrs. Russell Elliott and Miss Donelson, and a short address by County Superintendent Swan. Mrs. Donelson deserves much praise for the success of the program.

After the program the many children, patrons and visitors enjoyed a time of conversation, while delicious refreshments were being served.

E. M. Chilcote, Superintendent J. G. Swan and Assistant Superintendent Miss Carleton from Klamath Falls attended.

This is the latest school district organized in Klamath county, and in point of territory is next to the smallest. The land is all under irrigation, and the soil ranks among the best in the county. Many new people have settled here in the last two years and are placing their farms under intensive cultivation. There is an excellent school spirit in this little community, and expressions were freely made that their school should rank with the best in the county, the patrons and taxpayers are willing to spare no expense to secure these conditions.

The new school building is a frame structure, of the most modern architectural design for a rural school building. The lighting is excellent, and as soon as possible the board will install a modern heating and ventilating plant. The building contains a large school room, well furnished, two entry rooms and a teachers' room and library. The interior walls are plastered, the wainscot and casings are stained a warm brown. There are ample blackboards of natural slate.

The grounds consists of two acres, all of which is under irrigation. These are being leveled, and will be seeded to grass and flowers and planted to trees and shrubbery.

The school is under the care of Miss Mollie Donelson as teacher. Miss Donelson is teaching her first term in Klamath county, and if she continues as popular as she is in her present school she will be in demand as teacher in our schools.

The directors are E. C. Ream, John Matney and Levi Ward, and the clerk is J. Russell Elliott. These men were influential in organizing the district, and have worked faithfully in getting the building erected and the school started. They deserve much credit for the thorough way in which they have done their work. A community that will take this interest in school affairs and do things in the thorough way in which they have started their school, will attract the most desirable home seekers, and make rural life pleasant.

RAILROAD MAY DONATE PARK LAND TO PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Portland soon may be the recipient of a gift of seventy-four acres in South Portland from the O.-W. R. & N., for park and boulevard purposes. Negotiations long have been in progress between Councilmen Montag and Menefee of the park committee of the council, Park Superintendent Mische and the officials of the railroad, and the final papers for the turning of this property over to the city may be signed soon.

This land is said to be valued at approximately \$3,000 an acre, and consists of a strip 200 feet in width through the holdings of the railroad company on the eastern slope of the heights which will form a part of the hillside parkway, part of which is under construction, and the remainder will be a parcel of land in Marquam Gulch, which is greatly desired by the city as a site for a children's playground.

JOHNSON TAKES FALL OUT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE

United Press Service.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 15.—Scathingly reviewing the refusal of the republican national committee to allow presidential primary, Governor Hiram Johnson says progressives of California stand on the principle that "in the selection of the president as in all matters, the people should rule."

He says the reactionary national committee was begging piteously for a presidential primary a month ago, but now shows a change of front.

He denounces as "ambiguous and unintelligible," the call for the national convention, and says that the men who framed the call in Washington forgot one thing—the people.

"The time has gone by when petty politics can deny the great mass of the electorate a voice in the government," he declares.

He made public a letter from La Follette, commending the presidential primary stand of California.