

LOSES LIFE TO GET REVENGE

A PREMATURE BLAST FOELS A WHOLESALE MURDER PLAN

Beck Home on Main Street Is Wrecked by Terrible Explosion—Suffering From Terrible Injuries, Gowan Undergoes an Operation That Ends in Death—Eyes and Arms Lost in the Explosion

Premature explosion of dynamite probably prevented the almost complete extermination of the Beck family about 9:30 last night. George Gowan, a logger, who, it is believed, intended to kill the members of the family, was alone injured in the explosion which occurred in the Beck home, at 745 Main street. He died at Blackburn hospital soon after physicians had amputated his left arm and taken out his eyes.

Jealousy is believed to have been the motive for Gowan's act, although he repeatedly refused to make any statement concerning the affair.

It appears that Gowan has been very attentive to Miss Adeline Beck, 7 years of age. About a week ago he found some letters which had been written by different men to Miss Beck, and became very angry. At that time, according to Miss Beck, Gowan threatened to "get even."

Thursday night Miss Beck and her sister were asked by Gowan to go home from the restaurant where they are employed earlier than usual. The elder sister, Reta, age 21 years, went home alone about 9 o'clock and found Gowan talking with her mother and two brothers. He appeared displeased because Miss Adeline had not come home with her sister, and asked Mrs. Beck to go out and get her.

In the meantime Miss Adeline had gone to a moving picture show, and as soon as the performance was over she went home. Almost immediately after she entered the house, Gowan, without a word, stepped into another room. In a few minutes the explosion occurred.

The police were hastily summoned, and soon medical aid arrived. Gowan was found lying on his stomach. The right side of his face had been blown into pulp, his left arm was blown off just below the elbow, and the palm of his right hand was mutilated.

"Get away from me and leave me alone, — you," the injured man cried, when an effort was made to ascertain the extent of his injuries. "I'm all right."

Repeatedly efforts were made to secure a statement from Gowan, but he declined to talk about his act.

Gowan was rushed to the Blackburn hospital and placed on the operating table at once. He was under the influence of liquor, and talked wildly, but not about the dynamiting.

Drs. Taylor, Chilton, Fisher, Truax and Wright were called, and proceeded to battle for the life of the patient. His left arm was amputated near the elbow and his eyes were taken out. His right hand was mutilated.

About 2:15 a. m. Friday, without having regained consciousness, Gowan died.

Gowan purchased the dynamite at the Baldwin Hardware company's store Thursday morning. He was served by Harry Galarneau. He said that he wanted the explosive to use in blowing out a boom for Ackley Bros. Mr. Galarneau offered to telephone to the powder magazine on the West Side and have the powder delivered at Ackley's, but Gowan said that he would rather go after it. He received an order for ten pounds of 40 per cent powder.

A search of Gowan's room at the Lakeside was made Friday morning by Coroner Earl Whitlock, and from letters found it was ascertained that his parents live in Superior, Wisconsin. They were notified of the tragic end of their son, and Friday afternoon they telegraphed Mr. Whitlock to embalm the body and ship it home.

Gowan, it was ascertained, was 30 years old.

Following Gowan's death Friday morning, Coroner Whitlock took charge of the remains, and in connection with District Attorney Kuykendall and the police department, he is making an investigation. An inquest will be held.

Gowan has recently been employed in Weed. He returned to this city from there about two weeks ago. At the time he placed \$140 with a local saloon keeper for safe keeping. He was rated a good man in the woods, and never had any difficulty in getting work. Last 4th of July he won the log rolling contest which was held here.

A short time before calling at the Beck home, Gowan was in McDonald & Hunsaker's saloon. He talked for a few minutes with Mr. McDonald, and was perfectly sober at that time. "Gowan was very reserved," said Mr. McDonald Friday morning. "He was very popular with his fellow workers, but he did not participate in any of their hilarity."

Gowan had been quite attentive to Miss Beck, and frequently mentioned

WAS GOWAN JEALOUS?

Miss Adeline Beck Tells of the Dynamiter

"Gowan was jealous," said Miss Adeline Beck this afternoon. "He found my letters and said he would 'get even' with me. I know he wanted to kill us all. "He always wanted me to go with him. I didn't like him, but I did go to the show with him a few times."

WATCH IS FOUND

Timepiece Was Probably Blown Through the Roof

Gowan's gold watch was found this afternoon by Ben Southwell about fifteen feet away from the Beck home. It had apparently been blown through the roof of the house and had landed in the snow.

A peculiar feature was that the watch did not appear to be damaged to any great extent, and was still running when it was found.

Thursday night Sam Walker found pieces of a can in which it is believed Gowan had placed the dynamite which exploded. A theory is advanced that Gowan set off the fuse attached to the explosive and intended to hurl it with the can into the room in which were the members of the Beck family. It is supposed that the fuse burned faster than he had planned, and the explosion was premature.

Gowan was familiar with the handling of powder, having worked in the woods most of his life. The theory that Gowan had intended attempting to rob a safe is not redited. It is considered certain that he had secured the explosive for the express purpose of destroying the Beck home and killing the members of the family.

Most groomsome is the kitchen of the Beck home, where the explosion occurred, and many of the curious who visited the room were sickened by the sight of the blood splattered walls, the partly demolished roof and walls, the battered furniture and the fragments of blood covered clothing that are scattered about.

Small pieces of bone from the left arm of the dead man are sticking in the ceiling, being driven far into the wood by the force of the explosion. One of the muscle ligaments from his hand was found on a table and another piece of flesh on a rafter. His hat, blown into shreds, was hanging from a rafter, suspended by a tiny shred that was blown into the wood.

Gowan's overcoat was torn in two pieces by the force of the explosion. The entire left sleeve was blown away and a piece of bone was found on the collar of the garment. The furniture in the dining room was all upset by the explosion with the exception of a table, which was nearest to the kitchen. A large Rochester lamp was burning on the table when the shock came, but it was not even extinguished or upset.

OFFICERS SEEK MISSING POWDER

THIRTY-ONE STICKS OF DYNAMITE ARE LAYING AROUND SOME PLACE — GOWAN USED ONE STICK FROM 10-LB. BOX

There are thirty-one sticks of dynamite laying around some place, and today the officers are searching every nook and corner for it. George Gowan bought a 10-pound box of the explosive Thursday morning, and only four sticks have been accounted for. The box contained 35 sticks.

It is believed that but a single stick exploded last night, and three sticks were found in Gowan's pockets. What he did with the balance of the dynamite is a mystery.

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MADDOX SUES CHARLES LOOMIS

CLAIMS THAT PROPERTY WAS MISREPRESENTED IN A TRADE FOR A BUILDING HERE—HE WANTS \$2,000

Claiming that the property near Merrill that he secured from Chas. Loomis in a trade for the White-Maddox building was not rightfully represented to him, J. A. Maddox has commenced suit against Loomis for \$2,000 damages. C. M. Oneill is attorney for Maddox in the suit, which was filed late Friday afternoon.

A deal was closed last May between Maddox and Loomis whereby Maddox traded his interest in the White-Maddox building to Loomis for 568.61 acres of farm land on the Merrill road. Maddox states that forty acres belonging to Loomis was wrongfully withheld from Maddox in the trade, and that instead, forty acres of worthless hilly land was substituted in the deed.

WILLEY AND TOTEN ARE FINED IN POLICE COURT

Determined that everything in connection with a little exchange of flat-cuffs they held Friday should be strictly according to the law, John Totten and Oscar E. Willey appeared before Police Judge Leavitt Friday afternoon and pleaded guilty to charges of fighting. Each was fined five dollars.

"I don't think it's exactly right that I should be fined, because I got the worst of the mix, and that was bad enough," said Totten.

Willey did not make any comment, seeming to feel that the satisfaction he gained by the rules of etiquette as outlined by a certain Margula of Queensbury was well worth the five.

The two men engaged in a quarrel Friday over a law suit, and decided to fight. They proceeded to an isolated spot and proceeded to battle. The police learned of the affair and the police court proceedings followed.

ICEBERGS HAID TO BREAK UP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Just how indestructible is that enormous terror of the seas, the iceberg, is was recently recounted by the commander of the U. S. S. Birmingham, who reported that though he fired several five-inch shells into one of them little damage was done save for holes showing the shots. The scout vessels Birmingham and Chester which cruised the region of the Titanic disaster, reported that only a patrol of the region would make it safe. There was no other safeguard possible, the commanders said.

Petition for License

To the Honorable, the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

We the undersigned, legal voters of Sprague River Precinct, of the county of Klamath, State of Oregon, being actual residents of said precinct at the date of signing this petition, and having resided therein at least thirty days immediately preceding the date of signing this petition, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to grant unto James Edsall and O. W. Howard, residents of said precinct, under the firm name of "Howard & Edsall" a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors or fermented cider, commonly called "hard cider," within the precinct of Sprague River, in the town of Bly, Klamath County, State of Oregon, for a term of one year from the 1st day of February, 1913, in less quantities than

one gallon.	P. P. Vogee
J. S. Lowry	Wm. Lowry
Homer Cox	Geo. Bloomingcamp
Arthur Hamaker	A. W. Evans
L. L. Griffin	R. E. Hartley
George R. Boyd	Glenn Wilson
E. H. Reddin	C. W. Elliott
J. F. Lowry	M. Sowash
Eldon Davies	F. H. Coates
M. S. Hamaker	W. W. Smith
Earl E. Walker	H. L. Anderson
Elmer Jones	E. W. Whetstone
Mark Johnson	J. J. Anderson
J. O. Watts	Amos Lundy
L. A. Richardson	Chas. Pattee
O. F. Boyd	Wm. W. Ross
Bert Goech	O. T. Anderson
J. S. Watts	J. E. Lowe
D. F. Driscoll	James Calahan
Frank Obenchain	Ross W. Finley
A. R. Kincaid	Ed Bloomingcamp
J. C. Lerbherz	John C. Kappes
W. W. Stanley	

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the foregoing petition will be presented to the county court on the 5th day of February, 1913, and application will be made to said court upon said date for the license herein petitioned for.

Dated at Bly, Klamath County, Oregon, this 28th day of December, 1912.

O. W. HOWARD,
Of the firm of Howard & Edsall.
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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

C. C. BROWER
Attorney and Counselor at Law
Rooms 7 and 8.
Murdock Bldg. Klamath Falls

WILL A. BEONARD
Dentist
White-Maddox bldg.

DR. ANDREW A. SOULE
Physician and Surgeon
Office, Hoyt Hotel. Ft. Klamath

MUSIC
Orchestra or Band
Furnished for all occasions
A. Y. TINDALL
Klamath Falls Herald Office

Oregon Timber Lands Bought and Sold
C. H. WEBBER
508 Lumbermen's Building
Portland, Ore.

Goes to New Mexico
Mrs. Ellen R. Kingston of Moscow, N. Y., who has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. E. J. Murray and Mrs. P. E. Hannon of this city, left Sunday afternoon for Raton, New Mexico, where she will visit another daughter before returning to the Empire State. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Eleanor Sproule, who has been visiting relatives here for the past three months.

Fred Ellis is in from Fort Klamath or a short visit.

E. W. Grunn of Montague is a Klamath Falls visitor.

F. F. Nelson was in from his fine farm in Plevna precinct Friday.

Kid Kenneth of Taft, Calif., put Al Kaufman to sleep after 18 rounds of milling at Coalinga, Calif.

Straw Wins Case
A jury in the justice court late Saturday awarded I. J. Straw a judgment for \$12.72 against O. E. Willey, who brought suit against Straw to recover money. Willey sued Straw for \$73.40, and Straw made a counter claim against Willey.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Henry E. Meier, deceased, by the county court of Klamath County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said are required to present the same to me at the law office of Keesee & Groesbeck, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, verified as required by law.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this 19th day of December, 1912.

JOHN L. MEIER,
Administrator of the Estate of Henry E. Meier, Deceased. 12-19-1-16 r

Administrator's Notice of Filing Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Erickson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account and report as administrator C. T. A. of the estate of Charles Erickson, deceased, and the above entitled court has fixed upon 10 o'clock in the forenoon of January 18th, 1913, as the time, and the county court room, in the court house of Klamath county, Oregon, in the city of Klamath Falls, in said county, as the place, when and where any person may present any objection or exception to anything therein contained, or to anything done by me as administrator, and at said time and place the court will finally settle said account.

This notice is published pursuant to order of the above entitled court made December 5, 1912, and the first publication is made on December 12, 1912.

BERT E. WITHROW,
Administrator of the Estate of Charles Erickson, Deceased.
12-12-1-16 r

Petition for Sale of Real Estate

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Persons and Estates of Margaret Ann Hargus and Harry Buford Hargus, Minors, and All Persons Interested in Their Estates:

You and each of you are hereby or-

dered and directed to appear before this court on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the County Court room of the Klamath county court house in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and show cause why a license should not be granted to Lena L. Smith, guardian of the persons and estates of Margaret Ann Hargus and Harry Buford Hargus, Minors, for the sale of the following described real estate for the benefit of said wards:

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and lots 3 and 4 of Section 21; the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 22, and lot 1 of Section 26, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and lots 1 and 2 of Section 27, in township 40 south, range 8 east of the Willamette meridian, in Klamath county, Oregon.

Done and dated in open court this 5th day of December, 1912.

W. S. WORDEN,
County Judge.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

Sarah Wallace Currin, Plaintiff,
vs.
Robert Hope Currin, Defendant.

To Robert Hope Currin, the above-named Defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before Thursday, the 23d day of January 1913, that being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons. The first publication thereof being on Thursday, the 12th day of December, 1912; and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit, for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, for the care and custody of Hugh Currin, a minor child, the issue of said marriage, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable. This summons is served on the defendant herein by the publication thereof in the Klamath Republican, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Klamath Falls, Oregon, once a week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Honorable Henry L. Benson, judge of the above entitled court, made, dated and filed in said suit, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 11th day of December, 1912, the date of the first publication thereof being on Thursday, December 12th, 1912.

KEESSEE & GROESBECK,
12-12-1-16 r Attorneys for Plaintiff

Summons

In the Circuit Court in and for Klamath County, State of Oregon.

Frank S. Jester, Plaintiff,
vs.
Sarah Jester, Defendant.

To Sarah Jester, the Defendant above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby summoned to plead, answer or demur to the complaint filed in the above entitled suit within six weeks after the first publication of this summons in the Klamath Republican, a newspaper, and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer, plead or demur within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in said suit, to-wit: For a decree of this court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the above entitled court made herein on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1912, and the first publication thereof is made in the Klamath Republican on November 28th, A. D. 1912.

W. H. A. RENNER,
11-28-1-9 r Attorney for Plaintiff.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County.

A. A. Bellman, Plaintiff,
vs.
Isaac E. Mitchell; the Unknown Heirs of Issace Mitchell; Ludwig Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Ludwig Biehn; Lewis Biehn the Unknown Heirs of Lewis Biehn; W. I. Nichols; the Unknown Heirs of Charles Percy Nichols; Jennie T. Nichols; the Unknown Heirs of Jennie T. Nichols; Elizabeth Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Elizabeth Biehn; Fred Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Fred Biehn; Also All Other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming Any Right, Title, Estate, Lien or Interest in the Real Estate Described Herein, Defendants.

To Isaac E. Mitchell; the Unknown

Heirs of Issace Mitchell; Ludwig Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Ludwig Biehn; Lewis Biehn the Unknown Heirs of Lewis Biehn; W. I. Nichols; the Unknown Heirs of W. I. Nichols; Charles Percy Nichols; the Unknown Heirs of Charles Percy Nichols; Jennie T. Nichols; the Unknown Heirs of Jennie T. Nichols; Elizabeth Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Elizabeth Biehn; Fred Biehn; the Unknown Heirs of Fred Biehn; Also All Other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming Any Right, Title, Estate, Lien or Interest in the Real Estate Described Herein:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby summoned to appear and answer the complaint filed in the above entitled suit within six weeks after the first publication of this summons in the Klamath Republican newspaper.

And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer, or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the above entitled court for the relief demanded in his complaint filed in said suit, to-wit:

For decree determining all adverse claims of the defendants, or any other party or parties, in or to the following described real property, to-wit: "Beginning at the corner of Main and Eighth streets, in the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, the said point being the north-westerly corner of block 40, in the said city of Klamath Falls (formerly Linkville) thence along the line of Main street, the same being the southerly line of said aMin street, and in an easterly direction, a distance of 92 feet; thence at right angles in a southerly or southeasterly direction, parallel with Eighth street, a distance of 120 feet, to the southerly line of lot 6 in said block 40; thence at right angles, along the southerly line of lots 5 and 6 in said block 40, in a westerly direction, and parallel with Main street, a distance of 92 feet to the line of Eighth street; thence at right angles, along the line of Eighth street, in a northerly or northwesterly direction, a distance of 120 feet, to the place of beginning; And declaring the plaintiff to be the owner in fee simple of the said described lands, and that the defendants and all other persons be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said land or premises adverse to this plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet in the premises.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable Henry L. Benson, judge of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Klamath county, made and entered on the 23d day of November, A. D. 1912, and the first publication thereof is made in the Klamath Republican on November 28th, 1912.

KUYKEUDALL FERGUSON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
11-28-1-9 r

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an execution duly issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the County of Klamath, State of Oregon, dated the 23d day of November, 1912, in a certain action in the circuit court for said county and state, wherein F. P. Doyle, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against W. F. McCollum, Ethel Elnora McCollum, Abel Ady and Alex Martin, Jr., for the sum of \$2,904.45, and costs and disbursements on the 22d day of November, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 3rd day of January, 1913, at the front door of the court house in Klamath Falls in said county, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and lots 1 and 2, all in Section 21.

Lots 5 and 6 in Section 16. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28. W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 27.

All in township forty (40), south of Range eight (8), East of Willamette Meridian, in Oregon, and situated in Klamath county in said state, and containing four hundred thirty-two and 35-100 (432.35) acres, according to the government survey thereof.

Taken and levied upon as the property of the said defendants, W. F. McCollum and Ethel Elnora McCollum, Abel Ady and Alex Martin, Jr., or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of Plaintiff F. P. Doyle against said defendants, with interest thereon, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue. Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, November 23, 1912.

W. B. BARNES, Sheriff.
GEO. A. HAYDON, Deputy.
12-5-1-2 r