

Weekly Oregon Statesman

EVIDENCE OF FOUL CRIME UNCOVERED BY GRAND JURY

Norman Williams Indicted For Forgery of Signature to Relinquishment

COLD BLOODED MURDER

Of Mrs. Nesbett and Her Daughter Is Indicated

Started From Hood River In the Night—Seen no More

PORTLAND, Oct. 29.—An indictment, returned today by the United States grand jury against Norman Williams on the charge of forging the name of Alma Nesbett to homestead relinquishment, brings to light the details of what was probably a double murder in Wasco county.

Williams is supposed to be in Canada at this time, and an effort will be made to effect his arrest and return for trial on the forgery charge. If this is done, the charge of murder probably will be worked up against him in connection with it, under the jurisdiction of the state courts.

used, the county was scoured, but never a trace of the missing women came to light. Officers took the matter in hand, attempted to work up the case, but their efforts, too, were unsuccessful. A peculiar circumstance in connection with the disappearance of the women, as far as can be learned, is that the fact of their probable murder never became known outside of the local community, but it has ever since been regarded as one of the mysteries of the Hood River country.

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PUTS AN END TO EXISTENCE

Man Who Murdered His Sister Has Committed Suicide

IN THE POLICE STATION

Thomas Bechtel Who Dealt Girl a Death Blow With Fist

SISTER HAD BEEN AWAY FROM HOME AND WAS MET UPON HER RETURN HOME BY ANGRY BROTHER—TRIED TO COVER UP CRIME.

QUESTION IS A HARD ONE

Who Has Power to Act as Governor in His Absence?

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 29.—Thomas Bechtel, held on the charge of murdering his sister, Mabel Bechtel, at their home a few days ago, committed suicide this afternoon at the central police station. The police tonight gave out the story of the killing.

CALLS NO DOCTOR

Mrs. C. L. Marlatt Depends on Christian Science and Dies

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Florence L. Marlatt, wife of C. L. Marlatt, assistant entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, died here yesterday after a long illness. Coroner Neville gave a certificate of death from inflammation of the stomach. According to the explanation given to the coroner, Mrs. Marlatt was a Christian Scientist and refused to have a physician called.

PARK'S CROWD CARRIED DAY

Bridge and Iron Workers Order Strike All Over the Country

TO ENFORCE RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYERS—PRESIDENT MITCHELL UNABLE TO ARBITRATE WITH COLORADO OPERATORS—STRIKE WILL BE ORDERED.

ARE BOTH IN JAIL

NO BOND OFFERED FOR THOMAS BECHTEL AND ALFRED ECKSTEIN.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 29.—No bond has been offered yet for Thomas Bechtel and Alfred Eckstein, brother and sweetheart of Mabel Eckstein, who was murdered last Monday. The young men were committed to prison in default of bail. Neither is charged with the murder of the girl, but both are detained as witnesses. Mayor Lewis said today:

FOR CITIZENS TICKET

ASTORIANS ISSUE CALL FOR MASS MEETING TO PREPARE FOR ELECTION.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 29.—A call for an assembly of all the electors of the city of Astoria, regardless of party affiliation, has been issued by the citizens' committee. The call states that all who believe in a non-partisan, business-like administration of municipal government are requested to meet at the court house on Saturday evening, October 31, for the purpose of nominating a non-partisan citizens' ticket for the coming municipal election.

IS MAKING HISTORY.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 29.—George H. Himes, of Portland, assistant secretary and curator of the Oregon Historical Society, is in Albany in the interests of the society. He is endeavoring to collect information regarding early Oregon history, and especially regarding Oregon pioneers, and is also on the

THE RECORDS WERE BROKEN

Montana Appeal Cases Rushed Through in a Hurry

ON ACCOUNT OF URGENCY

Supreme Court May Grant Motion to Advance Them on Calendar

BUTTE, Ont., Oct. 29.—The two appeals to the supreme court in the MacGinniss injunction suits against the Boston & Montana Company have been perfected in record-breaking time. The injunction orders were made by Judge Clancy last Friday. It is believed, in view of the urgency of the situation and the magnitude of the interests involved in this state and elsewhere, the supreme court will grant a motion to advance the cases on its calendar.

Will Consider Condition.

Butte, Ont., Oct. 29.—A great mass meeting was held at the Auditorium tonight under the auspices of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly, to consider the desperate condition of affairs that confronts the working men of this city.

Will Meet Committee.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 29.—Governor J. K. Toole will leave tomorrow morning for Butte, where he will meet the other members of the mediation committee.

A GOOD STATE FOR NUTS.

In response to a request from H. E. Dosch, a box of very fine Spanish chestnuts were sent by J. H. Settemiler, of Woodburn, to the permanent exhibit yesterday. Some of the nuts are still in the burrs and others are husked, and Mr. Dosch says hand-some or better cannot be found anywhere. They are not to be eaten raw, like the little sweet American chestnuts, but either boiled or roasted, are much used in Germany, France, Spain and Italy, and are highly valued. They are practically the same as those seen in places about the city, usually called Italian chestnuts. None of the nut-producing trees are native to Oregon, the only nuts found by early settlers being the hazelnut and chinquapin. Contrary to a very general opinion, this state is well adapted to growing most kinds of nut trees. Chestnut and black walnut trees are common and produce well and there are several flourishing orchards of English walnuts in Yamhill county. Pecans, butternuts, filberts and almonds do well here and fine samples of all grown by H. E. Dosch are to be seen at the permanent exhibit. A few days ago a lot of hickory nuts as large and fine as are produced in Illinois were sent in by a man who found a hickory tree growing beside a street, on the East Side. There is a large tree in the center of the block on which Vincent Cook has his residence, which has been a source of wonderment to many. Some said it was a sycamore and others an ash. Mr. Cook did not know what it was, but said it produced some kind of nuts, but the boys always took care of them. Of late he has kept a lookout and a few days ago found out that it was an English walnut and had a good many nuts on it. No one now is deterred from planting nut trees from fear of the trouble of harvesting the crop, for the street boys will attend to that.—Oregonian.

LOWER THEIR PRICE

FRIARS HOPE FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF PHILIPPINES LAND QUESTION.

MANILA, Oct. 29.—Monsignor Guidi, the Roman prelate sent to Manila as apostolic delegate to conduct negotiations between the Vatican and the United States Government regarding the sale of land held in the Philippines by the friars, is urging a settlement of the matter before Governor Taft leaves for America. The Governor upon his part says he hopes the sale will be concluded before his departure, from the fact that the friars have reduced their price considerably.

BY A LUCKY BLOW

HERRERA, THE MEXICAN, KNOCKED SANTRY OUT IN THE THIRTEENTH.

ANACONDA, Mont., Oct. 29.—Aurelio Herrera, the light-weight Mexican pugilist, tonight knocked out Eddie Santry of Chicago, in the thirteenth round of what was to have been a twenty-round go. Santry had the best of the fight up to the last round but while mixing it fiercely in the thirteenth, Santry received a terrific short-arm jolt behind the ear and went down and put.

LEFT OWING \$126,000.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Adolph Friedman, whose arrest has just been reported at Budapest, at the instance of the United States authorities on the charge of fraudulent bankruptcy in New York, formerly conducted the business of a dry goods auctioneer in this city. He disappeared in December, 1898, leaving creditors, it is alleged, for \$126,000. In 1900, action was commenced against him. Before going away he drew \$13,000 from various banks where he had deposits.

LADRONE LEADER CONDEMNED.

MANILA, Oct. 29.—Paustino Milermo, leader of the band of ladrones which for months past has been raiding the province of Rizal, has been sentenced to death. Two of his officers have been sentenced to imprisonment for life and two others to imprisonment for twenty-five years.

REMAINS MAY GO TO LONDON

Body of Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker Arrives in Chicago

WAS INJURED IN WRECK

At Dean Lake, Missouri, and Died While Enroute to Marceline

HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF ARMY MET CORPSE AT STATION—WILL LIE IN STATE UNTIL TONIGHT—FATHER'S TRIBUTE TO HIS DAUGHTER.

CORPSES WERE MIXED

FUNERAL INTERRUPTED BY DISCOVERY THAT WRONG BODY WAS IN COFFIN.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—The body of Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, who died this morning at 3 o'clock, just as the train bearing her from the scene of the wreck at Dean Lake, Missouri, was drawing into Marceline, Missouri, reached Chicago tonight on a Santa Fe train.

CHINESE GAMBLERS FINED

CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 29.—Five Chinamen were fined \$3 each last week for gambling. A raid was made by officers upon the Chinese wash house, in an attempt to arrest some professional Chinese gamblers who make it a point to come to Corvallis and fleece the local Celestials out of their cash, but they could not be found. No gambling is allowed in this city.

WORKED CHECK SWINDLE

NEW YORK GANG VICTIMIZES MERCHANTS TO EXTENT OF \$25,000.

TO RETIRE FROM SERVICE

CAPTAIN STELLMACHER RESIGNS COMMAND OF ALBANY MILITIA COMPANY.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 29.—After ten years of almost continuous service as a member of the Oregon National Guard, including fifteen months' service as an Oregon volunteer in the Spanish-American war, Captain Frank C. Stellmacher, commanding officer of Company G, Third Infantry, O. N. G., Albany, has resigned his commission and will retire from the service. The fact that he has resigned has not yet been made public, but Captain Stellmacher said yesterday that he had sent his resignation as captain to brigade headquarters at Portland, and that he had received notice to turn the

HAVE FORMED ORGANIZATION

National Federation of Employers Adopt Name For Association

TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THE LAW AND RIGHTS OF CITIZENS, TO RESIST ENCROACHMENTS ON RIGHTS, AND TO PROMOTE HARMONY.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—A conference for the purpose of forming a National Federation of Employers' Association to cope with the labor problems voted tonight to adopt the name of "Citizens' Industrial Association of America."

"KEEP OFF THE STEPS"

SILVER-TONGUED ORATOR FIRED FROM POSTOFFICE BY THE WATCHMAN.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 29.—W. J. Bryan was tonight ordered off the steps of the Toledo postoffice by the watchman. Two thousand people had gathered to hear Bryan speak when the watchman informed him he could not speak from the steps. The meeting was adjourned to the corner and the crowd followed.

BLOODY AFFRAY AT SPOKANE.

SPOKANE, Wt., Oct. 29.—A probably fatal stabbing affray took place at Republic, Wash., late yesterday afternoon. Thomas Anderson and James McCormick became involved in a legal dispute over a tract of land near Iron Creek. The case was decided in court yesterday, and as the parties were leaving the court room they engaged in a war of words, which finally resolved itself into a fight. McCormick was knocked down and he pulled a knife from his pocket and stabbed Anderson twice in the back, cutting gashes that are likely to prove fatal. McCormick was locked up.

PRESERVING PLANT CLOSES DOWN.

ASHLAND, Or., Oct. 29.—The Ashland Preserving Company, after a successful run of four months, closes down for the season this week. During the season they have canned and preserved ten car loads of goods, which have been shipped to Seattle, north and south, between Roseburg and Redding, Cal. There has been a great increase of business in the preserving department, and the amounts of jellies, jams, fruit butters and tomato catsup put up are largely in excess of any previous year. The shortage in the peach and tomato crops has cut down the totals in the canning department, but the following amounts are some of the items in the canned goods line: This

THEIVING OFFICER SENTENCED.

MANILA, Oct. 29.—Lieutenant James W. Walsh, Jr., constabulary supply officer, stationed at Masbate, in the Province of Visayas, Military Department of Luzon, convicted recently of embezzling \$12,000 of Government funds, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER KILLED.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—The Santa Fe passenger was wrecked at Dean Lake, Missouri. Seven were injured, and it is believed, some fatally. It is reported that Mrs. Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army died of injuries received.