

# NORMAN WILLIAMS HANGED

## Multi-Murderer Pays Penalty of His Crimes at The Dalles This Morning

The Dalles, Ore., July 21.—Daniel Norman Williams, the alleged multi-murderer, whose crimes extend from Iowa to Oregon, and who for so many years escaped the penalty of his acts, was hanged in the county jail here today.

The execution took place at 6:08 this morning. He went to the gallows without faltering, and met his end without a tremor. He refused to talk, and was pronounced dead 15 minutes after the trap was sprung.

Williams was hanged for one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of Oregon, the cold-blooded and brutal murder of Miss Alma Nesbitt on the night of March 8, 1900, on his home, a small ranch, about 20 miles from Hood River. At the same time he killed her mother, Mrs. Louisa Jane Nesbitt, for the purpose of securing possession of a homestead claim taken up by Miss Nesbitt adjoining his, and to cover up other crimes which he is alleged to have committed against Miss Nesbitt. Back of this is a series of crimes in Iowa with which he was connected.

Williams knew the Nesbitts in Nebraska and induced them to come West. He then persuaded Alma to take up a homestead, which he did in 1899. A short time after this he induced her to marry him, although he had a wife living at that time in Iowa, and was the father of several children, who are of an adult age.

But a short time after this marriage, which was a secret one performed at Vancouver, Wash., in July, 1899, Williams is supposed to have learned that his wife could not hold her homestead, which is believed to have been the object of the marriage. On March 8, 1900, Williams, Alma Nesbitt and her mother left Portland for Hood River. They arrived there late in the evening and started to drive to the claim of Williams, a distance of 20 miles, although the night was dark and stormy. That was the last seen of the two women in life. Williams returned to Hood River the following morning without them.

The evidence, which was circumstantial, showed that Williams took the two women out in a buggy and murdered both with an ax, horribly mutilating them. The crime was committed only after a bitter struggle, in which the women evidently resisted to their utmost their gruesome fate. He then buried their bodies in a huge brush pile and burned them.

Williams built his plans carefully, and even went so far as to construct a henhouse over the graves of the unfortunate women. He endeavored to account for their absence by declaring that they had gone to Washington, and asserted that Alma had entered on a fast life. He wrote such a story of her to her sister, who is a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and to other friends of the murdered women in the east.

Sometime after George Nesbitt of Iowa endeavored to trace the whereabouts of his mother and sister, and became convinced that Williams had murdered them. The murderer had failed to remove all traces of his crime. A portion of Mrs. Nesbitt's scalp with long gray tresses attached thereto and some bloodstained gunnysacks were found. The bodies of the two women have never been found.

Expert testimony showed that a portion of the hair and scalp had been torn from the head of Mrs. Williams while she was yet alive, and these gruesome relics were shown in

court, where Williams sat unmoved. The murderer had been arrested meanwhile in Washington, and the strongest evidence of a circumstantial nature was built up against him. The trial, which took place in April, 1904, was an intensely dramatic one, and resulted in the conviction of the prisoner.

Attempts to appeal the case proved futile, and in sullen silence Williams went to the gibbet carrying with him the complete story of the way in which he had murdered, in the darkness of the stormy March night, two women who had trusted him to the full extent of human confidence.

During his long confinement Williams has grown religious and adopted the faith of the "Holy Rollers." When his final appeal to the supreme court was refused and Governor Chamberlain declined to interfere, Williams issued the following statement: "In the name of Jesus Christ I forgive all my enemies. As I will stand before God on the great judgment day I so now declare before all men that I am innocent of any and all charges brought to bear against me for the alleged murder of Alma Nesbitt and her mother. I declare this is the only statement I ever made or ever will make, either in court, out of court, or upon the gallows when I stand there within the shadow of death to face my eternal judge. So help me God, Norman Williams."

Williams is also accused of a double murder committed at Muscatine, Ia., August 18, 1902, when an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tumans, were killed in a lonely hut in the Sherefy woods, near the town. Williams was known in Iowa as Daniel Williams and was working as a farm hand for the

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Tumans. He disappeared after the murder and all trace was lost of him by the Iowa authorities until his arrest for the Nesbitt murder, when his photograph was identified and the connection made complete.

At the time Williams married Alma Nesbitt he was already married, his wife being in Nebraska. After killing the Nesbitt woman at Hood River he married a Miss Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, a pioneer, and resident of the Waldo Hills, and a cousin of G. W. Jones, of this city. When Williams was arrested his wife was living in Bellingham Bay. She had been in poor health, and was taking medicine in the form of tablets. It is supposed that Williams, knowing this, had placed a poisoned tablet in the bottle or box, for she died very suddenly. She was seen in her room shortly before she died, reading a newspaper. A few moments later she called for help, but before a physician could be called she expired. The coroner's jury found that her death was caused by poison. It is supposed that Williams, fearing she might testify against him in the matter of bigamy, took this manner of getting her out of the way. There is no shadow of doubt about his killing Alma Nesbitt and it is almost certain that he poisoned his last wife, as well as having several murders to his credit. Sheriff Sexton did a good work for humanity today.

Williams was a heavy set, stolid looking man, weighing 190 pounds, dark sandy complexion, light mustache, bald on top of his head. He was about 50 years of age.

### BASEBALL BASEBALL!

Corvallis vs. Siletz, at Newport, Sunday, July 23, 1905.

A series of baseball games have been arranged to be played at Newport every Sunday during the summer season. The first game will be played next Sunday, July 23d, between the Corvallis team and the Siletz Indian boys. Low Sunday excursion rates from Albany and Corvallis to Newport are on sale every Sunday. Three-day tickets from Salem and other points will be good going or returning on the Sunday trains. Come and enjoy the national sport, and a day at the seaside. Excursion trains leave Albany at 7:30 a. m.

### Grand Ball.

Friday night, July 21st, at M. E. A. hall, half mile west of Chemawa. Ristic's orchestra.

### German Day.

A good delegation of loyal German-Americans went to Portland this morning to participate in the German Day celebration at the fair. Among them are Wm. Butte and family, Mrs. Wenderoth and sons, Miss Louise Heidecker, Chas. Wols and family, Wm. Hamburg and his better half, Steve Haber, Ignatz Steiner, Frank Bergelt, Hon. H. G. Sonnenmann and others.

This party will remain for the festivities in honor of their fatherland, and all are entitled to a good outing.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. A. H. Taliaferro gave a party at her home, 187 East Third street, Saturday evening in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Smith, of Salem, who is visiting here. A delightful evening was spent at cards and other amusements, and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Smith was the recipient of a number of gifts as tokens of esteem in which she is held by her friends. The guests all expressed themselves as being splendidly entertained by the hostess.—Eugene Guard.

### Pugh-Haynes Wedding.

Miss Florence Haynes and Mr. David W. Pugh were married at the Evangelical parsonage, at Albany, Wednesday evening, in the presence of a few friends, F. W. Lanner officiating.

The young couple are well and favorably known. The groom is a resident of this city, having held the position as fire chief for a number of years, until a week or two ago, when he resigned and is now employed by the Independence-Salem Auto Company. He is very popular among his friends. The bride's home is in Linn county, but she has resided in the city the past spring, and made many friends. They are spending a brief honeymoon in Portland.

### Albany Wedding.

An Albany wedding of interest to many Salem friends was the marriage of Miss Ollie Huston, daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Worth Huston, to Mr. Earl Fisher, which took place Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about 40 relatives and intimate friends. Rev. Clark Bower, of the Christian church, performed the ceremony. The bride was accompanied by Miss Adah Ward as bridesmaid. Little Ruth Fisher, niece of the groom, was flower girl. Miss Flo Dannaal played the wedding march.

The groom is deputy county assessor, and a young man of good qualities. The bride is a native daughter of Linn county, and very popular in Albany social circles. They will live in Albany.

### Entertaining Eastern Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spaulding and their daughter, Mrs. A. C. Geiger, have entertained a number of Eastern relatives and old acquaintances this summer. Miss Ivy Copeland, a niece of Mrs. Spaulding, arrived in the city last evening from Glascow, Kansas, and will remain for the rest of the summer. Last week they enjoyed a visit from some of their old acquaintances, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Studt, of Glascow, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Clendinen and little daughter, Ernestine, of Atchison, and Dr. Sturbur, of Independence, Kansas, have also been their guests, and left Sunday for a trip through California, and then will return home. Mrs. Clendinen and little daughter have been visiting here almost two months, and were recently joined by Mr. Clendinen and his friend.

### Salmon Run Improving.

There was a decided improvement today in the supply of salmon, and some of the gillnet fishermen reported at the packing houses with good catches. Two of the Tallant-Grant Company's boats brought in more than 600 pounds each this morning, and it is reported that men employed at other canneries made similar good hauls last night. Packers and fishermen believe that a big run is close at hand, and some of the fishermen go so far as to declare that the heavy run will reach the river this week. Reports from the traps and seins are not so encouraging, but improvement there is looked for.—Astoria News.

### Gilpin in Trouble Again.

John Gilpin, whose name is very familiar in police circles, was arrested this morning by Officer Lewis on information from the sheriff of Polk county, and is now awaiting the arrival of that official, in the county jail. Gilpin is wanted in Dallas to answer the charge of forgery. He will be remembered as the man who was ordered to leave Salem a few months ago on account of his relations with an Indian woman.

### CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

THAT HUNGRY REELING is something you want-and don't want to keep. The place to lose it is at COFFEY'S RESTAURANT 205 Commercial Street

## STREETS SHADE AND WATER

### Council Will Improve First, Protect Second and Provide Third

A special session of the city council was held last night for the purpose of considering an ordinance covering the proposed improvement of South Commercial street, but, as the matter of assessments for the same had not been fully completed, nothing could be done in this regard. A petition from the abutting property owners on High street was, however, presented to the council, and unanimously adopted by that body. The resolution has for its purpose the permanent improvement of High street, and will provide for the cutting down of the Hughes' hill.

The resolution is as follows: "Whereas, The city of Salem deems it expedient to improve High street from the north line of trade street to the north line of Lincoln street, and bringing the same to its proper grade and by using crushed rock, which said rock shall be to the depth of nine inches at the center and six inches at the curb line; "Therefore, be it resolved, that the city recorder be and he is hereby instructed to publish a notice and that said improvements shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the charter."

The result of the case again the foreman of the telephone construction gang being what it was stirred the council to action. Upon motion of Alderman Downing, the city attorney was instructed to draw up a bill for an ordinance looking to the protection of the shade trees within the city. The council has thus decided to take stringent measures, if necessary, to protect the trees, which have taken years of toil and care to develop, and which add so much beauty and comfort to the Capital City.

Peter Graber was elected a hoseman in the fire department and Clark Churchill was appointed temporary engineer. A chief of the department will be elected at the next regular meeting of the council.

The committee on fire and water recommended that arrangements be made for the protection of property in South Salem, and for that purpose the street commissioner was instructed to fix a place near the Schindler dairy in South Salem to pump water from the Willamette slough in case of fire in that section of the city, and also one along the river about midway between North Mill creek and the Labor Exchange building in North Salem. By suggestion of Alderman Gesner the street commissioner and fire chief were instructed to examine the creek banks and see if similar places cannot be provided along the different streams running through the city.

### Qualified Electors.

Salem, Or., July 21, 1905. Ed. Journal: Having been asked by a number of persons the question as to who are qualified to vote at the coming city election on the proposition of bonding the city for \$35,000, to build seven proposed cement bridges, and having thoroughly examined the city charter and the amendments thereto upon this subject, do hereby give it as our opinion that no one is entitled to vote at said election, but male residents of the city of Salem who pay taxes on property within said city, and are otherwise qualified to vote as by law required.

W. T. SLATER,  
W. H. HOLMES,  
I. N. MAXWELL,  
P. H. D'ARCY,  
R. P. BOISE,  
W. M. KAISER.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*

The hot weather in the eastern states is something perfectly dreadful, but the weather here in Salem is just right to make the recital enjoyable, at the M. E. church this evening.

To Fight Mail Order Houses. Sioux Falls, S. D., July 21.—Representative retail and wholesale merchants of South Dakota met in convention here today to organize for the purpose of fighting the encroachments of the big Eastern mail order houses. Those behind the movement hope to devise some plan by which the mail order house will be forced to abandon the South Dakota field.

## X-RAYS

And yet John Hay died worth \$2,000,000.

If Peary finds the pole, Silverton will sure claim it.

And just think of Uncle Collis' wife being in the swim.

A dog's bark is not really bark until it gets outside of him.

The cheapest way to "hit the Trail" is when you reach Portland hit it for home.

Now Tacomas are willing to compromise, and call the big mountain Tacoma.

Every dog has its day, and so does almost everything else at the Lewis and Clark fair.

New York must be pretty naughty, when \$10,000 is considered cheap for hush money.

If Carnegie really wants to die poor, he should buy a mining prospect and then develop it.

It comes high for New Yorkers to buy "Fads and Fancies," but they love it for the things it doesn't say.

G. O. Walker, of Lane, and O. E. Flook, of Douglas, are said to be the jurymen who found the others stubborn.

A woman aged 29, mother of four children, eloped from Ann Arbor, Michigan, with a 13-year-old boy Thursday. Now let us hear from Kansas.

There is a good run of salmon in Rogue river as far as the Golden Drift dam. There the run ceases to run on account of the dam obstruction.

Everybody's Magazine for August is at hand. It is marked "Fiction Number," and its leading article is Lawson's "Frenzied Finance." Charming frankness.

The Pacific Monthly is getting out of its old grooves. It used to be a sort of mutual admiration medium for a half dozen old geezers, but it is now a pretty fair magazine.

"A pink comet with green eyes and red wings and a blue tail through which the stars can be seen." Well, we don't visit Cloud Cap Inn this season, not with that quality of soothing syrup.

There are more salmon destroyed in one season by the fish not being able to get up Rogue river than ever were killed by all the sawdust put in all the streams of the world since Adam saw Eve and went to board with her.

### Russians Surrender.

Tokio, Japan, July 21.—It is officially announced that 461 Russian soldiers on the island of Saghalien, together with 15 officers, have surrendered to the Japanese.

## YOUR VACATION

Is spoiled if you find that the strange food and water does not agree with your weak stomach. You suffer from Cramps, Diarrhoea, Nausea or Kidney Troubles. Be sure and take a bottle of

### HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

with you and be able to enjoy your trip thoroughly. It strengthens the stomach and prevents the above ailments as well as Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Sleeplessness, Poor Appetite or Malaria, Fever and Ague.

## STATE NEWS

The St. Paul baseball team beat the Gervais team Sunday by a score of 6 to 7.

The Dix Bros.' sawmill, located at Canby, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning, together with a large quantity of lumber; loss \$3000.

The big mill of Davenport Bros. Lumber Co., at Green Point, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The loss will come near \$15,000. There was no insurance.

John R. Coleman, an old pioneer of Southern Oregon, aged 84 years, died at his home in Ashland the first part of the week. He was a veteran of the Indian wars.

Miss Anna Dickinson, of Gervais, died at her home Tuesday, July 18th, aged 66 years. Deceased was a well known and highly respected woman. She leaves five children.

Mosier's box factory, near Hood River was destroyed by fire Wednesday, loss \$4000. There was a large indebtedness on the plant, and it is a serious loss to the owners.

The Waldo Hills Pioneer Association was organized on the farm of John A. Hunt Saturday. A picnic was held, and was attended by a large number of pioneers and their children.

The annual reunion of the Smith family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Smith, at Silverton, on Tuesday, July 12th. These reunions have been held every year for 14 years, and are a feature of that family.

The Coos Bay baseball league will soon be a thing of the past. Marshfield has withdrawn from the league, and yesterday the manager of the Bandon team resigned, so it leaves the North Bend and Coquille teams alone. They have been at the head of the league from the beginning, and are tied for the pennant.

The Modern Woodmen are holding a three-day monster log-rolling at Gold Hill, and over 2000 visitors are present. The Roseburg state band and baseball team are present, besides three other bands, from Medford, Ashland and the ladies' band of Gold Hill. About 500 candidates will be initiated.

### One Normal Down and Out.

Unless \$10,000 can be raised for the Weston normal school between now and July 28th, that institution will have to suspend operations during the next year. A decision to this effect was reached last evening at the meeting of the regents of the normal school, as was predicted in the East Oregonian Monday evening. Also, Regent G. W. Probstel was appointed to have charge of the building and equipment of the school during the time of suspension.

In speaking of the matter this morning, R. Alexander, president of the board of regents, said that the action taken at the meeting last night was the only course open to the board, as it is necessary for the school to have actual money available before anything could be done towards keeping it going during the next year. According to him there was evidently a misunderstanding regarding the subscriptions that were made for the school by parties at Weston and elsewhere in the county.

Those who had so subscribed maintain that they thought they were simply making a loan to the regents instead of making a donation, with the hope of having the amount refunded by the next legislature. However, he does not believe that the false impression was given out intentionally by those who did the soliciting.—East Oregonian.

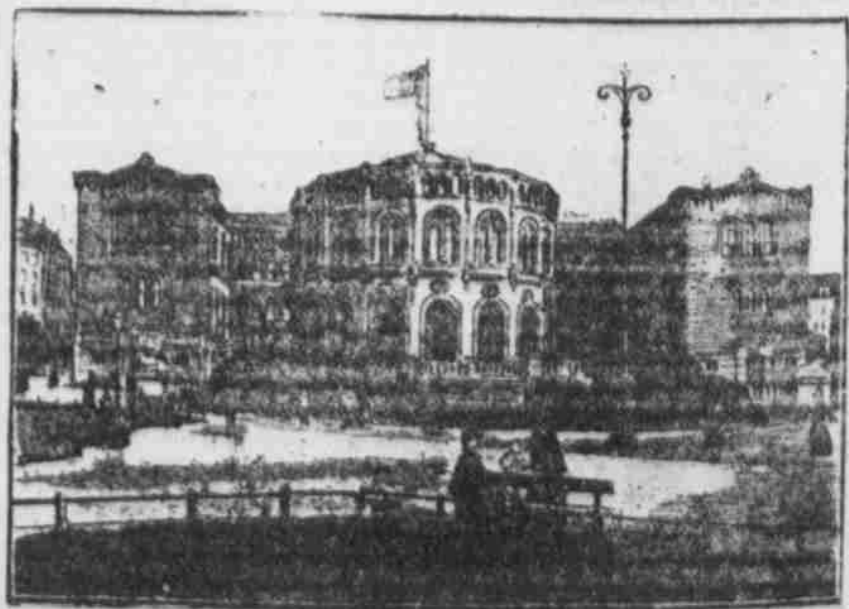
We have had recitals and recitals this year, but, as in the days of old, "the best of wine is reserved to the last of the feast." So you can't afford to miss the recital at the M. E. church this evening. All invited. Ad. mission 50c; children 25c.

## OUR BUSINESS

in the past has been very satisfactory, but we realize that there are men, women and children at our very doors, who could and should have a bank account, who have never deposited one cent in a bank. We are now after this class especially, and will not be satisfied until we have interested them. We want you to call and investigate our methods and be convinced that it is to your advantage to open an account with us.

## Salem State Bank

L. K. PAGE, President  
E. W. HAZARD, Cashier



The Storching building at Christiania, the theatre of Norway's drama of revolution.