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GOD MADE RIVERS, MAN RAILWAYS RAIN AND FLOODS BRING DESTRUCTION

WID HE PAY THE PENALTY

He Gave Up One Life, But He Took
the Lives of Five
Others

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—Jed Hamilton, a youth convicted of killing the Parsons family, October 12th, was hanged today. The largest crowd ever in the city attended the execution. He quarreled with Carl Parsons over an old saddle, shot Parsons then killed Mrs. Parsons with an axe. Three sons of the Parsons, aged 5, 3 and 1 year, crawled through the bushes but Hamilton dragged them out one by one and cut their throats. He piled the bodies in their wagon into which the Parsons family was making a pilgrimage to their old home in Illinois, drove to the creek and dumped them. Hamilton was at church with his wife when he heard the bodies were in the mill dam. He bade her goodbye and fled on one of Parsons' horses, but soon was captured.

A Dead Sure Strike.
Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—Two hundred and fifty miners are idle at the Goldfield and two other leases, but are believed an early settlement to be made, and the strike will not become general. The union demands \$100 a day.

Stanford Kickers.
The Stanford University football team passed through the city this morning on their way to Victoria, B. C., where it will play a series of three games with the Englishmen. Coach Lanagan is taking his Rugby team on this trip to meet the Canadians at their own game. On their return trip they will probably have a game at Seattle about January 5.

Brown in Town.
Clarence Blank, after a quiet night's rest behind the city bars was charged by Recorder Moore \$5 for one drunk and the privilege of walking up the street with one of Salem's officers. He thought the price high, but had to stand for it as Spookshake says: "False, fleeting prepared Clarence."

Just a Little Joke.
New York, Dec. 21.—It was learned today the "Standard of New Jersey," the great holding company conflicting with the federal laws has given up the stock of all constituent concerns and now complies with the statutes. The United States attorneys will compel the defendants to prove this when the federal proceedings begin at St. Louis.

On Account of Sex.
Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Habeas corpus proceedings were begun in the federal court here today by attorney for Mrs. Agnes Meyers sentenced to hang January 10th for the murder of her husband.

Plenty More Left.
Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—The treasure box from Tonopah, containing \$30,000 was stolen last night from the Well-Fargo car.

SEATTLE COUNTRY FLOODED

Storm Also Vents Its Wrath
East of the Mountains.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—The White, Green and Puyallup rivers have arisen eight feet as the result of rains, heavy snow in the mountains in the last few days, threatening another flood between Seattle and Tacoma. Northern Pacific bridges have been weakened and passengers are being transferred to interurban lines.

Pendleton, Dec. 21.—Floods the third time this year prevail throughout eastern Oregon and large sections of the O. R. & N. track are washed out for 20 miles east, blocking all traffic. The Umatilla river is out of its banks and this city is threatened unless the waters subside.

Castle Rock, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Cowlitz river is rising rapidly and a flood is feared.

BURIED BUT NOT AFRAID

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 21.—Hicks is still imprisoned at 9 o'clock this morning, and may not be rescued today. The rescuers are encountering much difficulty in tunnelling under the car which covers him.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Officials of the Edison Company, in whose tunnel Hicks is entombed, stated at 10 o'clock this morning that the man could not be rescued before noon. It was expected late last night that he would be taken out by 7 o'clock this morning, but the workmen are now cutting the rails from beneath the car under which Hicks is imprisoned.

Bakersfield, Dec. 21.—Noon.—Still there has been no rescue of L. B. Hicks, and still the wonder grows of his remarkable vitality and will power. This morning there was a report that the miner was released, but at 11 a. m. the rescue party was still hard at work. Conflicting reports come from the mountain. Now rescue is imminent and the next hour, the release is said to be indefinite. Hicks himself seems confident of an early release. Failure to complete the rescue is keenly felt in Bakersfield on the streets, at the homes and at the business houses, everything is laid aside for the discussion of the work on the mountain. Great preparations were made last night to celebrate the effecting of the rescue by whistles and the firing of cannons. Enthusiastic men were sleeping beside sound-producing instruments and newspaper offices were swamped with queries as to the progress of the rescue work. Labor from hundreds of quarries are pouring into the city.

Bakersfield, Dec. 21.—At 1:50 Hicks is still unrescued and it is believed it will require another day to reach him.

Court Hits Trust.
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—The supreme court today smashed the Nebraska elevator and grain trust by affirming the referee's finding in a suit brought against the combine by Attorney General Brown. In the future farmers and co-operative elevator will have a fair chance to compete with the elevator trust which in the past was favored unduly by the railroads; the latter refusing to grant sites and trackage to the farmers.

Dayton's Murder Story.
Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—Collins Gilman and his mother were held to the grand jury today, charged as accessories to the murder of Dona Gilman. Fayne, Dona's sister, was dismissed.

Jett Don't Care.
Cynthana, Ky., Dec. 21.—Curtis Jett was sentenced to life imprisonment to day for the murder of Jas. Cockrell. He was already serving a life sentence so it was taken by the prisoner like it was sugar coated.

Sentence, Suspended.
Annapolis, Md., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, a negro, who committed an assault on Mrs. John Reid a week ago, near Brownsville, was taken from the jail here this morning by masked men and lynched. His hanging body was riddled by bullets. Governor Warfield heard the shots.

PEOPLE TO CONTROL RATES

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Prouty, of Vermont, member of the interstate commission, who arrived Thursday morning from St. Louis to continue the car shortage hearing, said today in an interview, in speaking of the so-called rate law:

"I have no doubt that eventually all states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio will be on a 2-cent basis, and by eventually I mean, of course, within a reasonable time for such legislation to be enacted—if legislation shall be required, which I doubt. All these things are and will be due to the agitation for the passage of the rate law. No man can tell what the final effect of the rate law may be until it has been worked out in the courts."

Mr. Prouty continued:
The most important effect of the law has been the reducing of passenger rates east of Pittsburg and north of the Ohio river and in other communities. These reductions have been widespread—not in the West, I admit, but east of Pittsburg and north of the Ohio people are riding for two cents a mile. The commission has made no orders and expressed no opinions to account for this change. The carriers have tacitly admitted that their rates were too high.

Mr. Prouty, recurring to the reduction of passenger rates, said there had been some reductions in freight rates also, as well as a few advances.

"While this amounts to a reduction in the published tariff," he said, "it amounts also to largely increased revenues for the railroads. It must be clear that if they cut off all free transportation, the railroads can afford to reduce passenger and freight rates."

Mr. Prouty said that whatever might be the fate of the law finally, the people would control the business of rate making, all shippers would pay the same rate, the square deal would apply, business would be on a cash basis, men would pay for riding, and the railroad would pay for services in their interests.

"The Standard Oil Company," Mr. Prouty said, "maintains a press bureau, buys space in newspapers of a certain class, publishes what it wants to, and the reading public, or at least a part of it, believes what it reads. That stuff should be signed 'Standard Oil Company.' But, notwithstanding that press bureau, the Standard Oil Company is at bay, and the public is getting an accounting."

A Gas Pipe Thug.
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Louis Dabner, aged 15, the gas pipe thug, was this morning sentenced to hang for the murder of Munakata, manager of the Japanese bank, October 3. John Siemsen, his companion, awaits his trial. Dabner plead guilty, but the pair was also accused of the murder of John Pfister, a shoe dealer, and Anton Friede, a clothier.

WATERWAYS REGULATE CHARGES

Rivers and Harbors Far Best Club to
Hold Over Railroads

Governor Talks Interestingly of the Rivers
and Harbors Congress at Washington.

"The waterways of the country are the best freight regulators in the world. National and state legislation may assist in this regulation of freight charges, but the waterway does the work without legislation."
"I have no doubt that the next congress will make liberal appropriations for the rivers and harbors of the Oregon country, and some of the credit of this will be due to the work of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, just closed."
Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain.

Governor Chamberlain, J. N. Teal, J. T. Peters and Dr. Ray are at home from attendance on the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which met at Washington. Governor Chamberlain arrived in Salem this morning, and is busily at work in the state house on public matters. The other delegates will be at home in a few days. These are Peter Loggie, of Marshfield; Col. E. Hofer, of this city; Mr. Beuhner, of Portland.

The delegation attended all the sessions of the congress and returned home well pleased with the work and the showing that was made for Oregon.

Governor Chamberlain was honored by being one of the committee appointed to present the resolutions adopted to the President, the senate and the house of representatives. He did not wait on the President, as at that hour he was presenting the resolutions to Uncle Joe Cannon, the speaker of the house.

In speaking of the trip, this morning, Governor Chamberlain said:
"The work of securing larger annual appropriations for the rivers and harbors has been rendered difficult in the past on account of the existence of a great deal of prejudice that has existed against these appropriations. Much of that prejudice has been removed, and this congress has done an excellent work in the way of education along these lines, and the people are finding out the necessity of improving the waterways of the country."

"This work is being rendered much less difficult than it was in the past, because of the inability of the railroads to keep up with the constant development of the commerce of the country. The heavy classes of freight are moving with such slowness that the recommendations of this congress as to the improvement of the rivers and harbors has become an absolute necessity for the handling of heavy freight."
"The second and most important reason is that the people are coming to understand that the navigable waterways are the best freight regulators in the world. National and state legislation may assist in regulating the freight traffic of the railroads, but the waterway does the work without legislation. It is the purpose of the congress to educate the whole people along these lines, and I have no doubt that liberal appropriations will be made by the next congress for this work."

"This will be in a large measure assisted by the efforts of the congress we have just attended. The last session of this congress attracted but little attention, either from the

press or the people. The congress this year was attended by 1200 delegates from the 33 states, and most of them represented large commercial interests, and were men of high standing in their own communities. As an evidence in the change of sentiment the press has given extended accounts of the meetings, and some of the most prominent men in the United States were in attendance. Among those were Chairman Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee, and Speaker Cannon, of the house."

TRIED TO RUSH THE LAW

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A man, whom the police say is insane, fired at Probate Judge Cuttings, at the entrance to the elevator of the criminal court building this morning, exclaiming: "If you don't settle that estate I'll kill you." The judge slapped the man's face and deflected the bullet. The revolver, which was of ancient make, defective of mechanism and of small calibre, failed to work thereafter, as the man repeatedly pulled the trigger, while judge held him for the police. The prisoner gave the name of Frank Ellersbroek, his age 50 and occupation salesman. He said: "I am interested in an estate valued at \$30,000, which has been in litigation in the probate court for eight years, and I got no satisfaction. I thought if I killed Cutting I might get a judge who would give the case some action."

JUST A DIRTY SCRUB

Chicago, Dec. 21.—W. J. Aikin, son, accused of wrecking the Lincoln bank at Morton Park, Ill., before Federal Judge Ladd this afternoon told in court that Miss L. Armstrong, a stenographer, of Pittsburg, signed for him good notes aggregating \$25,000 upon which he secured the cash. The notes, he said, were fully secured. He admitted he transferred property to Pittsburg parties before the closing of the bank.

Helped Kill Sheriff.
Kensburg, Ill., Dec. 21.—David Kellom was arrested today accused of being an accessory in the assassination of Sheriff Compton. It is alleged Kellom ordered his son to kill Compton.

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 - ABLE LINENS.
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 - WHITE BED SPREADS.
 - COLLS AND TOYS.
 - BLK HANDKERCHIEFS.
 - EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.
 - PTIAL HANDKERCHIEFS.
 - BLK MUFFLERS.
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 - OLF GLOVES.
 - LADIES' HAND BAGS.
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 - ELVET RIBBONS.
 - RESDEN RIBBONS.
- LONG SILK VEILS.
 - LADIES' DRESS HATS.
 - BEAR SKIN COATS.
 - MISSIES' HATS AND CAPS.
 - CHILDREN'S CAPS.
 - NEW EMBROIDERIES.
 - FINE LACES.
 - ALLOVER LACES.
 - LADIES' BELTS.
 - LADIES' HOSIERY.
 - CHILDREN'S HOSIERY.
 - HOSE SUPPORTERS.
 - NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS.
 - PILLOW TOPS.
 - DRESSING SACQUES.
 - KNIT WOOL SHAWLS.
 - BLANKETS.
 - COMFORTS.
 - DOMESTICS.
 - MEN'S UNDERWEAR.
 - CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.
 - LADIES' UNDERWEAR.
 - MEN'S HATS AND CAPS.
 - MEN'S NECKTIES.
 - MEN'S SUSPENDERS.
 - MEN'S HOSIERY.
 - MEN'S CLOTHING.
 - BOYS' CLOTHING.
 - LADIES' SHOES.
 - CHILDREN'S SHOES.
 - MEN'S SKIRTS.
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