

WAS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE?

The State's Evidence in Haywood Trial Is All In

END OF THE TRIAL IS NEAR

READY FOR ARGUING

Attention Will Probably Begin Its Argument Tomorrow--Testimony Day Was As Immaterial As Most of the State's Rebuttal Evidencer

Boise, July 17.—It is possible the rebuttal will be concluded this afternoon. Thomas Stewart and K. C. Sterling will be the last witnesses called by the state.

Railroad to Interior.
Seattle, Wash., July 17.—Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and way for Harriman lines, said tonight that the surveys for the Central Oregon lines of the Harriman system are practically completed. These are the lines that will drain central and southern Oregon, and furnish an opening to Portland business interests. Construction work, said he, will be affected by the condition of the market, but he believes both projects, can be carried out soon.

Surveys for the road to be built through central Oregon show it will be constructed from Ontario to connect with the Southern Pacific extension across the Cascades from Natron, somewhere near Odell Lake. The plan is to build the Natron extension southward to connect with the California & Oregon about Klamath Lake.

San Francisco's New Mayor.
San Francisco, July 17.—Taylor, the new mayor, took the oath of office early this afternoon. It was administered the county clerk.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, July 17.—Wheat 92 1/2 @ 93 1/2, corn 52 1/2 @ 53 1/2, oats 38 1/2 @ 38 3/4.

Unloading Sale

NO MERCY SHOWN TO PRICES

The best price you can get elsewhere, we will beat. We have to room for our fall goods, and that is the whole story. Out the have to go. The following are unmatchable bargains: Best 3 1/2 c yd; Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 2c; 95c White Underskirts, 49c; \$2.25 White Underskirts, with heavy embroidered flounce, \$1.45; \$2.00 White Parasols, handsomely embroidered, now \$1.45; Children's 35c Parasols, now 19c; 45c India Silk, now yd. 25c; Dress Silks, yard now 45c; 95c Panama Dress Goods, now ,yard, 35c Fancy Plaid Dress Goods, yard, now 19c; Crashes, Towels napkins going at the low prices. Any old price on Fancy Lawns Dimities; 35c Corset Covers, lace and ribbon trimmed, now 23c; Fancy Dress Gingham, yard, 9c; 12 1/2 c India Linons, yard, now 7c; Muslins and Sheetings at sale prices; 45c Bleached Table Damask, yard, 29c; Embroidery three inches wide, now 3 1/2 c yard; best Silk, ball, 2c; nice White Pearl Buttons, dozen, 3c; Ladies' 15c Summer Vests, now 9c; Ladies' 20c Summer Vests, now, 12 1/2 c; 18c fast black Cotton Hose, 9c; Valenciennes Laces from 2c up; best Sunbonnets, 5c; Wire Hair Pins, 2 packages for 1c; Overalls, 49c; Ladies' \$2.25 Patent Leather Oxford Shoes, now 1.45; Ladies', Misses' and Children's Trimm'd Hats, half-price; Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dress Skirts go at the same low price.

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AFTER BANKER MAGILL

SAY HE KILLED WIFE

Friends Try to Steal Body to Prevent It Being Examined--Coroner Testified Mrs. Magill Left a Letter Saying She Would Commit Suicide

Clinton, Ill., July 17.—Attempts at stealing the body of Mrs. "Pat" McGill, for whose death her husband, Frederick McGill, was arrested in San Diego, California, from the cemetery here were frustrated by the authorities. It is supposed that McGill's friends made the attempt. Ghouls, who were acting suspiciously around the cemetery, attracted the attention of the citizens, who notified the assistant state attorney, who later, finding the grave intact, placed a guard around it. The discovery created intense excitement.

Coroner Johns, who conducted the inquest, says Mrs. McGill committed suicide. He declares he permitted McGill to practically conduct the inquest inquiry, and added: "When I called at the McGill home the letter written by Mrs. McGill was handed me. She wrote that she had committed suicide, saying her husband's mother had caused all the trouble. McGill feared objectionable men would be selected as jurors. An 'unobjectionable jury was selected.' I directed my clerk to read the letter at the inquest in a low voice, as I wanted to save the family from notoriety. I would do differently now." Attorney-General Stead is preparing an opinion on the question of exhuming the body. If the body is exhumed the organs will be taken to Chicago for examination by Prof. Haines, of the Rush Medical College. Attorney Mitchell says the remains will show arsenic poisoning, not chloroform in the lungs. McGill's fate depends upon the autopsy.

Springfield, Ill., July 17.—Attorney-General Stead says that Coroner Johns will exhume the body if the charges warrant this action.

Clinton, July 17.—The mother and four widowed aunts of McGill and his sister, Mrs. O. M. Pond, representing \$1,000,000, decided at a council this morning the banker is innocent, and that he needs their financial support, as it is reported the leading member of the family declines to advance the defense money. Prosecutor Mitchell says he will prove the guilt on Mrs. McGill's bed covered the whole bed, and was tucked under the mattress on all sides. Mitchell says it was impossible for Mrs. McGill to do this.

Is It a Joke?
London, July 17.—Mark Twain, who is aboard the Minnetonka, bound for New York, today sent a wireless here, that an unidentified bark Monday struck the Minnetonka, breaking the former's bowsprit. Only prompt action on the part of both crews prevented a disaster.

For Killing His Mother-in-Law.
Carlsruhe, German, July 17.—Carl Hau, professor of Roman law in George Washington University, who is accused of murdering his mother-in-law, Frau Molter, to get her fortune of a quarter of a million dollars, was arraigned this morning.

Victims of Georgia Explosion.
Washington, July 17.—Admiral Snow reports the Georgia explosion victims' condition as serious.

A PINKERTON SPY.

Joined Telegraphers' Union to Gain Information.

New York, July 17.—Reports which officers of the New York telegraphers' union gave out in the last few days that a strike here was imminent were, they state, part of a plot to trap E. W. Demarest, whom they suspected of being a spy. Demarest was forced to resign from the union, and was then ejected from the executive committee's headquarters, officers of the union accusing him of being a Pinkerton man. The sister of ex-President Russell of the union, who is chairman of the board of strategy, did some detective work in Demarest, New Jersey, where Demarest resides, and reported that they ascertained from his relatives that he was in the employ of the Pinkertons. To test their suspicions further the union officers told Demarest last Sunday that the telegraph cables were to be cut at a certain place and soon afterward the companies sent men to protect those cables there. Demarest has been active at union headquarters for about six weeks. He served as secretary for President Small, attended executive committee meetings and had charge of the books.

SOAP MAKERS WIN OUT

Liverpool, July 17.—The jury today awarded damages of a quarter of a million to Lever Bros., the biggest soap manufacturers in the world, against the London Daily Mail and evening News, Lord Northcliffe's papers, in a libel suit, which was brought because the papers attacked the attempt of the soap makers to organize a soap trust.

DOINGS AT THE HAGUE

Hague, July 17.—The United States won a victory over England, Russia and France combined today, when the American proposal providing indemnification for private property seized at sea during war, was adopted by the committee to which it was referred by a vote of 21 to 11. Germany, Austria and Italy supported the United States. It is doubtful if the international conference will approve the proposition, owing to the opposition of the three big powers. England thinks the proposition limits her activities in war.

Advocates Peace and Target Practice.
Oyster Bay, July 17.—President Roosevelt has put his hearty approval on public rifle practice. In a letter of congratulations to Ambrose Scharfenberg, of Brooklyn, winner of the shooting trophy of the Public School Athletic League, he takes occasion to encourage the system of rifle practice inaugurated by George B. Wingate, retired. That the letter to young Scharfenberg may have as far-reaching influence as possible it was made public, at the President's direction.

Famous Painter Dead.
Paris, July 17.—Theobald Chartan, the famous painter, who painted many prominent Americans, including President Roosevelt and wife, died this morning. He was born in France in 1849.

Lands Restored to Settlement.
Washington, D. C., July 17.—The secretary of the interior restored to entry 40,000 acres of land heretofore withdrawn for the Umatilla Irrigation project in Oregon.

EUGENE BOYCOTTS HARRIMAN

PATIENCE WORN OUT

Merchants Instruct Wholesalers With Whom They Deal to Route Goods Any Old Way So It Is Not Over Any of the Harriman Lines

Eugene, July 17.—About 70 Eugene merchants yesterday wrote Eastern wholesale houses to route all their freight in the future over some other than the Harriman lines. The Merchants' Protective Association has appointed a committee to investigate the best way of routing freight from the East and to make known to the railroad commission the plan, so that freight shipped over competitive lines will not be held up by the Southern Pacific when it arrives in Portland.

This move on the part of the association, which includes in its membership, with the exception of four or five, all the merchants of Eugene, is the last resort in the endeavor to bring the Southern Pacific to a fulfillment of some of their promises to the people of Eugene, especially in the matter of the establishment of a local passenger service that will permit the people of the Mohawk valley and other near points to make the trip to Eugene and return in one day. This is the immediate cause of this move on the part of the merchants, although there are other unfulfilled promises of long standing that have helped to break the patience of the business men and citizens of Eugene.

The merchants have petitioned have passed resolutions and all this in a very respectful way. The only result has been promises that have been so often and consistently referred and deferred that the business men at their meeting last night were almost to a man opposed to any further correspondence with the railroad company about either the local train service or the construction of a modern depot here, the promise of the latter being of so long standing that the young business men say they recall when such promises were held out to their fathers, who were in business before them. At the meeting one or two proposed that they inform the company of what they were about to do, so as not to appear unfair, but the key-note of the meeting was struck when a member vigorously opposed any explanation to the Southern Pacific, stating that the road would easily find out what was the matter if it wished to.

The freight receipts of the company at this point is about \$1000 per day, the bulk of which is paid by the merchants, and of this amount a considerable percentage is for the long haul. But the merchants will not be alone in the matter of routing freight over other lines, for a committee will work among the citizens for the purpose of turning all possible freight from the Harriman lines, whether it be merchandise, household goods or any other commodities.

While this is at the present purely a local move, it may be more thoroughly organized and other communities near Eugene asked to join in the endeavor to get some of the long-drawn-out promises fulfilled.

The Billek Murder Trial.
Chicago, July 17.—Edna Billek, daughter of Herman Billek, accused of murdering six members of the Vrzal family, today testified in favor of her father, and described events at the home of the Vrzal family preceding the death of Mary Vrzal.

BIG VEIN OF COAL.

Reports Finding a New Field Near Gold Hill.

Gold Hill, Or., July 17.—A. J. Olson, of this place, reports a new field of coal just discovered covering some 700 acres, and at the present depths showing a 14-foot vein with the cross-cut still running and getting a better grade of coal all the time.

In Sams valley, which is tributary to Gold Hill on the north, indications of petroleum are reported. The ground and springs show a thick oil substance, which burns readily. The prospects of oil are so good that an experienced prospector has been attracted, and he is now making preparations to examine the territory with a view of commencing drilling for oil.

Los Angeles capitalists have bonded a water power on Rogue river, including 120 acres of land on which to erect a power plant preparatory to running an electric line to the coal fields, 16 miles north of here. Borings have been carried to a depth of 80 feet, and the coal has been tested for coke and found to produce an excellent grade. It is reported that 78 per cent of the coal bulk is left in the form of coke. Some 600 acres have been bonded and will shortly be tested with a diamond drill. R. E. Doan, one of the owners, reports that all of the experiments so far conducted tend to establish the utmost confidence in the value of the coal fields.

May Have Double Hanging.

Pittsburg, Penn., July 17.—A plea of temporary insanity will be urged in behalf of Angelo Jackson, a negro murderer, at a meeting of the pardon board today, when attorneys for the black assassin will attempt to secure a commutation of his sentence from death to life imprisonment. Should this move fail, there will be a double hanging here next Tuesday, when Jackson and Dowling Green, also colored, will be swung into eternity from the same gallows.

Never before has such a morbid curiosity in a hanging been evidenced in Pittsburg hundreds of people having applied to Sheriff Gumbert for permits to see this double execution. In accordance with the state law all of these must be denied, the only persons privileged to witness a hanging in Pennsylvania being the sheriff and his deputies, the coroner, the execution jury, county physicians and not more than two ministers.

The scaffold on which the two men are to be hanged is in readiness. It is a new steel affair and will be used for the first time Tuesday. Sheriff Gumbert will personally spring the trap, as required to do by law.

Jackson was convicted of the murder of Gertrude Nichols, a negro woman, on October 25, 1905. He was temporarily insane from the excessive use of liquors at the time and this will be urged in the effort to have his sentence commuted at today's hearing. Dowling Green shot and killed his wife, Jennie Green, because he believed she was unfaithful to him.

The two black men are unconcernedly awaiting the march to the gallows next Tuesday morning. They show little interest in the preparations that have been going forward for their hanging, although both have long since professed religion and repented for their crimes. Most of their time is spent in reading the Bible.

The Glidden Tourists.

Indianapolis, July 17.—The Glidden tourists left this morning at intervals of one minute, in a driving rain. They are due at Columbus, O., at 5 o'clock this afternoon, after a run of 167 miles, the longest on the tour.

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