

FINCH ON THE STAND

GIVES HIS VERSION OF THE SHOOTING

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Or., Dec. 24.—With a voice that never faltered, betraying in his manner no consciousness of the awful issue of life or death that confronts him, J. A. Finch this morning took the stand in the circuit court to tell his version of the death of Ralph B. Fisher at his hands on November 28.

Finch's reference to the killing of Fisher were carefully and diplomatically worded. First he spoke of Fisher meeting "his unfortunate death," and again he alluded to the tragedy as "this unfortunate occurrence."

"I felt as if I were the victim of a trap," was one of his expressions regarding his suspension from the practice of law under the prosecution begun by Fisher. He painted Fisher as a man who did not keep his word, faithless in his promises and obstinate in resisting the plea of mercy. Fisher promised to head the petition to reinstate him, he declared, and then refused even to sign it.

"I felt sick at heart when I read that I had been suspended from the bar association," he said. "I felt that this was too harsh. Honestly speaking, I think I was perhaps deserving of a reprimand, and if I had continued in my habits I might have deserved a severer sentence. But since July I had been attending strictly to business, and I thought that the judgment was too much."

All through his story Finch carried the same idea of persecution. He was crying out to be let alone, and given a chance to work out his destiny, but Fisher would not let him, and pursued him with vindictive persistence. This is the story that he would have the jury believe—that he was a suppliant for mercy, Fisher the relentless prosecutor, faithless to what he had promised.

He said he had held out hopes to his wife that the penalty would be lessened, adding, "and I still have that hope."

Christmas Exercises.

At the First Baptist church December 25.
Recitation—Gertrude Barnett.
Scriptural reading—Miss Byrne.
Prayer—Pastor.
Song—The "Bethlehem Babe," by primary class.
Recitation—"What I would Do," Ray Todhunter.
Drill—Mrs. Comer's class.
Song—Chimes of Heaven.
Solo—Luther's Cradle Hymn, Flossie Flannigham.
Recitation—"Margaret's Christmas," Jesse Buell.
Song—By school.
Motion Song—"Rock the Cradle."
Recitation—"The Child and Her Doll," Flossie Flannigham.
Solo—"Shining on Bethlehem's Cradle," Bessie Sun.
Recitation—"Margaret's Race."
Song—Miss Fullerton's class.
Recitation—"There Was Once a Small Boy," Hiram Cooper.
Motion Song—"I'm Singing a Story," Mary, Ester and Bessie Sun and Anna Hule.
Recitation—"The Other Side," Eunice Hart.
Christmas thanks offering.
A visit from Santa Claus.

One Glass Too Much

Judge Moore's "floated" two men out of town this morning who were arrested last night by the officers on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. One of the celebrants became mixed up in a window in front of the Loose tonorial parlors and was compelled to pay damages done to the glass through his carelessness. Both parties reside in Mayton county, and had been buying Christmas presents.

Mrs. Buna McCoy went to Corvallis today to visit friends.

L. A. Bellamy, of Wichita, Kansas, arrived in the city this morning.

House For Rent—Close to East school. Enquire 968 Marion st. 12-24-31*

EARTHQUAKES SHAKE MONTANA MOUNTAINS

A Virginia City, Mont., telegram of December 21 says: "Two earthquakes in ten minutes, the first at 2:25 this afternoon, caused the wildest excitement in this city, the panic-stricken people rushing into the streets in the belief that the buildings were about to topple over. Structures trembled violently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main school building a two-story brick, was badly cracked and the ground rent with seams from one to three inches wide. Two more shocks were experienced this evening, one at 6:35, the other at 6:50, and again set the people hurrying into the streets. The first of the tremors was felt yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and another at 7:30 this morning."

Frank Pace, who arrived from the Crater Lakes, the scene of an extinct volcano, six miles south of Virginia City, where 13 old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing immense fissures to form in the mountain and rending the cliffs. There is a belief that water of the Crater Lakes has found its way through subterranean passages to the remnants of the fires of the old volcanos, although the Yellowstone Park is only 75 miles from here.

KILLED BY OVERDOSE OF ANTI-KAMNIA POWDERS

The Corvallis Gazette of Tuesday says:

Mrs. Fred Griggs died just before 6 o'clock Sunday morning at the Stephen Griggs farm, a few miles north of Corvallis from an overdose of anti-kamia powders, which she had taken to relieve a severe headache.

Mrs. Griggs had long been a sufferer from excruciating headaches, and Saturday evening, when one of these severe attacks came on, she unconsciously took a number of the anti-kamia tablets, and was unable to rally from their effect upon her heart.

When it was known that her condition was serious medical aid was promptly summoned, but all efforts to revive her were unavailing and she passed away early Sunday morning.

The family recently came here from Nebraska, Mr. Griggs being a brother of Ira Griggs, who lives near this city.

Besides the bereaved husband, deceased leaves two small sons, 4 and 5 years old, to mourn her loss and miss her loving care.

Telegrams were sent to relatives in the East of the sad event. The funeral took place Monday, interment being made in the Locke burying ground.

AN OPEN QUESTION AS TO WHICH WAS DRUNK

A Philadelphia dispatch of December 22 says, "Searching for souls, for sounds to tell how glad they felt," five big black bears, very drunk, gave a vaudeville performance in the Loyalsock woods near Ringdale, and Farmer Gallagher, who watched the performance, says he is really glad he didn't have a gun.

John Ferrell, another farmer, has a big cider press at the edge of the forest. Hundreds of bushels of apples have been ground and pressed during the past few months and the pomace has been dumped in a great heap near the Loyalsock creek. It recently rained on this pomace and it fermented.

Farmer Gallagher was driving home from Ringdale when, near the elder press he heard the sounds of revelry. His horses refused to proceed, and he went forward to investigate. Dancing around the pomace piles were five bears, all whooping and squealing in bacchanalian abandon.

The farmer avers that while he watched they had a football game. And a Plute wardance, a grand opera rehearsal and a grand Salome wind-up also.

Apples in Demand.

The Rogue River Valley Fruit Growers' Association has received news that a carload of Newtons shipped by that association to New York city had sold for \$3 per box, netting the growers \$2 per box. This is not the best car that was shipped, better fruit having been sent on later from which returns have not yet been received. The New York commission men have been advised to sell the fruit there if they can net the growers \$2 per box at Medford. If not they will be shipped to foreign markets.

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tively quiet although the populace is jubilant over today's happening. Castro Will Not Go.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Cipriano Castro gave out a statement today which tends to the abandonment of claims on the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. The statement is as follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the government at Caracas. I will have more to say on this point when I am in better health, and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred during my absence.

"In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from activities in the affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain two weeks longer at the private sanitarium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

Only the timely arrival of troops prevented heavy losses. Employees of the government printing office and the El Constitucional, chief defenders of Castro, joined with the remnants of Castro's army, but were routed after defying the thousands of anti-Castroists for a time. The throng was greatly inflamed by a speech made by Senor Pietri, one of the leaders in the opposition toward Castro, who at one period of his address cried: "Down with tyranny; death to Castro."

The purpose of today's meeting was to promise support to President Gomez' decree looking to the settlement of the present trouble between Holland and Venezuela, but it soon resulted in an anti-Castro demonstration.

Senor Paul, on behalf of former President Castro, pronounced reforms, but this had no effect upon the gathering.

GIRLS ARE GOOD, SAYS WRITER IN EVERYBODY'S

The small-town girl, driven from her town by the financial collapse of her family or else by the birth of a spirit of independence in her own mind, with no home except her handbag and no support except her courage, advances to the center of the stage in a large city to "make good."

She has a man's problem. She gets a woman's wage.

Six dollars a week. How will she live? The ready suspicion crosses your mind, the yellow suspicion of yellow sociology. Don't adopt it too lightly. Watch the girl's struggles. See her settle down to pass her six-dollar-a-week novice period in a girls' club house.

She sleeps in a room with three other girls. She pays \$2.75 a week for her bed, her breakfast and her dinner. She gets two sandwiches an apple at five cents when she leaves the club in the morning, and she consumes them at noon in a store lunch-room along with a cup of coffee. She doesn't send many of her clothes to a public laundry. She washes them in the club laundry at tub-rental of five cents an hour.

When her absolutely unavoidable expenditures for room, board, carfare and laundry have been met, she has \$1.65 left.

For new clothes, she hunts bargains in materials and does her own manufacturing, after working hours, on the club sewing machine. For books, magazines and newspapers, she uses the club reading room and the circulation department of the free public library. For amusement she joins a singing society and attends the free concerts and lectures with which the winter season of every large city is plentifully sprinkled.

Much sympathy has been claimed for them because they can't live except by sin on six dollars a week. The real sympathy they deserve is because they do.

As a class they do.

RAILROAD WORK BEGINS AT DRAIN

Prof. Guy Richards, principal of the Scottsburg school, sends us the following important item:

"A crew of men is now engaged in clearing the S. P. right of way near Scottburg. Work began on December 10, and is being rapidly pushed toward Drain. There is great excitement in Scottsburg over the resumption of railroad work, and the indications are that grading will begin as soon as sufficient distance is cleared for such work."—Drain Nonpareil.

ABE RUEF'S SENTENCE IS AGAIN POSTPONED

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The sentencing of Abe Ruef, convicted on a charge of offering a bribe to Supervisor Farey to secure the passage of a trolley measure, was again postponed by Judge Lawler, after Attorney Dozier closed his argument for the defendant.

The hearing will be resumed Tuesday, when Assistant District Attorney O'Garra will make answer to the argument of counsel for the defense.

Attorney Dozier laid much stress on the fact, as he stated it, that the jury had been influenced by the attempt to assassinate Prosecutor Francis J. Heney. He used this as one of his strongest points to convince the court that a new trial should be granted.

MARKET IN CHICAGO SHOWS GREAT STRENGTH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 24.—The improvement in the wheat situation abroad today following the decline there yesterday shows that the trade on the other side is about equally divided as to future prices and operations, and each day's business there is affected by the news of that period. Today Liverpool closed very firm with prices advanced.

It was a dull day in this market, although there were indications at the opening that something interesting would develop from the shorts. After the early covering the latter did not make much of a movement, and prices closed near opening values. This showed an advance of 1/2 to 3/4 cents above yesterday.

Primary receipts in bushels: Wheat today 470,000; year ago, 958,000. Corn today, 543,000; year ago, 1,009,000. Shipments, 50; wheat today, 1000; year ago, 95,000. Corn today, 356,000; year ago, 471,000.

MEDICAL STUDENTS PRACTICE ON POLICE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 24.—In a battle today between 200 students of the college of medicine and police reserves four persons, including the prefect of police, were injured. The first clash occurred in front of the college building, where the students were holding a mass meeting in protest against the action of the faculty in granting a first-class and second-class diplomas, instead of all graduates being given a first-class diploma, as formerly.

Half of the students assailed the police with rotten eggs and decayed vegetables and ink stands. The police charged the students with the butts of their revolvers, driving them into the boulevard, where they barricaded themselves in the excavation of the new Metropolitan electric line.

GIVES FRESH-AIR HOME TO SAVATION ARMY

New York, Dec. 24.—In honor of the birthday of Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army, which will be celebrated tomorrow, Mrs. Sarah Switzer, a wealthy New York philanthropist, has presented the Army with a 17-room cottage, valued at \$20,000, at Long Beach, N. J., to be used as a fresh air home for during the summer.

The Salvation Army will distribute 25,000 packages of presents for children.

STATE OF MINNESOTA BEATS THE RAILROADS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—The state won a double victory in the supreme court today when Justice C. L. Brown filed opinions in its favor in both the Chicago & Great Western and Great Northern tax cases. The court upholds the law increasing the gross earnings tax from three to four per cent which the railroads attacked as unconstitutional.

Attorney-General E. T. Young fought the contention that the companies could not be made to pay more than the three per cent provided in their territorial grants.

The Great Northern case nominally involves \$120,737.38 for taxes during the year 1905. The Chicago Great Western case involves about \$25,000. The amount at stake, however, is really more than \$150,000.

Deeds Recorded.

December 23 and 24 deeds were recorded as follows:
H. Bernard, et ux., to C. F. Hasleton, 113 acres in t 4 s, r 3 w, w d, \$2200.
James Collins to John Cox, 11 acres in section 34, t 8 s, r 4 w, w d, 165.
K. R. and J. A. Gamble to W. Walters, land in Marion county, w d, \$600.
E. P. Johnson, et al., to R. and A. F. Gardner, 31-5 acres in t 4 s, r 1 w, w d, \$1400.
R. M. and M. A. Pierce to J. P. Peterson, 100 acres in sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, t 8 s, r 2 w, w d, \$7250.
C. F. DeGuire et al. to F. M. Everson one-half acre in d l c of J. Brown t 6 s, r 1 w, w d, \$250.
H. and L. Dissle to F. M. Everson, one-half acre in d l c of J. Brown, t 6 s, r 1 w, w d, \$750.
M. R. Clawson to A. Johnson, 31-5 acres in section 33, t 4 s, r 1 w, w d, \$350.
J. L. and A. Pifer to A. J. and J. Conger, lots 4 and 5, blk 9, in Englewood add to Salem, w d, \$750.

NIGHT-RIDER GIVES HIS PARTNERS AWAY

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Thomas H. Cloar, who is no relation to one of the defendants, Arthur Cloar, was a witness in the night riders' case today. It was generally supposed that the state had submitted all of its evidence, but it was decided today to present further evidence against the defendants.

Cloar created a mild sensation by stating that he had been informed Sunday by a friend of one of the defendants that he would be shot in the court room before he completed his testimony if he appeared in the case.

Cloar testified that one day of Captain Rankin's death, he met two of the defendants, Bob Huffman and Bud Morris, at the Reel Foot Lake. Huffman tried to get information from him as to how Union City was guarded, said Cloar, so as to "attend to" Judge Jones, attorney general, Caldwell, Judge Wadell and other men who were devoting their energies toward the extermination of the night riders.

Cloar also stated that Huffman informed him of their movements against Rankin and Taylor that night.

Cloar alleged that Arthur Cloar informed him of the details of the killing of Captain Rankin a few days after the crime had been committed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. W. A. ... gene today to visit ...
Mrs. Dudley ... daughter went to ...
Father Schmidt, of ... of P., arrived this ... the day is the guest of ... Moore.
Mrs. A. Terwilliger ... ner this morning to ... Christmas.
Mrs. L. H. ... Turner-over the ...
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. ... ly left today for ... relatives during the ... Attorney and Mrs. ... spending the holidays ... in Roseburg.
Miss Katherine ... today to visit during ... Mrs. A. Batcher ... today from The Dalles.
Mrs. E. W. ... day to her home in ... visiting here.
Miss Ruth Alder ... from Spokane, and ... of Miss Irene ... holidays.
Homer Hawley and ... sea, left this morning to ... Grove, and will ... Oakland, Oregon.
Miss Elizabeth ... home in Marion today, ... relatives here.
Mrs. S. E. Jones and ... Miss Mary, went to ... morning, where they ... Christmas with Mrs. ... Mrs. Wm. Long.
Miss Carrie ... morning for ... will visit her sister ... holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. ... Summit to spend Christmas ... atives.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. ... for Portland this afternoon ... Christmas with friends.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. ... children arrived here ... visit with Mrs. ... Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, ... more.



Lizzie McCall as Mrs. "Arizona."

Aged Couple ... Natchez, Miss. Dec. ... F. Reed, aged 70 years, and ... 60 years old, were ... during the night by a ... were removed to a hospital ... Reed died. His wife ... to live. There is no ... perpetrator of the outrage.