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WHOLESALE MURDER OF INMATES

Record of Absentee Fiend, the Keeper of a Ward In an Insane Asylum.

ENGAGED IN CARNIVAL OF STRANGULATION

Practices of the Asylum Allowed the Keepers of Wards One Franc for Each Death in His Ward Induced the Maniac to Commit a Series of Most Atrocious Murders.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Preliminary arrangements are being completed today for the trial of Leon Thabuis, an absentee fiend, who, as keeper of a ward in an insane asylum, strangled dozens of patients to get money to satisfy his thirst. It is believed to be certain that he will go to the guillotine. Foe, in his most somber moments, could not have dreamed of crimes more hideous than those perpetrated by the monster, Thabuis.

Thabuis was the keeper of an incurable ward. For weeks before the discovery of his crimes it was noted by the asylum authorities that his patients trembled in fear every time he approached them. Later his visits to the ward created a veritable panic among the gibbering folk. The crime that resulted in the discovery of his atrocities was the brut-

al murder of an old man, who was a hopeless idiot. He was found to have been strangled to death. Thabuis said it was an accident, that the old man had attacked him, and that he found it necessary to kill him to defend himself.

An investigation followed. It was found that there had been a death in Thabuis' ward every other day for 12 days. The bodies of six patients exhumed showed that they had been strangled. Further investigation showed many more cases. The asylum allowed one franc to the keeper of the ward for the extra work entailed by the death of one of his charges. Thabuis, to buy his absentee, had engaged in a carnival of strangulations, and, with the money he had gained, would sit all night at a table and tipping and grinning at the pictures the poison made.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALERS MAY ASK FEES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—In the future Christian Science practitioners may ask fees that are no higher than those charged by reputable physicians in the community. Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and head of the Christian Science church, today definitely fixed the charges for treatment in the following general letter to Christian Science healers: "Christian Science practitioners should make their charges for treatment reasonable to those of reputable physicians in their respective localities. Sincerely yours, 'MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY.'"

WEST SALLEM TRANSFER UNDERWOOD & INMAN

The West Salem Transfer Company is now operating two covered hacks to and from all trains between this city and the West Salem depot. Messrs. Underwood & Inman are the men who handle the baggage, express, mail and passengers. Phone orders to the Journal office, or leave orders on the slate. Hacks will meet coming and departing trains.

JANUARY TERM CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES MONDAY

S MURDER CASE FIRST ON DOCKET NEW GRAND JURY WILL HOLD SHORT SESSION

Monday will mark the opening of the January term of the circuit court and at the convening hour on that day of the new grand jury will report for duty. As a general rule, the grand jury for the preceding term disposes of all matters to be considered for the new term so that the new grand jury merely goes through the formality of reporting for duty and is then dismissed until the next term is commenced or subject to the call of the court.

At this term of the court, however, the old grand jury was not enabled to complete all business that came before it as the insurance cases were brought up just at the last hour. Sufficient evidence was not submitted to the jury for the returning of any indictments, but it is understood that the evidence needed can be secured, and the jury recommended that the cases be investigated by the new grand jury Monday.

Reports are current that Insurance Commissioner Kozier will then have in his possession and be ready to submit to the jury the necessary evidence and thenew grand jury will probably act upon the cases immediately after convening.

These insurance cases consist in the violation of the insurance laws of the state by insurance companies, and while nothing definite can be learned as to the names of the companies or the character of the charges preferred against them, it is said that some of the leading companies are involved and the evidence against their violation of the state law is ample to warrant the returning of indictments.

Meyers Case Will Be First The criminal cases will be the first trial cases to be taken up by Judge Burnett, and the first of these—the Meyers case—has been set for trial Monday afternoon. Geo. Meyers, in this case, is charged by the state with the crime of murder, alleged to consist in the killing of Night Patrolman Eckhart last fall. The murder is alleged to have been committed after Eckhart arrested him and was seeking to confine him in the city jail. Eckhart was well known in the city and so is Meyers, and the trial will be a subject of much interest. It is not likely that much evidence will be taken the first day of the trial, but that most of it will be occupied in the empaneling of a jury.

ASHLAND'S COMMERCIAL CLUB SETS NEW RECORD

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Ashland, Ore., Jan. 1.—The remarkable campaign of the Ashland Commercial Club closed with a hurrah last night. Two months ago the club, with a membership of less than 150, started to make it 400 by the first day of the new year. A systematic canvass of the city was made and new members secured, many who never could be interested in this kind of work, before falling into line, with the result that tonight Secretary Frobach announces that the 400 mark has been passed, with some names to spare.

Ashland challenges the world to show a Commercial Club with a larger membership in proportion to the population. It is planned to celebrate the event appropriately within a short time.

HEIRS TO CONTEST WILL OF MILLIONAIRE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oakland, Cal., Jan. 1.—Attorney Rolfo J. Hough of this city left today for New York to represent Mrs. Emma Seaman Bennett of Berkeley and Mrs. Elizabeth Seaman Johns of Oakland in a legal fight they have instituted to secure part of the fortune left by their millionaire uncle, Robert Seaman, to his wife, who was a wealthy Bly, the globe trotter. It developed after Seaman's death in 1903 that he had made several wills, one drawn up at Weishaden, Germany, being the one upon which his widow's claims are based. It was also found that a great bulk of the \$5,000,000 estate of Seaman had been transferred to his wife during his lifetime.

Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Bennett, Seaman's nieces, not alone attacked the Weishaden will, but alleged that the transferred estate was made while Seaman was mentally incompetent and unduly influenced by his wife.

COLLECTION OF INDIAN RELICS FOR MUSEUM

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Albany, Ore., Dec. 31.—Dr. Hill of this city has just received, to be placed in his large museum, a valuable collection of Indian relics and about twenty mounted elk and deer horns. The collection was bought of B. K. Leary of Condon.

Dr. Hill, at the present time, boasts of one of the finest museums in the Willamette valley and is considered to be worth many thousands of dollars.

The Albany high school basketball team, anticipating a hard game on Wednesday next when they meet the Salem team at this city, have engaged the services of Hannan Riley of Corvallis to put the team in the best of condition.

Mrs. Grace Shaw died this morning at the home of Mrs. Stoddard Froman, of this city, at the age of 50 years. Mrs. Shaw was born and raised in this county and was a member of Grace No. 10. She leaves a husband and one daughter.

JUST "DEARIE;" THAT IS ALL

58-Year-Old Bridegroom Forgets the Woman's Name. He Is to Marry.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 1.—"Dearie" was Spencer Tyre's answer to the county clerk when that official asked him the name of the lady who was to become his wife by virtue of the license he had applied for. And "dearie" was all he could say.

Spencer Tyre, who hailed from Fitchburg, near here, completely forgot the name of the woman he was going to marry. He was embarrassed exceedingly when the clerk pressed him for the lady's real name.

"Dearie," said Mr. Tyre. The bridegroom, whose age was given as 58, was sent away to learn "dearie's" other name. He never came back. Instead, blushing tremulously, Nancy A. Peter's, 52 years old, appeared later, apologized for Tyre, explained that in his confusion he forgot his name, and asked for the license. She got it—and paid for it.

CORNER STONE WILL BE LAID JANUARY 1

Lebanon, Ore., Jan. 1.—January 7 has been set as the time for laying the corner stone of the new \$10,000 Lebanon high school building. The schools will have a half holiday.

The pressed brick building will go up as fast as weather conditions permit and will be completed early in the summer. The grounds comprise 10 acres in the heart of the city and are said to be the finest public school grounds in the state. They formerly were the campus of the old Santam Academy and were a gift to the academy in 1858 by Jeremiah Raiston and Morgan Kees.

Records Earthquake Shock.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.—Father Odenbach, professor of astronomy at St. Ignatius College, in this city, announced today that the seismograph recorded a severe earthquake. The shocks recorded, Father Odenbach stated, were the severest communicated to the instruments since he has been connected with the college. He estimated the center of the shock at 3000 miles distant from Cleveland.

CELEBRATED HER SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY

A pretty entertainment was given at the home of Margaret Poisel last night in honor of her 16th birthday, at which there were in attendance 20 young ladies of Salem.

on Salem Heights, was decorated up in a beautiful original manner, the residence being arranged to represent a union depot, with all the regularities necessary to the "travelling public." The different rooms were converted into lunch counters, where the guests were served with lunch, which consisted of dainties of all kinds. A parlor car was provided, in connection to which was a well-arranged smoking car, and a very merry train load of young people bid farewell to old Father Time and his discarded friend, 1909, and received the New Year with cheers.

The victors in the Whistland trip were Edith Shaw, who captured first prize, and Edith Shaw won the booby prize.

The guests were: Helen Farrar, Edith Shaw, Beryl Holt, Lela Slater, Lucile Staley, Ruth Staley, Ruth Shepard, Mabel Smith, Florence Houseon, Effie Needham, Myrtle Montgomery, Adelta Nye, Margaret Schrieder, Velma Hoover, Iva McGilchrist, Ruby Steiwer, Hazel Keller, Lyle Steiwer and Mignon Oliver.

MILLIONAIRE COAL MAGNATE HIT BY CAR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Jan. 1.—F. N. Jermyn, millionaire member of the family of coal magnates of that name of Scranton, Pa., was struck by a street car here early today, and is in a critical condition at the Adler Sanatorium, where there is grave doubt of his recovery.

Jermyn came here six weeks ago, and has been living at the Fairmount Hotel. Last night he joined with the New York revelers who thronged and blocked Market street, continuing the celebration until long after midnight. It was about 2:15 a. m. when Jermyn, with a party of friends, attempted to cross Market street, at the intersection of Third. They tried to pass between two cars, which were going in opposite directions. Jermyn was hurled to the pavement, and was unconscious when he was picked up and taken to the emergency hospital.

After an examination was made, and it was found that the millionaire's condition was critical, his friends had him removed to the private sanatorium.

Eight ribs were broken, four on each side. A severe blow on the head and internal injuries also were sustained, but an injury to his spine is considered the most serious feature of his condition. "It is impossible to tell yet whether he has a chance to recover," said Dr. Wallace Currie today. "There is a possibility of the injury to his spine being most serious. His condition is critical."

SUPPOSED ANARCHISTS ARRESTED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Luis Obispo, Jan. 1.—The police are convinced today that with the arrest last night of three Germans, two Frenchmen and an Italian they frustrated an attempt to assassinate King Alfonso.

The king passed through here yesterday on his way to Granada, where he is the honored guest at today's New Year fete.

The six suspects are known to be anarchists, and have been under the eye of the secret service men for a long time. They were recent arrivals at San Lucas, through which city King Alfonso announced that he would pass on his way to Granada, and this led the police to believe that the regicide plot, hatched at the capital, was to have been carried out here.

The suspects were taken into custody before the king's train reached the city.

Make a New Year's Resolution—To get your meat at the big, clean market on Court and Liberty. Steunhoff Bros. treat their customers right.

Start the New Year Right—Buy your groceries where you can get the most for your money. The place is J. M. Lawrence, corner of Commercial and Ferry.

"What Does Whole Roast Mean?"—Said Mrs. Gates. "Why, coffee roasted and not ground until ready for use," said her husband. For example, Folger's Golden Gate.

Narrow Escape From Ducking—Batty Cooper, a popular young Salem lad, had a narrow escape from getting a cold ducking in the slough in South Salem yesterday. Batty was making graceful circles over the ice covered water when one unruly foot plunged into the wet. The nimble skater then had a Marathon race for the beach, breaking the ice at every step. He finally succeeded in reaching safety on the stronger ice near the shore and immediately postponed skating until the weather became cooler.

MT. ANGEL CITY OFFICIAL GOES WRONG

Jos. J. Buhright, City Recorder and Prominent Citizen, Arrested.

ACCUSED OF HOLDING UP LIQUOR MAN

The Arrest Was Made Last Evening by Deputy Sheriff Esch On an Indictment Returned by the Grand Jury—Released on \$300 for His Appearance Monday.

Jos. J. Buhright, city recorder of the town of Mount Angel, and also prominent in the surrounding country of that place, and well known throughout Marion county, was arrested last night at Mount Angel by Deputy Sheriff Esch, on the charge of the indictment against extortion. The indictment against him was found by the grand jury during its recent session, and was the indictment which was not made public yesterday afternoon, when the jury made its report, as the defendant was not then in custody. Immediately upon his arrest Buhright furnished a bond of \$300, and was released. He will make his appearance before Judge Burnett Monday morning.

Klinger Complaining Witness. The crime is alleged to have been committed on November 27, 1909, and is alleged to consist in threatening to accuse Alfred Klinger of a crime, with intent thereby to extort from him the sum of \$35, and to cause him to act against his will—that is to pay to him the \$35 by verbally accusing Klinger of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors to a half-breed Indian, and threatening to prosecute him if he refused to pay the \$35. That is in substance the language contained in the indictment preferred against Buhright.

Arrest Causes Sensation. The arrest of Buhright caused more or less of a sensation in Mount Angel, where he stands high among the people, and also elsewhere wherever he is known. He is the possessor of hosts of friends, who are confident that he is innocent of the crime with which he is charged, and predict that when the case comes up that everything will be satisfactorily explained, and that he will be shown innocent and acquitted.

OLD SALEMITE PASSES AWAY

Judge J. O'Donald, aged 83, died this morning at his home on the corner of Thirteenth and Hoyt streets, after a lingering illness that had extended over a period of two years.

Judge O'Donald was born in the state of Pennsylvania. He crossed the plains in 1852, and settled in the vicinity of Salem, where he has resided ever since. He leaves to survive him a wife and two children, Mrs. A. C. Wyman, of San Francisco, and Frank O'Donald, of this city.

The funeral services will be held at the chapel of the Rigdon undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock. It will be under the auspices of the Masonic lodge and interment will be had in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

A Word of Appreciation—Mention was made in our columns last evening that the inmates of the Oregon State Penitentiary would be given an entertainment this morning in the way of a moving picture show. The entertainment was given and proved a most happy surprise, as some of the inmates had never before seen such a show. It was received with hearty appreciation, being thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks is due Mr. F. L. Waters, of Yo Liberty, who furnished the machine without charge, and also his operator, Mr. H. H. Moyer; Mrs. McKay, musician, and Miss May, vocalist. Mr. Bly, of the Star theater, furnished three films and an orchestra. The Amalgamated Film Co. very generously granted permission to use all films without charge. Great good was done the boys in giving this entertainment. It was good seed sown, creating new thoughts and new hopes to those "down and out."

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Our Annual CLEARANCE SALE

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