

## MASONS LET CONTRACT FOR A HOME BUILDING TO COST ABOUT \$105,000

### CONTRACT CALLS FOR ITS COMPLETION BY SEPTEMBER WILL BE A CREDIT TO CITY

Contracts Were Signed Last Night and Ground Will Be Broken Soon After the Holidays--Building Will Be of Reinforced Concrete, Modern in Every Respect--Two Entire Floors Will Be Used by the Order for Lodge Purposes, Others for Offices and the Lower Floor for Stores--One of the Finest Lodge Buildings in the State.

Salem is to have a Masonic temple of six stories, and a basement so arranged that the building is practically seven stories, and costing more than \$100,000. It will be completed by September 1, 1912, according to the terms of the contract and will be absolutely fire proof. This move on the part of the Masonic fraternity has been under way for some time, and would have been carried into execution, perhaps this year, had not the committee in charge recommended some radical changes, and the whole Masonic fraternity been imbued with a determination to have the very best, and only the best. The contracts were signed last night and every one of them from foundation to decorations, calls for "the best there is." The building will occupy the corner of State and High, one of the best and most centrally located points in the city. The lower floor will be used for stores; the second, third and fourth floors for office rooms and the fifth and sixth for lodge purposes, one to be used as a banquet room, and it certainly will be a fine one. The general contract was awarded to Bartlett, Roth & Co., of Portland, and calls for the completion of the building by September 1, 1912. The wiring contract was given to H. H. Hunter & Co., and the plumbing to Theo. M. Barr, both Salem firms. The heating and elevator contracts

have not been let yet, but both will be like the balance of the building the very latest and best that money can buy. The building will be of reinforced concrete, absolutely fireproof and of very handsome design, with an abundance of light and ventilation. It will be an ornament to the city, and will do away with the at present most unightly corner in the business district. The Masonic fraternity in its varied branches, is very strong in Salem--one of the first orders in the number of its members, as it does in its age, which is truly venerable, justly entitling it to the term used in an editorial in today's Journal, "The Mother of all Orders." The Masons are to be congratulated on their new and permanent home now assured, a home of their own, and the city on the acquiring of another splendid building approaching the sky scraper class. There will be something doing along about September next when the "boys" old and young, proceed to have a house warming.

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#### Socialist National Convention.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The next Socialist convention will be held at Oklahoma City, beginning May 12, according to announcement from the national socialist headquarters here today. The selection is made as the result of a special referendum vote taken from all over the country. Indianapolis is second and Cincinnati third choice. Three hundred delegates are expected to attend the convention. The representation will be on the basis of one delegate at large from each state, and one delegate to each 400 Socialists paying dues into the organization.

#### Want Government Line.

Sacramento, Dec. 20.—Senate joint resolution No. 9, memorializing congress to give the Pacific coast the same governmental steamship service from the western port of the Panama canal as is contemplated from the Atlantic coast, was today unanimously concurred in by the assembly. The resolution asks that a government steamship line be operated from the canal to San Francisco and other Pacific coast ports upon completion of the Panama canal.

## SMASHED BY A WALL OF WATER

### Steam Schooner Fort Bragg, Near San Francisco, Almost Wrecked by Tremendous Wave That Broke Over Her.

#### WAVE FORTY FEET HIGH

Seas Were Calm When Suddenly the Monster Wave Swept Out of the Darkness and Broke Over the Schooner, Smashing Her Cabins and Bulwarks, and Carrying Away the Smoke Stack—Probably Was Caused by Earthquake.

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San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Battered and smashed by a heavy wall of water, the steam schooner Fort Bragg is laid up for repairs in port here today, and will not put to sea again for two weeks. The Fort Bragg was bound for Eureka, in charge of Captain Ahlstrom who was making his first trip in the vicinity with six passengers aboard besides the crew. In the darkness a wall of water 40 feet high suddenly rushed down upon the vessel, completely overwhelming it. Cabins were smashed, bulwarks carried away, the smoke stack wrecked, the engine and dining rooms flooded and the hurricane deck swept clear of everything movable. No one was injured. The Fort Bragg beat about all night in the heavy sea, making port today.

## PAROLES REVOKED BY OLCOTT

THERE IS MORE REJOICING IN PORTLAND OVER ONE PAROLED SINNER WHO LOSES OUT, THAN OVER THE BUNCH THAT GOES NO TASTRAY.

Receiving advices that W. C. Gibson, who was granted a conditional pardon by Bowerman when he was acting governor, had violated it, and also that J. F. Hawks, who was given a parole by ex-Governor Chamberlain, had broken its terms, Acting Governor Olcott today revoked both of them. Gibson was sentenced to a term of 15 years in the penitentiary for robbery. He was recently arrested for larceny, but is now out on bonds. Hawks was given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary for the larceny of a horse. He was arrested recently in Portland on a minor charge. In speaking of the parole of the latter, Ralph Watson, private secretary to the governor said: "The attention of this office has been called to an article in the Evening Telegram of December 19th, included in which are inter-

## SUSPECTED OF THE MURDER OF HILL SHERIFF ARRESTS NATHAN HARVEY

#### She Is "Going Some."

Canton, Ill., Dec. 20.—A grandmother at 29 years, mother of eight children and sister-in-law to her own daughter, is the record held today by Mrs. William Golden. She was married when 13 years old to Henry Bird. Bird died in July, 1910. Mrs. Bird and her eldest daughter, then 14 years old, married Floyd and William Golden, brothers. Mrs. Golden's youngest children are twins, born last Saturday. Her grandchild is six months old.

## SERIES OF MURDERS HAS FOLLOWED HARVEY FAMILY THROUGH LAST GENERATION

### Witnesses Saw Harvey Leave the Train the Night of the Murder and Go Toward Delks House, Where the Axe With Which the Murder Was Committed Was Stolen--His Mother Murdered, It Was Thought by a Son Who Suicided--His Father Murdered Shortly After Deeding Property to His Sons--Girl Found Outraged and Murdered Near Their Home.

Portland, Dec. 20.—After arresting J. Nathan Harvey, suspected of the Hill murder at Aldenwald last June, the sheriff said he had proof that Harvey came to Portland the day following the Hill murders and placed a mortgage of \$20,000 against his farm. Sheriff Mass asserts that it is his belief that this was done to provide funds for his defense in case he were arrested or accused of the crime. Suspicion was not directed against Harvey for 10 days after the murder. Furthermore Mass asserts that he has proof that Harvey was in Portland on the night of June 8 and that he took the last train for Aldenwald that night which brought him to the station at 12:25. The murders were committed a few minutes after this hour, Mass asserts. Witnesses have been found who saw Harvey leave the train that night and walk in the direction of the Delk house, where the axe was stolen. A series of crimes has followed the Harvey family throughout the present generation. Nearly every member of the family who has died within the last 20 years, met violent deaths, and in two cases at least, the authorities assert, suspicion pointed toward Harvey. Sheriff Mass said unexpected developments yesterday made Harvey's arrest necessary. He declined to say what the developments were. Harvey expressed no surprise when he was taken into custody. He accompanied the officers quietly and refused to talk beyond remarking, "I ought not to be here," when he was placed in a cell. Fifteen years ago Harvey's mother was murdered by the accused man's brother, who committed suicide in the same room where the suspected murderer was reading when the officers arrested him. In Iowa Harvey's father was killed the day after he had deeded over his property to his sons, Nathan, now under arrest, and Dea. Nathan, it is said, was suspected. Seventeen years ago, Mamie Welch, an 18-year-old girl, was outraged and murdered in a strawberry patch adjoining the Harvey home. Her body was dragged across the road where it was found the next day.

views from Hon. Geo. J. Cameron, District Attorney, and Hon. R. L. Steyer, sheriff of Multnomah county, in which it is stated that "J. F. Hawks is a fair sample of the products of Governor West's well-oiled Parole machine." As will be seen the article was false and misleading. It was stated that he had served about a year when Governor West released him on parole. The record shows that he was released from reporting under his regular parole during the last days of the administration of Acting Governor Bowerman. "This administration had no knowledge of Hawks' ever having been in the penitentiary. When he was arrested in Multnomah county recently, no Multnomah county officials notified this office of the fact that he was either a paroled convict or that he had violated his parole. "The statement that a paroled prisoner must be convicted over again before his parole is revoked is not in accordance with the law. For ample authority is given under the statutes for the revocation of a parole, as had been repeatedly demonstrated since the enactment of the parole law several years ago.

## KILLED HIS PARTNER IN A FIST FIGHT

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 20.—In a fist fight with his partner, Robert Johnson at Anacortes, last night, Alex Austin, proprietor of Wilson's Cafe, fell insensible to the concrete floor of his establishment from a terrific blow on the point of the jaw and died this morning without regaining consciousness. Johnson has been placed under arrest pending the result of the coroner's inquest this afternoon. The encounter between the two men was brought about by a dispute over the division of the receipts of the cafe, in which they were equal partners. Both men became heated in language, epithets were exchanged and finally blows. It is believed that Austin's death is due more to the force with which his head was sent against the concrete floor than to the blow itself. Both men are prominent in Skagit county affairs. Their homes are at Muir. Austin leaves a widow. Johnson almost collapsed when told of the death of his partner.

## HAS MINUTES OF BEEF TRUST'S CONFERENCES

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Announcing that the government had in its possession the minutes of secret meetings held by the directors of the National Packing company, and charging that some of the meetings of the board constituted conspiracy, United States Attorney Wilkerson continued today his argument against the beef barons in the government prosecution here. Wilkerson declared that the minutes now in the government's possession bore the signature of Presi-

#### UPTON SINCLAIR STILL IN MARITAL JUNGLE

New York, Dec. 20.—Holding that Referee Kelley permitted Upton Sinclair, author of the "Jungle" and noted American novelist and socialist worker, to exceed legal limitations in testifying relative to the relations between Mrs. Sinclair and Harry Kemp, the "tramp" poet, supreme court Justice Davis today refused to confirm the referee's recommendation that Sinclair be given a divorce, and denied the motion for a decree.

#### The "Cherry City Club"

Salem's select social set, the "Cherry City Club," met in the hall room of the Marlon hotel last evening for the second of their big social affairs. The room was beautifully decorated with red Christmas balls and holly. Stepping to the time of soft low music, the smartly gowned women and faultlessly dressed men made a pretty scene, and every one had a most enjoyable time. Salem's "40s" consists of about 70 members, but many friends were entertained last evening and when the hours sped around to closing time, many remained to be served with a dainty supper in the grill rooms. It is the intention of the club to have such a fete each month until the close of the season, and so successful have previous entertainments been that friends and members of the organization are beginning to look forward to each affair with ever greater expectations.

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