

# Officer Is Killed by Prisoner

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 4.—Following an attempted jail break at Marion, six miles from here, Harvey Lee, charged with burglary, held a squad of officers at bay with a bottle of nitro-glycerine and a revolver for nearly an hour today.

Lee opened fire and Officer Charles Gillin, of Cedar Rapids, was killed at the first shot. The other officers then rushed and Lee was overpowered.

Sheriff Loftus, awakened about 1 o'clock by an explosion, discovered the telephone wires of the Marion jail cut. He managed, however, to summon help. None of the other prisoners escaped.

# Hundreds at Work Cleaning up the Tracks

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—Hundreds of men are today at work in an effort to clear up the Cascade passes in the Great Northern route, which has been blocked for the second time this week.

A heavy snowslide Friday destroyed a snowshed near Wellington. The exact location has not been learned, for the wires are down and communication is practically suspended within the mountain region.

It is known, however, that the new concrete snowsheds built at an approximate cost of \$1,000,000 after the Wellington disaster about three years ago, have not been injured.

The slide Friday crushed down 300 feet of the shed, according to the track men, who made the report. The tracks were buried completely in snow splinters from the wooden structure, rocks and gravel, and traffic will have to be suspended, according to the local superintendent, until Monday.

Great Northern passengers will be transferred to Northern Pacific, both going east and coming west. The division points will be at Seattle, Spokane and Leavenworth.

All other railroad lines in Seattle report no difficulties today.

**POSTOFFICE SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GAINS**

The total receipts for the last quarter, 1912, just compiled by Assistant Postmaster J. H. Farrar, shows a gain of \$2567.39 in the Salem postoffice receipts for 1912 over those of 1911. The figures for 1912 are \$68,843.51 and for 1911 the amount was \$65,276.12.

The receipts for the year just closed suffered a severe slicing of \$6000

worth of business, for the state, which in previous years has come to the Salem postoffice, but which was in the year just closed taken by Secretary of State Olcott to the Portland postoffice.

The total receipts for the last quarter of 1912 were \$26,037.09 against \$21,630.15 in 1911. Assistant Postmaster Farrar attributes the increase to the normal betterment of business conditions in Salem. The first and last quarters of 1912 are ahead of the previous year, while the second and third quarters are a trifle short of the corresponding quarters of 1911.

The last two years compare by quarters as follows:

First quarter, 1911, \$12,875.09; 1912, \$14,758.47.  
 Second quarter, 1911, \$16,845.30; 1912, \$15,137.57.  
 Third quarter, 1911, \$13,925.58; 1912, \$12,919.38.  
 Fourth quarter, 1911, \$21,550.15; 1912, \$24,037.09.

## STEUSLOFF BROTHERS BANQUET EMPLOYEES

At 7:15 o'clock on New Year's eve took place one of the most elaborate banquets of the season, given by Steusloff Bros., of this city to their employees. Plates were set for 17, the table being artistically decorated with white and pink carnations, interlaced with fern.

According to the partakers of the supper, everything served was of the highest order and could not have been improved upon. Added to this was the best imported champagne, no efforts or money being spared to make this a grand success.

Mr. William Steusloff acted as toastmaster, and short speeches were made by all those present, in which they thanked their employers for the feed, and their kindness in the past, and wished them a very prosperous New Year.

Mr. Arthur Tasto, tenor, furnished the music during the evening.

The reception ended with all the jubilation and merriment which only a superb banquet, such as it was, could produce. All in all, it was a grand affair, and the management is to be complimented upon their success.

Those enjoying the Messrs Steusloff generosity were: Frank Smith, Carl Waltz, Henry Nadsteg, William Richter, Herman Tasto, Ben Perlich, Albert Jontontz, William M. Read, W. J. Patterson, William Perlich, Arthur Tasto, Asie Carter, Onley Crosson, Earnest Choate, Claude Steusloff, William Steusloff, Fred Steusloff.

**THREE WERE KILLED BY PREMATURE EXPLOSION**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 San Luis Obispo, Jan. 4.—Three men were instantly killed today at Port San Luis by the premature explosion of a dynamite blast in the Pacific Coast Railway company's quarry.

The bodies of the men were blown to atoms, and scattered for hundreds of yards about the quarry. Several pieces of the anatomy of victims were collected for burial.

No name or number can hoodoo the next year in Oregon.

# Threaten the Prison Officers

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 4.—All visitors to the government prison here have been barred, because officials of the penitentiary and the government agents who delivered the 33 union men convicted of unlawfully transporting dynamite to the authorities here have received threatening letters. Even newspaper representatives are barred.

The contents of the threatening letters have been kept secret, but Warden McClaughrey admitted the receipt of anonymous letters written with red ink.

Warden McClaughrey is holding all letters addressed to prisoners, and will not pass any until they have been thoroughly examined by prison authorities.

The threatening letters are said to predict violence for the officers having the prisoners in charge.

**In the Hospital.**  
 Will Benson, one of Salem's most widely known men, is now confined to a ward in the Salem hospital, with a serious fever. He has been complaining of a pain in his lungs for several days, but thought it was nothing serious until recently, when he was compelled to seek the aid of a physician. His condition was serious at a late hour this afternoon.

**Some Good Buys on Our Lists**  
 Also some good property to trade. 40 acres in cultivation, 2 miles from

city limits, east, at \$160 per acre. 101 acres, all plow land, first-class buildings, 2 miles from railroad depot, a first-class farm, \$10,000, \$5000 cash, the balance on time. 24-acre farm for sale or trade, 6 miles from Salem, on Oregon Electric railroad, 29-acre farm, good buildings, on Oregon Electric railroad, price \$2700. 52-acre farm, 2 miles from city limits for sale or trade. 320-acre farm, 160 acres plow land, the rest in pasture and timber, all Willamette river bottom land, two and a half miles of railroad depot; we consider this the best buy in the valley today, \$60 per acre. 10 acres in the Liberty district, 5 acres in 3-year-old cherries, \$1500; a good buy. A good new house for sale on 21st street, \$2500. Prune orchards of various acreage, from 10 to 70 acres, in the heart of the prune district.

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**Report Marine Fight.**  
 [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 Athens, Jan. 4.—Dispatches here today say that three Turkish cruisers and four destroyers steamed down the Dardanelles this afternoon and engaged the Greek squadron, the fighting lasting for several hours. No reports regarding the damage done have been received.

**ALL HIS ACCOUNTS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT**

According to Stanley Culver, who was appointed by the county court to succeed the late County Clerk Allen, an invoice was made of the stock and an accounting of the finances of the county today, and all accounts are correct to the letter. He stated that up to date the deceased clerk's books are perfect and that not one discrepancy was found in going over the books and that an absolutely correct accounting will be made when the new clerk takes charge.

# Taft Would Arbitrate Canal Tolls

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
 New York, Jan. 4.—Declaration that he favored arbitrating with Great Britain the question of Panama tolls was voiced by President Taft here this afternoon in an address before the international peace forum.

"I would be ashamed," Taft said, "not to be willing to arbitrate any question with England. There need be no public worry as we hope to arbitrate the toll question before any term of office expires."

The president voiced also a bitter denunciation of the senate for defeating the peace treaties recommended by him.

**Insurance Troubles.**  
 Following the action of Judge Gallegway in granting a writ of mandamus ordering State Insurance Commissioner Ferguson to issue a license to the Union Pacific Life Insurance Co., of Portland, the attorney-general today filed an appeal of the case in the supreme court.

The insurance commission also today re-filed in the supreme court the case of the American Life & Accident Insurance Co., against the commission. The insurance company filed a motion of dismissal yesterday and at the same time brought a new suit in an circuit court enjoining the commissioner from refusing to grant them a license to do business in Oregon.

**Chamberlain Is in Line.**  
 Washington, Jan. 4.—The death of Senator Davis, of Arkansas, probably means that Senator Chamberlain will become chairman of the public lands committee when the Democrats re-organize the next senate. With Senator Davis gone, Senator Newlands alone outranks Senator Chamberlain on this committee and it is now generally believed that Newlands will take the chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee, for which he is in line, relinquishing his claim on public lands.

This will give Senator Chamberlain a clear field and he probably will take this chairmanship in preference to others to which he may be eligible, notably military affairs, agricultural or irrigation.

**Why We Can See Smoke.**  
 Smoke is not composed of gases only, but of solid or perhaps partly liquid particles which are mixed with the gases and carried along by them. It is these particles of matter that are visible to the eye and not the gases themselves.—St. Nicholas.

**Winter Quarters.**  
 Where's the crawling caterpillar?  
 Sound asleep in his cocoon.  
 Where's the bee so bright and busy?  
 Evening in the hive of June.  
 Where's the snail and where's the turtle?  
 Safely buried in the ground.  
 Where's the woodchuck? Where's the rabbit?  
 In their burrows they are found.  
 Where's the thrush, and where's the robin?  
 Singing 'neath the southern sky.  
 Where's the bear, and where's the squirrel?  
 In their hollow tree they lie.  
 Where's the ant, that careful worker?  
 In her underground abode.  
 Where's the eighty-eyed spinning spider?  
 In a crevice snugly stowed.  
 Where's the bat that ranged at midnight?  
 He is in his winter's sleep—  
 In his cave he hangs head downward,  
 And he never takes a peep.  
 These and many other creatures  
 Hide or drowse the winter through.  
 But when spring has once awakened  
 They are up and stirring too.  
 —Farm Journal.

The launch Mayflower, belonging to the Smith-Powers Logging Co., of Marshfield, burned in the bay there Monday. She had many passengers on board, and only heroic efforts by those in boats from the shore rescued them.

# For the Children

Juliana, Holland Princess.  
 Who Wants a Playmate.



Princess Juliana, heiress apparent to the throne of the Netherlands (or kingdom of Holland), is getting to be a big girl now. She will be four years old next April. Lately she surprised her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, by asking for a baby brother to play with.

The little Princess Juliana is the pride of the Dutch people, for she is the only child of the queen and therefore is now the nearest heir to the throne of the Netherlands. She likes to play like other little girls, and to help her be happy her mother bought a pony for her. That may seem to be nothing especially strange, since there are plenty of other little girls who have ponies. But this is a special kind of pony. It is the smallest pony that was exhibited at a recent great horse show in England. It stands just thirty inches high, and it is brown and as woolly as a collie dog. A carriage has been made to fit the pony's size, and the little princess is now able to go driving in the park.

**Disappearing Pile of Coins.**  
 A number of coins are shown lying on a plate, piled up, taken in the left hand where they are seen, and the hand is closed over them. A handkerchief is thrown over the hand, and when removed the coins have disappeared.

Show a quantity of loose coins on a plate. Pick them up and while so doing palm a dummy "stack" in the left hand. Pretend to pass loose coins to the left hand, palming and dropping them in a box of brass, so that they will sink slowly and without noise. Borrow a handkerchief, show the dummy, grasp the handkerchief by the center of one side and then spread it out over the left hand and while so doing throw the dummy into the right, the handkerchief hiding its flight. Pick up the wand, in the act of which drop the dummy on the table, touch the handkerchief with it, place it under your arm and draw off the handkerchief and show it and the hands empty.

**Life Lengths of Lowly Things.**  
 It has just been computed that the day fly lives 24 hours, the May fly 6 weeks, the butterfly two months, the ant, the cricket and the bee a year each, the hare and sheep 6 to 10 years, the wolf 12 to 15 years, the canary bird 15 to 20 years and the nightingale 12 years.

The dog lives 15 to 25 years, cattle 25 years, the horse 25 to 30 years, the eagle 30 years, the stag 35 to 40 years, heron, lion and bear 50 years each, the raven 80 years, elephant, turtle, parrot, pike and carp 100 years each.

The ivy outlives 200 years, the elm 300 to 350 years, the linden 500 to 1,000 years, the locust tree and the oak 400 years and the fir 700 to 1,200 years.

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