

# A REIGN OF TERROR THAT ENDED FRIDAY

Allen, Father and Son, Electrocutated— Brief Story of the Crime for Which They Died.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Overwhelmed at last after a century of mountain fangal tyranny, the power of the Allen gang was forever put to an end Friday, when Floyd and Claude Allen, father and son, died in the electric chair for the quintuple murder in the Hillville court house, March 14, 1912. Just a year and a fortnight after their desperate effort to avenge the conviction of a kinsman by a mere court, they entered the death chamber, after all avenues of possible reprieve had been barred against them.

When a jury foreman tremblingly announced a verdict of guilty against Victor Allen on a charge of perjury in a moonshining case, the rage of the patriarch of the clan vented itself in a pistol volley, in which other members of the family joined. Judge Thomas L. Massey, Commonwealth Attorney Thornton L. Foster and Sheriff Low Webb were carried from the court room dead or dying. Juror Fowler and Miss Elizabeth Ayres, stenographer, died later from wounds.

When the great needle had swung slowly backward for the last time today, and the current was shut off after dealing death to the "patriarch of the Allen clan" and his son, Justice had triumphed after a century of rule by a family whose power dated back for generations and which took unto itself the dominion over life and death. Time and again the Allens have defied the law and as their power grew they became more insolent. It was their boast that none of their breed should know any law, save God's and their own. So when a jury found Victor Allen guilty, the clan made good its boast. There was a flash of steel, a volley and when the shrieking spectators who had fled cringed back again they found Judge Massey dying, Sheriff Webb dead and Prosecuting Attorney Foster mortally wounded.

Victor Allen a few months before had been a government witness in a moonshining case. He was sullen and the testimony he gave was decidedly in favor of the defendant. A few weeks afterward Allen was arrested for perjury. Floyd Allen assaulted the officers when they seized his son but they managed to take the young man, mad with rage, to jail. On March 14, after a trial of two days on the perjury charge, Judge Massey instructed the jury. The little court room was packed, and as Prosecuting Attorney Thornton L. Foster dared to exhortate not only the defendant, but his father, the crowd gasped in surprise.

When the jury returned there was a quick movement toward the judge's bench and when the foreman of the jury announced a verdict of guilty, with a screaming oath Floyd Allen whipped his hand to his pocket. The other Allens crowded closer and crouched low with sporting weapons. Sheriff Low Webb, who had drawn when Floyd Allen made his deadly move, dropped at the first volley. Then came pandemonium. Screams, the rush if terrified men, women and children and the crack of pistols, mingled with the oaths of the Allens, as they scattered, leaving the little room empty save for its dead. Floyd Allen was shot through the foot. Clerk of Court Dexter Good, who shot him, received a bullet through the jaw, and his coat neatly burned off by the near fire; jurors and spectators who had stamped for the door, received slight wounds. But the Allens, save Floyd, escaped unscathed.

Good staggered after the Allens and they turned and fired on him from the

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hotel square where their horses were tied. Floyd Allen, with a bullet-riddled foot, disdained escape. He went calmly into the hotel and went to bed. Victor soon joined him. Extra deputies were hastily sworn in and Floyd and Victor Allen were arrested. Floyd Allen, wild with chagrin at being locked up, attempted suicide by cutting his throat but inflicted only a slight wound. But the Allens for once had gone too far. Virginia massed her forces and decreed that the man hunt should begin.

Then began a siege in the Blue Ridge mountains that has never been equalled in the wildest fiction. After a week of man-hunting and trailing Edna Edwards was captured at night in a mountain pass. Half starved, he offered no resistance. Then in succession came the capture of Friel Allen and Claude Allen. Both gave up without more fighting—except at last. Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, whom the hunters wanted most of all as wielders of the fatal guns, were captured six months later in Des Moines, Iowa, by a clue which Edwards' sweetheart unwittingly furnished.

## THE ROUND-UP

The organization of the Montavilla Savings Bank was completed Thursday, and it will be open for business April 15.

The annual high jinks of the Roseburg commercial club was pulled off last Friday night, and a hot time was the result.

Four chinook salmon confiscated by the fish warden, were sold at auction in Portland Friday, bringing 25 cents a pound, or \$28.58 for the four.

Woodburn will send a carload of onions and three or four carloads of potatoes to flood sufferers. Friday \$200 was raised in a few minutes \$100 sent to Ohio and \$75 to Indiana.

Eugene wired \$500 to flood victims Friday and that much more Saturday night.

Two box cars loaded with flour, dried fruit and clothing were sent to flood victims Saturday night from Albany.

Melford, it is claimed, will remove its city attorney at the next meeting of the city council. Briggs, who is city attorney, has been requested to resign, but refuses, and will make a test case of the question.

Baker Y. M. C. A. dedicated its \$40,000 building Friday night.

Arthur McPherson, a wealthy rancher, living near Malheur, was bitten on the hand a short time ago by a calf he was feeding, and a few days later died in the hospital at Baker from blood poisoning following the bite.

Monmouth is to have electric lights furnished by the Oregon Light & Power Company.

Union is considering the municipal ownership of a water plant a company offering to put in the plant for \$72,000.

W. A. Tiffany, aged 74, and an old soldier, died at Oregon City Thursday morning.

Mrs. Eliza Mason died Friday at the home of her son-in-law, W. J. Cuddy, in Washington county. She was 81 years old.

Astoria is to have a new steamer to run between that point and Gray's river. A contract has been let for its building and it is to be completed by August 1.

## SALEM BOY GOES TO ASIATIC SQUADRON

At his own request, Quartermaster First Class Virgil F. Wright, who for several months has conducted a navy recruiting station in the federal building here, has been transferred to the Asiatic station of the United States navy. Quartermaster Wright left Salem this morning for San Francisco. He will leave the Bay City the last of this week for his new location.

Mr. Wright has a good record in the navy, and came to Salem at his own request so that he might be at home with his mother while still serving Uncle Sam. He was born in this city, and spent his boyhood here. He has been in the navy 11 years. He has visited all parts of the world except the Orient since enlisting in the navy, and he has asked to be transferred to the East so that he may form an acquaintance with that part of the world.

Quartermaster Wright says that Salem has not been a heavy contributor to the ranks of the navy since the recruiting station was opened here. The station was somewhat handicapped in location, and by the rules of the navy, department officers in charge of stations are not allowed to advertise nor to solicit recruits. Applications for enlistment were few.

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Madame Quavilla will be glad to answer any questions pertaining to womanly beauty. Personal replies will be given if a stamped and self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Beauty's path through life is a sort of rose-bordered one a royal progress, for to beauty the world, big and little, pays homage. Just as the individual woman has the ability to please and to win favor does she come to realize that the first and most potent influence is physical beauty.

If there is a woman who does not care to look well who does not care to win affection and love she is an abnormal creature, and with her we have nothing to do. It is simply human nature, a desire implanted in every normal heart to wish for admiration and love.

Assuming that it is not only the natural desire of woman, but also her duty, to please, in order to succeed, she must train herself to that end. First of all let me impress it upon you that end is not obtained by carelessness and neglect. The Mohammedans say: "To Eve God gave two-thirds of all beauty." Dr. Johnson, who wrote the English dictionary, said: "Nature has given woman so much power that the law cannot afford to give her any more."

From the beginning of history the two forces most potent in moving the world have been beauty and gold, and when the two powers were pitched one against the other it was beauty that lost.

There are two sorts of beauty, one

working for the destruction of good, leaving a path like the trail of a serpent, the other uplifting and working for the highest, noblest purpose. The first sort of beauty is only a desire to please and gratify the senses for a moment, only to plunge into the depths of despair that follow: Mere physical beauty, without high moral worth, is but a fleeting shadow whose history is writ in blood and tragedy. It is like the ripples of a placid surface of water when a pebble is tossed into it. But when beauty of person is united to beauty of character it is of high moral worth, which the intellect stamps upon the face and shows its dignity and purity in every movement. It is this combination of physical and mental beauty that makes woman kind a glory in history.

Beauty reaches its perfection in the human form and its utmost exaltation in woman. The thing which charms most is and must forever remain indefinable for it is something which appeals to the imagination and which analysis can never grasp. It is this that makes the effect of the doll-like beauty fade as the sea foam.

Here is a definition of beauty I found in a dictionary: "Those qualities which are most pleasing to the eye, together with grace and charm, a beautiful woman." Yours for charming womanhood. MADAME QUAVILLA.

## THE OPEN FORUM

The Capital Journal invites public discussion in this department—Let both sides of all matters be fully brought out—it is not the purpose of this newspaper to do the thinking for its readers.

### A Distinction—No Difference.

Editor Capital Journal: What's the difference in Omaha between robbing the dead and the landlords raising the rent on the living? If there is any difference it is markedly in favor of the ghoul who plunders the dead. Here we are, all over the United States, raising thousands of dollars for the poor unfortunate, while the landlords get ready to plunder our beneficiaries. And still we encounter for-profitable needs at home. Some day we hope that the ghouls who are preying upon the survivors of that awful catastrophe may come to see their baseness and cry out when, too late that the "angels and ministers of grace defend us!" SHOCKED.

### Comments The Journal.

Editor Capital Journal: The writer has been watching the course of The Journal since it changed hands and would like to give expression to a word of encouragement. Prior to the new management The Journal was the first (and only) paper to give its readers the metropolitan colored supplement. The first cut of the beautiful Masonic Temple and the railroad bridge over the Willamette appeared in The Journal. During the Elks' carnival in Portland, The Journal appeared in the lodge columns. Now, as a reader of local papers, I had an idea that the enterprise displayed by your paper was certainly worthy of appreciation on the part of the public, and I am told by one of your carriers that the public heartily responds in extended circulation. Since the new management the colored supplement still comes and on Easter The Journal was laid at my door in as beautiful a cover as I have ever seen on any newspaper. Your pictures of the bridge celebration only add more to your reputation for being alive. We of Salem have never been accustomed to getting "pictures" of anything. We do appreciate these evidences of newspaper enterprise on your part. Not alone do you forge ahead with these costly details along lines of public interest, but the policy of the paper is meeting with public approval. We, the taxpayers, are pleased to see that there is one paper in Salem ready to ask us first what we want. As a rule everything is arranged for us and we do the voting. The attitude of The Journal on the water question is exactly right. The remarks of Mr. Barnes were certainly well taken. If I may say it, whoever named Mr. Barnes as one of the water committee with the expectation of making The Journal, is evidently doomed to disappointment, as Mr. Barnes proposes to leave the matter to the public. I like the open-handed manner in which Mr. Barnes and The Journal deal with the water problem. Your criticism of the morning paper is well founded. That newspaper has been biased on this subject. At the last vote on the water purchase, the morning paper actually refused to print certain copy submitted in fear of its having adverse weight with the voters. At this time, the paper has not printed a single letter from the people adverse to the purchase. Only favorable matter gets into its columns. After the front-page plain English which appeared in your paper of March 27, I

expected to see you riddled and reduced to ashes by that fiery paper. But, examination of its editorial columns the following day showed an 11-line comment stating that "the matter was to be finally submitted to the people before the purchase." The subject was not worth attention. "The Decline of the Tailcoat," and "Plant Food in Animal Food," were of more consequence to the voters.

Even the fight being waged by The Journal on the raise in the salary of the city attorney, a matter which affects every voter in the city, has not been observed by the morning paper. If these matters are not to be fairly handled by a newspaper, in the name of common sense what are the functions of a newspaper? A paper gets its bread and butter from the people, not from fire engine companies, water concerns and city attorneys. To whom is first obligation due? There is one thing sure, and that is, if we didn't have The Journal, we would soon have another newspaper in the city. Keep up your fight for whatever you think is right. You took the initiative and got an opinion from the attorney-general on the salary question. You may yet have to secure an ordinance and present it to the council reducing that salary and placing the stenographer on the payroll. So long as you are acting fair and right, you need not fear you will be charged with persecuting anybody. If you accomplish this result you are going after, you can rest assured that hereafter the Journal "will be respected." In these controversies there is greater satisfaction in being "right than president." The public soon tires of long drawn out wrangles, so strike while the iron is hot. The "enemy" is saying nothing, only waiting for the matter to die a natural death. You have accomplished a great deal so far in finding out that the whole affair is one of error on the part of the council. Now that the city attorney has learned that the council didn't intend that he should have that raise and that they misunderstood the matter, he will, doubtlessly, voluntarily rise to the emergency and reduce his salary to its original agreed amount. The city attorney also knows the council acknowledges its error, hence his duty is plain TAXPAYER.

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fulness of his music, which ranges from grand opera selections to simple beautiful melodies. He says that he cannot play as he used to; that his right arm once injured, does not carry as steady a down-bow as it once did. But he can still coax tones of rare sweetness out of the violins of his own make, into which he works kindred qualities of his music radiant soul, which respond to his loving touch with sweet alacrity when he plays.

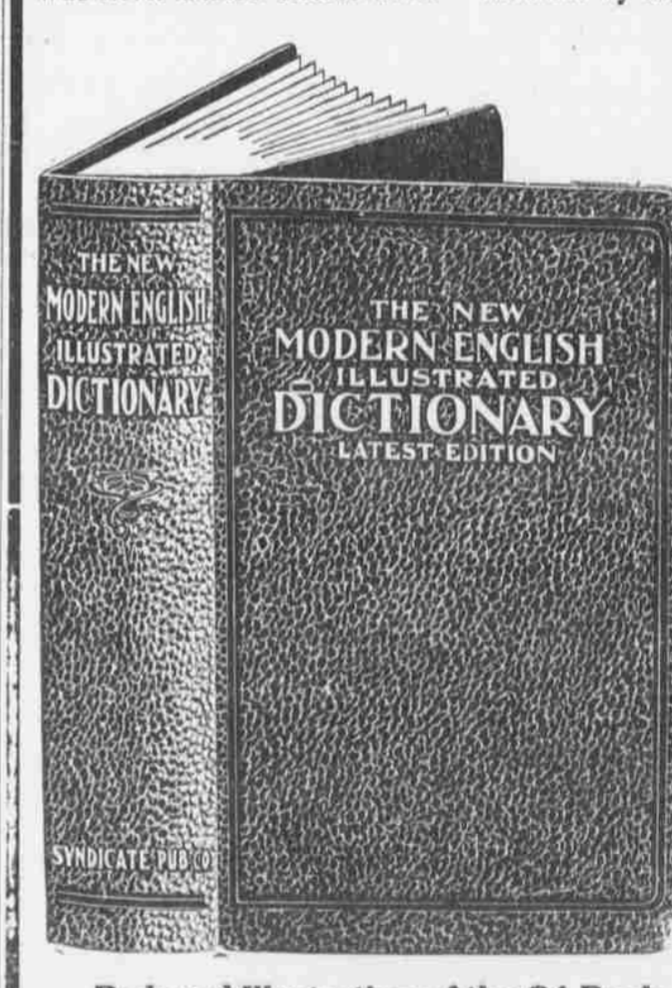
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