

KILLED SCHWAB'S MAN. CONFESES, POLICE SAY.

Brother of White's Wife Tells Where to Get Axe He Used.

That Charles M. Schwab's negro messenger, Edward B. White, who died on Monday from a fractured skull, was killed with an axe by William Ross, colored, the brother of White's wife, Mrs. "Isie" White, was announced last night by Captain Hayes, of the West Forty-seventh-st. station, who says Ross made a full confession to him.

Captain Hayes declares that Ross told him the axe with which the murder was committed could be found under some coal in the cellar of the Whites' house. A detective was sent there and found the axe. It had been washed, but there were stains near where the handle enters the steel, apparently caused by blood. Captain Hayes says Ross told him he had killed White because he abused his wife. The captain is disposed to doubt this. Ross confessed that he came to New-York with money furnished by Mrs. White, though he tried to cast all blame from her.

Earlier in the day the police had arrested Ross and Mrs. "Isie" White, both of No. 234 West Fifty-third-st., charging them with homicide, in being connected with the death of White, a Miss Halsey, of the same address, was held as a witness.

An anonymous communication started yesterday's investigation. It said that messenger had been seen and that Mrs. Stephen Lynch would tell something about it. Detectives Lynch, England, Carter and Sheehan were put on the case and at last found a colored man, William Bird, who said that Mrs. Annie Halsey knew all about an assault committed on White.

According to Bird, Mrs. Halsey had overheard a plan connected between Ross and Mrs. White whereby the former was to lay in wait for White when he returned home in the evening. Yesterday, Mrs. Halsey, Captain Hayes says, made a statement.

In this statement she said that she overheard Ross and Mrs. White talking over a plot to "do" White on Monday, that Ross got an axe which he placed just inside the basement door, and that at about 7 p. m. White, who had left the offices of the United States Steel Corporation at 615, arrived at his home and rang the basement bell. Annie Halsey says the ring was answered by Ross. She says she heard the sound of scuffling in the hallway, and said to Mrs. White:

"What's that noise?" and tried to go to investigate. Mrs. White, she says, restrained her, but hearing the sound of a body falling, she rushed by Mrs. White, and got into the hallway in time, she says, to see Ross dragging White out of the door into the front arway by his feet.

"What's this? What have you done?" she said to Ross, she declared.

"Hush," Ross replied. "Don't make a noise." The woman said that White was covered with blood, and that there was blood on the hallway floor. She pointed this out to Ross, and he told her to get a towel and wipe it up. She asserts that she refused, and then Ross and Mrs. White wiped up the blood themselves.

As to the cause for the affair, only one theory has been advanced. White was jealous of his wife for receiving attentions from other men, in particular some white men, and that he became tired of the restraining influence of her husband. White bore a good reputation. He was married in 1900.

By a former husband, Mrs. White has a daughter who is married to John J. Bell, who presided at the trial of the colored man, Charles Simms, who was murdered a few months ago, and a rival has been on trial twice for his slaying the jury disagreeing each time. Bell called the police station last evening, and appeared much excited at the trouble of his mother-in-law. He said he would stick by her.

White was for many years employed on Pullman cars as porter on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He attracted the attention of Mrs. Schwab, who, on President Cassatt's recommendation, it is said, took him into his employ as confidential messenger.

THOMPSON ESTATE CONTEST ENDS.

Over \$1,500,000 To Be Distributed Among Seven Heirs.

Ballston, N. Y., March 5.—The contest over the estate of Frank Thompson, at one time a prominent New-York lawyer, was today by a decision of the Court of Appeals, which sustains the administrators in their efforts to distribute the estate between the following seven nearest heirs: Annie A. Rhoads, John W. George L. and Edward D. Thompson, and Frances L. McLean and Mary T. Jones.

The estate was contested by thirty cousins of the deceased man. They received adverse decisions in the Surrogate's Court and in the Appellate Division. The administrators will now distribute the estate.

SNOWBOUND TRAINS FOUND.

Stages Got Through Where Engines Could Not Travel.

Lewistown, Mont., March 5.—The three stalled trains on the Montana Railway have been found today near Harlowton and Ubet. The trains are tied up near Summit. The passengers, about twenty in all, were rescued by stages, which shoveled a path over the hills to the track. The snow ploughs are unable to buffet the blizzards, and nothing will open the way until the blizzards are blown in two days, unless a freight train can get through. This town will be in darkness. The storekeepers have sold their stocks. Food supplies are already limited.

ELECTRIC CONCERNS COMBINE.

Charles Allis Also Resigns as President of the Allis-Chalmers Company.

Milwaukee, March 5.—Simultaneous announcements were made today by the officials of the Allis-Chalmers Company of the resignation of Charles Allis as president of the company, and of the corporation's consolidation with the Chicago and Electric Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, the third largest electrical manufacturing plant in the country.

The continued illness of Mrs. Allis, necessitating an extended trip abroad, is given as the cause of Mr. Allis's resignation. The announcement of the consolidation with the Cincinnati concern is a long distance telephone interview with William C. Chalmers, of Chicago, secretary of the company.

GLOVER SUES FOR \$150,000.

He Says His Arm Was Neglected While He Was In the Colorado Bullpen.

Cripple Creek, Col., March 5.—John M. Glover, a former Congressman, from Missouri, filed suit in the district court today against Governor James H. Fry, Colonel Edward Verelberg, several members of the miners' association, Mr. Glover was imprisoned sixty days in the military bullpen during that period, he alleges, the wound in his arm, received in a fight with the militia, at Cripple Creek in this city last December, was neglected.

KILLS HIMSELF WHILE HUNTING.

Eighteen-year-old son of a prominent farmer residing near Morrisburg, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting yesterday. It is not known whether the accident occurred, but it was found lying dead in the woods. A charge of loading was in his breast.

NIAGARA BOARD FIGHTS.

Commissioners Work with Vigor Against Thompson Bill.

The grab bill of the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Commission, which would limit the quantity of water from above Niagara Falls, is to be fought with especial vigor by the Board of Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara. The bill, which was passed by the Assembly on Tuesday night, is the rehabilitation of a franchise granted the company ten years ago, which expires in May.

The existing franchise gave the Niagara, Lockport and Ontario Power Company permission to take water from the upper Niagara River to supply pure water to the city of Lockport and Niagara, Orleans and Erie counties. The company also received the right of eminent domain to divert the flow of water above the falls in unrestricted amount, the State receiving no compensation. The present measure, known as the Thompson bill, extends and enlarges the power of condemnation, expiring May 2, for two years, eliminates the water supply condition and reduces the three county limit. It also gives to the company the right to place water in the falls in unrestricted amount, the State receiving no compensation. The present measure, known as the Thompson bill, extends and enlarges the power of condemnation, expiring May 2, for two years, eliminates the water supply condition and reduces the three county limit. It also gives to the company the right to place water in the falls in unrestricted amount, the State receiving no compensation.

The president of the Board of Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, Charles M. Dow, of No. 16 Broadway, has already started a campaign of opposition against the bill, and has received a number of letters from various points of the State asking him to use his best efforts to defeat it. Mr. Dow said yesterday:

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The commissioners are opposed to the diversion of waters or any infringement on the State's property or rights at Niagara. The Canadian government has already made a similar arrangement with the State of New-York, and the American side of the falls is to be preserved in its natural state.

The commission will continue the policy of its predecessor, and will not be using every effort to preserve the landscape from defacement.

MAY CHARGE CONSPIRACY.

Man Caught in Rope Works After Secret, It Is Said.

Auburn, N. Y., March 5.—William Fleming, of Crofton, Penn., has been arrested in the factory of the Columbian Rope Company here under circumstances that make it appear that he was engaged in an attempt to steal trade secrets of the company in the interests of a rival concern. He is detained on a technical charge of burglary, but it is probable that a charge of conspiracy will be made against him and the persons employing him. The case is under investigation by the District Attorney, who today caused the baggage of the prisoner, which he left at a hotel here, to be searched. In it was found a letter from a concern in St. Louis directing Fleming to obtain certain details of the plant and business of the Columbian company. There are also found draughtsman's instruments and blue prints of the buildings and machinery of a large number of rope factories throughout the country, with copies of reports giving minute details of the plants of the concerns and statements of the manner in which the information was obtained and the incidental expense of procuring it. The name of the St. Louis concern was not made public, but it is said to have an office in New-York City and a factory in Brooklyn. The evidence will be laid before the grand jury.

TO HAUL CORN FREE.

Missouri Pacific Does "Stunts" with Grain Rates.

Omaha, March 5.—The Missouri Pacific has served notice that it intends to haul grain from all interior points on its line in Kansas and Nebraska to the St. Louis market for three cents a hundred pounds less than the existing rates from the same points to Chicago. The Burlington has served notice that it will take the same action. The new rates mean that grain will be hauled from Missouri River points to St. Louis at one cent a hundred pounds for wheat and nothing for corn.

AN ALASKAN MASTODON.

Unearthed by a Steam Thawing Plant—Worth \$50,000.

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—The complete form of a mastodon has been discovered at Hillside, on Quartz Creek, according to a dispatch received by "The Post-Intelligencer" from Dawson, Alaska. It was imbedded in thirty-eight feet of earth when found, and the use of a steam thawing plant was necessary to unearth the immense animal.

The hair and the skin of the beast are in a perfect state of preservation, although the flesh is somewhat decomposed and its big tusks which remain fastened to the skull are in good condition. It is estimated that the skeleton is worth about \$50,000, as there are only one or two of them in existence in as good a condition as is this. The mastodon was discovered buried in an old channel, well in the zone of almost perpetual frost, which accounts for its excellent preservation.

Dr. W. S. Matthews, assistant curator of the Museum of Natural History, when asked yesterday about the find, said: "The discovery of a complete mastodon near Dawson, A. T., is a great find."

"There have been complete mastodons discovered in a fairly good state of preservation, but I doubt if the hair and skin of the one discovered in Alaska had been already been preserved. The only well preserved mastodons have been found imbedded in glaciers. As to its value being \$50,000, I think that also has been exaggerated."

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Beats Them Into Submission, and Stands Guard Until Neighbors Arrive.

Cleveland, March 5.—Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, a widow living at No. 39 Howe-st., caught three burglars in her house last night after a desperate struggle. She was awakened by a noise, and going to the window saw a man enter the cellar. Dressing hurriedly, she seized a hickory stick and went to the cellar, where in the dark she encountered three burly burglars. One attacked her, and she wielded her stick with such force as to knock him down.

Then she sprang at the other two men, beating them into submission. She stood at the door, so that they could not escape. The noise attracted the attention of neighbors, who summoned a policeman, and the burglars were arrested. Mrs. Blackburn is thirty-five years old.

FIRE THREATENS MAINE TOWN.

Damariscotta, Me., March 5.—The grist mill and general provision store of J. W. Haggart, at Nobleboro, were burned to-day, and for a time many buildings in the vicinity were endangered, as the town has no fire protection. Mr. Haggart was badly burned about the face and hands while saving some of his property. His loss was \$35,000, of which he had an insurance of only \$1,000.

KILLED BY TREE HE CHOPPED.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 5.—While chopping trees on his farm, Anson Smith, of Edicks, near this city, was killed by a falling tree.

SHOT SELF ON DAUGHTER'S GRAVE.

Salamanca, N. Y., March 5.—E. D. Atwood, a well known railroad man of Western New-York, shot himself on his daughter's grave last night. His body was found today by boys passing through the cemetery. It is supposed that he took his life while temporarily insane.

IT'S BAD TO READ TOO FAST.

As you may overlook the little advertisements in the narrow columns.



BED OF NIAGARA RIVER DRY BECAUSE OF POWER COMPANY'S WING DAM.

OLDTIME TIGER PROFIT. STUCK IN LAKE MUD.

HART GETS 300 PER CENT. Boy Powerless—Central Park Policeman Rescues Him.

Advertising Contract for Library Fence Nets About \$30,000.

McNamara & Co.'s advertising grant for the fence surrounding the New-York Public Library site, at Forty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., is estimated by sign men to be worth \$44,000, a year. Park Commissioner Pallas was ordered to give this privilege to Hart and McNamara by the "powers that be" in Tammany Hall. Mr. Pallas preferred not to have any advertising on the fence. He had much of the data collected by his predecessor in office, and knew that there would be opposition from the Municipal Art Society and others if the city's fence was decorated with "get well quick" and other advertisements. He was told to give Hart and McNamara a low rate on the privilege, and did so. As stated by The Tribune yesterday, the city receives \$1,500 a year for what it granted. The earning capacity of the big fence is estimated to be upward of \$44,000 a year.

Harry C. Hart is one of the Tammany leaders who, in the division of the patronage, got nothing worth telling about. There was wonder at the time that Mr. Hart came in for nothing. The reason seems to be that he was a Jew, and a Jew was not to be trusted with a brass band and red ink when the fence privilege is investigated.

According to the minimum rate charged by a New-York advertising company for space in the neighborhood of Forty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., the Fifth-ave. and Forty-second-st. sides of the New-York Library fence should yield an income of about \$20,000 a year. The fence in Forty-second-st. and Fifth-ave., being in conspicuous positions, are of much more value than the fences facing Sixth-ave. and Fourth-st.

The following is an abstract of the company's estimate of the revenue the entire fence area should yield:

Table with 4 columns: Fence, Area (square feet), Weekly (cents), Annual (\$). Rows include Fifth-ave., Forty-second-st., and Total.

UNUSUAL WAY TO PROVE INNOCENCE.

Wealthy Man Takes Convicted Murderer's Son Into His Family.

Chicago, March 5.—Peter Van Vliet, a wealthy man, has conducted an unusual sociological experiment to unravel a murder mystery. He desired to prove his theory that John Wiltrax, though convicted, was probably innocent of the murder of four-year-old Paul Paszkowski, for which Wiltrax was sentenced to the penitentiary. The reason seems to be that he was a Jew, and a Jew was not to be trusted with a brass band and red ink when the fence privilege is investigated.

Mr. Van Vliet declared a belief that the convicted man was innocent. Friends of Wiltrax for some time had been trying to secure for him a new trial. It is now believed that this will be granted, and that the boy will be an important witness.

AMENDMENTS TO GAS BILLS.

Mayor, After a Conference, Agrees That Certain Changes Are Needed.

Mayor McClellan conferred for an hour yesterday with Assemblyman Edward A. Miller on the bill now before the legislature dealing with gas. Mr. Miller told the Mayor that the bill for testing annually every meter in the city had met opposition on the ground that it left an opening to the inspectors for "grafting," and, moreover, that it made from three hundred to five hundred places, as that many would be needed. The Mayor said he had no thought of the incidental patronage when he gave his support to the bill, but agreed that the bill should be amended to provide for an inspection of a meter only on receipt of a consumer's complaint, such complaint to be made to the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity.

The Assemblyman said he had received from several coroners data to show that in the last year the deaths from gas asphyxiation had increased. Mr. Miller thought this an extremely grave charge, and consented to the amendment which has been proposed for the bill for investigating the charges of gas companies. The amendment provides for a commission to study the way gas is made with a view to reducing the danger to life.

PETTY SMUGGLERS CAUGHT.

Man Forced to Pay Duty on Watch—Woman's Lace Confiscated.

The arrival of La Lorraine yesterday from Havre was marked by great activity on the part of the customs officials. A number of people had to pay duty which they did not expect to pay when they landed on the pier. The customs' officials were not satisfied with the declaration of Mrs. M. Macky, of Allegheny City, Penn., and as a result some of her baggage was sent to the Public Stores for appraisal.

Another passenger, a woman, was searched, with the result that a package of lace was sent to the Public Stores. Special Inspector Timothy Jonuhou made an investigation of a suspicious looking package. A pipe line that will carry the ore twenty hundred miles, from Neodesha, Kan., is to be built to the new refinery. The deal for the land is said to have been under way for several months and to have been conducted with the utmost secrecy.

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NO NEW-HAMPSHIRE EXHIBIT.

Commission Appointed to Secure Fund for St. Louis Fair Abandons Project.

Concord, N. H., March 5.—Commissioners Albert Woodworth, S. C. Eastman, of Concord; J. H. Graf, of Manchester, and Winston Churchill, of Cornish, appointed to secure a fund for the representation of the State at the St. Louis Exposition, have voted to abandon the project. The work of the commission is said to have been such an apparent lack of interest in the State that it is deemed impracticable to continue. The idea of obtaining a public contribution followed the failure of the last legislature to make an appropriation for State representation.

CEYLON'S EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS.

Stanley Bois, commissioner from Ceylon to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, arrived yesterday on the Lucania. He will go at once to St. Louis. "The Ceylon building," he said, "is practically completed. The Cingalese exhibition is on its way here. The two other commissioners also have started, and will bring a number of Cingalese boys. The exhibit will include everything connected with the tea, pearl fishery, coconut and copra palm industries, zoological exhibits, native jewelry and silver work, photographs, and a relief map of the harbor of Colombo. The building is a model of the temple of the Tooth of Buddha at Kandy." Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, was at the pier to meet his niece, the Misses J. Wolycze and H. Wolycze-Whitmore, on the Lucania.

PRIEST AND WOMEN DIE. BODY OF HOBBS FOUND.

BURNED IN RECTORY FIRE. Belief That Treasurer of St. Albans Committed Suicide Confirmed.

Two Others Injured in Blaze at Long Island City.

A priest and two women lost their lives in a fire that raged in the rectory of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Paynter-ave. and Academy-st., Long Island City, and badly damaged the church itself, yesterday. Two other priests who escaped are in St. John's Hospital suffering from shock and exposure, and one of them from injuries received in dropping from a window. It is generally believed in Long Island City that if the fire had been supplied with scaling ladders there might have been no loss of life. The dead are Father Herman Ernst, thirty-two years old; Mary Brady, twenty-four years old, and Anna McCue, twenty-seven years old, servants in the rectory. The injured are Father Edward F. Hannigan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, suffering from shock and exposure, and Father James Kearney, twenty-eight years old, abrasions and cuts on the hands, face, hip and ankle and suffering from shock.

The fire was discovered by a motorman on a passing trolley car, who gave the alarm, and saved the lives of the two women who were rescued. The priest and the other priest who escaped were rescued by the firemen who were in responding to the alarm. The firemen were slow in responding and by the time they reached the scene the flames were bursting from the building in many places. At a window in the attic stood the two women, while Father Ernst was at the rear of the third floor, and Father Kearney at a front window on the same floor.

Father Hannigan, who had been sick with pneumonia, had already been rescued. He came to a window on the second floor, and as there were no ladders near, some men obtained a long plank, which they placed against the window, and he slid down this to the ground.

Father Kearney was forced by the flames to drop from the window where he was standing. He had been driven from the room by the fire, and had been trying to get to the window ledge till his strength was exhausted. He was rescued by Father Hannigan, to St. John's Hospital as soon as an ambulance arrived.

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