

# CONFESSES ON HIS DEATH BED TO OLD MURDER

Killing at Castle Rock, Colo., 36 Years Ago Admitted by Aged Man Dying at Peoria, Oregon.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 6.—Whether justice will be defeated by death in the case of John Peter Davis, aged 70 years, Peoria, Or., who, believing that he on his death bed, has confessed to the murder of William Atchison at Castle Rock, Colo., thirty-six years ago, will be determined within the next few days.

District Attorney M. W. Purcell of Colorado Springs announced tonight that he has taken cognizance of the man's alleged confession and is awaiting the outcome of Davis's illness. If recovers Davis will be brought back to stand trial for the crime. The letter giving what purports to be a sick man's confession was written to Dr. Graham of Peoria, Or., to Sheriff Anderson of Castle Rock. This has been turned over to a brother of the murdered man, Dr. George Atchison of Denver.

Davis, who had the reputation of being a gun man in the early days, shot Atchison one evening in the spring of 1876, following a quarrel over the correct pronunciation of the word "Newspaper."

Following the shooting, Davis fled the night and a heavy storm obliterated his trail. Until Sheriff Anderson received the letter from Oregon, no word had ever been received from Davis.

A few of the older Castle Rock pioneers remember the tragedy on account of the trivial nature of the quarrel. One member of the coroner's jury still is living. There was only one eye-witness to the shooting—a man named Simmons—but his whereabouts are unknown and it is not known whether he still alive.

The sheriff has failed to find any recollection of the crime in the court documents. The coroner's records also are missing and the physician who attended Atchison is dead.

In the event of the return of Davis to Colorado, the absence of corroborative evidence would make conviction hard for Davis to refute his alleged confession. Telegrams to Peoria, Or., tonight brought replies that neither Davis or the doctor to whom he confessed known there.

## DEMOCRATS HOLD UP TAFT APPOINTMENTS

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When making the appointments he was expected to make, there will not be enough left of their party at the next election to hold a town caucus. The Republicans are made clear rough at the plain purpose of the appointment to keep them from getting a little comfort they can out of the few months in power. They say that they mean every word of their threats and that if a few Democrats insist to a party that is far in the majority can hold up Republican appointments, they will be in a minority of one or two the most can make just as much trouble for Wilson.

## THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE

**RENO**—Preserve wicked Reno as a college for brides, says a woman observer. Her plan is to apply the methods of science to America's greatest social problem, and by creating a college of observation in Nevada's notorious colonies to make its graduates divorce proof.

**TREASURE**—Hunting ancient treasure in deep-sea automobiles. Taking hints from motor cars, aeroplanes and hydroplanes, a German inventor makes it easy and safe for divers to search the ocean's bottom for long lost wealth.

**QUEER FASHIONS**—How Parisian modistes have drawn upon the Balkan holocaust for the latest fashions.

**FURS**—The newest Winter furs are ermine and fox. Lina Cavalieri, the most famous living beauty, tells about the days when you don't look well.

**DETECTIVE STORY**—This week's story of Craig Kennedy, the scientific detective, is entitled "The Diamond Maker." It is one of the most enthralling of the series.

**BOXING**—Jim Flynn and Luther McCarty meet Tuesday in the first of a series of bouts which will determine the heavyweight championship of the world. The latest news and gossip of the training camps.

**FOOTBALL**—W. J. MacBeth, the popular sporting authority announces his selections for the "All-American" football eleven in his weekly letter to THE TRIBUNE. He differs from other experts in several of his selections and offers convincing arguments to support his choice.

**BASEBALL**—Is Horace Fogel to be greatly censured for the scandal which led to his expulsion from the National league, or is he the victim of circumstances beyond his control? Will the Chicago club recede from its present position and permit Joe Tinker to go to Cincinnati as manager of the Reds? These two leading questions of the baseball world will be answered in Sunday's Tribune.

**RACING**—Detailed accounts of the racing at Jaurez, Mexico, in which the horses which performed at Lagoona are taking part, are features of The Tribune's sport page. The official prices, riders, and description of the races are found only in this newspaper.

**BOWLING, BASKETBALL** and other indoor sports are treated in full in tomorrow's paper. The standing of the teams of the city bowling league and the individual bowlers is a regular feature, while the doings of the basketball and other indoor players are chronicled.

## WORK SCHEDULE IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

By International News Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—What congress did today:

The house spent all of today in consideration of the executive, legislative and judicial bill in committee of the whole and probably will complete this, the first big supply measure of the season, late tomorrow. An amendment to the bill proposed by Representative Trimble of Georgia, which was designed to nullify President Taft's executive order putting 25,000 fourth-class postmasters under civil service, caused a debate in which Democratic members criticized Taft's action and Republican members charged Democrats with being in favor of the spoils system in public office and against protection of the civil service. The amendment was defeated.

The senate continued consideration of the omnibus claims bill after the president's message on general topics was read. At 1:30 o'clock the senate convened at a high court of impeachment in the case of Judge Robert W. Archibald of the commerce court. Captain William May of the Hillside Coal & Iron company told how Judge Archibald had called on officials of the Erie railroad concerning the sale of the Katydid culm dump. Senate committee on commerce resumed hearings on senator's involuntary improvement bill. Delegations appeared before the committee on rivers and harbors urging increased federal appropriations for the Sacramento river and Humboldt harbor improvements. A sub-committee of the committee on banking and currency was directed to make a report to the full committee next Wednesday on Representative Levy's

resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to deposit \$50,000,000 in national banks to relieve the stringency in the money market in New York.

The Indian affairs committee and military and naval committees continued work on the appropriation bills.

**LIPTON URGES DENVER TO BUILD THE TUNNEL**

Special to The Tribune. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 6.—Sir Thomas Lipton told 600 members of the Chamber of Commerce and Real Estate exchange before his departure that the James Peak tunnel should be built or that some other method should be devised to shorten the distance and establish direct communication with Salt Lake and the coast.

"What's the matter with Denver's building her own tunnel," Colonel Neil, Sir Thomas's companion, remarked in his talk. "The American people are far more of a go-ahead sort than the Swiss, and the Swiss have constructed tunnel after tunnel to shorten distances and make rapid freight traffic possible. Why, Denver to dig that tunnel if the railroads tied up the matter and wouldn't co-operate."

**AUTO BANDITS SHOOT DELICATESSEN OWNER**

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Charles A. Sherman, 60 years old, a delicatessen storekeeper was shot and probably fatally wounded by one of three automobile bandits here tonight after a determined resistance by the aged man, in which he had disarmed one of the robbers. The motor car thieves are believed to have been the same crew that robbed three other stores on the south side before Sherman was attacked.

**Special Announcement** The department managers at Walker's have had positive instructions to mark all holiday lines at lowest possible selling price at commencement of the season—instead of reducing them later, so that we ask you to do your holiday shopping at once, with better selections, and the positive assurance that you have nothing to gain in the way of prices by delaying. Shop as soon as possible and early in the day if convenient.

Today—Final Clearance Reductions on

**Trimmed Millinery**

Values \$5.00 to \$6.00..... **98c**

Values up to \$8.50 at..... **\$1.98**

All other hats reduced.

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**Toilet Goods**

50c Pebecco tooth paste.....34c  
50c Madame Isabell face powder at.....15c  
50c Listerine.....33c  
10c Cosmo Buttermilk soap.....5c  
Palmolive soap, 4 for.....25c

Lowest Prices Always.

Main Floor.

**In the Ready-to-Wear Dept.**

MAIN FLOOR

**\$27.50 to \$35.00 Coats**

**Special \$22.50**

Handsome street coats of caracul, broadcloth and rich plush, cut full length, single and double breasted, wide roll collar and deep cuffs, lined throughout with Skinner's lining or excellent quality messaline, special \$22.50.

**Suits, Worth Up to**

**\$40.00 for \$19.95**

The best suit ever offered for the money. Odd lots and lines we have thrown together and will put them all in regardless of cost. The materials are velvet, broadcloth, eponge and serge in mixtures of brown, gray, navy, wine and plum, also the solid colors. These garments are all desirable and are especially priced at \$19.95.

**In the Muslin Underwear Department, Main Floor**

**\$10 Kimonos \$4.48**

Ladies silk kimonos, made of heavy Japanese silk, in empire style, worth \$9.50 and \$10.00, for \$4.48.

**\$7.00 Silk Petticoats \$2.48**

Silk petticoats, in messaline or chiffon taffeta, narrow flounce trimmed with fine pleating or ruffle, worth up to \$7.00 for \$2.48.

**Soiled Aprons 48c**

Fancy aprons, slightly soiled, trimmed with lace insertion or embroidery, worth 75c and \$1.00, for 48c.

**Extraordinary Saving Today in Our Juvenile Dept.**

**Children's Wool Dresses Great Reductions**

Great reductions on Children's Wool Dresses, not one reserved, and this includes the cheapest as well as the best. Black and white checks, red, navy, brown, Copenhagen, plaid and stape, all to be sacrificed. Some made the two-piece Middy style, hand embroidered. \$5.00 dresses now \$3.34, and others in proportion.

**\$1.25 Child's Bath Robes 85c**

Children's flannelette bath robes in attractive pretty patterns, in all colors, finished with cord and tassels, ages 1 to 5, special at 85c.

**Boys' Overcoats Special Values**

We will offer Saturday special values in Boys' Overcoats, consisting of manish garments, cut full length, box back with belt, high convertible collar, mixtures of gray, tan and brown, at exceptional low prices. \$10.00 coats at \$6.67. Others in proportion.

**\$2.25 Child's Bath Robes \$1.69**

Numerous pretty colorings and designs, for the child 6 to 10, finished with cord and tassels and round collar. Excellent value, \$1.69.

**\$16.50 Juniors' and Misses' Suits \$8.95**

There are just eleven suits left at this price of \$16.50, therefore we have decided to cut the price to just \$8.95 for quick selling. All good models that regularly sold for \$16.50, special \$8.95.

**Girls' Bath Robes \$2.45**

Every desirable color, as pink, blue, red and tan, wide collar, finished in silk, cord and tassels. Your choice at \$2.45.

**Chiffon Scarfs**

New chiffon scarfs, studded with gold beads. Positively the latest. Can be used for auto or theatre parties, special, \$1.75.

Main Aisle.

**\$2.00 Leather Bags 95c**

New leather bags, with the new gate top, black and all colors, worth \$2, special 95c; also silk bags and suede bags.

Main Aisle.

**Handkerchief Special**

Ladies' hemstitched handkerchiefs, embroidered—a Saturday special in the main aisle, 20c each, or 3 for 50c.

Main Aisle.

**Saturday Hosiery Special**

25 dozen ladies' black silk hose, lisle sole and lisle flare top, a very good quality, an excellent hose for Xmas gifts. Special price..... **89c**

Ladies' black and tan silk hose, lisle sole and top. Special price..... **75c**

Main Floor.

**Men's Furnishings Special**

35c and 50c neckwear, latest shapes, plain and with bias or cross stripes, at each..... **25c**

Good quality flannelette night shirts, famous Universal make, 75c grade for..... **55c**

Main Floor.

## BOYS' XMAS THINGS

He is as happy with new things to wear as with his toys. You Should Buy Now

**SWEATER COATS**—Every boy wants one; rough neck, \$1.50 to \$3; V neck, \$1 to \$3.

**JERSEYS**—Snap and goose neck, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

**PHOENIX KNIT MUFFLERS**—25c and 50c.

**SKATING OR STOCKING CAPS**—50c and 75c.

**CHILDREN'S HATS**—Cloth, felt and velvet, 50c to \$3.

**NECKTIES**—Bright and snappy, 25c up.

**DANDY DUKE SHOES**—For boys and youths; gunmetal calf, button and Blucher; extra heavy soles, Goodyear welt; sizes 9 to 13½, \$2.25; 1 to 2, \$2.50; 2½ to 5½, \$2.75.

**GLOVES**—A grand selection; fleece lined gauntlets, 50c to \$1.50; fur gloves, 50c to \$4; dress kid, lined and unlined, 75c to \$1.50; knitted gloves, 15c to 35c; kid mittens, fur tops, lined, 50c and 75c.

**STOCKINGS**—Guaranteed Wunderhose; also woolen and cashmeres.

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## NOTED MAN ENDS HIS LIFE HERE AS VAG

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lice medicine or surgery. Hill is said to have kept informed on all the latest developments in the sciences, apparently in the same way as he delved into all things of human interest. He had threatened several times recently to end his life, but those who knew him had grown to doubt the probability of such a thing.

The body was removed to the undertaker's room of Eber W. Hill and is being held pending instructions from relatives.

**SON OF A WEALTHY JUDGE IN CHICAGO**

By International News Service.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Dr. John R. Hill, who took his life by poison in Salt Lake, was a son of Judge W. N. Hill of Chicago. Judge Hill received word of his son's act tonight as he lay ill in the Hill family home at 174 East Chestnut street. He made no comment, though tears came to his eyes.

Mrs. Lyssander Hill, who is Judge Hill's second wife and stepmother of Dr. Hill, said tonight that her stepson was always a stranger to her.

"He had not been home since my marriage to Judge Hill," said Mrs. Hill, "and long before that he was estranged from his father because of his habits of life."

Dr. Hill for years was popular in the medical and social life of Chicago. He left Chicago, it is said, not long before his father's second marriage.

late aggregating almost a million dollars. Mr. Healy moved to Chicago in 1855 and became one of the city's most active pioneers and owner of real estate which later became immensely valuable.

**Camp Perry Rifle Match.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Col. H. C. Catrow of Dayton, O., of the Third Infantry, National Guard, was today chosen commissioner general for the International Rifle matches to be held at Camp Perry, O., next September, in connection with the centennial celebration of the Perry victory on Lake Erie.

**DEALERS IN STORAGE EGGS LOSE HEAVILY**

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Five hundred and seventy-six thousand eggs are reported to have been thrown on the market at a loss of 2 cents a dozen by Chicago dealers today. Thousands more were offered with no takers.

Commission merchants say the price of storage eggs is nowhere near the bottom and predict that with more than a million and a half cases in storage,

eggs will drop nearly 10 cents a dozen before New Year's.

According to the Warehousemen's association there are 1,070,155 cases of eggs now in storage here, 341,574 more than last year.

The public is beginning to boycott storage eggs.

**Senator Was Worth Million.**

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 6.—The value of the estate of the late Senator Isidor Rayner will approximate \$1,000,000. The property is divided equally between the widow and the son.

## The Tom Botterill Auto Co.

Wishes to express their appreciation of the interest manifested by the public this week in their

## Second Annual Automobile Show

Which will close tonight, and to extend an invitation to those who have not seen the exhibits to

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