

them Marshall Beck concluded that they were innocent of any connection with the crime. Description of the Fall. A Ferguson, a man who does not seem to be very well acquainted with the town of Ballard, says that the robber and another fellow stopped him on the street about a block last night and asked him for money to pay for their supper. Not having any money to spare, he gave them none. He describes the pair as a stout fellow, not over 5 feet 6 inches in height, with a smooth face, dark hair, and a dark slouch hat. The man arrested answered that description, and when Ferguson was taken to the jail by Marshall Beck and looked at them, he said that neither was the man he had seen.

No Means of Identification. It was nearly 9 o'clock when Coroner Yandell arrived and made a hasty examination of the body of the dead man, going through his pockets to find means of identification. But, as stated, none was found. The only thing he had was a couple in a little purse and a few cartridges. The body was sent to Buterworth's undertaking rooms. Capt. Williams sent detective Barbee and Officer Williams to the morgue to see if they could identify the dead robber, but neither was able to do so. They say they are men who are very familiar with the hotel element.

Prizes for the New Year. Prizes and Barometer Distributed with a Sparring Hand. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The New Year honors were conferred by the king on Halsbury, the lord chancellor; for Sir William Wallace, hostler, for Lancastershire, and Sir George H. B. St. John, for Cornwall. M. P.; baronetcy for Sir Saul Samuel, the agent general of New South Wales in London, and Sir Frederick Wigan, senior partner of the firm of Wigan & Co., and John William Macleure, M. P., and knightage for the Hon. G. W. Burton, chief justice of Ontario and member of the Privy Council, and the Order of Companions of the Bath includes Prof. A. C. Thompson, the seal expert of the British foreign consular agent, Levey Brown, British consul general at Seoul, is made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Thomas Lydon, a millionaire provision merchant, was knighted.

GENERAL REDUCTION OF WAGES. Rhode Island Manufacturers Are to Join in the Movement. BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The action of the cotton manufacturers of Rhode Island in deciding to lower the wage scale in January which was inaugurated by the big corporations of Fall River, makes the reduction practically a general one throughout the New England states. Cotton mills in Fall River, Pawtucket, and Woonsocket, N. H., and a number of smaller places have already posted notices of a reduction amounting from 10 to 11 per cent. In New Bedford it is understood the cut down applies to the cloth mills only.

HAYLOCK-ALLEN'S BODY FOUND. The General's Mutilated Remains Being Taken to Peshawar. CALCUTTA, Dec. 31.—The mutilated body of Gen. Sir Henry Haylock-Allen, it is reported from Fort All Musjid, has been found, and is being conveyed to Peshawar.

Home-Seekers' Excursions. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A meeting of the Western Union of Home-Seekers for the purpose of doing away with the home-seekers' excursions, which, it is said, have been a demerit of winter months in Chicago, was held here last night. The same old story was thrashed over again, with the same old result, and the excursions will be continued for the remainder of the winter.

No Compromise Verdict in Foley Case. LIBERTY, Dec. 31.—In the Foley murder trial the last witness for the defense and in rebuttal were examined during the afternoon session and the jury received instructions from the court. They are directed that they must return a verdict of murder in the first degree or acquittal, as under the law and the evidence there could be no other result. It is expected that the case will be given to the jury tomorrow forenoon.

Heavy Snowstorm in Pennsylvania. PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—The heaviest snowstorm of the year is now prevailing throughout Western Pennsylvania, with six to ten inches of snow now lying on the ground and it is still snowing. Railroad traffic is not seriously impeded. Telephone and electric light wires are down all over the city, and several accidents have happened by crossed wires, but no fatalities are reported.

To Cruise Around the Globe. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The United States steamer Mohican, now at Mare Island and navy yard, will go in commission for a cruise around the world, with a crew of naval apprentices. The voyage will be between the ages of 14 and 17, and must be shipped with the consent of their parents or guardians until they are 21 years old.

No Royalty on Armor Plate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It is determined at the navy department that the decision of patent office experts recently submitted in the case of patents for Harvey's armor plate may be nullified by withholding the payment of royalties on armor furnished by the great plate companies.

Chicago Aldermen Indicted. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The grand jury today returned indictments against Aldermen John Powers and William O'Brien for running gambling houses. The case against Alderman Michael McKenna, more widely known as "Hinky Dink," was continued for consideration by the next grand jury.

Antonio Govin Accepts Office. ATLANTA, Dec. 31.—Antonio Govin, who was quoted last night in opposition to the new autonomous government of Cuba, today announced his acceptance of the office of secretary of interior under Gen. Blanco.

Empress of Germany Has a Release. BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The empress of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza, has suffered a release. Dr. Zunker, her physician, is staying at the new palace.

Never let a cough run on from day to day. It indicates either inflammation or irritation, which, if allowed to continue, may result in serious injury to the lungs. A few doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures any pulmonary complaint not entirely beyond the reach of medicine.

BEFORE going to Alaska or any point. Get your glasses at Witzelski's. Optician, 112 Cherry. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The best assortment of Klondike fur outfits for ladies and gentlemen at Wind-miller, the furrier, 529 Second avenue, in 5000 CHAS. at cost; also show cases, "cigar wheels," graphophones and second-hand National cash register. Nestor, 1113 First avenue, Seattle.

HIGH CLASS NEW DESIGN Jewellery GRAHAM & MOORE, Jewelers, P. O. Block, 705 Second St.

COOKROOMS CROWDED.

MEN AND WOMEN RUSH TO HEAR THE BARTOW CASE.

Spent the Day Listening With Avidity to Disgusting Details Dragged Forth by the Cross-Examination From a Girl Witness on the Stand.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 31.—It was a period of indignity in favor of the defendant at the Bartow reduction case today, the chief witness for the prosecution, Mrs. Maggie Barton, who was the rack under a rigid cross-examination that damaged her testimony to no small degree. The same man of victims, men and women alike, frequent arguments between attorneys, brief, but presented with much vigor, occasioned periods of rest for the witness and no damaging statement was allowed to be made by her under the cross-examination without a hot wordy contest.

What more than anything else served to make a bad impression as coming from the witness was the introduction of a letter and the reading of a letter she had written to Leslie Grimm, a country friend, while she was living on a small island in Tacoma. The letter was in effect that she (the writer) had been to the White Shield Home, where she had been examined, and that nothing was physically found wrong with her. In nowise choice language she informed her correspondent she was called a "brick" in Tacoma, and would not impart other similar items of interest.

She admitted having written the letter. She said she knew she had become a mother, and that her sister, Mrs. M. P., had been in the country was entirely false. In a clever manner, but one that caused the end of opposition from the prosecution, the witness was led to admit that her alleged seducer had never been advised of her condition until about six months after she herself had discovered it. She said she hadn't the courage to tell him about it, but admitted that for some time after her discovery of her condition she continued to hold illicit intercourse with the defendant.

The witness told nothing particularly under the cross-examination, and has plainly shown that the crucial issue is undergoing. She in many instances cleverly evaded answering questions to the effect that she could not possibly remember the particular matter in question. An interesting point grew out of certain questions from one of the defense's attorneys, who had acted as her lawyer up to the time she decided to become a witness for the state. He announced in putting these questions that the information he desired to bring out was imparted to him by the witness prior to her engagement as her attorney, but that she refused to answer, and she really took advantage of it.

She said that the younger Bartow came to her to make terms he admitted that it was he who had caused her trouble, not his father, and that she understood the entire conversation. In many strong points her direct testimony was more or less weakened by cross-examination, but in others it remained unshaken. The defense held out for the adjournment, and the witness will again take the stand Monday forenoon.

SUSPECTED BURGLAR ARRESTED. Tacoma Police Have Caught a Man Who They Claim Is Guilty. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 31.—Ed Quinn, 19 years old, was arrested today on suspicion of being the burglar who stole the goods of the Hoenschild dry goods store. He is supposed to have two pals somewhere in the city, and when the balance of the trio are arrested it is believed the burglary can be proven against them.

Something like \$100 worth of stolen goods were today found cached by Detective Quinn, who they belong to has not yet been ascertained. The goods are supposed to have been cached by the gang which operated here for some time past, and owners of the goods are now being searched for among merchants who have suffered from burglary in the last few weeks.

WILL CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S. Three Separate Juries Will Remain Locked Up Till Monday. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 31.—Of all the people in Tacoma there are none any more sure of making a New Year's resolution than the thirty-six men making up the three juries now serving in the Long case, the Bartow trial and the Grooms murder hearing. The Long jury has been on duty since December 6, and the end is not yet. The three juries will remain locked up in separate apartments throughout New Year's and Sunday.

Municipal Court Out of Existence. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 31.—Today ends the life of the municipal court under the old law and this afternoon's session was the last to be held. Monday next the session of the Peace Thomas Mattison will succeed Judge Leavitt. The local police department is expected to receive the latter with a handsome ebony gold-headed cane as a parting souvenir of his service, and in appreciation of their friendship and respect.

SWAK MINES SOLD. One of the Largest Deals in Placers and Quartz Claims Made. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. MEAGHERVILLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—The best Klondike placer and quartz district are finally commencing to be approached even outside of the state of Washington. The largest deal made in this mining property was completed this week in Ellensburg. O. F. Wegener, a civil engineer, of Seattle, on behalf of some Eastern people, seven claims, one placer and three quartz, from Messrs. Meagher, York and Whitaker, of Meagherville.

Mr. Wegener, as manager of the company, will next week start in with a number of men to develop the property on both the quartz and placer claims. The whole camp feels good over this influx of Eastern capital, and has full confidence that the owners will find a rich reward for their invested money.

WHO CLAIMS THE OAKLAND? The District Clerk's Owners Have Not as Yet Been Found. PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 31.—Rather a peculiar state of affairs exists relative to the bark Oakland which was picked up two days ago off Cape Flattery in an abandoned and water-logged condition, in that the identity of her owners has not yet been learned. The marine records say she is owned by W. P. Sayward, but it is known here that she passed from his ownership to the late Capt. Watson, who was waiting, Capt. Watson having sailed from Melbourne under the impression that one was not necessary. Under these circumstances the vessel was not allowed to proceed further on her voyage, as the law provided a very strict fine of \$30 was imposed on the vessel, but was afterwards remitted upon receipt of instructions from Washington by Collector of Customs Hewitts.

The Jordan Hill is chartered at the remarkably high figure of \$4, this being the highest rate of the season.

WAGON ROAD COMPLETED. Kettle Falls Connected With Eureka—Much Shorter Route. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. COLVILLE, Dec. 31.—The new wagon road from Kettle Falls to Eureka is about completed, and will be ready for traffic by the first of the year. The distance over the new route to Eureka is less than thirty-five miles, and gives to the traveler a much shorter route than the old route over the route up Kettle river and via Grand Forks, B. C., D. McKellar, the stage man of Roseland, and who brought his equipments down from the north country and will inaugurate a daily stage line from Meyers Falls to Eureka. He expects to have regular mail service also established.

WILL BUILD A NEW TUGBOAT. Powerful Vessel, Larger Than the Tyece, for the Sound. PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the directors of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, held here yesterday, it was decided to add to and strengthen the fleet by expending \$80,000 in the construction of a new tug, which is to be the largest tug ever constructed on the company's fleet. Of the eight tugs now operated by the company, the Tyece is the largest, and the new boat is to have greater capacity in every respect than the Tyece. The increased demand for the services of tugboats makes this a desirable and most necessary addition to the fleet.

COAST GUARDS BEING PUSHED. Corbin's Road Will Be Ready to Commence Construction in Spring. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. GRANT, FORK, B. C., Dec. 31.—The coast guard surveyors are now engaged in making final surveys along the Kettle river, so that when the charter for the construction of the coast guard road is completed the season of the dominion house, no time will be lost in commencing actual work on the road.

The petition addressed to the dominion government asking that the required charter be granted to Mr. Corbin at the coming session is being unanimously signed by the people of this lower country, as every man in this section favors the road.

COUNTY ROADS DAMAGED. Land Slides, Caused by Rain, Stop Travel on Several Roads. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. LITTLE FALLS, Dec. 31.—The late heavy rains have done considerable damage to the county roads between this place and Toledo, and at the present time teams are unable to travel over the road, on account of two heavy slides within two miles of here. It will take considerable work to open the road again so that it will be in passable condition.

The Cowitz river was within two feet of its last month's crest and within the feet of November, 1896, fresher, during the past week. It is now falling fast.

SALMON CANNING BUSINESS. TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH. Methodists Will Reopen the Historic Building at Olympia. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. OLYMPIA, Dec. 31.—The First Methodist Church Society of Olympia, held its quarterly meeting last evening, and the meeting was made important by the action taken on the building of a new church. The church is to be built on the ground now occupied by the old building, and the new church is to be a two-story building, and will cost \$15,000. The matter was passed to the hands of the architect, and the ground will be cleared and the foundation laid by the end of the month.

Confessions to a Chief of Police Not Admissible Evidence. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. OLYMPIA, Dec. 31.—The supreme court has reversed the decision of the trial court, respondent, vs. James McCullum, appellant, appealed from King county. The appellant and one John Wilson were charged with robbery through a saloon building in Seattle, and on separate trials McCullum was convicted and sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. An appeal was taken, and the supreme court allowed the testimony of the chief of police to be taken regarding a charge of robbery committed at the house of Wright two weeks ago. The arrest of McCullum was made by the chief of police, and the evidence of the chief of police is admissible.

MAY HAVE BEEN RESCUED. Thought the Schooner Laura May Has the Oakland Aboard. ASTORIA, Dec. 31.—Pilot Malcom, who was in charge of the German ship Henrietta, which arrived in today, believes that the schooner Laura May, which was picked up derelict near Cape Flattery Wednesday, the Laura May dragged her anchor in the harbor yesterday and drifted out to sea before a tug could reach her. Malcom reported that as the Laura May drifted out to sea she was seen to have four men on her deck, and he thinks it probable she picked up the men from the Oakland.

COVILLE MARRIAGE LICENSES. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. COVILLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—County Auditor John L. Metcalfe has issued the following marriage licenses this week: Victor Adams and Miss Janetta May Ross, both of Bellingham; Joseph G. Smith, of Farmington, and Miss Minnie L. Timmela, of Daisy; Alfred Lynch, of Colville, and Miss Myrtle Dorman, of Arden; Alfred McDonald and Miss Maggie Lana Desotola, of Marcus.

DURING ACCUSED NEW GROOMS.

OUTLINE OF THE DEFENSE IN TACOMA'S MURDER TRIAL.

Prisoner Claims He Awoke to Find His Throat Cut, and, Horrified, Struck, Blindly Ran Into the Bay—Report That Razor Is Found.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 31.—As was predicted in the Post-Intelligencer, the defense in the Grooms murder trial is made and based upon a full denial of the crime. This morning at the opening of court, Attorney Harvey, one of the trio of attorneys for the defense, made a statement indicative of their case, saying they would show Grooms in an entirely new light. Summarized, the announcement to the jury included statements indicative of the defense showing that Grooms bore a good character in the community, while the chief witness for the prosecution is known to be a consummate liar; that Burns told many different and conflicting stories as to the time he retired on the night of the killing of the squaw, Colla Hanson; that while he was in bed he heard a racket in one instance and not later than 9 o'clock in another, it would be proven he was seen on the street after midnight; that he held a conversation with the defendant named Low the day following the crime which throws suspicion on him (Burns); that certain evidence of the purpose of the crime heard to emanate from the cabin of Burns, where the crime was committed, and other important testimony to be given in the course of the trial.

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