

DECISIVE MEXICAN BATTLE TODAY

CRIPPEN DIES PROTESTING INNOCENCE

HILL RANCHES WILL BECOME VALLEY'S GARDENS

\$100 Per Acre Net Profit From Potatoes Planted Four Miles West at Elevation of 2,500 Feet—No Irrigation or Cultivation—Thousands of Acres Now Covered With Timber Open to Homestead Entry.

A hundred dollars net profit per acre from non-irrigated land located four and a half miles from Wenatchee is the return which has been realized on its potato crop by the Pacific Timber Certificates company. This concern is a corporation owning 4,000 acres of timber land in the hills to the west of this city. The plan of the company is to cut off its timber, erect saw mills and sell cord wood for immediate revenue. As the timber is reduced to stumpage the land is cleared and developed. The elevation is about 2,500 feet.

This spring fifteen acres of this cleared land was roughly prepared to be planted to potatoes entirely by machinery and teams. It was an experiment. Deak Brown estimated that perhaps ten tons might be grown. Will Hayward was more sanguine and thought the crop should run thirty or forty tons. The actual harvest was amazing.

When the tubers were all dug and weighed it was found that the fifteen acres had produced 175 tons. Many of the eighty pound sacks were completely filled by 33 potatoes. One of the "murrhills" made a meal for a whole family.

The crop was planted by one man and a team at the rate of eight acres per day. No irrigation or cultivation stimulated the growth. It was raw land and many a hill of potatoes had a big sagebrush sticking right up in the middle of it.

The significance of these results means much to Wenatchee. Thousands of acres of similar land await development between this city and Ellensburg. Much of this land is government acreage and is open to homestead entry at this time. Settlers at this moment may file on these homesteads, get immediate revenue by cutting the timber and hauling much needed cord wood to this city where it sells readily at \$7.00 per cord.

Here is a vast territory at the very doors of Wenatchee which can be developed into agricultural and stock-raising ranches. To this city it would mean not only increased supporting territory, but still more important, a material reduction in the cost of vegetables, hay, meat and many of the necessities whose present high prices make the cost of living exorbitant.

Timothy and alfalfa show phenomenal growth in these hills. Radishes acquire tremendous size but retain extreme tenderness. Strawberries raised up at the head of the Squill-chuck at an elevation of 3,000 feet, were sent to Governor Hay last spring and he said they were the largest he ever saw. Eight of them would fill an ordinary box. They were as large as peaches almost. Onions get to be as large as saucers in circumference.

The building of the Wenatchee-Ellensburg road will have much to do with the development of this rich territory which is to be Wenatchee's garden in the years to come. This highway will serve as trunk line from which side roads entering every little valley and gulch of the hills, will enable settlers to haul out their cord wood and lumber while clearing the land. Later the whole territory will be filled with happy and prosperous homes. The climate is ideal for comfort and the absolutely pure mountain water is life-giving to man, beast and vegetation.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Will Be Held at M. E. Church Tomorrow at 10:30 Sharp.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church at the corner of Orondo and Chelan avenues, Thanksgiving day, at 10:30 sharp.

The following program will be rendered, Rev. W. A. Stevenson, Ph. D., presiding: Organ Prelude. Singing from Hymnal, Hymn No. 717.

Prayer, Rev. John W. Johnson. Anthem by the Chorus, "O, Give Thanks," by McPhail. Responsive Reading from the Psalter, page 82, "Thanksgiving," led by Rev. M. L. Sanders.

Singing from Hymnal, Hymn No. 716. Sermon, Rev. H. D. Wiard, D. D. Offering for the Washington Children's Home Finding Society. Singing from Hymnal, Hymn No. 702.

Benediction, Rev. S. O. Pool. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public on behalf of the various churches to attend this service. As has been the custom for many years, which custom is observed in most every Thanksgiving congregation in Washington, there will be an offering taken for the benefit of the Washington Home Finding Association, an institution that does great good, as is well known to all. Those having social engagements need not fear that they will not be able to keep them if they come to this service, for the service will close at 11:45 a. m.

MILITANT WOMEN RAMPANT

Suffragettes Continued Activities Through Night—Attack Party Leaders.

London, Nov. 23.—The activities of the suffragettes continued throughout the night, and at 2:30 this morning the militant band, under cover of a fog, circumented the police and stormed the Asquith residence. They hurled stones and metal weights at the house, breaking the glass of the lower windows. Earlier in the night the women smashed the windows of the home of Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary; Louis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, and Winston Spencer Churchill, home secretary. Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, was the victim of a vicious bodily assault and is confined to his home in care of physicians.

Received High Award. J. H. Ogburn is in the city today for a few days. He had on exhibition last week at the National Apple show his apple picking vessel, and on this he was awarded a handsome banner by the apple show management. Mr. Ogburn expects to leave in a few days for Chicago and will be there during the Chicago apple show.

BEEBE JURY SWORN LATE TODAY

Only Five Names Left in Panel—Jurors See Premises.

John Lundquist, W. H. Hoyle, H. R. Albin, Albert Knowles, C. R. Holcomb, E. T. Robbins, John Wiley, Granville Norton, T. W. Mitchell, T. Powell, J. G. Vaughn, F. S. Durham.

The above jury was accepted in the case of the state against Hannah Beebe at 2:45 this afternoon. There were only five men left in the panel when E. T. Robbins was accepted as the last juror.

It was with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Robbins, who is a graduate of Harvard University and who lives on a ranch at Lake Chelan, was able to say that he would swear to act on the evidence as adduced and render a verdict impartially. He objects to capital punishment on principle and to swearing that he would act in accordance with the law when he was in ignorance as to what the law in the case might be. After a number of questions from Judge Grimshaw himself, the juror was compelled against his desire to be sworn in.

The first request made by the defense was the same as in the case of Mrs. Totten. The court was asked to send the jury to the premises where the murder of James Sutton took place.

HALBERT SELLS HOME

W. F. Clay of Sunnyslope Now Owner of Fine North Chelan Avenue Home.

Mayor-elect C. B. Halbert on yesterday sold his North Chelan Avenue residence to W. F. Clay of Sunnyslope. The consideration was \$4,000.

Mr. Halbert states that he is undecided as yet whether he will purchase a new home, build or whether he will wait until next season.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

Frank Reeves Exhausted Ruler and Devere Uter Loyal Knight.

The Elks lodge last night received the resignation of Harry Taylor as exalted ruler and elected Frank Reeves to fill that position. H. N. May likewise resigned from the position of loyal knight. Devere Uter was chosen to fill that office. Mr. Reeves announced several appointments for committees and their chairmen.

Not to Interfere With Rates. San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Ruling that none of the allegations of the railroad companies were proved. Judges Ross, Gilbert, Morrow and Eubank, of the United States circuit court, today declined to enjoin the Interstate Commerce Commission from reducing the freight rates on commodities between the Missouri river shipping points and terminals in Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona.

Paul Weigand and S. E. Woldenberg, both business men of Leavenworth, are city visitors today. F. A. Debris, manager of the Virtue orchard tract of Moses Coulee, is transacting business in the city today.

Washington Weather. Washington.—Fair tonight and Thursday, except occasional rain in northwest portion.

DR. CRIPPEN PAID DEATH PENALTY

Executed Early This Morning—Death Instantaneous—Denied Confession.

London, Nov. 23.—Dr. Hawley H. Crippen today paid the penalty for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, the actress, within a few minutes of the stroke of nine this morning, the hour officially fixed for the execution.

The condemned man presented a pitiable appearance as he was led from his cell to the scaffold. He all but collapsed at the gallows. The doomed man had a restless night and seemed to lose all fortitude as the end approached. He did not touch breakfast and his face was colorless as he was escorted to the gallows. The gruesome work was soon done and a drop of seven feet produced instant death.

Confession Is Denied. An evening newspaper last night reported that Dr. Crippen had confessed. Scotland Yard officials persist in declaring that they know nothing of such a confession.

Solicitor Newton, of Crippen's counsel, says that so far as he is aware the report is untrue.

Usual rumors of confession of Crippen were circulated but rigid inquiry of all persons who possibly would have known of such an alleged confession elicited a flat denial. Crippen himself signed a statement Saturday which asserted his absolute innocence.

Ethel Leneve said: "I was the last person to see Dr. Crippen. So far as my knowledge extends he has not made such a statement."

GUNN BANQUETS HIS COLLEAGUES

Association Trustees Discussed Matters Over Festal Board.

At the Hotel Elman last evening Arthur Gunn, president of the Y. M. C. A., gave a dinner to the trustees and secretary of the association. All but one member was present. The object of the meeting was to hear the reports from the state convention held last week in Spokane. L. V. Wells and Secretary McLaughlin told of the proceedings and the inspiration and ideas received by them. Many valuable hints were obtained which will serve well toward making the local work more definite in aim and broad in scope.

The immediate effect of the Spokane convention locally is that the trustees are now more united and determined than ever before to get the foundation work of the association performed at the earliest moment. It is hoped that the weather will permit the continuance of the rapid progress now being made on the new building.

One of the most gratifying results was the decision of the trustees to meet three times each week from now on. These meetings will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the secretary's office, and will last about 30 minutes. After short devotions business details will be taken up and disposed of in prompt manner.

Much is expected of the social to be held tonight in the commercial club rooms. An excellent program will be heard. This is the first social function of the association held in the city and will furnish some idea of the many good times in store for the people in the future. It is planned to make the association a real factor in the social life of the city hereafter.

HONORS BE LONG TO CITY

Aberdeen Has No Legitimate Claim to Football Championship.

Wenatchee claims the high school football championship for the state of Washington. This claim is based on the fact that it is the only undefeated team in the state and that its proposition to the next nearest claimant, Aberdeen, to play for state championship, has been turned down by Aberdeen.

Superintendent Wilson, of the Aberdeen schools, announced yesterday that he would refuse his team permission to play. It is stated that the Aberdeen team has broken training and that three of the members are now enjoying a vacation.

A few weeks ago Aberdeen announced it would play any team in the state named by the Board of Control. That board has named Wenatchee, and now Aberdeen refuses to play. On that score alone, she yielded whatever claim she might have had to the championship.

For another still greater reason Aberdeen is disqualified. The report now is spread abroad that the game last Saturday, played in Aberdeen, was really won by Tacoma. Both the referee and the umpire of that game are positive that Halfback Adams made a touchdown in the last quarter. When goal was about to be kicked the head linesman, C. A. Arthur, of Aberdeen, had a sudden inspiration and determined that the touchdown was not legal because Adams had run out of bounds about seven yards from the last chalk mark. Referee Varnell was running beside the lad when he made the score and is absolutely positive that he did not go out of bounds. George Case, of Tacoma, who acted as umpire, says he watched the play closely and was equally sure of the legality of the touchdown. Coach Perkins of Tacoma makes the flat accusation that his team was robbed of the game and declares that he will never again play a game with Aberdeen.

It is now said that Headliner Arthur has acknowledged his uncertainty regarding his decision. His doubt, together with the positive statements of the umpire and referee should cause the Board of Control to award the game to Tacoma. If it is not done, Tacoma has at least won a technical victory. That fact leaves Wenatchee the only undefeated team in the state. It has not been shown that Wenatchee has suffered even a technical defeat. Her challenge to both Tacoma and Aberdeen for games has been disregarded by those teams and this clearly entitles Coach Stevens and his pupils to receive the pennant.

BEVERIDGE FOR IOWA?

Webster City, Iowa, Nov. 23.—To elect Senator Beveridge of Indiana as United States senator from Iowa to succeed the late Senator Dolliver and carry on the "forward movement in the republican party," in which the Indian has been a leader, is the startling suggestion of Professor Macy of the chair of political science in Grinnell college. Prof. Macy says that there is nothing in the federal constitution to prevent the Iowa legislature electing Beveridge as senator from this state if he will merely declare it his legal residence. The professor gets his idea from the English system, under which members of parliament are elected by districts without regard to residence.

E. H. Rothert interested in the building of the iron smelter at Leavenworth, is in the city today on business matters. The Thanksgiving service of the Christian Science church will be held in Elks' hall Thanksgiving morning at 11 o'clock.

WILD DISORDER MARKS NIGHT IN OLD MEXICO

Government Forces Control City of Torreon but Big Battle is Imminent Today—Madero Uroclaims Himself President but Admonishes Followers to Refrain From Any Overt Act Against Americans.

WAR SITUATION IN MEXICO. Ambassador Henry L. Wilson says rebels will lose. Southern Mexico cut off from capital and Vera Cruz may fall into hands of revolutionists. Reports of fighting in Gomez Palacio and Torreon in part confirmed by Mexican officials. Large number of rebels reported killed, but Torreon is in danger of capture by them. Skirmishes at San Andreas and Temosachi, along the Mexican Northwestern railroad. Battle raging at Cuatro Ciénegas, stronghold of anti-Diaz people. Uprising of Mexicans in Lower California feared. United States troops stationed along the border line. Mexican regulars also patrol the border.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 23.—Wild scenes of disorder marked the night at Torreon, with the government forces in full control of the city. The death list is estimated at sixty to seventy, largely from the insurgent side. The revolutionists lack organization and the supply of arms and ammunition is limited. The insurgents are massed outside Chihuahua and have control of large territory. The government forces and property owners are in possession of the city. The wires in many directions have been cut. It is impossible to ascertain the exact conditions. Heavy fighting is in progress today at Santa Sabel, Chihuahua. Reports from Monterey are that a large number of federal troops are en route to Monolovia, Coahuila, to meet Madero, who is reported to be marching to that place with one thousand well-equipped cavalry and several hundred infantry. This force, it is said, is being augmented all along the line of march. At Torreon a large force of cavalry was sent in pursuit of the revolutionists who have withdrawn toward San Pedro where a decisive battle is expected today. Messages are being accepted by the Mexican government telegraph operators who claim to have the wires open.

Says Diaz' Reign is Over. A high Mexican official said today that in his opinion the Diaz regime was over. In efforts to secure more help in Ciudad Diaz, one American in business there was ordered to report for duty and help a land patrol. When he explained that he was not a citizen of Mexico, the request was withdrawn.

Government Controls Situation. New York, Nov. 23.—The Mexican government has the situation well in hand. Everything is quiet. This is the information from President Brown of the National Railways of Mexico, who reports "as far as I can learn no damage has been done to the railways or telegraph lines." He says his own trains are operating on schedule.

Proclaims Himself President. Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Mexico, Nov. 23.—Francisco Madero has proclaimed himself "president of the provisional government of Mexico" and admonishes his followers not to commit any overt acts against the Americans nor damage the property of the foreigners. Madero's proclamation is being generally circulated today throughout Northern Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 23.—It is said on good authority that an army of two hundred revolutionists are encamped within thirty miles of this city on the American side awaiting an opportunity to cross the border into Mexico.

Lower California Guarded. San Diego, Calif., Nov. 23.—That an uprising in Lower California similar to those in other parts of Mexico is feared by the Mexican authorities on the peninsula is strongly suggested by the fact that the customs officers guarding the line at Tia Juana today received orders that no firearms or ammunition of any kind will be allowed to pass from the United States into Lower California.

According to the reports which reached the city this morning from Tia Juana revolvers and rifles by the score have been carted into the interior of Lower California during the last few days. This information, it is said, was carried to the governor of Lower California at Ensenada, and the sweeping order stopping all kinds of ammunition and firearms is said to have originated from the capital.

In order to see that this latest order is carried out to the letter an extra force of line riders has been put on and the customs officials have been strengthened in numbers by appointment of extra men.

According to a statement made by a Mexican official who arrived in San Diego today, the feeling against the Americans which has been displayed in the City of Mexico and other points of central and southeastern Mexico is beginning to show itself in Tia Juana.

"The Lower California government has had secret service men operating in San Diego and other American cities," he said this morning, "and we have found that great quantities of revolvers and ammunition have been sent to Mexico during the last few weeks. This seems to indicate that there are some persons in Lower California who are looking for trouble. We mean to stop it."

Wilson Says Diaz Will Win. Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—That the revolutionists in Mexico are doomed to defeat is the opinion of Henry Lane Wilson, the American ambassador in the Mexican capital.

From that vantage point, with access to the reports received by the Mexican government from its military commanders and civil governors and with his private advices from the American consular officers at points where disturbances have occurred, Mr. Wilson has reached this conclusion.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

Services Will Be Held Prior to Taking Remains to Panora, Ia.

Several weeks ago the death of Mrs. L. C. Wice occurred. The body was embalmed and has been held here since that time. Tomorrow the funeral services will be held in the parlors of the Wenatchee Undertaking Co., the hour having been set at 2:30 p. m. The remains will go east on No. 4. Interment will take place at Panora, Iowa, the former home of the deceased.

Infected With Bubonic Plague. St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—The whole of Manchuria is officially declared to be infected with bubonic plague, not with cholera, as was erroneously reported recently.

Chelan-Wenatchee Game Tomorrow. The management of the Wenatchee high school football team has secured a game with Chelan tomorrow to be played at the local grounds here at 1 o'clock. The Chelan team has been greatly strengthened during the past two weeks and a good game is expected.