

TRIES TO KILL GUARD

Egbert the Harney County Murderer Gets Bad

Attacks One of Guards With a Sledge Hammer, While at Austin's Station

Baker City, Or., Dec. 15.—Egbert, the condemned murderer of Attorney Saxton, passed through this city last night on his way to Salem, in charge of Sheriff Tom Allen and Deputy Buoy, of Harney county. Egbert was sentenced by Judge Clifford at Burns last week, to be executed at Salem, January 19th.

The officers are aware of the desperate character of their prisoner, and

yet he came within an ace of adding another murder to those already accredited to him yesterday morning. At Austin's Station, on the stage route from Burns to Whitney, while at breakfast, the shackles were removed from his hands so he could eat. A heavy sledge hammer was lying on the floor of the room, which Egbert seized and turned upon Deputy Sheriff Buoy. Sheriff Allen sprang forward, and seized the sledge from behind, just as Egbert was bringing it down upon the deputy. A desperate struggle ensued for the possession of the sledge. Egbert was soon overpowered, and his hands were again shackled.

The man has remained heavily ironed since his last attempt at murder, and will remain in that condition until he arrives at the penitentiary. Just before leaving Burns Egbert tried to knock his brains out against the side of his cell.

In Russia's Grab Bag.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Tageblatt reports bloody conflicts along the Caucasian and Persian frontiers. In a series of battles the Persians were routed, the Persian army pursuing them far into Persia. The Tageblatt says it will furnish Russia a pretext for tightening her grip on Persia.

Paid Some Money.

New York, Dec. 15.—Speyer & Co. bid in the Consolidated Superior Company at auction at noon today for \$4,500,000.

SWIPED THREE MILLIONS

Denver Men Work the Colorado Fuel Company

Have Been in Collusion for Years and Put the Company Up Against It Hard

Denver, Dec. 15.—There is a rumor that the four men recently discharged by the Colorado Fuel Iron works, at Pueblo, had been in collusion for years past, and that the company faces a \$2,000,000 shortage. The company is expected to give out its statement at the annual meeting this evening. The dismissed men are under no bonds, and if guilty, are singularly placed.

Negroes Draw Color Line.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 15.—It appears that Colorado is to have no colored contingent in her national guard. Two companies of colored men had been enlisted, and were at the armory last night to be mustered in. Colonel Blum was present, when "Major" Charles Jones, a colored man to whose efforts the formation of the companies was largely due, announced that he had learned that Governor Peabody intended to officer the companies with white men. The colored recruits at once refused to enter the service.

He Has to Answer.

Victor H. Heath, who is now held in Heppner on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses in Snohomish county, Washington, will have to face his accusers, Governor Chamberlain granting a requisition today.

One More Brick Maker.

F. D. Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county, arrived in the city this morning with Jerome Moran, who was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses. He will serve one year in the pen.

Burned to Death.

Braidwood, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. M. Smith, her daughter and Frank Smith were burned to death in a fire this morning, which destroyed the residence and store of J. Somon.

One More Ship.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—The Olympia is coaling today and sails to join the Carribean squadron Wednesday, where she will be Coghlan's flagship.

Will Show Beer Life.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Beer general, Viljoen, arrived on the Umbria today, to arrange a spectacular exhibit of Beer life at the St. Louis exposition.

KNOX TALKS WELL

Attorney General Makes Argument in Securities Case

Calls the Promoters "Empire Builders and Oriental Dreamers" a Large Crowd in Courtroom

Washington, Dec. 15.—Another large and distinguished audience was at the supreme court today, and even standing room was occupied by those wishing to hear Knox in behalf of the government, in the Northern Securities case. It was Knox's first appearance in the cabinet and there was much interest when the undersized, smooth-faced, youthful looking man began his address at noon. It proved to be brilliant. There was no attempt at oratory, but his clear, incisive tones were audible throughout the crowded chamber, which is noted for its bad acoustics. He rarely indulged in gestulation, although he sometimes sharply brought his fingers together on the palm. He called the promoters of the Northern Securities empire builders and Oriental dreamers, and said the real plan was to secure an absolutely undefeatable monopoly of all the transportation facilities over the territory traversed.

He said: "The gentlemen on the other side have referred to themselves as criminals, and expected the court to be horrified at such appellations. We have not yet referred to you as criminals, but as defendants in equity, and that's what you are. It is time enough to evoke the strict construction of the statute when you shall have been actually arraigned charged with a crime." He declared the statute under which the case was brought to be remedial, rather than penal, and quoted the decision of the trans-Missouri and joint traffic cases, to show the applicability to the securities case. He declared the government's case could be put into one terse sentence: "Is there combination, and does it restrain interstate commerce?" To prove that securities is a trust, he read the testimony of Morgan, Hill, Clough and others. He said Hill and Morgan are the men who are responsible for this organization, which is strictly prohibited by law. To deny that it is such a combination challenges common intelligence, to deny that it is in the restraint of the court challenges the authority of this court.

Their Pay Cut Down.

New York, Dec. 15.—The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that, beginning January 1, 1904, about 80 per cent of the employees of

the corporation will suffer a wage reduction ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about 150,000 workmen in the various grades of the subsidiary companies. The remaining 10 per cent of the employees are members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinworkers, whose wage schedule runs to July 1, 1904. The finance committee of the steel corporation has, it is understood, under consideration the dismissal of many high-salaried employees, in addition to those already discharged, but no statement on this point was forthcoming today. It was asserted that, barring some unforeseen technicalities, employees of the corporation who participated in the profit-sharing plan will, in the coming month, receive a \$5 dividend on the preferred stock, to which they subscribed \$82.50.

To Annex San Domingo.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Only two score members were present when the house met at noon today, owing to the exodus of the Western members for the holidays. The house resumed consideration of the pension appropriation bill. Senator Heyburn presented a joint resolution providing that the President acquire, by annexation or otherwise, the island of San Domingo, and its dependencies, which was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Morgan offered another resolution on the isthmian canal, calling for information as to whether Knox had negotiated for the purchase of the new canal company, and whether the French government participated in such purchase. It went over. When the Cuban reciprocity bill was taken up it was agreed the time should be equally divided between the opponents and advocates. Perkins, of California, devoted the greater part of his argument to answering his colleague Hard, who a few days ago contended the bill would enable Cuba to deal a severe blow to the California citrus industry.

Will Sue for Daughter's Right.

Whatcom, Wash., Dec. 15.—W. A. Utter, formerly the owner of several hundred acres of what is now the thickest settled residence portion of the city, has returned here with the avowed intention of instituting a suit to establish his minor daughter's right to a portion of his former estate, which he lost on foreclosure proceedings, following the 1893 panic. The property in question has become very valuable.

At the time of the mortgaging of the property, Mr. Utter was a widower with an infant daughter. It is claimed that the daughter has been deprived of her share of the estate through her mother's side, to which she was entitled under the community property laws of the state.

Railway Men Arrested.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Howard E. Huntington, son of Henry E. John J. Akin, E. P. Clark and S. B. McLennan, all railway magnates, were arrested this morning for failing to sprinkle their tracks, according to ordinance. The arrests are the result of the "Records" crusade against their clouds of dust. The magnates will plead Saturday, and will fight the ordinance.

Poultry, Dogs and Cats this Week.

One admission to see all—15 cents.

JAPS KILL KOREANS

Between Russia and Japan Her Path Is Rocky

Government Is Moribund, and the Race Has About Run to Its Finish

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 15.—There were more riots at Mokpoh yesterday. A Japanese mob wounded 17 Koreans. The Korean officials are strenuously endeavoring to quell all disorders. Russia hasn't interposed, although her influence still prevails over the Korean government. The American minister, Allen, demanded a reply from Korea regarding the opening of the port at NiJu. American residents here, fearing disorder, desire a warship.

City Will Make All Be Vaccinated.

New York, Dec. 15.—Vigorous measures are being taken by the board of health to prevent an outbreak of smallpox in New York, and to that end has appointed 54 new inspectors, who will co-operate with the large force of regular inspectors in searching for persons who have not been vaccinated. Many cases of smallpox has been reported lately in large cities near here, and the authorities are determined to forestall the disease in New York.

All schools, tenement houses, department stores and similar places where people congregate, are to be visited by the inspectors, and efforts will not be relaxed until the department is reasonably certain that every man, woman and child in the city has been vaccinated.

Funeral Today.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The funeral of John Proctor, president of the civil service commission, who died Saturday, was held this morning.

From now on Special prices on Candies for Xmas Trees, Etc.

Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife and sons, attended, also Mr. and Mrs. Lodge, Hitchcock and a large representation from official circles.

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On Wednesday of each week it has been our custom to conduct a SPECIAL SALE for this day only and it has grown to such popularity that customers often ask "What is to be your next Wednesday Special?" Tomorrow marks our 154 Wednesday Sale and on this day we offer fine Stamped Cushion Tops and Backs. These tops are stamped in the colors to be used in embroidering them and are very beautiful in design. A large variety to select from and are usually sold, at all stores, for 50c. Our price for this day only

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Wool covered lambs 10c to 35c
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Fur or flannel dogs 25c to \$2.50

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CHINA TEA AND DINNER SETS Our assortment is larger than ever this year, and many are copies of handsome, large sets. A very attractive set of pieces, with pretty floral design at 25c to \$4.50

DOLLS, GO-CARTS, CARRIAGES About fifty different styles; some are upholstered in satcen—finished in up-to-date style—with parasol and strap—from 25c to \$7.50

Our Clothing Sale

Our recent special offers have proved very satisfactory—for those who have been quick to appreciate the value of bargain giving, they kept us busy.

The fabrics are in this seasons newest patterns and weaves; the trimmings are first class, and the tailoring is the best.

Every Suit and Overcoat in our immense stock is reduced in price so you can certainly afford to buy yourself a Christmas present which you will appreciate.

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