

HUMAN BLOODHOUND

PRISON GUARD GIFTED IN TRACKING LAW BREAKERS.

Ten Years Spent in the Wilderness Enabled Him to Cultivate Powers Until Now He is Regarded as a Wonder.

Tacoma, Wash.—After battling for nearly six months with a dangerous malady, which for a time threatened his life and which is the only illness he has experienced in 44 years of life spent in the Olympic and Cascade mountains trapping and hunting and living out of doors.

It was Smith who trailed Herman Wendt, a counterfeiter, on the occasion of his last escape from the prison of the United States penitentiary on McNeil Island. While bloodhounds patrolled the trail of the fugitive, Smith, accompanied by James Warden, followed the trail of the fugitive, accompanied by James Warden, followed the trail of the fugitive.

When he was 30 years old he equipped himself with a gun, rifle and an assortment of steel traps, and then he took into the Olympic mountains. Until he was 30 years old he lived the solitary life of a hunter, spending all of his time in the mountains.

Deputy United States Marshal Frank Crosby of Tacoma is an intimate friend of Smith, having known the hunter since boyhood. Crosby is recognized as one of the best shots in Pierce county, and himself is an old-time woodsman.

"Smith is the most wonderful trail I ever have met," says Crosby. "I have followed his lead in the woods when he has trailed bear and other animals for days, following the route taken by the animal as surely as he would walk along a cement sidewalk in the city."

KING OF TRAMPS QUITS ROAD

"A No. 1" Will Tell in Book How He Went 500,000 Miles on \$7.54.

Middletown, N. Y.—Tired of the life of a tramp, after roaming over the country for 24 years, known only as "A No. 1," Ray Livingston of Cambridge Springs, Pa., the most famous tramp in the world, announces that he will now quit the road and devote the remainder of his life to literary pursuits.

He neither smokes, drinks nor gambles. Livingston has traveled by riding on top and underneath freight and passenger cars.

Rutland, Vt.—Joseph St. Peter of this city, age 94 years, at the annual reunion of company D, Seventh Vermont volunteers, here, entertained his comrades by dancing fgs and waging army songs.

When Bishop of this city, aged 61 the youngest volunteer in the state was present at the reunion. The company went out 46 years ago, and served four years.

CARRIES HIS OWN TOMBSTONE

Man Nearly Scared Undertaker's Clerk Out of His Wits.

Minneapolis, Minn.—With a tombstone carried laboriously under his arm, his name and date of burial inscribed upon it, a man who said his name was John Morton stormily entered the undertaking room of Green & Morris, 507 South Fourth street, Minneapolis, and demanded:

John Wright, a clerk in the office, admitted that the tombstone carrier seemed very much alive, reflecting that the cumbersome tombstone which he carried must have weighed at least 100 pounds.

HISTORIC CRAFT ABANDONED.

Left to Decay Near Scene of Its Glorious Exploits.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Marquis, which for 20 years has been lying on the banks of the North Saskatchewan river at Prince Albert, one of the oldest towns in western Canada, was famous in more ways than one.

The Marquis and her sister boat, the Northwest, which now lies only a short distance from her, took an active part in the Riel rebellion. The Marquis was laid aside in her youth, not through any defective building, nor as a result of accident.

ARE TURTLES REPTILES?

Point at Issue in Dispute Started by Cuban Customs Officials.

Washington.—A weird, but serious, complaint has reached the bureau of insular affairs of the war department relating to the classification by the Cuban customs officials of sea turtles.

That a turtle is a reptile is tenaciously held by those interested in the industry which heretofore has flourished on the south side of the island. The turtles are captured in great numbers near Bato Bato and a ready market is found in all parts of Cuba.

GIRL WINS \$6,000 AT FARO.

Lillian Bennett "Breaks the Bank" of Rawhide, Nev.

Reno, Nev.—Miss Lillian Bennett, said to be the daughter of a prominent New York family, broke a faro bank in Rawhide the other night, winning \$6,000 in one sitting in a resort.

When the bank roll was gone the proprietor sent out for more money, but the big game was brought to an end.

No Tea Nor Coffee at 73. Bristol, Pa.—A quite remarkable old man, who never before had a headache or suffered a day's sickness, Joseph J. Lovett of Emile, died at the age of 73 in the 300-year-old family homestead.

Made Mayor by Flip of Coin. Oneida, Ill.—The municipal election here resulted in a tie and was decided by the flip of a coin. The candidates were W. T. Glenn and A. G. Miller.

PRINCE DE SAGAN

CRIMSON RECORD OF ANNA GOULD'S WOOER.

Eclipsed That of Count Boni—Once Appeared at Dinner in Paris in Role of Devil and Put Fire on Guests.

Paris.—All Paris is titillated over the prospective marriage by which Prince Helle de Sagan is to succeed Count Boni de Castellane as the husband of Anna Gould. It is characterized as "that grand joke."

Some of the little dinners, with which the prince was wont in the old days to shock even Paris, were quite as bad as the feasts in which Tiberius delighted in his ancient dining hall, the Octagon Cenaculum.

Prince Helle has gone through two fortunes, left him by his two grandfathers. At one time he maintained 12 establishments in Paris. His love affairs run into the scores. His life for imaginative viciousness and unscrupulous machinations to get money, is unexampled in Paris since the days of the Grand Monarch.

Altogether it is said he has fought a hundred duels. Eight of them at least were with men of prominence in Paris. One was with Prince George Stourdis, whom he first slapped one night in the lobby of the opera house, and later wounded.

De Sagan several years ago denounced Prince de Chalais, who married Miss Beatrice Winans of Baltimore, as an impostor, claiming the title for himself. Later he challenged the prince, who declared de Sagan beneath his notice.

In the height of his career de Sagan added spice to his existence by hunting up provocations for issuing a challenge. When the excitement of other pleasures palled, he would, if necessary, deliberately give the insult to invite a challenge.

Prince Helle's wooing of Mme. Gould has been systematic and carefully determined. From the beginning of her trouble with her husband the prince has been Mme. Gould's guide and sympathizer.

The prince comes of an old family. Generations of azure blood flow in his veins. His family is as noble in Prussia as in France.

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VENGEANCE OF A RICH MAN.

Plans Will Be That Revenge Is His Even Beyond Grave.

Newark, N. J.—An amazing revelation of a rich man's vengeance and personal animosity extending beyond the grave was revealed the other day when the will of the late John Eastwood, a millionaire manufacturer of Belleville, was filed for probate.

Mr. Eastwood, who died in St. Augustine, Fla., provided in his will that Charles Smith, a former partner and a stockholder in the Eastwood Wire Manufacturing company, shall not be re-employed in the Eastwood factory, or by John H. Eastwood, his nephew and adopted son, and likewise principal heir, in any capacity.

Mr. Eastwood also expressly forbids the re-employment of Robert G. Minion, a former superintendent in his wire works. To insure the carrying out of this provision the sum of \$5,000 is to be held in trust by the executor to be invested, and when necessary reinvested for five years, or until such time as Mr. Minion may or shall be re-employed.

QUEER FAD OF OLD MINER.

Proposes Each Year to Stenographer of Oregon's Governor.

Portland, Ore.—Annual proposals of marriage are made by Bohemia Sharpe, an old miner, to the stenographer of Oregon's governor, whoever she may be. Sharpe has just made his yearly visit to the state capital, and incidentally called at the executive office and made a formal offer of his heart and hand to Gov. Chamberlain's stenographer.

Sharpe is now over 70 years of age, but is still an active prospector. He has a claim and a cabin in the mountains of the Bohemia district, 25 miles from Cottage Grove. It is said that he is quite wealthy, but his riches do not help to dispel the loneliness of his isolated home.

Exports to America Decrease. Consuls in Germany Report 40 per Cent. Drop in Many Cases.

Berlin.—According to records of the American consulate in Berlin exports from this district to the United States during the first three months of 1908 show a decrease of 40 per cent as compared to the total for the corresponding period of 1907.

The Hamburg consulate reports exports amounting to \$2,991,000 for the first quarter of this year, as against \$4,919,000 for the corresponding quarter of 1907.

Frankfort and the consulates in southern Germany under Frankfort show a still greater decline, the total being \$4,444,000 for 1908 as against \$8,824,000.

JAIL REFORMS MICHIGAN MAN.

Proprietor of Saloon Thanks Judge for Sending Him to Prison.

Port Huron, Mich.—After serving 30 days in the county jail for violating the Sunday liquor law, Daniel Conway, one of the 17 saloon keepers sentenced by the circuit judges of this county, was given his liberty.

"Happy Home" saloon, notified his daughter to get the best spread ready that money could buy, and he invited Sheriff Davidson to help him partake of it.

Spirits Led to Will.

Bowling Green, O.—Spiritual whippings, it is claimed, and the ghostly presence of an ancestor long since dead, with its bony finger pointing toward a hidden chest, is responsible for the finding of a long-lost will, and a suit in common pleas court for the recovery of 30 acres of land in Wood county.

UNUSUAL WILL LEFT

CHILDREN OF DECEASED MUST WED TO SHARE IN WEALTH.

Seven Girls and Six Boys Will Have to Marry Before They Are 30—Must Also Dig for Buried Treasure.

St. Louis.—Seven girls and six boys named as heirs in the will of William Helwig, a retired lumber dealer of St. Louis, must marry before they are 30 years old or be cut off from all participation in his estate.

For nearly 30 years Helwig lived at 2525 South Broadway and was proprietor of a lumber yard at 2423 South Broadway. During the greater part of that time he was a widower and his daughter Caroline, now Mrs. Neubert, was his housekeeper.

One day when his mind seemed unusually clear he called members of his family to his bedside and said: "It's under the ground."

As he lived at 2525 South Broadway when he received the money for which he sold his lumber business, members of the family think the fortune may be buried on the premises or near there.

Helwig bequeathed one dollar to each of his children—Mrs. Neubert, Mrs. Katherine Miller of 2213 South Second street, Mrs. Amanda Rutherford of 204 Duchouquette street, Mrs. Louise Pay and Mrs. Anna Schneider of Chicago and Miss Anna Martha Helwig, Conrad Helwig and Louis Helwig, whose whereabouts are not known to other members of the family.

The only grandchild who is of marriageable age is Miss Irene Pay of Chicago, who is 19 years old. She is one of seven children of Mrs. Pay the others being Anna, 15; Alma, 14; Willie, 12; Albert, 10; Blanche, 7; and Henry, 5.

GOLD IN PICKLE BARREL.

Widow of an Inventor Discovers Great Riches Unexpectedly.

Alameda, Cal.—Finding a pickle barrel full of \$20 gold pieces was the delightful experience of the widow of H. A. Graf of 1612 Sixth street, West Alameda, while exploring her cellar a day or two since.

Graf, while hurrying to catch a train at the Third street station on February 1, was seized with an attack of heart failure and died at the Oak land home. He had, during his life time, frequently remarked to his wife that they would soon have enough in the barrel to get back to their former home in Germany and live for the rest of their days.

This reference was never understood by his wife, and it now develops that Graf had invented a mechanical attachment for a piano, which brought him in money from time to time. The money he stored in the pickle barrel and died too suddenly to divulge the secret.

Mrs. Graf had no idea of the existence of the unusual receptacle of wealth and found it quite by accident, thus becoming many thousand dollars richer.

Prison Will Be Baby's Home.

Reno, Nev.—To grow to womanhood behind the bars of the state penitentiary at Carson City, is the fate of the two-year-old daughter of Lizzie Astor sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime of manslaughter. Lizzie Astor pleaded guilty some weeks ago, but Judge Pike has heretofore refused to pass sentence, because no provision had been made for her daughter.

The warden wrote to Judge Pike offering to allow the little girl to come within the prison, and so Lizzie Astor was sentenced and with her babe taken to the cell, where the girl will spend her days until she is old enough to step into the world alone.

She Need Not Wear Tights. New York.—It required only 15 minutes for a jury to decide that Henrietta Lee, a burlesque actress, was entitled to \$4,700 salary from owners of a Harlem theater. Miss Lee refused to wear tights and was discharged. She sued for breach of contract and received all she asked for.

RATS KILL TWO ALLIGATORS.

Rodent Host Turns Tables and Attacks and Eats Pair of Big Saurians.

Seattle, Wash.—Big wharf rats at Point Defiance park, in Tacoma, have killed and eaten two alligators brought there last summer by George H. Brown. How the ravenous rodents ever managed such a big contract as to kill the saurians, their enemies, let alone eating them, is a mystery to Superintendent Roberts of the Tacoma city parks.

The alligators are kept in a greenhouse. Several nights ago two saurians pressed open the meshes of the wire screen that imprisoned them and started on a voyage of discovery through the greenhouse. Rats in large numbers abound about the park buildings, and it is supposed, soon discovered the presence of the intruders and began the attack. The alligators, from all appearances, made a desperate fight for their lives. Scores of rats were found dead the next morning lying near the carcasses of the alligators.

"I don't see how those rats ever killed those alligators," said one of the park employees. "Take that alligator that is left, and it would be certain death for a rat to get within a foot of its head. I suppose the rats just piled on them and got their teeth in their necks or heads."

GOES THROUGH BRICK WALL.

Switch Engine Suddenly Runs Amok in Roundhouse.

Stamford, Conn.—Switch engine No. 2547 of the New Haven railroad went on the rampage in the roundhouse here the other afternoon while standing with steam up. Two machinists were tinkering with the sand pipe and air apparatus.

As the engine suddenly began to move back towards an open turntable one of the machinists jumped into the cab and reversed the engine in time to prevent it going into the turntable. Instead it sped forward towards the two low brick walls of the roundhouse.

The machinist was unable to stop the engine, there being no air in the tank and it crashed into the brick wall and tore right through it, out upon the sidewalk. A hole 15-feet high by six feet wide was made in the solid masonry. The cowcatcher and headlight of the engine were torn off.

FORTUNE WAITS LOST BOY.

Suggested to Be Penitentiary Orphan, but Rich Father Suddenly Appears.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Detectives who for the last four weeks have been searching through this portion of Pennsylvania for Paul James, a young man for whom parents and a fortune wait in New York, although he believes himself a penniless orphan, have discovered a clue which they are confident will result in his discovery.

The boy's story is most romantic. Seventeen years ago his father disappeared from New York. It was thought he had been murdered, but instead he had been shipwrecked and shipped on a long voyage. A short time ago he returned to New York and found his wife.

When he disappeared they were poor, and the mother placed the boy in an orphan asylum and went to work. Circumstances were never such that she could take him out of the asylum until two years ago. Then she found that he had been put out with a farmer, but had run away from the farm in September, 1905.

RIVAL OF LUTHER BURBANK.

Pontiac Man Says He Can Make Fruit Trees Bear.

Pontiac, Mich.—Henry M. Lindsay, retired druggist, has evolved a fruit-tree tonic. Applying principles of chemistry he concocted a solution in which he soaked iron nails about an inch and a quarter in length.

When the nails had taken up sufficient of the liquid he drove them into his fruit trees. He declares that last season his trees bore plentifully while those of his neighbors were fruitless. He has soaked a quantity of nails in the tonic and is now offering them to fruit growers for experimental purposes.

He maintains that fruit trees need nourishing as much as the soil, and that the quickest way to get results in the trees is to apply the tonic direct to the trees.

WILL RECALLS ROMANCE.

Woman Defeated in Love by Sister Deprives Her of Estate.

Charlotte, Mich.—The single provision in the will of Miss Mary E. Cook that the earnings of her estate shall go to her sister until the latter's death and then to charity, recalls the romance of the women's early lives. Miss Cook and her sister loved one man. The sister won the suit, and after marriage resided in California. Miss Cook never accepted the attentions of another, and never communicated with her sister, either by visit or letter.

The will provides that the estate, worth several thousand dollars, shall be turned over to a charity organization to be selected by E. L. Coy and Rev. Thomas H. McRoberts, soon after the death of Miss Cook's sister.