

Not as many people pass by your house as a year, probably, as read the want ads in this paper in the morning, which shall be a record or "To Let" advertisement?

SECRET EVENING NEWS.

If anything went amiss at the office today which a want ad may remedy—and you hastened to fix up the want ad—you may stop worrying about the matter.

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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

MAN WHO CAPTURED J. WILKES BOOTH

Is Now in Salt Lake and Tells New Most Interesting Chapter of History.

THE ASSASSIN'S IRON NERVE.

"How You Can Prepare a Stretcher For Me for I'll Never Come Out and I'll Never Surrender."

DROPPED HIS DANGEROUS CARBINE

When He Saw the Flames in the Barn Were Going to Seal His Doom—Shot Through the Neck.

It is a poor school boy who hasn't heard at least one version of the memorable act in American history when President Abraham Lincoln ended his life at the loss of the war, and when J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated him in the Ford Theater on Tench street, was chased by cavalrymen across Maryland and finally located at his hiding place in a barn in Virginia and shot.

A visitor in Salt Lake this week is Eerton J. Conger, a veteran member of the U. S. A., who was commanding officer of the platoon of cavalrymen who chased Booth to his hiding place. He was the man who carried the first news of the capture back to Washington, and reported it to Secretary Stanton, delivering at the same time all of Booth's papers and the carbine which he had brought from the barn on which the investigation was held to establish his identity and save it from the hands of a villain in the old government prison near Washington.

TELLS THE STORY ANEW.

Judge Conger last night was telling stories of the war in the office of Attorney John G. Willis of the Oregon Short Line, and among them was the story of the long chase after Booth and his final capture. It was a mental picture of the doubts and clues and circumstances leading him to go to each place which he suspected of being a hide-out. As a conclusion, he was standing at the end in which he refused to obey an order to prefer charges against Sergeant Corbett, who killed Booth, and court-martialed him.

WHO JUDGE CONGER IS.

Since the war Judge Conger has received an appointment as associate justice on the Montana supreme court, and has lived there for a long time. Attorney Willis comes from Montana, and Judge Conger is now his guest. Hon. Farley L. Williams, chief counsel of the railroad, came from the same country originally as Judge Conger, so that they are close friends also, and it was to visit his friends here and to see Salt Lake that Judge Conger came west after the war.

KNEW BOOTH WELL.

Before the war he had known Booth, as such of them frequented the same billiard hall near the Ford theater. When the president was assassinated he was in Richmond, superintending the investigating bureau claims of recruits whom Grant had refused to accept into his army, and who were stationed along the river.

HEARD THE SHOCKING NEWS.

It was between 12 and 1 o'clock at night when the news reached the garrison. "I saw something was the matter," he reproduced the exact words from this point on, "but I didn't know what it was. I thought Lee had broken out again, or the Confederate soldiers had been in the streets of Richmond, or Lee had returned to his men after surrendering to Grant. Well, it was an hour before I could get definite information as to just what had happened, and I started next morning by starting 'City Point,' where my clerks were at work. I went ashore and ordered them to close up their work at once. I met the marshal of the District of Columbia there, and went on with him to Washington.

ARREST OF MRS. SURAT.

"I learned then that Mrs. Surat had been seen at her home shortly before the murder, also that officers had been there after the murder and arrests in disguise with a man who had afterwards turned out to be an assassin, who had taken the wrong street excavation with his horse. I reported to my duty under Col. Baker, who had headquarters on Pennsylvania avenue, and was in charge of the search.

HAD CROSSED RIVER.

"There's an old darky woman in the other room, and we can't find out just what she is trying to tell, and found a good testimony there. She told of seeing two men in a boat in a swamp off the Potomac, and when I showed her a picture of Wilkes Booth she said: 'No, no, no, I believe that are the men in the boat.'"

THE FIRST CLUE.

"We finally located a farmer who testified that he had seen Booth at noon he had been offered \$10 by Booth and a man named Harold to haul them 20 miles along to Bowling Green near Richmond. He had started out, but the ferry the ferryman was afraid of fishing and wouldn't come over. Near night three soldiers of the confederate army made their way across the river, rode up and pointing a carbine at the ferryman had ordered him to come over. He did so and Booth and Harold made their way across the river. The ferryman agreed to take them on, so the farmer had returned.

CHASE TO BOWLING GREEN.

"Our pursuit we now felt would succeed, so we ferried the river five at a time across the river and in the dusk of evening galloped ahead for Bowling Green. Five miles down the road we passed the Garrett plantation, where Booth was finally shot, but now we rushed right past, and much to our surprise, we found very fresh tracks. I gave my horse free rein and went back hoping to overtake my man, but finally lost the footprints. He had heard me and had cut the dust from his horse was still flying in the road.

JEFF CAPTURED.

"At Bowling Green we located the hotel which was kept by the mother of a girl who was left's sweetheart before the war. While waiting, we and Harold were left behind back up the country and had ridden down with them to see his sweetheart. We surprised the house. Then a lieutenant of the guard came up and a darky woman went to the room where Jeff was sleeping. He was much afraid when awakened, and asked to speak to the guard had come up meanwhile and he retired.

"YOU WANT BOOTH?"

"I know what you want," said Jeff, "you are looking for Wilkes Booth, and if you won't hurt me I'll tell you where he is. He is at the Garrett plantation, and he is in the room where his big hurt him too much for him to ride, and because it attracted to much attention for us all to be coming that way at once.

BOOTH DISCOVERED.

"I got into conversation with old man Garrett, who looked his read out of a window and began hastily to shout that the men weren't his guests but had forced themselves upon him, and I said wasn't responsible for them. I said to know where they were. He denied knowing, and then a young fellow came out of the house. "Say, he said, 'I know where the men are, and if you won't punish them, I'll help you get them. They are out in the tobacco house, and I tried to get in at the door. It was locked and the boy had no key, but ran to wake up a brother who had a key.

BOOTH'S NERVE.

"Booth woke up and demanded to know who was out there. I answered that I wanted him to surrender. We called on him to come out with his companions, and he answered that he would do so, but he wouldn't come out, and I said to know where they were. He denied knowing, and then a young fellow came out of the house. "Say, he said, 'I know where the men are, and if you won't punish them, I'll help you get them. They are out in the tobacco house, and I tried to get in at the door. It was locked and the boy had no key, but ran to wake up a brother who had a key.

READY TO BURN.

"I then ordered one of the Garrett boys to pile some pine logs against the barn, and fire them. He started to do so, but Booth shouted that if he laid another one there he'd bore a hole through him.

FIRE DROVE HIM OUT.

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SHOT THROUGH THE NECK.

"I started to run around the barn to the front, my loaded revolver in my hand, with the hammer raised. Then a shot rang out, and as I entered the door I saw Booth lying on his right side, face downward, on the floor of the barn. I said, 'Well, he shot himself,' but a lieutenant said that Sergeant Boston Corbett had shot him, aiming through one of the wide cracks, as he had done with the other man.

FRAUDULENT NATURALIZATION.

Illinois' State Attorney Lays Evidence of Trafficking in Citizenship Before Grand Jury.

MANY TRUE BILLS EXPECTED.

Certain Agents Made It Their Business To Secure Papers for From \$5 To \$10 Per Immigrant.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The state attorney's office yesterday laid before the grand jury evidence of trafficking in citizenship papers. One man was arrested on the charge of perjury in connection with the frauds and many true bills are expected to follow.

VICTIMS OF FUSE WORKS EXPLOSION NUMBER NINE.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 15.—The list of deaths by the explosion and fire that destroyed the Clinton fuse works here yesterday now numbers nine, two of the injured, Charles Dimock and Miss Nora Ryan, having died during the night. Laxley is not expected to live.

SOAKING RAINS IN KANSAS.

Kansas City, Sept. 15.—Soaking rains have fallen in Western Kansas and Kansas in the past 24 hours, and continuous heavy rains during the past 10 days, all streams are up and more or less damage has been done. In the river portions of Argentine and Armoreau, districts of Kansas City, Kan., occupied principally by packing houses and rail yards, have been flooded. This has been caused principally by backwater from defects in levees and not serious damage is likely. Although the Kansas city point has risen rapidly and continues to come up, it must rise 10 feet yet before it becomes really threatening.

TWO PERSONS KILLED IN COLLISION ON THE B. & O. ROAD.

Kimmel, Ind., Sept. 15.—Two persons were killed and a score were injured, a collision between eastbound passenger train No. 14 and a light engine on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad one mile west of here early today. The light engine, which had been standing on a siding waiting for No. 14, had pulled out on the main line to a distance which made it impossible for passing trains to clear it, and as the passenger train sped by at a high rate of speed, it was "side swiped," the passenger engine and the three forward cars being completely wrecked. A majority of those injured were cut by flying glass and debris. Engineer Stephen Snyder of Garrett, Ind., was killed beneath his engine, and Baggett, engineer of the light engine, was pinned beneath the wrecked baggage car. A tramp, known to be stealing a ride, is an yet unaccounted for and probably was killed beneath the wreckage. The injured were taken back to Crownell on a special train which was immediately sent to the scene with medical aid. Their names have not yet been ascertained.

Czar Starts for a Cruise.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—Emperor Nicholas, accompanied by Minister of Marine Bireff, left Petrohof today for a cruise in the Finnish archipelago.

ANTI-RUSSIA SOCIETIES.

Protest Against Friendly Attitude Of United States Towards Russia

New York, Sept. 15.—Delegates representing 43 anti-Russian societies met here last night on the East Side to protest against what they termed the friendly attitude of the United States toward the Russian government. After a spirited discussion it was decided to have a monster meeting of the Russian Jews next Monday, calling attention to the suffering of their people. All the Polish societies are to march and the labor organizations on the East Side will be asked to join the procession.

Foreign Capital in Japan.

Tokyo, Sept. 15, 3 p. m.—According to reliable statistics, the foreign capital invested in Japanese industrial securities at the beginning of the war only amounted to \$1,000,000.

Odd Fellows Convention.

Pennsylvania, Sept. 15.—O. O. A. Fellows and M. S. S. are here today attending the eighth-annual convention of the order, which is being held at the Hotel Commodore. It is estimated that by Monday 5,000 members of the fraternity will be in the city.

ALICE ROOSEVELT.

Seoul, Korea, Sept. 15.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, Maj.-Gen. Corbin and Rear Admiral Train and party are expected to arrive here Tuesday next. The emperor is preparing to welcome them with high honors. The travelers will remain a few days in Korea, when they will go to Japan by way of Fusan.

TROOPS ORDERED TO THE CAUCASUS

Tatars and Armenians Have Not Been Reconciled and Stabbing Affrays are Frequent.

FERMENT AMONG PERSIANS.

Commissionary of Police Witnessed Sacrifice at Mirkend and Did Not Report It.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—Part of the Twenty-first infantry corps stationed at Koltz has been ordered to the Caucasus. Dispatches from Baku say the troops are getting the situation well under control. The Tatars and Armenians have not been reconciled. Many accidental stabbing affrays have occurred, but there has been little shooting in order to not to attract the troops. The shops and offices remain closed.

POSTMASTER MADE HIS HOME INTO A POSTOFFICE

Hundreds of Missing Letters Found in Residence of Isaac G. Downing of Yonkers, N. Y.

New York, Sept. 15.—A stack of letters is reported to have been found yesterday by inspectors in the home of Isaac G. Downing, assistant postmaster at Yonkers last Saturday by orders from the department at Washington. The stack contained more than 30 years' worth of mail, including letters to and from all administrations. The inspectors are said to have obtained entrance to his home secretly, and were astonished when they discovered the letters. Downing was removed and left the office in response to the following message to the postmaster, received from Washington:

STEAMER JOHN GRAFTON.

Divers Arrive to Examine Wrecked British Vessel

THOUGHT IT WAS KELLY.

Man Believed to be Missing Motorist Had Succeeded.

More Cholera Cases.

Schooner and Ship Collide.

TOYED WITH SMITH.

White Girl Who Was Too Free With Colored Man.

ORPHEUM CHAIR CONTRACT.

RECOVER \$146,000.

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DR. GOSHEN'S ADDRESS.

SOME BLACK FACTS.

OBJECT OF MURDER WAS ROBBERY.

George R. Griswold Killed With A Blunt Instrument and Body Thrown Into Raccoon River.

NO CLUE TO THE MURDERER.

Victim Was Iowa's State Manager of State Mutual Life Association of Worcester, Mass.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 15.—George R. Griswold, state manager of the State Mutual Life Association of Worcester, Mass., was murdered and his body thrown into the Raccoon river. Robbery was the object, the man's pockets having been turned inside out, and every article of value but a plain gold band that had been removed. The identification was made by means of letters and papers in his pockets.

HEAVY RAINS IN NEBRASKA.

Streets, Cellars and Basements Are Flooded.

DOSE WAS FATAL.

Thomas Tobin Who Swallowed Morphine at City Jail Died Last Night.

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on the charge of vagrancy. The matter came up yesterday afternoon late, and was taken under advisement until this morning.

"The course of the testimony it was shown that Smith had been paying some attention to a young white lady of some respectable family. It was also evident that the young lady and one of her companions, had used Smith merely to amuse themselves. He had entertained them with songs, but Smith became serious in his affections for the young lady and wrote her letters. When his case came to trial he conducted his defense with the ability of a lawyer, and objected to questions concerning in a manner that indicated more than average intelligence.

CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY

J. J. Wyrick Makes a Rambling Statement in Police Court.

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"BLACK FACTS" FOR THE TEACHER.

Dr. Goshen's Observations From Trips Through the Ghettos and Lowly Places.

DAY AND DUTY TO "LOOK UP"

Worth Remembering That the Bridges Of the Present Are Too Small For Tomorrow's Traffic.

BLOODED HORSES VS CHILDREN.

Rich Will Pay More for Keepers of Their Equines Than for Instructors to Their Oflspring.

CHRISTENSEN PRESIDES.

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