

Uncanny.

WOULD PLUNDER MORGUE.

DEATH'S GRIM WARNING NIL.

IS TRAGEDY WEAVING CHAIN ON PROMISE?

Starts on Mission Bearing Ashes of Three Persons, Two of Whom Were Called by Great Reaper While Trying to Fulfill Word to First Six Years Ago.

Defying what seems to have been a grim warning, F. G. Noyes of this city has started on a strange mission to Sago, Me., bearing the ashes of three persons, Merwin E. Underwood, Charles H. Underwood and Mrs. Charles H. Underwood.

Despite the fact that death took two persons who tried to carry the ashes of the woman to Sago—her husband and his brother both being taken before their promises were fulfilled—Noyes is determined to at least try to keep a promise he made Merwin Underwood before the latter's death here.

Mrs. Charles Underwood died in Portland, Or., in 1906. She wanted her remains taken to Sago, and her husband promised to carry out her wishes. He had her body cremated, intending to take her ashes east with him on his return.

On his way east in 1910 the husband became ill at Spokane and died, leaving his brother, Merwin, to fulfill the promise made to the woman and requesting that his ashes, too, be taken to Sago.

Merwin Underwood on his way east died in this city in 1910, after having received Noyes's word that the ashes of his brother, sister-in-law and himself would be taken to Sago.

LEPER COLONY IN WASHINGTON.

Federal Government Is Understood to Have Selected Diamond Point Station for Hospital.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]
PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.) Jan. 22.—Antonio Volcano, a leper from Spokane, was brought last night to the Diamond Point quarantine station and placed under the care of John Early, the Tacoma leper who was made an attendant at the station when sent there last year.

Instructions have been received at the station to arrange to care for E. R. Grable and Fred Warren, lepers who are being detained at San Francisco. A negro ex-soldier also is in San Francisco awaiting transportation to Diamond Point as a leper.

It is understood that the government is preparing to convert Diamond Point station into a leper colony and transfer the marine quarantine station to Port Townsend Bay.

HATE FELLOW-PRISONER.

Inmates of Alameda County Jail Want to See Tea-taster, Who Would Not Feed His Wife, Tried.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

OAKLAND (Cal.) Jan. 22.—Charles Thornton Batelle, a tea-taster out of work, is the most unpopular inmate of the Alameda County Jail. Thirteen fellow-prisoners hate him so cordially that they addressed a round robin to Sheriff Barnett yesterday asking permission to attend Batelle's trial.

"If this case is interesting to the court as it is to us," they wrote, "we cannot afford to miss it."

Sheriff Barnett refused the request today.

Batelle is accused of having refused to supply his wife with food when he had funds for his own use. She complains that one evening when he knew she had only a bottle of catsup and a stale loaf of bread in the house, he telephoned her from downtown about the appetizing dinner he had just ordered.

ASKS LEAVE TO EXTEND.

Lawndale Land and Water Company of Los Angeles County Desires to Issue Bonds.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The Lawndale Land and Water Company, which operates in Los Angeles county, applied today to the Railroad Commission for authority to issue \$50,000 in bonds for improving and extending its system.

Application was made by the Barstow Utility Company for permission to sell its electric plant at Barstow to the Southern Sierras Company.

Application for permission to issue \$400,000 of its capital stock was filed with the commission by the Big Four Railroad Company, which proposes to build electric railways from Tulare to Visalia and from Tulare to Porterville.

Barefoot Tracks Found on Porch of House of Death and a Window Broken.

A barefoot burglar who seems to labor under the impression that an undertaking establishment contains articles that can readily be converted to cash, is sought by the police. He tried Tuesday night to force an entrance into the Peck & Chase mortuary by breaking one of the heavy plate glass windows in the front door.

The clatter of the falling glass must have frightened him away, for there are no evidences that he entered the place. Imprints of bare feet were found yesterday on the front porch.

A "sweet tooth" burglar is also sought by the police. He stole eight dozen cookies and two large layer cakes from A. Cohen's store, Eighth street and Ruth avenue. A slot machine in front of the place was rifled of raisins and pennies.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church, last night, the report of the treasurer showed that during the year 1912, \$18,147 had been raised for current expenses; \$13,485 for benevolences; \$18,000 paid on a purchase of additional property. During the year a gift of \$15,000 was received to the endowment fund of the church. The present membership was reported to be 2124. The following new officers were elected: Deacons, W. H. Gibbon, H. E. Storrs, F. W. Boswell; board of education, J. F. Millsbaugh, W. H. Garver; trustees, J. T. F. Atsatt, E. P. Clark, George H. Clark, S. W. Mudd, B. F. Sanborn, W. E. Sawtelle, Hartley Shaw.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Massachusetts Society was held on Tuesday night in Cleveland Hall, when an excellent programme of music was given, and an address, delivered by Mrs. Anne Davis Thomas, on "Humanity, the Producer." R. L. Hubbard talked on the subject of the new Federation Home. They expect to give a Boston baked-bean supper on Washington's Birthday.

COUNCILMEN WILL SPEAK.

Councilmen Andrews and Betkouski will address the members of the North Main-street Improvement Association in the hall at Daly and Main streets Monday evening on the proposed bond issue for the Graham high-line to San Dimas.