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## MYSTERY DEEPENS

SHERIFF TAYLOR AND OFFICERS ARE BAFLED.

Several Theories But the Only Clue Is the Footprints of the Murderer.

No clue has developed as to who the murderer of Chris Ellis is or what the motive may be that prompted the awful crime. Sheriff Taylor returned to Pendleton Tuesday night, and being interviewed by a Tribune reporter, said:

"It seems impossible to find anyone who can give us information which will connect anyone with the murder. No one seems to have had any particular cause for anger against the young man, in fact he seems to have been well liked by everyone.

"One thing we have found out. The young man and the person who shot him evidently walked along side by side from a short distance past Ellis' home to the spot where he was murdered. There the murderer appears to have stepped back a few steps and raised his gun. When he did this Ellis seems to have about half turned around. This action caused him to receive the shot in the right eye. The whole side of his head was torn away and he was found lying on his left side.

"I do not think there was any fighting previous to the firing of the fatal shot. It is true, the young man's coat was partly off, but I have been told that it was a favorite habit of his to wear the garment in that position."

### Hop Pickers Employed.

It is reported that E. L. Barnett intends to start picking his extensive crop of hops in a few days. The Press is informed that Mr. Barnett has employed Will M. Peterson and Dr. A. B. Stone to conduct the drying department. They will use their own hot air plant. G. Hugh Saling and "Slim" Miller are engaged to pull poles. Medical attention, legal advice and potatoes free to pickers. Call at the Press office for free sample copies and go to Pasco for free lunch.

### Will Improve Service.

The Pendleton Tribune will on Sept. 5 come out in eight-page form, with an improved local and telegraphic news service. Mr. Dodd, the proprietor and publisher of the Tribune, has secured the associated press franchise for Pendleton, and announces new and competent additions to his editorial staff.

## RUSSIANS IN RETREAT

Fall Back on Liao Yang Before Awful Charges of the Japanese Army.

Che Foo, Sept. 1.—Today's dispatches indicate that the tide of battle at Liao Yang has turned appreciably in favor of the Japanese. With tremendous and sustained assaults on the right and center had threatened rear by a heavy force which has crossed the Tai Tse river, Kuropatkin has been forced to fall back from his first line of battle to a fortified position established in the town of Liao Yang and environs. The order to retire was given after the Russians withstood the attack from dawn to midnight, as the Japanese pressure was too great. Kuropatkin probably feared the movement might result in rout. The dispatch however, says the movement is now on. This movement will probably result in the concentration of Kuropatkin's army in the position established at Liao Yang, which is said to be superbly fortified.

### Oyama Reports Losses.

Tokio, Sept. 1.—At daybreak the Japanese army on the left delivered a fierce and successful attack against the heights west of Hailintim. It pierced the Russian lines and probably forced the retirement of the Russian troops from the positions on the right and center. Marshal Oyama telegraphs his losses in these assaults as heavy. It is believed here that Kuropatkin has been sweepingly defeated and the possession of Liao Yang is only a matter of hours.

Tokio, Sept. 1.—The Russian right and center, defending Liao Yang from the southward are retreating this afternoon. The Japanese are pursuing the Russians. As Kuropatkin's line according to province advices, have occupied a semi-circle several miles to the southward of Liao Yang, it is evident the movement alluded to is his retreat into the fortified positions of the towns and environs and not from Liao Yang itself northward.

## Stops Foreign Shipments

Portland, Aug. 31.—The Oregonian says: The refusal of the foreign markets to respond to the increased strength of the grain market on this side of the Atlantic has demoralized the export business of the northwest. The operations of buyers is confined almost exclusively to buying for the eastern and San Francisco markets. There is some demand for milling wheat, but this is greatly curtailed owing to the exorbitant prices demanded. Another condition which has a depressing effect on the market is the refusal of the shippers' combine to recede from the unusually high rate of 27s 6d fixed some time ago.

Prices of all grades are unusually high, the value of Walla Walla, based on existing freight, being 78c and 79c, with few sales at this figure owing to the strength of the eastern market. Californians, with little wheat of their own, have kept the price of Walla Walla down with some success. Shipments of wheat from Portland and Puget sound ports last month exceeded all previous records, being 516,105 as compared with 340,000 for August of last year.

### Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Aug. 26.—Wheat in Athena today is quoted at 68c per bushel.

## The Mountain Hay Crop

W. P. Leach, who resides on Weston mountain, says of hay raising: "For the past five years I have raised nothing but hay, and believe my land nets me more with less work than if I raised wheat. Seventeen years ago I took up a quarter section as a homestead, where I have resided ever since, and which I now value at \$7500. The average yield year after year of timothy is one and one half tons, and for the past three years hay has brought on an average of \$15 a ton. Every year I market from 115 to

125 tons from my 115 acres of meadow, which brings me about \$1800 or so, besides feeding my horses and a few beef cattle which I keep to eat up the odds and ends. My income is good, and I can not imagine that a total failure will ever occur. The cost of producing hay is not more than \$2.25 a ton, and at \$15 leaves a handsome profit. There will be in the neighborhood of 15,000 tons of baled timothy hay shipped to the Walla Walla and Sound markets this season, the cars being loaded as fast as they can be obtained."

## Sharp & Botkin Dissolve

Dr. S. F. Sharp and Dr. A. W. Botkin have dissolved partnership, and the latter will retire from the practice of medicine in Athena. Dr. Sharp will continue in his practice here while Dr. Botkin will go to Portland and engage in his profession. The doctor and his

estimable wife have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends who are loth to see them leave the city, and well wishes of all go with them in their new home. Dr. Botkin will go to Portland as soon as he can settle up his business affairs here.

### EQUALIZING ASSESSMENT.

O. E. & N. Requests that Assessment Come Before County Court.

The board of equalization for Umatilla county has been in session for two days and during that time there have been but few complaints, reports the Tribune. The board is anxiously awaiting the appearance of property owners who are dissatisfied with the present assessment and if business does not pick up by the end of the week the board will adjourn on Saturday.

Tax Agent J. W. Morrow, of the O. E. & N. Co., filed a request with the board of equalization asking that the assessment of the road be reduced from \$12,000 a mile to \$5,500. His request that the matter not be given a hearing until the meeting of the county court next week, was granted.

Mrs. Susan Welch asked the board to reconsider the assessment of her property. Several lots belonging to Mrs. Welch are valued by the assessor at \$2185. The matter was taken under advisement.

### CATTLEMEN IN STRAITS.

Baker County Confronts Most Serious Situation.

Unless the cattle market begins to improve soon a serious problem will present itself in Baker county before winter sets in. Already hundreds of cattle are returning from the summer range, having been driven out by bands of sheep so the stockmen claim. Few shipments have been made from that country during the low prices of the past three years, with the result that the range is overrun with beef as well as range cattle.

Such a condition means that stockmen must turn their cattle into pasture which should be kept for early winter feeding. Cattle must either go at a sacrifice or suffer for food before the winter is over. There are over 5,000 head of fine beef cattle within a radius of thirty miles of Baker City, but there are few purchasers in the field.

Twenty carloads of 2 and 3 year olds have been sold by Hindman & Moore to Seattle buyers.

## THE STANDARD MINE

THE ORE TREATMENT NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Concentration By Usual Water and Gravity System Will Be Used.

A number of Athena men are shareholders in the Standard mine, located in Grant county, many of whom are confident of the mine's ability to pay dividends when properly and sufficiently developed. The following from the Portland Journal will be of interest to shareholders:

"At the Standard property, Grant county, full crews are reported in the two main drifts. H. H. Nicholson, general manager of Killen Warner Stewart properties, said the main Standard drift was being pressed ahead steadily, and at the same time the Willie Boy drift was being driven. The ore body, that came into the Standard drift about two months ago, has been followed considerable distance and found to be larger than the average sheet opened near the surface of the property. Cobalt-copper ore, found in the Willie Boy drift, led the manager to believe that one of the Standard cross veins had been intersected in that drive, for neither copper nor cobalt is found in the Willie Boy vein except where it is intersected by one of the cross systems.

"Manager Nichols said that the matter of a plant for handling ore was under discussion by the company, but that nothing definite in regard to time had been reached. He regards the treatment problem not difficult at the Standard, despite its numerous minerals, and the peculiar properties of cobalt. Concentration by the usual water and gravity principle will be employed, but before the ore is put through it will be hand-sorted for the richer grades of cobalt, some of which cannot be concentrated further. The management of the Standard and other Quartsburg properties regard the further extension of the Sumpter valley railway certain, and think that within another year all of this promising district will be hauling but six miles, placing ore and concentrates on the cars near Prairie City."

### TICKET-OF-LEAVE RULES.

Regulations Would Govern Mrs. Maybrick if She Returned to England.

She will forfeit her freedom if she remarries.

She can be put in prison again if she returns to England.

It is impossible to extradite her from any country.

The special license provides that its holder live under the supervision of the Royal Society for the Assistance of Discharged Prisoners.

Employment provided by that society must be accepted and its rules obeyed. She must not frequent public places or associate with persons of evil reputation.

Once every month she must report in person to the police, giving an account of her present history. This must be verified and the report filed in Scotland Yard.

Neglect of any of these provisions subjects the holder of the license to forfeit her provisional freedom, and on the commitment of a magistrate the convict will be returned to penal servitude to undergo the term of imprisonment which had been previously commuted.

In the matter of a life prisoner this means detention until death.

This caution will apply to Mrs. Maybrick. At the end of a month from her release in Cornwall, she having failed personally to report to the police, a general order will circulate from Scotland Yard for her apprehension, and if she should return to England without express permission from the Home Secretary she would be liable without further proceedings to be recommitted to the convict prison to serve until death.

It is not the custom of the English government, however, to raise any objection to a convict at large leaving the country.

All the effort made to release Mrs. Maybrick by her friends had no weight. She came out at the end of 15 years, counted from the day she was sentenced in Liverpool.

The only amelioration she had was being removed from the Aylesbury convict prison to a church home in Cornwall four months before her license was issued.