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## SALOON KEEPER OF PINE ARRESTED FOR MURDER

### Charged With Being the Slayer of Willard Moody, Who was Killed September 15.

Baker City Oct. 18—Alex Widdowson, proprietor of the Saloon at Pine, was arrested yesterday afternoon, in connection with the murder of Willard Moody, the well known rancher of that valley who was so foully murdered on the night of Sept. 15. Sheriff Ed Rand made the arrest yesterday and is now enroute to Baker City with his prisoner.

The arrest of Widdowson has been almost as great a surprise to the people of Pine and Eagle valleys as was the murder of Moody. No one out there seems to have the slightest idea of what Widdowson's connection with the crime may or can be. The people at Pine are at a loss to account for the arrest of Widdowson, notwithstanding the fact that

the sheriff said the man was wanted for connection with the murder. His arrest was the first intimation the people of Pine had that he was even under suspicion.

When the sheriff and his prisoner reached Richland last night that the town was thrown into the greatest excitement as the surprise was as great to them as it had been to the people of Pine. When Sheriff Rand brought his prisoner before justice of the peace at Richland this morning both the state and the prisoner waived the preliminary hearing, and the sheriff started immediately for Baker City with his prisoner.

#### NEW THEORY ADVANCED

The new theory is that Moody was not murdered where the body was found, but that he was murdered some other place and his body carried to the little clump of brush back of the store at Pine. And the circumstances and evidence at hand seems to bear out his theory.

It will be remembered that at the time the dead body was discovered there were no evidences of a struggle around the place and no foot prints discernible. It looked as if the Moody had fallen when shot and had not moved after striking the ground. But it is said that more careful investigation showed that his face could not have been mutilated as it was without leaving some evidence of the force of the blows on the ground under his head, but the evidence was not there. It is believed in the valleys that on this theory Widdowson has been arrested.

#### CONSECRATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOP

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Me., Oct. 18—An elaborate and impressive religious ceremony took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here today when the Rev. Louis S. Walsh, of Salem, Mass., was consecrated Roman Catholic Bishop of Maine. Bishop Hawkins conducted the ceremonies and was assisted by many prominent prelates from all parts of New England including Archbishops Williams and O'Connell of Boston. Bishop Walsh was a professor of theology in Brighton Seminary and is known by practically every priest in the New England States. He was a zealous worker as the executive head of the Catholic School System in the Boston Archdiocese for many years and his work as an educator is known far and wide.

#### GEORGIA FARMERS UNION

(Scripps News Association)  
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18—Upwards of 12,000 members of the Georgia Farmers Union attended the state Fair here today which was the red-letter day of the fair. Tomorrow James Dutler of Kansas, C. S. Barret, President of the National Farmers Union, W. Morris of Alabama, Chairman National Executive Committee, O. Goodwin, President of South Carolina, State Union and other prominent agriculturists will address a convention of the Farmers.

#### HEARST PARTY CHARGED WITH GRAFT

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Oct. 18—Tammany's Murphy today directly charged the representatives of the Independence league of demanding money from Tammany candidates for congress and the state senate, if they would be endorsed by the league. He said: "The Independence league people are holding up the candidates for money. Candidates implies men reaching for senatorial and congressional offices." It is likewise supposed that the holdup includes candidates for the judiciary department of the state. Murphy, in his charges did not implicate William R. Hearst, but said that he thought Hearst had no hand in the graft. Hearst's managers have promised to investigate and say that if anything of the kind be true, the parties will be punished.

#### TENNESSEE ODD FELLOWS

(Scripps News Association)  
Chattanooga, Oct. 18—Over 2000 Odd Fellows from the various lodges in Tennessee attended a Grand Lodge meeting of the Order here today. After a parade the opening exercises were held which were followed by an address of welcome from the Mayor. All the prominent states were present.

## MAY BE HEADED OUT WEST

#### (Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Oct. 18—The stockholders of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad today voted to issue their total capital stock of \$200,000,000 which provides for the doubling of the \$100,000,000 previously authorized, to be used in the extension of the lines and to build depots and bridges. The new depot at Chicago which will cost \$20,000,000 is included. Chauncy Depew and Henry Frike are among the directors elected. The officers refuse to admit that they are to extend their lines to the Pacific.

#### ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNS

(Scripps News Association)  
Philadelphia, Oct. 18—Mayor Weaver's entire advisory board resigned this afternoon. It is understood that the group disagreed on political questions and the mayor asked them to resign.

## A SOAP MAKERS COMBINE

#### (Scripps News Association)

London, Oct. 18.—It is announced that a number of the biggest soap manufacturers have combined. The investigation shows an alliance of the English and American soap trusts and that J. P. Morgan is engineering the American end. Proctor and Gamble are used as a wedge for the formation and amalgamation, and the American and Continental soap manufacturers are invited to join. The capitalization of the English combine is placed at \$75,000,000.

#### MAIN SCHOOL EXHIBITS

(Scripps News Association)  
Lewiston, Oct. 18—An entirely new and interesting feature at the annual reunion of School Teachers was introduced here today at the annual meeting of the Main Teachers Association. Each city in the state had an exhibition of some special branch of school work as follows: Bangor, Kindergarten work; Portland, manual training; Augusta, drawing in elementary schools; Lewiston, arithmetic; Eastport, language in grammar grades; Gardiner, natural studies in elementary schools; Brewer, music in elementary schools; South Portland, history in grammar schools. The idea was so successful that it will be introduced on a much larger scale at the future meetings of the association.

#### BANKERS ATTEND MAT NEE

(Scripps News Association)  
St. Louis, Oct. 18—On a count of the matinee in the Olympic theatre this afternoon, the bankers, who are in convention here, didn't begin their morning discussion on currency reform. It has been postponed until tomorrow. Yerrjornn Ono, of Japan, spoke this morning on Financing Japanese-Russian bankers. This afternoon the convention visited the Anhauser-Bush brewery.

It was unanimously favored to urge congress to pass legislation to compel express companies to cease doing order business which they regard as a prerogative of the banks.

#### THE McCLELLAN STATUE AT WASHINGTON

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Oct. 18—This was the day fixed for the unveiling of the Gen Geo. B. McClellan statue and for the annual re-union of the Society of the Army of the Potomac but a postponement was inevitable owing to a fire in the polishing works in which the statue was being finished. No date has been fixed for the unveiling ceremony but it is certain that it will take place on a date that enables the President to be present.

## BIG DEMAND FOR SILVER THIS MONTH

#### (Scripps News Association)

Denver Oct. 18—The mint is working over time turning out half dollars. And still there is a cry for more. The mint last month bought 1,500,000 ounces. At that time silver reached seventy cents per ounce and it is predicted that it will reach seventy-five cents this month. Superintendent Leach of the San Francisco mint is here inspecting the output.

#### ARMY CHANGES

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington D. C., Oct. 18—Secretary Taft this morning announced that General Funston would be placed in command of the Southwestern division and that the headquarters would be changed from Oklahoma to St. Louis. General Greeley will be given the Command of the Northern division and his headquarters will be moved from St. Louis to Chicago.

## AMERICAN SYNDICATE SMUGGLERS

#### (Scripps News Association)

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 18.—The arrest of G. Cook and the capture of letters which he carried is believed to disclose a syndicate of Americans who are at work here importing Chinamen into the United States by way of Mexico. The immigration officials expect to make arrests of some very prominent people.

#### FAKIRS CAUGHT

(Scripps News Association)  
Fresno, Oct. 18.—The two smooth fakirs who buncoed an old farmer out of \$5,000 were arrested here today. The farmer had withdrawn the money from the bank in good faith carrying the same in an old gunny sack which was substituted for another sack which contained a lot of iron washers. The old gentlemen did not know the ruse had been played on him for some time and gave the fakirs a long start before they were captured.

#### COAL FAMINE

(Scripps News Association)  
Ogden, Utah, Oct. 18.—As a result of the coal famine in this city the street cars have been compelled to stop today for want of fuel. The sugar factory closed last night. The dealers have declined to sell to large concerns but are filling a few family orders. The limited supply was caused by the lack of transportation.

## HURRICANE SWEEPS CUBA AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA

### Havana and Key West Cables are Down Leaving Outside World in Ignorance as to Severity and Extent

#### (Scripps News Association)

Key West, Fla., Oct. 18—It is reported that a cyclone in Havana last night did great damage. There are no details as the cables have been interrupted.

#### NAVIGATION WARNED

Mannia, Fla., Oct. 18—Cuba was swept by a hurricane and storm last night. It is likely that it will reach the Atlantic shore as far north as South Carolina. The weather bureau has warned navigation that it will be unsafe for forty-eight hours.

Miami, Oct. 18—The Florida peninsula has been added to the storm area and communication with Key West has been lost. The gale is blowing at the rate of 48 miles an hour accompanied with a heavy rain. Jacksonville is now the most

southernmost point which can be reached by wire and the gale at that point is increasing in velocity.

Before the Mannia operator lost the Havana cable, the operator in Cuba said that all lines to the interior are down and Havana deluged. The damage to the provinces is extensive but unknown.

Washington, Oct. 18—The weather bureau is displaying storm signals from Jacksonville to Norfolk. No advices have been received from Cuba. It is reported that the tropical disturbances are within a small diameter but of great severity.

Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 18—No late communication with Miami, Florida. Just before the wire broke the operator stated that the storm was terrible and that there was two feet of water in his office.

#### FIRST SCHOOL FOR NEW SPELLING

#### (Scripps News Association)

New York Oct. 18—A simplified spelling school, the first of its kind was opened here this afternoon in the Assembly Hall of the West Side Y M C A 520 West 57 St. The course will be free and open to all men who wish to learn the system of spelling employed by the President and authorized by the United States Civil Service Commission. The school is in charge of Warren Read of the English faculty of the High School of Commerce.

#### LAND LORD DIES

#### (Scripps News Association)

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18—Lord William Scully whose ownership of lands in the state of Illinois caused such a revulsion against alien land lords a few years ago died in England yesterday leaving an estate of 100,000 acres of the very best lands in Illinois. He came penniless to this state in 1850.

#### JURY STILL OUT

#### (Scripps News Association)

Findlay Ohio, Oct. 18—The jury in the case of the Standard Oil Company is still out. A disagreement is expected. The Judge says he will not discharge the jury for twenty-four hours.

#### TALKING ABOUT CUBA

#### (Scripps News Association)

Washington, Oct. 18—Secretary Taft and assistant secretary Bacon is in consultation with the president today on the Cuban question.

#### MAY GRANT REPRIEVE

#### (Scripps News Association)

Washington, Oct. 18—Justice Brewer this afternoon issued a certificate upon the governor of Missouri calling for the entire record in the case of Aggie Meyers who is sentenced to hang next week. It is likely to result in another reprieve being granted.

#### SAVING SUBMERGED CREW

#### (Scripps News Association)

Paris, Oct. 18—A dispatch from Admiral Belline, who is trying to rescue the crew from a submarine wreck near Lutin, says this morning, that he has caught the hull at a depth of eighteen feet lying in such a position that there are even hopes of getting it to the surface soon. The ministry of marines is holding out hope for the men inside the wreck.

#### A LARGE FIRE

#### (Scripps News Association)

Birmingham Oct. 18—Fire broke out in the business district early this morning destroyed the Powell hardware company, the Birmingham Dry Good company. Their losses will exceed \$300,000. Two firemen were seriously injured and will probably die.

#### OAKLAND STRIKE UNAVAILING

#### (Scripps News Association)

Oakland, Oct. 18.—The saw mills opened this morning, and building operations, which have been suspended since Monday, were resumed today. The demands of the strikers were not secured and all quietly returned to work.

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