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## DAWSON CASE RE-MAINS MYSTERY

**Ten Hour Session of Coroner's Investigation Results in Holding Chief Witness for Further Inquiry. Wife Admits Nagging.**

Tuesday afternoon was the most important one so far in the history of the case that had its origin a week ago Wednesday morning about six o'clock, when George Dawson of 7344, 53rd Avenue S. E. expired under circumstances that at the time appeared to be heart failure. During all this time agents of the District Court have been busy learning about the case and collecting data that would seem to explain the peculiar conditions under which it originated. The first person that seemed to suspect something wrong was Dr. Stout of 5509, 72 St., S. E. who was called by the neighbors to assist during the brief illness of the deceased. As soon as the doctor realized that death had overtaken his patient he went home, but hardly having reached there he decided to return and advise those persons present to keep the contents of the coffee pots, cups, and other articles of food.

The Dawsons had been living at 7344, 53rd Avenue not over five weeks. Previous to that they had lived on Bancroft Avenue, South Portland since last September, coming there from Newberg, where they had lived since their marriage before a justice in McMinnville in Sept., 1912. Previous to this Mrs. Dawson had served in the Dawson home for several months as housekeeper. Mrs. Dawson had been married twice before. At the age of seventeen she had married Thomas W. Robinson, aged sixty, at Vancouver, Washington. She lived with him fifteen years, his death separating them. His death was due to slow paralysis. There were five children by this marriage.

She then married Ira Welsh, living with him seven months, and she then secured a divorce, based upon his alleged cruelty and profanity, and neglect. She had then remained single for eight years. During her life with Welsh twin daughters were born, both of whom are living. Dawson had several children, three of whom enter into this case. Mrs. Harry Dimmock of 5319, 72d Street S. E., Frank Dawson, aged probably twenty, and Ruth Dawson, seventeen. Frank had not been staying at home much for the past two years. He stays at his sisters when not away at work or otherwise engaged. Ruth has been accustomed to working away from home some but not steadily.

Dawson was of a strongly religious inclination, went to church, attended the various missions and took an active part in that sort of work. After coming to Portland they all attended the missions a good deal, but after living on 53 Avenue, they joined the Friends' church at Lents and attended there pretty regularly. Letters written by Dawson to both Frank and Ruth disclose a fanatical religious trend, at the same time they show a certain amount of deception as to his intentions toward his wife. He seems to have thought a great deal of his children, particularly the two younger ones as their raising had been in his hands, their mother having died when they were quite young. In fact the children were the source of a lot of contention between the man and wife. He did not approve of her children and refused to have them around as they were not religiously inclined and were often profane, even at the table. On the other hand Mrs. Dawson resented having her children around unless she could have her own.

Frank got along with her pretty well but he was careful to leave her alone and stay away as much as possible. Ruth wanted to stay at home with her father. She was getting to be a big girl and she was not strongly inclined to work. She had tried household work without much success, and had worked at one store for a month. Mrs. Dawson's twin daughters, younger than Ruth, did not stay at home and naturally she resented having to keep Ruth. The family disturbances were very trying. Along in May while Mr. Dawson was at Cascade Locks at work, Mrs. Dawson intercepted a letter from Mr. Dawson to Ruth in which he proposed a plan for leaving the mother and going back east. This so incensed her that she entered suit for divorce. She was working out at the time, and he came home to find the conditions, tried to regain her good will and she finally consented, after about ten days, to dismiss the charge and they then came to live at 53d Avenue.

From that time on Mr. Dawson was

## PIONEERS PASS PATHETICALLY

Mrs. Mary Ellen Rider, wife of G. C. Rider, of Annabel Station, on the Mt. Scott carline, died of appendicitis Thursday at her home.

Mrs. Rider was 69 years old. She came to Portland from Iowa in 1852. With the exception of several years' residence in Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Rider have lived near Portland almost continuously.

The sad feature of the affair was that while Mrs. Rider's body was yet in the house her husband disappeared. A search for him shortly afterward disclosed the fact that he too, had died, apparently of grief. The old gentleman was highly respected and his sudden demise under the conditions was the cause for serious sympathy. He was 82 years of age and for many years had followed violin making for a living, and yet not so much for that as for the pleasure he got from his musical pets. He was a violinist. They were buried at the same funeral. They leave relatives at Silverton, Ore.

employed mowing lots, and at the Southern Pacific Yards in Brooklyn. Frank spent part of his time at the Cascades, returning the 8th. of July. Several quarrels about Ruth at about this time resulted in very strained relations. On Monday the 7th. Mrs. Dawson had tried to get Ruth to go out to work. She repeated this Tuesday but the girl refused. She went to her room and proceeded to put, and Mrs. Dawson went to her and found her on the floor crying. Ruth testified in the inquest that she was saying her prayers when her mother interfered and threw her out. She went to her sister's on 72d Street, but finding company there she came to the Dunbar home on Cummings Street, Lents. When Mr. Dawson got home he inquired for her and was told that she had been sent away and probably would be found at her sister's. He went up there about 6:30 expecting to find her and also to find Frank. But Frank had gone to Lents to visit friends. He returned home and then called up the Dunbar home and while talking to Mrs. Dunbar about Ruth Mrs. Dawson jerked the phone away from him and finished the conversation.

This seemed to have been the climax of their discussions. Mrs. Dawson told him she would leave or he would. She proceeded to gather her clothes together and storm around generally. About nine o'clock Dawson made another trip to his daughters on 72d Street to see if Frank had returned but still found him away. He had not seen Frank for several weeks. He was gone away from his home about a half hour and returned where they rehearsed their troubles and finally decided to drop their differences and get along till the first of the month when he would get his pay and then they were going to separate. They went to bed, she on a lounge, he in the bed. He proposed to use the lounge, and they finally agreed to sleep together. They went to sleep in a loving embrace. The next morning they got up about five o'clock, got breakfast and he helped to set the table. She cooked him three eggs, made some coffee and they had bread and cheese. She did not go to the table at once, claiming to have a head-ache. Dawson poured himself some coffee. She probably gave him the second cup.

They discussed the coffee, which was a cheaper grade than they had commonly been using, and which she did not like but which Mr. Dawson declared was good. After drinking a little of it she again lay down on the lounge and he ate heartily. After eating he came to her and again tried to make a final settlement of their differences, but she put him off. She said her intention was to make him believe that she was going to leave him unless he made Ruth go to work and "I wanted my husband to make over me a little, which I believe is a trick of woman-kind in general." Dawson kissed her several times and made two or three starts, each time returning to intercede with her. She thought he had gone when he returned and said he did not think he would go as he felt bad. "He said the coffee or something had made him sick, I told him he would lose his job if he did not go to work. He said it didn't make much difference anyway if I was going to leave him." Dawson quickly grew worse. He asked for a doctor, saying "Get a doctor quick or I'll die," but she did not know where to find one and he was then in convulsions. She ran to the back porch and called for help. Mrs. Gooley on the east and Mrs. Nelson on the South came in and the latter then sent her daughters for Dr. Stout.

Dr. Stout arrived at about 10 o'clock and found Mrs. Dawson in a state of unconsciousness. He administered medicine and called for a nurse. The nurse arrived at about 11 o'clock and found Mrs. Dawson in a state of unconsciousness. She died at about 12 o'clock.

Dr. Stout is now in the hospital. Mrs. Dawson is now in the hospital. Mrs. Dawson is now in the hospital.

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## CHINA TO SPEND \$800,000 IN MARVELOUS DISPLAY AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

**T**ING CHI CHU, commissioner of China to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, states that China's representation at the Exposition will entail an outlay of \$800,000, of which at least \$300,000 will be expended on the Chinese pavilion, shown above. Chu is a graduate of Harvard. Mrs. Chu, as Miss Ping Hu, graduated from Wellesley college in 1913.

## LOCAL W. F. M. S. HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Wallace. In addition to the regular devotional and business meeting the following program was given: Violin and piano duet, Misses Eugenia Richardson and Lucy Woodworth; Reading, Mrs. Moore; Solo, Miss Sandercock, accompanied by Mrs. Daniels; Recitation, Virginia Daniels.

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR EAST SIDE

South-east Portland is to have a high school at no remote date. There has been some opposition to such a school for some time, partly because of the cost, partly because of its proposed nature. But it is now agreed that a school of agricultural science is scarcely necessary, though a high school in this section would be very convenient. The property purchased lies east of the Mt. Scott car line and south of the section line, and includes 15 acres. Franklin High School will be located on it.

## Dr. Ogsbury Goes to Beach

Dr. Ogsbury will be at the beach for the next ten days but he will not leave his office unattended. Dr. N. Morrison, a practicing dentist will take care of those who may need attention and good service is assured.

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When preparing material for drawn work, wash and dry it before attempting to pull the threads. The work is much easier if this is done.

## CARTOONIST AND CHALK TALKER COMING TO LENTS

Hon. Frank S. Regan of Illinois, a chautauqua lecturer, attorney, and specialist in tax investigations will give his lecture and chalk talk on the "Fool Tax Payer" in the Lents Evangelical Church next Monday evening at 8 p. m. Mr. Regan has been in the state nearly a month, speaking one or more times in all the principal towns from Seaside to Eugene and is repeatedly asked for return dates.

Nearly every one of us think his taxes are high. Regan has the remedy and it is not single tax either. He says there is one public service corporation in this county which would pay \$251033 more taxes than it now pays if common honesty prevailed, and another \$704,356 if it paid on its property as the ordinary business man pays on his. Five breweries in Portland pay \$2400 license but are granted reductions such that their taxes are reduced \$2385 which makes them pay \$15 or \$3 each to the public treasurer. Such revelations have interested all who have heard Mr. Regan. If you come you will hear and see other things that will interest you.

The following unsolicited telegram speaks for itself and was sent to the next engagement:  
Rainier, Ore., July 13.—W. S. Hurst, Hubbard—You will miss the opportunity of your life if you fail to hear Regan. He is a thunderbolt of facts and figures; his appeals to the conscience and reason of the voters are irresistible. Hear Regan expose frauds in tax exemptions and learn why your taxes are so high. (Signed) J. W. MacCallum, Congregational Pastor.

C. L. Dark, M. E. Pastor.  
J. A. Schunesen, Merchant.

The Oregon Civic League will listen to Mr. Regan Saturday 12 M. at the Multnomah Hotel.

He comes to Lents under the management of the local Oregon Dry committee. The entertainment is free but formerly was priced 50 cents and \$1.00 admission. This is by far the greatest attraction ever offered to Lents in the way of civic enlightenment and the committee hopes our citizens, regardless of party or creed, will make a special effort to hear this address.

## CITIZENSHIP MEETING AT GILBERT CHAPEL

Mrs. Lucia F. Addison will speak at Gilbert Chapel next Sunday at 8 p. m. on "Labor and its Relation to the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic." Mrs. Addison has given much time and thought to both phases of this subject and her discussion of it now is very timely. She undoubtedly will have a good hearing.

Miss Gladys Woodworth of 8th., Avenue was visiting friends in Kenton, the fore-part of the week.

## NEW FURNISHING STORE FOR LENTS

With the beginning of another week a new gents furnishing store will be opened in Lents. At the same time the place so long occupied by W. E. Goggins' Shoe Store will be closed. For the past three weeks the store room formerly occupied by Rayburn & Sons has been undergoing repairs and complete renovation. A lot of new shelving, new display windows, and paint has been used in putting it into first class shape, preparatory to occupation by Mr. Goggins. The room will be large enough for a repair department in the rear, a large stock of shoes, and of Gents furnishings, shirts, underwear, stockings, and probably hats and ties, will occupy the front. It will be a decided advance over anything of its kind ever seen in Lents.

The work in the new store will be handled by Mr. Goggins as repair man and Clarence (Jimmy) Baker as salesman. Mr. Goggins will be his own order man and have general supervision. He will put in about a \$1000 stock of shoes to start with, mostly of the Kelley & Buckley, union made line. Such a stock ought to do some business, and it no doubt will prove a big success from the first.

Meetings in the big tent at Myrtle Park Station will continue nightly, closing Sunday night, August 2. The interest here has been so good that the stay here has been prolonged a week beyond the original intention. Milton H. St. John, the evangelist, and a musician of ability, speaks on subjects of present practical need and interest. He is an orator of more than ordinary ability, and a young man of great enthusiasm. It is worth while to hear him. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, July 26, will be especially noteworthy, for Frank S. Regan of Rockford, Ill., will give in the tent his nationally famous illustrated lecture, "The Fool Taxpayer." Mr. Regan has discovered some sensational facts concerning tax conditions in Oregon where he has been investigating for three weeks. He is a cartoonist of rare ability and will draw pictures as he talks. It will be worth \$5 to hear him, but will cost nothing. The public is cordially invited to all these meetings.

Within the past few days work has been started on the building for the new fish cannery and cold storage plant to be located at Bay City. The building will be 64 x 98 feet and among other up-to-date facilities will include an ice-making plant with a capacity of ten tons per day. The building will be used for handling Tillamook Bay salmon, both fresh and canned, and its estimated cost will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. In addition to the main building, the company will erect a dock 32 x 80 feet for the accommodation of the fisherman, and will also build drying racks for nets.

It is announced by Manager A. M. Plummer, of the Northwest International Livestock Exposition that Montana is preparing to send a team of agricultural students to the show, to be held in Portland December 7-12, to take part in the stock judging contest, and it is also expected that state will send a number of carloads of fancy livestock to the show.

The young men of the Lents Y. P. A. will entertain the young ladies with an auto truck party Friday evening. This is the treat of the loosing side in the contest recently held. All young folks interested in the Alliance are cordially invited to be with us at the church at 7:30 P. M.

The watering trough in front of the post office on the Foster Road will be a welcome convenience to the many teamsters who drive thirsty horses on that thoroughfare. The bubbling fountain for human kind will also be frequently used. Every one joins in thanking the Park Department for its attention to our needs.

V. L. Irish will begin work on the Yott Building at the intersection of Foster Road and Main Street this morning. This building will be the largest structure yet attempted in this part of the city and will be the last work in store and office construction.

Willie had been absent from school and when he returned his mother sent the following note: "Dear Teacher: Please excuse Willie's absence. He got wet in the a. m. and took sick in the p. m."

## MT. TABOR PARK COMING RESORT

**Grand Scenic Advantage Little Appreciated by Portland People Yet, But Destined to Grow in Interest as Time Gives Acquaintance.**

A visit to Mt. Tabor Park on Sunday by the Herald reporter was the occasion for surprise. This was not the first time he has been to the top of this historical point, but it was the first time since the city has had possession of it as a park. The changes were not what might have been expected in a public ground like Portland should offer, but considering the newness of this enterprise it is in a fair state of progress.

From the West at least one drive is in good condition, having been graded and covered with crushed rock and oil. It gradually winds to the top and there on a comparatively level tract is one of the finest view spots in the entire city. It has been cleared off and set to grass and presents a fine lawn, and a very restful spot. The view is magnificent. At the very topmost point stands one of Portland's landmarks, evidently built many years ago, one of the most magnificent old family homes in the entire town. Just what the view would be from the topmost window would be hard to imagine, but it must be superb. On a clear day it is evident that several mountain peaks are in clear view. The Columbia Gorge would yawn like a monstrous dragon. The intervening country, dotted with farms and villages looks not unlike a checkerboard. Just at your feet, seemingly, on the east lies Montavilla. Looking westward we see East Portland, the river, its bridges and traffic, and then the busy section of the central city. At another point the Columbia comes into full view, with Rose City Park and Sandy road in between. Southward the whole of Mt. Scott stretches, in full view from Creston to Lents Junction. Just at the foot of the park on the west are the reservoirs for the entire city water system.

If you have never been to the top of Mt. Tabor it will pay you. Take your lunch along and make a day of it. It is in its natural beauty today. A few years hence and artificial "improvements" will spoil much of the interest that clings to things that exist just as God made them.

## A CLEARING HOUSE FOR YOUR TOWN'S NEWS

The classified column is at once the most misunderstood and most appreciated part of the paper.

There is no section of the paper that comes home closer to the people, no matter how much more important theoretically the other news may be.

Here all the personal, human interest news of the town passes in review. The fact that some neighbor's house is for sale may disclose a story of hardship, trouble, failure, or on the other hand, it may mean better times, a business success or a chance to start anew in some other town.

It is misunderstood by those who see only the big things in life, forgetting that there couldn't be any big things if there weren't little ones.

Every class reads the classified column. The housewife is curious to know who is selling a sewing machine or a stove, working people are on the lookout for positions and the real estate owners are anxious to find prospective purchasers.

It is astonishing the number of answers received from a simple insertion in the "To Rent," "For Sale," or "Want" columns. Anything one does by personal inquiry is multiplied a hundredfold by the press.

Some people will put in hours or days running around and making haphazard queries when they want to rent, sell or buy. Meanwhile a few nickels, and five minutes' time would have placed an ad. in the local paper and would have brought answers from sources that might never have occurred to them.

This kind of advertising permits the buyer to get the best price, because he learns whether there is to be any competition, and it gives the seller the most advantageous trade, because he finds whether there is really a demand.

Diogenes spent all his life looking for an honest man. But Diogenes never advertised.—Exc.

Wooden button molds should be boiled before they are covered if they are to be used on a tub dress. If this precaution is not taken they are likely to make an unsightly stain when the dress is laundered.