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LENTS CITIZEN MURDERER'S VICTIM

M. Ecker, Resident Of Park Street, Victim Of Quarrel Near Blaine In Tillamook County. Cooper Known Here.

It took several hours for people of Lents to arrive at an understanding that one of its citizens had fallen the victim of a quarrel at his homestead near Blaine in Tillamook County. The delay was due largely to the fact that the wife of the victim is employed at work away from home and could not be located when inquiry was first made concerning her whereabouts. But by Saturday it was definitely known here that M. Ecker of Park Street, Lents, had been shot and killed at his homestead in Tillamook County, sometime during Friday. Sunday afternoon the body arrived and was turned over to the undertaker and several of the people of the town inspected it.

Mr. Ecker took up a homestead in Tillamook County several months ago and had been living on it for three months. The claim was located a long way from the more developed part of the country, and to get to it was a big undertaking. Mrs. Ecker had not attempted it yet. Near Ecker were the Coopers and one or two other families. Ecker and the Coopers seemed to have had trouble from the first. Some of the Coopers assisted in "packing in" for Ecker when he first went to his location. Three of them worked three or four days and it is said put in a claim for \$35 for services. This had never been settled by Ecker, tho a part of it had been paid. Then there is a story of some chitterm bark, peeled by Ecker on Coopers land and for which Ecker had not paid, tho he promised to do so as soon as he could dispose of the bark. It is said Cooper threatened to kill Ecker if he did not settle these bills. gain it is claimed that Ecker had insulted the mother of the Coopers.

It was with the intention of settling these difficulties that a neighbor by the name of Allison asked Ecker and the Coopers to meet at the Allison home and agree on a settlement. Ecker came armed and when Allison tried to get Ecker to give up his arms, he said it was not safe for him to be without it when the Coopers were around. A row followed and Ecker threatened the crowd. Ray Cooper then went home and secured a rifle. When he returned they began shooting at one another, resulting in Cooper being grazed and Ecker getting shot, the bullet entering on the right side of his face near the nose and passing out through his left ear. He must have died instantly. Cooper soon after that telephoned the sheriff and coroner, and when they arrived he was placed in custody, given a preliminary and bond over to the grand jury under \$2500 bonds.

Eckers body shows that he must have been beaten over the head with some heavy instrument. Several bad bruises indicate that he was severely injured before the shooting, or else someone beat his body up as marks on the head would prove it.

Ecker is well known around Lents and Portland where he has lived for several years and has been engaged as an electrician. He was a man that was strictly on the lookout for Ecker. On the other hand persons living in Lents know the Coopers and characterize them as being difficult to handle. The funeral of Mr. Ecker was held at Kenworthy's on Tuesday morning and the body was interred at Mt. Scott Cemetery.

Cooper will be examined by the Tillamook County grand jury and will no doubt be held for the murder of Mr. Ecker.

Webb Wins Game For Meir Frank Team

Webb pitched a great game of ball Sunday in the Tri-City League game, getting 13 strikes and allowing 6 hits; also getting a hit that scored two runs. Bill Boland figured strong the game through. Bill got a single that scored two runs and he scored himself. The score was 7 to 6.

It is estimated that by the expenditure of \$10,000 the Crook County end of McKenzie pass can be put in good condition.

The new Library and the Yott building are both being rapidly pressed to completion and cause our town to have a lively appearance.



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SCULPTOR FINISHING ENLARGEMENT IN STUDIOS OF PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

LIQUOR INTERESTS GET STRONG INDORSEMENT

Emma Goldman, the notorious anarchist of international disrepute, has come out as the champion of the liquor interests in the pending dry statewide campaigns on the Pacific coast.

On Sunday night she lectured in a hall over a Portland saloon on the topic "Prohibition and Continence." For an hour she poured out the vials of her wrath against the dry policy and all forms of chastity.

She landed the missions and met, declared that alcohol was necessary to wash the dust out of miners' lungs; declared that chastity led to insanity; berated the Catholic Church for its historic stand in defense of the marriage tie; and declared that "the average law abiding citizen hasn't an ounce of brains in his head."

She declared that the only way the Catholic church could keep its priests was to "permit them to have housekeepers;" stated that "there is no such thing as morality in nature."

Much of the "lecture was unprintable, and of such a character as could not be discussed in reputable society. It was an hour of abusive tirade against the dries and against chastity. The chairman announced their purpose to "put the churches out of business" and explained in detail how to consort with lewd women without danger of infection.

Miss Goldman declared that it was nobody's business who paid her for this kind of talk.

It is said that the Goldman woman will repeat her performance at strategic points on the coast in behalf of the liquor interests and against the pending dry amendments in Oregon, Washington and California.

Grange Meets Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of Lents Grange will be held Saturday. The afternoon program will be a "Woman's day." The program will be on the "Arrangement of the Kitchen," by Mrs. Blaufus. Mrs. Hogue will speak on the "Emergency Cupboard," Mrs. E. P. Smith will speak about the "Sanitary Water Supply" and Mrs. McNeill will discuss "Good Plain Cooking vs. Specialties." There will be recitations by Miss Lavis and Mrs. Shoemaker and a duet by the Misses Johnson and McNeill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Passes

Mrs. Agnes Elizabeth Johnson of 303, Park Avenue, died Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She had been suffering from tuberculosis for several months. Mrs. Johnson was born in Minneapolis, February 1887. The funeral was held Thursday at Kenworthy's Chapel, Rev. Carlson officiating. The burial was at Mt. Scott cemetery. She leaves a husband and sister, Mrs. Marion Enwall, and numerous friends to mourn her loss.

The first stretch of hard surfaced road in Oregon constructed under the county bonding act was opened to rubber tired traffic on the 27th, at which time the delegates were taken over, the highway and shown what Jackson County has done to make Southern Oregon a good road paradise.

W. A. HALL REPORTS PROGRESS

A letter from W. A. Hall at Wapinitia reports that the big irrigation work they are engaged upon is moving along nicely. They have a large force of men and teams at work and are expecting more. They are installing a big pump and boilers preparatory to sluicing out the big cut, a work that will require the movement of 40,000 yards of earth. The ditch when completed will be 14 miles long, with three reservoirs, and will irrigate 11,000 acres of the Juniper Flat country. It is thought that this country will be as important as the Yakima district in a few years, due to the close proximity of Portland. Last week was notable for a visit from a delegation of Portland capitalists who were considering the possibilities of the project and the work being done.

BAND CONCERT TUESDAY EVENING

Tuesday evening next has been selected for another band concert by the City band. It will be given as before, at the Playground Park. The program is as follows and should have the attention of everyone in Lents. It is not probable that another concert will be held at Lents this summer.

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever"; Songs; Malts, "Dolores" Waldteufel; Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor," Nicolai; Oriental Dance, "Sultana," Vaelker; Popular Medley, "Tip Top," O'Hare. Intermission. Excerpts from, "High Jinks," Friml; Paraphrase, "Die Lorelei," Neuvadba; Scenes from, "The Bohemian Girl," Balfe; Patpourri, "A Bundle of Rags," Lampe; Two Step, "This is the Life," Berlin.

Sunday Game at Lents

With the score 6 to 4 in favor of the Harriman team in the last half of the ninth inning and the Lents Giants with 2 on and none out, Umpire Miller gave the game to the Giants 9 to 0 when the manager of the railroad men called them off the field. Shortstop Moore of the Harriman team clearly interfered with Mickelson, running from second to third, and when Miller called the runner safe at third on account of this interference, the Harriman team was called off the diamond. Yeast and Bryson did the battery work for the visitors while Hyman and Mickelson worked for the Giants. Hyman fanned 12 batters and pitched a beautiful game, was there with the stick, and fielded his position without an error.

Bids will be asked for within a few days for the construction of the Columbia Highway in Hood River County for which a bond issue of \$75,000 was recently voted.

E. L. Rayburn and Tom Cowing both returned from the Juniper Flat County back of Mt. Hood on Monday afternoon. They report good progress on the irrigation ditch, and say that the land there is as good as any in Oregon.

BASE LINE IMPROVEMENT RESTRAINED

Alleging that property owners along the Base Line road are going to be losers by \$23,760 if the road work proposed by the County Commissioners is carried out, a temporary restraining order has been issued on complaint of J. P. Hinterman and others.

Hinterman is a property owner in the assessment district and is represented by Attorneys Fulton and Bowerman. The writ is returnable August 7th.

The complaint alleges that Warrenite was selected arbitrarily as the paving material and that the shutting out of competition will cost the county and property owners \$23,760 as the Oregon Independent Paving company would furnish a paving material equal to Warrenite for 60 cents a square yard in comparison with the 88 cent contract with the Warren Brothers company. It also recites an offer by the Oregon Hazzam company to furnish a material of equal value for 66 cents a yard delivered within four miles of the improvement.

The allegation is made that the remonstrance filed contained the names of owners of 60 per cent of the property affected by the assessment district, or 3856 acres of the 5367 acres contained in the district. Enough of the property to make the total on the remonstrance less than the 51 per cent required to make the remonstrance effective were discarded by the county commissioners because of irregularities.

Liquor Supporters Meet

The meeting in Seward's Hall Friday evening was fairly well attended, taking into consideration the warm evening, etc. Mr. Fred Jobelman spoke for about forty-five minutes regarding the Prohibition amendment to be voted upon at the November election, showing by very convincing arguments the fallacy of such a step. He dwelt particularly upon the economic feature of it all and showed conclusively that to presume that by having prohibition upon our statutes we would advance from an economic standpoint, was a wild theory. Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway made a very impressive speech and every one present appreciated the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Duniway talk. No one could doubt the sincerity of her stories she vividly drew regarding the effect of curtailing personal liberty and the general workings of prohibition. Mrs. Duniway told her hearers that for seventy years we have had prohibition in some parts of the United States and the net result has been to breed hypocrisy and a low class of criminals.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. John Krall, vice president of the Woman's Equal Rights League, an organization which has for its aims and objects the bettering of women and men. This League stands for such measures as the woman's eight hour law, the fifteen hundred dollar tax exemption law, the abolition of the state senate, the Clayton anti-trust bill as amended in the house, the bringing of child labor down to a minimum and other measures that benefit the common people.

LENTS SUFFERS ANOTHER FIRE

First Manufacturing Institution of This Suburb Falls by Fire Saturday Night. Will Rebuild in a Short Time as Business Demands.

Altho this has been an unusually long dry spell Lents has had less than its average of fires this summer. Not until near midnight Saturday night, has the town been disturbed by fire of any consequence for several weeks. A small vacant residence on Seventh avenue near the car line was found to be on fire. It was stored with the furniture belonging to L. H. Carter, removed there after the Carter home was destroyed by fire last spring. The building and contents were a complete loss, covered by \$500 insurance on the furniture. The insurance had been taken out only a short time. Incendiarism is suspected as the source of the fire.

Just ten feet south of this building was the factory of the Portland Broom Company, recently completed and stored with brooms and broom making materials. It was so close and the wind so favorable that the fire soon spread to it and it was only a short time until it was in ruins, together with all the machinery and other contents.

This was burned beyond salvage. A half dozen employees are out of a job and the two young men who owned the business are considering their loss, which is about half covered by insurance. It is probable they will rebuild. They have orders for their products to keep them going for a year and it is hardly probable they will consider dropping that business.

The volunteer fire companies of Lents, Gray's Crossing, and Tremont and Engine 31 of the Portland department, checked the flames from further devastation.

Evening Star Grange Meets

Evening Star Grange had a large attendance at the last meeting, August 1, considering that it is a busy time of the year, and also vacation time.

The proposed eight hour law was discussed, and not very favorably considered. Mrs. H. L. Vail told of her recent trip to Eastern Oregon in interests of the Grange, and how people will go long distances to attend Pomona Grange.

After dinner the following program, in charge of S. F. Ball, the Lecturer, was rendered: Piano solos were given by Miss Helen Humphrey and Nellie Sanders. Vocal solos by Miss Elizabeth Hall and Miss Mand Curtis, who was accompanied by Miss Nellie Sanders. A paper on the "General History of Cello Canal" was read by Miss Nellie Faucet. The address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. J. J. Handsacker, whose subject was, "The Historical Wealth of Our Own State." It was a timely subject, and much appreciated by those present. Mr. Geo. H. Himes of the Oregon Historical Society also gave some pleasing historical reminiscences. Remarks were also made by Rev. Mr. Parsons, a visitor present.

Incorporation articles for the South-erlin, Coos Bay & Eastern Railway have been filed with the Corporation Commissioner at Salem within the past few days. According to the papers the incorporators expect to construct a line eastward to Boie, Idaho, and westward to Coos Bay. Twenty-seven miles of the line, toward Coos Bay, have been surveyed, the survey penetrating a splendid body of timber. Sutherland people anticipate the early construction of two sawmills and a box factory, these industries to receive their supplies of material over the new road.

The Central Oregon highway through Lake County is to be marred by a set of heavy steel signs with the lettering cut into the metal in such a manner as to make it conspicuous under auto headlights at night. Wooden guide posts will also be provided for the less important roads and crossings through the county.

A contract will soon be let for the construction of the Columbia Highway in Columbia County from Tide Creek to the Multnomah County line with the exception of a stretch from Columbia City through St. Helens to Warren. It is probable that a new route will be laid out for this section between this railroad and river before construction is commenced.

O. R. ADDITON AT FINAL REST

Lents First Promoter Sinks to Last Long Rest After an Illness Of Four Years. Nerve Trouble Ends Career Begun in New England.

O. R. Additon, who for a long time was the leading citizen of the Mt. Scott District quietly sank to his last rest Sunday afternoon. Mr. Additon has been suffering from a mental derangement for the past four years, due to nerve degeneration. Most of this time has been passed by him at his home with frequent long walks over the surrounding country, but as his disease progressed his trips were shortened till he was practically helpless. For several months he has been constantly cared for by some friend or employee. It was feared for a while that his end would come in violent mental derangement, but that turn of complaint did not develop.

Otis Richmond Additon was born in Androscoggin County, Maine, in 1843. He went with his parents from there to Abington, Mass., where he engaged in the mercantile business. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the Federal Signal Corps, following it



O. R. ADDITON.

till the end of the war. After the war he resumed the dry goods business in Abington till 1878 when he came to Portland and entered the employ of Olds & King. From there he went to Corvallis, Ore., and was active in the development of that place. He spent some time in California, and returned to Portland and engaged in the milling business at Front and Madison, west side, and conducted a commission business. In 1894 he moved to Lents and soon after that entered into the real-estate business. He assisted in selling off a large proportion of the town of Lents. He was the first "booster" Lents ever had, and he proved a good one. Lents grew by leaps and bounds under his influence. He advertised real estate bargains at Lents and drew large numbers of newcomers. Later other real estate promoters took it up and the population doubled and doubled and increased by leaps and bounds. In all this Mr. Additon proved a good friend to the poor and the unfortunate. His reputation for kindness and upright dealing was always good. He was always on the side of better things for Lents. While not actively engaged in religious work he was friendly to every good movement, generous and sympathetic.

He quit the real estate business about six years ago and retired to rest and look after his own affairs, which had grown to be of considerable burden. From that time on to his final illness he was not so conspicuous in matters pertaining to local advancement, but the work he began is going on.

It is now about three months since his only child, a son, Alton Additon, a mining engineer and teacher of Berkeley, California, was taken by heart failure, leaving no children. Thus the wife, Mrs. Lucia F. Additon, is left alone in the home they have so long occupied. But she has in her various social and religious work won a host of friends who will extend her a full measure of sympathy in her last great bereavement.

Charles W. Cotel, president of the Portland New Church Society, read the burial services at that church and a choir rendered the music. The White Ribbon services of the Women's Christian Temperance Union were held following the church ceremony in honor of Mr. Additon's interest and Mrs. Additon's long years of work. Mrs. Frances E. Gotshall, a close friend of Mrs. Additon and member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, delivered a brief address on Mr. Additon's life. The funeral was held at the Evangelical Church on Thursday at two o'clock. The remains were cremated.