

## DUNCAN McNICOLL MURDERED SUNDAY

PROMINENT FARMER & STOCK  
MAN SHOT THROUGH  
HEAD AT RANCH

Duncan M. McNicoll, for the past 25 years residing on what is known as the McNicoll Corners farm, on the 82nd street road near here, was murdered some time during Sunday night. Evidently he had been shot in the doorway of his house by the murderer, and was found lying on the floor of the home early Monday morning, when a neighbor called to transact some business with him. A 32-calibre revolver was used, the bullet entering his head over the right eye and passing through the back of his brain. According to the physician accompanying the coroner to the scene of the crime Tuesday, the man had been dead many hours, and death had been instantaneous.

The murdered man was a bachelor, and was engaged in stock raising on the farm. He was last seen about 7 o'clock Sunday evening on his place. When the body was discovered by Otto Berner, a neighbor, who called early Monday morning at the McNicoll farm, it was found lying on the floor of the house in a pool of blood, the front door to the house was open, and the unfortunate man's feet were lying in the entrance to the home. Upon discovering the body, Berner immediately notified the neighbors in that section, and Sheriff Wilson and the owner of the McNicoll farm, D. B. McBride, who resides in Portland, were telephoned to come out immediately.

Upon investigation by the sheriff, it was found McNicoll had just finished milking Sunday night, milk being found upon the table in the room unstrained. A lantern, which the murdered man had used to see his way about the farm, was found in the room still burning, as also was the lamp on the table, and two chairs were in place, which had evidently been used by McNicoll and some other party. A pipe, owned by the dead man, was found alongside of the body, and in the opinion of the officials on the case, McNicoll had been smoking when shot in the doorway.

Deputy Snyder of Molalla was called in on the case by the Sheriff, and Snyder arrived on the scene Monday afternoon and brought his blood hound in hopes that he could get trace of the murderer. The dog was unable to pick up a scent, as so many of the neighbors in that section had rumaged around the room before the arrival of the deputy and the hound. An Italian, who worked for McNicoll several months ago, and whom, it is reported to have had trouble with McNicoll, is now being looked for by the officials.

The dead man was about 60 years of age. He was a native of Scotland, and was a boyhood friend of McBride, the owner of the place. McNicoll always carried from \$200 to \$1800 upon his person, according to the report of his friends, and the officials claim that robbery was probably the motive for the crime. A pocket-book, or wallet, which a neighbor claimed was always carried by McNicoll, has not been found, although the dead man had \$55 in gold in his pocket when the body was discovered. According to Mr. McBride, owner of the farm, McNicoll was not a drinking man, and was always considered a hard working and thrifty farmer.

The bullet, which entered the dead man's head, was found, and it had glanced into the door, which was open, falling to the floor. It is a question whether McNicoll was shot from the outside of the house when he opened the door, or from the inside, as he could have turned his head just as he opened the door, which would explain the bullet glancing into the door at an angle.

Sheriff Wilson and deputies are working hard in an effort to locate the murderer. Sheriff Wilson ran onto a clue Tuesday, which he believes will help lead to the finding of the guilty party. It has been discovered that the dead man had a wide acquaintance with horse traders and stock men of Portland.

The Italian who was employed some time ago by McNicoll, has not been located as yet, and when found the officials are in the hopes that he can throw some light upon the habits of the murdered man, and his dealings with different parties during the time the Italian was employed on the McNicoll farm.

A coroner's inquest was held by Coroner Johnson Tuesday, and the jury returned a verdict that McNicoll died from a gun shot wound inflicted by the hand of some person or persons unknown.

Funeral services were held from Clackamas station Tuesday afternoon, and interment took place in the Clackamas cemetery. The murdered man leaves no relatives so far as can be learned.

**Mrs. Hickey Sues**  
Mary Hickey has entered suit for divorce against James Hickey, alleging in her complaint desertion. The couple was married August 12, 1901, in Portland. She asks for a complete divorce and to be allowed to use her maiden name.

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## DANCE AND SOCIAL TO END CAMPAIGN

SALVATION ARMY FUND TO  
BE RAISED TONIGHT AT  
BIG AFFAIR

Starting off with a big parade Wednesday evening on the Main street of this city, the Elks of the county made a final effort to raise the prescribed quota for Clackamas county for the Salvation Army fund. A dance and basket social is to be given here tonight (Thursdays), in the Moose hall, when lunch baskets prepared by the ladies will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, and the proceeds from the dance and auction will go toward the Salvation Army fund. The best "Jazz" orchestra has been secured for the evening, and a "ro-roarin'" time is in store for those who attend. Everyone is invited, and the committee in charge promises that several original and novel stunts will be pulled off at the social.

Although Oregon City is over the top with its quota, the balance of the county is behind, and the drive for funds has been continued all this week. It is expected that several hundred dollars will be taken in at the dance and social, which will complete the quota allotted for Clackamas county for the Salvation Army Home Service fund.

"A man may be down, but he's never out," is one of the truest proverbs on earth when it applies to the Salvation Army workers. Come out, attend the dance, and help a deserving organization with its home work.

## PROMINENT PIONEER PASSES AWAY HERE WEDNESDAY

G. R. H. Miller, prominent citizen and pioneer of this city and county, passed away last night (Wednesday), at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Jack, at Ninth and Washington streets, here. Deceased had been ill for some time with heart trouble, and during the past week became very ill, the disease causing his death.

Mr. Miller was 87 years of age, and had resided in Oregon City for over half a century. He was very well known throughout the county, and was an active worker in public affairs and civic improvements. He was a member of the Oregon City council, and a prominent member in several local lodges. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made as yet.

## RUNAWAY TEAM AT PARK. PLACE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

A runaway team caused considerable excitement Wednesday afternoon in Parkplace, when the horses became frightened and started to run with a heavy wagon through the main street of that place. The animals ran down a steep bank with the wagon, where the front wheels stuck in the bank on the opposite side. The team broke loose, running several miles into the country before they were caught. The tongue of the wagon was broken, and the harness damaged, and in running into the country, the team crashed into a new automobile owned by a local party, damaging the auto considerably. The team was owned by a Mr. Rose.

## DEED FOR SEVENTH STREET CORNER IS FILED HERE

A deed was filed Monday with Recorder Noe for the property situated on the corner of Seventh and Main streets of this city, formerly owned by the Frank Jaggar estate, the purchasers of the block being Hugh Mount, George H. Brown and W. F. Harris. The consideration for the site was \$49,000, and the land will be used for the new quarters of the Bank of Commerce of this city. The bank will erect an office building on the corner, and will use the lower floor of the proposed building for the home of the Bank of Commerce. It is considered one of the most valuable pieces of property in Oregon City.

## PICKENS JOINS SERVICE AGAIN; SAW FIGHTING

Guy R. Pickens, of this city, formerly a member of the famous 91st Division, (Wild West) of the U. S. Army, re-enlisted in the new army from the local recruiting station here Saturday. Pickens distinguished himself in the service before and was in the battle of the Argonne wood, from which he emerged with a gunshot wound on September 28, after twelve days of terrible fighting. He is pleased with the service, and considers the army a means of obtaining a valuable education. He will continue his vocational training under the terms of the new enlistment.

**Married**  
Two marriage licenses were issued Friday by County Clerk Miller to Florence A. Stromgren, 20, and Charles N. Harlow, 26, both of this city; Cora E. Wilmot, 41, and Orin C. Davidson, 38, both of Oswego.

# CHAUTAQUA TO OPEN 13-DAY SESSION TUESDAY

Sergeant Arthur Gibbons, of the First Canadian Expeditionary Force, was in service when the war was young. He went through the fires of hell in those first awful days when a thin but heroic Canadian and British line was all that saved the Channel ports, and perhaps all that saved the war for the Allies. He sailed from Canada with the first contingent, was member of a "sacrifice" company at Ypres from which only two returned alive, was severely wounded, left on the battlefield for four days and finally taken behind the German lines as a prisoner. He was given brutal hospital care and then removed to the prison camp at Giessen. By feigning insanity and passing the grilling examinations of a dozen German doctors, he was placed on the exchange list after seven months. After several operations to overcome the effects of the mal-

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The Willamette Valley Chautauqua opens its twenty-sixth annual session at Gladstone park Tuesday, July 8th, at 1:30 p. m.

The International Trio, a splendid musical company composed of Kathleen Harrison (English), pianist and reader, Gertrude Hober (Alsation), violinist and mezzo-soprano, and Fredrick De Bruin (Hollander), baritone, give the first concert. Kathleen Harrison is a former Oregon City girl now using her talent as a concert pianist of exceptional ability, and a reader of charming and delightful personality, to please Chautauqua audiences scattered over most of the western states. Ger-

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Numbers of campers who own their own tents, will be on hand to enjoy the fine outing and recreation that the place and program afford. Never before have prospects looked brighter. Every mail brings to the secretary's desk large numbers of inquiries and requests for programs. Tent reservations have so exceeded the expectations that the association has found it necessary to greatly increase its equipment. Vice President Le Adams and Secretary Arthur Beattie made a trip to Vancouver and purchased a large number of the popular sized 16x16 army tents to accommodate the campers. These are going fast and more tents will

## NEW AUTO SALES CO. OPENS BUSINESS HERE

The Farley Automobile Sales company has leased the southern end of the Moose building in this city and will establish a garage and sales agency in this city immediately. The new firm is composed of J. H. Farley, of Ontario, Oregon, and F. W. Morgan, the latter's son-in-law, who will assume the active management of the business. Charles Nelson, formerly with the Independent garage, and who has been in California for the past several months, will be the chief service man of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Farley and daughter, Opal, will arrive in this city soon to take up their permanent residence here. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and son, Farley, will also move to Oregon City, where they will reside. The business which will open soon, is backed by years of experience in the auto business by all concerned in the company, and they expect to offer Clackamas county citizens excellent service and repair work on automobiles.

**FOUND**  
Chain of Rose Beads, with emblems attached; owner call at Courier office and receive chain.

## SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES FAIL TO DISCOVER "MOONSHINE"

"When they got there, the cupboard was bare" ought to be the title of a thrilling "booze" raid which took place in this county Friday morning, when Sheriff Wilson, Deputy Meades, Constable Fortune, Deputy Hughes and a revenue man from the Portland office, left Oregon City for "parts unknown" to capture a "still" and a bootlegger. Citizens on the street at the time of the official departure of the cars, were somewhat startled to see so many officers leaving town, and they were long it was rumored that they were "on their way to bust up a whiskey still." They left about 11 o'clock, and by 12 o'clock the party arrived back in Oregon City with nothing but dust on the autos, and minus one perfectly good bootlegger. "He was a little too smooth for us," remarked one deputy, and he began brushing the dust out of his clothing. "Someone must have squealed," remarked another, and the party went up the courthouse steps to talk it over in the sheriff's office.

In the Lower Highland district, the apple crop this year will be the best for many seasons. Strawberries have been excellent also this year.

## COUNTY GUERNSEY PICNIC IS SUCCESS

FINE PROGRAM AND STOCK  
EXHIBIT FEATURES OF  
THE DAY

The picnic held by the Clackamas County Guernsey Breeders' association on the Charles Wagner farm near here Saturday, was a decided success. Quite a number of registered head of stock were exhibited at the affair, and the meeting was presided over by Octave Voget, of Hubbard. Many prominent men over the state took part in the program, and Professor E. B. Fitts, of the O. A. C., spoke on the value of good breeding. He was followed by N. C. Jamison, county agent for Washington county, whose subject was "The Value of Testing for Advanced Registry."

Mrs. A. I. Hughes, the only woman in this part of the country who has made a success out of the blooded stock business, told the audience some of the opportunities of selling both grade and registered Guernsey cattle. Mrs. Hughes has attracted considerable attention over the Pacific coast by her methods in raising registered Guernseys, and the breed is making Clackamas county famous over the coast for its fine cattle.

R. G. Scott, county agent for Clackamas, spoke on "Community Breeding," and O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific Livestock Exposition, gave a talk in which he boosted the exposition to be held in Portland in November.

## TWILIGHT CLUB BUILDING TO BE DEDICATED TONIGHT

The Twilight Entertainment club elected officers of the organization Tuesday night, and William McCord, well known Oregon pioneer, was elected president. A new club house was recently erected in the Twilight neighborhood, and the grand opening of the building will take place tonight (Thursday), July 3, when a fine program, arranged for the occasion, will be given. In addition to the program, a dance will be given, to which everyone is invited. The speaker on the program will be the Hon. Grant B. Dimick, who will deliver a patriotic address.

A scenic stage, painted and decorated by Mr. Jensen, will be on exhibit tonight in the building, and the great war map, recently exhibited in this city, will be viewed by the audience. A large attendance is expected at the dedication of the building.

## JUNK DEALER SUES FOR \$3000 DAMAGES HERE

Morris Goldman entered suit here against E. Hoeslech for \$3000 damages, which the plaintiff alleges that he suffered in business caused by his arrest by Hoeslech. Last Friday Hoeslech had Goldman arrested, alleging that he was insane, and upon being examined, the authorities found that Goldman was O. K. mentally. They are in the junk business here, and have had considerable trouble during the past two weeks. Goldman claims that he has suffered in business because people think he is crazy, and that Hoeslech is responsible for the report. He asks the court to allow him \$3000 as damages resulting from his arrest and examination as to his mental condition.

## M. J. BROWN PLEASED WITH CHICKEN RANCH

M. J. Brown, former editor and owner of the Oregon City, left here for his home in Corvallis after spending the last few days with relatives and friends. Brown, who is a very good newspaper man, has gone into the chicken business near Corvallis, and has over 3000 hens on his ranch, and when asked how he liked it said, "It's the only life. Talk about the banking business—it's got it beat a mile." Mr. Brown claims that he refuses to consider the newspaper business as the means to fame and fortune from now on, and that he is perfectly satisfied on his little ranch in the foothills of the Corvallis country.

## SURFUS ARRESTS TWO MEN HERE SUNDAY

Two men from Portland, who gave their names as Bill Smith and Harry Brown, were arrested in this city Sunday evening for disorderly conduct. The two men came here with a crowd from Portland, and stopped at a restaurant, where they indulged in loud talk and became noisy in general. Officer Surfus followed them into the restaurant, and while standing near watching the crowd, one of the men called the officer a name. Surfus started toward the table, and as he neared the men, one of them jumped up and asked Officer Surfus not to hit his companion. Surfus arrested both men, who were released on bail to appear for trial later.

A new store has been opened up in the Viola neighborhood. The owners are M. Evans, Lee Bronson and Harry Reed, all of Estacada.

## COUNCIL MEETS AND TRANSACTS BUSINESS

ELEVATOR TO BE RUN ON NEW  
FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL  
SCHEDULE

The regular weekly meeting of the Oregon City council took place Wednesday night in the city hall. Routine business was disposed of in quick time.

The lower floor of the hall was leased to Frank Busch of this city as a show room for furniture, and an ordinance authorizing the sale of lot 6, block 138, to W. J. Wilson, was passed. William H. Howell, newly elected water commissioner, was present at the session, and indicated his willingness to work in harmony with the city fathers. He made a suggestion to the council that during the low water in the city reservoir, that the municipal elevator be shut down to five-minute intervals except during the rush hours in the day. He also advocated the elimination of flushing the streets with the city water, as he considers it a waste of needed water. The council voted to have a call bell installed at the bottom of the big lift for the use of passengers, so that unnecessary trips of the big car could be done away with.

A report on the progress of the new pavement on 14th was made by Councilman Tobin, who reported that the work was going on satisfactorily. Councilman Kelley in an address to the council, said that he hoped he would see the day when every principal street in Oregon City would be paved. It was decided to lay a new sidewalk on Linn Avenue 1900 feet in length, which is the old Fifth street road. Property owners have contributed about \$135 toward the project on this street.

The City Recorder was notified by the council to notify the Southern Pacific company to plank their railroad crossing at the foot of Singer hill on Tenth street. Improvement of the Mt. Pleasant-to-Molalla-avenue road was discussed by the "city dads," and an arrangement decided upon under which the county is to do the work, and the city and property owners along the route to pay one-third of the cost respectively. The improvement will cost in the neighborhood of \$3500.

Permission was granted to the new Farley Auto company to install a gasoline filling station in front of their business property at the Moose building. The total receipts of the water commission was \$17,127.74 for six months, and the disbursements were \$15,654.75 for the same period. The next regular meeting of the council will take place next Wednesday evening.

## SCHUEBEL CLAIMS OFFICERS ARE OVERLOOKING NEW LAW

Representative Schuebel, of Clackamas county, in an announcement Wednesday, claimed that he has written members of the conciliation board of the state, to make use of the law enacted at the last legislature, with reference to the present telephone strike. Mr. Schuebel claims that Chapter 178, page 252, in the state statute, provides a remedy in all such cases as the present trouble between the electrical workers and the telephone and telegraph companies, and that the matter should be acted upon at once, and find out where the trouble lies in the strike, according to the wording of the law. Mr. Schuebel claims that the general public is more interested in the strike and its outcome than those concerned in the trouble, and that the conciliation board should settle the strike according to the reading of the new law provided for such cases. Mr. Schuebel was sponsor for the recently enacted legislation at the last meeting of the state legislature.

## MECHANICS IN LOCAL PHONE OFFICE JOIN OTHER STRIKERS

Three electrical mechanics from the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company of Oregon City Tuesday, stopped work and joined in the strike of electrical workers in this state. This leaves the local telephone office without a single electrical mechanic in case of trouble. Most of the telephone operators here do not belong to the union, and not one has quit work so far in sympathy with the strikers.

## WOOLEN MILL EMPLOYEES TO PICNIC AT MILWAUKIE

On next Saturday, the employees of the Oregon City Woollen Mills will hold a big picnic at Crystal Lake park at Milwaukie. Great preparations on the part of the mill management are under way, and the picnic will be similar to that held last year at the same place. A special electric train will leave here Saturday morning to take the several hundred employees to the scene of the festivities, and the mill employers promise great surprises in store for the workers on that day. The train will bring the workers back to this city late the same evening.

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