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Two hundred and fifty acre stock ranch, rolling enough for good drainage, soil good, 80 acres in cultivation, 30 acres more slashed and

burned, and could be put into cultivation for \$19 per acre, balance pasture land, small creek runs through the place, 2 living springs, 2 acres orchard, 8-room box house, covered with rustic, painted, 1 one-half story, big home made barn 20x50, shedded all round, large out-range on main road 22 miles from Oregon City one and one-half miles from Wilhoit Springs. \$20 per acre; \$2000 down, balance on long time at six per cent per annum.

Stock and timber.—252 acres, T. S. R. R. 3 E. one mile from Molalla river and on line of extension of motor railway, 200 acres level, 50 acres fenced, 30 acres in cultivation, no house, barn 50x75, living water, 200 acres heavy timber, fir and cedar, valuable, would cruise five million or more feet of good, merchantable timber, besides piling, 1-4 mile from school, great out-range, 17 miles from Oregon City, perfect title. Price \$1250 per acre; \$1000 cash; balance in 3 years at 5 per cent interest.

Eighty-acre fruit and vegetable farm at Canby on line of Southern Pacific railroad, all level, 74 acres in nice cultivation. All fenced, borders on Molalla river, 18 acres prunes in Al condition, 12 acres peaches, 4 acres apples, 5 acres strawberries, 6-room frame dwelling, large barn, 40x60, prune dryer, 24x18, cost \$1500, granary, warehouse, 1-2 mile to school, 1-2 mile to railroad station, one mile to steamboat landing. To go with place: 1 span horses, 2 cows, chickens, 3 plows, wagon, huck, harrow, mower and all other farming implements and growing crop at time of sale. Price \$3000; \$500 cash, balance in 5 years at 6 per cent interest.

Stock Farm Investment. 344 acres two miles from the terminus of O. W. P. & Ry Co. line at Springwater, 150 acres in cultivation, whole place fenced, 60 acres in clover, 14 acres orchard, two million feet good merchantable timber, three fine living springs of pure water, small dwelling, large new barn 60x34, out-range of elkweed and pea vine for a thousand head of stock, about 40 head of cattle, span horses, wagon, new binder, and all farming tools with present crop for \$20 per acre; very easy terms. Good school and growing neighborhood.

Two hundred and twenty-five acres at Logan, 6 miles due east of Oregon City, 16 miles from Portland, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 acres more nearly ready to break, 8 acres prune orchard, whole place fenced, mountain trout stream running through the ranch, several large springs, frame dwelling, 6 rooms, cost \$500, post barn, 2 miles to cheese factory, same distance to creamery that sells \$1000 worth of butter a month, school one-quarter mile; splendid neighborhood. \$20 per acre. Terms to suit.

Three hundred and forty-nine acres of level, rich soil, in Marion county, 5 miles from Woodburn, 220 acres in good cultivation, free from stumps and rocks, balance in pasture, whole place fenced and cross fenced, one fair old dwelling, 8 rooms, two large barns, other out-buildings convenient to place, six acres orchard, 7 acres hops, one quarter mile to school, title perfect. Price \$25 per acre; terms made to suit the purchaser. This is a rare bargain.

OREGON HAS GROWN

LABOR COMMISSIONER HOFF SHOWS GROWTH OF STATE.

Non-Attendance of Children at Schools is Increasing to an Alarming Degree.

According to the figures made up by Labor Commissioner Hoff, based upon a statistical system, the population of Oregon for 1904 numbers 470,924, against 413,525 in 1900, an increase of 56,488 people in the past four years. The usual method employed in obtaining the statistical population is based upon the average school population of the state, taken from the annual school census. An average is struck of the total school population, all residents of the state between the ages of 4 and 20 years, the total number of pupils enrolled in the schools and the total attendance. This average is then compared with the total population of the state according to the last federal census, to obtain the percentage, and the population of other years is found upon the same proportionate ratio. Commissioner Hoff, however, striving to secure what he considered more accurate figures, if it were possible to obtain them, improves on this system by taking the average of the school population and that of the vote cast for Justice of the Supreme Court at the last two general elections, and finds the total population of the state upon the same proportionate ratio.

In adopting this method, however, Mr. Hoff makes the important discovery that a very large percentage of children of school age in the state, according to the reports of the county school superintendents, do not attend any school. This fact has been apparent for several years past, as the non-attendance average has increased from year to year, and the Legislative session of 1902, in an effort to correct this evil, enacted a law making it compulsory upon children of 14 years and under to attend school. The figures obtained by Commissioner Hoff reveal that no apparent effect has been made to enforce the provisions of this law, and that the non-attendance of schools on the part of children is increasing to an alarming degree.

It is the average obtained from the school enrollment and attendance statistics that is responsible for the apparently low figures obtained for the population of the state for 1904, which show an increase of only about 56,000 people.

The following interesting deductions from the four tabulated statements will show that Marion county is not alone in the decrease in school attendance and enrollment. In decreases in enrollment appear the following 10 counties beside Marion: Benton, 65; Gilliam, 55; Harney, 141; Jackson, 60; Klamath, 5; Lincoln, 31; Morrow, 2; Polk, 122; Sherman, 51; Washington, 72. Decreases in attendance: Curry, 84; Gilliam, 478; Harney, 29; Klamath, 28; Lake, 85; Lincoln, 47; Linn, 77; Morrow, 21. Decrease in school population: Lincoln, 49; Linn, 19; Polk, 56; Tillamook, 4; Union, 94. The only county showing a decrease in the vote cast for Supreme Judge between 1900 and 1904 is Lake, which is short 10 votes.

According to the figures compiled by Labor Commissioner Hoff, Clackamas county in 1904 had a population of 19,558 as against 20,611 in 1904. These statistics concerning Clackamas county at least are quite unreliable. The population of this county at the present time more closely approximates 20,000 than the total of 20,611 as reported by Mr. Hoff. During the last two years this county has experienced an unprecedented growth.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

George W. Lauth Will Be Tried on Charge in November.

The coroner's jury, called to enquire into the death of Mrs. Leonora B. Jones, returned a verdict charging G. W. Lauth with the murder of the woman. "Premeditated malice" is charged in the verdict, which reads as follows: In the matter of the inquest on the body of Leonora B. Jones, deceased—We, the jury, duly impeached to investigate the above case, find deceased's name is Leonora B. Jones, aged 28 years; that she came to her death at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

We find that George W. Lauth purposefully and deliberately and premeditated malice killed the said deceased by shooting her with a pistol on the 6th day of September, 1904, at about 9:30 a. m., in Oregon City, Clackamas county, Ore. In a house located on the South side of Fourth street, between Main street and the Southern Pacific Railroad, from the effects of which shooting the said deceased died on September 7, 1904.

Little public sympathy is accorded either of the principals in the tragedy. For a number of years Little good has been known of the murdered woman and the prevailing sentiment is that Lauth who is a keen, reasonably well-educated fellow, has had the misfortune to become mixed up in bad company.

Lauth was arraigned before Justice Stipp at 10 o'clock last Friday morning on a charge of murder in the first degree. The murderer waived the reading of the information and an examination and he was held to the Circuit Court, which meets in November.

Less than a dozen persons were in attendance at the County Judge's office when the prisoner was brought into court. Lauth was unshaven, in depressed spirits, and extremely nervous. He already shows the effects of close confinement. It is expected that at the trial of the case insanity will be pleaded in behalf of the murderer. C. J. Lauth, a brother of the murderer, arrived from Aberdeen, Washington, where he is interested in a sawmill, and will look after his brother's interests.

J. M. Woods, father of the murdered woman, was called, and told the same story concerning the shooting that he had related at the coroner's inquest. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Schuebel announced

PARSON USED GUN

ED. WOLLMAN VICTIM OF HOP-YARD SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Wounded Man Assaulted Without Provocation—Wounds Not Serious—Preacher Escapes.

Ed. Wollman, an ex-soldier from British Columbia, was shot twice but not seriously wounded, by Rev. S. Martin, Monday morning at Herren's Hop yard in Clackamas county, between Aurora and Butteville. Immediately following the shooting, Martin, who is an Italian clergyman, mounted a bicycle and hurriedly departed from the hop yard before the angry crowd that had collected could seize him, otherwise there was every prospect that the preacher would have been roughly handled for from the reports received, it seems that the shooting was done without any provocation whatever.

Martin and family left their Vancouver home and were spending the hop picking season at the hop yard where the shooting took place. It is reported that Martin was extremely cruel to his step children, of which there were a number. He repeatedly punished them for very trivial offenses until the patience of the other hop pickers in the yard had about terminated. On the day before the shooting it is reported that the father tied a mere infant to a hop pole and allowed the little thing to remain there exposed to the sun until it became deathly ill. During the same day he is said to have cruelly struck a 17-year old daughter merely because she helped herself to a piece of bread from the table before the hour for the meal had arrived. Because of this unusual severe treatment of the children, a delegation of the pickers called on the preacher Sunday and notified him to take his family and move on.

The shooting occurred Monday morning about 8 o'clock, just as Martin and family were about to be driven to the railway station. C. Brown, of Portland, who was a witness to the affray, says that Wollman, who was also intending to take passage on the same train, came up to the wagon and asked permission of the driver to ride to the railroad. Securing the driver's permission, Wollman leaped into the rear of the wagon and had no sooner seated himself than Martin, who was sitting on the front seat, turned around, and drawing a 25-caliber revolver, began to shoot. One bullet passed through Wollman's left hand, another struck him in the shoulder in the region of the collar bone and the third bullet struck a baby carriage in the roadway. Martin hurriedly jumped off the wagon and, seizing a wheel, started down the road towards Oregon City.

About forty persons witnessed the shooting and they were also badly frightened that none of them were able to telephone the authorities at Oregon City and furnish a correct description of the man who did the shooting. About two hours after the shooting had taken place, Chief of Police Burns was telephoned to be on the look-out for a man having a red moustache and whiskers of the same shade. Special deputies were stationed on the roads leading into Oregon City and a close watch kept for such a man. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Brown reached the office of Sheriff Shaver and notified that officer that Martin was a man of medium stature, weighed 160 pounds and wore a dark moustache with no beard. Because of the incorrect description with which the officers were at first provided it is probable that the preacher passed through Oregon City undisturbed in making his flight.

Martin was captured Tuesday morning near Vancouver. He did not fight extradition papers and was brought to this city Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Trembath. Martin will be arraigned before Justice Stipp today on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

When arrested Martin declared that he was never cruel to his children, and that the attack on him at Aurora was caused by the fact that he held himself and family above associating with others employed in the hop fields. This, he says, made him unpopular.

For this cause, so Martin maintains, a party was organized to humiliate him and "kangaroo" him. Hearing of this, he loaded his family into his wagon and attempted to leave, but was attacked. The man he shot was climbing into the wagon at the time the shot was fired, and Martin says he had laid violent hands on his wife.

that the state would offer no other testimony. The attorneys for the prisoner offered no evidence and Lauth was returned to the custody of Sheriff Shaver. Just before Lauth was taken from the courtroom Woods walked up to the murderer of his daughter and extended a warm handshake that was cordially received.

The general conduct of Woods and other members of the murdered woman's family toward Lauth since the shooting has been unusual, if not remarkable. The father was the first person to break to the prisoner the news that the shooting had resulted fatally, and then there was great weeping on the part of both. Funeral services were held over the murdered woman at the home of her parents Friday afternoon.

THERE ARE MANY FOREST FIRES.

Density of Smoke That Rivals That of Disastrous Blaze of 1902.

Not since the disastrous forest fires in Clackamas county in the Fall of 1902 and for many years prior thereto has the smoke been so dense in this locality as it was this week. Reports from different sections of the timbered lands of this part of the state indicate the prevalence of many forest fires.

J. A. Shibley, of Springwater, who was in the city Tuesday, says there are fires burning near Damascus and Boring while a fire of larger proportions is raging north of Clackamas. There is an extensive fire in the edge of the Cascade Forest Reserve that threatens to consume much valuable timber. So dense was the smoke for a number of days that the paper mills could not be seen from the suspension bridge, the two points being less than half a mile apart.

STATE NEWS.

It is said that the Salem banks will put out at least \$100,000 in small coins during the season, that is to say of pieces of value less than \$5 each. Of this, fifty thousand dollars in silver and fiduciary coins is brought into circulation. One bank has had to order 20,000 nickels, 5,000 dimes, and 2,500 quarters already for the convenience of the hop growers in paying off their help. All this money goes to the pickers. It is for no other purpose. The Independence National Bank will pay out in fractional coin \$20,000 to \$25,000. Here, unlike Salem, hop checks pass current. The pickers have now begun to receive hop tickets, and from now on, hop tickets will be the principal small currency handled in this community.—Independence Enterprise.

A traveling man, who seems to be neither a Hebrew nor a Gentle, and according to report, has taken no lessons in the high school for gentlemen, was called down hard yesterday in a Salem dry goods store. Going out he stopped one of the young lady clerks and handed her his card: "John Doe, Not Married" was the insulting inscription. The young lady took the matter as an affront upon her dignity as a woman, and called the attention of one of the proprietors to the action. Mr. Drummer was called back and given a talk that was more nearly in the nature of a crimson roast hot off the bat, the unwise drummer going his way somewhat crestfallen from his former role of general mash-artist, wholesale and retail. The conduct of some of this class in stores and in hotel dining rooms would almost justify resort to the more heroic methods of dealing with such fellows employed in other sections of the country. Suffice it to say that his card will not be handed out in that form in Salem again very soon.—Salem Journal.

Albert Vining, of Alsea, has lost his family among the hop fields of Independence. His family consists of a wife and seven children, four boys and three girls. They left Alsea in advance of the head of the family, leaving home Saturday and arriving here Monday of last week. Mr. Vining did not arrive until last Friday and he has put in his time since looking for his family. Up to yesterday he had found no trace. He knows they arrived here and are camped at some of the numerous hop yards, but to find them is a most hopeless task. Knowing the camp in which they are located if a big one like Horst Bros., Ottenheimer's or Burton's, it would not be an easy matter to find any particular person, but only knowing that they are at some of the yards within a radius of ten miles of Independence, the finding of the proverbial needle in a may stack holds out more hope of success. A consoling thought, however for Mr. Vining and his family to nurse is the hope, that when the hop harvest is over they will again meet at their home by the sea.—Independence West Side Enterprise.

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