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## RESOURCES REVEALED AT COUNTY FAIR

FINE EXHIBITION AT CANBY SHOULD ATTRACT MANY PERSONS TO COUNTY.

ALL SECTIONS ARE REPRESENTED

Barlow Progressive Club, Clairmont and Warner and Harding Granges Have Unusually Fine Displays.

The Clackamas county fair of 1911 will go down in history as one of the finest exhibitions ever given in the county. All sections were represented, and each one made a creditable display.

That the excellent showing will do much to advertise the resources of the county is assured. The vegetables, fruits, melons, grasses, etc., on display were a testimonial to the resources of the county that unquestionably will bring fine results. Descriptions of several of the booths and exhibits follow:

### Barlow Makes Fine Showing.

Barlow Progressive club had its booth in the northwest corner of the building. The decorations were very artistic and were arranged by H. T. Melvin, assisted by Mrs. L. L. Irwin of Barlow, who have always taken an active interest in the displays from that thriving town. The ceiling was festooned and covered with asparagus ferns and ivy, and at the rear were stalks of corn intermingled with grains and grasses, products of Barlow. The fancy work, vegetables, fruits, canned vegetables and fruits and jellies were a credit to the members of the organization, which has done so much to bring Barlow to the front.

Some of the tallest corn stalks, grains and grasses, and largest pumpkins and squashes were in the Barlow exhibit. The booth was thronged with residents of Barlow Oregon City day, as well as this year. Among the industrial exhibitors were the following:

Fancy work department—Mrs. C. L. Pennell, pillow slips, hand embroidered, crocheted, bedstead, Mrs. James Erickson; stand cover, drawn work, Mrs. Cassie Tull; bureau scarf, Mrs. Leonard Parmenter; handkerchief, Mrs. James Erickson; crocheted stand cover, Miss Josephine Arol stand; embroidered dollies, Mrs. Quint, who is 78 years of age; Barlow quilt, Mrs. James Erickson; crocheted quilt, Mrs. Gill Erickson. There were many other pieces of fancy work in this department. The floral display which added to the beauty of the booth consisted of asters, carnations, ferns, fuchsias and a large myrtle tree. Mrs. Ade Andrews had the largest collection of flowers.

### Remarkable Specimens Shown.

In the general collections of fruits, canned and fresh, grains and grasses, vegetables, many contributed, among them being D. J. Parmenter, collection of melons; largest squash, H. T. Melvin, which measured four feet and three inches in circumference; S. B. Berg, collection of apples; E. F. Judy, collection of Hubbard squashes; cabbage; W. W. Jesse, collection of apples and his celebrated tomatoes; F. L. Towne, cabbage and other vegetables; Fry Brothers, collection of pumpkins, collection of prunes and plums; Mrs. D. J. Parmenter, peach, peaches, quinces, grapes, etc.; W. W. Jesse, collection of German potatoes; C. M. Ellsworth, cucumbers, the display being arranged like a snake with red mouth and black eyes, by H. T. Melvin; collection of potatoes by Fry Brothers; S. B. Berg, D. J. Parmenter, O. M. Anave, H. C. Howe, W. Kubaugh, J. B. King; D. J. Parmenter, Kate S. Erickson, Mrs. Mary Wright and Lyle Pennell; yeast ("that will raise bread to the ceiling" according to H. T. Melvin, who was in charge of the exhibit, this yeast having been made by Mrs. M. L. Parmenter); collection cauliflower, D. J. Parmenter; brown corn, Mrs. Towne; dried fruit, W. W. Jesse; popcorn, Ed Judd and Leonard Parmenter; hots, W. Slatzner; quinces (Japanese), E. F. Judy; pumpkins, J. D. Ritter. The grain and grass exhibit was the best ever collected by this organization at any county fair and consisted of barley, rye, wheat, oats, alfalfa, red clover, vetch, alfalfa, timothy.

### Pastry is Tempting.

In the domestic science department there were cakes, pies, bread and other delicacies that were tempting to the visitors, who regretted that they had not been appointed judges of these exhibits. Miss S. B. Berg, Miss Hattie Irwin, Mrs. L. L. Irwin and Mrs. F. L. Towne were among those who contributed to this collection. H. T. Melvin and Roy Parmenter had exhibits of honey and ranch eggs.

Among the vegetables that attracted much attention were the immense table beets, stock beets, fifteen pounds; rutabagas, turnips measuring twenty four inches in circumference; pumpkins sixteen inches in diameter, celery, cauliflower and cucumbers.

The vegetables and grains as well as the other products exhibited were grown by the residents of Barlow without irrigation, which speaks well for the soil.

Clairmont Improvement Club.

This was the first time that Clairmont Improvement club had exhibited at the county fair, and the dis-

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## INSTITUTE HAS BIG ATTENDANCE

SUPERINTENDENT ALDERMAN EXPLAINS SCHOOL LAWS OF OREGON.

### MISS LAUGHEAD GIVES ART TALK

Contagion Carried by House Fly Feature of Illustrated Lecture By State Health Officer.

More than 200 teachers attended the sessions of the Clackamas County Institute which was convened in the high school Monday. The institute is by far the most important one ever held in the county and it is expected it will be of great benefit to the teachers.

L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the principal address the first day, his subject being "The Oregon School Laws." He explained in detail the method of certification for teachers and declared it had been radically changed by the Legislature of 1910.

"All certificates," he said, "issued in June, 1911, and thereafter are state certificates; that is, they are issued by the State Board of Education and are in force throughout the state. Certificates are of different kinds, as follows: One year, state, five years state, state life diploma, high school certificate special certificates and temporary county certificates. The new method places teachers at a greater advantage than formerly for the present certificates are valid in many other states. Grades of over ninety secured at any teachers' examination may be carried forward into the next year, and progressive certification provided the holder is engaged in teaching."

There was much disappointment over the failure of Miss Montana Hastings, department of education, University of Oregon, who was to have spoken on "Teachers' Opportunities for Improvement" to be present. Miss Maud Laughead, primary department, Albany schools, delivered an interesting talk on art master pieces. She exhibited a collection of copies of various pictures and sketches, explained their meanings, and told something about the artists. The object of the lecture was to awaken interest of pupils and teachers in art. Miss Helen T. Kennedy, of the Oregon State Library Commission, was unable to be present. Calvin S. White, State Health Officer, delivered an interesting lecture, illustrated with stereoscopic views, to the teachers at the Methodist church, Monday night. Several of the illustrations were of house-fly, showing how contagion is carried. Other views were of lepers and the leprosy colony in the Hawaiian Islands.

The rapid advance in educational methods in Oregon in the past four years was the keynote of an able address made by E. S. Evenden, Department of Education, State Normal School, Tuesday, at the Teachers' Institute which is being held at the high school. Dr. Evenden explained that he had recently returned to the state after being absent four years, and declared that he was amazed at the work that had been accomplished. The speaker said that the modern system of education would do more than any other one thing to attract persons to Oregon.

Interesting addresses also were delivered by E. D. Ressler, of the Oregon Agricultural school; E. C. Carleton, Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Miss Campbell, of Prang Educational Company; Miss Maud Laughead, Primary Department, Albany schools, and Thurman Chaney, Superintendent of the Douglas County schools.

**Men Entertain Women.** The men teachers gave a reception for the women teachers in the parlors of the Commercial Club in the evening. More than 200 teachers were in attendance. Vocal selections were rendered by the Gladstone quartet, and punch, sandwiches and wafers were served by the men. Mayor Brownell, who delivered the address of the evening, told of the good work that was being accomplished by the teachers of Oregon, and declared that they deserved more credit for the up-building of the state than the politicians, lawyers, and persons of all other vocations. The mayor declared that education was an essential to success, and Oregon, and especially Clackamas county, were fortunate in having such competent men and women in charge of the schools.

Superintendent of County Schools Gary, who arranged the program for the institute, Tuesday night issued an invitation to all citizens of Oregon City and the county to be at the high school at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon when W. T. Foster, president of the Reed Institute, Portland, will deliver an address on "The Professional Spirit." Dr. Foster is one of the ablest men in Oregon, and all persons who can possibly do so should take advantage of the opportunity to hear him.

Department Work Closes.

Mr. Ressler spoke Tuesday on "Interest in Education"; Miss Laughead

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## HUNDREDS DROWN IN NAVAL BATTLE

TURKISH TRANSPORTS STEAM ONTO ROCKS AS ITALIAN WARSHIPS PURSUE.

### DESTROYERS ARE BADLY DAMAGED

Commander of Garrison at Tripoli Refuses to Comply With Demand to Surrender—Arabs Are Feared.

PREVEZA, Sept. 29.—When Italian gunboats today encountered two Turkish transports with 2000 troops aboard, the transports determined not to be captured. They steamed bravely on the rocks off Preveza and hundreds of soldiers were drowned.

SALONIKA European Turkey, Sept. 30, 1 a. m.—An Italian cruiser destroyer in the harbor of Preveza in Epirus and landed troops. The Turkish authorities are sending a battalion of troops to Preveza.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—The Matin's Athens correspondent says that the telegraph official at Vonitsa, Greece, telegraphs to the government that a naval battle occurred off Preveza at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Destroyer Is Driven Ashore.

Italian warships belonging to the Ionian squadron encountered a flotilla of Turkish destroyers cruising off the coast of Epirus.

The Italians promptly attacked the flotilla and two Turkish ships were badly damaged by shells. They have gone ashore in the Gulf of Arta.

TRIPOLI, Sept. 29.—The Italian squadron which has been standing in the offing came close to shore this morning and the destroyer Gari baldi steamed into the harbor at noon flying a white flag. Great crowds watched her approach.

After reconnoitering, the destroyer launched a boat, which came to the beach. An officer landed. He was preceded by a bluejacket, carrying a white flag.

### Turks Won't Surrender.

Turkish soldiers surrounded the Italian commander. When taken to him, he formally announced that the Italian fleet had been ordered to occupy the town. He therefore demanded the instant surrender of the whole Turkish garrison. The Turkish commander replied that he was unable to comply with the demand and emphatically refused to surrender.

The incident was witnessed by the foreign residents who gathered round the Italian officer and cheered him enthusiastically. The boat then returned to the destroyer, which re-joined the fleet.

Many residents of Tripoli spent last night camped on the beach, alarmed lest the Arabs should get out of hand and begin pillaging. Arabs are constantly arriving from the country. The mosques are kept open and throughout the night were filled with praying people.

## MISSING INDIAN MAY BE FOUL PLAY VICTIM

Mystery shrouds the disappearance of Henry Henning, a young Warm Spring Indian, who has been missing since Friday night, September 22.

Henning and his wife and small boy were camped on the West side of the river and the last known of the missing man was in the vicinity of the Secret barn, where he was seen drinking with James Thompson, James Umouch and Parrish Fleming, three other Indians, who said the next day that Henning had been arrested and would not be heard from for a long while. These three men left at once for the reservation, without further explanation and made no attempt to find their missing companion. The police were appealed to but they have discovered nothing, and it is generally supposed that Henning either fell, or was thrown into the Willamette River on the night of his disappearance. Henning's father made a remarkable ride to the reservation and back, a distance of more than 200 miles in a little more than two days to find the three Indians who were with his son, but had to return without discovering their whereabouts. Henning's young wife and child, and his father, are still camped at Gladstone and hope to find news of their missing man.

## WORK ON COURTHOUSE PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

County Judge Beattie said Friday night that the work of remodeling the courthouse was proceeding satisfactorily, and he expected that it would be completed by the first of next year. Not only is an addition being erected in the rear of the building, but the interior of the old structure is being rearranged and the tower is being repaired. The floor of the big vault which will be a part of the addition has been laid. It is made of cement. The walls of the furnace have been built and the interior partitions are being put in place. It is planned to have the roof on the addition before the rainy season starts.

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## MONSTER PUMPKIN IS ON EXHIBITION

Secretary Lazelle, of the Clackamas County Fair Association, has sent out more than 1,000 premium warrants, and expects to complete the work today. Several articles of jewelry, which were found on the fair grounds, are in the possession of Mr. Lazelle, and he urges the owners to call for them. The association cleared about \$100 this year, about the same as at the previous fair.

The largest pumpkin grown this year in Oregon is on exhibition in the Promotion Building. It was grown on the farm of James Lindsay near Canemah, and took a prize at the County Fair. It weighs about 100 pounds.

## STRIKERS AND FOES IN DEADLY FIGHT

SEVERAL MEN REPORTED KILLED IN FIERCE BATTLE ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

### MISSISSIPPI TROOPS CALLED OUT

Strikebreakers in Car At Freightshed When Trouble Starts—Men On Both Sides Use Firearms.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 3.—In a fight in the freight yards of the Illinois Central at McComb City between strikers today several persons are reported to have been killed and others wounded. Governor Noel ordered out troops at 7:30 o'clock tonight and two companies are now hastening to the scene. The special train bearing the strikebreakers continued on its journey to New Orleans.

Citizens of Magnolia say that when the train passed there at full speed every coach window was broken and no one was visible at the opening, the strikebreakers lying prone on the floor to escape bullets.

Several hundred shots were exchanged and among the strikers there were numerous bruised and broken heads. Many of the wounded were carried to the headquarters of the strikers and physicians were summoned. It is said that several will die.

The fight at McComb occurred at the freight shed, half a mile south of the depot, closely following the first encounter of the afternoon, in which one man was seriously wounded.

The train bearing the strikebreakers had pulled down to the freight shed and was standing on a sidetrack. More than 1,000 breakers assembled, words were exchanged and it is asserted that a striker hurled a brick among the strikebreakers.

Immediately a fusillade of shots followed. The strikers opened fire on the coach windows, at which the heads of the strikebreakers could be seen. Several fell after the first volley.

The occupants of the coaches returned the fire through the windows, keeping well scattered. Occasionally, when a strikebreaker bolder than the rest, raised his head above the danger line, he was greeted with a shower of bullets and other missiles.

## APPLE CROP BIG WITH POOR PRICE OUTLOOK

The movement of the apple crop of the northwest is now well under way.

Good grade Oregon Kings, which figure largely in the displays at this time, are going at \$1.25 to \$1.50 generally in Portland, while the best Oregon Gravensteins offered are held at \$1.75 to \$2. Jonathans grown in the state, showing fair quality, are selling at \$1.25 to \$1.75 and Wageners at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Red Pearmain and Bellerflowers from California are for the most part held at \$1.25 a box.

The outlook is for comparatively cheap apples throughout the fall and winter, for the crop of the country generally is a heavy one. From this time on the local market will be liberally supplied with this staple fruit.

The market on other fruits shows little change from the conditions of the past week. The peach supply is rather better, and for that reason there is some disposition to raise prices. For the best offerings of Elbertas and other sorts dealers ask 65 to 75 cents, but common fruit is available at 40 to 50 cents. On the whole peaches this week have been much less active than for the past month.

Pears are still selling in a slow but steady way, but the market is adequately supplied with the later sorts and will be for the next month or two.

Grapes continue cheap, and there seems to be small likelihood of prices working much above the present level in the near future. Fancy Tokays are holding at 90 cents to \$1 a crate and Malagas at \$1 to \$1.10.

### Horse Hurt in Fence.

A horse belonging to the Burns grocery store of Gladstone, became entangled in a barbed wire fence Tuesday and was badly mangled. Dr. Thomas, a veterinary surgeon of Gladstone, was summoned, and it was necessary to take 25 stitches to close the wound, but the horse will recover.

## TAX LEVY IS URGED TO BUILD HIGHWAY

FARMERS AT BIG TWILIGHT MEETING FAVOR THIS PLAN OF RAISING MONEY.

### DIMICK AND HAYES MAKE SPEECHES

Good Roads, It Is Declared, Would Double Land Values And Attract Many Persons To Clackamas County.

A resolution providing for a special tax levy for the building of the Capital Highway through Clackamas county was adopted by a unanimous vote at a meeting of the East Side Capital Highway Association at Twilight Wednesday evening. About 190 residents of the neighborhood were present and a large delegation went from this city in automobiles. G. B. Dimick, one of the speakers, declared that the road should be built as soon as possible.

"The wealth and prosperity of a country depends upon its roads," said Judge Dimick. "The highway should be built in a modern way, and should be well drained. Good roads more than double land values. They invite capital and a higher class of citizens."

Gordon E. Hayes, said that he agreed with all Judge Dimick had said and he hoped to see the day when a boulevard would be opened from Alaska to Mexico.

"Good roads and good schoolhouses go hand in hand," declared Judge Hayes. "I hope to see the day when the little Napoleon of Clackamas county (Judge Dimick) will be able to jump in his automobile every morning and go to Salem to occupy the governor's chair."

Dr. A. L. Beattie said persons whose property was not on the route of the proposed highway should assist in raising the money the same as those who were directly benefited. He said that their patriotism and county pride should cause them to lend a helping hand.

Charles R. Riley, M. J. Lazelle and Messrs. Dodd and Harvey also made addresses. Mr. Dodd declared that he did not think much of a man who was not willing to aid in building good roads.

The association will meet next Wednesday night at Central Point.

## WEST DECLINES TO CALL EXTRA SESSION

"There's not going to be any special session of the legislature to pass good roads laws," said Governor Oswald West in Portland.

"I have decided that the cause of good roads will be advanced rather than checked if highway bills are given to the initiative rather than to the legislature."

With these two sentences and a wave of his hand Governor West haecoonically dismissed a subject that for two weeks has aroused deep interest throughout the state and has made the executive department at the capital a storm center of protest.

"A special demand for a special session has been voiced from some quarters," continued the governor.

"Many of the friends of good roads legislation were in favor of a special session and made as much known to me."

"At the same time there was a general protest against a special session. I received an unaccounted number of protests from every part of the state from farmers, business men and even many of the good roads advocates were agreed that even if a special session should be called it would have no results."

"If a special session should result in the passage of good highway laws it might be all right, but the majority of the people as indicated by the protests I have received, were opposed."

"I am of the firm opinion that the laws for roads should be put up to the people. It is a matter of the greatest importance, and one affecting the interests of every man, woman and child in the state. Therefore, I believe the people should be given the best opportunity to express their desire in so important a matter. Undoubtedly the initiative furnishes the best opportunity and the people have indicated that they approve the initiative rather than a special session."

## NEW RECORD IS MADE FOR TAX COLLECTIONS

Persons who failed to pay the last half of their taxes within the required time, which expired Monday, will be required to pay a penalty of 17 per cent. The largest amount received by the Sheriff for the final payments in the history of the office. Chief Deputy Staats said late in the afternoon that he and his assistants had not been able to figure the total amount. Persons who pay their taxes before March 15 get a rebate of 3 per cent. The first Monday in April and the other half before or on the first Monday in October escape paying penalties. The Sheriff will soon begin selling the property of delinquents.

## FARMER CHOKED TO DEATH FOR MONEY

## TAX AMENDMENT WILL BE PROBED

LIVE WIRES NAME COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSED MEASURES.

### EBY FIGHTS FOR COUNTY FAIR LEVY

Treasurer of Association Thinks That Debt of \$7,000 Should Be Paid—H. E. Cross To Speak on Canal and Locks.

Into the multitude of tax amendments that will confront the voters of Oregon at the November election next year, the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial Club will pry, with an earnest endeavor to find the light. At the weekly luncheon Tuesday, Judge G. B. Dimick declared that the problems that confront the people in relation to tax questions are so intricate that they are understood by few and a campaign of education should be conducted. City Recorder L. Stipp and ex-Senator Hedges were named a committee to make an investigation of the proposed measures and amendments and make a report at next Tuesday's luncheon, when the tax question will be discussed by the Live Wires. Attorney Stipp also injected into the question the actions of the State Tax Commission relative to the assessments of public service corporations. Mr. Stipp is not satisfied with the existing law and this is a matter that the Live Wires will also peer into.

It is very probable that considerable time will be devoted this winter by the Live Wires to taxation matters, both state and county. This is a matter that affects nearly every club and member of the Commercial Club will no doubt become better posted within the next few months. It is contended by many that the revenue tax measures and amendments proposed are so conflicting in their character that serious trouble must certainly ensue by the enactment of some of these measures and the defeat of others. The legislature has submitted two measures providing for the repeal of the county tax amendment, several have been submitted by the Granges and there are others embracing a modified form of Single Tax that will be presented by W. S. Urban.

Leaving the state-wide tax question to itself temporarily, a movement has been set on foot to induce the County Court to levy a tax of one quarter mill for the partial support and maintenance of the Clackamas County Fair. This step is favored by O. D. Eby, treasurer of the Fair Association, and has the support of some of the heaviest taxpayers of the county, notably the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company. Mr. Eby says that while the association has 40 acres of valuable land at Canby and some buildings, there is a debt of about \$7,000 that should be paid. The association this year netted about \$500 which will be applied on the indebtedness, but this was a successful year with fine weather and it is safe to assume that in succeeding years the County Fair will not be so fortunate. A levy of one-quarter mill will produce about \$6,000, and will mean only 25 cents on each \$1,000 valuation. Mr. Eby has served notice that he will, at next Tuesday's luncheon, introduce a resolution commending the proposed levy which will unquestionably have the support of the Live Wires.

H. E. Cross, the Nestor of the Live Wires, has announced that he will talk on locks construction next Tuesday. Mr. Cross lived here when the present locks were constructed and he is prepared to make statements concerning them that will be of considerable interest. He was warned by J. E. Hedges who was employed on the construction of the locks, that he too has a ripe memory for their effect and influence on the city's growth and welfare. This discussion is awaited with considerable interest.

## COAL PRODUCTION IN OREGON DWINDLES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—(Special).—The coal mining industry of Oregon, according to the United States Geological Survey, is suffering from the great increase in the production of petroleum in California and its use as fuel for domestic needs as well as for railroads and for manufacturing. The production of coal in Oregon decreased from 87,276 short tons in 1909 to 63,241 tons in 1910, a loss of 24,035 tons, or 27.54 per cent. The value decreased \$10,966, or 4.66 per cent, from \$235,082 in 1909 to \$224,115 in 1910. Only two mines, the Newport and the Beaver Hill, both in Coos county, ship coal in large quantity, the shipments being made almost entirely by sea to San Francisco.

Sues For Balance on Note.

A. S. Dresser has filed suit against G. P. H. R. White and wife for \$3476 alleged to be a balance due on a promissory note of \$4080. The suit was filed by George C. Brownell.

Coroner Wilson held an inquest Monday over the body of John Thomas, the wealthy rancher found dead in his home, with his hands fastened, near Sycamore Station on the Estacada carline, the jury returning a verdict of homicide. Dr. Caril, who made an examination, said that the aged recluse had been strangled to death. He had also been struck on the mouth with a blunt instrument. The body was brought to the Holman undertaking establishment in this city.

Sheriff Mass has sent descriptions of Charles Swain, the man employed by Thomas, who is mysteriously missing, to all cities in this and adjoining states. The rancher was killed Saturday night and Swain was seen leaving the house Sunday morning. While the coroner was holding the inquest a well dressed woman, who said she lived in Portland, arrived at the Thomas home. She hadn't heard of the tragedy, and had a basket of delicacies for the rancher. The woman said she had no relatives in this country and she was his best friend.

Coroner Wilson learned that Mr. Thomas was born in Herefordshire, Eng., November 9, 1839, and came to the United States in 1877. He settled first at Ridgefield, Wash., and then went to Portland, where he conducted a hotel two years. He and Hannah Baxter were married in 1875, three children being born to them. All the children are dead. Several years after the death of his first wife Mr. Thomas and Anna Poulson were married. She died two or three years ago.

It is the belief of Sheriff Mass that the slayer robbed the victim of \$65 and a gold watch. The ranch upon which Mr. Thomas lived is valued at \$25,000.

The body was found by William N. Chilcote, who with his brother Earl and William Peterson, were passing the Thomas farm Sunday afternoon, when he decided to run in and see if Thomas had any oats for sale. He went to the back door and on reaching no answer opened the door leading into the dining room where he found the body.

Chilcote immediately called the other two members of his party and they called Grant Sager, a farmer living about 100 yards west of the Thomas place. Sager at once notified Coroner Wilson and Sheriff Mass.

The last time Thomas was seen alive was Saturday evening about dusk, when J. E. Donnellson, of Gresham, stopped at the Thomas place to pay house rent. At this time Thomas was with Swain. Donnellson offered Thomas \$20, which was in excess of the rent due. Thomas opened his purse and exposed three twenty and one five dollar pieces. The rancher said silver to make the required change. Donnellson left, saying he would pay him the next chance he had.

Sheriff Mass learned from an employment bureau that Swain had worked for Thomas just one week on the day the crime was committed. Swain is tall, has a short, sandy mustache and shallow complexion, and is addicted to the use of cigarettes. Many cigarette stubs were found lying about his room, and on a chair beside his bed was a dime novel, opening to a page giving an account of a robbery and murder. Nothing to show where Swain came from could be found in his room. It was learned from a neighbor to whom Swain had several times talked, that he had worked in two prune orchards at Estacada shortly before coming to the Thomas place.

Mr. Akern, the first owner of the farm where Thomas was killed, was found dead in the old barn which is just across the road from the house. Like Thomas, he was murdered for his money, but no one was ever convicted of the crime, although a man was held for a short time.

Although Sheriff Mass, of Clackamas county, and Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Bulger, of Multnomah county, have devoted their entire time since the discovery of the body of John Thomas, the wealthy rancher, who was found slain in his home near Sycamore Station Sunday night, to tracing the slayer, no information has been obtained regarding his whereabouts. Having robbed his victim of \$65 and his gold watch, it is probable that the murderer is many miles from the scene of the crime.

The authorities are making every effort to locate Charles Swain, the man employed by Thomas, who was with him the night he was slain, and was seen to leave the house the next morning. It is believed that Swain could clear the mystery.

"If the man's real name is Swain I believe he will be captured," said Sheriff Mass Tuesday night, "but if that was a fictitious name the man has a chance to escape. However, we shall leave nothing undone that might lead to his capture. Several persons have told us that this man made threats against the life of the aged rancher, and it is possible when he saw the purse filled with money he could not withstand the temptation."

JURY FINDS THAT JOHN THOMAS, AGED RANCHER, IS VICTIM OF STRANGULATION.

### GENERAL ALARM OUT FOR SUSPECT

Charles Swain, Employed on Farm, Missing Day After Tragedy—Body Is Brought To This City.

Coroner Wilson held an inquest Monday over the body of John Thomas, the wealthy rancher found dead in his home, with his hands fastened, near Sycamore Station on the Estacada carline, the jury returning a verdict of homicide. Dr. Caril, who made an examination, said that the aged recluse had been strangled to death. He had also been struck on the mouth with a blunt instrument. The body was brought to the Holman undertaking establishment in this city.

Sheriff Mass has sent descriptions of Charles Swain, the man employed by Thomas, who is mysteriously missing, to all cities in this and adjoining states. The rancher was killed Saturday night