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CLUES LEAD TO GRAVE

former editor of the Western Stock Journal, was buried on June 7, 1912. If Abbott's body is found in the grave, hopes that Clackamas county officers have of clearing up the mystery surrounding the means J. C. La-France used in obtaining a corpse for his insurance swindle will fall through. If, on the other hand, no remains are found in the grave, Corbelieve that they will have reasongrounds to charge that LaFrance and his confederates robbed Abbott's grave to further their own scheme. A number of things make it seem

LaFrance and Abbott were almost identical in stature and general appearance. While Abbott had a spot of grey hair on the top of his head, this hair could have been died by him after he obtained the body, if View cemetery fence, on the outwhere tampering would not have been likely to be noticed. From the grave to the spot where the body was probably set affort in the Clackamas nearly agree with that of Abbott's, river is between three and five miles, which had been in the grave nearly

tives in this section of the county, This identification has always been and after his death his father, John T. Abbott, tax attorney for the Western Union Telegraph company, sent funds for his funeral from New York. No relatives attended the funeral, though Abbott's friends in this city went en masse. Since the funeral but few people have visited the grave. Somtime after the burial two young women of this city, whose names are withheld for the present, visited the grave to place flowers upon it, and today both of them declared positively that when they went there there was considerable loose earth about the grave, and that "it looked pe-At the time they wondered if somebody had tampered with it, but concluded that this was impossiand death, and the fact that no relatives attended the funeral, were widely

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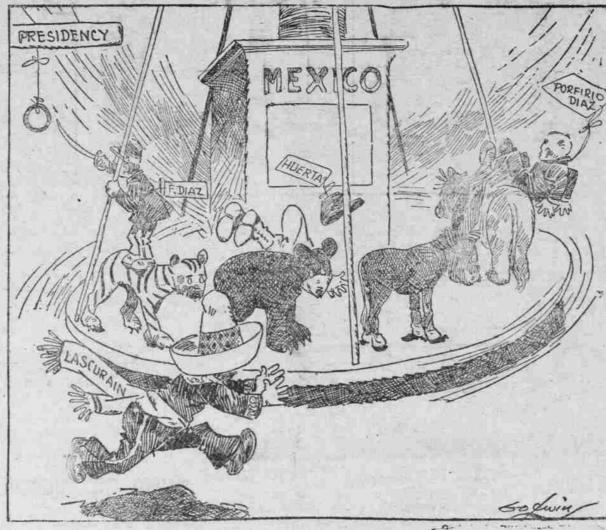
Coroner Wilson, of Clackamas coun- ocumented upon at the time, and ha ty, will on Monday probably open the LaFrance at that time been seeking grave in which Charles M. Abbott, a body that could be used in his a body that could be used in his swindle, the facts in regard to Abbott must have impressed him as being favorable to his plan.

Another point which leads local in vestigators to believe that Abbott's body may have been used is that the body found the last of June in the river, and subsequently identified as that of LaFrance, showed that it had been partially, at least, embalmed, oner Wilson and Sheriff E. T. Mass Traces of formaldehyde were found in it; and this fluid was used in embalming Abbott's body, necessary to keep it in the morgue sometime while his family in . New York was being communicated with. possible, if not likely, that Abbott's Undertaker Holman, who had charge body was used in the substitution of the preparation of Abbott's body of the preparation of Abbott's body for burial, is skeptical about the grave-robbing theory, but admits that it is plausible.

The theory has also been advanced that the body might have been that of Lloyd P. Williams, who disappear such was his plan of procedure. Ab-ed on June 23, the same year. Little bott's grave lies close to Mountain credence is given the theory, however, as the condition of the corpse figur skirts of the city, and is in a location ing in the LaFrance swindle was not such as to lead to the belief that death had resulted but a week before. month. A body supposed to be that of Williams was later found at South Abbott died here under peculiar circumstancs, in that he had no rela-Bend, and identified as his on July 5. doubted, however; and Mrs. Williams Saturday stated that while not believe the LaFrance body was that of Williams, she was going to institute an independent investigation in the matter if the Abbott theory

collapsed. That the use of Abbott's body would have been extremely practical for LaFrance is what gives strength to the theory and present investigation. The location of the grave in a secluded part of the cemetery, near its border, the fact that the two men bore a strong resemblance to other, and the fact that but little at tention would be apt to be paid to Abbott's grave all combined to offer LaFrance an opportunity which his said nothing. Abbott's cunning mind must have appreciated, provided he was familiar with the circumstances. As he has admitted that he was planning the deed for sometime previous to its commission, and as he made many trips into the Clackamas and lower Willamette valleys to seek a place where his ghoulish scheme could be put through without observation of interruption, aved to be at least worth in vestigating to open Abbott's grave.

THE MEXICAN MERRY-GO-ROUND



COURT PROBE ENDS IN PITIFUL FARCE

investigating complaints against the which speaks for itself: county court found that one faction had assumed control of the proceedings, and that the report presented to them was that of this portion of the joint committee alone. As a result of this turn of affairs, the spectators were treated to some unexpected developments; one of which was the booting from the platform of O. D. Eby, chairman of the committee appointed by the Live Wires of the Commercial club to act with Messrs,

Casto in the investigation. Mr. Eby endeavored to obtain the floor to state that the Live Wires' committee would submit its own report, being unable to endorse the report of the three men of the ruling faction, but cat-calls, yells and abuse made it unable for him to speak. Shortly after this he left the hall, and the remaining faction ran matters as suited themselves. After they had presented their report, which was done by Mr. Schuebel, Mr. Brown withdrawing from the center of the stage temporarily, two resolutions were introduced and adopted. These resolutions follow:

M. J. Brown, R. Schnebel and S. L.

By Mr. MacDonald and unanimously

"Resolved That The Morning Enterprise be censured for their attack on the integrity and honesty of the mass meeting committee, and that the Oregon City Courier be commend. ed for opening its columns for the enefit of the community."

By H. W. Hagerman: Whereas, the report of our committee shows that our present county court has handled the affairs of Clackamas county, Oregon, in a careless, extravagant and unbusinesslike manner; therefor be it

"Resolved, That we condemn the action of our county court and that we take legal steps to remedy same and proceed with the recall?"

The report of three of the members of the joint committee follows

TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAY-ERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY We, the committee appointed the mass meeting held in Woodmen hall. April 12th, to investigate charges

against the county court, beg leave to report as follows: In the matter of the complaint of George Lazelle that Road District No. 15 had levied a special road tax of \$2700.00, which had not been spent as the people intended, we found that insofar as the money is concerned this is true. The records show that \$2700.00 was raised and so far about one half is spent. The balance of

BITHIAH CONCERT

Methodist Episcopal Church, Wednesday Evening, May 14th, 1913

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PATRONESSES

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Nearly 200 citizens who gathered in \$1369.99 is on hand, we were told \$25,365.00 all told, paid Coast Bridge W. O. W. hall Saturday afternoon to that it was to be divided into three Co. for the four bridges, this does not hear the report of the joint committee equal parts. Mr. Lazelle's complaint, include concrete piers and abutments Oregon City, Ore., April 29, 1913.

To the investigating committee representing the Live Wires of Oregon City and the mass meeting of the taxpayers:
The undersigned wishes to

make charges against the county judge and county court, as follows: That a six mill special tax levied by road district No. 15, for

purpose of building roads in said district and raising a fund of about \$2700.00 is partly being retained by the county court without just cause and contrary to wishes of those who paid the tax. That a system of road building

ing was allowed by the county court whereby about 700 feet of road was built in road district No. 15 at a cost of about 800.00, which proves that said court is wilfully mismanaging the county finances. That Judge R. B. Beatie has

made statements to certain individuals announcing that he has stopped all improvements on the south end road and intends to place all of the available money for this road district on the Canemah road on account of a personal grudge against Geo. Lazelle Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) GEO. M. LAZELLE. Wm. Fine is road supervisor on this matter.

This money is not connected with

\$3785.20 was paid, exclusive of ce. struct said bridge. All told we find ment, we also find in the same month that this court has spent approxima bill of J. R. Myers for hauling ce- ately \$59,000.00 for bridges, this does ment to Fisher's mill bridge, also a not include some work done under bill of \$192.00 for cement from Bal. Mr. Green, such as concrete piers four-Guthrie & Co., the same month; and abutments, which we did not have so far was unable to find any record time to dig up. definitely stating where the cement was used, but must naturally suppose it was used for the Fisher's mill was paid \$350.00 for inspecting this bridge, thus making the cost of the bridge, it appears to us after talking Fisher's mill bridge \$4105.70 instead the matter over with T. W. Sullivan of \$2900.90 as we are by no means who we think is a competent judge certain that this is all, yet as there is not intelligent record of the trans. alright. Mr. Sullivan said that \$25.00 action, the bills are scattered among per day would be about right for a the supervisor's reports and as in the competent man. case of the cement, it would necessarily take considerable time to get excessive cost charge by Mr. Oolds, records are more faulty than on the the Buffalo Pitts people, Olds' papers we find a letter from live up to, claiming he was a new Mr. O. W. Severance, where he said man, and further said that the ma he would have built the Fisher's mill bridge for \$3160.00, complete ready

court did not live up to the law in him, although the charges apparently regard to letting the contracts for the fall flat, as to the rollers. building of the various bridges mentioned by him, as far as we are able to determine this is true; no record has been found where bids were advertised for, according to Sec. 6368 of the (sic) Lord's Oregon Laws (page 2290 volume 3 of Lord's Oregon

In the matter of the Pudding river bridge, the Eagle Creek, Sunnyside Gulch and Clear Creek bridge, four bridges, we find Mr. Olds' statements correct, cost for the steel \$17,965.30. We also find that the Coast Bridge Co. was paid \$4600.00 for erection of the above four bridges mentioned; also \$2809.00 for tubular piers on Pudding river bridge, making a total of

which were put in by Mr. John Green at a cost that is hard to definitely determine, as Mr. Green's reports do not always state where the work was done, but we do find the sum of \$1332,28 spent for labor, but bills do not state where work was done, then cement, gravel, sand nails, spikes, records, where they were intended occasionally statements shows this, but apparently the four bridges cost \$26,697.20, lumber and ement still to be accounted for, We found one bill of D. C. Robbins for cement delivered at Canby for \$473.-10. We find another record of three bridges let to the Coast Bridge Co., known as Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Johnson Creek for \$6850.00 complets except painting, county to do the painting, also to Coast Bridge Co. for trestle bridge over Rock Creek for \$4800.00, Coast Bridge Co. to furnish all metal, material, perform all labor and county to furnish lumber, was not able to find the cost of lumber for want of time. Also Coast Bridge Co. for tubular piers on north end of Baker's bridge, \$2200.00, also a wooden bridge built by John Heft for \$1,-060.00, complete, another built by Jomn Nordberg on the following conditions, this is the bridge claimed to

no road to it for \$800.00. Bk. 25 pp. 6 & 5. In the matter of the bridge across a gulch on the Wm. the special tax fund held up by the court. We have examined the reccourt. We have examined the records in regard to one E. D. Olds' W. T. Mattock D. L. C., in road distortict No. 2 and it appearing to the charges against the court in building count that John Nordberg has agreed bridges and letting contracts con- to construct the above mentioned trary to law, having compared the bridge for \$800.00, specifications to records with Mr. Old's statements we be furnished said Nordberg by some find that in regard to the Fisher's one designated by the county court, mill bridge. He is short in his fig. along the lines discussed at the May ures as to the cost of the bridges, as we have found records showing that

have been built for some time with

In the matter of the suspension bridge, we find that George Scoggins

In the matter of the steam roller the total facts and be sure you had we find that Mr. Olds was given fig-all; and as to the other bridges, the ures in writing by a representative of Fisher's mill bridge, Among Mr. manager told us that they could not chines sold for less money to Seattle and other counties for less money for travel, so far we could not get than Clackamas county paid for the track of Mr. Severence, so will have Mrs. Delphine Marx...........Contralto to accept this letter for what is if the manager of the Pitts people gave us the truth Mr. Olds is not to As to Mr. Olds' statement that the blame for the statement made by In the matter of the timber cruise

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BARCLAY SCHOOL YOUTH DEM-ONSTRATES NEW WAY OF STUDYING HISTORY

Principal, Organize Lifelike "Senate" in Civil Government Class

Believing that by making the school er benefits will result to the pupils, City School Superintendent F. J. the close of the school year, and rom-ise to present local educational institutions in a most advanced light, Among the studies in which new methods of instruction have been Among the studies in which new methods of instruction have been adopted is civil government, and in \$25 FINE, COSTS, each school "senates" modelled some what on the Boys' Junior Republic idea, are conducted.

At the Barclay school, with the assistance of Principal A. O. Freel, this idea has been expanded considerably, and there a complete "senate" meets

deliberations of the Barclay school court. senate', and at times some interestwhen among other things the report be submitted. Either because of personal preference, or because he does he seem in sympathy with the case consumed two days in trial, and American doctorine of protection. His was hotly contested throughout. report is interesting from other we find a number of bills for lumber, is a very fair and comprehensive exetc., that no man can locate from the ample of the aims and objects of the "practical" method in vogue at the

Rockwell is the Barclay Willis school's "ambassador to England," and his report follows:

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County Recorder E. T. Dedman received word Saturday of the death of his brother, W. H. Dedman, at Long Beach, Wn., Friday afternoon, Mr. Dedman left for Portland immediately, to be present at the funeral services at Holman's undertaking establishment at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon. Interment will be at Multnomah cem-

W. H. Dedman was the owner of Superintendent Tooze and A. O. Free! the Sunset hotel at Long Beach, and was deeply respected in the community, where he was always regarded as a business man of sterling character. His hotel was known favorably to all visitors to the coast. For some time Mr. Dedman had been suffering from Bright's disease, and this

was the cause of his death, Mr. Dedman was the son of E. C. course as practical as possible, great- and Sarah Dedman, and is survived by his widow and one son, W. H. Dedman, Jr., who is in business Tooze has inaugurated a number of Portland. Aside from Recorder Dedunique departures in methods of in- man, he is also survived by H. A. struction. These methods, and the and George Dedman, brothers, and by results obtained thereby, will be the two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Paddock, of basis of an exhibition to be held at Gladstone, and Mrs. J. W. McKenzie,

IN ASSAULT GASE

After being out from six o'clock in every two weeks, following the rules the evening Friday to two o'clock Satof the national upper house, and urday morning, the jury that tried the transacts such business as may come assault and battery case preferred before it. In connection with this against J. Stanley Rice, of Portland, plan, a number of "ambassadors" to by Joe Hedges, the son of J. E. Hedforeign countries have been appointed ges, prominent Oregon City attorney. ed, and at each "senate" meeting returned a verdict of guilty in Justhese "ambassadors" read reports on tice Sievers' court. Rice was arraigncurrent events in the nations where ed for sentence Saturday morning, they are "stationed." In this way con- and was fined \$25 and costs, the lat-temporary world history is also ter amounting to \$62. Westbrook & Westbrook, Rice's attorneys, gave Both boys and girls partake of the notice of an appeal to the circuit

The case concerned an attack sale ing situations arise. One of these situations is due at the next meeting, ges, who is but 19 years of age, by ges, who is but 19 years of age, by Rice, while the latter was obtaining of the "ambassador to England" will midnight refreshments while on an automobile trip with a friend and two women in this city early in the week. fllects to a degree the ideas of his Rice's companion alleged that Hedteacher or principal the "ambassador" ges threw a beer bottle at her foot. does not seem highly impressed with and Rice knocked the boy unconscithe doctorine of woman suffrage, nor ous as punishment for the act. The

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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