

ATONES FOR CRIME

George Smith Hanged at County Courthouse.

LAST EXECUTION IN MULTNOMAH

Murderer of His Wife Greets His Friends, Warns Them to Avoid Trouble and Then Pays the Death Penalty Calmly.

George Smith murdered his white wife, Annie, August 22, in a lodging-house over the Boston saloon, at Second and Davis streets. He was jealous of a negro, Ed Patten, commonly known as "Kanax." He maintained until the last that the shooting of his wife was accidental, and that he meant to kill "Kanax."

"God bless you all. Keep out of trouble." These were the last words of George Smith, the colored murderer of his white wife, as the black cap was placed over his head yesterday morning.

"Let the minister say a word," came in muffled tones from under the cover of the cap, and a moment later he dropped eight feet from the scaffold to his death. The hanging was conducted without a hitch. The officers in charge did their work well, and a remarkable amount of nerve to the last. The trap dropped precisely at 6:30, the time set for the execution, and the prisoner died without a struggle.

A few minutes before 6:30 Sheriff Storey led the procession, closely followed by the prisoner and the Rev. C. B. F. Moore, his spiritual adviser. If the condemned man felt the strain severely, he did not show it. He grasped the hand of Captain Moore, who stood guard at the door, and shook it cheerily.

"Good-bye, captain," he said, in a clear tone, and smiled faintly into his face. Another acquaintance was made on the steps, and Smith bade him good-bye in the same manner.

"Smith," came the voice of a friend in the gathered crowd, and Smith smiled recognition of the greeting.

"Good-bye," said he, and stretched his hand in the friend's direction.

His Last Words of Warning. Without a quiver, he stepped upon the trap, which he knew would soon let him down to his death, and stood motionless and erect.

"Have you anything to say?" asked Sheriff Storey. Smith stood for a moment, then stepped forward and grasped the rail in front of him.

"There isn't much to say," he said, scarcely above a whisper, but the next words were clear and distinct. "I ain't got much to say."

"What I want to say this: Keep out of trouble." He breathed, as if at a loss for words, then repeated the warning: "Be careful and keep out of trouble."

MINING EXHIBIT URGED

STATE COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW ORES.

William S. Ward is in Portland in the interests of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

BASS FISHING BEGINS.

Big Ones Caught in Columbia Slough, Gheewing Up Carp.

A number of fishermen visited Columbia slough yesterday morning, opening the bass fishing season. Among them was Deputy Fish and Game Warden Prettyman, who is an enthusiastic fisherman himself, and wished to test the qualities of bass fishing in the slough.

BIG BLAZE IS AVERTED.

Three Old Shacks Burn and Threaten Nicolai's Mill.

Three old shacks on Second street, between Everett and Davis streets, were damaged by fire last night to the extent of about \$500.

The Fire Department arrived in a very short time after the alarm was turned in. Engine 1 was stationed at Second and Couch streets, engine 4 at Second and Everett, and engine 3 at Third and Couch.

NO TRACE OF THE THUGS

Police Make an Anxious Search, but Catch None of the Robbers.

Until a late hour last night no clew had been obtained that would lead to the detection of the five highwaymen who held up seven persons on the White House road Tuesday night.

MANY TEACHERS APPLY.

Hundreds After Positions, but Vacancies Are Few.

Practically all the public school teachers have applied for their old positions for next year. Today ends the time when these applications may be submitted, and for the past week they have been flooding the office of the City School Superintendent.

PROPERTY WILL BE IN DEMAND.

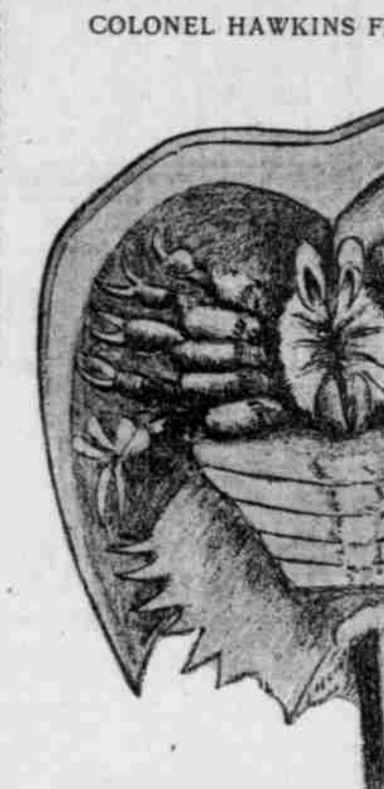
"What are your ideas for Portland now?" asked a reporter of Van B. DeLashmitt, whom he found studying a map of northern sections on a valuable quarter-block of property in the business district of the city.

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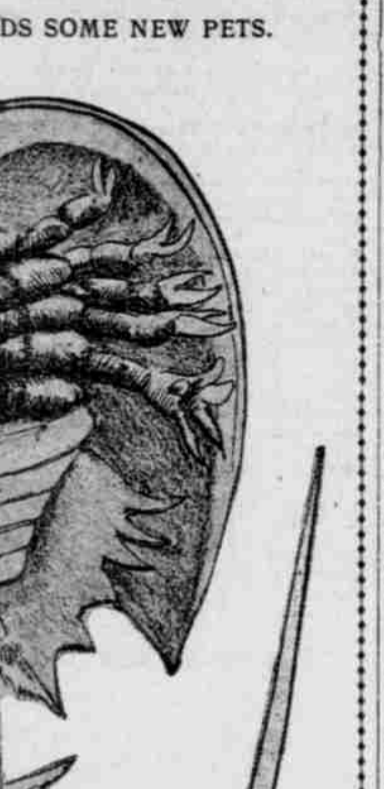
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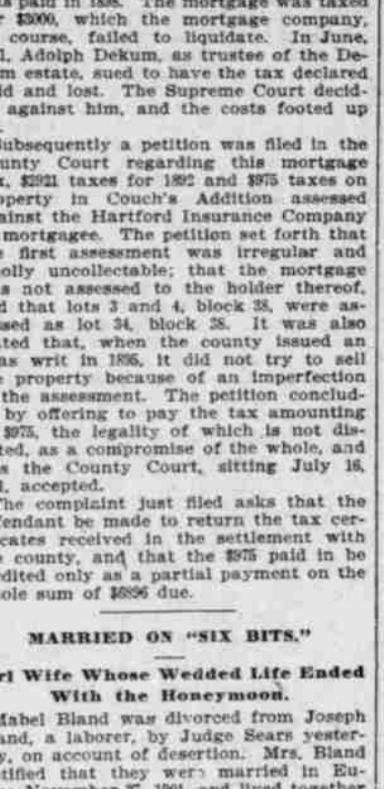
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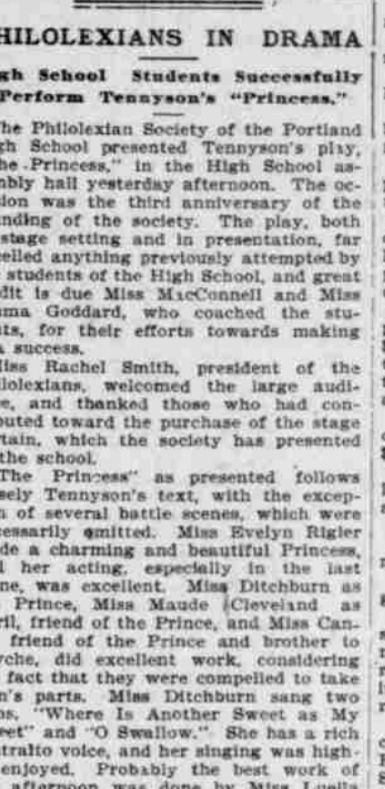
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A VAST DIFFERENCE

Prices on Fine Pianos and Organs at Eilers Piano House Below Anything Ever Before Offered by This Popular Store.

Although we are universally known to make the lowest prices on strictly first-class instruments of any present sale of the country, our present sale of the bankrupt stock of Gilbert Bros., beside a large lot of odd, second-hand and used pianos of every regular line, exceeds anything ever before offered by us in the way of bargains.

BANNER DAY

Here are a few of the rare chances which this sale affords: J. C. Wheeler piano, valued at \$225.00, now for \$112.50.

PHILOLEXIANS IN DRAMA

High School Students Successfully Perform Tenyson's "Princesses."

ENTERTAINED BY HANNA.

Noted Foreigners Are the Guests of the Ohio Senator.

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WHOLE DAY AT SEASIDE

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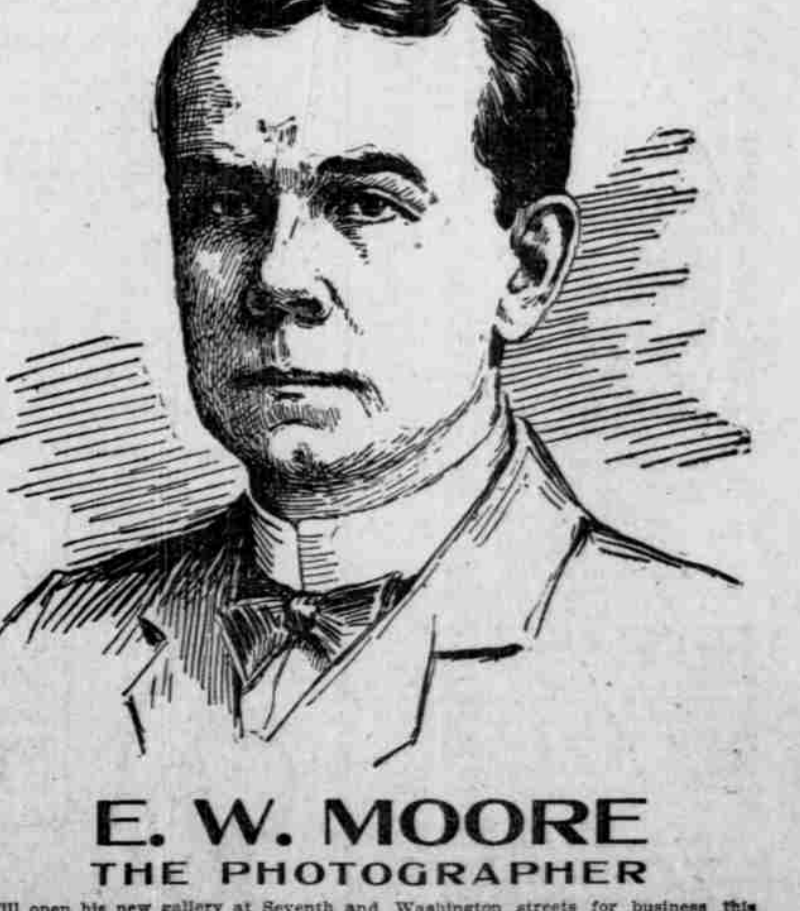
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