

FATHER WELGES
CRIME ON CHILD

Malheur Farmer Slays Man
Who Blights Life of His
Little Girl.

TRAGEDY NEAR IRONSIDES

John Brown, Goaded by Daughter's
Awful Story, Kills W. K. Wis-
dom on Impulse of Moment as
Later Enters County Store.

VALE, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Satur-
day at 4 P. M., John Brown, of Ironsides,
slain, shot and killed William K. Wisdom,
also of Ironsides. The tragedy occurred
at the store of Ike Nichols, at the vil-
lage of Ironsides. Word was immediately
sent to Sheriff Robert O'Dell, at Vale,
and at 3 A. M. Sunday he was on the
ground, the drive of 15 miles being made
in that time. Today the representative
of The Oregonian called at the County
Jail and Deputy Sheriff Morritt made this
statement:

"It seems that there had been feeling
between the men for some little time
over some neighborhood questions, but
never any real trouble. On Saturday
afternoon Brown went to Nichols' store
and borrowed a shotgun from Storekeeper
Nichols to kill some ducks with. Just
as he was going to leave the store Wis-
dom appeared at the door, and Brown
without a word, raised the gun and blew
his head off. After the shooting he went
to his home near Ironsides to stay with
his children. Sheriff O'Dell was notified
and arrested him. Brown offered no
resistance. His wife had left him
some six months ago."

Brown Tells Pitiful Story.

When questioned as to there being any
family trouble mixed in it the Sheriff
said he would not make a statement
as to that. Brown was seen at the
jail and at first refused to make any
statement. Then he said:

"This is a statement that will have to
be made, anyway, so I might as well
tell you now. My little girl, Essie,
Brown told me the same thing. She told
me how she had been abused the
other day. I had no idea of any-
thing of the kind going on. She told
me, Wisdom, began abusing her
when she was only 11 years old, and
by threats and force made her permit
liberties with her person. At first, she
did not know what it meant. When she
got older, he made her do worse, and
she began to realize more as she grew
older what he was doing. Finally he
got so brutal and unnatural that she
made up her mind that she could not
stand the life any longer, and she came
and told me. That's all I want to say
now, and I want you to see my attorney
before you use that."

Brown appears a quiet man of 35.
He was born in Kansas and came to
Oregon about six years ago. Since that
time he has lived near Ironsides and
has worked for a living. He does not
appear at all the sort of a man to be
fanatical, and made no statement about
himself beyond the bare facts of his
age and residence.

Colonel R. G. Wheeler, the attorney
for Brown, was willing that the state-
ment of his client should be published.

Poor Man With Five Children.

"I see no reason why the truth
should not be told," said he. "I believe
that Brown has told the truth. He is
a hard-working man, he can read and
has had to work to support his
family. He has no money and took a
claim up there. He had to leave his
family alone while he went off to work,
and some of them came to trouble him
and finally he got so brutal that she
could not stand it, and the thought of
the disgrace of it all was too much for
her and she went and told her father."

Just Had to Shoot Him.

"He did not know what to do, so he
went to Ike Whitely and told him and
he said that as the damage was done
it was no use to advise his girl's dis-
grace and that he, Whitely, would go
and see Wisdom and tell him to get out
of the country. Next morning he went
to the town and supposed that the man
had left the country. As it was going
to the store in the afternoon he saw
some ducks in a pond and went into
Nichols' store to borrow a gun. Nichols
loaned him a gun."

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Mrs. S. M. Pennington, of Albany,
Oregon Pioneer of 1841.

ALBANY, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—
Mrs. S. M. Pennington, an Oregon pion-
eer of 1841, and one of Albany's oldest
residents, died at her home in this city
last night at the age of 88 years. Death
was largely due to her advanced age,
but she had been seriously ill several
weeks.

Mrs. Pennington was born in Ohio,
November 28, 1820, and crossed the plains
to Oregon in 1841. She was married in
Linn County, February 28, 1850, and her
husband survives her, their wedded life
thus extending over a period of 58 years.
Since her marriage Mrs. Pennington has
resided all of the time in Linn County,
with the exception of 17 years spent in
Umatilla County. She was a member of
the First Baptist Church of this city
for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Pennington was the mother of
seven children, but only two survive her:
Mrs. Alice P. Richards, of Albany, and
L. Pennington, of Union, a former
Sheriff of Union County.

DECLARES TAXES EXCESSIVE

Oregon & California Protests
Against Valuations in Benton.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—
The Oregon & California Landroad Com-
pany has filed a protest against the valua-
tion of its grant lands in Benton for
purposes of taxation. These lands were
crucial last summer by expert timber
men and for assessment purposes
valued at 30 cents per 1000 feet of stand-
ing timber, in addition to a small valua-
tion on the land itself. The grant lands
in the county comprise 2200 acres, and
the taxes paid a few days ago on them
was \$11,500. The corporation declares
the sum "unjust, unreasonably high, ex-
cessive and unlawful," and gives notice
that it reserves all its rights in law and
equity to sue for return of all sums over
and above a just, reasonable and lawful
assessment.

NICHOLS AGAIN IN THE TOWNS

Man Grizmacher Let Go Is Caught
by California Sheriff.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 17.—
(Special.)—M. E. Nichols, arrested in
Portland for getting money under false
pretenses from the First National Bank
of this city, and released the same day
by Chief Grizmacher while a Yakima
deputy was in Portland waiting for a
train to bring the man back here, was

arrested late last night in Hanford, Cal.,
on telegraphic information from the
Sheriff of this county. After his release
in Portland, Nichols went to Salem,
where he raised \$25 from the First Na-
tional Bank upon the strength of the
forged letters of recommendation from
Kansas which he used here, and with
which he influenced the treasurer. Later
Nichols got money from a bank in
Stockton and probably other institutions
not heard from. His movements have
been followed for two weeks past.

LOOKS QUEER TO EASTERNERS

Carnegie Institute Seeks Light on
Effort to Kill Oregon University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or.,
March 17.—(Special.)—Indicative of the
widespread interest in the referen-
dum movement against the University of
Oregon, is a letter to President Camp-
bell from President Pritchett, of the
Carnegie Foundation for the Advanc-
ment of Teaching, of New York, ask-
ing for all the available data on the
subject. President Pritchett men-
tions that this is the first case of this
kind where a fight was made to cut
off the appropriation of an educational
institution, and that, on this account,
he and his faculty are much interested
and will make a study of the circum-
stances surrounding such a movement.

Independence, Sure of Cannery.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 17.—
(Special.)—At a mass meeting last
night it was decided that Independ-
ence is to have a fruit and vegetable
cannery. Over \$6000 have been sub-
scribed for the plant. The stock will
be held by local people only, and large-
ly by farmers. Options have been se-
cured on 200 bushels of fruit, and a
general meeting of the stockholders,
W. J. Steel reported that from 150 vines
he harvested over 200 bushels of fruit
last year, and Walter Huntley stated
that from a third of an acre he
gathered 300 bushels.

SILVER LAKE AROUSED

REWARD OUT FOR SLAYER OF
JULIUS WALLEDE.

Citizens Offer \$250 and Urge State
to Assist in Running Down
Young Man's Murderer.

SILVER LAKE, Or., March 17.—
(Special.)—Citizens of Silver Lake have
offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest
and conviction of the murderer of Julius
Wallede, and at a mass meeting tonight
passed resolutions asking Governor
Chamberlain, in behalf of the state, and
Judge Day, in behalf of Lake County,
to also offer additional rewards and as-
sist in leaving no stone unturned to
convict the one who did the killing.
Wallede's dead body was found in the
bed of a creek near town Friday. The
head had been mutilated and the skull
fractured. A coroner's jury, after care-
ful examination, decided Wallede had
been murdered. The young man dis-
appeared from his cabin on the evening
of December 27.

HOPGROWERS WIN LAWSUIT

Buyers Denied Damages Because
Contract Is Rendered Void.

SALEM, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—An-
other victory was scored by the hop-
growers today when the Supreme Court,
in an opinion by Chief Justice Bean, re-
versed the decree of Judge Galloway, of
Marion County, in the case of Lachmund
& Pincus vs. G. J. Moore, C. E. Nash
& Co. Lachmund brought suit on a
contract to recover \$1500 damages for fail-
ure of defendant to deliver hops. The
lower court gave a decree for plain-
tiffs. The Supreme Court holds that this
was error for the reason that Lachmund
& Pincus had received the hops, and
money, in accordance with the contract,
and as this was a condition precedent,
they cannot recover. The Supreme Court
orders the plaintiff's complaint dismissed.

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GIVES COLORS BACK

Governor Returns Flag to the
Fourth Regiment, O. N. G.

HOLD CEREMONY IN EUGENE

Commander Pays Glowing Tribute to
Officers and Men—Colonel Yorran
Receives the Flag—Governor
Addresses the Citizens.

Praises Soldiers of the Fourth.

He spoke with pride of the officers and
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ground system of the automatic tele-
phone has been installed at the barracks
under the direction of Captain Flemming,
and will be in operation next week. The
system will be owned by the Government
and will be connected with the auto-
matic telephone of Portland.

INDIANS GRIEVE FOR HAILEY

Umatilla Send One of Number to His
Funeral—Townpeople Coming.

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NEWBERG IS IN THE

Booster Spirit Takes Firm
Hold in Quaker Town.

LOWNSDALE MAKES TALK

Voices Rural and Civic Improve-
ments That Will Attract Eye of
Eastern Investors—Portland
Men Make Rousing Speeches.

Hill Acquires Crows Nest.

YANCOUVER, B. C., March 17.—(Spe-
cial.)—What occurred at the annual
meeting of the Crows' Nest Pass Coal
Company last week in Toronto would
indicate that this big concern has aban-
doned the control of the property at
private sale. Colonel W. P. Clough,
Hill's secretary, was elected a director,
and Jay P. Graves, of Spokane, was
also added to the board of directors.
For several years the company has
shipped thousands of tons of coal
week to Butte and other American
smelters.

Lay Track for Milwaukee.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—(Spec-
ial.)—Work of putting down the steel on the
Milwaukee & St. Paul in East-
ern Washington, will be started in full
force next Monday, when two gangs,
with construction trains and two track-
ing machines, will begin laying the rail-
road east and west from Lind, Wash., where
the Milwaukee crosses the Northern Pa-
cific.

WIND STORM YESTERDAY IN
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Railroad Company Has Difficulty in
Repairing Track at Duncan.
Floods Subsiding.

PENDLETON, Or., March 17.—(Spec-
ial.)—The water in the Umatilla River fell
two feet today, the first rain from a Port-
land storm to reach the river. The
afternoon, Railroad communication to the
East will probably be opened by
morning and everything points to an
early establishment of normal conditions.

Medford Votes Water Bonds.

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