

MURDER COMPACT RELATED TO COURT

Mrs. Rice Tells of Davis' Agreement to Kill Rustin and Himself.

HER EVIDENCE SUPPORTED

Prosecution Completes Case in Omaha Murder Trial and Defense Impeaches Witnesses Who Corroborate Woman's Story.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.—Many sensational situations in the trial of Charles E. Davis, the capitalist, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, rewarded the immense crowd which packed Judge Sears' branch of the Criminal Court today.

Mrs. Rice took up most of the forenoon with her story of how Rustin told her of the plot to have Davis kill her under promise that the physician would furnish Davis with a deadly poison with which to take his own life.

Much Corroborative Evidence.

The state offered a number of witnesses to corroborate the testimony of Mrs. Rice and to fix the time of the movements of Rustin and Davis during the evening preceding the death of the doctor.

The defense quickly began the introduction of witnesses to impeach those who had testified as to the time Rustin and Davis were seen down town, and were employed on that line when evening adjournment was taken.

Story of Murder Compact.

Mrs. Rice said that Dr. Rustin told her that he had secured a man to kill him and that she would not have to do the deed.

During Davis' second visit to the office, but while he was temporarily absent from the room, Mrs. Rice said she tried to dissuade Dr. Rustin from dying, but he declared it must be that night.

She said Dr. Rustin explained to her his plan of sending Davis to the vicinity of his home. She left the office after 9 o'clock that night, going to Mayor & Dillon's drugstore and later walking on Farnam street near Farnam street.

Davis Stood Waiting.

Arriving at Fortlieth and Farnam streets, she said she saw Davis standing on the sidewalk. Dr. Rustin left her for his home, which was near, and she shortly afterwards saw Davis in a drugstore.

DAVIS ONCE WAS MILLIONAIRE

Went Broke at Bellingham in Panic of 1893.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 4.—Charles E. Davis, on trial in Omaha for the murder of Dr. Rustin, was a pioneer business man and land speculator of Bellingham, and in the boom days of 1890 was rated as a millionaire, owing large tracts of land in the then city of Fairhaven, now South Bellingham.

HARNEY PROPERTY VALUES

Assessment Roll for 1908 Makes Grand Total of \$2,500,428.

TRUSS, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Following is the assessed valuation for taxable purposes of all property in Harney County for 1908:

Table with 2 columns: Property Type and Value. Includes items like 72,580 acres tillable land, 1,084,430 improvements on land, etc.

BIG FRAUD IN ELECTION

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fact that, although the police were in the vicinity of every polling booth, the investigators received no aid from them in seeking to fasten responsibility for the conditions which prevailed.

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FREIGHT RATES BECOME SMALLER

Harriman Says That Tariffs Diminish With Development of Roads.

ORIGINAL INVESTORS LOST

Wizard's Letter Reviews History of Railroads Before Mining Congress and Says Transportation Business is Uncertain.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 4.—Unable to be present in person, E. H. Harriman forwarded a letter to the American Mining Congress today. Mr. Harriman says the mineral production of the United States during the past year had an aggregate value of more than \$2,000,000,000 and the crude and manufactured mineral products of the country gave an aggregate tonnage of more than 650,000,000 tons.

RUOF'S TRIAL NEAR FINISH

PROSECUTION CLOSES DEFENSE MAY GIVE NO EVIDENCE.

Struggle of 14 Weeks Against Law's Technicalities—Ruof's Admission of Guilt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—With all the testimony for the state before the jury, the prosecution rested its case late this afternoon in the third trial of Abraham Ruof, charged with offering a bribe to Supervisor John J. Pury to vote for the United Railroad franchise in 1908.

EVANS DECLINES GIFT OF HOUSE AT LOS ANGELES.

Suggestion From Friend Meets With Emphatic Refusal From Old Sea-fighter.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, now on the lecture platform, does not desire the proffered gift of a house or anything else, if such thing is contemplated.

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BY LILLIAN TINGLE.

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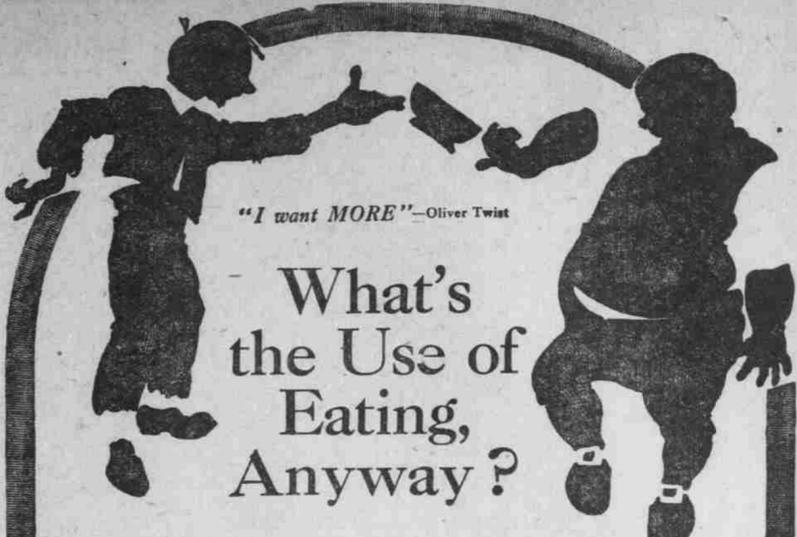
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Advertisement for H-O vegetables. Text: 'Other available vegetables are squash, cauliflower, eggplant, water-cress, artichoke, cabbage, and the usual "soup vegetables."' 'These were some very fine, large "pumpkin" cooking peas—excellent for "compote" or "stuffed peas" of various kinds at 4 cents a pound. Dried fruit and nuts are, of course, a leading feature of the markets just now.' 'If you want to spend money in the vegetable market, the easiest way is to buy a quantity of mushrooms at \$1 to \$1.25 a pound. There are plenty of nice green vegetables—peas, beans, lettuce, chloisy, spinach, etc., at prices about the same as last week. Hot-house cucumbers are good at 25 cents each; and I saw some excellent newly arrived large green peppers at 25 cents a pound. There is very nice heart celery in 15-cent bundles. Ordinary heart celery 10 and 15 cents. A bunch and root celery 5 and 10 cents. I wonder how many people don't use cooked celery, as a vegetable or as the leading motive in an entree. I met a very successful salad the other day, com-

Advertisement for Ghirardelli's Cocoa. Text: 'GOOD THINGS IN PORTLAND MARKETS' 'BY LILLIAN TINGLE.' 'THE chilly days of the past week have had rather a discouraging effect upon the general appearance of the markets. Apples and oranges look cheery enough; but fish, fowl and most especially vegetables have a rather gloomy appearance. If it were really winter, the warm oven or the boiling pot. Fish seemed not quite so plentiful nor so varied as usual, and in some cases the price tended to be slightly higher. The available kinds are: Columbia River smelt, 10 to 15 cents; lobster, 35 cents; black bass, 20 cents; striped bass and shrimps, 20 cents; steurgeon, catfish, salmon croppies and tomcod 15 cents; halibut, 12 1/2 cents; flounder, silver smelt, perch and herring, 10 cents. Frog legs are 40 cents a dozen and muskies 10 cents a pound. Crabs range in price from 12 1/2 to 20 cents each. There is a good display of dried and salted fish of various kinds, including some very nice fresh "Finnan haddock" at 25 cents a pound. Poultry prices are about the same as last week. There are nice fresh turkeys—not cold-storage ones, at 30 cents a pound; and there are other kinds. Wild geese are about 75 cents each. The meat markets are usually at their best from now on until Christmas, and some very excellent joints of beef, veal, pork and lamb reward the shopper who knows what she wants and sees that she gets it. Pork is very good just now; and the apples and chestnuts that combine so well with it are also at their best. This is the season of the year, too, when what are conveniently known as "other parts"—tongue, kidneys, tripe, liver, heads and feet, are particularly in demand for savory luncheon or supper dishes, or for glorification as choice entrees. Sausages—both fresh and cured, domestic and imported—are decidedly to the fore. Among the "specialties" shown on delicatessen counters are "goose-liver sausages with sardines"; "imported frankfurters in ham-fat"; "soused pigs' feet loaf"; as well as a seemingly endless variety of standard German and Italian sausages and combination meat loaves. Among the fruits were some remarkably good grapes from 10 to 20 cents a box; apples of many names and every shade of red and yellow, costing from 10 to 15 cents; oranges, big and little, all the way from 10 to 20 cents a dozen; grape-fruit 5 to 15 cents each; pineapples 60 cents and perannons about 5