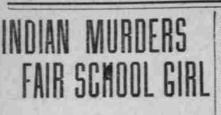
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Confesses She Repulsed Him, He Choked Her to Death and Fled to Hills.

LYNCHING IS THREATENED

Father Finds Body Horribly Mutilated, After Night's Search in Suburbs of Little Town in California.

WOODLAND, Cal., Oct. &-Wilbur Ben jamin, a full-blooded Indian, confessed tonight to the murder of Violet Gilmer, a 15-year-old school girl, whose body was found near Rumsey today. The confession was made to District Attorney Anderso at the County Jail, with Sheriff Brown and Coroner Kitto present.

Coroner Kitto present. Benjamin stated that he waylald the girl as she was on her way from school hast Monday. She repulsed his advances and he choked her to death. He then fied through the hills and was arrested on the outskirts of this city. Extra precautions to guard the sail are being them. They for the state of the sail are

being taken by Sheriff Brown. Public feeling has been inflamed by the confesaton and threats of lynching are freely made. The officers fear trouble before.

made. The officient real forms of age and the night is over. Benjamin is about 22 years of age and fairly well educated. Since coming to this section he has been employed on many ranches in the vicinity of Runney. The girl's body was found this morning by her father, who went out to search for his daughter when she failed to return

last night from school. The body was terribly mutilated. The clothing, even to the stockings, had been torn away, and there were other evidences of the girl's struggles with her assailant.

DR. NAIVE IS MODERATOR Willamette's Presbytery at Dallas

Comes to Close.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 6 .- The Presbytery of Willamette, which has been holding session in Dallas, closed last night with a popular meeting, at which Rev. C. A. Koehler, of Brownsville, and Rev. S. C. Adams, of Cottage Grove, were the speakers. . The following officers were elected: Moderator, H. L. Nave, D. D.; temporar; clerk, C. F. Koehler; reporting clerk, F. H. Yeselbracht, Ph. D. The following HILL PREDICTS PROSPERITY were asked to act as corresponding mem ware asked to act as corresponding mem-bers., Rev. A. A. Winter and Rev. D. M. Metzger, United Evangencal Church; S. C. Adams, Presbyterian of Grand Ronde; Rev. M. E. Spahr, Oregon Con-ference of Methodist Episcopal Church; W. H. Hendry, Presbytery of Winona: George Taylor, Columbia Conference of the United Brethron Church. The clerk was instructed to send a letter conveying the sympathy of the

letter conveying the sympathy of the presbytery to Rev. C. H. Wallace, of Cot-tage Grove, in his serious lliness. Rev. F. R. Tugg was granted a leave of absence to the Southern Oregon Pres-

William Robinson, C. F. Koehler and George Gillespie were appointed to dutions with reference to the death

known pioneers of Lane County, died at Dexter yesterday, after a lingering illness. Uncle Sam Handsaker, as everybody knew him best, was born at Hatton, Derbyshire, England, November 19, 1831. He came to the United States in 1843, landing at New Orleans on March 1843, landing at New Orleans on March 28. In 1852 he crossed the plains by ox-team and settled in the Umpqua Valley near Oakland, in 1854. As soon as trouble broke out with the Southern Oregon Indians, Handsaker enlisted under Captain Laban Buoy, Company B, Oregon Volunteers, and later did service under Captain P. C. Noland. In 1856 the differences between the whites and the Indians were adjusted, and in November of that year he married Miss Sarah Johnson Cannon, at her parents' home, on Camas Swale, Douglas Coun-try, Oregon.

ty, Oregon. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker moved to Dexter, Lane County, Oregon, where they lived until 1895, when they moved to Eugene. Besides his wife, he leaves the fol-

Besides his wife, he leaves the fol-lowing children: G. W. Handsaker, of Portland: Mrs. J. M. Keeney and E. B. Handsaker, of Eugene: Mrs. J. M. Guiley, of Ashland; Mrs. W. L. Bristow and Mrs. P. N. Laird, of Picasant Hill; T. S. Handsaker, of Davenport, Wash.; J. J. Handsaker, of Arleta, Or.

GRANT SEEKS HIS BONDS

CALIFORNIA MAN IS TRYING TO **RECOVER \$40,000.**

Replevins Papers He Says Were Taken From Bank by Fraud. Defendants Claim Debts.

Omaha to recover \$40,000 worth of Omaha Independent Telephone bonds, which got away from him through some high finance in the Far West. The First National Bank of Qmaha

had these bonds in its vault here, and the bank is a co-defendant in the suit. The bonds were replevined here and the present fight in the District Court is on the morits of this replevin. "I put the bonds in the West-Side Bank of Los Angeles on special de-Bank of Los Angeles on special de-posit," said Mr. Grant. "Homer G. Tabor, president of the bank, without my permission or knowledge, let them go to the McCormick Bank of Salt Lake City, through O. C. Dranga, an asso-clate of his. The McCormick Bank City, through O. C. Dranga, an asso-clate of his. The McCormick Bank loaned Dranga \$15,000 on these bonds as security, and the account of Dranga's bank in Nevada was trans-ferred to the McCormick Bank. The bonds disappeared September 27, 1904, and January of last I heard they were being offered for sale in Omaha at a remarkably low price." Mr. Grant, through his attorney, filed in the District Court a reply to the de-fendants. They set up that Grant owed Dranga \$15,000, and the reply denies that he owed Dranga anything or had any business relations with Dranga whatever.

whatever.

Magnate Sees Brilliant Future for Entire Northwest.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.-President Howard Elliot and James J. Hill, who came here to attend the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railway, declared that prosperity was in full swing in the Northwest and that within a year that section would experience the best period in its history. There has been an enormous immigration to that territory and the railread men report that thous-ands of new farms will be producing crops next seasor

of Father Robert Robe. About 30 dele- THAW CONTINUES BATTLE



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