

FARMER SLAIN; EMPLOYEE MISSING

Body of J. Thomas Is Found Strangely Murdered Near Sycamore Station.

WATCH AND \$65 ARE GONE

Sheriff Poses of Two Counties Are Now Searching for Unidenti- fied Man, Last Person Seen With Victim.

With his hands and feet bound with rope and his pockets rifled of every thing of value, J. Thomas, 72 years old, was found murdered yesterday on the Acorn ranch, a mile and a quarter south of Sycamore Station, on the Estacada streetcar line.

That the murder was committed for a gold watch and \$65 in money is the belief of Sheriff Mease, of Clackamas County, and Sheriff Stevens, of Multnomah County, who hurried to the scene soon after the farmer's body was found. An unidentified man who was seen at the house Saturday night at 6 o'clock has disappeared. The missing man had but recently been employed by Mr. Thomas.

The last seen of Mr. Thomas was Saturday night about 8 o'clock when Joe Donnellson, of Gresham, went to the Thomas cabin to see waiting on some property owned by Thomas. The hired man was in the cabin at the time Mr. Thomas produced \$65 in money in an effort to make change for the amount. Mr. Donnellson offered in payment for the rent bill. He was unable to make the change and the rent was not paid. The hired man was in the house when Donnellson left.

No Marks on Body.
Apparently the old man was either poisoned or was frightened to death by his assailant, there being no marks or bruises on his body which might have caused death. A careful investigation showed that he had a slight bruise on his chin and a small spot of blood on his shirt. He was found lying on his back on a couch with his hands tied so that he could not move. His shoes and socks were removed and his feet tied tightly. He was wearing a costly gold watch in his vest pocket and this is missing. The chain was not removed. Other pockets in his clothing were turned inside out.

The hired man who has disappeared was engaged ten days ago and had been attending to general work around the place. Neighbors had not learned his name and knew nothing of him except that he was rough in appearance. It is believed that he was merely a tramp who had come to the house through the Gresham district and was befriended by Thomas.

Old Man Thought Asleep.

The body was found by W. N. Chilcote, who lives two miles below the Acorn ranch. He was walking toward Lewis with two friends and went in to see "Old Man Thomas," as he was familiarly known. Entering the door he saw the aged farmer lying on his back apparently asleep. Near him was a hatchet which had never been noticed in the house before by the visitors and it is believed a murderer may have had this in reserve if the old man resisted.

Mr. Thomas was feeble and was in the habit of taking in strangers and befriending them.

Immediately after the dead body was found, Sheriff Mease and Stevens were called. They were joined at the Thomas home by Coroner Wilson, of Oregon City.

Little is known regarding relatives of Thomas. It is believed he has cousins at Lents and other relatives at The Dalles. He has lived in Oregon for about 35 years in which time he secured extensive property, including the Acorn ranch of 160 acres of cultivated land. He married the daughter of The Dalles, in the early '30s, but had no children. She died some time ago.

The body was not removed from the cabin last night, arrangements being made for an inquest at the scene this morning. The Sheriff's forces started soon after the body was discovered to trace the hired man.

LAW IS PUZZLE TO LEE ONG

Chinese Schoolmaster Protests at Ac- tion of "Detectives."

Based on his protest upon the ground that he is a "Christian," and never played fapan, Lee Ong, a Chinese schoolmaster, went to the Police Station yesterday and with considerable vengeance demanded redress for an affront placed upon him by two alleged detectives.

Ong said he had become "honorary" and was on his way to a good re- fectory when two men, "fat boys with big faces," seized him by the coat and went through his pockets. After an examination, he said, they let him go.

"No good law, that fashion," said Lee Ong. "I no highwayman, no make nothing bad. I live this town 30 year and no time have trouble. I tell them get no wall, no can go through my pocket."

The complaint was mollified with a promise that his complaint would be investigated.

RICH MEXICAN GENERAL ILL

Louis Terrazas, Wealthy Rancher, Near Death's Door.

JUAREZ, Mex., Oct. 1.—General Louis Terrazas, one of the wealthiest men of Mexico, ex-Governor of the State of Chihuahua, and reputed to be one of the largest land owners in the world, is lying dangerously ill at one of his ranches in the northern part of Chihuahua.

NEW SCHOOL HIS THEORY

W. P. Brown Thinks Present Educa-
tional System Inadequate.

declared, is not a success because it takes no account of the individual and tends only to develop practical powers. "The creative faculties dormant."

Mr. Brown was introduced by C. E. S. Wood, who expressed his approval of the plan to open a school in Portland. Following the lecture a musical pro- gramme was given which served to in- troduce Master Victor Christensen, vi- olinist, who gave the First Movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Op. 64, with fine feeling and an assurance that would have done credit to a more mature performer. A lullaby given as an encore served to further reveal ex- ceptional talent. John Claire Monteith pleased with his singing of two num- bers, "The dear old Mother" (Cape) and "Lorraine Lorraine" (Cape). The Trio, Opus 2, for violin, cello and piano, given by Miss Frances Batchelor, Waldemar Lind and Henry Van Frank, was played with rare effect and was received with the appreciation it de- served. Mrs. Rose Courson Reed was

DEMOCRATS SHIFT GAZE TO OREGON

Candidates for Presidential Nomination Prepare to Invade State.

SENTIMENT HERE DIVIDED

Party Leaders in Beaver State Yet Waver in Deciding Whether to Support Wilson or Harmon

Support Wilson or Harmon in Coming Contest.

That overworked expression, "The eyes of the country are on Oregon," will be particularly applicable here. Especially will it be true as ap- plied to the aspirants for the Repub- lican and Democratic nominations for President. Oregon is one of the primary election early next year will express their preference for President and Vice-President.

The quietest, together with the dates of the primary election in each state: North Dakota, March 13; Wisconsin, April 2; Nebraska, April 17; Oregon, April 19; and New Jersey, May 23.

Aspirants to Visit Oregon.

It is for this very reason that several of the aspiring candidates for the head of the ticket have either visited or will visit Oregon personally or will have personal representatives sound out through Oregon representatives. Governor Wilson, who would head the Democratic ticket, had this purpose in mind when he visited this state on his recent Pacific Coast States recently. It is for the same purpose that Lieutenant-Governor Nichols, of Ohio, personal representa- tive of Governor Harmon, is now visit- ing Western and Pacific Coast States.

In fact, the preliminary visit of Mr. Nichols may be followed late in the Fall by a visit of Governor Harmon.

This activity is particularly notice- able among the prospective Democratic candidates. They are desirous of in- suring for themselves, by working through effective organizations, which are being formed in these five states, the biggest possible popular vote ex- pression from the Democratic voters in the primary election. Some of the re- sult may have in determining Demo- cratic sentiment in the states which will select delegates to the National convention later.

Oregon Democrats Split.

Oregon Democrats are divided as to a choice for President. Some are sup- porting Governor Wilson, while others prefer Governor Harmon. Immediately following the visit of Governor Wilson a time appeared to be carried quite completely away by the New Jersey man. But after sober reflection that enthusiasm has abated somewhat and some Democrats who were once in- clined to look to Harmon as the man to lead the party.

The more conservative Democrats at no time have favored Wilson, whom they regard as the political pupil of Bryan. They have insisted that the party should name for its candidate a man who can count upon the support of the rank and file of the party and be reasonably certain of carrying some of the larger doubtful states of the East, which is essential to victory.

Wilson's Attitude Unpopular.

At the same time the more radical Democrats are not satisfied with Wil- son. They are demanding that their candidate must stand for the initiative, referendum and recall. The Democrats profess to stand for these measures of popular legislation as they are enunciated in the so-called "Oregon system," but they are not in favor of the recall to the judiciary.

This is where he has lost ground with the radical Democracy in this state, which feels that if it is necessary to compromise at all they may just as well throw their support to a conserva- tive as to get behind a half-way radical.

The arrival of Lieutenant-Governor Nichols, representing Governor Harmon, with the message from the East that the Democrats must nominate a man who can carry Oregon, has been a blow to the party who have been other large states in the East, has also given the Democrats food for thought. Oregon Democrats want to win, and they are desirous of assisting to pick a winner. Although satisfied that Wilson may be strong in some of the insurgent states, they have serious doubts if he can carry the large doubtful states where the Democrats must have the necessary electoral votes. In addition to those of the South, to win.

Organizations Are Formed.

Senator Chamberlain has announced himself as favoring Wilson, but other members of the party who have their shoulder to shoulder with the Senator in former conflicts are inclined toward Harmon. Lieutenant-Governor Nichols who is forming working Harmon or- ganizations in the Western and Pacific Coast States, was called to Seattle, Wash., yesterday. He expects to re- turn to this city Wednesday, when he will hold a further conference with in- cluding Democrats for the purpose of perfecting plans for organizing Harmon sentiment among the Democrats in this state.

OLD VETERAN FOUND DYING

Jeremiah Coughlan Has Been Taken to County Hospital.

Jeremiah Coughlan, a veteran of the Civil War who has lived the life of a hermit in a cabin in Brentwood, is dying in the Multnomah County Hos- pital of pneumonia. The old man was found lying on the floor of his lonely abode Saturday noon by neighbors who had not seen him about the place for a day or two. A. E. Orlstadt, proprietor of a grocery store at Mathews and Cooper streets, was called and had him sent to the hospital.

About all that is known of Coughlan is that he was a soldier in the Civil War, came from Massachusetts and is 72 years old. He was reticent about discussing his past life.

It is believed the old man came from a well-to-do family in the East and had seen better days, which accounts for his determination to tell more about himself. He has told that he joined the Odd Fellows in 1872.

POSSE SEEKS SON-IN-LAW

San Jose Man Is Shot as He Returns Home From Theater.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—Armed pos- ses are scouring the country be- tween this city and San Jose tonight in an effort to capture Calvin Burslen,

Big October Glove Sale and Other Stirring Events Begin This Morning—See Details in Sunday's Announcements

Where Will I Lunch? Care for Your Eyes!

The shopper, the business man has this question continually to answer. Try our big White Restaurant on the 7th floor, where the beautiful surroundings, splendid service and menu will make you a regular patron. Amsterdam's Orchestra plays daily from 11:30 to 2 o'clock. We make a specialty of afternoon teas and matinee luncheons.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR."

A Comedy by J. Hartley Manners. Presented at the Baker Theater.

CAST:
Sir John Cotswold, William V. Mong
Edith Cotswold, Helen Gillinwater
Ulfes Cotswold, Grace Hale
Lady Cotswold, Helen Gillinwater
Vining, Rufus Perry
Walter Lewis, Charles Hatfield
Captain Trevor, George Dayton
Sir Isaac Jacobson, E. S. Ross
Adrian Jacobson, Mabel Parker
Lady Jacobson, Maude Hillman
Maximilian, Walter Duaby

TO MOST of the audience gathered yesterday to witness "The House Next Door" at the Baker Theater, the play was a big comedy and brought an endless chain of laughs; for though it was an admirable piece of stage struc- ture, subtle in design, and thoroughly artistic in results, in its essential points, and particularly in its leading role, it is well calculated to amuse.

Reminiscent in a large measure of Zangwill's "Melting Pot," the story is only another "pouring of oil upon the troubled waters of religious and racial differences. Naturally the intol- erance is held by the Christian; the primal interest, centering around the intermarriage of the actor and his daugh- ters of an English nobleman and a Jew, who has been knighted. Pride of ancestry and a differing in religion on the one side, with Hebraic devotion to the highest standards and ideals on the other, make the contrast of espe- cial force. The old and poverty-stricken action of nobility, Sir William Cotswold, holds an intense grudge against Sir Isaac Jacobson. Broken in for- tune, but certainly not in spirit, a gen- tleman of the old school, and on every occasion his choleric and bigoted opinion of the man in the house next door.

The presentation of Jewish suffer- ance and magnanimity is most impres- sive. Through it the old Englishman is brought to an understanding of the real meaning of the old school, good feeling replaces turbulence, and narrow- mindedness gives way to reason.

The acting in "The House Next Door" is decidedly "The Better Sort," the role of Sir Cotswold, easily the domi- nant note in the entire cast, is played by William V. Mong, an actor known to Portland by reason of his work two seasons ago in the Baker company. In the main his performance of the irascible and belligerent old lord is worth while. His method is clean and crisp and always consistent in drawing. While he does not neglect the dramatic effectiveness of the character, he sub- ordinates it as far as expediency per- mits. The more conservative Democrats at no time have favored Wilson, whom they regard as the political pupil of Bryan. They have insisted that the party should name for its candidate a man who can count upon the support of the rank and file of the party and be reasonably certain of carrying some of the larger doubtful states of the East, which is essential to victory.

The families of the two men, their wives and children; a theatrical pro- moter, loud and venturesome, complete the cast. Cotswold's daughter is played by the clever work of Grace Hale, who, while just a trifle heavier than one is led to believe leading women should be, is withal a capable actress.

The remainder of the cast is ade- quate. Throughout the stage ap- pearances, showing the drawing-rooms of the Cotswold and Jacobson homes are in good taste. The same bill will run all week at the Baker with the usual matinees.

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SCOTCH GIRL IN PORTLAND

Jeanie Fletcher Scores Hit in Bobby Burns' Dialect.

Miss Jeanie Fletcher, soprano prima donna, and noted Scotch beauty, was yesterday extended a rousing welcome at the opening of her season at the Hotel Portland. The "Scotch nightingale" was never in better voice and in the rendition of her repertoire for the evening scored an instantaneous hit. Miss Fletcher's rendition of a number of familiar ballads from the land of Bobby Burns gave them a new and pleasant interpretation. The large number of ladies who enjoyed the two concerts last night were particularly interested in the rendition of the mod- ernist's art which set off the charming figure of this delightful singer.

During her stay in Portland Miss Fletcher will be heard in the main dining-room of the Portland Hotel, 615 and 8:30 in the evening and in the grill-room from 10 to 12:30 o'clock at night. She will render a new pro- gramme at each appearance.

BLESSING AWAITS WILEY

WILSON SAYS HE WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE FREE REIN.

"Food Labels and Ingredients of Beer and Whisky Not My Prov-
ince," Says Veteran Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Irritated to exasperation by Dr. Wiley's five-year-long fight to be made sole judge of the law and facts in the en- forcement of the so-called pure food law, Secretary Wilson, who returned from his vacation a few days ago, is willing to turn the enforcement of that statute over to the doctor. He would not make the slightest ob- jection to the doctor being placed in sole charge of the work.

His idea is that it is not part of the duty of the head of a department created to foster agriculture to be called upon to decide about labels on

food products or which is the right way to make whisky or beer. His thought on that subject is that he should devote himself to raising the acreage yield of crops, particularly in the Northern States, because he has been devoting himself for years to the betterment of agriculture in the South where the need was greatest.

The Secretary will practically make that recommendation in his annual re- port and if Congress and President Taft agree he will say "amen, and God bless you" to Dr. Wiley, the only one of his thousands of subordinates with whom he has any friction.

INSANE PATIENTS SENT HOME

SALEM, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special)—Three patients at the Asylum will be removed tomorrow to other states under the law regulating non-resident insane persons which became effective when the last Legislature made an ap- propriation for such removal of pa- tients. Carl Fisher will be returned to California; R. E. Austill to Mobile, Alabama, and A. J. Terry to New Orleans. Attendant Harrington will have charge of returning all of the patients.

LEARN TO SAY— El Rayo

Some months ago a school of 37 whistles was stranded on the coast of Tasman. A company was organized to take advantage of this accident, but in the meantime most of the oil escaped. The promoters, however, secured \$40,000 worth of amber- grite.

DRIVING THE GOLDEN SPIKE Central Oregon Celebration

Bend, Oregon, Thursday, Oct. 5th On the Completion of Track-Laying on The Oregon Trunk Railway OPAL CITY TO BEND

\$8.75 Round Trip to Opal City

October 3 and 4, Return Until October 9
Portland Parties, Tuesday and Wednesday

Passengers leaving the North Bank Station 9:55 A. M. Tuesday and Wednes- day, October 3 and 4, will be carried on special trains of the Oregon Trunk Ry., Construction Department, from Opal City to Redmond on those dates, and return- ing, leave Bend Thursday afternoon, con- necting with regular trains for Portland Friday. Tickets and details obtained at

THE NORTH BANK STATION, ELEVENTH AND HOYT STS.
CITY TICKET OFFICE, FIFTH AND STARK STS.

PORTLAND LABORER GOES TO SEARCH FOR Work and Disappears.

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