

WITNESS HICKS TRIUMPHANTLY

Testimony of Man Who Was Near Scene of Shooting Changed by Him.

VARIANCE IS POINTED OUT

Earl Griffin, Who Said at Inquest That He Saw Shot Fired, Yesterday Declared That He Only Heard Report.

The value to the state of the testimony of Earl Griffin, an alleged eyewitness of a portion of the altercation which preceded the shooting of W. A. Wortman, a union machinist and bookmaker, by Burt Hicks, a machine-shop proprietor, on East Morrison street on November 2, 1911, was considerably nullified on cross-examination in the Hicks murder trial yesterday.

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of Geisler & Dorres, testified that after the shooting Hicks said: "He called me a scab herder," and that the defendant said nothing about having been set upon by Wortman. "You might have suggested that yourself," the witness said when Mr. Davis asked him to remember telling him that a few days after the shooting that Hicks had been standing on the sidewalk with an air of expectancy as if waiting for someone to put in an appearance.

Book's Whereabouts Found. Leo Goetsch, a deputy coroner, was recalled to the stand by Mr. Malarkey and said that he had discovered that the memorandum book he took from one of Wortman's pockets is in the possession of a brother of the dead man, who is in attendance at the trial. It had been given to the brother by J. P. McEntee, of the undertaking firm of Dunning & McEntee, by which Goetsch is employed.

OUR UNSLEEPING RACE American Nervousness Caused by Too Little Slumber. New York Mail.

The railroad man who had been 38 hours without sleep was good natured about it, though it was evident that he was verging on a nervous condition that might well render him incompetent. There is an occasional person who can dispense with sleep in an astonishing manner. Yet it is not certain that such persons really do exist.

It is being said by medical observers that the "American nervousness" is not a little attributable to the social day demands, the hours after business, directly cut from the sleep segment of the 24-hour day. It is probably true that in no other country is so exacting a demand made on a man's energy.

There is no medicine like sleep. There is such a miracle wrought by sleep, changing our fears into hopes, our despondency into courage, our thick-headedness into clear vision, that it is shameful to put sleep aside. The wine of longest vintage cannot be drunk as long as a full night's sleep, and the wine is so costly and the sleep so cheap! The high cost of living has touched about everything, but it has not raised the price of sleep.

HONOR CONVICT ESCAPES New Mexico Felon Breaks Word and Runs Away From Prison.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 18.—One of the convicts whom Governor Hunt recently placed upon their honor not to attempt to escape, a Mexican named Chappo, disregarded his word and slipped away from the penitentiary at Florence today and up to a late hour tonight had not been captured.

Warburton Would Widen Road. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 18.—Representative Warburton today introduced a bill appropriating \$150,000 for widening and macadamizing the Government road in Mount Rainier Park to a full width of 15 feet throughout its entire length.

Passenger Train Kills Man. GERVAIS, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—A man was killed this morning about 1 o'clock by the Southern Pacific passenger train, No. 116, between Gervais and Brooks. The man was about 57 years of age and apparently was walking down the track. He had been seen at the Gervais depot about 3 o'clock this morning. When the night agent came to put out the mail for the 3 o'clock train, his leg was broken and he had a wound on his head, but the body was not mangled. No papers or means of identification were found in his clothes.

JURORS WHO WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF BURT HICKS, ON TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING W. A. WORTMAN.



HUDSON HERE TO SEEK COMPROMISE

Roosevelt Committeeman in Oregon to Amalgamate Taft Opposition.

TRIP TO COAST HURRIED

La Follette Forces Refuse to Deal With Chicagoan Unless He Offers to Withdraw T. R. as Candidate—Polk for President.

The real mission of R. P. Hudson, of Chicago, representing the National Roosevelt committee, in visiting the Pacific Coast at this time is not so much to arrange the details of a Roosevelt campaign as it is, if possible, to amalgamate the Roosevelt and La Follette following into a solid opposition to President Taft in this territory.

Following a hurried conference of the seven governors behind Roosevelt's candidacy at Chicago several days ago, and the report of the dissolution of the Roosevelt committee in the State of Washington, Mr. Hudson was dispatched to the Pacific Coast. He has been in Oregon's neighbor state to the north since March 13 and is supposed to have finished his labors in that state.

POSTER PARTY HERE Ad Association Officials Are Holding Sessions. GUESTS ARE SHOWN CITY

Portland Members of National Organization Are Hosts of Visitors Who Are Meeting at Multnomah Hotel.

Directors of the Poster Advertising Association reached Portland, over the North Bank road, at 10:30 last night, and will be in this city today and Wednesday, holding their semi-annual meeting at the Multnomah Hotel.

WOTERS ARE SLOW Only 20 Week-Days Remain for Registration. COUNT NOW ABOUT 30,000

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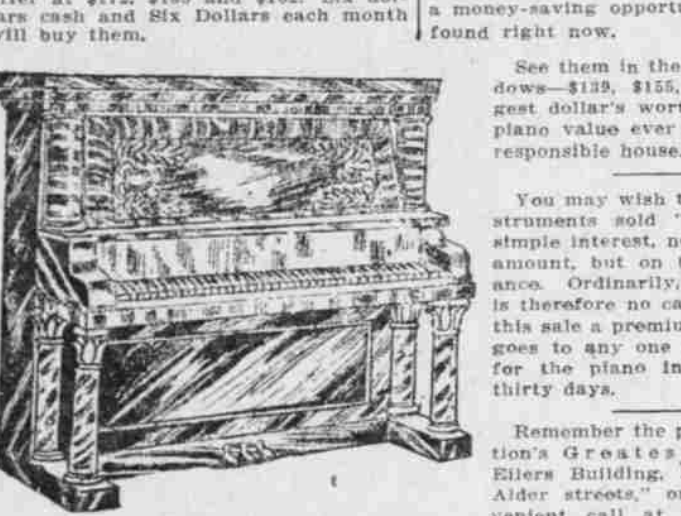


Five carloads of these pianos ordered for Portland are now here. They are magnificent pianos. They are fully warranted. You take no risk whatever in securing one of these pianos.

There are nearly forty pianos of regular \$275 and \$250 styles. These will cost \$146, \$155 and \$139. Payments of \$5 cash and \$5 each month buys them.

The hundred and seven pianos come in finely figured mahogany and in splendid quarter-sawn oak, also a few of them encased in beautiful burled walnut cases.

There are about 50 instruments built for regular \$300, \$225 and \$250 trade. These instruments we are now able to offer at \$172, \$185 and \$162. Six dollars cash and six dollars each month will buy them.



Remember the place—The Nation's Greatest Piano House, Eilers Music Building, Seventh and Alder streets, or if more convenient call at Wholesale Department, Sixteenth and Pettygrove streets.

Good, dependable, fully warranted, musical pianos, are now obtainable for \$139, \$145, \$162, \$185 and \$200 at Eilers Music House. Did you see yesterday's announcement?

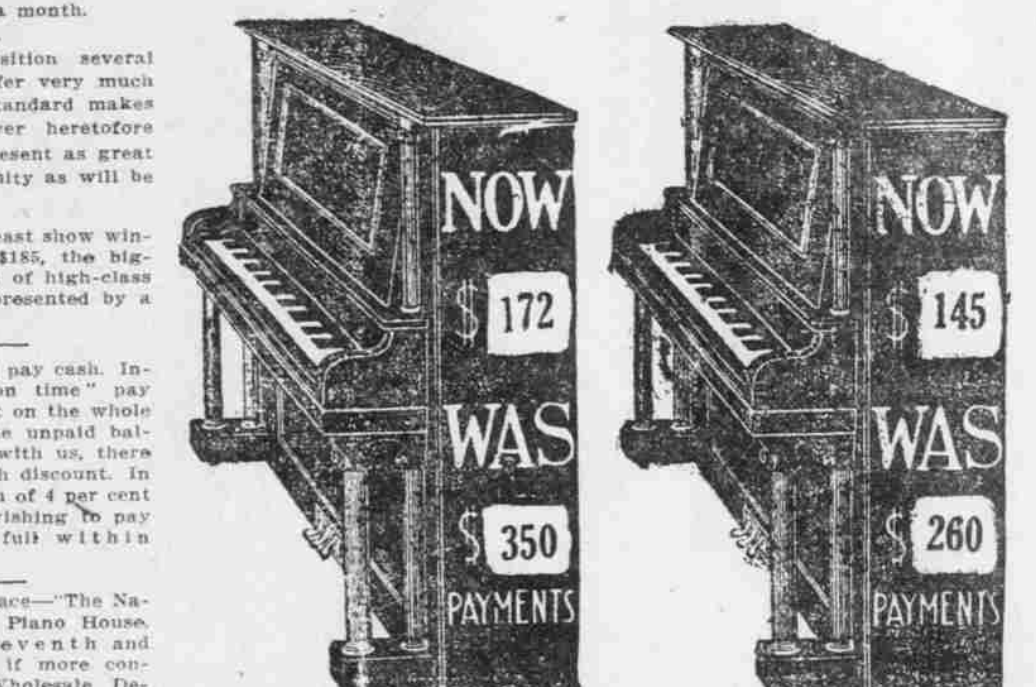
A Piano Sale Extraordinary!

One hundred and seven fine, brand new pianos secured by Eilers Music House for Portland from makers anxious to realize now go to retail buyers at unheard-of low prices. See the pianos; then you'll know what these low prices mean. Everybody who called yesterday bought. This must appeal to every reader as positive proof of the genuineness of this sale.

Bring \$5.00 today or tonight and agree to pay \$5.00 a month thereafter and secure one of these splendid, perfectly new, sweet-toned, durable, warranted, high-grade pianos. \$275, \$225 and \$200 is the usual retail value, though plain cases have been sold for \$250. Sale price now \$155, \$172 and \$185, plain cases \$139. Only five carloads, 107 pianos all told are to be sold here. Get one now, don't be without a piano. Call at once if you want one. Eilers Music House, Seventh and Alder.

Select your piano, come prepared to find the most elegant pianos you ever saw, and arrange to pay \$5 each month for say 24 months, or until \$139 has been paid, and we'll deliver to you before sunset an elegant, new, splendid, high-grade piano. You'll never find such a piano elsewhere elsewhere for less than \$250. There are a hundred and six other latest, newest, strictly high grade pianos for sale during the coming week at corresponding most startling reductions.

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We have been in position several times in the past to offer very much below price numerous standard makes of pianofortes, but never heretofore have we been able to present as great a money-saving opportunity as will be found right now.

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You may wish to pay cash. Instruments sold "on time" pay simple interest, not on the whole amount, but on the unpaid balance. Ordinarily, with us, there is therefore no cash discount. In this sale a premium of 4 per cent goes to any one wishing to pay for the piano in full within thirty days.

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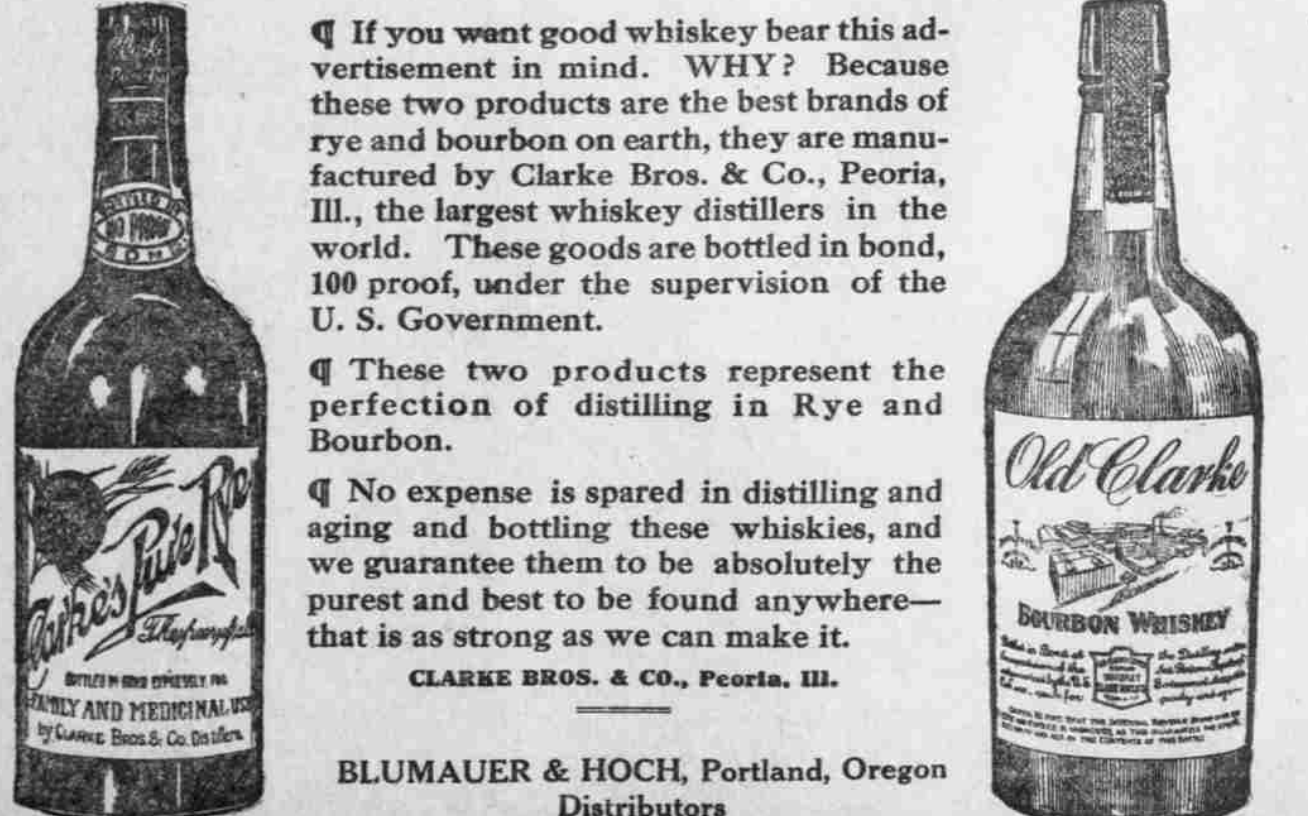
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