

# HILL MURDER CASE COMES UP AGAIN

Clackamas County Grand Jury, in Session October 1, May Return True Bill.

## ATTORNEY HEDGES ACTIVE

Famous Ax-Slaying Mystery May Be Near Solution if Sheriff Mass' Mass of Information Meets With Probers' Approval.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Positive announcement was made today by a man in a position to know that a special session of the Clackamas County Grand Jury has been called for October 1 to investigate the slaying of William Hill, his wife, Ruth Cowing Hill, and her two children at Ardendale Station two years ago. It was said that Sheriff Mass and District Attorney Hedges had made progress in obtaining evidence and that a true bill was expected.

Governor West, who was in conference with District Attorney Hedges today regarding the calling of the special session of the grand jury, was non-committal when asked if the Hill case was to be probed. He said: "Mr. Hedges wishes to take up some matters that have been hanging fire for some time, and will look into reports about the law having been violated at a hotel in Milwaukie. There are other things to be probed, and it was considered best to have a special session of the grand jury."

The bodies of Hill, his wife and the two children were found in the cabin where they lived, their heads having been crushed with an axe, which was taken from the woodshed of a neighbor. After working on the case for several months, Sheriff Mass arrested Nathan B. Harvey, a well-to-do nurseryman of Milwaukie, charging him with the crime. At the preliminary hearing Justice of the Peace Samson dismissed the complaint, declaring that the evidence was not sufficient to hold the man. The evidence later was presented to the grand jury, which, after a session of more than a week, declined to indict the nurseryman.

District Attorney Tongue frankly admitted after the investigation that the evidence was insufficient and was severely censured by Sheriff Mass and his friends for not being what they thought should have been a keener interest in the case. In r. Tongue's campaign for re-election the principal issue was his course in the Hill case and he roundly scored Sheriff Mass and Detective Levings, of Portland, who aided the Sheriff in the investigation, for charges and insinuations they had made against him. Mr. Tongue was re-elected by a substantial majority over Gilbert Hedges, the Democratic nominee, who is now the District Attorney of the county, having been appointed by Governor West when the late providing a District Attorney for each county became operative.

There have been rumors ever since Mr. Hedges' appointment that another investigation would be made.

## GREBES ABANDON BOYCOTT

Boatducks Return to Lakes as Law Turns to Their Side.

SILVER LAKE, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—White-breasted grebe, better known as boatducks, have abandoned their boycott against North Lake County and have returned to Silver Lake in large colonies. Thousands of these white-plumed diving birds have made a colony near the Duncan ranch, have built a nest of wood, twigs and hatched their broods in the patch of tules near the shore.

Before the plumage of the grebe became popular as a fashionable bit of millinery the birds swarmed on lakes and streams in Central Oregon. From their plumage was made the most costly aigrettes. They were slaughtered and carted out of Lake Klamath, Harney and Malheur counties by the wagonload. The law investigation and extinction of the species threatened. They are not regarded as a game bird and it is criminal to shoot a boatduck at any season. With this restriction, the grebe is again increasing rapidly.

## METHODISTS IN SESSION

Columbia Conference of Southern Church On at Tangent.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The 48th session of the Columbia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened yesterday at Tangent, with Bishop Mouson, of San Antonio, Texas, in charge. Delegates answering roll call at the morning sessions were: P. A. Moses, Corvallis; A. J. Starnier, Tangent; E. H. Moore, Portland; C. L. McCausland, Seattle; H. M. Tam, Corvallis; F. M. Cantfield, Shedd; R. H. Wightman, Harrisburg; R. Steele, Myrtle Creek; H. M. Brantburn, Medford; E. W. Beck, Grants Pass; A. Thomas, Coquille; W. B. Smith, Bandon; William Anderson, Myrtle Fork; W. H. Hocheboller, Williams; I. N. Hughes, Junction City; R. J. Fuller, Portland; C. Y. Jered, Seattle; and James M. Herron, Peoria.

The conference will end Sunday. S. R. Steele was elected secretary.

## BLIND BOY ENTERS OREGON

Thomas Cutsforth, of Riddle, to Study Economics and Speaking.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—During registration days students passing to and from classes, paused to watch Mrs. Cutsforth and her son, Thomas, of Riddle, Or., measuring steps from hall to hall to learn the ways from class to class.

Mr. Cutsforth suffered his misfortune from an attack of typhoid fever when nine years of age. He graduated from high school in June and his work at the University will be confined to public speaking and economics.

## FIRST FRUIT IS BEARING

Sheridan to Exhibit Results of Experimental Planting.

SHERIDAN, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The first exhibit proving the adaptability and excellence of Sheridan lands for fruit culture will be held in Sheridan next Saturday. The exhibit will be held in the recently completed packing-house built by the Sheridan Fruit Growers' Association.

A number of prominent speakers have promised to take part in the

day's program, among whom are Dr. James Withcombe, Republican candidate for Governor; President Strahorn, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern; J. M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and H. T. French, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Instead of giving prizes for box fruits, the association will introduce a new feature by offering prizes for plates of fruits. First, second and third prizes will be given for the best plates of apples, pears and dried prunes; for the best collective exhibit of vegetables and the best quart of canned fruits of each variety.

The Women's Civic Improvement Club will serve luncheon free to all, and Sheridan is making preparations to entertain a large number of visitors. In the seven districts which com-

## EARLY RESIDENT OF POLK COUNTY DIES AT DALLAS



DALLAS, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza Shultz, widow of the late Ashbury Shultz, and an early resident of Polk County, died at the family home in Dallas, September 19. She was 85 years old. Death came after an illness resulting from a fall early in July, when several bones were broken.

Mrs. Shultz, whose maiden name was Eliza Seders, was born in the State of Ohio on July 4, 1829. In 1861 she crossed the plains to Oregon by wagon. She lived here continuously since then, excepting one year spent in Washington County. The surviving children are: Mrs. F. M. Sebring, of Winchester, Or.; Sanford Shultz, of Cross Keys, Or.; J. C. Shultz, Mrs. Ollie McCarter and Mrs. Eugene Hyster, of Dallas. Three children, Arethia, Aurilla and Georgiana preceded their parents to the grave.

## J. H. SIMPSON MOURNED

DECEASED WAS LEADING CITIZEN OF ALBANY

Pioneer Suffered Shipwreck on Way to Pacific Coast in 1895—Career Marked for Activity.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Prominent in the city's official, religious and fraternal life, John H. Simpson, who died recently while on an outing at Detroit, was one of Albany's leading men.

Mr. Simpson was a member of the City Council of Albany, serving his second term as Councilman from the First Ward. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, being a member of the board of trustees and having served as chairman of the building committee when the new stone edifice was built a year ago. He was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A. M.; Bayley Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Adoniram Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Temple Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar; and Barzillai Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, all of this city. He was an officer in some of those organizations.

Mr. Simpson was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 29, 1851. When less than 10 years of age he came to Oregon with his parents, arriving here in 1861, after an arduous journey via the Isthmus of Panama, during which they were shipwrecked and lived for several days on a coral island in the Caribbean Sea before being rescued.

Mr. Simpson's parents located in Albany and here he resided until he



The Late J. H. Simpson, of Albany.

grew to manhood. He was married and had one child, who resided in Corvallis, where he resided continuously until about ten years ago. He conducted a hardware store in Corvallis for many years and was prominent in both the business and official life of that city, serving in the City Council there and holding other positions of trust and honor.

Because of ill health he retired from business about 10 years ago and moved to Albany, where he resided continuously since. The Simpson home, at the corner of Eighth and Washington streets, in this city, is generally regarded as Albany's most beautiful residence.

Mr. Simpson is survived by his widow and one child, Mrs. Merle Cathey, of this city. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. M. S. Woodcock, of Corvallis, wife of the president of the First National Bank of Corvallis.

There's a certain psychological influence in the word high that you cannot escape. Say it to yourself---over and over again. You feel your head rising and your chest expanding.

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America's best engineering skill was employed. For five years, thousands of men have worked upon it. A million and a half dollars have been expended---and now Westover is complete and ready for homebuilding.

That it marks an era of development in the whole Northwest is shown by the fact that the "Engineering Record"---one of the leading engineering journals of the world---has devoted four pages and its cover of the September issue to a description of this giant undertaking.

Next Wednesday, September 23d, is "Westover Day"---one to be made memorable in Portland's history. Today you should plan to see this great achievement---Portland will point to it with pride for generations to come. It has been compared to the hills of Florence. J. C. Olmstead, a landscape engineer of international fame, has said "Westover---there's nothing like it anywhere."

To reach Westover by machine go up Lovejoy Street to Cornell Road. Follow Cornell to Westover. Good auto roads to upper terraces. By street car take "W" car on Morrison marked "Westover." Transfer at 25th and Pettygrove to Westover car. Go to the end of the line.

## COTTON GROWERS AIDED

BIG COMPANIES BUY LARGE LOTS TO HELP BUSINESS IN SOUTH.

Producers Will Store and Insure Purchases to Be Held Until Peace Recreates Business.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—In an effort to further the National campaign recently started to better business conditions in the cotton belt of the South, John N. Willys, president of the Willys Overland Company, has purchased a bale of cotton for each of the 400 Overland dealers in that section of the country. Mr. Willys also has declared his intention of buying an additional bale of cotton for each Overland car purchased during the two months ending November 17, and also of trying to persuade all of the prominent concerns in the rice leaders of the world association to form some similar plan.

Armour & Co. have purchased 700 bales of cotton for their Southern agents; the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Company and many other concerns of National prominence have bought a bale for each of their Southern agencies.

"The plan is to have every American who can afford it purchase a bale of cotton at 10 cents a pound," says Mr. Willys in explanation of the idea. "It amounts to \$50 a bale, which gives the growers a small profit. If these bales were sold at the present market price they would go for much less. The South is simply making a straightforward business proposition, in which the business men of the entire country are asked to co-operate.

## MINISTERS CLOSE SESSION

Columbia River Presbytery Elects L. B. Quick Moderator.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—A successful two-day session of the Presbytery of the Columbia River was closed at Alpha Wednesday. Rev. Louis B. Quick, of Camas, was elected moderator for the ensuing year to succeed Rev. C. B. Latimer. The members of the Presbytery were met at Napavine and taken to Alpha by auto, where they were entertained.

Among those who made addresses at the session were Fred Davis, of Portland, who is known for his work in the logging camps of Oregon and Southwest Washington; Rev. G. W. H. Smith, of South Bend, and Rev. C. B. Latimer.

## DETECTIVES SEEK WOMAN

Mrs. McNulty, of Medford, Charged With Defrauding Bank of \$380.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Pinkerton detectives are looking for Mrs. Francis McNulty, of this city, for whom a warrant has been issued charging her with defrauding the Jackson County Bank and Mrs. Sarah E. Collins, a widow, of \$380. Mrs. McNulty, while well known here and left a few days ago for Boise, Idaho. It is alleged that Mrs. McNulty, while stopping with Mrs. Collins, took from a trunk a certificate of deposit of \$380 and cashed it.

The United States last year imported 2,205,532 square yards of fiber matting.

## FAIRS BACK PEACE TALK

"PEACE AND PLENTY" MOVEMENT IS AIMED AT WAR AND ARMY.

Programmes, Release of Peace Doves, and Other Methods to Substitute Ploughshares for Arms.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Telegrams from J. C. Simpson, president of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions, asking co-operation in a "Peace and Plenty" movement to preserve peace in this country and to promote it abroad, have received enthusiastic responses from 15 fairs and expositions in this country and two in Canada.

Many will have a fireworks display similar to that at the Minnesota Fair, which depicted the farmer as the Soldier of Peace and his implements as Machine Guns of Prosperity, showed four barrels surrounded by sheaves of wheat and the motto, "Flour Barrels Are Better Than Gun Barrels," which has been taken up in many states.

The Governors of several states and William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, have commended the plan. The attendance at the Minnesota State Fair broke the record, 30,000 being present when doves of peace were released by Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League, Lincoln Beachy and others, for motion pictures to be displayed throughout the country. The doves bore dollar bills to their homes in the Twin Cities and thus demonstrated that peace brings the money to the housewife instead of the war-fior. One dove was named Woodrow Wil-

## STATE FAIRS TAX O. A. C.

Demand for Officials at Exhibits Exceeds Limited Supply.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The extension division of the college is taxed to the utmost to provide Judges, lecturers and demonstrators for the many agricultural and school fairs being held in all parts of the state. This week almost 20 representatives are officiating at 11 different fairs. Next week 12 engagements are scheduled.

The total for September and October is over 30. The workers of the extension division are not sufficient to supply all demands, so all members of the teaching force and Experiment Station staff that can be spared are pressed into service.

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