

ALLEGED SLAYER IS DEAD MAN'S COUSIN

William Booth and William Branson Much Related in Yamhill County.

COMMENT KEPT GUARDED

Interest in Case of Suspected Murderer Intensified by Ties of Blood—Relatives of Both Are Highly Esteemed.

WILLAMINA, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Though it has been a day more than one week since William Booth was slain under circumstances that have directed suspicion to his wife and William Branson, whom Booth suspected of being too intimate, this peaceful little town in the Upper Yamhill Valley is still abuzz with excitement. Everybody here knows Booth, his wife and young Branson. A large proportion of the population is related to one or another of them. Their families are not only among the most prominent of this section, but of other parts of Yamhill County and the state at large as well.

Mr. Booth came from the same family as Robert A. Booth of Eugene, whose cousin he was, though by one or two removes. He has many brothers and sisters and other close relatives living here. Mrs. Booth, before her marriage was a Harrington. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harrington, live about two miles and a half from town on what is known as the Plank road. They are prominent and much respected. Her brother is one of the best liked and steadiest young men of this section. Young Branson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branson, of Willamina. They also are generally respected and widely known. There are Bransons in other parts of Yamhill County and connections are the Carters, of whom there are several families here, all cousins of Branson.

Branson and Booth Related. This young man, whose name in the town's gossip had long been associated with that of Mrs. Booth, and who now is charged with the murder of her husband, was himself a distant cousin of the slain man. The blood relationship was rather involved, but it existed.

Considering the ties of consanguinity and personal friendship binding so many Willamina and other Yamhill "body" folk to the family of the three whose names are linked in discussion of the tragedy, the sensational features of the murder and the strong circumstantial evidence which points to the suspects, it is easy to see why interest remains so intense. Here the murder is still the big topic of conversation. Not a day passes that one or more parties do not go out to the scene of the murder. Usually someone has a camera. Distances are taped off and recorded, and theories formulated. Nevertheless, comment is very guarded. There is a strong feeling of sympathy for Mrs. Booth and the fact that her husband had been suspicious and was unfriendly to Branson. But owing to the strong blood ties between so many of the citizens and Booth, Mrs. Booth or Branson, or any apparent general sentimentality at any time that might lead to future bitterness. The feeling of the community, however, is that if "Billy" Booth, whoever he proves to be, should be punished to the extent of the law.

Murdered Man Esteemed. "Billy" Booth was much esteemed in this little town. In the many years he had lived here, they say he had never harmed a person, and that it wasn't in his nature to harm anyone. He was deeply agitated by his suspicious of his wife, but his actions apparently took the form of being correct. Whether his suspicions were correct or not was also much sympathy for him because he was partly crippled in one leg.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Booth, aged 10 and 7 years, have been taken by Mrs. Amos Fuqua, sister of Mrs. Booth, to their own home in Willamina. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branson, parents of young Branson, were asked by an Oregonian reporter yesterday if they desired to make any statement in behalf of their son. They declined to do so. "My son is the victim of an accusation that is all," said Mrs. Branson. "Whatever we have to say we will say after the trial." Both she and her husband evidenced much bitterness at their son's arrest.

SLAYER'S VICTIM, WIDOW WHO IS ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN MURDER, AND SCENE OF TRAGEDY.



Scene of Shooting; Cross Marks Place Where Booth Was Killed, Body Falling Over Bank



William Booth, The Victim

POLK TO EXHIBIT COWS

TWO CARS OF JERSEYS GO TO FAIR FROM MONMOUTH. Breeders of Luckiamute Valley Expect to Win Full Share of Prizes at San Francisco.

MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Two carloads of Jersey Island cows, the best in Polk County since the new breed was adopted, this week were shipped to San Francisco, where exhibits will be made. C. P. Hembree, Frank Loughery and G. G. Hewitt, breeders and stockmen of the Luckiamute Valley, south of this city, were the consignors. Mr. Hembree accompanied the shipment.

Not long ago exhibits of Polk County's fine hops, prunes, grain, grasses and wool were made at the fair and a special booklet, issued jointly by the Commercial Club of the county, are being distributed among all visitors to the Polk County booth at the fair. The stock representation at San Francisco is complete from Polk County. Last month William Riddell & Sons shipped exhibits of their finest Cotswold sheep and Angora goats. These breeders sent shipments also to the fairs at Washington. The stock represents the best in Polk County and is the result of years of work. The Angora goats are some of the same stock of which a shipment was made to South America.

Sheep, goats and cattle alike have won prizes wherever exhibited. The breeders have an enormous collection of cups and ribbons, and say they expect their full share of prizes from the Panama Exposition. The Jersey Island cow is a late acquisition to the herds of Polk County. The new breed has been finally adopted. It was first brought here by the oldest breeders in the Luckiamute Valley, who sent a buyer to the island to pick the choicest stock. Shipments of Jersey Island cows have brought \$200 a cow at outside farming districts, and two years ago, when the Jersey Island was introduced to Northwest buyers, brought \$150.

FARMS ARE PROFITABLE

PRODUCT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS IN WASHINGTON VALUABLE. Eastern Hospital Reported to Have Shown Net Gain, After Interest Charge, of \$26,635.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Farming operations at the penitentiary, at Walla Walla, the Eastern hospital for insane and the institution for feeble-minded, at Medical Lake, were given special attention in reports issued on these institutions today by the state bureau of inspection. The Eastern hospital has the most profitable institutional farm in the state, the bureau finds. During the last biennium on 444 acres produce worth \$52,987 was raised and consumed by inmates and 1878 was sold, in addition to which \$11,828 worth of hay, grain and ensilage, used on the farm.

ALBINA WOMAN'S FUNERAL TAKES PLACE TOMORROW.



Mrs. W. W. George. Mrs. W. W. George, for 12 years a resident of Portland, and the wife of W. W. George, a wholesale grain dealer of Albina, died at her home, 499 Kirby street, yesterday morning from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. George was 64 years old and had been married for 44 years. She was born in Indiana. Besides her husband, Mrs. George is survived by a brother, three sons and a daughter. The funeral will be held from the undertaking parlors of R. T. Byrnes, Williams avenue and Knott street, at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Riverview cemetery.



Mrs. William Booth, Who Posed for Oregonian Photographers Yesterday

ART MODELS HEAD BILL

EMPRESS FEATURE IS SIXTY OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. Display of Classic Poses in Lighting, Seaside and Costume Effects in Attractive Offering.

Mr. Vinas, who will present "Vinas' Art Models" at the Empire Theater this afternoon and all week, claims that European models, especially French and Italian, are the best. Mr. Vinas says they seem to feel the spirit of the work more than any other nationality. The great difficulty is to find models suitable for the tableaux. Physical perfection is very rare, even among the foreign-born models where they devote their life to the studio, and are from childhood entirely free from the bonds of modern fashion.

DEGREE OF HONOR ELECTS

Hoguan Woman Chosen President at Aberdeen Convention.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Election of officers for the coming year last night featured the district convention of the Degree of Honor held here yesterday with upwards of 100 members in attendance. This resulted in the choice of Mrs. Sarah Welander, of Hoguan, as past president and of Mrs. Jennie Jacka, of Hoguan, as president.

Lewis County Value Assessed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The assessed valuation of all real and personal property in Lewis County is \$29,292,476, according to figures issued yesterday by James McClellan, county assessor. Of this sum, \$2,784,000 represents the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the railroads and other corporations operating in the county. The new Willapa Harbor branch of the Milwaukee is assessed at \$128,805 for its right of way and \$15,547 for its equipment.

Centralia Club Plans Banquet.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the Centralia Commercial Club will be held at the Hotel Wilson on the night of October 22, according to an announcement made yesterday by the committee appointed to work out the details of the event. City Commissioner W. B. Keir probably will act as toastmaster. Invitations have been extended to prominent railroad officials of the Northwest to attend.

Pasco Man Convicted.

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—A verdict of guilty was returned Friday in the case of Forest D. Gipson, charged with deserting his three children and failing to pay for their maintenance after his wife secured a divorce in 1912.

Her Dainty Feet Exchange.

There is also the girl whose notion of modesty is to look down at her dainty feet when she passes a strange man.

TIMBER SALE ANNOUNCED

Fir, Cedar and Hemlock Offered in Olympic Forest.

The Forest Service is advertising for sale 28,600,000 feet board measure of timber, 82 per cent of which is Douglas fir and the remainder Western red cedar, Western hemlock and grand fir—all on the Docevalpis River watershed in township 26 north, range 2 east of the Willamette meridian, on the Olympic National Forest, Washington. The lowest price that the Government will consider are \$1.50 a thousand for Western red cedar, \$1.10 for Douglas fir, and 90 cents for Western hemlock and grand fir. Bids on the timber will be received by the District Forester, Portland, up to and including November 22.

Veteran Succumbs at Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—A. M. Brown, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Hillsboro, at the Soldiers' Home, October 11. He was born in Henry County, Iowa, November 30, 1849, and came to Oregon in 1890. For several years he engaged in farming here, and later was night officer for the City of Hillsboro. He leaves a widow and the following children: Cyrus F. Brown, Newton, Or.; Mrs. George Jack, Farmington, Or.; Mrs. N. A. McConahay, Beaverton, and Wallace Brown, of Beaverton.

A. A. Mitchell Dies Suddenly.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—A. A. Mitchell, traveling salesman for the M. G. Brandenstein tea and coffee house, San Francisco, died suddenly of heart trouble Friday noon in an automobile en route from this city to Merrill. Mr. Mitchell was 59 years old, and his family resides in San Jose.

Advertisement for "77" Colds featuring Humphreys' Seventy-seven. Text: "77" Colds. Humphreys' Seventy-seven For Grip, Influenza, COLDS. Humphreys' "Seventy-seven" does not contain Morphine, Opium, Codeine, Cocaine, Chloroform, Chloral, Phenacetine or any habit-creating drug. "Seventy-seven" is made of perfectly pure Homeopathic remedies and is harmless. To get the best results, take "Seventy-seven" at the first feeling of a Cold. It acts directly on the sick part without disturbing the rest of the system. 25c and \$1.00, at all Druggists or mailed. Humphreys' Home, Medicine Co., 150 William street, New York.

STUDENTS ELECT EDITOR

ALEXANDER LACKEY TO DIRECT REED COLLEGE QUEST.

Managing Editorial Chair is Created and Will Be Occupied by Albert Genet. The Reed College student newspaper, the Quest, has reorganized its staff for the first semester. No editor was elected last year and when college opened this Fall Henry Norman consented to take temporary control of the paper. Other duties made it impossible for him to continue and the student council appointed Alexander Lackey, a senior, to assume the editorship.

TAG SALES BRING \$1000

MAYO METHOD STAR PRODUCER REALIZING \$50. Salvation Army Workers for Assistance and Money Will Help to Pay for "Home."

The ardent efforts of the Salvation Army Rescue Home Tag day workers were crowned with success when their receipts last night exceeded \$1000. Inasmuch as their work lay chiefly in the hotels and department stores and a few of the clubs and few taggers were in evidence on the streets the affair was a tremendous success. Little Miss Mayo Method, who progressed systematically and prosperously. Those who assisted Mrs. Hudspeth and who helped to plan the affair are: Miss Malsie MacMaster, Mrs. Hazel E. Litz, Mrs. Thomas Garrick Burke, Miss Viola Ortschild, Dr. Viola Mae Coe, Mrs. E. B. Preble and Mrs. Sanford Lowengart. Few donations exceeded \$5 and the majority of gifts were in small silver coins, ranging from 10 cents upward. The receipts will be applied to payments on the Rescue Home, and to cover running expenses. "We were badly in need of funds, and our home is so free and open that it is full of unfortunate, and the expenses are great. This \$1000 has been almost a miracle," said one of the leaders of the campaign. The committee extends thanks to all who assisted in making the event so successful.

DAYTON CLUB PLANS CHANGE

DAYTON, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla Commercial Club visited Dayton Wednesday night to assist the local club in reorganizing on a basis other than a purely social one. Paul Weyrauch, president of the Walla Walla club, gave the working plan of their organization, which consists of a

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