

## W. W. BOOTH SLAIN BY A MERE YOUTH

### Aged Harness Maker Murdered Saturday Night

#### MOTIVE AS GIVEN IS ROBBERY

Sydney Brugger, 15 Years of Age, Confesses to Crime

William W. Booth, a veteran of the Civil War, was brutally murdered Saturday night, about 7:30, in an attempt at robbery within one and a half blocks of the business section of the city. Booth had been conducting a branch harness shop on Main and Third streets for Daniel Parsons, of Forest Grove. He came down town about 7 o'clock, going to the postoffice to get his mail. He started home on the north side of Main street and was assaulted in front of the houses of W. D. Hare and Thomas Tucker.

A shot was heard by Mrs. Minnie Downs, Mrs. Emmott and Mrs. U. G. Gardner, all of whom live in the block, and each says she heard

Held in County Jail For Murder



Sydney Brugger, 15 Years of Age

the run from the scene. An alarm was given and Booth was found prostrate on the sidewalk with the base of his skull injured, two bad wounds in his neck in front, blood streaming from his mouth and the left eye protruding from its socket. He was carried to his home unconscious and Coroner Brown and Dr. F. A. Bailey were called.

The murdered man died at 10 o'clock, less than three hours after he was struck. Suspicion at once rested upon a tall youth who came to town that morning.

The coroner found Booth's money intact. His purse contained several dollars in silver and a few more pieces of silver were found loose in his pocket. A penny was found on the sidewalk near where Booth fell. Booth, who is aged about 60 years and a native of Illinois, came here from Beatrice, Neb., about four years ago. While at Beatrice he was janitor of the High School. His wife lives here and also two daughters, Mrs. Guy Powers, of the Sewell hop farm, and Mrs. Herbert Kafer, whose husband is in the bi-

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cycle business. There are three other children. A brother, Edwin, lives at Salem.

Sheriff Connell and Deputy Kane went to Portland, Saturday night, and Sunday morning, having then a well defined idea as to the identity of the lad in the straw hat, went to the farm of Mrs. M. Grow, and arrested Sydney Brugger, a grandson, for the crime. Within 5 minutes after they arrived he admitted the murder.

The boy's name is Sydney Brugger, and he is a son of John Brugger, a disolute violinist, and Mrs. Verdie Brugger Bews, the latter residing at Lents this summer. The murderer is a grandson of John Brugger, who built a sawmill three miles east of this city in the '60s. He is aged 15 years and two months.

Young Brugger is a degenerate, but never before has shown viciousness in any degree. After he had killed Booth he did not stop to rob the old man, but turned and fled,

going around the block, turning and going to the bakery. From there he went to the Southern Pacific depot, and thence to the home of his grandmother.

Sheriff Connell arrived here with the lad about 11 o'clock. In his cell the youthful murderer made a confession of his crime as follows: "I came up from the farm yesterday morning, and was up town all day. I had no money with me. After dark I walked down the street, going east from town. I crossed the street a block down from the last business street and heard a man coming, jingling money. I thought I would hold him up, so I walked on ahead of him. When I came to a dark place I turned and pointed a 12-caliber revolver at him, telling him I wanted money."

"The man struck me with his cane, striking my first finger on the hand the revolver was in. The gun went off and the man fell. This scared me and I ran on east, went around the block and came back up town. "No, I had no idea of killing him. I just wanted to hold him up. I did not know for sure that he was dead until I was back up town again, when I heard some one say a man had been killed. I said nothing to my grandmother about it when I got home. When she saw the officers after me she felt awful bad, for she thinks it is worse than it is. I think I will come out of it all right. I never meant to kill him."

"No, I never smoke a cigarette but once, and it made me sick. I never chew tobacco. Yes, I read some books a year ago, about holding up people, but my grandmother didn't know I had them. I have them out away. I sent East with got the revolver to shoot at birds with. When I passed the poor farm on the rail road track, about 9 last night, I saw two black things, and went pretty fast, but I didn't know they were after me." This referred to Superintendent Roy and assistant, at Newton.

Young Brugger is a tall, overgrown boy about six feet. He is not very bright, and does not know the multiplication table. When asked by the reporter how much were 46 and 46 he said, "74." When asked the answer to "7 times 9," he replied, "42, I guess, but I never could learn the tables good."

His mass of hair was matted and he said that he had not combed it for about two weeks. He seems to have no conception of the enormity of the crime and says that he only wanted a little money. He stated that he has lived with his grandmother, off and on, for several years, here in East Hillsboro, and later on the farm south of Reedville, where he was found by the Sheriff.

When brought in by the Sheriff the boy wore a dark gray wool suit with a gray cap. The officer brought with him the hat worn by the murderer—a large, cheap straw, with a black string to fasten under the chin. The revolver he used was also surrendered, with one cartridge expended.

Coroner E. C. Brown Sunday morning called Dr. A. B. Bailey to make a post-mortem examination. The doctor removed the brain and found the bullet lodged in the left dome of the skull, the missile having entered the left eye. The cuts on the dead man's throat were doubtless made by his falling on the picket fence, after he was shot, and the contusion on the back of his head was evidently made when he struck the sidewalk.

Owing to the fact that a confession was made, the coroner called no jury. Booth was a small man and walked with a limp, and the boy's story corroborated the theory that he put up a fight. Sheriff Connell says that Mrs. M. Grow, the grandmother of the lad, is prostrated with grief. She is a woman of liberal reading, of a sweet disposition and bears a splendid reputation. She has always lived a useful life and has many friends here. It has often been remarked of her that she never did a person wrong knowingly.

Her daughter, the mother of the boy, was raised in this county, on the farm near Reedville, and when a girl was a beautiful woman. She married John Brugger, the lad's father, on account of his dissolute habits some years ago, and secured a divorce. Later she married a blacksmith, A. Bews, and the family lived at Beaverton, and later went to Alaska. They returned to Oregon, lived on Mrs. Grow's farm a short time and then went to Portland, and from there to Lents, where they resided until a few months ago.

Young Brugger has probably lived half of his 15 years with his aged grandmother, who has known grief through the actions of others for many years.

Monday afternoon an inquest was held by Coroner Brown, upon request of Deputy District Attorney E. B. Tongue. The following jury was sworn: J. W. Bailey, foreman; R. K. Dailey, D. W. Bath, G. J. Palmateer, G. T. Ledford and H. W. Hesse. Deputy Sheriff Kane told of the arrest and of the boy admitting the crime; Dr. F. A. Bailey told of the condition of the dead man when he was called as a physician shortly after the fatal shooting, and Dr. A. B. Bailey told of his holding an autopsy, and how death was caused by the bullet passing into the eye and entering the base of the brain. Sydney Brugger, after being told of his rights, told the story covered by his confession, except that he added that he was hungry. The jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned jury in the above entitled case, find that W. W. Booth was killed by a gunshot wound inflicted by a gun in the hands of Sydney Lester Brugger, on Saturday, September 30. We also find that the said Sydney Lester Brugger was intending to commit highway robbery when he fired the shot that killed the said W. W. Booth."

Farm for rent: 160 acres, nine miles from Hillsboro, near Bethany. About 1/2 in cultivation, rest in pasture land, 2 creeks running through; 5 acre orchard. Big house and barn, and good outbuildings.—Leopold Dietz, Holbrook, Ore., R. F. D. 1.

## JAMES E. McNAMARA GETS ENTIRE ESTATE

### Under Terms of Will John Tom, Brother, Gets None

#### OREGON CITY ESTATE SETTLED

##### History of Case Affecting two Former Hillsboro Boys

Years ago in Oregon City John McNamara left an estate of about \$3,100, which he devised to two grandsons, James E. and John Thomas McNamara, of this city, and who are sons of Mrs. Frances E. Moore, residing near the depot. The terms of the will were such that if both became useful and industrious citizens the estate should be shared equally; if one was a good citizen and the other not, the good citizen was to get the entire estate; if both were not good citizens, then the estate was to go his sister in England.

J. E., who formerly worked in the Argus composing rooms, was a year or so ago given his half of the estate. J. T. was then in the penitentiary, upon conviction of larceny, and he was again released, a few weeks ago, and is now in Eastern Oregon.

Meldrum has decided that he will give the entire estate to J. E., who is at present foreman of the composing room of The Dallas Daily Chronicle.

## AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his ranch, 3 1/2 miles south of Hillsboro, on the Laurel road, at ten a. m., on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Jersey cow, 5 years, fresh in January; year old Jersey heifer, fresh in February; sheifers, 2 years next spring, both coming in March; yearling heifer; all these are high grade Jerseys; almost new Osborne mower, 12 in. plow, new; garden cultivator, iron drag harrow, top buggy, good condition; road cart, 2 sets single harness, iron frame wood rack, some oats, some loose hay, two small shovels, household and kitchen furniture; Lome Comfort steel range, good as new; good oak extension table, kitchen cabinet, 2 safes, barrel churn, Snowball washing machine, ringer, Pacific sewing machine, good shape; heater, bedroom suite, chairs, stand, 8 day clock, X-cut saws, and numerous other articles.

Terms of Sale—Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, 12 months time, approved note, 7 per cent. Three per cent. off, cash over \$10.

S. H. Dunbar, B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer.

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## PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public sale at the N. A. Barrett place, half mile East of Mountindale, at ten a. m., on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 the following described personal property— Three good work mares, 8 and 10 yrs, weight 1150 to 1250, one with foal by Villinus; good saddle pony, 9 years, 12 head graded Jersey and Shorthorn dairy cows, good milkers, ranging from 3 to 6 years, showing excellent tests, all but one in milk, one fresh soon, one fresh in November, balance coming in early in the year; five two-year old Jersey bull eligible to registry; Studebaker wagon, 3 inch; 2 harrows, 3 plows, hayrack, hay fork with rope and pulleys complete, 2 cook stoves, about a ton of gray Winter oak; some household furniture, and numerous other articles. Lunch at noon.

TERMS OF SALE Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over one year's time, approved note, at 6 per cent. 2 per cent. off for cash over \$10.

W. E. Walls, Owner. B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer.

J. M. Blaine, with the Pacific Monthly, was down from Forest Grove the last of the week.

Dennis has received his new stock of shoes,—the American Gentleman and American Lady, the finest in the market. Come in and see them. The latest models. These shoes are advertised in every prominent magazine and newspaper in the world.

P. J. Hasler was out from Montevilla Saturday.

Geo. Hellaire, of Glencoe, was in town Saturday, returning from the fair.

S. C. Sears, a prominent Forest Grove farmer, was in the city Saturday.

Geo. W. Kelly, of Vineland, was in Monday, on business at the court house.

Leslie Miller, of Portland, was out the last of the week, the guest of relatives.

J. H. VanLum, carrier on route 3, Cornelius, was a caller at this office Saturday.

Uncle Dan Phillips, the pioneer violinist, was a caller of this office Saturday evening.

Henry P. Ford, well known here as sheriff, is one of the Exposition detectives at the Lewis & Clark.

Henry Wehrung and wife have returned from a three months' stay at their Nye Creek, Newport, cottage.

C. S. Reynolds, the Mountindale merchant, was in the city Saturday, returning from the exposition.

Joe W. Hayes, well known at Glencoe, and now residing at Forest Grove, is buying hops for Carmichael, this season.

Clark E. J. Godman was a Portland visitor Friday, where he attended the meeting of the county clerks of the state.

Will buy sheep, or fat cattle, for the market; also good horses. Address me at Beaverton, Ore., and I will call.—J. G. Haynes, Beaverton, Ore.

Fred Steigleder, of Bunston, Missouri, and who is prominent farmer and stockman, was here the first of week, the guest of his niece and nephew, Miss Marie and William Hoetler.

R. F. Hynd, who lost a wife and child in the H-popper cloud burst a year and a half ago, and M. M. Cruikshank, of the same place, were in the city Sunday, looking over county farm property.

Miss Phelan has opened a kindergarten and primary school in the old opera house. Hours from 9 to 12. Phone Main 341, care Mrs. C. W. Rollins, for particulars. Terms, \$3 per month.

You will do well to list your farm for sale with J. C. Kuratli. Will also cry auction sales. Satisfaction guaranteed.—J. C. Kuratli, Hillsboro, R. F. D. 4. Residence, Phillips, Ore.

Claude Sabin, who had two fingers amputated at the result of an accident in the Benson machine shop, a few weeks ago, is now able to work, and is putting in a

few days at the... sportsmen, has a very attractive booth in the Manufacturers' building at the Fair, where he is displaying the Hunter Arms' Company, which handles the L. C. Smith shotguns.

HOSTETLER-ANDERSON

Mr. William Hostetler and Miss Clara Anderson, both of Hillsboro, were united in marriage at Portland, Ore., Sept. 28, 1905, Rev. L. M. Booser, of the First Evangelical church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler have charge of the schools at Phillips, and they will reside at the Tunstall home this winter. Both are popular as teachers, and a host of friends are tendering congratulations. The groom is a nephew of C. Blaser, and the bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. C. Amerson, residing one mile east of this city.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction at the Phillip Streib Farm, 1 mile north of Cedar Mill, at ten a. m., on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Percheron stallion, 5 years, 1900; 2 geldings, 4 and 8 years; 1400 and 1500; mare, 7 years, 1400; 15 head good milk cows, 7 Jersey bulls, 1 and 3 years; 5 yearling heifers; 5 shoats, two pounds each; new Bain wagon, 3 1/2, spring wagon, new buggy, 14 inch plow, steel lever harrow, drill, mower, hayrake, hayrack, disc, fan mill, sleigh, binder, cider mill, about 5 tons clover hay, household and kitchen furniture, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale—Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, one year's time, approved note, 6 per cent.

John Ironside, Owner. J. C. Kuratli, Auctioneer.

M. Genzer, of Buxton, was down to the hub Tuesday.

J. B. Adams, the Farmington blacksmith, was in town Tuesday morning.

Julius Weisenback, of Reedville, and who is interested in the hop business, was up to the county seat, Tuesday.

## EXCELLENT ADDRESSES ON COL. JOE MEER DAY

### Friday Witnessed Biggest Exodus of Season

#### TEN COACH LOADS OF PEOPLE DOWN TO SEE STOCK SHOW AND TO VISIT MEER DAY

Last Friday witnessed the biggest exodus of people out of this county enroute to the fair, this season, and ten coach loads, jammed to the doors, with hundreds standing up, all from this county, went into the city to see the stock show and listen to the Col. Jos. L. Meek exercises.

The attendance at the auditorium, however, was not up to the expectations, owing to the fact that there was so much to see at the grounds. The speeches were fine. Colin McIsaac, representing the Lewis & Clark Fair, gave the auditors a royal welcome, and Gov. Chamberlain, in a half hour speech, covered his subject, giving Col. Jos. L. Meek proper historical credit for what he did in making this northwest American country. Geo. H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, delivered a historical address, replete with information, and Alvin C. Brown, who went to the summit of the Blue Mountains, on the trip to Washington, gave a lucid and interesting account of the dangers of the trip. Mr. Brown's speech was to the point, and he was heard with great attention.

Hon. W. D. Hare and W. H. H. Myers delivered ten minute speeches which were new lights on the great man. Mr. Hare was a personal friend of Meek, and Lieut. Myers served with the Col. in the Indian Wars.

The administration gave the committee the auditorium for the meeting, and furnished the administration band for the occasion.

Three living descendants of Col. Meek were on the stage—S. A. D. Meek, Mountindale; Jos Meek Jr., and Mrs. Olive Riley, Naz Perce, children of the pathfinder.

## PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public auction at my residence, Fifth & Baseline, in Hillsboro, the following property at 1:00 p. m., on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Black horse, 11 yrs, 1350; white horse, 14 yrs, 1200; saddle pony, gentle for children; red cow, 6 yrs, in milk; 3 1/2 inch wide tire wagon; iron truck wagon, 3 inch; Grand-hack drill, 10 hoes, almost new; Osborne 6 ft cut binder, bearing mower, 5 ft. cut, good as new; 8 foot rake, nearly new; good disc harrow, springtooth harrow, fanning machine, and condition top buggy, 14-inch

Terms of Sale—Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, one year's time, approved note, 6 per cent. interest. 2 per cent. off, cash over \$10.

D. Corwin, Owner. B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer.

Fred Greener and wife were down from Buxton Tuesday.

M. C. Steeples, well known here, departed for his home in Hoquiam, today.

L. P. W. Quimby, former game warden, was out Tuesday, on a hunting expedition.

Mrs. Frank Foster, of John Day Valley, is here this week, the guest of Mrs. C. E. Hayes, of North First street.

Mrs. Ada G. Stanley, of Port-came out Tuesday, and is the guest of Mrs. E. F. McNelly, of north of town.

## PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public auction at my farm, three miles southeast of Gaston, and 3 1/2 miles west of Laurel, at ten a. m., on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Span work horses, 11 and 12; 2500; span brown geldings, 3 and 4, well broke, 2000; brown filly, 2 years, Percheron-Hambiltonian; 2 iron gray geldings, 2 and 3, latter broke, weight 1000 each; fine Phalton team, 5 years old, fine drivers; yearling and sucking colt; 11 head graded Jersey, Shorthorn and Holstein cows, some in milk, some soon to be fresh, in spring; 5 yearling heifers, 3 1/2-year old steers; roan Durham bull, 2 year old; 2 heifer calves, full blood Jersey bull calf; 10 choice Cotswold ewes; Shropshire buck; Poland-China brood sow, large farm wagon, Henney top buggy, hank, pole and shafts, nearly new; old buggy, new work harness, buggy harness, single and double; Champion mower, nearly new; rake, good; harrow, 3 plows, cultivator, 6 good milk cans, hay fork rope and pulley, 10 tons baled hay, 30 tons loose hay, 50 bushels wheat, 100 bushels oats, chickens, household furniture and kitchen furniture, farm tools, and numerous other articles.

Terms of Sale—Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, one year's time, approved note, 8 per cent. Four per cent. off cash over \$10.

J. H. Hoffman, B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer.

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