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### TELEGRAPH NEWS.

#### Told a Gauzy Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—Theodore Durrant's reputation for truth and veracity went completely to pieces on the witness stand this morning. Durrant's answers to two or three questions were palpably lies, and he changed his answers to fit occasions. Besides he told a story about the disappearance of Blanche Lamont that was so gauzy that everybody wonders how Durrant had the hardihood to think the jury would accept it as a fact.

The pitfall into which Durrant fell was in telling about the afternoon that he spent at the ferry to see if Blanche would not attempt to cross the bay to escape from the city. Durrant said he had a clew that Miss Lamont would cross the bay that afternoon.

Asked where he got the clew, Durrant said he was standing at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets that day when a stranger came up to him and asked him if his name was not Durrant. The stranger replied that it was. The stranger then asked if Durrant was not interested in her disappearance in view of the fact that his name had been connected with the case. Durrant replied that he was. The stranger then said: "Watch the ferries this afternoon. That is my advice. She will try to cross the bay."

Although Durrant said he was overjoyed to get a clew to Miss Lamont, in reply to District Attorney Barnes' questions he said he did not ask the man's name, residence or anything about the source of information he had received. Neither did he ask for further information on the subject. He simply watched the man walk toward Dupont street, and then Durrant went to a restaurant and ate luncheon. He then went to the ferry, he says, to see if he could find Blanche.

Four of Durrant's friends saw Durrant at the ferry that afternoon, and by one of them the prosecution expects to prove that Durrant went there not to meet Blanche Lamont, but Minnie Williams. Aaron Hope, an old schoolmate of Durrant's, testified at the preliminary examination that Durrant met a woman answering Minnie Williams' description, and boarding the Howard-street car with her role to Mission street.

Durrant testified today that he did not meet any woman at the ferry and that he went from the ferry to the armory to pack up his blankets preparatory to making the trip to Mount Diablo next day. To Frank Sadeam, whom he saw at the ferry, Durrant said that he was looking for Blanche Lamont. To Dodge and Dukes, students at the medical college, he said he was waiting for members of the signal corps who were coming over from Oakland.

When he asked today if he told Dodge and Dukes that he was tracing a clew to Miss Lamont, Durrant at first replied that he did. The next moment he realized that he had given the wrong answer and replied that he did not. He attempted to reconcile his statements by saying that he was looking for Miss Lamont and waiting for members of the signal corps at the same time.

District Attorney Barnes asked Durrant why he left the ferry at 5 o'clock to make preparations to go on a pleasure trip if he was so much interested in finding Miss Lamont with whose disappearance his name had been so unpleasantly connected. Durrant replied that he did not think it necessary to remain at the ferry any longer.

The district attorney then asked if he told any of Blanche's friends of the important clew he had received from the stranger, Durrant replied that he had not, as he had not had an opportunity.

After vigorous questioning Durrant admitted that he had attended a Christian Endeavor meeting the same night where he met a number of Miss Lamont's friends. Among others he met Thomas Vogel, who, Durrant testified a moment before, was more interested in Blanche's disappearance than anybody else, except her aunt, Mrs. Noble. Although he had a private conversation with Vogel, Durrant told him nothing about the clew to Miss Lamont's disappearance, as he said the subject did not occur to him.

Durrant was asked if after the disappearance of Blanche Lamont he told Herbert Schlagler that she had probably been led astray and had gone into a house of ill fame. Durrant said he told Schlagler that Miss Lamont might have been led astray. Barnes asked Durrant what there was about the manner or character of Miss Lamont that induced him to make that remark. Durrant said he knew nothing against Miss Lamont, but had heard Detective Anthony say that she might have been led astray.

#### A Fierce Hurricane.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—Private dis-

patches received here say that La Paz, Mexico, has been completely destroyed by a hurricane. The storm was followed by a tidal wave, the waters in the bay rising to an unprecedented height, inundating that portion of the city fronting on the bay, and carrying out to sea men, animals and debris of wrecked buildings as the tide subsided. The dispatch announcing the destruction of La Paz was dated Guaymas, and was received by Shipping Agent Reuter. The dispatch said the steamer Willamette Valley of the Pacific Mail line, had been delayed two days at Guaymas by the same storm which devastated La Paz, but that she left Guaymas last night for the port.

Mexicans here say that they have had dispatches about a severe storm which prevailed all along the coast early this week. The loss of life is reported heavy, but details of the disaster are meager.

La Paz is the capital of Lower California and situated on a bay of the same name. The port is well sheltered and easily defensible against an attack from the sea. The city had a population of 4000, a cathedral, a government house and a townhouse, and the place was once the abode of luxury, as evidenced by the handsome dwellings of the wealthy class.

La Paz was once the seat of extensive pearl fisheries. Silver mining was extensively engaged in and the commerce of the port was not inconsiderable.

#### The Fight at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 10.—Mayor Walters and Attorney Martin returned today from Dallas, where they secured the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight for Hot Springs. E. H. Slavin, the architect for the club, also came. Dan Stuart will arrive Sunday or Monday. Slavin said he would go right to work laying out the ground for an amphitheater. The Dallas structure will be moved here in its entirety and the big fight will be pulled off at Wilttingham Park, October 31.

Five hundred thousand feet of lumber is on the side track at Dallas or on the way here, and men are tearing down the structure at Dallas.

A monstrous crowd of jubilant citizens greeted the return of the committee. Corbett will train at Hot Springs and will arrive next week. It is not definitely known whether Fitzsimmons will come here to train, but he probably will.

#### Durrant Still on the Stand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—District Attorney Barnes today resumed the cross-examination of Theodore Durrant on the subject of the component parts of bromoseltzer. Barnes said he wished to show that a sufficient quantity of bromoseltzer would kill a person who had been partly overcome by gas. Durrant said he had a general knowledge of the component parts of the medicine and he denied that the active principle of that medicine was bromide of potassium.

Durrant became confused while being questioned with regard to the notes of the lecture given by Dr. Cheney on the afternoon that Blanche Lamont was murdered. The district attorney asked Durrant if it was not a fact that he did not take any notes at the lecture. Durrant said that it was not. Durrant was then asked if he did not ask Dr. Gilbert F. Graham for his notes at the same time saying that he had notes and could establish a good alibi. Durrant said he did not ask Graham for the notes, as Graham came to him at the prison and volunteered to lend him his notes. Durrant said at the time of Graham's visit he did not know whether he had the notes or not, although he afterward admitted that on April 10 he asked a student named Glazier to read his notes to him. Durrant said his notes on the lecture were meager, and as Glazier read his notes he expanded his own.

The weak part of Durrant's testimony was his statement that when he was arrested on April 12 he did not know whether he had notes of Dr. Cheney's lecture or not, although he had compared his notes with Student Glazier's four days before and knew that he was suspected of killing the girl who had disappeared on the day the lecture was given. Durrant said he would have the jury believe that when he was arrested he had forgotten whether or not he had notes of the lecture. When questioned closely as when he forgot about the notes, Durrant made further mistake of telling the day upon which he forgot about the notes on April 13, the day before he was arrested, and remembered them again on April 17. The court took a recess until 2 o'clock.

#### In San Francisco Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—The Shipowners' Association has started a movement to do away with the employment of pilots and the taxation of floating property. A letter has been addressed

to the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, the Half-Million Club, the chamber of commerce, the board of trade and the Employers' Association asking for the appointment of a committee for a meeting to be called in the near future. The letter sets forth the grievances of the shipowners against both the system of pilotage and taxation. It recites that San Francisco is the dearest port in the world for ships, that the latter are gradually forced out of the domestic trade and their places are being taken by foreign vessels.

"There is absolutely no need for pilots at this day," said Secretary Waltham, of the association. "The towboats bring all, or nearly all, vessels into port and the captains know the channel and harbor thoroughly. As the law now stands a ship has to take a pilot or else pay one-half his fee for the privilege of entering port. There are about 30 pilots who, out of their earnings, support a pilot commission, all of which comes out of the pockets of the shipowners. San Francisco is the largest city in California by aid of its fine harbor, and why should such an embargo as useless pilotage fees be placed upon its commerce?"

"The taxation of ships is another injustice which should be done away with. Nearly all the American ships in the Atlantic from New York for the reason that there are no taxes to be paid there. Sometime ago parties were negotiating for the building of a steel steamer here, to cost \$100,000. They concluded that they could better afford to pay \$120,000 in New York on account of the enormous charges in San Francisco."

#### How Testimony is Obtained.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a second letter from its correspondent in Ka Cheng detailing the difficulties attending communication with Foo Chow, and describing the trial of a prisoner implicated in the outrages upon missionaries.

When the court is ready, the writer says, the accused man is brought in, handcuffed. He is invariably filthy in appearance, and has the wild and ghastly look of a starved man, which he really is. The prisoner opens proceedings by swearing that he was nowhere near the scene of the massacre, and then the torture begins. The man is first compelled to kneel with his bare knees upon a coil of chain. His head is dragged back and his pigtail is fastened in a high rack above his head. A pole is then thrust across his legs, and two soldiers stand on each end of it, crushing the wretch's knees into the coil of chain.

The British consul could not stand this method of extracting testimony and insisted that it be stopped. This was done so far as the proceedings in the courtroom was concerned, but for an hour afterward the shrieks of the tormented prisoners could be heard coming from an adjacent room, where the torture was continued.

When the magistrates wanted to hear the confession of a tortured man, the prisoner was brought back into the courtroom. If he held back his confession, a threat to resume the torture was usually sufficient to cause him to tell all he knew.

Besides the torture described, the prisoners were beaten with bamboo sticks until their yells were most horrible to hear. One prisoner appeared in the courtroom unable to walk from a beating he had received. He was unable to kneel because his knees had been broken by the chain links, and his thighs had been lacerated by the bamboo rods.

In the midst of such scenes, tea and wine were served and partaken of by the native officers, who could not understand why the foreigners present pushed these delicacies aside, refusing to touch them.

The correspondent declares that the powers ought to demand justice without torture, reaching a mandarin as promptly as a man who works in the field. The whole business, he says, lies at the door of the corrupt officers.

#### Another Gun has Arrived.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—Another of the monster guns especially constructed by the war department for the defense of San Francisco, has arrived at the West Oakland railroad yards. It is a more massive piece of ordnance than Big Betty on the Monterey, or the great gun at Fort Point. The gun is 42 feet long and 15-inch bore. The diameter of this tremendous engine of war is full 50 inches at the breech. The weight of the ponderous weapon is such that it taxed the strength of the cars that bore it from the east to this coast.

Iowa numbers among its little incense-crops this year 200,000,000 bushels of oats, averaging 47 bushels the acre. The state leads in corn, but has no prejudice against doing a little side farming.

### NEWS ITEMS.

From Thursday's Daily.

E. L. Poe of Deer creek is a guest at the McClallen.

George Smith of Drain is a guest at the McClallen.

E. E. Eaper of Portland is registered at the Van Houten.

C. L. Moon of Marshfield is registered at the Van Houten.

F. L. Kinney of Grants Pass is registered at the McClallen.

L. A. Roberts of Myrtle Point is registered at the Van Houten.

J. L. Childs, editor of the Rogue River Courier was in the city yesterday registered at the Van Houten.

Willis Brown, manager of the Oregon Fruit-Union, will be up Saturday to look after the interests of the Union here.

Hon. E. E. LaBrie of Wilbur is in the city today. He reports that he has from his orchard's first fruitage, 13,000 pounds of prunes.

The honorable county court has adjourned the special session. The regular session commences Wednesday, November 6th, 1895.

Samuel Whitsett is in the city today, en route to the Marks' sheep ranch, 14 miles east of town, with lot of stock sheep of the improved sort.

Robert Green of Civil Bend is in the city today on business. He reports that his brother Rosco has harvested 22,000 pounds of prunes this season.

From Friday's Daily.

C. H. Rose of Malrose is at the Van Houten.

H. Cuthbert of Leland is a guest at the Van Houten.

N. Lorenz of Coquille City is a guest at the Van Houten.

J. W. Whitney of Oakland is registered at the McClallen.

W. J. Forster of Eckley, Curry county, is registered at the McClallen.

James Short of Oak Creek came down from his ranch today on business.

Poket & Sons are moving into their new quarters in the Taylor & Wilson block today.

R. B. Dixon of Deer Creek was interviewing the old time tilacums on the streets today.

J. B. Hurst, electrician of Silverton, stopped over night in Roseburg on his way to Grants Pass.

J. A. Hansen, the brick and tile manufacturer of Oakland and prune-bryer of Wilbur, is in the city today.

Dr. Herrington of Chehalis, Wash., is in the city looking after a suitable location for the practice of medicine.

One or more surgeons of the National Surgical Institute of San Francisco will visit Roseburg on Monday, October 28th.

In an interview with Mr. Eagles today regarding the killing of Mr. Lehnher last Monday, he says it is all shrouded in mystery.

Mrs. Ella Houston of this city was elected Grand Chief of the Rathbone Sisters at the recent session of the Grand Lodge at Salem.

H. B. Gillett has returned from Pendleton where he has been for some time past on business. He was accompanied by his sister Myrtle, who will spend the winter here.

A. C. Marks has just received a couple of bran new carriages for his livery outfit. They are nice ones and beautiful too. Who is the lucky man and woman to take the first ride?

So long as Durrant's lawyers did the talking he had some chance, however small, of escaping the hangman's rope, but when he opened his mouth hope fled. The end is near at hand.

Trunks that can be opened when placed against the wall are the latest novelty at Caro Bros.' Boss Store. On looking at them one instantly exclaims: "Why didn't some fool think of that before?"

Mr. A. J. Pickett who left here four months ago, to go to England and the many cities there, returned Wednesday and resumed work at his old business in the office with Mr. Estes. He reports having had a very pleasant visit at his old home.

M. McCoy and W. W. Thackrah were ordained elders in the Presbyterian church of this city Wednesday evening by the Presbytery of that session. This ordination makes them eligible as lay members to the office of delegates to a Presbytery.

Col. John Lane, special Indian agent, has lifted the light of his countenance upon Roseburg again. The colonel looks as familiar as of old and is as genial as ever. His family is located at Spokane and is well and enjoying the climate better than while here.

Mr. L. C. H. Mahn and wife of Yon-

colla are in the city today on business. Mr. Mahn is an expert prune drier. He superintended Mr. J. A. Hansen's drier at Wilbur this year. He reports the amount of fruit dried by him at between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will take place at Hot Springs, Ark., and there is great rejoicing throughout the land that there is yet a place so far from being civilized that it will allow these two pugilistic gentlemen to slug each other to their heart's content without calling on the governor and the police to interfere.

Mrs. Marion B. Baxter of Michigan, a national lecturer of the W. C. T. U., will lecture in Albany on October 14. Mrs. Baxter is one of the most interesting speakers now before the public. It is said that she presents her arguments clearly and forcibly and is versatile and entertaining. She comes highly recommended by Miss Willard and other prominent women.

Mr. Estes, the agent, wishes to call the attention of those desiring to go to Portland by the excursion train at reduced rates, \$7.50 for round trip, must purchase tickets soon so that he can secure the necessary accommodations. All persons in the county can send him the money for their ticket and he will send it to them by registered letter at his own expense and the purchaser can board the train at any point between Myrtle Creek and Cottage Grove.

From Saturday's Daily.

Life: Facts are almost as stubborn as some people.

Judge Stearns returned from Oakland this morning.

Sheriff Cathcart went to Drain yesterday on business.

Thos. White came down from the mountain today.

George Byron, ye pedagogue of Flournoy valley, is in the city today.

The Eastern Star will hold its next regular meeting in the Caro hall.

Chas. LaPoint is in the city today on business relating to his land patent.

Miss Alice Clinkenbeard, teacher at French Settlement, is in the city today.

Wm. Callahan is upon our streets today as serene as a morning glory in June.

Miss Elmetta Bailey, one of Douglas county's excellent teachers, is in the city today.

Miss Lucy Byron, teacher at Olalla, is in the city today. Miss Byron is one of the excellent school marmes of Douglas county.

Dr. Devore of Canyonville is in the city today, occasionally greeting his friends and acquaintance with his blandest smile and Frenchman's bow.

The Oregon Progress has a very lifelike picture of our enterprising book and news agent of this city. George looks as natural as life, even to the curls of his moustache.

States holding elections next month are Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. All on November 5th, 1895.

Owing to the revival in this city of the democratic good times, several of our business men have placarded their doors and with

DRUMMERS,

KEEP OUT.

NOTHING WANTED HERE.

If democratic good times continue much longer the next placard will be "Closed out and gone fishing at Buzzard's bay."

Two wagon loads of corn passed through town this morning, the beds of the wagons being filled with corn in the shuck. Judge Longhary seeing the corn moving along exclaimed, "My God! am I back in Missouri?" Douglas county having taken the lead in all other farm productions, she must now take the cake for the best corn county in the state. Who wouldn't live in Douglas county?

Yesterday morning Dr. Eunnell was resting apparently easy and hopes were entertained that he might rally and possibly recover. But a few hours later showed unmistakable evidence that he was gradually sinking without hopes of recovery. He continued to fail till 6 o'clock Friday evening, when he quietly passed away. His wife and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Fullerton, and a few brother Masons were with him to the last. The funeral services will take place Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Masonic hall, under the management of Laurel Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M. The friends of the family and brethren generally are kindly invited to attend. Sepulture rites will be observed by the brethren at cemetery.

For a good hat, stylish and cheap, call on Wollenberg & Abraham, whose stock embraces all grades of head gear.

### Brouillette's Sermon.

At the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. Brouillette preached a sermon, taking for his subject, "The sword of the Spirit." He labored to show that to succeed in any undertaking, the soul, the spirit, the essential powers of the mind must be engaged in it. He said the Bible is addressed to all, but the natural man cannot discern the truth. It is his soul, spirit, that can perceive the truths. Until he is born again and of the spirit he cannot understand the scriptures. When he has faith in the Bible as the word of God then his eyes are opened and all the seeming contradictions disappear—the eye of faith is clear and all mists, clouds and darkness vanish. The Bible, he said, is all Greek to the diabolical. This idea, he illustrated by an anecdote, thusly: A student in one of our colleges, was overheard by his landlady reciting in a loud tone in his room at his boarding house, the Greek alphabet; alphas, betas, gamas, deltas. Not understanding Greek herself she understood the student to say: "After her, beat her, damn her, get her," and she rushed out and called for the police thinking the student was calling for his associate to assist him in abusing her.

Such are the conditions. The Bible is a sealed book that cannot be understood until the reader is born of the spirit and gets his eyes open. Then, through the telescope of faith, he can discover its sublime truths.

### Temperance Lecture.

Miss Brouillette, the young temperance orator, lectured Thursday night to a large audience of interested listeners, on the evils of the license system. She tried to show that all, except the prohibitionists, were equally guilty with the drunkard and participants in the crimes committed by the victims of the strong drink. Those who vote to grant a license, lease buildings for saloon purposes, or sell liquor, are as bad, or worse, than the drinker who under the influence of liquor causes untold misery or commits a crime. Such reasoning, while it may possibly be true, is probably the cause of the slow advance of the cause of temperance. Most people are pretty well satisfied if they refrain from becoming drunkards and criminals, and do not consider themselves wholly responsible for the actions of others. It will take several thousand years of temperance lecturing to get the average man educated up to the point of believing that his failure to vote the prohibitionist ticket is as great a sin as to become a drunkard or a criminal.

### China and Japan Ware.

Mrs. N. Boyd has just received the best and finest assortment of China and Japan ware ever put on exhibition in Roseburg. It is a late importation from Oriental countries such as has been seldom seen on the Pacific coast. Let everybody make it a special business to go and examine this ware and learn prices, and they will be satisfied that both are in accordance with the times. Mrs. Boyd's stock of groceries are full and complete and she is prepared to offer better inducements than ever to deserve the patronage of the public. Call early, late and often.

### Remedial.

The frequency of theft, robbery, arson and an occasional murder in this county is causing the people much concern, and the drastic remedy of vigilantes to arrest and judge Lynch to execute judgment is being discussed as the dernier resort. Our people are proverbially law abiding, but the law's slow delay in dealing out justice has emboldened the lawless till life and property are in constant jeopardy. The murder of Isaac Lehnher on the East Umpqua last Monday about mid day and burning his barn are the most flagrant acts of perfidy we have been called upon to chronicle in Douglas county.

The Bourbon institution on Jackson street, in its lame effort to ease down from its false position on the water question, last Monday says the PLAINDEALER made a scurrilous attack upon "Messrs. Stanton, Moore and others." The PLAINDEALER emphatically denies making any scurrilous attack upon any one, and defies any fair-minded person to point out one word, phrase or sentence in all the PLAINDEALER's references to any one during the pending of the election that is scurrilous. The Review, if it knows any thing, knows that such an accusation is false.

Tourist—"Everybody Irish here?" Native—"Yes. We used to have one Chinaman."

"What became of him?" "He moved to make it unanimous."—Detroit Tribune.