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EDITOR PLAINDEALER:  
In your issue of January 29th 1903, for the first time I found an article written by a friend of Hon. Binger Hermann. Every man claims the right to express his opinion, the Editor of the Portland Oregonian has taken this right, so have I the privilege of making use of such.

Sorry to say that in many instances the Portland Oregonian has given vent of malice, untruth, venomous partisanship, to stir and speak evil of a man behind his back and in his absence, it therefore becomes time for just parties to defend a friend and uphold his character.

With your permission, I will give a short history of the Hermanns, so far as known in the United States.

As far back as 1804, we find in the Decatur of the military and navy records of the United States, that a Hermann, the grand-uncle of Binger Hermann, was an officer under Dieter at the time the war with the Mediterranean pirates Morocco, Tunis and Tripolis was at its height.

The Philadelphia taken a prize by those pirates was taken to Tripolis, notwithstanding this harbor being the stronghold, Dieter and his men burned this vessel right among a fleet of pirates, but became the instigator of our being and finally breaking up this unlawful power. In 1847 and 1848, Dr. Henry Hermann, of Cassel, Germany, became involved in the rebellion against oppressive rulers, he, like Carl Schurz and others, had to give up every thing and found a home in this land of the free.

He soon gained a large practice, first in Pennsylvania, later in Baltimore Maryland. In this city he refused the chair as Professor of Anatomy, of the Maryland University.

In 1878, he became the explorer of the then, very little known Oregon, for a large German settlement, followed him in 1889, and gave the first impulse to Coos County, Oregon.

Binger, his oldest son, then a lad of fourteen years, proved his metal only a few days later, trying to rescue a son of Henry Schroeder from drowning, where by Binger nearly lost his own life, only true presence of mind saving him.

Young in years, Binger had to be the principle motive power to propel a canoe heavily loaded with produce from his father's place, to Empire City or North Bend, a distance of sixty and more miles from his home with a portage of half a mile across the Isthmus ridge then return the same way, no storm, tide or freshet could prevent him from ever doing his duty toward his parents or his brothers and sisters smaller than he. This only served him to increase his strength, health and determination.

During leisure hours we could find him under trees away from the house, there to study law. He taught the first school on this river. Next we find him in Douglas County as a teacher where he still is remembered with a warm heart by his friends. In 1868 he finished his law course in California, where he was admitted to the Bar.

Then the war between the north and south roused him to become a public speaker and his words were so fiery and inspiring that he can boast of having formed the first Volunteer Companies in Oregon, for which he was rewarded by becoming an officer, and later on Commissioner of the Land Office in Roseburg.

A self made man, he arose from humble surroundings to gain the notice and respect of Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Reed and many other noted men.

His work as Congressman and Commissioner of the General Land office are criticized by men who show so far nothing worthy of notice for themselves.

And why this bitter attack by the Portland Oregonian?  
Nothing else but a contest between a free patriot and capital concentrated in Portland. Nothing else but a rivalry, a contest between a natural harbor and an artificial harbor, which sooner or later must turn in favor of the former.

Port Orford has the only deep sea harbor between San Francisco and Seattle, safe and deep without a bar, large enough to hold the Navy of the Pacific Ocean in years to come, a break-water so easily to be built there, is all that is needed at present for this Binger Hermann has worked faithfully, has received an appropriation of a million and a quarter, meantime his enemies by false representation under mined him, ignorant voters greedy to aid in the defameation of a spotless character voted against him, and the appropriation never was called up again in the following two years. The Columbia River is two great arteries and a natural outlet for a vast territory and must be improved. But that should not prevent other rich and valuable territory from recently a like share of aid from the Government.

Thus, as a citizen of Oregon, Binger Hermann has worked for the whole state and this opposition to him come a partisan strife of some selfish leaders of the public wishing to concentrate Oregon in Portland, therefore they have no scruples to sacrifice, even by falsehood, untruth, or slandering the good name of an honored and respected man as Binger Hermann.

Respectfully,  
N. G. POHL.

Myrtle Point, Ore., Feb. 4, 1903.

It is evident that Mr. Pohl is not a subscriber or a regular reader of the PLAINDEALER as the matter embodied in this communication has been thrashed over over time and again by the PLAINDEALER. Mr. Hermann's reports and recommendations and his every movements have been carefully chronicled and presented from time to time through this paper, which has always given him due credit for the excellent services rendered his state in Congress and the General Land Office.

## SHERIFF WITHERS' MURDERER INTERVIEWED

### Expresses Little Regret over Shooting--Mrs. Lyons also Interviewed.

EUGENE, Feb. 10.—Cowed and docile, the murderer of the brave dead sheriff lies on a mat in his barred cell in the county jail. By the courtesy of District Attorney Geo. Brown and Sheriff Fisk a reporter was permitted an interview with the prisoner this morning. When the door opened Lyons was lying at full length on a mat in a barred cell where he can be plainly seen by every one who enters the jail.

He raised to his elbow and when called by Deputy Bow, he rapidly arose to his feet and came forward to the side of the cell. The reporter's mission was explained to him and he seemed very willing to talk and answered all questions readily. He stood but a moment, saying that his leg hurt him: "He looked much worn and worried, but was not in the least nervous and talked in a clear conversational voice without hesitating.

"Yes, I admit killing Billie, I shot him and am caught. I would not have given myself up voluntarily and I would not have shot another man to make my escape."

"Where did you leave your pistol?" "I do not remember what became of the thing," he answered as if he hated the remembrance. "I decided that it was all up when I crossed the Long Tom and was so wet and tired. I did not care what happened to me. It was out there by Cook's place. I lost my pistol and did not care enough about anything to look for it. I have been unarmed for three days."

"How did you get into Eugene?" "I ate breakfast Sunday morning with a German family named Group and dried out good. Then I went to a straw stack in a field about a hundred yards away and slept till 5 o'clock. Then I set the stack on fire accidentally trying to burn some straw to get some black ashes to black my face. I left the straw pile about half-past five o'clock, and went to the railroad and walked toward Irving when it was dark. I circled around Irving below the town, and got on the track again and walked to Eugene. I was held up a mile from Eugene, but as I was unarmed the two men did not stop me."

"Did you stop at any house in Eugene?" "No, I did not. I went around that hill (Skinner's Butte) and rested awhile under those fir trees. I got here about 1 o'clock."

"Did you try to leave on the south-bound passenger train?" "No, I waited until that train was out and struck down the track. My leg hurt me so I could not walk more than three hundred yards at a time, then I would have to rest. I got out near Goshen and I slept a little while by some trees. Pretty soon I got up and went on to Creswell."

"What made you show up in Creswell in day time?" "I don't know. I didn't care what came to me, and don't now." He added the last with a painful, short laugh, but immediately recovered the worried look with which he had been talking.

"What made you shoot Wither's?" "Oh, I told him I wouldn't go with him, and wanted to be stubborn, I guess. My wife commenced to plead for me, and I saw a small chance to get away. Billie didn't have his gun pulled so I thought I would hold him up and force him to let go. He held me by the coat, and I had my gun in my pocket. I just pointed it at him from my side when I saw the chance and fired. I wished I hadn't right away, but I ran as fast as I could."

"If the house had been surrounded with men would you have fought your way through?" "No, I would have quit right there."

**MARCONI-GRAMS WANTED.**  
If You Want News Tap the Heavens. A Freak Legislation Bill.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—News of the world will be free as the air in California if a unique bill now before the Legislature of that state becomes a law. The balmy atmosphere of the Golden State will breathe with Marconi-grams, and if anyone wants to know what is "doin'," anywhere on top of earth all he has to do is erect an instrument for catching the news waves. The idea is so novel that some members of the Oregon Legislature in the desire to regulate or protect something, may duplicate the bill and introduce it at Salem. Senator Chas. N. Shortridge, of California, is the originator of the plan.

In the first place, the bill creates an office, that of State News Reporter, with a salary of \$3000 a year. He is to have a staff of two newspaper men at \$1500 each. A headquarters is provided for this official in the cupola of the Capital building in Sacramento. If such a measure should be passed in this state there would be a brisk demand among the Democratic county editors for the jobs. The salary is large enough to attract any scribe on the Pacific Coast.

**Mr. Bybee's Loss.**  
Wm. Bybee says Rogne river was higher this season than at any time for the past 24 years. He lost 63 head of goats, 8 head of cattle and two miles of fencing and estimates his loss at \$3000.—Grants Pass Observer.

A strike is imminent in all the passenger elevators of Chicago.

When I shot Billie I said that was the last shooting for me."

"Was your father in the room at the time of the shooting?" "No. He was in the dining room, talking with mother. Wife was in the room pleading for me with Billie."

Lyons cannot plead insanity as he is perfectly rational. He added, "You are entirely welcome," to the reporter's "Thank you," at the conclusion of the talk, and resumed his couch in the corner of the cell.—Guard.

**Mrs. Lyons Also Talks.**  
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 9.—A correspondent obtained permission from Prosecuting Attorney Brown to interview Mrs. Lyons in the jail this evening. Mrs. Lyons was deeply depressed over the affair and was not inclined to make any statement. She said that on account of Lyons' mother, who is very frail, she did not want to talk on the subject, but did not seem to have in mind her own welfare at all.

By a series of questions it was learned from her that she and husband were in the kitchen at the time the sheriff came to the house, and that she had just finished washing the supper dishes.

"Where were you at the time Wither's was shot?" "In the dining room."

"Did Wither's come in through the sitting room?" "When first I saw him he was in the dining room, which is between the kitchen and the sitting room. Wither's came from the sitting room into the dining room and Lyons went from the kitchen into the dining room."

"How did the two men meet?" "I saw Wither's holding my husband by the arm. I did not hear either of them say anything. There was not much scuffling before the shot was fired. I don't know whether Wither's had his pistol in his hand or not."

"Did you attempt to hold either Lyons or Wither's?" No answer.

"How long had Lyons been about the old home?" "About a week or more. He stayed about the house and when the weather was good was chopping wood and working about the place. I don't know anything about what Lyons did after the shooting. I have been married to Lyons 14 years."

**NO VIOLENCE IN EUGENE.**  
EUGENE, Feb. 10.—The city was quiet last night than many thought it would be. The counsel of older and wiser heads prevailed, and no violence was attempted the prisoner, Elliott Lyons, who lies incarcerated in the jail for the murder of our beloved sheriff.

The fact that the body of the sheriff was lying in state at the court house but a few steps away from the jail probably had a sobering effect upon the crowd. The guards stood about the jail alone all night, and at no time was there an alarming crowd in the vicinity of the bastle.

**MRS. LYONS REPORTED DEAD.**  
EUGENE, Feb. 10.—The report came to town this morning that Mrs. Lyons, mother of the murderer, E. E. Lyons, died last night at her home at Walton as a result of the terrible ordeal into which her son has brought her and the rest of the family.

She is said to have suffered terribly from spasms brought on by much weeping and uncontrollable hysterical condition.

She was about 78 years old. The father, her husband, is also in a very critical state, from last accounts.

**LITTLE GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.**  
Horrible Fate of a Child Near Drain--House Burned Down.

DRAIN, Feb. 9.—A most startling accident happened about four miles north of here Friday afternoon. A man named Gibbs, who recently came into that neighborhood with his wife and little girl about three years of age moved into a house on the mountain, about a mile and a half east of the old Estes place. At the time above mentioned the man and wife left the child in the house asleep and with a fire burning, and went down the mountain to the Estes place, and were gone about three hours. On returning they found the house in ashes and the charred remains of their little one among the ashes.

**Fred Fisk Made Sheriff.**  
EUGENE, Feb. 9.—As soon as the word reached here Saturday evening that Sheriff Wither's had died the county commissioners' court convened and appointed Deputy Sheriff Fred Fisk as sheriff and the oath of office was given by County Clerk E. U. Lee. The new sheriff's bondsmen are F. W. Osburn, T. G. Hendricks, W. E. Brown, S. B. Eakin and J. D. Matlock, and the bonds are in the sum of \$50,000, of which \$10,000 are for sheriff and \$40,000 for tax collector.

Mr. Fisk has been the responsible deputy for nearly four years, the details of all the work, except some of the criminal part, perhaps, passing through his hands. With the general management of the office he is more familiar than was Sheriff Wither's himself.

**Dead in a Field.**  
ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 9.—A. C. Rowland, an old man living alone two miles east of Albany, was found dead today. He had been missing since last Monday. A searching party found him lying dead in a field near his home. He had apparently started home from where he was chopping wood and dropped dead. Death is supposed to be from natural causes. There are no indications or suspicions of violence. Rowland was a heavy drinker.

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**DOESN'T WANT A MIDWAY.**  
Shelly's Resolution to Rule Out Oriental Textile, Etc, From 1905 Fair.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—Following is a house concurrent resolution introduced by Mr. Shelly, of Lane:

Whereas, We believe the morals of any community to be above and beyond measurement by any monetary consideration, and

Whereas, We further believe that certain attachments (?) have been countenanced by "Worlds Fairs" and "Expositions," to the extent of having been allowed inside "Fairs" and "Expositions" grounds, within the last decade, have been detrimental to the morals and best interests of the communities affected thereby; and

Whereas, The legislative assembly of the state of Oregon having appropriated the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of promoting and carrying forward a successful fair, and

Whereas, We believe the said sum ample for the said purpose, without resorting to such questionable methods; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the house and the senate concurring, That it is the sense of this legislative assembly that the managing board of directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair and Centennial American and Oriental Exposition, rule out all such attractions (?) as the Midway Plaisance; and be it further

Resolved, that the chief clerk be, and is hereby directed to furnish the president of the said management board a certified copy of these resolutions.

**Hill Predicts Financial Crisis.**  
New York, Feb. 9.—After briefly discussing the antitrust law and the proposed Department of Commerce, James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities Company, said:

"As labor unions killed industrial England, so are they destined to bring about a grave financial reverse in the United States, and the country is swiftly approaching that crisis. It may come in a year; it may be deferred until the Presidential year, but it is bound to come."

Mr. Hill flatly denied, but deprecatingly, that the average person believes the United States is the leading manufacturing nation and is rapidly gathering to its bosom the markets of the entire world. This misapprehension, he averred, is the result of the fact that over one industrial victory this country sets up a louder shout than England, Germany or France makes over a dozen.

"There seems to be too much confidence in the ability of the country to walk right ahead of all other countries in manufacturing," continued Mr. Hill. "The country can do it, but not without trouble and not without changing its present course. It is, indeed, a grave crisis we are approaching, though few seem to appreciate it. A few years may see the closing of many factories and the throwing out of work hundreds of thousands of men. We have been reaping the harvest, and the reverse is coming. How quickly we will recover from it will depend largely on who is at the head of the country when the break comes."

**The Poetry of the Orange.**  
"It appeals to you when the fruit hangs ripe and sweet on the tree in February or early in March. Then the blossoms break out, and the trees are yellow with golden globes, and white with orange flowers. It may be that a flurry of snow has whitened the mountains tops, and then you have an artistic back-ground for a tropical forest. The air is full of sun-shine, and heavy with fragrance as night comes on, and then, if the moon be shining, you may hear at midnight through open windows, the song of the mocking-bird in the scented grove, and it never seemed so melodious before. An experience like this is possible any winter, and it is worth a journey a thousand miles while you have it, by taking the scenic Shasta Route through the grand and picturesque Sierran and Shasta mountains to Southern California. Complete information about the trip, and descriptive matter, telling about California, may be had from any Southern Pacific Agent or W. E. COMAN, Gen'l Pass Agent, S. P. Co. Lines in Oregon, Portland, Ore."

**They Like Oregon Apples**  
There is every prospect of an increase in the export apple trade to the Orient from Oregon. The Davidson Fruit Association of Hood River is now making sample shipments to Yokohama, Kobe and Hong Kong. Next year it expects to do a big business with these ports. The patronage comes principally from Europeans and the better class of Japs. The big red apples of Oregon are especially favorites, particularly the Ben Davis variety. These bring, so long as they present a good appearance, from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per box, in gold.—Portland Journal.

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Hack harness	22.75
\$30 saddles cut to	27.00
Ladies side saddles reduced from \$15 to	12.25

Pack saddles, double rig complete ..... \$4.75  
Lap covers ..... 1.50  
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