

## MRS. E. S. GORDON DIED TODAY FROM EFFECTS OF BULLET

### Succumbs to Effects of Wound Inflicted by Holland Anderson's Bullet.

### WAS TAKEN WORSE EARLY LAST NIGHT.

### Additional details of Her Career at Other Points Are Told In Dispatches.

Mrs. E. S. Gordon, Coos Bay's "Woman of Mystery" is no more. She died about 11:15 o'clock this morning at the General hospital from the wounds inflicted by Holland Anderson Saturday night. The end came quietly but not unexpectedly. She retained consciousness and was rational until last night when she suddenly took turn for the worst and rapidly grew weaker.

The only hope that Mrs. Gordon expressed during her illness was that she might live to see E. S. Gordon. This wish was gratified and the couple had numerous long conferences. What transpired is not known.

E. S. Gordon visited Mrs. Gordon this morning but she was unconscious. He went for a walk and while he was away, she succumbed. He has not announced the arrangements for the funeral.

In discussing the shooting with a friend early today, Mr. Gordon expressed great regret over the affair and censured Anderson in strong terms.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. Gordon gave another deposition regarding the shooting. It is presumed that this was for the benefit of the grand jury and was taken under the direction of Deputy District Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist who was at Coquille. What information she gave, is not known.

### Indictment Expected.

It is expected that the grand jury will return an indictment tonight or tomorrow at Coquille charging Anderson with the crime. It is not likely that trial will be secured at this term of court.

Anderson will have to remain in jail until the trial.

### Gordon and Gates.

It is understood that E. S. Gates and E. S. Gordon are one and the same. It will be remembered that she had a message sent early Sunday to E. S. Gates at San Francisco, notifying him of the crime. Later and before E. S. Gordon unexpectedly arrived from Portland, she had another message sent to E. S. Gordon at Portland.

### Story of Career.

The following story of Mrs. Gordon's career, which is substantially the same as was printed in The Times Monday aside from the fact that her maiden name is given as Lurch instead of Leach, is printed in a Portland paper:

Mrs. Edward Sam Gordon, the woman who figured in the early morning shooting at Marshfield, Ore., yesterday, has enjoyed the career of an adventuress on the Pacific coast since 1905. Her first escapade to attract the attention of the Portland public was in 1906. In February of that year she came under police suspicion by reason of her alleged connection with a counterfeiting gang. This, however, was not brought home to her. Some months later she gained considerable notoriety by claiming to be the legitimate wife of Edward Sam Gordon, a wealthy Coos Bay lumberman, whom she afterwards married.

On her first appearance in Portland she was known by her maiden name of Bertha Etta Lurch and also as Mrs. Bertha McCord, but when registered at one of the leading hotels of the city she gave the name of Mrs. E. S. Gordon, and it is probably from this name that she afterwards evolved the scheme of claiming to be the bride of the Coos Bay man. In February, 1906, she was placed under arrest at her apartments at her hotel and later taken to San Francisco by Detective Ryan, of the police department of the Bay City. How she escaped from the toils at that time is not known, but her next appearance in Portland was later in the

same year or early in 1907, when she came here and again claimed to have married Edward Sam Gordon, of Coos Bay, at Vancouver, Wash. This Gordon strenuously denied, and when the records at the county seat of Clark county were examined it was shown that some man by the name of Edward Sam Gordon, or who had posed as such, had been married to a woman who gave her name as Bertha Etta Lurch of Oregon City. Bertha Etta Lurch originally came from Sacramento, Cal., where her father, A. Lurch, conducted a hotel, and she is said to have secured several hundred dollars from him by means of practical swindling, and then to have run away with a man named McCord, and, as she was known as Mrs. Bertha McCord, this theory is believed by the police.

Shortly after Edward Sam Gordon of Coos Bay, had issued several published statements absolutely denying his connection with the woman known as Bertha Etta Lurch or Mrs. Bertha McCord, the couple were arrested by Patrolmen Evans and Tennant for raising a disturbance in the Hood Hotel. On the night in question, June 14 last, several calls had been received at police headquarters to the effect that a man was threatening to kill a woman, and in response the officers were detailed to investigate, with the result that Gordon and the woman were arrested. The next day in the Police Court Gordon paid the fine of \$5 assessed the woman on a charge of disturbing the peace, and forfeited his own bail on a continuance and the matter was dropped. The next heard of the Gordons was to the effect that they had been regularly married, and until yesterday morning's episode they had dropped out of sight.

Edward Sam Gordon was in Portland for several days last week and may be here yet, but inquiry at the hotels last night failed to reveal his presence.

The troubles of the Gordons, both before and after Edward Sam Gordon is known to have married the woman who so persistently harassed him, are known all along the Pacific coast, for the couple frequently engaged in disputes, not only in Portland, but in San Francisco and other California places.

### TROUBLES WITH HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Gordon Familiar Figure in the Oregon City Courts.

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 13.—Bertha Etta Lurch was a familiar figure in Oregon City last summer, when she was fighting a suit brought by Edward Sam Gordon to quiet title to his property, a portion of which was claimed by the woman, who said that Gordon married her in California three years ago. This allegation was denied by Gordon, and in order to make her case the stronger the woman persuaded a man to go with her to Vancouver, Wash., and there impersonate Gordon and marry her. This was done, though it was never clearly established that it was not Gordon himself, who married her.

It was no secret that Gordon and the woman, who said she was his wife, lived together for several years, but she was a heavy drain on his purse and in order to rid himself of her, he filed a suit to quiet the title to his possessions. The woman employed counsel and put up a hard fight, which resulted in a compromise, and at the suggestion of her attorney the suit was dismissed and she filed an action against Gordon for a decree of divorce, he agreeing to give her about \$1,000 in money and to permit her to obtain a decree.

The pair had frequent conferences while the negotiations were pending and at one time Gordon cursed her roundly publicly. He was certainly tired of her and even since their legal affairs were settled he has been compelled to evade her, as she has attempted to extort more money from him. She was in Oregon City about one month ago and tried to ascertain his whereabouts and has written from Puget Sound points and British Columbia to locate him. Gordon, however, has been in California, and returned several days ago. He was in Oregon City last Friday and left last night by train for Coos Bay, going in by way either of Drain or of Roseburg.

## MANY CRIMES IN PORTLAND

### Unknown Man Caught After Attempting to Kill Chinaman—Third Assault on Shopkeepers There Within Forty-Eight Hours.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, May 13.—The third of three murderous assaults upon shopkeepers in this city within 48 hours occurred late today when John Chung, a Chinese tailor, was struck down in his shop and beaten about the head with a piece of iron by an unknown man. Chung was not rendered unconscious and his assailant, alarmed by the tailor's display of vitality, ran from the store which is located at 249 Ankeny street.

The assailant ran to a saloon at Second and Burnside streets, followed by the Chinaman, who was bleeding frightfully from his wounds. A crowd joined in the pursuit and the thug dodged into a saloon where he was knocked down and surrounded. A special officer placed the fellow under arrest and was obliged to draw a pistol to keep the crowd from harming the prisoner.

The prisoner refused to give his name or any particulars of his career. He is a young man of fine physical proportions and is apparently an American. When confronted by Chung, who positively identified

him as the man who had committed the assault, the prisoner exclaimed, "I am sorry I did not kill you, I have killed many more like you."

The Chinaman is not fatally injured. The police believe the prisoner is the man who murderously assaulted H. Neuman and Max Herman, the junk men.

### STORY OF CRIMES.

### Second-Hand Dealers Badly Beaten By Portland Thugs.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, May 13.—Just before noon, two circus employes went to the second-hand store of H. Newman, a second-hand goods dealer at Second and Cough streets and found him laying on floor badly beaten by some blunt instrument and bleeding from the nose and mouth. He was removed to the hospital and is thought to be fatally injured.

Last night, a pawn-broker named Max Hemann of 267 Cough street, was badly beaten by a man bent on robbery and is in the hospital. A stranger named C. W. Wagner, who claims to be a railroad man was arrested for the crime. He denies his guilt.

The assaults took place in the same vicinity on well traveled streets, but no one has been found who can throw any light on the attempted murders. The police are unable to obtain evidence against Wagner.

## MYRTLE POINT MAN GUILTY

### Jury Convicts Hoffman on Arson Charge—Wilcox Found Guilty Again.

(Special to The Times.)  
COQUILLE, Ore., May 13.—The jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Hoffman late yesterday returned a verdict of guilty. Hoffman was tried on the charge of setting fire to his brother's barn at Myrtle Point. His only defense to the arson charge was temporary insanity. He will be sentenced soon.

J. C. Wilcox, the North Bend dance hall proprietor, was convicted again yesterday on the charge of selling liquor to a minor. He has not been sentenced. He was convicted on two other charges previously. It is rather expected that Judge Hamilton will impose severe penalty this time.

This morning, the trial of Hillis Short, the North Bend man indicted for gambling was begun.

F. S. DOW wants good potatoes, call for prices.

Store your Goods with the Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

## TWIN BABES ARE CREMATED

### Three-Year-Old Children Perish in Oakland After Mother Rescued Three Others.

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., May 13.—Twin children, three years of age, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home. Mrs. Robt. Nuenemache, the mother, carried three of her children to safety but could not rescue the twins.

### THERE'S MONEY IN THIS.

1-5 acres in city limits, near proposed new school. Place all fenced and level, good house, fine water, fine garden. Gardening alone will pay good interest on investment. A fine home and well situated for sure advance in value. If taken quickly can go at \$2,800.  
I. S. KAUFMAN & CO.  
Opposite Chamber of Commerce.

## ALLOW COWS CITY FREEDOM

### After Brisk Campaign, Coquille Votes Against Shutting Bovines Off Streets.

(Special to The Times.)  
COQUILLE, Ore., May 13.—After one of the most exciting campaigns in the history of Coquille, the supporters of a wide-open town for cows were victorious. There was much debate pro and con and when the count of the ballots was completed, it was found that there were 138 in favor of allowing the cows to run at large and 117 against.

The opponents of the plan of allowing cows to run at large declare that they will now open a warm campaign for revising the city charter and in this way shut the meek-eyed bovines off the streets of Coquille unless she is being lead or driven.

The vote on the charter amendment was 88 for and 125 against.

The vote on city officials stood as follows: Mayor, M. O. Hawkins, 159; J. W. Leneve, 113. Recorder, A. W. Kelley, 252. Councilmen, Frank Burkholder, 132; R. O. Hoberg, 118; A. W. Johnson, 115; Wm. Mansell, 131; J. C. Moomaw, 102; Geo. T. Moulton, 154.

## NO PROMISE TO CONFESS

### Ray Lamphere Denies That He Said He Helped Mrs. Guinness.

(By Associated Press.)  
LAPORTE, May 13.—Ray Lamphere, under arrest on the charge of complicity in the wholesale murders at the Guinness farm, denies vigorously the report that he made a confession or any promise of one to the Rev. E. A. Schell.

Louis Shultz, employed by the sheriff today began tests for additional evidence of the methods by which the persons whose corpses were found in the Guinness farm were killed and unsearched about two dozen pairs of scissors, bent and curved in the fashion of surgical instruments, and three knives, two of a surgical character and the third unmistakably a dirk. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it is believed the dirk may have been the chief weapon employed in the series of murders. The knives and scissors are thought to have been used in dismembering bodies.

## HARRIMAN LINES DECLARE BIG SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDENDS TODAY

## HUGHES DON'T WANT PLACE

### New York Governor Says He Will Not Accept Nomination For Vice-Presidency.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 13.—Governor Hughes will not accept the nomination for vice-president. In a letter to General Stewart L. Woodford, Governor Hughes says, "For reasons which leave no room for discussion and though I would be deeply sensible to the honor thereby conferred, I should not be able to accept and will not in any contingency accept the nomination for vice-president. Even were I elected, I could not serve."

## SOLDIER CONFESSES TO JOHNSON MURDER.

### Jas H. Holt Says That he and Two Companions Killed Henry Johnson at Port Townsend.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, May 13.—A special dispatch to the Evening Telegram from Port Townsend, Wash., says that District Attorney Elmer E. Todd, aided by secret service men, has secured a partial confession from James H. Holt, the alleged murderer of clarionettist Henry Johnson. The detectives worked on Holt's sympathy until at last he is alleged to have declared, "Well, I am not afraid to die or afraid of the gallows but I don't want any dirt thrown at me. Three of us committed this murder and we divided the money." The two other men Knight and Greble are in custody. All belong to the United States army. TWIN BABES ... ..

### RICH BREWER DEAD.

### Theo. Galland Suddenly Succumbs at Spokane.

(By Associated Press.)  
SPOKANE, Wash., May 13.—Theodore Galland, president of the Northwest Loan and Trust Company, died here suddenly of paralysis following stomach trouble. He was formerly manager of one of the biggest brewing companies in the Northwest.

### IELDS TO CONSCIENCE TWINGE.

### Clackamas County Farmer Decides He Broke the Engagement.

SALEM, Ore., May 13.—R. A. Stewart, the wealthy Clackamas County farmer, against whom Mrs. C. A. Wells secured a \$1,500 judgment in a breach of promise suit last week, has gone the jury one better. Since the case was decided he has decided her a brick block in Woodburn worth \$4,500. At the trial of the case, Mr. Stewart contended that Mrs. Wells broke their engagement by insisting that he must deed her that brick block before the marriage could take place. Stewart refused to execute the deed and later married another woman. Mrs. Wells brought suit for \$6,000 damages, and the jury awarded her \$1,500. Stewart evidently came to the conclusion that the jury was right about his having broken the engagement, for he voluntarily multiplied the judgment by 3.

### WILL AID OREGON.

Among the referendum bills that will come before the people this spring will be one that deals with the appropriation for the State University at Eugene, and unless the signs are misleading it will be approved by an overwhelming majority, and it is up to Eastern Oregon to do its part in this matter. A State that strangles its educational institutions is a good one to get out of, and Oregon does not propose to be in that class.—Union Republican.

### Large Earnings Will be Boon to Floating \$100,000,000 Bond Issue.

## COVER PERIOD SUPPOSEDLY DULL.

### E. H. Harriman Almost Ready to Receive Subscription For Securities.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 13.—Regular dividends of 2 1/2 per cent quarterly on Union Pacific common stock of 1 1/2 per cent quarterly on Southern Pacific common and 3 1/2 per cent semi-annually on Southern Pacific preferred stock were declared today. These dividends, coming at this time and covering a period when railroad business was supposed to have suffered materially from the recent financial troubles, will prove a great boon to the \$100,000,000 bond issue. This issue was authorized recently by Union Pacific directors at Salt Lake City, and E. H. Harriman has practically concluded arrangements to receive subscriptions for them. According to well-informed financiers, the issue will be greatly over-subscribed as Harriman securities are now rated as among the most desirable of railroad paper.

### ORDER MOTTO BACK.

### "In God We Trust" Restored On Coins by Congress.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 13.—The Senate Committee on Finance unanimously decided to report the bill already passed by the House providing for the permanent restoration of "In God We Trust" on gold and silver coins of the United States. The motto was recently omitted from the coins by order of President Roosevelt.

## ROB EXPRESS AT SEATTLE

### BANDITS, UNDER GUISE OF BRAKEMEN, ENTER CAR AND BEAT BIND MESSENGER WHILE THEY GET AWAY WITH BOOTY—LOOT NOT KNOWN.

(By Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, May 13.—E. J. Perrine, express messenger on the Great Northern train, which left Seattle yesterday for Vancouver, B. C., was beaten insensible by two men who entered the express car presumably at Seattle. He did not recover consciousness till after the train left the city limits. He gave the alarm and the train backed to Ballard where the injured man was given medical attention. The highwayman obtained \$200 in nickels, according to the company's claim while other sources estimate the loot at from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Perrine was beaten with his own gun, tied hand and foot by two men who, after over powering the messenger, looted the strong box.

The robbers escaped. The men were dressed in a brakeman's uniform and boarded the train as it was pulling out. Perrine paid little attention, supposing them to be train hands, as he was stooping over the strong box, which was unlocked, one of the men snatched Perrine's revolver from his pocket and struck him over the head.

A brakeman's cap worn by one of the robbers had the name "Anderson" written in ink inside of it and was found in the car. It is presumed that the robber stole it. The robbers were young men. There is no clue.