

# ROBBER SLAIN BY OWN GUN

## Thief Accidentally Wounds Himself While Fleeing From Posse.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
FRESNO, Calif., April 2.—A trail of blood eight blocks long led the police today to the body of one of the two men who held up a grocery store and robbed the till of \$55. W. B. Quick, the aged father of the grocery man who rushed to the aid of his son with a rifle was shot and killed. A lookout man for the robber whose body was discovered fled with the money and was pursued by citizens. As he ran, he fired a bullet which it was discovered penetrated his own leg and the loss of blood caused his death. The stolen money was found by the body which was not identified.

### MRS. TODD IS 103

#### Eugene's Oldest Woman Guest at Birthday Party.

EUGENE, Or., April 3.—"Grandma" Sarah Todd celebrated her 103d birthday Saturday as the guest of Mrs. T. G. Hendricks, attending a birthday dinner for herself and a number of her friends. Later in the afternoon a reception was held at the Hendricks residence.

For several years, on her birthday, Mrs. Todd has been the recipient of unusual gifts, one particularly, last year, being a sum of money for smoking tobacco.

Mrs. Todd's husband, who died many years ago, was a brother of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and the stirring tales of the Civil War remain most vivid in the yet active mind of this grand old woman, now in her 103d year.

Mrs. Todd had no children of her own, but has always been a great lover of the little folks.

Mrs. Todd said Saturday she expected to live to see a few more birthdays, but she didn't say how many.

"Grandma" Todd has no relatives here but is being cared for by members of the Eugene Christian church. She came to Eugene a number of years ago via an adopted son and when he failed to return from the mountains she entered the old people's home of the church.

### RANCHER CHECKS UP ON MIDDLEMAN

#### Replies Show Ultimate Buyer Pays \$1.25 to \$1.50 for What Grower Sells at 55 Cents.

BOISE, Idaho, April 3.—In order to determine just how badly he was being robbed and at the same time show the consumer how he was being held up, L. L. Young, a rancher residing near Nampa, Idaho, put into operation a unique scheme that brought astounding results from the potatoes he raised and sold.

Young is an extensive potato raiser. After he had harvested his Murphy crop last fall and while sacking the potatoes, he placed a note in the bottom of each sack asking the consumer to be kind enough to write him what price he paid for the spuds. The potatoes were later sold by Mr. Young, who received for them 55 cents a sack, a net profit of 38 cents a sack.

Some time later letters began to pour in to Mr. Young from all parts of the United States. The consumers had found the notes. The several hundred replies received stated that the consumers had paid prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a sack for the spuds.

Mr. Young said he expected the middleman to make a reasonable profit, but that he, as grower, was receiving such a small fraction of the ultimate selling price demanded of the buyer as astounded him.

The revelation has spread among Idaho growers, many of whom are confident now that sales direct to the consumers would be more profitable all around.

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## THE RIGHT SPIRIT

### THE RIGHT SPIRIT OF PROGRESS TO DEVELOP ALL WESTERN OREGON

After years of wrangling, the Harriman system of railroads is at last getting its line across Coos Bay.

The editor of The Oregon Manufacturer was one of the first men in the Willamette valley to recognize the great future of the Coos Bay region.

In 1908 he took about one hundred business men from western Oregon and Portland to attend a development congress at North Bend and Marshfield.

At that time some of the conservative residents of Coos Bay thought it was a great joke to talk about annexing that section to Oregon by means of a railroad.

In 1909, the writer held ten development congresses (beginning at Marshfield, and attended by Governor Chamberlain, and reaching through to Burns, Ontario, Weiser and Boise, to arouse interest in central Oregon and promote railroad development east and west, terminating at Coos Bay.

In 1910, construction of Hill and Harriman lines up the Des Chutes, the Natron and Klamath Falls line, and the Eugene, Siuslaw and Coos Bay lines were all started and there has been no let-up in the construction of steam and electric lines since then, nor will there be.

But construction at Coos Bay and across the bay to the cities and the country on south has been delayed and hampered by failure to realize the importance of getting railroad communication with the interior.

At last the ice has been broken, an opening has been forced through the Chinese wall by granting federal authority of Congress and the War Department to bridge across Coos Bay.

Indications are that the Harriman system will be permitted to get its feet on the ground at North Bend and Marshfield.

Mayor Louis J. Simpson, of North Bend, who is big enough a man to become governor of Oregon some day, sounds the right bugle call for progress in all cities.

Mayor Simpson went to San Francisco and conferred with Chief Engineer Hood and prominent S. P. officials.

He writes home to the city council of North Bend: "Use your best judgment about street grades, but always co-operate with Southern Pacific engineers wherever possible."

That is the spirit that will make the cities on Coos Bay or in any part of Oregon the big prosperous commercial centers they should become.

It takes a mayor of some breadth of mind, with some powers of foresight and imagination, to issue orders like that.

Railroads have more money to expend on construction and improvement, they create more values and produce more revenues for cities, county and state than banks or factories.

Their co-operation in the development of a community is more valuable than any other influence.

It is folly for any city on the Pacific coast to refuse reasonable co-operation with any railroad company that will put its capital into construction.

Mayor Simpson deserves a vote of thanks for sounding the keynote of friendly community co-operation.—Oregon Manufacturer.

ROSEBURG—Committees from the two Odd Fellow lodges, the Encampment and Rebekah branches, met on Monday evening to consider the matter of erecting a modern building on the site of their present structure at the corner of Main, Jackson and Cass streets in this city. After considerable deliberation it was found that the consensus of opinion favors the erection of a five-story building, 50 by 100.

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## NOTED VETERAN IS A SUICIDE

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PORTLAND, Or., April 3.—As if invoking as mute witnesses of his act, a large cabinet filled with medals won in the service of his country, Gavin E. Caukin, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General of the Oregon Commandery G. A. R., stood before these silent tokens of his heroic military record and sent a bullet crashing through his brain. His self-destruction was committed in his office, room 9, Ainsworth building, Third and Oak, which he shared with General T. M. Anderson, chief of the Oregon Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Failing health is the reputed cause.

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