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ANOTHER MYSTERY

The Disappearance of John E. Overton.

WEALTHY BACHELOR AND FARMER

He Was Last Seen in East Portland on Monday—The Case is Now Being Investigated.

There is another mysterious disappearance in Portland. This time it is that of a well known, rich, respectable farmer, John E. Overton. The circumstances under which he has disappeared indicate most plausibly foul play. There is good reason to believe that unless John E. Overton turns up within 24 hours—with a most peculiar story of his absence—the unraveling of the mystery of the old man's fate will add another to the long list of inexplicable disappearances and murders in this city. At the outset it is known Overton has enemies and the first suspicion settles upon them—if they can be found.

John E. Overton is well known almost all over East Portland. He is a wealthy man, and owns a finely improved and valuable farm 12 miles east of this city, on the Base Line road, at the intersection of the road to Fairview. He is an old bachelor, lives alone in his house, and, contrary to the usual kind of such people who live in solitude, and sometimes in miserableness, Overton is not eccentric or remarkable in anyway. He has many friends, and his neighbors look upon him as a most upright and trustworthy citizen. He has no kindred whatsoever.

Last Monday morning Overton left his home and started for East Portland with a load of baled hay. He has not been seen since between 2 and 3 o'clock on that afternoon. What has become of the wagon, the horses, the load of hay are only a few of the questions being asked by the missing man's friends, who today instituted a search for him and enlisted the aid of the officers of the law.

It is known that Overton left his house and started for town at 5 a. m. He was seen near Montavilla by a couple of residents. One of them was Mr. Sam Bliss. The next place he was seen was at the canning factory at East Seventh and Belmont streets. This was between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. No one remembers whether he came to the canning establishment or not. Mr. Overton's business at the factory was to see about a balance due him on a quantity of fruit and produce sold there a short time previous. Manager Holcomb, of the cannery, saw Overton a few moments. There was nothing strange in his appearance.

When Overton comes to East Portland he always puts up at the Lyons stables, where everybody has known him for years. This time, however, he did not stop there.

HIS HOUSE ROBBED.

It is a singular fact that Overton's house has been robbed—literally emptied—since his disappearance. This robbery seems to be evidence strong enough in itself to substantiate the belief that foul play has been done.

The discovery of the robbery was made yesterday. Overton's only hired help is a man by the name of Palmer, the son of a neighboring farmer. Palmer has been working for Overton for some time. He lives with his family some distance away.

When Overton left home he told his man about some unimportant work to be done for that day. He would return in the afternoon, and the sheep should be kept penned up until his return. Palmer went about his work as instructed, and after his day's labor went home. Next morning he was surprised to find that Mr. Overton had not returned. Palmer attended to the livestock, and later in the day he went over to Mr. Joseph Engless' and Mr. John Conley's, Overton's nearest neighbors. Palmer remarked his surprise that his employer had not come back from town. Mr. Conley said that perhaps something had occurred to detain him, and that he would be back that day (Tuesday). As the day passed and nothing was seen of

Overton, Mr. Engless and Mr. Conley felt a little curious. Last evening Palmer had occasion to go into the house for something. There he made the discovery that it had been broken into and robbed of nearly all the clothes and valuables. Conley and Engless were called and together with the hired man they inspected the house. Apparently the burglars had taken everything likely to be of any use or value. Most of the bed-clothes were gone; a trunk had been rifled of everything it contained; Overton's clothes were gone, and the thieves had searched every nook and cranny of the house.

Cleveland and Dave Hill.

New York, Oct. 17.—The Herald's Washington special says: "There is no longer much doubt on the part of the democratic campaign managers here in regard to the attitude Mr. Cleveland will assume toward the state campaign in New York. The announcement made on the authority of one of the members of the president's political household that he would register in New York and would vote the Hill ticket for governor is construed as settling the question as far as any one except Mr. Cleveland himself can foretell what his action is to be. While it is now generally believed that the president will soon let his position be definitely known, there is still a great deal of anxiety to know what means Mr. Cleveland will take to make his declaration. Many of the democrats with whom I have talked expressed the hope that he will not write a letter. They have had considerable experience with letters from Mr. Cleveland's pen, and they are afraid that anything he might write would do more harm than good in the present condition of affairs in New York, and even if the letter did no harm in that state it might be injurious elsewhere. They hope that he will confine himself simply to a declaration that he favors the success of the regular democratic ticket and believes it to be the duty of all New York democrats to vote for it. It was reported at democratic headquarters this afternoon that Mr. Cleveland would send to the New York managers a liberal contribution to the campaign fund, accompanied by a brief letter which will urge the importance of democrats standing together, so as not to give the republicans an opportunity to win through the indifference or failure of any democrat to do his duty. This is just the kind of a letter the leaders here hope the president will write, and the sooner he writes it, and the larger the denomination of the check it incloses, the better they will like it. While all the details of the New York campaign are not known here, the impression is general that the democrats are very short of money, and that the president's check would be almost as valuable to them at this time as his declaration of approval of the ticket."

Anti-Tammanyites Indorse Hill.

New York, Oct. 17.—A conference was held at democratic headquarters today between John Boyd Thatcher, Grace and others in regard to placing Hill's name at the head of the Grace ticket. N. Straus, Tammany candidate for mayor, objected to Hill's allowing the Grace men to head their ticket with his name. After the conference today it was said the regular state ticket will head the Grace democratic local ticket. After the meeting Grace said: "We shall strain every effort to secure Hill's election."

McKinley on His Travels.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 17.—McKinley arrived in this city today from Fostoria. Great enthusiasm was manifested during the entire trip at all stations along the route.

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Strayed.

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