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### Continued Examination of Arthur Cox.

The examination of witnesses in this case was continued all the forenoon, and the case is being argued since dinner. The most important evidence was that of the convict Jim Wilson, which is received by the public with much doubt, for it is thought that he may be working up something to favor his own pardon. Warden Myers confirms his statement that Wilson communicated to him the plans and conversations of Cox. Superintendent Watkins gives evidence that he observed confidential conversations between Cox and Wilson, and spoke about the matter to the Chief Warden, who then informed him that Wilson had made revelation to him of the pending plots. It is a difficult question to answer how the pistol came inside the grounds, as it is in evidence that it could not come from the prison arsenal unless it was passed through the hands of four men.

The evidence brought out personal and private feelings and took a wide range in that respect. The Superintendent testified that he would not at first have employed Arthur Cox if he had known that he belonged to the Salem Cox family, and yet he acknowledged that he did permit him to come back knowing his connections. This antipathy of Watkins to the Cox family became a feature in the case. Ben Belt testified that last evening, in conversing on the subject, Watkins said to him that he would believe a convict before he would a Cox, or any person who sympathized with them, and finally asserted that the Cox's all ought to be strung to limbs. The case of Arthur Cox very nearly was lost sight of towards the last. Then the animosity between Cox and the family of his wife, from whom he has separated, formed another feature of the case, as the testimony of young Reynolds was against him.

While it is difficult to account for all things that have happened on the hypothesis of the innocence of Arthur Cox, it is also difficult to convict him with this matter by any evidence that is worthy of belief that has a positive bearing on the case. The general feeling seems to be that if Cox was thoroughly identified with the plot and it was believed that he would bring arms and ammunition in, as he is said to have agreed to do, that the prison authorities could have held the matter in their own hands and made a sure case against him and arrested him in the commission of the act. The affair has been managed with too much precipitancy, for either the word of the convict could have been proved to be a lie, or young Cox could have been proved guilty beyond a doubt.

The most amusing feature of the trial is involved in the testimony of Ben Belt that, in the conversation last evening, he told Watkins that "if justice had been done him he would have been hung long ago," and that the response of the Superintendent, as Ben deposes under oath, was to come within about four feet of him and kick at him "like an old cow."

That Watkins brings evidence to deny that he did so, but the town loses sight of the main question in view of this more momentous one. We fear that the world will be unsatisfied on that point. If Bill did "kick like an old cow," we all ought to know it, and as to the Arthur Cox case, that don't amount to much anyhow, without more evidence.

In summing up the case before the Court Mr. Mallory set forth the evidence as a conspiracy against Cox, showing the ill feeling existing against him on the part of Reynolds, his father-in-law, and dwelling with considerable effect on the prejudices entertained in general by the Superintendent. As a piece of oratory the effort is universally pronounced a great success, and was much better enjoyed by the audience, which generally sympathized with his views, than by the subjects of his fearful exhortation. When Rufus turns himself loose, with half a chance, he is apt to make the fur fly.

Squire Johnson saw enough in the case to send the defendant over in \$500 security to appear and answer at the next term of the Circuit Court, which he gave.

### FROM LINN COUNTY.

FORKS OF THE SANTIAM. }  
May 14th, 1875. }

Mr. Editor: This portion of Linn county has had a bountiful share of rain and babies this winter and spring. On a fair estimate I think there has been water enough fallen in the Forks of the Santiam during the last three months to supply the water power of all the cotton mills in New England for forty years; but as to babies, all estimates fail. One old prophet in Santiam says that if the supply of babies aint soon checked in some way, it will bring a famine in Canada—but still they come.

Next on our list of joys and sorrows: Our crop prospect was never better at this season of the year. Canada is all aglow over the prospect of the bridge across the South Santiam, or this south portion at least. The bridge will be completed by the first of December next (near Lebanon). We have been very much isolated from our flourishing little county seat (Albany) for at least six months in the year, by this rapid, tugging, splashing South Santiam, hurrying to mix its pure, clear waters with the rolling Pacific. I am proud to see our people engaged in such a grand enterprise. It has given new life and tone to our entire neighborhood.

And here I must say we had a grand picnic at our school house, Happy Home, which was a success. The school is in care of the much respected Miss Maggie Irvin (daughter of Sheriff R. A. Irvin). She is giving general satisfaction to the patrons of our district. The house was called to order by J. A. McKinney, Mr. J. R. South was chosen Chairman, Jacob Newman, Secretary. A committee was appointed on organization, and reported the following:

We your committee appointed on organization of the picnic, or May party, beg leave to submit the following:

First—That said meeting is for the sole purpose of showing our friendship to the teacher and students of this district.

Second—To show our respect to all who may meet with us as lovers of learning.

(Signed) J. A. MCKINNEY,  
B. BURTONSHAW,  
JOHN GRISHAM.

Programme—as announced from the Chair: First—Declamations and essays by the pupils and any who wished to participate.

Second—Singing by the choir: Professor James H. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Miss Mattie Johnson, Mrs. J. A. McKinney, Misses Ann and Clara E. McKinney, which I must say was excellent, if not the best I ever heard. We expected our County School Superintendent, but the rain, I have no doubt, stopped him. He is making us quite a good officer, and gives general satisfaction in this part of the country. Mr. James K. Weatherford is a man of promise. After declamations by the pupils, the old fathers came right up to work, shivering with excitement and interest in behalf of their children and neighbor's children, with plain words and full of meaning, whose every sentiment you could see was from the heart. The effort was good and will be like bread cast upon the waters.

Then the basket dinner; and here, Mr. Editor, indulge me in saying that it was quite interesting to your humble servant, at half past one o'clock, to see the good things spread before us. None can comprehend, but Graugers, that have seen it. Baked and boiled hams, shanghais and yellow legs, bread and cakes that nice was no name for.

Spelling by old and young, which was really interesting to hear the many ways of spelling the same word, which lasted nearly two hours. Then they stood up and spelled down; and when only four were left on the floor, the pronouncer gave out and called Orange Pomeroy to take his place. The first that went down was Luther Burtonshaw, then Willie Grisham, then James J. Charlton and Maggie Charlton on the floor all alone, and was seated by the choir with the beautiful songs: "The farmer's boy," "Walking down the lane," "Mocking the Whip-poorwill." All was harmonious. On motion of M. D. Byland the meeting adjourned. A FARMER.

Mrs. Ruch, whose husband committed suicide two weeks before, followed his example, and drowned herself and little boy in the Jacksonville reservoir. Before committing the fatal act she did up the chores about the house and then laid out her own and child's burial clothes.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—To-day Governor Grover appointed James O. Spencer, of Clifton, Clatsop county, a Notary Public for Oregon.

Hobert is not out of date for he has a fine assortment of fresh dried dates, also oranges, lemons, lemons, candies, soda and ice cream.

### Joseph D. Locey.

Last evening's Bulletin says "this morning, at about 9 o'clock, as the Stark street ferryboat was crossing the river toward this side, a dead body floated to the surface within a few feet of the boat. The cry was at once set up, and Mr. La Chapelle and Richard Harper jumped into a boat at the boat house, rowed out to it, made a rope fast and brought it to the Stark street ferry landing, where it was given in charge of Coroner Wetmore and taken to the Morgue. A jury was summoned and an examination at once made. In his pockets was found an ivory memorandum, some money, a bunch of keys upon which was found a metallic tag inscribed as follows: 'Joseph D. Locey, Salem, Oregon;' a gold watch, and various other articles. The body was well preserved, save those parts exposed to the element, and from which the skin came off in great quantities. The face was considerably bruised and almost unrecognizable, while a contusion had crushed his skull on top of the head. No other marks or injuries were found upon his person. No trace of scalding or burning were apparent. The body was then placed in ice, when the jury proceeded to the upper apartments, where the testimony was heard.

A deputation from the Odd Fellows appeared and requested the body for interment, which was granted. It will be taken to Oregon City on the steamer E. N. Cooke, this afternoon, for interment. Friends were telegraphed to, who will be here in time to accompany the remains to that place. Many minds are at length set at rest, yet silent anguish and heart aches will remain for these unfortunates for many years.

### Jackson County Agricultural Society.

The last issue of the Jacksonville Times has the following: The annual meeting of the Jackson County Agricultural Society was held, pursuant to notice, on Thursday, May 13th, at 1 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Herrin, President, called the meeting to order, and in a few clear, concise and appropriate remarks set forth the objects and purposes of the Society, the practical benefits to be derived from a Fair properly conducted, etc.

Several members spoke at length of the importance of such an organization.

The election of officers being in order, the following persons were nominated for President, namely: Jacob Ish, Conrad Mings, D. S. K. Bulck, Jesse Dolkahide, J. E. Ross, W. C. Myer, L. Chappel. Jacob Ish having received, on second ballot, a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President of the Society for the ensuing year. J. S. Herrin and L. Chappel were elected Vice Presidents; M. Handley, Treasurer; W. J. Plymale, Secretary. The Directors elected were C. C. McClelland, F. M. Plymale, Conrad Mings and John O'Brien. Jacob Ish being a Director, a vacancy was created by his election as President. The vacancy was filled by the election of J. C. Tolman.

### PICNIC OVER IN POLK.

The Accidents of a Day—Damages only \$100.

And it happened in this wise. Casey the festive inklinger of the Itanizer and a couple of suburban pedagogues would go a picnicing; so putting themselves inside their best-stored clothes, and clutching their dulcineas in their manly arms they were off to the wildwoods away. Now as it known that Casey is a whippersnapper, yab, even a Webfoot Bud Doble; so by the unanimous voice of the ladies he was promoted to the coachman's position. Crack went the whip, off went the horses, while the admiring Bob Ford gazed in astonishment at "the life them horses of mine displayed." All went merry as two thousand marriage bells, until the party had got about two miles out of town when suddenly one of the wheels struck a rut and the back and contents turned two score summersaults in quicker time than one could say Jack Robinson. One of the country pedagogues and his fair partners shied themselves head first through the back covering, a hoop jumpers at a circus, and to the looker on seemed suspended in the air. Meanwhile the others scrambled out of the ruined vehicle and "slob" a can can dance was never performed as they accomplished. Immediately a council of war was held and it was found that the trousers of one of the skulmesters was sadly dilapidated. Silently and sadly he was borne to the van and left standing on his head to air himself while the dressmaker repaired the several rents in his unmentionables. As soon as the repairing was concluded there was a gathering in hot haste and a saddened and dejected crowd returned to Dallas, feeling in their pockets for \$100—50 repair the damage of the day's mishaps.

Yours,  
ITAM.

### Death of J. C. Lamon.

Mr. J. H. Moores received last evening a telegram announcing the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Lamon, who was here on a visit last winter. He died of a sudden attack of pneumonia, on Saturday last, at his home in Yosemite Valley, where he had gone to make his arrangements for a journey to the East, and expected to start on the 23rd inst. When here, a few weeks ago, Mr. Lamon bore the appearance of the most rugged health and the news of his death comes most unexpectedly to his relatives. He was about 57 years of age, and was unmarried. He was a man of simple and unassuming habits and most genial character.

Mr. Lamon will always be remembered as the first settler of the Yosemite Valley. He remained there two years before any other settler came, and spent his winters there in a solitude of snow and ice, with the gates of entrance and exit sealed against the world. The wild magnificence of the wonderful valley charmed him and no doubt death found him where he would have preferred to be, and his burial takes place with the surroundings of his mountain home to forever mark his resting place. His claim was not allowed, as owner in fee of the land he occupied, as the land was granted to the State as a Public Park, but the State had recently granted him a compensation of \$12,000 for his rights there, and he had just effected a lease from the State to continue to occupy it in the future.

### Death of Harvey Newsom.

Mr. G. J. McCaw, our valued Silverton correspondent came over the road this morning and informs us that as the stage passed through Howell Prairie he heard a report that the body of Harvey Newsom, aged about twenty, was found dead in the fields of his father's farm. He had been missing since Monday and this morning a hired hand discovered his body while hunting for the horses. There is no cause yet known for his mysterious death, as he was in good health prior to that time. He was engaged to be married, and we do not learn any cause that should lead to the supposition of suicide.

### Undoubtedly Suicide.

The death of Harvey M. Newsom was caused by his own act, as we learn that he left a note which was found on removing his boots, which read as follows:

MAY 24, 1875.

I am miserable and wish to live no longer. The cause of committing this deed is known to myself only. Farewell, my friends, farewell. HARVEY M. NEWSOM.

Our information at first was that he had been for sometime engaged to be married, and that at times serious differences occurred between the lovers, which may have caused the unhappy state of mind that resulted in thus rashly taking his own life.

A bottle that had contained strychnine, used to poison squirrels, was found in his pocket leaving no doubt of how he came to his end.

Harvey Newsom was a young man much thought of and who is regretted by many warm friends. The sad event has caused a gloom over the vicinity.

### Congregational Association.

The following message of good will and invitation has been sent out by the Congregational Church in Salem to the Congregational churches of Oregon and Washington:

The church in Salem having invited the Association, in addition of sending full delegations from all the churches; that we may be prepared properly to receive and entertain all who come, we desire, as far as possible, to know beforehand whom to expect. Let those who expect to be here send their names, or let some person in each church send a full list of delegates and visitors who are coming, at least one week before the time. Address, P. S. KNIGHT, Cong'l Pastor, Salem, Ogn.

JURY LIST.—The following is a list of jurors drawn yesterday by the Sheriff and County Clerk to serve at the June term of the Circuit Court: M. J. Egan, A. G. Perkins, J. W. Greenwood, J. H. Baughman, Matthew Wood, G. W. Cusick, J. Palmer, John Krouse, A. T. Yeaton, J. F. Cox, J. F. Smith, W. H. Ringo, James Coffey, G. S. Downing, E. Wolfard, Stephen Frost, J. Voorhoes, Samuel Lamon, Wright Fosby, Dexter Robbins, Rudolph Schade, M. Gunsanles, Jos. Isham, John McDonald, Henry Kleun, J. Y. Boskey, Joseph A. Baker, J. B. McClure, L. Schneider, William Hillery, Cyrus Condit.

Ice cream and soda water went off like 60 at Holbert's this forenoon.

### Shearing Sheep.

Sheep shearing is only just fairly commencing at the present time, and with the coming of settled pleasant weather it will be pushed in a very lively manner. Some Scotchmen, fresh from the land o' cakes, have lately reached this vicinity and are busily employed in shearing, which is their especial business, and they find plenty to do at it. Lewis Pettyjohn has them at work now, and they say he is the first man who has ordered them to throw out the dirt and tags. We hope he won't be the last to do so, for it really is a shame to send good wool to market with dirt to take away its true value and the whole State suffers for every pound of dirt that is sent out of it under such circumstances.

BUILDING AT JEFFERSON.—Messrs. Joseph & Brother, stone masons, have completed their heavy foundation for the Farmers Warehouse in this city and have made a most excellent job of it. They will go now to Jefferson and commence a similar work for Messrs. Corbett & Macleay who own the flouring mill at that point and intend to erect a large warehouse on the river and railroad at that place, for which the Josephs are to lay the foundation. After that they will be on hand to lay the foundation for the warehouse the farmers of that vicinity are intending to build.

TWO WOLVES.—Mr. F. R. Smith informs us that they have been on an unsuccessful hunt for wolves in the hills south of town for two weeks. He says that he has seen two wolves, one of whom is a very large fellow, and the principal losers are Mr. Smith, Lewis Pettyjohn, Thomas Cross and J. L. Davidson. It is asserted that these two wolves have destroyed nearly \$1,000 worth of sheep this winter and spring, as those gentlemen all have choice flocks. Others have suffered in less degree.

SHEEP RAISERS.—The Umatilla Tribune gives a list of those in that county who pay over fifty dollars tax and adds: "The list reveals some interesting and curious facts. One is that J. Frazer pays more taxes than any other tax-payer in the county, and Jerry Despan is next on the list. They are both sheep raisers and have acquired their property principally through their sheep within the last few years in this county."

EMPLOYED TO DEFEND.—We learn that the law firms of Boise & Willis and Knight & Lord are employed to defend the county's interest in the Court House against the schemes of the Wilson heirs and the speculative attorneys who are running the thing, no doubt, on shares, and whose highest aim must be to frighten the County Court and blackmail the county to the extent they can get up a scare. The game won't win.

THE PIONEER PRINTING PRESS.—Judge Thornton informs us that the printing press he lately went to Hillsboro to secure has been shipped at Portland and will arrive here to-morrow on the regular freight train, and be taken to its destination at the State Library.

LEARD FERRY.—This ferry has been run without any rope of late, but the new wire rope is received and will be stretched to-morrow, and with a new rope and a new boat Mr. Lewis Pettyjohn will be prepared to do ferrying to the best advantage.

DIED.—At the residence of Hon. John Downing, near Sublimity, Miss Mary C. Riches, aged 22 years, of consumption. Miss Riches was an adopted daughter of Mr. Downing's family and very much beloved.

The Salem Flouring Mill are loading the Ben Bolt with lumber from Sam Bass' mill for a sack warehouse to be built near Eola, and when loaded will have the same towed to that place.

The Evening Journal says the body that was found yesterday was that of Klaus Beckman who was a passenger on the Senator, going to Astoria, aged 27 years, native of Germany, leaves a wife and child.

H. H. Gilroy has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, which includes Salem and Eola, by the Grand Lodge L. O. O. F., just adjourned.

WOOL BOUGHT.—John W. Gilbert is in the market to purchase wool, and gives notice to that effect in our advertising columns.

The Salem Mills now offer \$2 1/2 cents per bushel for wheat and the farmers will have some to sell at that price.

Holmes has a choice lot of potatoes just received, also groceries of all kinds cheap for cash.