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MURDER TALE FALLS THROUGH

Youths Confess Story Was Mere Frame-Up — Sheriff Maas Says "I told You So" — Boys Forgiven.

Declaring, under threats of violence made by officers, that the tale of being eye-witnesses to the Hill murder at Ardenwald was only "hatched" to get the reward, the two youths arrested at The Dalles, have broken down completely and barrenly now they tell their story.

Both declared that they would not have held out long enough to see Holmberg sent to the gallows and expected when they fixed up the plot to get caught. They had, however, intended to hold out longer in the hope of getting money or at least much notoriety.

Young Howard aspires to be a cowboy, while Hawkins is looking for any kind of vocation that promises adventure in the novelists. Neither boy admits he is sorry.

Hawkins, in fact, laughingly said, "We framed up the scheme on Holmberg as an easy way to get rich and we failed. Of course, a fellow never gets along in the world unless he takes chances."

Holmberg when seen in his cell related the experiences of the victim of a frame-up, at whom the finger of guilt is pointed.

"I was in the Spanish-American War," he said, "and engaged in several battles. I have seen fights and been in fights. I have been a hobo and I've been a gentleman and I've seen every side of life, but I have never heard of such an affair as this before."

"There was something besides money in the deal. I believe the boys wanted adventure. I first found Hawkins in a small town in Washington. He was broke and hungry, had no clothes and nowhere to go. I had a nephew once and I know how I would have hated to see him go cold and hungry. I took pity on the boy and befriended him in every way. And my pay?—he wanted to see me hung."

"The first I heard of the Hill murder was when a policeman at The Dalles poked a gun up against my head and told me I was under arrest."

"From that time, the finger of scorn was leveled at me. I told the truth. I argued about the preposterous nature of the boys' story, but the officers would not believe me. I told them not to hang me in a hurry but to wait. I was sure the tale would fall through. I was locked in a cage in the county jail and could do nothing but pace the floor and wonder if I would hang. I told the truth. I did not attempt to evade anything and there was nothing to evade, yet the web of circumstance was wound rapidly about me by the boys. I did not know what they were telling and could not find out. All I could do was to wait."

BILLY CONNERS BUYS NEW LENTS RESTAURANT

Billy Connors, an old-time resident and well known throughout the district, this week purchased the Cook Restaurant on Main street and is now installed therein.

Mr. Connors has been conducting a cigar store at Lafayette for some time, but has disposed of it, having decided that there is no place like Lents.

He will make such needed alterations as his increased patronage demands and will personally conduct this popular place. We wish you well, Billy, in your new place of business.

CASHIER LAW AGAIN ARRESTED: OUT ON BAIL

J. C. Law, the aged cashier of the Mt. Scott Bank, defunct, was again arrested, and is now out on \$500 bond. He is wanted only as a witness in the trial of W. S. Davis, the vice president of the institution. Rumor has it, however, that Davis' case will never come to trial and that he will be given the same chance to "make good" that Meyers, the president got.

INFANT DAUGHTER OF JAMES HAZELET DIES

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hazelet died Monday from the effects of swallowing several "cold and gripe" tablets it found lying on a stand. The child's glee was unbounded when it found the "candy," and before Mrs. Hazelet could secure them had swallowed all. Everything that could be done was done for it, but the shock to its system was too severe and it died shortly.

The father was at work in town and hurried home only to find his babe dead. Both parents are prostrated. They have the sympathy of all.

YOUTH KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

Receives Full Shock of 57,000 Volts and Falls Fifteen Feet to Concrete Floor Below.

A hurry call was turned in to Dr. Heas Monday morning for assistance at Lents Junction. On arriving there the doctor found that Wesley Krupke, a sheet metal worker, who was engaged in repairing the roof, had come in contact with a large feed wire and that he received the full voltage of 57,000 is believed by those near him.

He was working about seven feet from the edge of the roof, and so strong was the shock that it threw him over and down to the concrete floor 15 feet below.

That he was not killed instantly is marvelous. A special car conveyed him to the hospital where he died about 5 o'clock that evening, never regaining consciousness.

Mr. Krupke was 21 years old and resided with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Krupke, at 334 Grant street. He was an only son. He had been a student in the Y. M. C. A. Night School in the sheet metal drafting class, and had made rapid strides in his chosen profession.

Mrs. Krupke was prostrated by the news of her son's death, and is under the care of a physician.

A combination sale of farm implements, stock and household goods will be held at the old Kelly farm near Kelly Butte October 27. For full particulars see ad on last page. Arrange to attend it.

MT. SCOTT W. C. T. U. HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Ward Swope, where a reception to new members was given. It being the wedding anniversary of the hostess, the Union presented her with a beautiful silver cake fork.

The next meeting of the local W. C. T. U. will be a joint meeting with the "Harmony Club" at the home of Mr. Elmer Clark, a good program will be rendered, both organizations furnishing selections. They will be pleased to welcome as many as will come.

At the last meeting the retiring President, Mrs. L. Hoskins, was given a life membership certificate, as a token of the love born her by members of the Mt. Scott organization.

We ask all old White Ribboners to join us in our work at this place. We hope to make this one of the best years the Union has ever had, we ask those who have never been identified with us to take membership also with us. You who do not know our work will find us not the Temperance cranks that you have heard that we were, but Mothers and home makers banded together to make the world better for us having a place in it, not only as an organization, but as individuals. Our second "Declaration of Principles, reads thus, We Believe in the Golden Rule, and that each man's habits of life should be an example safe and beneficent for every other man to follow."

Mrs. Harrris, Aged and Sick, Again In Need

Our attention is called this week to the pitiable case of Mrs. Harris, the aged and infirm lady, of whom we spoke of some weeks ago.

At that time temporary relief was given her and for a time she got along very nicely. But the other day a neighbor, Mr. H. C. Inlow, called to see Grandma and found her in a most sorrowful and pitiable condition. He and his wife kindly sent her a basket of provisions and he now asks the good people of Lents to turn out and assist her if possible.

Unable to work, with no relatives and no funds, and winter coming upon her, what is she to do? We cannot see her want or suffer from cold let alone from illness, so will you not, gentle reader, visit her at her home, leaving a basket of eatables, and speak a few kind words to her?

She lives on Estella street near the residence of Mr. Inlow.

Another Paper Claims Lents As It's Home

Next week the first issue of The International Immigrant, a paper printed in three languages and circulated throughout the world, will be issued from the offices of the Mt. Scott Publishing Co.

The paper was founded September 1 by Dr. Ludwig Lessing-Bolgar of Portland. The doctor is an old and experienced journalist and has devoted years to the study of the condition of the foreign element that come to America to make their home.

For the purpose of enlightening these people and to aid Oregon in securing some of this class of immigrants he has decided that a paper, printed in their own language, by one of their own people, telling the plain facts and presenting condition as they are today, (not as they were or will be) is the only real medium whereby their attention is attracted and their attentive ear gained.

His part: "Immigrants want is to make — continued on page 5)

MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM FOR OCT. 27

To Be Given at Lents M. E. Church by Local Talent.

The choir of the M. E. church of Lents on 6th Ave., near Foster Road, will give a musical and literary program at the church, Friday eve, Oct. 27. All are welcome. No admission, but a collection will be taken. The program follows: Hymn—Joy to the World.

Prayer—Pastor, Rev. Moore. Anthem—Choir, Oh, come let us Worship.

Solo—Come Holy Ghost, Miss Verne Flanders. Quartet—Send out Thy Light, Mrs. Sells, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Blything.

Remarks—Pastor, Rev. Moore. Collection—Response by the choir.

Trio—Women's Voices, Old Black Joe. Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Sandberg.

Duet—Hark, Hark, My Soul, Mrs. Sells, Mrs. Daniels.

Solo—When the Bell in the Lighthouse Tolls, Wallace Blything.

Reading—Mrs. Brown. Quartet—How long will Thou forget me, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Welton, Mr. Gething.

Solo—Mr. Hogue. Violin Solo—Rowan Faith.

Anthem—Choir, Praise Ye the Father. Benediction—Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our neighbors, and friends for their kindness and help during the death of our beloved daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hazelet.

LOANS TO FARMERS

FARMERS need loans sometimes. It is, therefore, a good plan for the farmer to deposit in the bank when he has money on hand.

The farmer who handles his affairs in a business-like way, and keeps a satisfactory balance on deposit, builds up a credit at the bank which enables him to expect and receive the help of the bank when needed.

We will loan money to the farmer, but he must do his part by conforming to safe business rules. We must know what he is worth above all indebtedness and what his prospects are. Such information given us is, of course, strictly confidential, and we, knowing much of the needs and conditions existing, may be able to offer advice worth much to the farmer seeking a loan.

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LIVELY DEBATE AT DEPOSITORS' MEETING

The ten-act comedy entitled "After the bank failed" was staged before a full house in Duke's hall Monday eve.

Occupying prominent front-row seats, were Judge Tobin, Chairman Peterson, Cashier Rostad of the Multnomah State Bank, and other prominent local persons.

Just what transpired is a matter of importance and unimportance.

The question of selling the depositors' interest in the bank's property on Main street was the principal topic for debate. This brought forth a storm of abuse from both sides and was finally settled by agreeing to accept sealed bids for its purchase for a period of ten days, the same to be sold on this date. Adjournment to Wednesday of this week followed and all hands left feeling greatly relieved of wrath and in a much pleasanter frame of mind.

BLAZE DESTROYS STORE AND STOCK

Building Recently Built Burns to the Ground Monday Night, Heavily Insured.

The grocery and meat market, located on Seventh Avenue and Rose Street and owned by John Vierende was completely destroyed by fire about 10:30 Monday night.

A general alarm was turned in and the fire ladders responded, but by the time they arrived the fire had gained such ground that their efforts were fruitless.

Nothing is known as to its origin. At first it was thought to be the work of an incendiary as it is known that the neighbors were opposed to its being built in the first place. This is not given much credit now and officers and insurance people are at work trying to discern the cause if possible.

First rumor had it that no insurance was carried and that \$1500 was also burned, but investigation proves this to be false and it now comes to light that the owner carried three policies on the building and heavy insurance on the streets. The building was a frail, two-story frame structure and fire easily spread, burning it to ashes in less than an hour.

Some excitement prevailed for a time when bystanders discovered a big tank of oil standing in one corner of the burning building. Consternation spread and the crowd moved away, but the soldier on the tanks gave away before an explosion took place and the oil soon ignited sending a black cloud heavenward.

HALLOWE'EN AT ROCKWOOD.

A Hallowe'en dance will be given by Rockwood Grange on Saturday evening, Oct. 28. Richards' orchestra and the usual grange supper. Tickets, 75 cents. Supper extra. Arrangements are being made for a Mask ball on Thanksgiving eve.

AS MARK OF TRUST THE UNIONS RE-ELECT McNAMARA

Milwaukee, Wis.—There was jubilation in the ranks of labor owing to the re-election of John J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, in annual convention here.

Other officers are: Frank M. Ryan, Chicago, president; J. T. Butler, Buffalo, first vice president; H. S. Hocking, Detroit, second vice president; M. J. Young, Boston; P. A. Cooley, New Orleans; Edward Leeds, San Francisco, and Joseph McGlory, Cleveland, directors.

The convention voted to present McNamara with a solid gold fob. Peoria, Ill., was chosen the next convention city.

CLEETON SPEAKS ON GOOD ROADS

Urges Improved Public Thoroughfares, for Farmer's Benefit—Grange Meeting Well Attended.

Lents Grange met Saturday with several things to be commended. The attendance was unusually large and the degree work and drill met with general approval. Nearly sixty visitors were present from surrounding granges and from our adjoining state of Washington. The Lecture hour under the management of Mrs. Almida Miller was the best for many a day.

The new programs sent out by the State Lecturer was put to a thorough trial and with the addition of music and recitations was highly satisfactory. The Drill Team put on their first work and Kenneth and Karl Goetz rendered an instrumental selection, Milton Katzy gave a violin solo, and Hazel Cawkins gave a recitation, "Making Cash Allowances to Children," was presented as a paper by Mrs. Otto Katzy. "Labor Savers for the Kitchen" was given by Mrs. E. P. Smith. Mrs. Hotchkiss read a paper on "How and When to Visit School." They were all excellent papers. Mr. Young gave a talk on road laws and Judge Cleeton discussed "Bonding for Road Construction."

County Judge Cleeton spoke, and praised the idea of building roads between the producers and the principal markets on the railway lines. Judge Cleeton also dwelt to some extent upon through highway construction, but held that the market road was of primary importance. He urged that the counties be given authority to build roads for the latter purpose.

County Commissioner Lightner and chief road Supervisor Chapman were also present, and thought the subject of good roads of vital importance to those present and of interest to the people as a whole.

Lents Grange has declared absolutely for highway construction between producing center and market places in every rural community of the state. This demand is made as against the growing desire for through boulevards or highways. It is certain the Grange will rally to the call.

Against the Grange plan is being placed the theory of building great trunk lines, by state aid or state initiative unaided, leaving the lateral system to be taken care of by counties and precincts. Those behind this latter purpose believe that through roads serve the greatest possible ends of vehicular traffic, and will contribute to the state's maximum in prosperity. In addition to giving the connecting links between communities for use of stock-drivers and that class of people yet clinging to the wagon as a general transportation, these men argue that the through trunk lines will make all the rich agricultural districts and matchless scenic regions accessible to automobile traffic, thus inducing a more prosperous class of people to settle in the country and entice tourists to spend greater time in the state admiring its natural resources.

Mr. Miller made a report of the Grange Fair's last exhibit. Everyone seemed highly pleased with the program and the very skillful way in which the Lectures succeeded in carrying out.

The Lecturer turned in her report of the meeting to the State Lecturer and from the start made there is reason to feel that Lents Grange will be one of the strong competitors for the prize for the best work of the coming year.

A large and appreciative audience listened to the discussion, after which the prize drill of the Grange team was reproduced and greatly enjoyed.

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