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The Council meets in regular session on the first Monday evening of each month, at 7:00 o'clock. In the office of the Falls City News.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1915

### MS. WATTS WANTS TO KNOW.

Scappoose, Ore. Jan. 12, 1915.  
An open letter to Judge Clark of Columbia County.

About 138 taxpayers of Dist. No. 1, signed a petition asking that you appoint Gus Lang, as our road supervisor. The reason for signing, this petition was because Mr. Lang is thoroughly efficient. He attended the Agricultural college and learned how to construct good roads at the least expense to the taxpayer.

You did not grant the request of the taxpayers. You were elected, we believe, to work for the interest of the whole county.

Now is it not a fact that you are paying off your pre-election workers by putting them into office at the expense of the taxpayer.

Will you, Mr. Clark, a servant of the people, please answer why you ignore the taxpayers' wishes?

We believe it is only just that you explain such action, through the papers, as we have a right to know.

Yours cordially,  
MILDRED J. WATTS.

### FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vick were given a surprise party Wednesday afternoon by the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church. The occasion was to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Vick before their departure for Salem where they expect to go about the 10th of February to make their home. A souvenir spoon showing the public school building of Falls City on the bowl and the state capitol on the handle with other appropriate inscriptions was presented. The afternoon was passed very pleasantly and Mr. and Mrs. Vick desire to express their thanks and appreciation for the kind remembrances.

### WILL SERVE TEA

The Loyal Daughters of the Christian Church will give a 10-cent tea in the basement of the church this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30.

This class has pledged itself to raise thirty dollars for missions during 1915.

Anyone not being able to attend the tea but desiring to assist the girls in the fulfillment of their pledge may do so by giving ten cents, more or less, to any member of tea committee, who are: Evelyn Haley, Beulah Young, Lucile Finley, Ose Brown and Ida Dunn, or to their teacher, Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour.

Mrs. Welty and daughter who have been attending the meetings at the Free Methodist church returned Monday to their home at Hubbard.

The stock-holders of the rural telephone lines met in this city Tuesday to review the business of the past year and make plans for the coming year.

## WITNESS TO THE DEED

By M. QUAD  
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My mistress in Gainsboro road had lost a \$5 note in the house, and the thief was the parlor maid. I knew it from her actions, and three months after I left the house she was caught in a similar offense and owned up to the first theft. However, the crime was laid on me, and because I made indignant and perhaps impudent protest I was fung out of the house at half an hour's notice and refused a character. I was idle for the next three months. The first thing demanded when I applied for a place was a character. As soon as it was learned that I had none it was useless to talk further. It was for this reason that I finally paid a fee to an intelligence office in Margate street and was at length sent for to take a place at general housework. It was an old man named Dyson who wanted me. He was willing to take me without a character because he would have to pay less wages and because, as he grudgingly asserted, there was nothing lying around loose in his house for me to steal. As we sat face to face I sized him up as mean and peevish, but I did not see any evil in him. He had an aged and infirm wife, he told me, and I would be the only servant.

It was not for me to pick and choose. I must have a place and hold it long enough to get a character again. I went with him miles and miles out on the Holborn road, and we at last arrived at the cheaply built and cheap looking cottage he occupied. It was a place devoid of almost all conveniences and had been selected for its cheap rent. I found the old wife deaf, almost blind and palsied, and it was apparent that she had no care whatever.

I soon had evidence that he was in love with a widow in the neighborhood, or at least he desired to be free so that he could marry her. My natural impulse on finding out how he felt toward his wife was to flee the house, but I had explained how I was situated.

In the course of a couple of weeks he declared that the cellar was full of rats and gave me money and commanded me to buy arsenic. He recommended me to go to a store miles away and to say that I wanted it for my complexion and to give my own name. I went to a drug store only two blocks away and gave his name, and when he discovered this he was highly indignant for a day, and I rather expected to be thrown out. However, in the course of three or four days he developed another plan. After coaching the old wife he left me alone with her for the first time, and she begged me to get her some laudanum for toothache and not to mention the matter to him. It was easy to tell that she had been coached what to say, and I refused to buy the drug. A few days later as I was preparing her a soup I had to leave the kitchen for a minute. When I returned the soup was giving out a strange odor, and being satisfied that her husband had poisoned it, of course, threw it away. He scolded about my waste, but when I looked him squarely in the eyes he dropped his head and had no more to say.

I had been with the Dysons five years when the climax came. The old woman was holding her own if not getting better, and the husband's impatience had a savage edge to it. Their bedroom was on the north side of the house. All along on that side was a deep excavation for a factory.

At 10 o'clock one night I lay wondering if he really meant to take her life and how he would finally accomplish it, when I heard a half suppressed scream from his room. I got softly out of bed and went to the farther door, and, looking through a crack, I saw that the window was up and that he stood before it with his wife in his arms. She was hanging on to him with fingers of steel and making a great struggle. I heard him breathing heavily and snarling and growling as he tore her fingers loose, but I did not know what he planned to do till of a sudden he staggered to the open window and fung her out. She screamed as she went to her death, and in my fright I echoed the scream. I remember the man rushing across the room at me, of his dashing open the door, of his striking me down, and then came darkness which lasted for weeks. He had struck me with a piece of iron and fractured my skull. He then carried my body downstairs and bore it a quarter of a mile away and fung it into another excavation. Before taking me from the house he put on my hat and cloak, and thus it appeared to those who found my unconscious body next morning that I had been coming home the night before and fallen into the pit. As to his wife, he gave the alarm and brought the police and made out that it was a case of suicide. While he was fast asleep, as he claimed, she had stolen to the window and leaped to her death.

His story went, and it was several months before there was any contradiction. I had a fractured skull, brain fever and pneumonia and for weeks and weeks lay as one dead. When I mended my memory was confused, and it was seven months before I told my story and put the police on the track. Long before that Dyson had married the widow and sailed for America, and though efforts were made to find him nothing came of them. Never did a man deserve the hangman's rope more, and yet if living today he is free and has no fear of the law.

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

No. 1. 7 1/2 acres adjoining Falls City on County road. Good 7-room house, city water; barn and chicken park; young orchard in bearing, small fruit. All fenced and 3 1/2 acres in cultivation. No waste land. Time on part.

No. 2. 80 acres mountain land, 1 1/4 miles out on County road. 25 acres in cultivation, 20 acres big second-growth fir. Good 5-room house, barn, outbuildings. Fruit, and berries; 125 prune trees. Also, good team, wagon, harness and some household goods. Will give time on part.

No. 3. 35 acres near town. 15 in cultivation. Good 8-room house barn and henhouse. Bearing orchard. Some good second-growth fir. Time on part.

No. 4. 10 acres 1/2 mile from town; all fenced, 8 1/2 in cultivation, 6-room house partly finished, good barn. Can be bought at a bargain.

No. 5. 160 acres in Lincoln Co., 5 miles from railroad, on County road. Small cabin and barn; 4 acres in cultivation and 60 more can be cultivated. 350 3-year old English walnut trees. Good spring that would furnish fine water power. School 1/2 mile, 8 month term with contract for two more years. This will make an ideal stock and dairy ranch and can be bought at a bargain. Terms.

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D. L. Wood,  
Falls City, Ore.

Financial settlement was made last Saturday between the Falls City and Black Rock school districts. Black Rock on withdrawing from Falls City and becoming a separate district was entitled to certain considerations that were never adjusted until this time.

Kenneth Wonderly, Kenneth Rich and Donald Hodges are out of school on account of sickness.

B.M. Howell has received letters patent on his device for preventing railroad rails from spreading.

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Effective September 4, 1914.

IRA C. MEHRLING, Postmaster  
Falls City, Polk Co., Ore.

The revival meetings at the Free Methodist church is progressing nicely and the interest good. It is the intention to hold over Sunday, if not longer.

Elders Coffee, of Portland; Cook of Salem; Hight, of Woodburn and Upton of Newberg who have been assisting in the revival meetings at the Free Methodist church departed Monday for their respective abodes.

Tuesday night some thirsty individual demoralized the water fountain on the corner of Bridge street and South Main. Both pipes were broken off short and the fountain thrown out in the street. Were this a "dry" town we might suspect that some one mistook it for a "blind tiger" and was trying to make it work without 'lubricating' it. It was no novice, however, as they were familiar enough with the workings to shut off the water. Only a few in the city know the location of the cutoff placing suspicion upon a limited number.

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D. L. WOOD,  
Falls City, Oregon.