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### AT POINT OF PISTOL

Aged Polk County Farmer Is Robbed  
of Large Sum of Money.

One of the most daring robberies  
ever committed in Polk county too  
place at the home of Andrew Woolfe,  
an aged widower, at his home near  
Williamina last Thursday evening,  
when two men entered the house  
and at the point of a revolver forced  
the old gentleman to hand over \$217.95  
in cash. After trying their victim to a  
chair, the bold criminals cooked and  
ate supper, and then coolly took their  
their departure. Mr. Woolfe is about  
80 years of age, and since the death of  
his wife several years ago, has lived  
alone.

Two strangers came to Mr. Woolfe's  
place between sundown and dark on  
Thursday evening and asked for sup-  
per. Mr. Woolfe told them that he  
was too old to cook, and advised them  
to seek lodging at the house of some  
near neighbor. The men then asked  
for a drink of water. After taking a  
drink at the well, the two men returned  
to the house with Mr. Woolfe and were  
no sooner inside than they drew their  
revolvers and ordered the aged man  
to give them all the money he had in  
the house, threatening to kill him if  
he did not comply with their demand.  
Seeing that the robbers had him at  
their mercy and that resistance would  
be useless, Mr. Woolfe gave them all  
the money on his person, amounting  
to \$217.95. The money was in the  
shape of a \$100 bill, \$115 in gold, and  
\$2.95 in silver. The robbers appar-  
ently were not satisfied, and one of them  
said: "You have \$400 in this house,  
and we want it all." Mr. Woolfe  
explained to them that he had recently  
loaned \$150 to a neighbor, and assured  
them that the amount secured by them  
was all the money he had in the  
house.

The men then seized him and tied  
him to a chair, after which they  
leisurely proceeded to cook supper.  
When they had finished their meal,  
they took the sheets from the bed and  
twisted them into ropes, with which  
they bound their aged victim to the  
bed, fastening his arms and legs in  
such a manner that he could not  
move.

The robbers then went to Allyn  
Yocum's barn, a short distance from  
the house, and stole two horses, one a  
heavy work animal and the other a  
riding mare. Saddling the horses,  
they started off in the direction of  
Sheridan. Finding the work horse  
too slow for fast travel, they turned  
him loose in the road near the home  
of a farmer named Rasmussen, and,  
catching one of Rasmussen's horses  
in the pasture, saddled the fresh ani-  
mal and started on toward McMinn-  
ville. Three miles west of the latter  
town, they turned the Rasmussen  
horse into a field, after throwing the  
saddle into the fence corner. Reach-  
ing the suburbs of McMinnville, they  
turned the mare loose near the Baptist  
College. From this point no trace of  
their flight has been found, but it is  
believed by the officers that they took  
refuge in the thick brush along a  
creek which enters the town near the  
college. The mare was found in front  
of Hinshaw's feed stable at 5:30 o'clock  
in the morning, covered with sweat  
and showing every sign of hard  
usage.

A farmer named McKee, living on  
the Sheridan road a short distance  
west of McMinnville, saw the two men  
pass his place at 5 o'clock in the  
morning. One was mounted, and the  
other was afoot. The footman was  
running in the middle of the road, a  
short distance ahead of his mounted  
companion. They were again seen  
by a milkman as they turned into the  
Amity road near McMinnville.

The robbers' aged and feeble victim  
was found at 9 o'clock Friday morn-  
ing by Irvin Yocum, a son of Allyn  
Yocum. The old man was completely  
exhausted from the effects of lying in  
one position so long and from worry-  
ing over the loss of his money. When  
released from his cramped and wearis-  
some position on the bed, he was in a  
condition bordering on nervous prostra-  
tion, and it was with the greatest  
difficulty that he gave a coherent ac-  
count of what had occurred. Sheriff  
Ford was notified of the robbery and  
went out to Woolfe's house at once,  
arriving there shortly after noon. He  
took up the track of the robbers and  
followed them to McMinnville, but  
there lost all trace of them. He be-  
lieves, however, that he has a clue to  
their identity and will exert every  
effort to locate them. He is being  
assisted in his work by Sheriff Corri-  
gan, of Yamhill county, and Sheriff  
Woolfe, of Tillamook county. The  
latter officer is a son of the man who  
was robbed.

One of the robbers is described by  
Mr. Woolfe as being a man about 35  
years old, about 5 feet 9 inches in  
height; light complexion, medium  
dark hair, straight nose, blue eyes,  
smooth shaven, with about one week's  
growth of beard; wore a white slouch  
hat, old brown suit, with square-

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cornered coat. The other robber is  
about 5 feet 6 inches in height; has  
red or auburn hair, freckled face, and  
blue eyes; wore light pants and light  
hat. He appeared to be about the  
same age as his companion.

### Oil From Polk and Marion.

"I think we have just as good an  
oil field here in Oregon as they have  
in Kern, Fresno, or Monterey counties,  
and I am positive the oil beneath the  
Willamette Valley is far superior to  
any found in California," said D. M.  
Watson, the oil expert to an Evening  
Telegram reporter, recently. "It can  
be struck between 800 and 1000 feet  
from the surface, but care must be  
taken to exclude the water from the  
well as it is being bored. I predict  
that in a few years the best quality of  
crude oil will be flowing into Portland  
by a gravity system, whose tanks will  
be located in Marion and Polk  
counties. The day of the wood dealer  
and the coal miner is now nearly past  
in Oregon, and cheap fuel will permit  
of the development of many resources  
now lying dormant."

### ATTACKS LOCAL OPTION

Suit to Test Constitutionality of  
New Liquor Law Brought in  
Portland.

On the ground that the Oregon local  
option law is invalid, for the reason  
that it is in conflict with the state  
constitution, the opponents of the en-  
actment have instituted proceedings  
against it, says the Portland Telegram.  
The nature of the suit is an injunction.  
The court is petitioned to issue an  
order restraining the County Clerk  
from holding an election on the liquor  
question next November, and enjoin-  
ing the County Court from expend-  
ing county money for such purpose.  
A preliminary restraining order is  
asked, and after a final hearing of  
the case, the injunction is asked to be  
made perpetual. The following  
reasons are urged against the constitu-  
tionality and validity of the law:

Because it was not submitted to the  
governor for his approval, was not  
signed by him, nor returned with his  
objections, nor filed by him in the  
office of the secretary of state; that the  
law was not legally submitted to the  
electors, because the petition for its  
submission was not signed by 8 per  
cent of the voters; that it confers an  
unlawful delegation of legislative  
authority to the county court; that the  
title does not give notice that it is un-  
lawful to sell liquors; that the initia-  
tive and referendum act is contrary to  
the constitution of the United States  
wherein a republican form of govern-  
ment is guaranteed; that it unlawfully  
prohibits the sale of liquor on the pre-  
scription of a physician not engaged in  
practice; that it is contrary to sec-  
tion 21 of the constitution; that it un-  
lawfully attempts to delegate the pro-  
hibition question to precincts, and that  
it provides for illegal search-warrants  
and rules of evidence.

Ex-United States Senator Joseph  
Simon and Judge M. L. Pipes have  
been employed to represent the liquor  
interests in the contest. Friends of  
the measure will fight the case. Earl  
C. Bronaugh, who was the prime  
author of the law, is absent from  
Portland, and hence his views on the  
matter cannot be ascertained, but  
assurance is given that all efforts to  
knock out the law on technical  
grounds or any other, for that matter,  
will be strenuously contested.

On August 29, 1904, there were ad-  
vertised letters in the Dallas postoffice  
for Mrs. May Moore, Mrs. M. C. Stone,  
Eva Burress, W. B. Brookshire, A. L.  
Brown, Earle Grant, Frank Hartness  
(3), J. R. Marsh, C. T. Murphy, Chas.  
H. Watson, Charles Olson, Ernest  
Walton and Jesse L. Walsh. C. G.  
COAD, Postmaster.

## Young Plants

Every farmer knows that  
some plants grow better than  
others. Soil may be the same  
and seed may seem the same,  
but some plants are weak and  
others strong.

And that's the way with  
children. They are like young  
plants. Same food, same home,  
same care but some grow big  
and strong while others stay  
small and weak.

Scott's Emulsion offers an  
easy way out of the difficult  
Child weakness often means  
starvation, not because of lack  
of food, but because the food  
does not feed.

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and gives the child growth  
strength.

Whatever the cause of weak-  
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the difference between them and agency  
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with each machine. Price from  
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SHADES**  
—will be reduced  
**30 per cent.**  
Do not want to carry any  
summer goods over.

## Fall Stock of Rugs and Carpets

is beginning to arrive. Judging by those already in, the approaching season's colors  
and patterns are going to excel in beauty those of any previous season. See ours be-  
fore you buy. We can furnish you a carpet or rug for any room in the house and at  
prices that will compete with the largest city stores.  
An excellent 8 wire Tapestry Brussels Carpet made and lined for 85c a yard.

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our Enameled Iron Beds. We have them from \$3.50 up. But we wish to call your  
attention to a new shipment just in. They come in combination colors. Any color  
to match your room.  
**SEE THE WEST WINDOW.**

### OREGON HAS SAME LAW

Washington Supreme Court Declares  
Poll Tax Law to Be Un-  
constitutional.

The rule laid down by the Supreme  
Court of the State of Washington in  
its decision on Wednesday, declaring  
the poll-tax law and road poll-tax law  
both unconstitutional for lack of uni-  
formity, if followed by the Oregon  
Supreme Court would have the effect  
of doing away with similar laws in  
force in this state.

The poll-tax statutes in Washington  
provide that all males between 21 and  
50 years are subject to the payment of  
the tax, and exempts Fire Department  
members. The constitution of that  
state contains a provision for uniform  
taxation, and where these exemptions  
are made the Supreme Court holds the  
tax is not uniform.

The Constitution of Oregon also  
provides for uniform taxation. There  
are three poll-tax laws in operation in  
Oregon, a state poll-tax law, a county  
poll-tax law, and a road poll-tax law.  
The latter applies to persons between  
the ages of 21 and 50 years, and may  
be liquidated by work done on the  
county roads. If firm people and  
those unable to perform labor are  
among the exempt class. There are  
also special statutes exempting active  
and exempt firemen from the payment  
of poll tax, and the militia act of 1901  
exempts all active members from the  
payment of poll and road poll taxes,  
and from jury duty after five years'  
continuous service in the Oregon  
National Guard.

It will be seen that there are more  
exemptions in the Oregon statutes  
than in those of Washington, and as  
the constitutional provision is practi-  
cally the same, there is more material  
here for a test case than in the sister  
state.

Poll-tax laws are unpopular and in  
many places have been done away  
with. They are not enforced to any  
extent in this state, except the road  
law, which is looked after by Road  
Supervisors. It does some good in  
the way of keeping up the roads, but  
does not furnish the road fund proper,  
which is realized from a tax levy on  
the taxpayers of the county or district.  
The poll tax proper has been collected  
in past years from Chinese and a few  
others, but has never been collected as  
a whole or even attempted.

The poll-tax laws in this state are  
valid until declared otherwise by the  
Supreme Court, and no one knows, if  
a test case were brought in this state,  
whether the learned Judges would  
look at the matter in the same light  
as those in Washington.

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fail to give immediate relief money re-  
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rington, Dallas, Oregon.

### LIBERALITY TO SCHOOLS

Oregon Doubles Its Expenditures for  
Common School Education in  
Ten Years.

In the last ten years the State of  
Oregon has doubled its expenditures  
for common school education, though  
in the same period the school popula-  
tion has increased but 9 per cent, the  
enrollment of pupils has increased 16  
per cent and the average daily attend-  
ance 23 per cent. Briefly summed up,  
the figures contained in the biennial  
report of the Superintendent of Public  
Instruction show that the enrollment  
in the public schools has increased  
faster than the enrollment and the  
expenditures for maintaining the  
common schools has increased faster  
than the attendance.

In other words, the people of this  
state are giving a larger proportion  
of the children a common school edu-  
cation and spending more money in  
order that the school system may be  
maintained on a higher standard.  
Showing still more forcibly the interest  
which the people show in the common  
schools, it may be noted that during  
this same period of ten years the  
amount of money raised by special  
district tax, voted by the people, has  
increased 200 per cent.

### Miss Emma Palmer Died.

Miss Emma Palmer died at the  
home of her mother, Mrs. Mary E.  
Palmer, on Chemeketa street, in  
Salem, Thursday, August 25, 1904,  
aged about 40 years, of heart failure.  
Deceased had been an invalid almost  
all of her life. Her mother, three  
sisters, Mrs. H. B. Cosper, of Dallas;  
Mrs. A. E. Crosby, of The Dalles;  
Miss Zaidie Palmer and one brother,  
Fred, of Salem, survive her. The  
funeral was held from the residence  
on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.—  
Salem Journal.

### First 1904 Hops Shipped.

The credit for having made the first  
shipment of Oregon hops, of the crop  
of 1904, as was the case last year also,  
is due to the firm of Benj Schwarz &  
Sons, of New York, through their local  
agent, Jos. Harris, of Salem. Mr.  
Harris received and shipped the  
Smeed lot of thirty-two bales from  
Eugene, last Thursday, the price paid  
being 25 cents per pound. The hops  
were of the early Fuggles variety and  
were probably the first lot to have been  
placed upon the market. This is con-  
sidered a very good price for an open-  
ing, and especially for this variety of  
hops, which are not so much sought  
after as the English Cluster and other  
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