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### NO LIGHT ON TRAGEDY

Officers Feel Sure That Aged Buena Vista Woman Was Brutally Murdered.

Investigations into the conditions surrounding the death of Mrs. Rebecca Moore, the aged wife of George W. Moore, who was found dead upon the kitchen floor of the country residence near Buena Vista, Wednesday evening, with her throat cut from ear to ear, convinces the officers that suicide was impossible and that a brutal murder had been committed. When the officers arrived upon the scene, they found that the woman had been felled by a heavy blow in the face from a blunt instrument, which crushed the upper maxillary bone, but no trace of the weapon used could be found. More than \$200 received for a crop of peaches and pears, concealed about the house, was not taken. The money was principally in currency, and had been hidden in the dead woman's sewing basket.

The Salem Statesman says that Sheriff Culver and Deputy Minto are bending every effort and leaving no stone unturned to run down the guilty party. Every clue has been carefully followed but so far nothing definite has been learned that might aid the officers in unravelling the mystery, which seems to grow deeper as time advances. There will be no let up by the sheriff's force and in their determined effort to apprehend the murderer the authorities are receiving the hearty support of the people living in the vicinity of the Moore home.

That Mrs. Moore was the victim of foul play there is no longer doubt. The careful examination of the ghastly wound on her throat and injury to her face made by Dr. J. N. Smith established the fact that it would have been a physical impossibility for her to have caused her own death. Everything tends to show that the woman's throat was cut after she had fallen to the floor and the injury to her face was of such a nature that it could not possibly have been self-inflicted.

The atrocious crime has aroused the entire Sidney and Buena Vista neighborhood and the good citizens of that section are anxiously awaiting the news that the desperate criminal has been captured.

Women have decided that in case they cannot vote, they will cut out the "Stork" proposition. Perfectly proper to take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It's good for everything. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Belt & Cherrington.

### DROWNED WHILE BATHING

Portland Barber Meets Death in Willamette River Near Independence.

Ivan E. Guthrie, a resident of Portland, was drowned Sunday afternoon in the Willamette River near Independence. Mr. Guthrie went to Independence about a week ago to work in one of the bopards near that place. Sunday afternoon he went swimming, and while struggling against a swift current became exhausted and was carried away. The body was not recovered until a half hour later. Physicians worked for three hours in an attempt to resuscitate him.

Mr. Guthrie was 28 years of age and was born in Jacksonville, Or. Before going to Independence he had been working as a barber for a number of years. He leaves a widow and a daughter 5 years old, and was a member of East Side Multnomah Camp, Woodmen of the World.

The body was taken to Portland for burial.

### WHACKED THE PRINTERS

Last Legislature Abolished Law Providing for Advertising Delinquent Taxes.

The new law providing for the sale of property for delinquent taxes differs in many important particulars from the old law.

Under the old law, delinquent taxes had to be advertised before becoming a lien on property, and at delinquent sale anyone was allowed to pay the taxes and receive a provisional title, redeemable by the prior owner within three years.

The new law abolishes the advertising feature, but provides that when tax becomes delinquent any one may pay the amount due, with 15 per cent penalty added, and receive a certificate which entitles him to possession in case the prior owner fails to redeem the certificate with interest before the expiration of three years. It is the opinion of the Sheriff of Oregon that the certificate plan does not apply to the 1907 levy.

W. R. Ellis, agent for Daily Oregonian and Evening Telegram. Have a daily paper delivered at your house by the week, month or year. No extra charge for delivery.

Young married people and old ones too. That have no children to laugh and soothe, Find their troubles will "little ones" be. If they take Rocky Mountain Tea. Belt & Cherrington.

### PRUNE HARVEST IS ON

Big Evaporators in Dallas District Are Being Operated to Full Capacity.

Although the prune crop this year is comparatively light, the prune growers are not anticipating a less profitable season than that of 1906, owing to the excellent quality of this year's yield and to a small increase in the value of prunes.

One of the most noticeable features of this season is the tendency of the drying industry toward centralization. The majority of the farmers who have only a few acres of prunes, and have heretofore done their own drying, will not operate their driers this year, but will sell their raw product to the owners of the larger plants.

The largest and most modern prune drier in this vicinity is the one owned and operated by S. P. Kimball, a man well known among fruit raisers throughout the state. His drier has been lately remodeled, and with its twenty tunnels now has a capacity of 750 bushels a day. Mr. Kimball is unable to estimate the amount of prunes he will dry this year, since, aside from the product of his own 36-acre orchard, he will buy as many bushels as possible from the smaller fruit raisers of the county. He uses no lye in drying, but merely washes the prunes before spreading, as he believes that this gives a better flavor to the finished product.

R. L. Chapman's drier has twelve tunnels, and will have a daily output of approximately 500 bushels. Aside from the yield of his own 40-acre orchard, Mr. Chapman has bought the fruit of about 35 acres, and estimates the result of the season's work at 10,000 bushels. He installed a new dipping machine this season, which adds materially to the speed and efficiency of the work. Three men are required to operate it, and by its use the prunes are sorted, dipped, washed and spread at the rate of about 200 trays an hour. Mr. Chapman says that without this machine it would require seven men to do the same amount of work.

M. M. Ellis will dry nothing but the product of his own 60-acre orchard this year. He will use no lye, but will dip the prunes in hot water. This will cause them to dry a trifle lighter, but Mr. Ellis claims that they will retain a certain delicacy of flavor which would be destroyed by immersion in the lye. His drier is equipped with five tunnels, through which a current of hot air is driven by means of a large fan. They have a capacity of 500 bushels, which means a daily output of 250 bushels. Mr. Ellis estimates his crop at 9,000 bushels.

The drier owned by H. S. Butz is of the same size and capacity as that of Mr. Ellis. Mr. Butz uses the lye-dipping method. Outside of his own 10-acre orchard, he has purchased the crop from the Campbell orchard, and will dry about 5,000 bushels, all told. Smaller driers owned and operated in this vicinity are those of Henry Voth, Mrs. E. H. Hibbard, H. Hayes, Isaac Dyck, O. H. Cobb and others.

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Legal blanks at this office.

### FIRE DESTROYS BARN

Two Valuable Colts and Large Amount of Baled Hay Are Burned.

The barn on the farm of W. H. McDaniel, near Rickreall, caught fire yesterday afternoon, and was burned to the ground with nearly all of its contents. The dwelling house caught fire several times from the sparks of the burning barn, but was saved from destruction by the efforts of the neighbors who had assembled from all sides to offer their assistance. The exact amount of damage cannot at present be estimated. The barn was filled with baled hay and a large amount of wheat and oats, all of which were lost. Two valuable colts were burned to death.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed to have been caused by the explosion of some gasoline that was stored in the barn.

### COURT HOUSE NOTES

Items of Interest From the Records in the County Offices.

#### REAL ESTATE.

Independence National Bank to J. Dornise, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, \$1357.

J. Dornise et ux to Morgan Jones, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, \$10.

Ellen Collins to Mary E. Hallock, 40 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$1.

Mary E. Hallock to Ellen Collins, 40 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$350.

State of Oregon to Charles Holton, 40 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$50.

I. S. Ramsey to J. I. Hooper, land in t 7 s, r 5 w, \$1200.

H. D. Staats et al to J. M. Staats, 29 acres, t 10 s, r 5 w, \$1150.

J. M. Staats et al to E. E. Staats, 78 acres, t 10 s, r 5 w, \$1150.

J. M. Staats et al to A. C. Staats, 68 acres, t 9 and 10 s, r 5 w, \$1150.

Charles Pauls to J. R. Chapman, 5 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$1150.

A. R. Southwick to J. R. Chapman, 11 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$1000.

Chester V. Dolph to Polk County, 5 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$220.

Edward Bell to W. W. Mitchell, trustee, 160 acres, t 8 s, r 8 w, \$1000.

S. A. Gardner to I. & M. R. R. Co, land in Mouthout, \$1.

Etta Hall and hd to Polly G. Siefarth, lot in Dallas, \$900.

Finley Morrison to D. C. Pelton and T. V. Ward, 1 lot in 400 acres, t 7 s, r 6 and 7 w, \$6000.

Edward White et ux to S. H. Rothermel, 160 acres, t 7 s, r 7 w, \$900.

Lucy E. Rowell to Gideon Stolz Co., land in Dallas, \$500.

United States to J. R. Beavers, 40 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, patent.

J. R. Beavers to N. P. Wheeler, 40 acres, t 7 s, r 8 w, \$1.

W. McCamant to W. N. Jones, 520 acres, t 6 and 7 s, r 7 w, \$10.

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P. S. Greenwood to J. J. Wiseman, lot in Dallas, \$250.

Dallas City Bank to J. A. Lynch, 70 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$2100.

M. A. Dugan to J. A. Lynch, lots in Dallas, \$525.

#### NOTARIAL COMMISSION.

Oscar Hayter, of Dallas.

Money of private parties to loan at 6 per cent on well-improved farms. SIBLEY & EAKIN.

### MEDITATIONS ON TAFT.

BY DEAN COLLINS.  
Fairbanks, of radish cocktail fame, And other men not quite the same, Have for a season been the rage, And gambled lightly from the stage; But still the people of our state With vast excitement palpitate; For, to explain the reason why, There's something in the public eye.

No fragile form like Harriman Before the footlights bright we scan; The glowing star who now strides on Is built more like a mastodon; And, visible for half a mile, Looms forth his broad, official smile; Storied and sung and telegraphed, He's here at last—the massive Taft.

Great mammoths, dinosaurs and whales! How he must strain the average scales! When on the lid he takes his seat, It must sag down about three feet. And yet, despite his mighty girth, About the surface of the earth, Men have been often heard to say He's quite a sprinter in his way.

In Washington he packs his grip, To take a short official trip; Shoots through our country on the train, And skims across the billowy main; So close on fleeing Time he heels, He often backs the old man's wheels— And ere a single moon has flown, Dons his pajamas in Luzon.

While Teddy works the club and brotchie, Bill holds the soothing-syrup bottle, Whom Theodore disintegrates, His kindly hand resuscitates, And rubs the spot, all sore and red, Where the big stick has soaked his head; Restores to him his tattered skin, And cheers him with a friendly grin.

When trouble comes to Cuba's isle, He sits upon them for a while Until, beneath, he hears them gasp That they have had enough at last— Beseeching William not to make Them thinner than a buckwheat cake; Then, rising from the flattened crew, He bids them all a fond adieu.

Then hail this Secretary great— The ballast for the ship of state! In politics, we all must greet Bill Taft, an all-round athlete. Assemble then, a joyous band, To grasp his vitriol hand; For in the realm of statesmancraft, There is no bigger man than Taft.

### SODA AND BOTTLING WORKS

Gideon Stolz Company, of Salem, Will Build Factory in Dallas.

Dallas will soon add another manufacturing institution to her already long list, the addition to be a soda water factory and bottling works. The factory will be owned and operated by the Gideon Stolz Company, a concern that has successfully conducted a soft drink factory, vinegar and pickle works in Salem for many years.

Mr. Stolz was in Dallas on Friday and Saturday of last week and while here purchased a factory site from Mrs. Frank Rowell at the corner of Court and Ellis streets. Work on the building will be commenced as soon as the material can be obtained, and it is the company's intention to have the factory in operation before the winter season begins.

Dallas has long been one of the best markets for the products of Mr. Stolz's factory in Salem, and he believes that a branch concern will pay well here.

#### Library Notes.

Miss Jennie Muscott is away on a two weeks' vacation, and Mrs. George Gerlinger will take her place at the library desk until she returns.

Sunset and Life are among the magazines recently secured for the reading table. The latter is among the best of the humorous magazines in the United States.

October 17 will be the second anniversary of the founding of the Free Library in Dallas, and Mrs. Gerlinger announces that it is to be celebrated by a real New England supper. The program will be arranged and made public as soon as possible, and we are promised an entertainment that will be of interest to all the citizens of Dallas.

A new book case has been recently installed at the library, to contain the children's books. The shelves are made low and it will be an easy matter for the little ones to reach any of the books. A low reading table and small chairs will be secured in a short time for the use of the juvenile patrons of the library, and every effort will be made to make things as pleasant and convenient for them as possible.

#### The Renewal of a Strain.

Vacation is over. Again the school bell rings at morning and at noon, again with tens of thousands the hardest kind of work has begun, the renewal of which is a mental and physical strain to all except the most rugged. The little girl that a few days ago had roses in her cheeks, and the little boy whose lips were then so red you would have insisted that they had been "kissed by strawberries," have already lost something of the appearance of health. Now is a time when many children should be given a tonic, which may avert much serious trouble, and we know of no other so highly to be recommended as Hood's Sarsaparilla, which strengthens the nerves, perfects digestion and assimilation, and aids mental development by building up the whole system.

## New Arrivals

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