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GOLD BLOODED MURDER

FORMER RESIDENT OF DALLAS CHARGED WITH KILLING TWO.

Leo Dale Held at Pendleton Pending Meeting of Grand Jury—Dying Man Leaves Statement.

Leo Dale, formerly a resident of Dallas, is under arrest at Pendleton, charged with having shot and killed Charles Ogilvy, aged California gulch rancher, and his wife, both of whom were shot down in cold blood. Mrs. Ogilvy was instantly killed, but the husband lingered, dying in Pendleton, where he was taken from Pilot Rock. An autopsy was performed to secure the bullet. Before he expired Ogilvy made a statement, charging Dale with the crime. These statements are confirmed by the fact that the empty shells found in Dale's revolver exactly fit the bullets extracted from the bodies of the slain persons.

The murder was one of the most cold-blooded in the history of the state. According to the statements made by Ogilvy, Dale rode up to the ranch about dusk and engaged in a quarrel with Mrs. Ogilvy, who was on the back porch. She admonished him to go on home, whereupon he cursed her and drew a revolver. He fired, and the bullet entered her left breast. Mr. Ogilvy was in the milk house, about twenty feet away at the time, and hastened to catch his wife as she was falling. While he was still supporting her, Dale placed the revolver against Ogilvy's abdomen and fired. The old man crawled into the house and lost consciousness. During the night he came to, and thinking he would die before morning, wrote up on a calendar the circumstances of the shooting, stating that "Leo Dale shot me both." He then crawled into bed. James Stubbsfield, the hired man, returned home about midnight and went to bed in a tent not thirty feet from the spot where the body of Mrs. Ogilvy was lying.

Not until morning, when he went to the house to get breakfast, did he find the body. Without investigating further, he hastened to the nearest telephone, four miles away, and telephoned to Pilot Rock. When a posse reached the house they found the old man in bed and still conscious. He made a statement to them before he lost consciousness. The posse went to the Dale homestead, a mile and a half away, and surrounded it. Mrs. Dale told them that her husband was still in bed and drunk. They kept their position for three hours, until Sheriff Taylor arrived. The sheriff entered the house at once and found Dale in bed, awake and with a 30-30 rifle in his reach. He made no effort to resist, but the officer grabbed this gun. He was still intoxicated and had to be helped over the distance to the sheriff's automobile.

Dale came under suspicion even before the accusation of the victim was known, because he was known to have been in the neighborhood at the time of the crime, was said to have been drunk and in a desperate mood. He was a neighbor of the Ogilvys. The motive for the crime has not been established, but several theories are advanced. Chief of these are Dale's supposed need of money and possible difficulty with Mrs. Ogilvy over alleged attentions paid by Dale, a married man, to the Ogilvy's youngest daughter.

The Dale family is well known throughout Polk and Yamhill counties, and the friends of its members will learn with regret the charge made against Leo Dale. The father of the accused was Henry Dale, at one time sheriff of Yamhill county. The mother, Mrs. Lizzie Dale, and a brother, Homer, and a sister, Mrs. Manfred Sears, are residents of Dallas, where they have a wide circle of acquaintances, and where also they have the sympathy of the community in their family sorrow over the charge preferred against son and brother. Another brother is a resident of Sheridan, and still another brother lives in Kansas City. News of the shocking affair was received here on Saturday, and was the talk of the town, the alleged murderer having been well known here.

NO REASON FOR COMPLAINT.

Notwithstanding the fact that this is characterized as an unusually dull season throughout this section, there's something doing in Dallas, though probably not as much as would otherwise be the case if "times" were better. Street improvements are providing employment to a considerable number of workmen, twenty blocks being curbed and macadamized, while building operations are being carried on to quite an extent, furnishing work to mechanics. The sawmill, the planing mills, the car shops and institutions of minor importance are running, some of them on a curtailed schedule, but nevertheless keeping several hundred men in work. Added to this the hop yards and prune orchards have had more or less help from an outside source. Taking it all in all Dallas has no reason to complain.

GOOD FRUIT CROP ASSURED.

W. F. Crawford, who resides in Polk county, nine miles from Salem, will have 20 tons of prunes from his 12-acre ranch in spite of heavy frosts. His ranch has averaged 18 tons for the past five years, the heaviest yield being 22 tons. Such excellent returns are due to the fact that his land is protected from frosts, being in a direct line with Bethel gap, thus receiving the warm winds from the coast.—Salem Messenger.

NINETEEN WILL GRADUATE.

The June commencement exercises of the Independence high school will

be held at the opera house on the evening of Wednesday, June 16th, at eight o'clock. The class this year is one of the largest in the history of the school—nineteen will receive their final honors from the school. Those to be graduated are as follows: Ethel Newton, Bessie Swope, Hazel Irene Collins, Louise Eileen Larsen, Mary Abigail Howard, Helen Eleanor Eaton, Laura Lalberta, Frances Marion Eaton, Genevieve Mildred Gillispie, Phyllis Arminta Bush, Lucille LaVonne Craven, Mary Elva Purvine, Lois Elizabeth Hewitt, John Marvin Richardson Herbert Charles Whitney, Paul Alexander Scott, George Earl Stephens, Orin Dale Dadman and Do-no McCandless Pomeroy.—Enterprise.

NO HOPS IN BELGIUM THIS YEAR

Yield in England May Be Affected by Labor Shortage.

The English hop crop is coming along well, but there is some question about its cultivation and harvesting, owing to labor conditions, according to the Kantlab Observer. The same paper states that there will be no crop in Belgium this year. The Observer says:

"Present crop prospects in Kent and Sussex are favorable. Most growers have been busy with pulling until a few days ago, and tying is commencing in many grounds this week. The shoots have been checked by frosty nights, but weather conditions are now improving and the growth of the vine is beginning to make an appreciable show. There is an unprecedented shortage of labor, and more work in the hop plantations will be done by women and girls than has ever been the case.

It is practically certain that no hops will be grown in Belgium this year, for although the Poperinghe district is outside the war zone, the military authorities have taken all the poles and wirework, while the oasts are occupied by Belgian soldiers.

"The Borough market is steadily improving, the demand having increased, and prices being very firm. Recent arrivals of Belgian hops have sold rapidly at advancing prices, to rise from the lowest point being \$6 to \$6 per hundredweight. Very little business is passing in Californians, the prices being comparatively high.

DALLAS WINS ANOTHER VICTORY

Independence Baseballists Go Down to Defeat Before County Seat.

The Dallas baseball score board on Sunday spoke for the first time this season and told a doleful story of the downfall of a choice team claiming their home as Independence, the second largest city of the county. Victory for the county seaters came through a succession of opportune hits, in which Carl Fenton and Boydston and Barham were voted as stars. Jack Eakin, a high school student, accepted eight difficult chances at second for the home team and covered himself with more or less glory. A sensational catch in right field by first baseman Fenton in the first inning robbed the Hop city of a hit and held the audience agasp.

The score, 11 to 7, does not tell the story, and is no indication of the ability of the players. Floyd Meyers, a former pitcher from up Springfield, had the visitors at his mercy at all times and was fairly supported behind the bat by Ned Shaw. With needed practice Dallas home talent can easily keep the laurels won from Independence. It is thought. The summer skirmishes on the diamond may be of increasing interest. Another contest between the same teams will draw a large crowd, and the college campus may be the scene of other frays soon.

MAKING LIARS OF MEN.

Prohibition Law Has Cute Little Clause Not Liked.

The new Oregon prohibition law plainly says that any law abiding citizen may ship in two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquors and 24 quarts of malt liquor every four weeks if he wants to, but there is a cute little clause—it is just a little thing—in the affidavit to which every person must subscribe before a railroad or any other common carrier may deliver a package of intoxicants to the consignee. This clause says: "The said (whiskey, or beer or wine, as the case may be) is to be used for sacramental purposes only." The Portland Journal sizes up the situation as follows: "Attorneys who have been running their eyes over the new dry law say that such a clause must be a part of every affidavit made by a person receiving a shipment of liquor after January 1, 1916. They say it looks to them like intoxicants cannot be shipped into the state for any purposes except for sacramental use."

SPECIAL JURY VENUE SUMMONED.

When court convenes next Tuesday, with Judge Morrow of Portland on the bench, the following special jury venire, drawn for the adjourned session, will report for duty: John Jolly, Perrydale; J. S. Bohannon, Independence; W. J. White Dallas; R. J. Williamson, Rickreall; Frank Kersey, Dallas; J. H. Mulkey, Monmouth; J. C. Walker, Buell; Ezra Hart, Dallas; W. T. House, Independence; C. L. Hubbard, Dallas; James M. Arge, Ballston; C. N. Blye, Dallas; T. R. Sone, Buell; T. T. Notson, Dallas; T. D. McClain, Dallas.

BREWERY PLANS FOR FUTURE.

Impending prohibition has put an end to the old Salem Brewery association, and in its place has been created the Northwest Fruit Products company, which has just been incorporated. The latter has taken over the former's property. The principal aim of the new concern is to engage in the loganberry juice industry on an extensive scale, a line of endeavor which is practically new with an unlimited field for development. In addition it will engage in a general fruit preservation business.

GOWNS WILL BE CHEAP

NORMAL GIRLS' GRADUATING DRESSES COST JUST A "V"

Exercises Will Begin Next Sunday and Continue Goodly Portion of the Week.—The Program.

Ninety-six students, representing thirty-four counties and fifty-two towns of Oregon, will receive diplomas from the Oregon Normal school, June 14. Fifty-five per cent of the ninety-six already hold appointments as teachers for next year. Simplicity and economy which have been the rules throughout the year will be emphasized at the graduation exercises, when the girls will be attired in gowns costing not more than \$5 each, and the men also will wear suits reduced in cost. In accordance with the example set by the class the board of regents at its meeting last month reduced the tuition of the Normal school from \$6 to \$4. The class is the largest in the thirty-two years of the institution's existence. Early efforts by the class and students of the school were made to secure a large representation of the alumni at the annual festivities and many letters are pouring in to the residents of Monmouth and the student rooming houses from former students who will be on hand.

Commencement activities will begin next Saturday, when President and Mrs. J. H. Ackerman will entertain the class at a breakfast. The juniors' promenade will take place Saturday evening. Rev. Luther B. Dyott, pastor of the First Congregational church of Portland, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning in the Normal school chapel. Students will hold their last chapel Monday morning at which time members of the faculty will give a resume of the year's work. Old "grads" will be assembled Tuesday morning at their annual meeting. At noon Tuesday the members of the Alumni are to gather on Cupid's Knoll, west of the city, where a picnic will be held. Again in the evening the old students will assemble at a banquet.

EXHIBIT ONE OF MERIT

SCHOOL DISPLAY CAUSES CONSIDERABLE COMMENT.

Manual Training and Domestic Science Department Attracts Attention of Patrons and Others.

The annual exhibit of manual training, domestic science and art departments of the Dallas high school was held on Friday, when many splendid exhibits were shown, especially in the manual training department, which is under the supervision of Prof. Otto Hart. It may truthfully be said that manual training in the high school is a great benefit to the boys. The furniture in the exhibit shows skill and cleverness on the part of the class and the teacher, Mr. Hart, is anxious to make the work of his department still better next year. The skilled workmanship of Herbert Shepherd was greatly admired. His exhibits were a jeweler's desk, library table and other smaller pieces of furniture. Other exhibits were, library table of oak, George Fuller; porch swing, Clifford Heigerson; library table, Ernest Holington; desk, (grained), Herbert Shepherd.

A novel modern miniature house was built by Russell Shepherd and Ernest Holington; piano bench by Stuart Bennett; chairs, book racks, bookkeeping tables and stands were also made by the boys. In the art department the girls showed remarkable cleverness with the needle. A number of dainty dresses were on display. Other hand-made articles were also shown.

The domestic science girls had a grand display of cooking. The girls are under the direction of Miss Rose Sheridan, who has taught domestic science in the high school for the past two years. This year's work shows advancement over the previous year. On display were the following dishes: Salads, cakes, bread, salmon croquettes, cheese straws, puddings and jellies, made by first and second year domestic science girls. Tea and cake were served throughout the afternoon. Ice cream and sherbet were also made by the class and was sold. About \$4 was realized.

POPK SHOWS A DEFICIT.

On March 31st, Polk county had a deficit of \$14,222, according to a statement made to the state accountability department by County Clerk Robinson, but not published as provided by law. There were nine other counties with deficits. Thirteen counties had surpluses and ten filed no reports.

PASSES AWAY AT MCCOY.

Charles E. Littlefield, for many years a prominent resident of Eugene, died suddenly at his farm near McCoy, in this county, on Thursday night. The body was shipped to Eugene for burial.

LITTLE BUSINESS ON TAP

COUNCIL MEETS IN REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY SESSION.

Outside of Allowing the Usual Grist of Bills and Resolving Ordinances Nothing Was Done.

The City council convened last night and was in session about half an hour following the reading of the minutes of previous meetings, this part of the program occupying the greater part of the time. The usual number of bills were read by the auditor and allowed by vote of the aldermanic body. An ordinance regulating awnings was read the first time. It provides that hereafter no awnings supported by posts shall be erected, but gives permission to those already having such awnings of this character to leave them intact. An ordinance relating to the sanitation of barns, and making it compulsory upon owners to build manure pits, was also given a first reading.

The ordinance creating a new and more extended sidewalk district was given its final reading, but because of some minor changes being deemed necessary, it was referred back to the ordinance committee. The mayor suggested that an ordinance, prohibiting boys from "catching onto" automobiles or other vehicles with bicycles, be drafted, and on motion the ordinance committee was instructed to present such an ordinance to the council at its next meeting. The question of whether or not the Southern Pacific company intended to install signal bells at the crossing at the top of the hill was brought up, and a representative of the company said he thought the company would make the installation as requested. After discussing the manner of making purchases for the city, the council adjourned.

WATER COMPANY PLAYING SAFE

If Court Rules in Favor of Gates Consumers Must Come Across.

Until after the court has given a decision on the water works case now pending in the circuit court of Polk county the monthly bills rendered and received by the company are not to be considered settlement in full for the service rendered. If the order issued by the railroad commission on November 4, 1914, shall be reversed or adjudged unlawful, the company will charge to consumers the difference between the amount paid since that date and the rate which obtained prior to the commission's order, which became effective December 1, 1914. According to the company's notice to patrons, if the payment exceeds the former rate a rebate will be made, but this is quite improbable, because the commission reduced the rate and in so doing raised the ire of Mr. Gates, who is the company.

The case now pending is, therefore, of some little importance to water consumers. If the court reverses the judgment of the commission these patrons will be called upon to dig down into their jeans and make up a difference of about twenty per cent as a whole. The case involves the ownership of the water plant, Mr. Gates holding that the plant is municipally owned while the railroad commission is of the opinion that Mr. Gates is the owner.

ACCIDENT FUND \$198,741.

Commission Has Balance on Hand on May 31 of \$337,561.12.

According to a report issued Saturday, the State Industrial Accident commission at the close of business May 31 had a balance of \$337,561.12, the balance in the accident fund being \$198,741.86 and in the segregated fund \$138,819.26. The report shows that the cost of administration of the department since its creation more than a year and a half ago was \$60,453.06. Compensation for time lost totals \$106,943.12, first aid to injured \$61,907.16, and pensions paid \$2591. The department has received 2995 reports of non-fatal accidents and 59 fatal accidents.

During the month of May ten cases were reported from Polk county: Jesse Russell was killed by a runaway logging train at Black Rock; O. Schindler of Black Rock had a finger mangled while logging; Charles D. O'Brien of Dallas, finger cut off while logging; Fred Duellgren of Falls City, foot bruised in sawmill; H. W. Jackson of Falls City, hand cut in sawmill; Erik Oman of Dallas, knee cut in sawmill; R. V. DeWitt of Falls City, foot cut in sawmill; William Hidenhour of Black Rock, finger cut while logging; Cecil Ouderkirck of Falls City, arm cut off in sawmill; C. E. Larson of Black Rock, eye injured while logging.

DEATH OF JOHN LETHCOE.

At the family home near Independence on Friday last, John H. Lethcoe, aged 65 years, passed away.

Besides his widow, Mr. Lethcoe leaves six daughters and one son to mourn his loss. Mrs. Lena Fair, Wenatchee, Wash., Mrs. Ada Fair, Saskatchewan, Canada, Mrs. Belle Sheard, Salem, Oregon, W. Fred Lethcoe, Orr, North Dakota, Mrs. Bessie Foubert, Macleay, Oregon, Mrs. Emma Smoot, Oakland, Cal., Miss Maggie Lethcoe, Independence, Oregon, and thirty grandchildren.

POTATOES CONDEMNED.

One hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes shipped to Eugene from Sacramento, Cal., were condemned by County Fruit Inspector C. E. Stewart, because of the presence of tuber moth. The potatoes will either be destroyed or returned to the shipper.

MEDICAL MEN TO MEET.

The Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening at Dayton. A banquet will be served at the hotel, followed by the session at the Commercial club. The paper of the evening will be read by Dr. T. Homer Coffen of Portland, who will take for his subject, "The Treatment of the Irregular Heart." The special business to come before the meeting will be the election of delegates to represent the society at the state society meeting to be held in September. The application of Dr. Chas. F. Copp of Independence, will be considered.

MRS. BARHAM OPERATED ON.

A. J. Barham returned yesterday from Portland, where he went with Mrs. Barham, who was successfully operated on for a dislocation of the shoulder. The operation lasted three hours and it will require several days of careful nursing before she can return to her home.

A SCENIC AUTO ROUTE

NEW SILETZ HIGHWAY BOUND TO BECOME VERY POPULAR.

Numerous Attractions Along the Mountain Way to Coast Resort Certain to Bring Visitors.

Through the action of the Polk County Court in appropriating a substantial sum of money for the purpose and that of the Falls City Road District No. 21 in voting a special tax of \$10,000, the much-heralded Dallas-Newport highway through the famous Siletz Basin will be completed this summer. The Lincoln County Court is constructing its part of the road from Newport to the Polk County line. This vast territory to the west of Dallas, lying in the Coast range of mountains, is known for its beauty and the magnificence of its standing timber.

Several years ago agitation was started in this county looking to the substantial improvement of the most mountainous and rough trail that led from Falls City to the Lincoln county line. Various meetings were arranged for and held between the county courts of Polk and Lincoln counties, but nothing was done until last year, when the present courts of both counties decided to start the work.

In Polk county it became necessary for Falls City, then a separate road district and entitled to all road funds collected within the city for expenditure upon its city street and highway system, to vote itself out of this separate road district and again submit itself to the jurisdiction of the county. The votes in Falls City were necessary to carry a special election providing for a special tax for the purpose of rebuilding this road. The citizens of Falls City arose to the occasion, voted themselves out of the special road district and then subsequently voted a special tax of 5 mills for the purpose.

With the money on hand, the county is now actively engaged in building this road. All steep grades are being cut down, the road is being widened and much of it is being macadamized. The principal work this year will have to do with the grading and widening of the road and relocation of certain sections.

For a considerable distance the road has a rock foundation, and here but little work will be necessary. The long grade just outside of Falls City is being cut down and several of the grades near the summit of the Coast range are receiving attention. Upon the Lincoln county end of the road the work is practically completed.

Scenic Trip Crested.

The opening of this road will afford automobilists, as well as other travelers, during the summer, one of the most delightful side trips that can be found anywhere in the state. They will travel by way of Dallas and Falls City to Newport, 65 miles. The new road will take them through the great Siletz Basin. The Siletz country, famous for its timber resources, affords an opportunity to the tourist to witness one of the most magnificent timber belts in the state and at the same time to enjoy the splendid fishing in the streams on route.

The Siletz is indeed a wonderful country, not only because of the magnificence of its timber resources, but on account of the agricultural advantages that will accrue following the elimination of the gigantic monarchs of the forest, some of the tops of which penetrate the sky for 250 feet and whose circumference is 27 feet.

The scenery along this highway is picturesque, almost beyond the power of description, and for a greater part of the way the tourist will follow water grade within view of the many beautiful mountain streams. One may perchance see a deer by the roadside, or old brun feeding upon the mountain berries, or perchance hear the cry of the cougar or bobcat in the distance. For this section, generally speaking, is now as nature originally intended it.

From Dallas to Falls City, ten miles, the highway will be oiled at the expense of the county and by contribution from the farmers living along the way, thus doing away with the disagreeable dust feature that spoils so many trips. From Falls City through the Siletz Basin, dust is a thing unknown. Reaching Falls City on the trip, the tourist finds his first scenic grandeur. Here the falls of the Little Luckiamute river and from which this little city derives its name, furnishing the power for the city's electric light system, attract instant attention.

Probably no stream of its size in the state is more scenic than this little river that rises in the Coast range and after winding through the canyons of the mountains, finally finds its way into the open valley, and thence into the Big Luckiamute river, a tributary of the Willamette. Dallas and Falls City both offer much in hotel accommodations, and tourists are well entertained. Persons traveling this road will miss much if they do not tarry a while at Falls City, and take the trip up the Luckiamute toward Black Rock, the logging center for all the large sawmills of Polk county; and will miss more if they fail to carry with them their fishing tackle, for this stream is noted for its speckled beauties.

Another sidetrail that could well be taken out of Falls City, and which would consume but an hour, is a trip to the Teal fish hatchery, one of the largest trout hatcheries in the state, privately owned. A few years ago the state attempted to buy it but satisfactory terms could not be agreed upon.

County Judge Owms Poss.

John B. Teal, county judge, is the owner, and if fishing in the Luckiamute is poor, the judge might be prevailed upon to permit the catch of a (Continued on last page.)

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