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## RALPH FISHER IS MURDERED

### Is Shot Down Without Any Warning.

#### BY J. A. FINCH A DISBARRED ATTORNEY

### Shot Through the Head and Dies Instantly—Murderer Caught.

The community was shocked Saturday afternoon by the report of the news from Portland that Ralph Fisher had been shot down in his office while attending to his duties. A telegram was received by Arthur Haley, who is a brother-in-law of Fisher, but did not give any particulars and it was not until the receipt of the evening papers that details of the affair were received.

Mr. Fisher had been the prosecutor of the Oregon Bar Association and as such has had occasion to prosecute disbarment proceedings against several attorneys, among them J. A. Finch, who was suspended for the term of one year for drunkenness and unprofessional conduct. This had the effect of causing Finch to be very bitter toward him and on Saturday about two o'clock he entered Fisher's law office and shot him before he had time to defend himself. He was caught and is now in jail awaiting the action of the court. The coroner's jury found that Mr. Fisher came to his death by gunshot wounds caused by J. A. Finch with murderous intent.

It is likely that a plea of insanity or something of the kind will be entered, as Finch claims to not remember anything about the shooting. Finch was at one time a newspaper man in Linn county but his ability in that line has been of very ordinary degree. His chief pursuits were in patronizing the various saloons and in working grafts on politicians and others.

The victim of this tragedy was born near Dallas and was a son of Hon. C. G. Fisher, who at one time was representative from this county in the state legislature. He was a graduate of the Normal and afterwards took a course in law at the State University, practicing for a time in Idaho and later in Salem, but had been located in Portland for several years. His wife was a daughter of the late Thomas Kay, of Salem, who together with a small child, mourn his untimely end.

Mr. Fisher had many friends in Polk county who are deeply pained to learn of his taking off on the very threshold of a brilliant career.

#### Antioch.

G. P. Locke is making some improvements on his house.

Austin Locke, of Antioch, has entered school at Buena Vista.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith have been in Portland for some time.

Mabel and Ethel Chamberlain, of Whiteson, have entered school at Antioch.

Mrs. J. C. Sliger, who has

been staying with her son, Mr. A. R. Griffith started for Salem last Wednesday.

Leslie Locke and J. V. Belieu are visiting in Portland and Woodburn this week.

Sunday school is now held here at 2:30 p. m. Allen Towns is superintendent.

Mr. Gilson is preparing to put in a nice lot of wire fence on his place near here.

Mr. McCollum, a former resident of this place, died of cancer recently in Nevada.

Mrs. Katie Rogers, of Dallas, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Towns this week.

Mr. Nelson, of Monmouth, was out and purchased a fine looking lot of goats of Allen Towns Saturday.

M. K. Crowley had a horse to disappear about one month ago and so far has been able to get no trace of it.

Besides building a new barn Mr. Messner is having a large amount of new fencing put in on the old Baker place.

O. M. Lehman put in a nice string of wire fence along the road this week. He is improving the Bressler place nicely.

At the school meeting held at Sunny Slope Friday evening a tax of one-half mill was levied to purchase a globe and set of maps for the school.

Mrs. O. M. Lehman, Misses Minnie Wunder, Edna, Millie and Bessie Clarke and Grace Tice visited the school at Antioch, Friday afternoon.

Charles Bailey has sold his ranch near Bridgeport and has bought out Frank Laws and will run the Hill hopyard next year. Mr. Laws expects to reside near Amity for the present.

Mrs. Campbell and family who formerly resided on the Messner place are visiting relatives and friends here. They have sold out in Wheeler county and are searching for a new location.

Mrs. Maria Smith is transforming her hophouse into a barn. She has most of her yard plowed up and will plow the rest as soon as possible. A little more of the same kind of work could be well done in the Willamette valley.

#### Independence School

Miss Gladys Huston visited here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kirk spent Thanksgiving in Newberg.

A telephone was installed in the principal's office this week.

Miss Scollard was at Woodburn during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Cromwell, of the third grade spent Thanksgiving in Salem.

Mrs. Van Loan spent Tuesday afternoon with the first and fourth grades.

The piano has been tuned and we will now have piano music for marching.

The High School has organized a literary society which will meet on Friday afternoon every two weeks.

Misses Chute, Johnson and Herren, of the O. S. N. S. observed in Miss McReynolds grade one day last week.

## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

### From Our Regular Correspondent.

#### DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

### Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Harvey Copeland left Monday for his home in Los Angeles.

William Barnett made a business trip to Portland this week.

Lester Butler, of Dallas, attended the Thanksgiving ball here.

A. Gross and family returned from Newberg the first of the week.

E. W. Cooper and wife, of Albany, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mrs. Bricker, of Dallas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. McQuery, in this city.

Miss Lula Locke, of Dallas visited over Sunday at the home of Mrs. N. Mattison.

Ross Nelson made a business trip to Portland and Spokane the first of the week.

Mrs. J. Jones and daughters, Grace and Kate, visited several days last week in Eugene.

Mrs. M. E. Hendricks, of McMinnville, visited friends here the later part of the week.

I. Vanduyne and wife, of Portland, are visiting at the home of the latter's brother, M. Merwin.

Mrs. Robert DeArmond returned home from Portland Monday. She is very much improved in health.

Misses Veva Burns and Alta Savage, of Dallas, attended the chrysanthemum fair here Saturday evening.

Miss Iva Cooper left Monday for Portland, where she will enter Good Samaritan Hospital to become a nurse.

Misses Mable and Frances Cooper returned to Eugene Sunday after spending Thanksgiving with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mulkey, former residents here, now of Sheridan, visited in this city the latter part of the week.

Miss Ella Robinson returned to McMinnville Sunday, after several weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. A. Robinson, in this city.

Miss Ethel Toden, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. N. Graves. She will probably spend the winter here.

C. E. Ireland and wife, of Portland, spent Thanksgiving with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper. They returned to their home, Monday.

#### PLEASANT CLUB MEET.

The Conjauciti Club held the second of their series of parties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Dornisfe, Monday evening. Mrs. D. O. Taylor and Mrs. V. Dornisfe were hostesses. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated.

Progressive hearts were played during the evening; Miss Scollard

and Mrs. G. Walker won the prizes. Mrs. Loren Wann was the most successful in threading pumpkin seeds. Chas. Irvine got the consolation prize. Delicacious refreshments were served at a late hour.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Van Dornisfe; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker, Mrs. Tom Fichard, Mrs. Loren Wann, Mrs. Jess Whiteaker, Misses Mary Scollard, Bessie Butler, Bertha Bohannon, Mr. Murney and Dr. E. Duganne.

#### Rickard-Guthrie.

A pretty home wedding took place on November 29, 1908, at 3:30 p. m., at the residence of the brides' parents, when Edna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie, was united in marriage to Mark A. Rickard, of Corvallis. Thirty guests were present. The decorations were beautiful in evergreens and chrysanthemums. The bride was gowned in cream cloth trimmed in embroidered silk chiffon. She carried a bouquet of pale pink and white carnations and springer fern. The groom wore the conventional black. Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt played the accompaniment while Mrs. A. F. Clark sweetly sang "All the world loves a lover." Mrs. Babbitt played the wedding march from Lohengrin while Rev. W. A. Wood led the way down to the parlor, pausing under an arch arranged of white bobinet, white chrysanthemums and evergreens where an impressive ceremony was said that made the happy couple one.

After congratulations dainty refreshments were served in the parlors, consisting of pressed chicken sandwiches, olives, pickles, cake and coffee, served by Mrs. Laura Tacheron; Miss Lillian Bogert, Miss Ethel Newman, Mrs. Dora Chase, Miss Edith Wolverton and Miss Clara Olsen. Then all were invited to the dining room where the bride cut the first piece of the wedding cake; after which Miss Vena Rickard, sister of the groom, cut it while Mrs. Veda Mulkey, sister of the bride, served it to the guests. Miss Leatha Rickard very gracefully presided at the punch bowl while Miss Leto Wolverton served it to the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard departed, amid showers of rice and old shoes, in a carriage for Salem where they took the electric cars for Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, for an indefinite stay.

The bride is a young lady of much worth, having received her education at the O. S. N. S., and will be greatly missed in Polk county society. Mr. Rickard comes from an old and honored prominent Benton county family. We bespeak for them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Many useful and beautiful presents were received consisting of cut glass china, silverware and fine linen.

Miss Roma Stafford ate turkey with her family in Oregon City. Miss Stafford reports an unusually delightful time.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS FORTH

### Committee Reports On New Cross Walks.

#### THE COST HAS BEEN \$25.42 FOR EACH

### Marshal Is Authorized to Enforce Curfew Ordinance—R. M. Smith Talks.

The regular council meeting for the month of November was held in the council chambers Monday evening with all present but councilman Chute. The matter of cross walks was taken up and the report of the street committee was heard and after discussion approved. It was found that the walks had cost the sum of \$25.42 each, which is only a little more than wood crosswalks would have cost. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

R. M. Smith came before the council and asked if the city was responsible for acts committed on Halloween night. He stated that he had an outbuilding carried away that night that had been subsequently destroyed and that he thought there should be some method employed that would put a stop to such work, as it was not consistent with the status of the town as being a moral, law abiding place.

The marshal was authorized to enforce the curfew ordinance.

Petition of L. C. Hoover and others regarding the condition of sidewalk along the K. H. Sickafoose property read and on motion it was ordered that the recorder notify Mr. Sickafoose that the sidewalk built by permit in 1906 was unsatisfactory and he be requested to make suitable repairs.

The following bills were presented, read, and after being approved by the finance committee were ordered paid.

Graham & Son cartage	\$1.75
L. Ground rec. fees	\$1.85
O. C. Zook labor	\$30.30
Marshal's bill	\$26.25

A general discussion of the water question was had and it was decided to institute an inquiry further into the matter and the mayor was authorized to make such inquiry on his visit to Portland the latter part of the week.

#### Pedee

Ren and Eva Womer visited friends in Falls City last week.

David Simpson was transacting business in this vicinity last week.

Lewis Edwards has quit driving logs on account of low water.

Born, to the wife of Chas Kerber on the 27th of November a bouncing big girl. The mother and babe are doing well while the father seems to be in a very bad condition.

Every one in this part of the state should work for government ownership of the locks at Oregon City. By this means we would receive a large reduction in freight rates, which would aid largely in the development of this section.