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## DEEDS OF DARING

### Monte and Wright Spotted As Accomplices of Renowned Tracy and Merrill.

### Harry Tracy of Unparalleled Criminal Record, True Till Death To His Assistants

The sensational and bloody escapade of Harry Tracy and David Merrill is revived by the discovery of the two men who supplied them with guns to shoot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary.

Harry Wright and Charlie Monte are the two who must face the charge of accomplices before the fact in the crimes of the two desperadoes.

It has been nearly three years since Tracy and Merrill took up their rifles against the world, and how and who smuggled firearms to them in the Salem penitentiary has remained a profound mystery until now.

It was on the morning of June 9, 1902, Tracy and Merrill made their famous break from the Oregon penitentiary. Both were laborers in the stove foundry where most dangerous prisoners are employed. The foundry gang had been counted off to Guard Frank Ferrell, and marched by him, with military precision, to the shops. Tracy and Merrill each worked at the head of a row of moulding boxes and next to each other. Over night the boxes are covered with board lids. When Tracy and Merrill uncovered their boxes, there lay exposed within their grasp a 30-30 calibre rifle each and ammunition. With mad-like fury each seized a gun and by rapid firing instantly threw all the other prisoners and some of the guards into a panic. Inside guards are not allowed arms, and Frank Ferrell was shot on the spot before he had time to realize that his prisoners were armed.

Tracy then gave his attention to the north wall guards firing through the windows from within the shop while Merrill, with gun in hand and firing promiscuously, ran down a long passage-way to the store room for a ladder. John Stapleton and another inside guard barely escaped by dodging through side doors and keeping out of sight. Panic-stricken convicts jumped through windows and surged through outer doors over the "dead line" to escape the armed desperadoes. Ingram, a life prisoner from Linn, in spite of himself encountered Merrill. They grappled. Ingram was naturally the more powerful, but in the life and death struggle for the gun, Merrill managed to pull the trigger when the weapon was aimed at Ingram's leg. Freeing himself from the wounded convict, Merrill seized a ladder, thrust it through one of the south windows of the shop and began firing at the guards on the south outer walls. It was the original purpose to scale the south walls. B. T. Tiffany was the guard directly in the way, and unwilling to face the fire, leaped from the wall to the ground outside, followed by John Duncan, an unarmed man taken on that morning to be taught the beat. The remaining guard who patrolled the south wall was young Bair, and he it was that turned Tracy and Merrill in their course. Barricaded behind pattern boxes, round after round was fired at Bair, but he not only engaged the concealed foe by returning fire but drove back the frightened convicts from over the "dead line," when it seemed that a general break was on. Unable to dislodge Bair or silence his firing, Merrill ran with his ladder around the corner of the

shops, set it against the east wall out of range of Bair's gun and the two convicts deliberately mounted the outer wall. For a reason which there is none left to tell, S. R. T. Jones, stationed on the east wall, allowed the desperate convicts to cross the open court and scale the wall (probably while he was watching in another direction) without drawing fire from his gun. Once on the wall, Tracy fired at the window of Guard Jones' station and the ball passed through the center of his body resulting fatally.

The desperadoes showed no undue haste in leaving the wall. It is an easy matter to swing from the wall to the ground outside. But two years before, Tracy had organized a plot to escape and about forty fellow prisoners were let into the secret of it. One "squealed" and frustrated the break. This time, Tracy determined to take none into his confidence nor allow any but Merrill share in the opportunity to escape. Before descending the wall, the ladder was lifted from the inside and placed on the outer side.

Having cleared the wall, Tracy and Merrill again turned to the south, their original course. They encountered Tiffany and Duncan whom they had driven from the wall, crouched behind a column on the outside. Taking Tiffany's gun, they carried the two as a shield from Bair and other employees who by this time had mounted the wall and were giving pursuit. Two hundred yards from the prison walls, Merrill turned and shot Tiffany, while Duncan fell and played dead.

With the world against them and they against the world, the cause of Tracy and Merrill was a desperate one and they played it to the letter. Their story has been told. Tracy made for himself a record that has no equal in criminal annals. For two months he continued his career, shooting down officers who threw themselves in his way, killing his partner in crime, leaving men bound and gagged in his wake, making men, women and children do his bidding like slaves and throughout his course he played true to the parties that smuggled guns to him in the Oregon penitentiary. The gun in his possession when his remains were found in a barley field in eastern Washington bore no tell-tale. To prevent the original gun being traced by number, the barrel had been taken from the stock and thrown away and replaced with

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## W. O. W. CONVENTION TO MEET

Chance To Visit Los Angeles In April

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Rates

The Southern Pacific Company will sell, on April 12th, 13th, and 14th, round trip tickets to Los Angeles, at greatly reduced rates, on account of the Convention of Woodmen of the World of Woodcraft, to be held at Los Angeles April 18th 1905.

Call on nearest Southern Pacific agent for rates and full particulars.

## Hon. E. L. Smith For Governor

Hon. E. L. Smith of Hood River, is being urged to enter the race as candidate for governor but seems unwilling to do so. The Irrigator is of the opinion that no better selection could be made by the voters than Mr. Smith, and he ought to be made to see that it is to the interest of Oregon that he allow the use of his name. There is no man in the state who would be surer of election, if nominated, than the genial president of our associated development leagues.—Irrigator.

## BUENA BURNED

### Horst Bros' Riverside Ranch Also Destroyed By Hungry Midnight Flames

### Sash and Door Factory at McMinnville Reduced to Ashes Without a Dollars Insurance

The Buena Vista store burned at an early hour Sunday morning. The loss of building and contents was almost complete. The principal exception was money stamps checks and books kept in a little fire-proof safe.

With the building went the stock of goods owned by McReynold Bros., the post office and the fixtures and paraphernalia, of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Woodmen and Circle lodges.

The building was the property of the Odd Fellows. The lower floor was leased to McReynold Bros. for a general merchandise store and post office. The upper floor was a hall used by the four local lodges. The Odd Fellows carried a policy of \$1000 on the building and McReynold Bros. \$2500 on their stock of goods. The building was insured through B. Wilson of Independence and the stock of goods through O. V. Boots of Monmouth. The stock of goods was worth in the neighborhood of \$4000 and the building \$2000.

The fire was discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock Sunday morning. The Odd Fellows lodge had held a meeting Saturday night and adjourned about 11 o'clock. The origin of the fire is not definitely known. There was a new air-tight stove in the lodge room and it is possible that an explosion of the stove is responsible for the fire. Some one might have dropped a lighted cigar or it may have started from fire left in the stove of the room below.

Buena Vista Lodge, I. O. O. F. No 24 is one of the old lodges of the state. It lost its hall by fire once before in 1867. Last year the members spent near \$1000 improving their building. The trustees are G. P. Locke, C. C. Kays and M. J. Krutz. They will hold a meeting to night and the probabilities are will decide to rebuild.

The McReynold Bros. had gained for the sale of their stock of goods to a gentleman from Eugene but the transfer had not yet been made.

A fire at Riverside Ranch, seven miles below Salem Friday night or early Saturday morning, cleaned out a hop store room 50x70 feet; a baling room attached; a Morrison press; a hop car, 951 pounds of twine, tied ready for use and a quantity of hop sacks.

Riverside Ranch contains over 200 acres and is the property of Horst Bros. It is in charge of Jodie Morrison, and 114 acres is in hops. Mr. Morrison had not been to the ranch for some time his attention being given to the big hop ranch near Independence. The loss will approximate \$1250; the amount of insurance, unknown. As there was no one working at the place at the time, there is no plausible accounting for the fire except on the grounds of incendiaryism.

A telephone message states that the sash and door factory at McMinnville burned Sunday night. It was a case of total loss without any insurance. The proprietors had been negotiating for insurance and pending a contention over rates the fire occurred.

## Grand Jury Meets

The Marion county grand jury

was convened in Salem yesterday

and will investigate among other things speculation in state school lands. It is alleged that "dummies" have been used in the applications to purchase school lands, the same as in government lands. Evidence against the parties alleged to have carried guns over the prison walls to Tracy and Merrill will also be considered by the grand jury. Calling of grand juries has come to be a rare occurrence of late years since the enactment of the law authorizing district attorneys to file informations upon which cases may be tried. It is only for special investigating purposes grand juries are now convened.

## Big Sale of Mohair

There was a big sale of mohair in Dallas Saturday. The Polk county pool of 50,000 pounds and the Yamhill county pool of 40,000 pounds were sold to the highest bidder.

The Yamhill pool was sold to Theo. Bernheim & Co. at 314 cents. The Polk county pool to H. S. Fenton. It is understood that Fenton bought for Bernheim & Co. Other buyers present were, Herman Metzger, Wm. Brown & Co., Mr. Ray and Johnson & Hibler. There was also a local association of Dallas people including Ralph Williams, E. C. Kirkpatrick and Gene Grant that did some bidding and helped to run the price of Polk county mohair up to 32½.

## DALLAS ELECTION

## HELD YESTERDAY

Dallas held a city election yesterday. Result, Ed Biddle for mayor; Harry Cosper, councilman at large; Conrad Staffron, First ward; Wilson Ayers, Second ward; Frank Coad Third ward. Total vote 259. Biddle's majority over Andy Muir 69.

## AIRIE CITIZENS

## ASK FOR DEPOT

People of Airie are asking the Southern Pacific to rebuild a depot station at that place. Airie had a depot but it burned seven or eight years ago and box cars have been made to answer the purpose of a depot building since. "The inconvenience of hunting up an agent, and the looks of the thing of transacting business in a box car, has stirred the patrons and citizens of the town to ask for a depot building," remarked a citizen of Airie to the West Side Enterprise. A petition for a depot and station facilities has been prepared and put in circulation and is being generally signed by citizens of Airie, Kings Valley and Maple Grove.

## How it is Done

The Oregon State Grange Bulletin, discussing the manner of putting bills through the legislature, says of normal school bills:

A bill of this kind is generally introduced and most earnestly advocated by a representative from the locality to be benefited by its passage, meets quite often most determined opposition, but even then it becomes a law by a combination of all those who have similar designs on the treasury of the State. Of late, however, those interested in this kind of legislation have succeeded to have their designs on the treasury of the state incorporated in the general appropriation bill thereby escaping from the danger of a possible veto by the governor, or even defeat in the legislature itself.

Much dissatisfaction prevails in Hillsboro over the change in post masters. B. P. Cornelius, a man against whom nothing is alleged succeeds Post Master Waggener, an old soldier whose administration had been satisfactory to the people.