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BELIEVE SHE WAS MURDERED

Evidence Strong Miss Wyman Met Foul Play.

SUSPICION RESTS ON MANLEY

Statement Made by Coroner and Undertaker Are Convincing Documents.

Was there foul play in the death of Miss Lillian Wyman which occurred in Tacoma on the 25th of April at Point Defiance pavilion? Such is the belief of the coroner of Polk county and the undertaker of Independence, both of whom made examination of the remains. According to Coroner Chapman and W. L. Bice, the undertaker who had charge of the remains here, and Dr. E. L. Ketchum, who also made an examination of the body, it is an impossibility for a dead body to receive and show such bruises as were found on the remains of Miss Wyman when they arrived in Independence from Tacoma. On the neck were the apparent marks of finger prints indicating that a deadly struggle had taken place and that the victim had been choked to death. Between the eyes were knuckle prints as if a heavy blow had been dealt. The Tacoma papers say that in a few minutes after Miss Wyman's death one of the girls went upstairs and found the dead body lying on the floor, but the girl, who was an intimate friend of Miss Wyman, says that she went up about an hour after Miss Wyman had left the kitchen. She had put on her jacket and her hat and had one glove on and the other in her hand ready to step out of the room on her return to her home in the north end of Tacoma when the encounter occurred. The opinion of Mr. Moseman, step-father of the dead girl, is that it was an impossibility for the girl to fall in the position in which she was found just as it would appear she were ready to leave the room and at the same time bear the marks on her body as they were found when the remains reached Independence. Just a few minutes before she was laughing and talking with her companions in the best of health under which circumstances it would seem impossible for her to have come to her death and be found in the position in which she was discovered with the marks which showed on the remains when they were examined here unless there were foul play in the case. The body was reclining on the floor and the head was resting on a pillow on the couch.

Miss Wyman had formed an attachment for a sixteen-year-old girl who washed dishes in the establishment and it had been their custom to always bid each other good-bye every evening on leaving. On this evening Miss Wyman had not done so and the girl went to see if she were still in the building and on entering the parlor she found the unfortunate young woman in the position as stated. At the time of evening that the death occurred it is evident that there were only five or six people present. Harry R. Manley, who owns the pavilion in partnership with his brother and who was absent at the time of the tragedy, was in the bath room which adjoins the parlor and which opens out on the same. When discovered later he was in the bath room preparing to shave. It would not seem possible that he could have been so near and not have heard the fall of the young woman had her death occurred in the manner ascribed by the coroner of Tacoma. It is stated that the girl had a dislike for Mr. Manley from the first meeting with him and it is rumored here that Manley and the coroner of Tacoma are

intimate friends. The door of the parlor was found closed which seemed unusual and a thing more unusual was that the window overlooking the veranda which circled the pavilion was raised. Suspicion naturally rests upon Manley for the reason that he is presumed to have been the only man on the premises at that hour of the evening, and for the further reason that no one would have been in that part of the building, as it was used as private apartments by the Manleys.

According to the inquest of the coroner at Tacoma there were no bruises on the body. This statement of the case does not correspond with the inquest which was held over the remains in this city and which was called for on the apparent evidence of foul play as seen by people here. Dr. Ketchum, W. L. Bice and the county coroner all pronounce that circumstantial evidence is very strong that the victim met with foul play.

A Talk With Patrons.

Owing to failing health I have been obliged to close out my market which I have been conducting in this city. I desire, in retiring from business in Independence, to thank the patrons of the City Meat Market for their trade and to recommend the firm of Chamberlain & Long who will serve them well in the future.

GEORGE KOENEKE,
Proprietor City Meat Market.

Cement Work.

I have located in Independence and am prepared to do all kinds of cement work in the most approved manner, such as reservoirs, vaults, engine foundations, and sidewalks. All finished work done by

L. C. WILLIAMS.

WOULD SWELL SCHOOL FUND

In an interview which was printed in the Oregonian of April 29th, J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction goes on record as favoring that the Oregon & California land grant, if recovered by the United States Government, should be donated to the state of Oregon as an addition to the irreducible school fund.

He will head a movement to have the Oregon delegation in congress take steps to have a grant made as soon as the land has returned to the ownership of the United States.

"No better disposition of the land could be made," said Superintendent Ackerman today in discussing his idea. "The land was granted by the government to aid the state of Oregon through the building of a railroad. The government fixed a maximum price and established other restrictions as to sale of the land.

"As I am informed, the railroad company sold part of the land for practically enough money to make up the total to which it would be entitled at the maximum rate on the whole grant. The company has therefore no further claim to the land, especially in view of the fact that it has refused to carry out the terms of the grant and aid in the development of the state. Having once granted the land, there is no more reason why the government should now desire to retain it. It could not use the land for the development of the state to better advantage than by turning it over to the public schools of the state.

"If the land was so donated to the state, proper restrictions could be made to prevent its sale to speculators. So much of it as is located on the headwaters of streams could be withheld from sale by the state and made a forest reserve for the conservation of water. The state could adopt the plan of selling the mature timber, and not the land, thereby protecting the young growth of timber and preserving the future generations.

"At the same time, the irreducible school fund, which is now only about \$4,000,000 would be practically doubled. All the children of the state

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HORSE SALE IS SUCCESS

Horsemen of Western States in Attendance.

CONVENTIONS FOR THIS COAST

National Retail Grocers Convention for 1909 Invited to Convene in Portland.

A special delegation leaves Portland Monday for Boston, where the National Retail Grocers Association will convene next Monday, to invite that Association to hold its 1909 session in Portland. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the "White Temple", goes to Oklahoma City to attend the northern Baptist convention the middle of this month. Rev. William Hiram Foulkes will go to Kansas City to participate in the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. Portland will endorse in the heartiest manner the invitation to be extended by Seattle for the 1909 convention of this body.

The commercial club of Walla Walla, Washington, has passed resolutions urging the railroad companies to grant a one-fare rate for the round trip, by continuous passage, between points in interior Washington and Oregon and the seaside resorts of these two states. It is understood that the club also favors a higher rate when stop-over privileges are allowed. The Walla Walla club has requested the commercial bodies of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as well as the commercial club of Portland, to pass similar resolutions. It is hoped that favorable action may be taken by all, as the people of the interior should be given the opportunity of visiting the coast, especially during the summer months, at the least possible cost.

The Mount Angel commercial club is the latest affiliation with the Oregon development league.

The Sumpter Valley Railroad, comprising a length of sixty-seven miles between Baker City and Austin, Oregon, runs through the Sumpter mining belt and is soon to double its mileage. Today ninety-three per cent of the freight of this road comes from timber; though it is not generally known that Baker City is a lumber center.

It will be the fifteenth of May before the new eight-story steel building of the Portland Commercial Club will be ready for occupancy. The club will formally open its new quarters on June 12th, the anniversary of the laying of the corner stone. The cost of the building and its furnishings has been \$434,000.

Hot Lake, Oregon, has become one of the most prosperous resorts between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean. The lowest attendance for many months has been one hundred and thirty.

Last week witnessed the most successful sale of horses ever held in Portland. Breeders and buyers from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California, and British Columbia were there, with a liberal sprinkling of eastern owners. The average was \$240 each for every horse sold during one day of the sale.

BEER VERSUS TEA.

Dr. Henry Davy, president of the British Medical Association, speaking at a breakfast given by the National Temperance League, on August 15, 1907, said he had some hesitation in attending the gathering, not that he had not the greatest sympathy with the temperance movement, but because most temperance societies and a large number of temperance advocates talked the most unscientific twaddle that was ever invented. He

agreed that they should teach children in the schools that alcohol was not necessary for ordinary physical life, but to go on and tell them, as in some American schools, that they were morally wrong in drinking a glass of wine, and to do so was taking poison, was unscientific twaddle and was absolutely wrong. If that was what they were going to be taught, then he, for one, preferred to teach them nothing at all. Physiological science had taught one thing, that a man or woman did not want to drink more than two or three pints of beer a day. That was enough for anybody unless they were doing heavy, muscular work. That amount of beer would not do any more harm than tea. A study of the evidence of the Physical Deterioration Commission showed him that tea drinking in the neighborhood of large towns, where tea was soaked on the hob and given to children, was producing deterioration in the very worst form. Therefore, he would put in a plea for light beers containing only 2 1/2 per cent of alcohol. (The average lager beer contains 3 1/2 per cent.) In his opinion a meal of cheese and bread and light beer was infinitely more scientific than food which the children were now getting of bread, tea and jam. The teaching in our schools on the subject should be scientific and not tinged with dogma.

The International Temperance Congress, held at Antwerp some years ago, rejected the proposition that children be trained to total abstinence by school-books teaching that alcohol is destructive in every form except when used for medicinal purposes.

Social dance at Rose's hop yard every two weeks commencing Saturday, May 2d. Everybody invited. 521

DORA THORNE NEXT WEEK

To those who have never read Bertha M. Clay's famous novel, the following synopsis of the story will prove interesting, especially as "Dora Thorne" will appear at the Independence opera house one night only, May 13th. This play and book deals with a beautiful love story in a rural home. An innocent girl, daughter of a lodge-keeper of an Englishman of high birth, is loved by the son of the latter.

The match meets with the disfavor of the young man's father, but despite the fact that the father informs him either to give up the girl or his home of luxury, he chooses "Dora Thorne" and marries her. The young girl, a pure and honest creature, loves the young man quite as well as he loves her, but through the efforts of a young sailor, the young couple are separated and made to believe later that each had been unfaithful to the other. This state comes about as the result of the efforts of Lady Chartaris and the father of the Earl. The young sailor returns after two years voyage to find that Dora's favor has been transferred from him to the young nobleman and several complications arise from this, which for awhile take on a serious aspect. The time arrives when honesty and faithfulness triumph, and the closing scenes find everything favorable for the young folks.

A Common Mistake.

Many women mistake kidney and bladder troubles for some irregularity peculiar to the sex. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities and makes women well. Miss Carrie Harden, Bowling Green, Ky., writes: "I have suffered much pain from kidney and bladder trouble until I started to use Foley's Kidney Remedy. The first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely well." D. G. Dove.

Mr. John Riha of Vining, Ia., says: "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill I ever sold. There are a dozen people here who have used them and they give perfect satisfaction in every case. I have used them myself with fine results." Sold by Dove & Williams.

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