

# HORRIBLE MURDER

## Negro Killed an Aged Woman in Oakland.

## And Buried the Body in Her Back Yard—Negress Confessed to the Crime to San Francisco Police.

San Francisco, June 6.—A startling confession was made to the police last night by a very comely young mulatto girl who gave her name as Annie White Ross.

Appearing at the Central Station, trembling violently, she related the details of a tragedy of the most brutal character. She said that a month ago she had visited Oakland with a negro ex-soldier named Walker, and after remaining in his company three days they called on Mrs. Elizabeth Le Roy, colored, aged 80 years, and who was president of the "Ladies Union."

**KILLED HER WITH AN AX.**

While at the Le Roy house, Walker became aware that the aged woman had money in her possession. At one time she exhibited \$43. Determining to secure the money Walker killed Mrs. Le Roy with an ax. Miss Ross says that the deed was executed in the kitchen of the house. Walker after the commission of his crime, buried the body of his victim in the back yard and then left, after locking Miss Ross in the house. The young woman escaped and feared to tell of the murder. She was taken sick, since which time she has been confined to the county hospital. Yesterday she gained her discharge and at once sought the police.

**BODY TAKEN UP.**

Late last night the body of Mrs. Le Roy was taken from the place where it had been buried by the murderer. Scarcely a foot of earth covered the corpse. Where Walker has gone is not known, but it is believed that he has re-enlisted in the army. He is described as a fine specimen of the negro, being robust and well formed. Miss Ross is held by the police pending the investigation.

The victim had several hundreds of dollars in the house, which Walker failed to secure. He took the \$43, which was all the money he could find.

Mrs. Le Roy lived alone, and many friends who have called at her late home during the last month, finding the house locked, believed that the aged woman had gone on a visit to friends, as was frequently her custom.

## K. OF P. BASEBALL AND ELECTION

Last evening the K. of P.'s held session. Darwin Yoran, on behalf of the lean membership of the order, challenged the fat members to a game of baseball. The game will be arranged for an early date and the contest will excite considerable interest among the fans of the city.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next term: C. B. Willoughby, C. C.; H. A. Dunbar, V. C.; G. A. Barger, P.; F. E. Taylor, M. W.; C. D. Chorpene, M. A.; H. L. Traver, I. G.; F. L. Poindexter, O. G.

## CLOSING OUT PIANO SALE.

## F. A. Rankin to Build a New Brick Building.

F. A. Rankin has inaugurated a genuine closing out sale of pianos, organs and all small goods and sheet music, preparatory to tearing down his building to make room for a brick to go up at once.

Prices on pianos are lost sight of in this sale. They must go. This means a big saving to piano buyers and the opportunity only comes once in a life-time for such genuine bargains.

Our line of pianos consist of the following well known makes: Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Crown, Decker & Sons, Busch & Gerts, and a dozen other makes.

How do you like the list? Can anybody beat it? We think not. Call early and get first choice. Sale on now. If you don't embrace this chance the loss is yours.

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## Personals

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C. Stuart was in from Mcbawk today.

E. P. Cadwell, of Leaburg, is in the city.

Albert Applegate is home from Yoncalla.

J. L. Robertson is in San Francisco on business.

Doak Zumwalt, of Lorane, was in Eugene today.

C. P. Houston, of Junction, was in the city today.

Attorney J. E. Young is here from Cottage Grove.

Horace McKinley arrived this morning from Portland.

Miss Marie Ware returned this morning from Portland.

Mrs. J. M. Pipes returned today from a visit in Portland.

Attorney J. K. Weatherford arrived this afternoon from Albany.

Julius Pineus, a hop dealer of Salem, was in Eugene today.

Dr. Geo. Wall, of Cottage Grove, came down on business today.

Jacob Proebstel of Portland, deputy U. S. marshal, is in the city.

Attorney J. S. Medley, of Cottage Grove, spent last night in Eugene.

Mrs. J. E. Bronaugh, of Portland, arrived in Eugene this afternoon and is a guest of relatives here.

E. R. Skipworth was a passenger to Portland today intending to spend a few days recreating in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dean left this afternoon for Aberdeen, Washington, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. W. H. Hughes was a passenger to Portland this morning where she will visit among friends for a few days.

Mrs. J. B. Harris, of Portland, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gross for the past week, returned to her home this afternoon.

Miss Edith Thorpe of Oakland, Cal., who has been trimmer for Mrs. S. F. Whiteaker during the past season left this afternoon on her return trip.

Ex-Commissioner John McMahon, of Springfield precinct, is in Eugene. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago but is now considerably better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abrams of Cottage Grove, returned to their home this afternoon after attending the reception party at Dr. Paine's last evening.

Miss Henrietta Lauer arrived up from Portland today and is the guest at the home of Hon. and Mrs. S. H. Friendly. Mrs. Lauer is expected up in a few days.

Ernest and Roy King arrived this afternoon from San Francisco to attend the graduation exercises of their sister Maud this evening in the Christian church.

L. S. Logan and family left this afternoon for Portland. Mrs. Logan will remain in Portland under special medical treatment, while the others of the family go on to Eastern Oregon where Mr. Logan has interests. Eugene friends regret very much their departure from this city.

## Court House Items.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

Levi and Rosa M. Geer to John Sutherland, 40-121 of an acre in tp. 22 s, r 3 w, \$25.

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Willamette Real Estate Company to S. P. Gilmore, lots 5 and 6, block 32, Junction City, \$90.

Ira and Mary Higgins to Riley Gatten, 9 acres in Lane county, \$500.

J. T. and Addie Tuffs to A. E. Nourse, block 9 and fractional block 118 in Springfield Investment & Power Company's ad. to Springfield, \$750.

Inger Federicksen et al, to Fred N. Federicksen, all their right, title and interest in 30 acres in tp. 18, s r 10 w, \$900.

Fred Fisk, sheriff, to S. L. R. Main, certain land in tp. 19 s, r 8 w, sheriff's deed.

W. L. and Viola V. Wright to J. H. Miller and C. D. Buckman, south half of lot 3, and north half of lot 4, block 51, Junction City, \$200.

James S. and Cora Evans to trustees Danish Evangelical Lutheran church of Junction City, 3 acres in tp. 16 s, r 5 w, \$300.

Bertha W. and Wm. Lorhum to Thomas A. Yost, 160 acres in tp. 18 s, r 11 w, \$810.

U. S. to Wm. F. Hoffman, 160 acres in tp. 18 s, r 11 w, patent.

Spencer Butte lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., to Mrs. Grace B. Cook, lot 227, I. O. O. F. cemetery, \$25.

Same to J. C. Watkins, lot 117, I. O. O. F. cemetery, \$12.

E. A. Bond to J. S. Bowly, half interest in certain land in tp. 18 s, r 1 w, \$800.

U. S. and Emma J. Martin to B. K. Lawson, certain land in Cottage Grove, \$1150.

John W. and Sarah L. Harnes to B. K. Lawson, and U. S. Martin, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 1, Harnes' ad. to Cottage Grove, \$150.

E. O. Potter, et al, county commissioners of Lane county to A. K. and Iffe F. Patterson, 34x30 feet in Mulligan's donation to Eugene, \$42.75.

Sarah A. Hodson, et al, to Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, all their right, title and interest in certain land in tp. 15 s, r 1 w, \$30.

W. A. Davidson to B. F. and Nellie Skillman, lot 3, block 1, D. G. McFarland's ad. to Cottage Grove, \$725.

## Circuit Court.

Oregon and Southeastern Railroad Company vs. Allie Hubbard, suit to obtain right-of-way. J. S. Medley attorney for plaintiff.

State Land Board vs. Dora B. and Chas. E. Simpson, foreclosure.

**In the Justice Court.**

The case of Plank & Walker, real estate agents, against T. J. Wilson, to recover \$225 commission for the sale of a farm, was decided in favor of Mr. Wilson Friday by Justice of the Peace Wintermeyer. J. M. Williams was attorney for the plaintiffs and L. T. Harris for Mr. Wilson.

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