

EVIDENCE DISAPPEARS TO BENEFIT OF MARTIN



EDWARD H. MARTIN.

(Alleged murderer of Nathan Wolff, sketched from life in his cell by The Guard's staff artist.)

Portland, May 15.—That the assassin of Pawnbroker Nathan Wolff, who was chopped to death in his establishment on the evening of May 1, may have returned to the scene of his crime after the discovery of the tragedy and by mingling with the crowd secured possession of highly incriminating evidence under the very eyes of the detectives, is indicated by the series of sensational developments in the case which have come to light today.

Equally as mystifying as the murder itself, and tending to establish, in a measure, the innocence of Edward H. Martin, who is awaiting trial in the circuit court for the crime, is the fact that the watch of the murdered pawnbroker and a hat which was lying behind the showcase on the north side of the store at the time Mrs. Wolff entered the place with Watchman Robinson, have mysteriously disappeared.

Although Wolff's timepiece was picked up from the floor near the rear safe in the store by some peace officer, whose identity has not yet been determined, and Mrs. Wolff emphatically declares that she saw a tan soft hat when she entered the store, neither of these articles ever came officially into the possession of the police or coroner, and there is consequently sufficient ground for the theory that they were spirited away for some ulterior motive.

These latest developments in the case, although known to the police for over a week, have been zealously

suppressed for fear that the case against Martin would be jeopardized. The relatives of the murdered pawnbroker, however, are determined to get at the bottom of the mystery, and contemplate employing private detectives on the case.

Captain of Detectives Batey, in charge of the bureau of criminal investigation of the local department, positively declares that Wolff's watch or the mysterious tan hat never came into the possession of the police, and Deputy Coroners Arthur L. Finley and Skowes are equally certain that the articles did not reach the coroner's office.

The value of the watch and hat as evidence is very evident. The make of the hat, size, color and seller's name would easily establish the identity of the wearer, and in addition the assassin's initials or name may have been printed on the hat band.

The watch undoubtedly stopped at the time of the assault and would fix the exact hour of the crime. The member of the upper office who saw the timepiece picked from the floor is of the opinion that the fact was bent and twisted. The guard that Wolff's chain was broken in twain indicates that the watch was pulled from his pocket in the struggle preceding the butchery and dropped to the floor.

Martin, when interviewed in his cell at the county jail this morning, stated that he had never owned a brown or tan hat, and seemed much cheered by the news of the latest developments in the case.

MUCH SNOW FALLS IN MOUNTAINS

Much snow is reported to have fallen in the mountains in the eastern part of the county during the rains in the valley the past few days. The weather for May is about the coldest known in Oregon for years. Usually

the sun is more in evidence than it has been for the past two weeks. However, the rain is being relished by farmers in the valley, as it will be of inestimable benefit to the growing crops. The fruit situation is good, and growers report that the cherry crop will be exceptionally fine, cherries in the valley now being as large as peas. The only crop so far reported to be not up to standard is the prune crop, which will be only about half. Hops are in fine condition.



THE POINT OF VIEW
Taff—Hope Bill gets the nomination. He's been defeated twice and it will be easy the third time.
Bryan—Hope Bill gets the nomination; he's never run before and with my experience in two campaigns it will be easy to beat him.

STATE GRANGE ENDS ITS 35TH ANNUAL SESSION

(From Saturday's Daily Guard.)

The 35th annual session of the state grange ended last night after what a majority of the delegates present say was the best meeting in the history of the grange. The citizens of Eugene helped make the convention the success that it was by providing the visitors with proper accommodations and extending them the freedom of the city. All are loud in their praises of Eugene and Eugeneans, and declare that they will vote for the convention to be held here again as soon as possible. Most of the delegates left on this morning's train for their homes, but a number left on the day trains and a few are still here visiting friends.

The session closed last night with the installation of new officers who were elected on Wednesday.

At yesterday's session considerable business was transacted, including the acceptance of the report of the mileage committee, which showed that the sum of \$1,665.29 had been paid for mileage and per diem for the delegates, each delegate receiving \$1 a day for their time and a certain sum for each mile traveled to and from the education place.

The committee on good of the order recommended that each grange appoint a press correspondent to report to the local papers the doings of the grange.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated by the grange to defend the initiative law in the courts.

A resolution was adopted favoring a board of three examiners in each county to examine all applicants for frat inspectors, the examiners to be appointed by the state board of horticulture.

The committee to which the resolution favoring the abolition of salmon fishing in the upper Columbia river was referred reported that it would not commit the grange on the subject, but favored the abolition of fish wheels and traps altogether and that everything possible should be done to protect the salmon industry.

The sum of \$2500 was appropriated by the grange for extension work, such as the organization of new granges.

When Thomas Mills addressed the meeting on the single tax question, the address being very interesting.

No Change in Initiative Law
Following is the resolution introduced by R. W. Gill on the proposition to change the initiative law, and which was adopted:

Whereas, Political forces and corporate interests within and without the state are seeking through various ways to destroy and annul our initiative and referendum laws; and

Whereas, These laws may be somewhat crude in their operation, nevertheless they are capable of expressing the will of the people of Oregon, which has been shown by their use in the past; and

Whereas, We have full confidence in the intelligence of the voters of Oregon, and believe that should they through misunderstanding pass any bad measures, the same may be remedied through these laws; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Oregon state grange in session assembled, that we are strongly opposed to any change in the initiative and referendum laws until such a time as these laws have proven themselves detrimental to the people of Oregon, and we believe that any attempt to change such laws while the same are being tested in the courts would be unwise and unjust to our people inasmuch as it would be a confusing and disturbing factor.

Citizens of Eugene Thanked
The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That the officers, members and visitors of the Oregon state grange, in this 35th annual session assembled, do hereby express their most sincere appreciation and thanks to all concerned who have in any manner contributed to the success of this meeting.

To the citizens of Eugene, whose welcome has been so delightfully expressed in the various street and window decorations, and in so hospitable opening their homes to shelter us.

To the Commercial Club and to its ladies' auxiliary, who have combined to receive and serve us, and in every way to do us honor and make us comfortable.

To the faculty and students of the University of Oregon, whose reception was most gratifying and which only causes us to regret that our routine business prevented a longer visit to this institution.

To those who took part in the public reception of this body and so cordially greeted us—not forgetting the bevy of pretty little girls who decorated us with roses not more dainty and fair than themselves, nor the University Glee Club and Eugene Military band which were so heartily enjoyed.

To the local granges, who so ably managed the decorations and beautiful feast on the occasion of the fifth and sixth degrees.

To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who so generously furnished us the use of its commodious hall free of charge.

To those who have so agreeably entertained and instructed us in addresses, songs and recitations.

To the newspapers of Eugene, of Portland and the press of the state generally which have reported our proceedings.

To the railroad companies, which furnished us reduced fares.

JOHN SLERFF,
R. W. LOVELLACE,
ELLEN G. LAMBERT,
CARRIE A. BUSSARD,
CORA LEGG, Committee

Grange Opposes Change in Initiative Law
(From Thursday's Daily Guard.)

The state grange at this morning's session voted to meet at McMinnville next year. Corvallis also extended an invitation to meet there, but when the matter came up for a vote McMinnville won by 41 to 15.

This forenoon's session was devoted principally to the report of the executive committee. That portion of Master Buxton's report advocating changes in the initiative law had been referred to this committee.

When the report came up for adoption the matter of the advisability of accepting the master's suggestions precipitated a lively discussion. The changes advocated by the master are as follows: That no bill should be initiated until first introduced in the legislature; that no remuneration should be allowed for securing signatures to initiative petitions; that a majority vote should be had to pass an amendment in the constitution. Discussion on the motion to strike out that part of the report brought out the sentiment that the grange is opposed to any changes in the law at this time. While it is realized that the law is rather crude in its present state, it was thought best not to tamper with it. The final outcome was the referring of the matter back to the executive committee to report two years hence.

The report of the committee on the Oregon Agricultural College was adopted.

A resolution opposing proportional representation in the legislature was introduced by F. M. Gill and referred. Mr. Gill also introduced a resolution to create a committee to investigate the banking laws of the state and report back at the next meeting of the grange.

R. W. Gill introduced a resolution that no change be made in the initiative and referendum law at present, and one favoring the single district system for representation in the legislature and the preparing of an amendment to be introduced in the next legislature to that effect.

Last Night's Session.
At last night's session a resolution to appropriate \$500 for defending the initiative and referendum law was introduced. A resolution in favor of the lower Columbia fish bill was introduced, both being referred.

A motion to consolidate the two state grange papers was lost.

State School Superintendent J. H. Akerman addressed the grange on education.

Resolutions Adopted.
A number of resolutions as follows were adopted at this afternoon's session:

Opposing the Reddy bill, which gives municipalities the right to regulate the liquor question; favoring the recall amendment to the constitution; favoring the amendment prepared by W. S. Uren, compelling all candidates for the legislature to subscribe to statement No. 1; opposing the single tax law; favoring the parcels post and postal savings banks; and it was the sense of the meeting that the grange would not support any tax efforts of the congressmen on these two measures, opposing proportional representation in the legislature favoring the single district system of representation, and a res-

olution to the effect that if the S. P. land grants should revert back to the government they should be given to the state of Oregon for a forest reserve.

The following resolutions were tabled: On the amendment proposed by the Blue Mountain grange to amend the initiative law requiring a 60 per cent vote to change the constitution, and favoring county fruit examination and inspection.

The Election
The election of officers was completed last evening. The following were elected:

Master—A. T. Buxton, of Gaston, was re-elected.

Overseer—A. T. Shoemaker, of Josephine county.

Lecturer—J. J. Johnson, of Portland.

Steward—W. A. Young, of Arieta, re-elected.

Assistant steward—E. W. Staats, of Albion.

Chaplain—Oscar Eaton, Oswego, re-elected.

Treasurer—H. Hirschberg, Independence, re-elected.

Secretary—Mrs. Mary S. Howard, Gatskeeper—L. S. Lambert, Stayton.

Ceres—Mrs. Cora Legg, of St. Helens.

Pomona—Mrs. Lulu E. Miller, of Albany.

Flora—Mrs. Brown, of Lane county.

Member of executive committee—Eugene Palmer, of Albany.

Legislative committee—A. I. Mason, of Hood River; F. M. Gill, of Estacada.

RECORD BROKEN BY NEW CRUISER
San Francisco, May 16.—A wireless message from the armored cruiser South Dakota, returning here from her final trial, reports that she has broken all records for vessels in her class. Her average speed in the four hours' trial was 22.36 knots at a forced draught and 20.97 at a natural draught.

HARRISBURG NOTES LOCAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Ida Bennett went to Eugene Tuesday for a couple of days' visit with friends.

Mrs. Ethel Cook of Junction City was here Sunday last for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McMahan.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Turner, of Eugene, called on their many friends in this city Sunday afternoon returning home on the local in the evening.

Mrs. C. E. Fuller came down from Eugene Saturday last for a short visit with her brother, J. B. Haskell, and family. Mrs. Fuller's home is in Boston, Mass., but she has been visiting in this section for several months past.

It cost W. R. Nevitt \$50 for killing a deer out of season near Sweet Home recently. Upon complaint of R. F. Malone, Nevitt was arrested and taken before Justice O. H. Russell, who placed the fine at \$50, which was paid. The deer was sold for \$5.00, making \$55, which was turned over to the county treasurer. The game law is a good one to observe. There is said to have been considerable violation of the law in the Cascades.

The final meeting to perfect the organization of the First National Bank of Harrisburg, last week, and at which time the capital stock of \$250,000 was all paid up, and the following board of directors were elected: John Somerville, W. A. Lane, C. L. Morris, Wm. H. Dale, T. J. Anderson, Samuel May, T. W. Sommerfeld, Geo. J. Wilhelm and R. K. Burton. The board then chose the following officers to serve until the regular annual meeting, which will be held January next: President, John Somerville; First vice-president, J. G. Sanders; Cashier, Geo. J. Wilhelm. Just as soon as the papers are approved by the authorities at Washington, and the necessary currency is received the bank will begin business, and will then take over the business of the present bank of Harrisburg, which will include from the present resources, more than \$750,000 now deposited in the present bank.

RAYNER DISCOVERS AMERICAN DREYFUS
Washington, May 13.—Senator Rayner, of Maryland, today spoke in the senate on his resolution directing the appointment of a committee to investigate charges against Colonel William F. Stewart, of the Coast Artillery, now stationed at Fort Grant, Ariz., by order of the president. Saying a communication had been sent to Colonel Stewart informing him that improvements would be made in the sanitary condition of Fort Grant if desired, Rayner added: "The same sort of communication is charged against Colonel Stewart," said Rayner, "are frivolous and petty and do not in the slightest degree reflect upon his character as a man, or his character as a citizen, or his character as a soldier. One of them is that he has temperamental infirmities."

"The president has come to the conclusion that Colonel Stewart is a man who wants to have his own way."

Colonel Stewart, he said, had his own ideas about his duties, and did not propose to be interfered with in their performance.

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TO ELIMINATE CO-EDUCATION AT SEATTLE HIGH

Seattle, Wash., May 14.—High school boys and girls in this city are to be separated in the future.

This action has been taken by the approval of Superintendent Frank F. Cooper, Principal William F. Gelfer, of the Washington high school, and a substantial majority of the faculty.

In explaining the new plan, Mr. Cooper says that next year not only will the boys and girls be separated while taking the high school course, but the separate honors will be provided for them. He contends that the most critical period, both as regards a boy's physical development and his mental processes, is the high school period; that the boy at that time is at a disadvantage; that he should not be expected to accomplish the same tasks as the girl, and that the instruction given him should be of such a nature at least in some respects that the girls cannot partake of it.

"It is a mistake," he says "to suppose that there is a period of danger to the girl in the early stages of development that is not fraught with equal peril to the boy. In fact, the boys' activities between the ages of 14 and 15 is infinitely more perilous than the girls'. It has been clearly demonstrated that the girl's brain at 14 is a perfect machine, and has greater capacity for development than at any other period in life. On the other hand, the boy at that age is in a condition where he becomes mentally confused and is unable to think as clearly as well as the girl. Such and many other reasons can be given for separation during the high school period."

BLACK HAND AFTER THE RICHEST WOMAN
New York, May 13.—Reports which those responsible for them assert are authentic are to the effect that Mrs. Hetty Green, who is occupying apartments at the Plaza Hotel, recently received a Black Hand letter threatening her with death unless she gave \$50,000 to the writer. Since the receipt of the letter Mrs. Green, in leaving the hotel for her office in the Chemical Bank building, has been accompanied by a detective. Formerly she was in the habit of leaving alone. The threat has had the effect of causing the hotel detective to pay particular attention to Mrs. Green while she is in the building. Mrs. Green, it is said, has personally given the letter slight consideration, but her guardians at the hotel, it is said, have insisted upon her taking extra precautions for her safety.

The letter advised Mrs. Green to be in readiness to pay \$50,000 to a messenger who would call to see her, and that she would be wise if she maintained secrecy.

ANOTHER FOREST SUPERVISOR HERE
Anson E. Cohoon, of Portland, has been appointed to take charge of the Tillamook and Umpqua forest reserves, as supervisor, relieving C. R. Seitz of that duty. Mr. Seitz hereafter to devote his entire attention to the Cascade reserve. Mr. Cohoon has arrived here from Portland, where he had charge of the North Cascade reserve, and will have office rooms in the Beckwith block, where Supervisor Seitz' office is located, two new rooms having been engaged for that purpose.

WILL REJECT BID OF SALEM FIRM
Guard Special Service, Washington, May 16.—Supt. of Buildings, Architect Taylor stated today that the department would probably reject the bid of the Salem company for the Eugene building and re-advertise.

F. A. RANKIN BUYS SPRINGFIELD PROPERTY
F. A. Rankin, the well-known musical goods dealer of this city, today bought Mark T. Fleming's business property in Springfield, trading a 242-acre farm at Smithfield for it. The Springfield property consists of 60 feet frontage on Main street and contains a two-story frame building occupied by a hotel and a one-story building occupied by a butcher shop. The property is across the street from the Hotel Springfield.

DEBS AND HANFORD SOCIALIST NOMINEES
Chicago, May 15.—The Socialist party in convention today nominated Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, for its candidate for president and Benjamin Hanford, of New York, for vice president. The ticket will be ratified at a mass meeting called for tomorrow.

HOUSE WORK

Thousands of American women in our homes are daily sacrificing their lives to duty.

In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo. A female weakness or displacement is often brought on and they suffer in silence, drifting along from day to day, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pain and aches which daily make life a burden.

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