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CHARLES G. CROWER, PIONEER, PASSES BEYOND

ONE OF EUGENE'S BEST KNOWN EARLY RESIDENTS EXPIRES THIS MORNING AFTER LONG ILLNESS—MEMBER OF FIRST CITY COUNCIL

Charles Christian Crower, one of Lane county's best-known pioneers and a resident of Eugene for the past 34 years, died at his home at the corner of East Tenth and Oak streets this morning at 3:45 o'clock after an illness of several years' duration from a complication of complaints. Death came peacefully and without suffering. He was conscious until the last and able to recognize the members of the family up to a few minutes before the end came. Death came as sleep would to a child, and on his face was an expression of contentment that could not help but impress those who viewed the remains today that he was at peace with the world and that his had been a life well spent.

The deceased was born on the Atlantic ocean August 13, 1832, while his parents were on the way to America from Wittenberg, Germany. They landed in New York city and settled in Ohio. Mr. Crower, when 13 years of age, began working in a shoe store and was employed there until he was 21. He came across the plains to California in 1852 and then came to Oregon, first settling at Albany, where he was engaged in the grocery business. After staying there for a year he came to Eugene, and resided here until his death. He was engaged in several different lines of business here, living a retired life, however, for the past several years.

Mr. Crower was married in Eugene to Miss Evaline Blair, daughter of the pioneer, Pryor F. Blair, who owned a large farm where the western outskirts of the city now lie. To them six children were born, of whom only three are now living, George F., Charles E. and Miss Fannie, all of this city. Just nine years ago, one day ago their daughter, Maggie, died. Besides the wife and children he leaves one brother, Gustavus Crower, of Troy, Ohio, and numerous other relatives in Eugene and vicinity.

Mr. Crower was a good and loyal citizen and took a prominent part in the affairs of the city until the past few years, when ill health prevented. He was a member of the first council of the city and was deputy sheriff under Luther Hawley, the county's first sheriff. He was a volunteer fireman in the early days and had been a member of the Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges for years.

The funeral will be held Friday with interment in the Masonic cemetery. Announcement of the exact hour of the services will be made later. Those who wish to view the remains may do so from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday.

"Old Clothes."

I am the hardest substance known. I have a green tinge about me, though my mates are usually colorless. It is the rarity of this tinge and my size that makes me very valuable. Though no larger than a hickory nut, I am worth many thousand dollars. I was born in Brazil. The first of this world, at least of daylight, for me was rolling out with stones, sand, earth and other minerals following the stroke of a pick. I lay on the ground before a workman. He looked about him and, seeing his foreman's back turned, picked me up and put me in his mouth. When he went from work he was searched, but I was not discovered.

The next scene in my life of motion, so to speak, was in a wool. The workman who had found me sold me to a man of better grade. The price paid was \$100 in United States bills. The man who bought me took me to a room, locked the door and examined me carefully. I could see by his expression that he was very much pleased with me. He got a box of sewing utensils from a closet and, ripping a pocket in the lining of his coat, put me in and sewed me fast. I didn't suppose that I would stay long in this place, but I did.

One day a policeman came to my owner's room and arrested him. He was not wearing the coat in which he had sewed me. It hung in a closet. A month later it was taken down and with other clothing taken to Villa de Principe, where it was sold to a Jew. A young man "all tattered and torn" came into the Jew's shop, tried on several coats, and, the one I was in fitting him, he bought it. I think the price paid was \$2. The young man walked all the way to Rio, doing work here and there for a meal. Had he known that he had me with him he might have ridden in a coach and four.

When he got to Rio he shipped on a vessel bound for New Haven, Conn. I was rolled, with other clothing, in a small bundle and put under his bunk, he donning sailor-togs. When we reached New Haven my owner put on his shore clothes, left the vessel and walked up into the city. He met a number of young men he knew, and by his conversation with them I learned that he had been a student in the college there and his father had died insolvent during the son's second year. From a student he had become a sailor, had sought employment in South America and had got stranded in Brazil. One of his old chums loaned him some money with which to buy a ticket to his home in the suburbs. It was both a melancholy and a happy meeting between the young man and his mother and his two sisters. They were evidently people of refinement living in poverty. Their returned boy was hungry, but there was nothing save a piece of corn bread in the house to give him. They begged him to stay with them, try for a position and help them. To this he consented, and they were happy.

That night after he had gone to bed one of his sisters took his clothes and sat up late patching and darning them that he might appear the better in looking for employment. After the sewing she took them downstairs into the kitchen, hented an iron and pressed them. While running the iron over the coat its nose hit an obstacle in me. She felt of me, took me to the light to examine the place where I was; then, taking a knife, she ripped the sewing and took me out. Seeing nothing but a brownish stone, she threw me into a coal scuttle, but on second thoughts took me up again and put me on a table. Then, finishing her ironing, she took the clothes to her brother's room.

The next morning she showed me to her brother and told him where she had found me. He looked me over very carefully, thinking all the while, and asked his sister to show him the place where she had found me. Then he put me in his pocket and later on started out to look for a situation. About noon he went home. He met his mother in the hall. He was pale and trembling. "Oh, mother," he exclaimed, "My boy, what has happened?" "If it shouldn't be true it would kill me."

"What?"

The stone Fannie found sewed in my coat. "Thinking it might be a jewel in the rough, I took it to a jeweler. He says it's a diamond. A diamond of that size is worth many thousands of dollars."

He took me out of his pocket, and the mother and her daughter gathered round, each trembling with excitement. "Don't count on too much, dear boy," said the mother. "If it is a diamond, it has a real owner, and you must find him, but he will doubtless give you a reward for its return."

But the owner was never found. The young man wrote to the officers of all the diamond mines in Brazil, and all replied that they had no record of any such diamond, though I had doubtless been taken from some of them when dug from the earth. Since none of them could prove ownership none of them claimed me.

I was polished, cut and sold for a fortune. The young man went back to college, and, the story of his return getting out among the students, they gave him the sobriquet of "Old Clothes."

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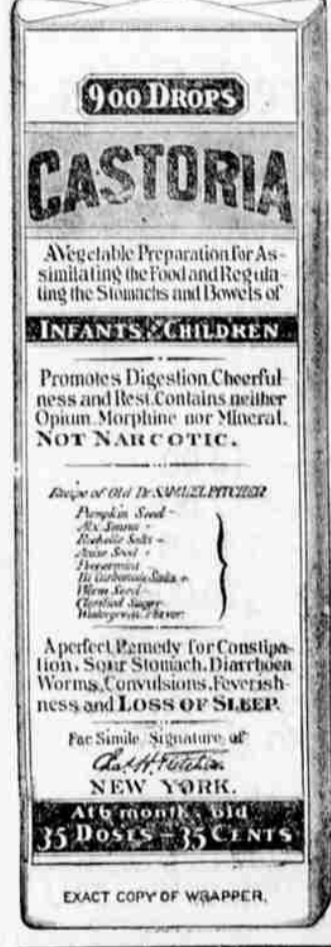
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