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McCounahay-Marsh

The Cornelius M. E. Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, August 24, when Miss Maud Ethel Marsh and Mr. Newton A. McCounahay were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. R. B. Wilkins officiating. The church was very tastefully decorated, the color scheme being green and pink. Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Mrs. R. B. Wilkins. The bride wore white silk with a veil of tulle caught with orange blossoms, and carried white roses. Refreshments were spread in the parlors of the church and were daintily served by the Misses Marsh, Scholfield, Gracie Schniffer and Allie Burwitz.

The bride is a daughter of William Marsh, of Centerville, and formerly a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, and for two years past one of Washington County's teachers. The groom since coming from South Dakota about three years ago, has resided at Centerville. Mr. and Mrs. McCounahay left immediately for South Dakota where they expect to spend some months.

Married

At the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beyers, near Thatcher Wednesday evening August 24th, Miss Grace Beyer was united in marriage to Mr. R. W. Orr.

The wedding was a quiet one, only the relatives of the bride and groom being present, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Staver of the Congregational church of Forest Grove.

An elaborate supper had been prepared, to which the guests assembled after the ceremony. In all, the occasion was one that all present heartily enjoyed. The bride and groom are well known young people of that vicinity, and have a host of friends to extend to them well wishes for the future. The bride has resided with her parents at the present home the past four or five years, and has the highest esteem of all who know her. The groom came here from Colorado last year and has won for himself a commendable recommendation for good character and industry. He left on Monday's train for his former home

near Greeley, Colorado, where he will remain a few months attending to business matters.

A Real Pioneer

The News Office enjoyed a call yesterday from Almorán Hill, one of the old pioneers whom we always are proud to honor. Way back in the days when Oregon was unknown came the first immigration party to the Columbia River, Nov. 1st, 1843. In this party were Almorán Hill and his still living and faithful wife, Sarah Jane Hill. During this long journey was born to these honored pioneers a daughter, Dianth. In the same party were two brothers of Mr. Hill, William and Henry, both of whom are now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have for many long years enjoyed the fruits of their early privations and each year the surviving tribes of Indians send their representatives with presents to this aged couple to show in their simple manner their love for them, a loving tribute in life's closing day. Mr. Hill was accompanied by C. C. Hoopes, of Gaston.

A Son's Perfidy

Mrs. Austin, an aged lady of Cornelius, and her son, Edward R. Austin, owned a farm jointly and some few weeks ago sold it for \$4000 which was divided between them. The mother requested the son to deposit her money for her and instead of so doing he placed it in his own name and refused to turn it over upon request. The mother brought suit against her son for an accounting after which the son skipped for parts unknown. He was traced to British Columbia where all trace of him was lost. It is hoped that an early capture may be made and the proper punishment meted out to such a son.

Candidates for the trip to St. Louis

Following is the total vote cast for the candidates to World's Fair at St. Louis up to last evening.

Alyce Cronin.....	3340
Pearl Chandler.....	2949
Lena Parker.....	2875
Manche Langley.....	726
Stella Via.....	30
Detta Friday.....	13
Grace Baer.....	11

New Business House Opens

A. Alexander, of San Francisco, has rented the store room formerly occupied by the News on Pacific Avenue and will fit it up at once and will display a complete line of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods. Saturday will be the opening day. The new store will be called "The Eastern Bargain Store." Mr. Axelrod comes highly recommended as a business man and will carry such a line of goods as will meet the requirements of the community.

A Cold Blooded Murder

Last Saturday Hillsboro and the entire county was filled with gloom and consternation over one of the most cold blooded murders ever committed in this county. About one year ago Bert Oakman, a young man from Monmouth, Illinois, came west to this county. Telegrams to his old home confirm that he left a wife and child who are well thought of. Coming here he posed as a single man and formed a fast friendship with Frank Bennett. The two young men were always together. Oakman worked near the city and was not in the habit of being about the city to any great extent so was only passably well known. For a few months Oakman has been keeping company with Miss Alta Ledford, of Hillsboro, while his friend, Frank Bennett was keeping company with her sister Miss Vesta Ledford. Frank Bennett knew of the fact that Oakman was a married man and when Oakman's relations with Miss Ledford were such as to cause Bennett to fear that an engagement and marriage might result, he deemed it his duty to object to the course Oakman was taking and was informed that if he told he would get killed for telling. Never the less when Oakman persisted in his wrong doing Bennett informed Miss Ledford of the facts in the case. Upon the next visit of Oakman to the Ledford home he was called to task for his perfidy in representing himself a single man and he at once sought out Bennett. Bennett at the time was drinking a glass of beer at the saloon of Preston Southworth. Entering the saloon Oakman asked Bennett to go out with him to which he replied that he would in a moment. Finishing his glass of beer he passed

out of the rear door with Oakman and a friend of Oakman's, Craig. As they passed the door Oakman drew a knife and stabbed Bennett, severing the jugular vein. Bennett, covered with blood, dragged himself into the door again and said "Oakman has stabbed me". Oakman and his friend rushed by the Argus Office northward and later Craig returned while Oakman fled northward on a wheel. Dr. J. P. Tameisie was called and attempted to aid the injured man but to no avail, Bennett expiring in about 20 minutes after the fatal stab. His younger brother was with the dying man during his last moments. The pursuit of Oakman was at once taken up and he was seen once or twice but eluded the deputies who did not know him well enough to recognize him at first sight. The whole county and the Portland police were notified and have been hot upon his trail, at this writing the trail seems to be lost but the officers and deputies are straining every nerve to capture him. Rumor has it that he was seen near Holbrook last night and officers are on the ground. \$200 reward is offered for his capture. His friend Craig is now in jail awaiting a possible charge of accessory after the fact. No blame whatever is attached to the young ladies who have unfortunately been dragged before the public eye by this sad occurrence. They belong to a good family and are well thought of in Hillsboro. They are almost prostrate with grief over the occurrence. Frank Bennett, the murdered man, is a young man about 24 years of age and was well thought of. His aged mother lies at the point of death and does not know of the terrible crime. The sad news will be kept from her to the last. The funeral took place from the Christian Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Jas. Campbell officiating. The interment occurred at I. O. O. F. Cemetery under the auspices of the M. W. A. Camp, of Hillsboro, attended by a large number of lodges from surrounding cities, also by a large circle of friends and relatives.

There is much indignation expressed and some talk of dealing summarily with the murderer if he is caught, but better reason will prevail and the law will be allowed to take its course.