



MURDER AT HILLSBORO

**W. W. Booth, Formerly of This City
Victim of Hold-up's
Bullet**

**Degenerate, Aged Fifteen Years is
Captured and Confesses to
the Crime**

A bold murder was committed at Hillsboro Saturday night between 7 and 8 o'clock, when W. W. Booth, formerly of this city, was shot in the head by a youth of 15 years, and killed.

The boy is a degenerate and large for his age. Mr. Booth was conducting a harness shop for Dan Parsons of this city and had closed his business for the day and departed for home. When but a block and a half from the business section of the city he was held up and murdered. The report was soon spread and a posse was soon in pursuit. Suspicion rested on a young man who had hung around that city during the day, and as a consequence Sheriff Connell and Deputy Sheriff Kane proceeded to the home of Sydney Brugger of Reedville, who after being arrested, made a confession.

The boy, a lad of 15 years, was found at the home of his grandmother, near Reedville, Mrs. M. Grow, one of Oregon's early pioneers. The boy's name is Sydney Brugger, and he is a son of John Brugger, a dissolute violinist, and Mrs. Vendie Brugger Bues, the latter residing at Lents. The murderer is a grandson of John Brugger, and is aged 15 years and two months.

Young Brugger is a degenerate, but never before has shown viciousness in any degree. After he had killed Booth he did not stop to rob the old man, but

turned and fled, going around the block, turning and going to the bakery. From there he went to the Southern Pacific depot, and thence to the home of his grandmother.

In his cell the youthful murderer made a confession of his crime as follows:

"I came up from the farm yesterday, Friday morning, and was up town all day. I had no money with me. After dark I walked down the street, going east from town. I crossed the street a block down from the last business street and heard a man coming, jingling money. I thought I would hold him up, so I walked on ahead of him. When I came to a dark place I turned and pointed a 32-caliber revolver at him, telling him I wanted money.

"The man struck at me with his cane, striking my first finger on the hand the revolver was in. The gun went off and the man fell. This scared me and I ran on east, went around the block and came back up town.

"No, I had no idea of killing him. I just wanted to hold him up. I did not know for sure that he was dead until I was back up town again, when I heard some one say a man had been killed. I said nothing to my grandmother about it when I got home. When she saw the officers after me she felt awful bad, for she thinks it is worse than it is. I think will come out of it all right. I never meant to kill him.

"No, I never smoked a cigarette but once, and it made me sick. I never chew tobacco. Yes, I read some books a year ago, about holding up people, but my grandmother didn't know I had them. I have them put away. I sent east and got the revolver to shoot at birds with. When I passed the poor farm on the railroad track, about 9 last night, I saw two black things, and went pretty fast, but I didn't know they were after me."

This referred to Superintendent Roy and assistant, at Newport.

Young Brugger is a tall, overgrown boy about six feet. He is not

very bright, and does not know the multiplication table.

His mass of hair was matted and he said that he had not combed it for about two weeks. He seemed to have no conception of the enormity of the crime and says that he only wanted a little money. He stated that he had lived with his grandmother, off and on, for several years in East Hillsboro, and later on the farm south of Reedville, where he was found by the sheriff.

When brought in by the sheriff the boy wore a dark gray wool suit with a gray cap. The officer brought with him the hat worn by the murderer—a large cheap straw, with a black string to fasten under the chin. The revolver he used was also surrendered, with one cartridge exploded.

Coroner E. C. Brown called Dr. A. B. Bailey to make a post mortem examination. The doctor removed the brain and found the bullet lodged in the left dome of the skull, the missile having entered the left eye. The cuts on the dead man's throat were doubtless made by his falling on the picket fence, after he was shot, and the contusion on the back of his head was evidently made when he struck the side walk.

Sheriff Connell says that Mrs. M. Grow, the grandmother of the lad, is prostrated with grief. She is a woman of liberal reading, of a sweet disposition and bears a splendid reputation. She has always lived a useful life and has many friends. It has often been remarked of her that she never did a person wrong knowingly.

Her daughter, the mother of the boy, was raised in this county, on the farm near Reedville, and when a girl was a beautiful woman. She separated from John Brugger, the lad's father, because of his dissolute habits, some years ago and secured a divorce. Later she married a blacksmith, A. Bues, and the family lived at Beaver-ton, and later went to Alaska. They returned to Oregon, lived on Mrs. Grow's farm a short time and then went to Portland, and from there to Lents, where they resided until a few months ago.

Young Brugger has probably lived half of his 15 years with his aged grandmother, who has known grief through the actions of others, for many years.

TO BE MARRIED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Forest Grove Young Man to Take Up to Himself a Minnesota Bride.

The following engagement announcement appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune one day last week:

"Judge and Mrs. Eli Torrence announce the engagement of their daughter, Hester May, and Henry Harlan Stuart of Forest Grove, Oregon. Mr. Stuart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harlan Stuart, of Minneapolis."

The wedding will occur on Wednesday, October 18, at the bride's home, and immediately after the ceremony the couple will proceed to Seattle where they will spend a short time, and after spending a few days in Portland, will come to Forest Grove where they will reside.

Mr. Stuart is a valued employe of the Condenser and has a host of friends here. The bride-to-be is from a prominent Minneapolis family and will no doubt win for herself the respect and friendship her husband-to-be now enjoys. The News, notwithstanding its previousness, extends congratulations.

Obituary.

Geo. Eason, Sr., departed this life at his home south of Dilley, Sept. 21, 1905.

He was born near Canterbury, county of Kent, England, Sept. 11, 1823. He came to America in 1849, and was married to Lucy Hawley near Lyons, New York in 1850, moved to Michigan in 1851, and from there to Oregon in 1898, where he resided until his death. He joined the Congregational church in 1871, living a consistent Christian life till death came and called him hence to enjoy the reality of an eternal home.

He leaves to mourn his death his only son Geo. Eason Jr., with whom he lived.

The funeral service was held at the home Saturday, Sept. 23, 1905. Conducted by Rev. S. Shotwell. Interment was made in the Naylor cemetery, where he was laid beside his wife, she having preceded him to that better land. Hands of love had ministered to his every needed want, a true and faithful son and his devoted wife had watched over him and tenderly cared for him during his long sickness and they with kind neighbors left the new made mound covered with wreaths and flowers. Thus was his body laid lovingly and tenderly away to await the final resurrection call.

ANNUAL MEETING HERE

General Association of Congregational Churches to be Held Here.

Begins October 17 and Ends the 19th—Prominent Speakers on Program.

The 57th annual meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Oregon, will be held October 17, 18 and 19, at Forest Grove, in the First Congregational Church. "Christian Loyalty" will be the general theme.

The 21st annual meeting of the Oregon Women's Home Missionary Union will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the church parlors.

The 15th annual meeting of the Oregon branch of the Women's Board Missions of the Pacific will be held in the church parlors immediately following the meeting of the Home Union.

Each church is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each 30 members.

The convention will hold the first session Tuesday afternoon, the program including reports from the State Sunday School Superintendents and the Church Building Society, and addresses on the aims and ultimate trend of Sunday Schools.

In the evening there will be an address by the retiring moderator, Rev. P. S. Knight. Rev. Daniel V. Poling will deliver the annual sermon. Celebration of the Lord's Supper will close the meeting. The annual narrative of the churches will be given Wednesday morning, and the discussion will be opened by Dr. Dora R. Barber. Loyalty to home missions will be the keynote of the meeting Wednesday afternoon.

In the evening the topic will be "Loyalty to Our Young People." On Thursday the theme will be "Personal Loyalty to the Kingdom." Prominent ministers will speak Thursday afternoon on church duties. Many delegates will be in attendance.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be Rev. Howard N. Smith, Rev. H. Gilpatrick, Rev. J. J. Staub, Mrs. D. W. Palmer, Rev. Gustave W. Nelson, Rev. P. S. Knight, Rev. D. V. Poling, Professor J. W. Marsh, Rev. D. B. Gray, Rev. Daniel Staver, Dr. Dora Barber, Rev. Jennie M. Barber, Rev. Cephas F. Clapp, Mrs. S. A. Lowell, Rev. E. F. Green, Rev. C. E. Chase, Rev. W. J. Sharp, Rev. W. Ferrin, Rev. T. Clifton, Rev. E. C. Oakley, B. S. Huntington, Rev. J. L. Jones, Rev. J. L. Herschner, Rev. A. M. Rockwood, Professor Mary T. Farnham, Rev. E. S. Bollinger and Rev. E. L. House.

At the Congregational Church.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 a. m. Sunday School. The lesson is on "Daniel in the Lion's Den." 11—Morning worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "One Thing." 3 p. m. The Loyal Temperance Legion—for all children in town. 6:30, Y. P. S. C. E. Topic, "The Christian's Trials and Triumphs." 7:30 Evening Service—Sermon on "The Man of One Idea." Thursday evening at 7:30, Mid-week Service. "Preparation for Service."

Athletic Association Meets.

The Forest Grove Athletic Association met Tuesday and among other things practically decided to sell more stock and branch into the gymnastic field for the winter. A movement has been on foot to have the Association to take hold and install a first-class gymnasium, which would be a permanent fixture. The Association is incorporated with 100 shares, 78 of this number being sold. It is proposed to sell the remaining block at \$5.00 per share for gymnastic purposes together with other shares that are to be contributed by some holding more than two shares, to be resold. In this way some \$150 can be raised which would be a sufficient amount to install a bath and other paraphernalia.

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At the Christian Church

The revival services at the Christian Church have been much hindered by the continual storm, but despite this the evangelist, Rev. R. L. McHaticn, was at his post of duty and has kept to his advertised list of themes. Mr. Arthur Hull is giving fine satisfaction with his beautiful solos. To date there have been three accessions to the church. The announced subjects are as follows:

Friday, "The Bible Verified." Saturday, "Divinity of Jesus Proved by the Prophets." Sunday, a. m. "Divinity of Jesus, Proved by His Resurrection." Sunday p. m. "Divinity of Jesus Proved Without Opening the Bible."

GALES CREEK

Mrs. Corothers is very sick. Dr. Rentz was called Friday night.

School opened here Monday morning with Ernest Webb as teacher.

John Lilly went to his ranch over near Buxton last Saturday morning.

Mrs. John Heisler and daughter Eva, spent Tuesday in Forest Grove.

Neil McGilvery's sister, of Lowell, Wash., is visiting here for a few weeks.

Will Shearer's prune orchard was visited by a large bear Saturday night.

Mrs. M. L. Vincent returned Wednesday from the hopfields in Yamhill county.

M. C. Steeples of Hoquiam, Wash., is spending a few days with his uncle, J. F. Lafferty.

Mrs. A. J. Bateman and Mrs. A. C. Sargent were visitors at the Fair the forepart of this week.

Joe McRoberts' little boy Ralph, age 4 years, was buried in the Gales Creek cemetery last Thursday.

Mrs. V. Brown of Wilson River, passed through here Friday on her way home. She has been visiting the fair.

Chas. Lorenz killed a large bear a few days ago. The bears seem to be plentiful around here as there has been several others killed.

Mrs. Hannah Ranes and son Dick, have gone to St. John, Wash., where they will remain this winter, with Mrs. Ranes's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crabb, in the hope of improving Dick's health. They feel very grateful to the people of Gales Creek and vicinity for their many acts of kindness during Dick's long sickness.

WATT'S DISTRICT.

Miss Pearl Stevenson is in Portland attending the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Prickett went to Portland last Friday.

Mr. Al Dilley and family returned from the coast last week.

Mrs. Florence Rones and daughter, Ada, are Portland visitors this week.

Mrs. Ernest Burke is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. McCoy, this week.

Miss Mary Williams of North Yamhill is here visiting her sister Mrs. Jas. Burk.

Ernest Burk and Wm. McCoy took a load of prunes and pears to Tillamook last week.

Most of the people of this vicinity who have been at the hop fields have returned home.

John Stevenson of Portland, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stevenson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Burk and Miss Mary Williams returned from Portland where they had been visiting relatives and attending the Fair.

Dissolution of Partnership

The partnership heretofore existing between T. A. Ritchey and H. J. Wells, under the firm name of Ritchey & Wells is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. Each of them will continue in business. Mr. Ritchey will be found at his old stand on Pacific Avenue, while Mr. Wells will continue business at the same stand. The books of the firm are left with the Farmers & Merchants bank, where all accounts must be settled immediately. Dated Oct. 4, 1905.

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