

A SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. A. C. Hatch, of Forest Grove died last Friday

FOUND SATURDAY MORNING

Testimony Points to Death by Natural Causes—Buried Monday at Mc Coy.

Mrs. A. C. Hatch living in her own dwelling at the corner of First Avenue South and Fourth Street, Forest Grove, this county, was found dead in her bed on Saturday morning last when she had lain for 26 or more hours. Her neighbors last saw her alive on the Thursday evening before. Her son, a lad of about 12 years of age lived with her and on this Thursday night last saw his mother alive between 9 and 10 o'clock when she went up stairs to show S. W. Fletcher, of McCoy, Polk county, to his room which he was to occupy for the night.

Mrs. Hatch was the divorced widow of State Senator Ed. Hatch, late of Polk county, but now in the custom service in Alaska. The Hatch family lived near McCoy in Polk county and this man Fletcher was an acquaintance of several years standing.

On Friday morning the Hatch boy who is a sleepy head did not wake up till late and found that when he came from his bed chamber to the family sitting room that it was about nine o'clock in the morning. He missed his mother but made no thorough search for her nor said anything of her absence to the neighbors. His mother was a working woman being frequently employed to clean houses, and the boy supposed she had gone to her work. He stayed about home all day without anything to eat. In the evening he went to Mr. Gilpin's near by where some of his friends were. He there told his plight and induced his playfellows to go home with him and stay all night or till his mother returned home. Next morning Miss Gilpin who had to make an early visit to the post office around the boys as she passed the house and directed that they go for breakfast since they told her that Mrs. Hatch was still away. At breakfast Mrs. Gilpin interrogated young Hatch concerning his mother's absence. The boy could not account for it. He said her clothes, dress, hat and shoes were at home. He told Mrs. Gilpin that he had been in all the rooms down stairs but had not been up stairs. Mrs. Gilpin sent the boys back to the house with instructions to go to all the rooms up stairs and diligently search for signs of Mrs. Hatch. "Look good and see what you can find." The boys went. By this time it was after eight o'clock in the morning. The first room the lads entered up stairs the boy saw his mother in bed with a cloth over her face. Wild with fright he bounded down stairs and across the street to where Mr. Sparks was painting his house. "Mother is sick, come quick," Mr. Sparks asked his daughter-in-law. Mrs. Lee Sparks to go over and see what the trouble was.

Guided to the room she entered and saw Mrs. Hatch lying on her back on the right side of the bed with a towel over her head and the right side of her face hidden, the left eye and cheek were exposed. Mr. Sparks threw the towel lightly back and placed her hand on either temple. She was at once satisfied that the woman was dead and turned to the now crying boy and said: "your mother is indeed dead. We cannot help her." By a quick survey Mrs. Sparks saw that the woman was lying across her bosom, that the bed clothes were thrown down exposing the person to the waist and that her face and hands were exposed. The foot of the bed. It was also noted that the quilts and blankets were thrown to the center of the bed from the left side leaving the sheets exposed, most at the head, but at the foot nearly a point showing. Some one had occupied the bed with Madam Hatch. The towel that was over her face was dry on Saturday morning. There was no odor of drugs or medicines in the room, no bottles were found. The bedroom is in the south west part of the dwelling, up stairs. There are front rooms with a window in the west. A window opens to the west. The door from the hall opens near the foot of the bed, which is in the center of the room and may be approached from either side. A bureau is in the north west corner of the room and a wash stand in the south west corner. Mrs. Sparks told her father-in-law that she had found her at once notified Coroner Large who took charge of the premises.

Mrs. Hatch had owned the property in which she lived about a year. It is worth about \$1000, probably cost more. She had lived in town about three years. Of late her health had not been perfect. On Sunday, April 22, she visited at Mr. Stokes' place. She complained of feeling well, but said she had been taking medicine and thought she would be in usual health in a few days. At that time she engaged to work for Mrs. Stokes this week commencing May 1st. On Thursday she cleaned house for Mrs. D. Rogers and had worked diligently climbing up and down on a ladder washing windows.

Fletcher had visited her several times during the winter. The gossip said a marriage engagement existed between them. Fletcher had bought half of the Hatch farm in Polk county. It is reported that she had said that sometime she was going to live on the old farm. Fletcher denies positively that an engagement existed. This is believed to be true for that never make such contracts.

Fletcher and Mrs. Hatch occupied the same room and bed on Thursday night. Friday morning the woman awoke sick. She complained of aching head, a wet towel, this accounts for the towel which had dried by Saturday morning.

Fletcher says that when he got up he left her lying as she was found on Saturday morning, but that when he left the room she was not dead. He went down stairs built a fire and loitered about till train time. Going to Portland he had to leave the house about 6 a. m. He went to Portland

where he stayed till Saturday morning when he again took the train for his home at McCoy. That afternoon he was summoned to Forest Grove as a witness at the inquest.

The post mortem was made by Dr. P. A. Bailey, assisted by Dr. V. A. Forest Grove. They expected to find a ruptured artery in the brain, but he did not. The liver was in bad condition. The gall bladder was full of gall stones from the size of robin's egg to a shot. The heart was atrophied being imperfectly nourished by its arteries. The weakened heart that had pumped blood for 48 years became weaker and weaker till a time came when the thin flabby walls of that organ failed to respond to the force of blood poured in by the veins. Alone in the silent chamber, with the sun just peeping over the plain, death met its prey and had an easy victory. The tragedy was the result of natural causes, heart para lysis, and this is the verdict of the jury. There was no poison, no struggle, no violence. Fletcher, who at Forest Grove, played the roll of Mr. Hyde, was released from surveillance and on Thursday returned to McCoy to take up the respectable life as led by Dr. Jekyll. He is not a member of any fraternal society or of any church; the same is true of Mrs. Hatch unless the rumor that she belonged to the Presbyterian church is a fact.

The remains of the deceased were on Monday morning taken to McCoy for burial.

Mrs. N. O. Pierson of Oakland, Cal., is visiting at Mr. C. Schumacher's.

Mr. George R. Bagley has opened a law office in the Shute brick on Main street.

Messrs. R. E. Bryan & Son are packing their goods in the Hillsboro store preparatory to moving the same to their Dallas, Polk Co., store.

David W. Marsh, son of Prof. J. Marsh, Forest Grove last week reached home from the Hawaiian Islands where he has been for the past six or seven years. He expects to spend the summer in Oregon.

James Donaldson who lives in the southern part of town while standing in his wagon last Tuesday was unbalanced by the sudden start of his team and pitched head long to the ground. He struck a wheel and he fell and broke two of the ribs on the right side. Dr. Bailey attended the injured man. The hurt is not dangerous but very painful.

Peter Rich, living northeast of town was about three weeks ago on a siding of the North Pacific railroad as the cars came in when he was struck on the knee by the projecting stanchion and an ugly cut made just over the patella. This was neglected for a few days so that now he is confined to his bed with a bad leg. Dr. Linklater was called Tuesday and dressed the wound. What he does is blood poison.

It is estimated that the hay crop of Washington county will be three or more thousand tons this year. This is excess of what will be consumed at home. This amount can easily be increased to ten thousand tons when a market for it is assured. Washington county hay enjoys the reputation of being the best that goes into the market. Last spring Messrs. Haines and Shipley distributed for hay and labor \$20,000 in the west end of the county. They hope to do better this year. Last week they had an enquiry for a few hundred tons and by hay harvest they hope to be able to know where they may place the entire surplus of their neighbor hood.

The coroner's jury in the Hatch inquest made up of Austin Craig, H. H. Clark, W. H. H. Meyers, A. T. Knox, O. R. Downs and F. Harris arbitrarily and without color of law took the bits in teeth and refused to let the reporters of the county papers be present at the examination of witnesses, though no objection whatever was made to the presence of the reporters of the papers with their examination. Gault of this paper called attention to the presence of the Portland and San Francisco papers and questioned the fairness of such discrimination. He further pointed out that the interest of the state would better be served by allowing reporters to hear the testimony of the witnesses under oath than to compel them to go on the street to sift truth out of the many rumors that are afloat. But reason and sense was not on that side of the house that day.

Remember there can be no registration after May 15, neither for the state election in June nor for the Presidential election in November. After May 15, there will be the long, tedious and expensive process of getting the testimony of six witnesses as to your qualifications, and the witnesses must be freeholders. The simple and easy way for the qualified voter is to register at once. There are yet 800 voters in Washington county not registered. Avoid the rush during the last days by registering now. And if you are not registered it will be no easy task to furnish the proof, after May 15, that you are a legal voter. Remember also that it will cost you trouble to vote in the Presidential election if you do not register now.

REPUBLICAN PRECINCT NOMINATIONS.

Precincts	Road Supt.	Justice of the Peace	Constable
Beaverdam	J. J. Wismer	W. D. Cady	Wm. Hunter
Beaverton	L. S. Baines	W. Stevens	W. J. Staley
Buxton	J. Cummings	H. Hendricks	A. Bunning
Cornelius	A. S. Hatch	S. L. Resler	E. Holler
Columbia	Wm. Bagley	J. W. Hughes	H. C. Carstens
Dallas	J. A. New	H. B. Tigard	P. Tupper
Dilly	C. S. J. Tiger	W. P. Day	C. Robinson
E. Butler	S. P. Spencer	J. Adkins	Wm. Hewitt
E. Cedar Creek	J. McLaren	C. Jack	H. Dillway
Gales Creek	C. A. Reeth	W. J. Greg	M. C. Lincoln
Reedville	T. G. Meshegan	J. W. Bailey	Leo Swander
Washington	P. Baughman	O. R. Downs	E. Sappin
N Hillsboro	A. T. Knox	O. R. Downs	John Baldwin
N Forest Grove	F. M. Kelsey	Benton Bowman	M. S. Dalley
S Forest Grove	S. Orndoff	E. A. Messinger	S. C. Tupper
S Hillsboro	W. Schumacher	M. E. Buck	E. W. Johnson
S Tualatin	J. A. Chapman	N. J. Dave's	Chas. Olson
W. Suttle	E. Woods		

60 BAND MEN COMING

To Give a Consolidated Concert in the County Court Yard

ON EVENING OF MAY 12

Never Such an Aggregation of Band Men in Washington County Before.

A band concert will be given in court house square Hillsboro on Saturday evening May 12 where the Hillsboro, the Forest Grove, the Verbena, the Bethany, the Farmington and the Sherwood bands will appear. All band men in the county including those attending Pacific University students are invited to be present. A grand combination of 60 instruments is already assured. The assembly call will be sounded at 8 o'clock on the evening of the appointed day. President Charles E. York of the state band association will be present. A full program will be made public next week.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.

On Friday evening of 27 Chaplain Wm. S. Gilbert delivered a lecture on the experiences of the 2nd Oregon and customs of the Philippines. After touching lightly upon the political phases and our duty towards the Philippines he presented in an interesting way the equipment of both armies illustrating his remarks by the different kinds of arms and ammunitions used. He dwelt at some length upon the customs, dwellings and climate of the islands, then took up the movements of the 2nd Oregon from its arrival at Cavite and followed it through the capture of Manila and from the breaking out of the insurrection to the arrival of the Philippine army at Manila. The lecture was a very pleasant speaker, causing his audience at one moment to enjoy a good hearty laugh while the next may find them almost in tears.

Wednesday evening of the 2nd our intercollegiate debate team gave a practice debate in Marsh hall. The members of the team are Messrs. A. D. Schoch, Lynn Lancelotti and W. T. Fletcher who will represent Pacific University at Eugene Saturday evening next for the inter-collegiate championship of the state. The question up for discussion pertains to the Government Ownership of Railroads, our team upholding the negative.

Every one has not yet learned how to attach a postage stamp to an envelope, or perhaps as the skilled correspondents do off, new and untried letter writers appear. At any rate the post office department has often to instruct on the simple thing of attaching adhesive stamps to envelopes. The last instruction under date of March 26 is in these words: "The proper place for a postage stamp on mail matter is the upper right hand corner of the address side. This facilitates cancellation and distribution, and insures prompt and proper treatment throughout the service. Stamps placed elsewhere are liable to be overlooked, and the matter misdirected as unpaid, or otherwise, and perhaps delayed in dispatch; therefore, unless impracticable, stamps should be affixed on the 'face' of all mail matter. Postmasters should advise persons that the department does not hold postal officials responsible for delay in dispatch or wrong treatment resulting from the improper placing of postage stamps."

Mr. Louis Ennis a few days ago picked up a fragment of stone, ore, on his place down the Tualatin. Suspicion of the existence of metal caused him to throw it into a post hole and set it over a fire. After a time he had metal enough so that he cast two 38-caliber Winchester rifle bullets and one 44 pistol bullet. The bullets are harder than they would be if cast from lead, and the tin would make. Has he silver, tin, or lead or all three combined? Mr. Ennis says there are more fragments of the same kind, but no defined ledge has been uncovered.

The great World Congress of Missions which gathered in New York and adjourned last Tuesday night has compelled the attention of the entire civilized world to the power of the Congregational church in Hillsboro will deliver an address 11 a. m. next Sunday, suggested by the proceedings of this distinguished body, entitled "Some Reflections Suggested by the Ecumenical Conference." In the evening this congregation united with the other churches of the city in a Temperance Rally at the Christian church.

Mr. Henry Wehrung is building a kitchen at his residence at Washington and Fifth streets.

Remember Dr. Brown, dentist will be in Hillsboro one week May 7.

Mrs. E. P. Hughes entertains this week her sister, Mrs. Simpson of Oakland, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Penne of Farmington, visited relatives and friends in Portland last week.

W. W. Brotherton of the Southern Pacific had department voice in Hillsboro last Tuesday enquiring about the amount of taxes assessed to his company. The total tax to be paid by that company is \$5242.95.

Mr. S. H. Humphreys whose right leg was broken on the 5th of March has recovered sufficiently to be on the street again though he has to use crutches. He thinks though that from now on recovery will proceed at a rapid gait.

C. W. Wheeler of Waukegan, Wisconsin, lecturer in the interest of the Woodmen of the World visited Hillsboro last week and on Wednesday evening lectured in the interest of his order. Mr. Wheeler is editor of the Waukegan Times and of course found the newspaper office. The independent finds him a most courteous visitor and that from now on recovery will proceed at a rapid gait.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has arranged for monthly Sunday evening mass meetings of the temperance people of Hillsboro during the summer. These meetings will be held in the churches in turn. Services in the other churches will be omitted on those evenings. The first meeting will be held next Sunday evening in the Christian church. J. V. Oberg of the M. E. church is the speaker.

The semi-annual meeting of the County Veterans Association was held here yesterday. There were 65 veterans present and 45 of the auxiliary. 110 votes in all. The Beaver-ton resolutions were adopted. The principal business was choosing a place for the annual encampment. Forest Grove offered a subsidy of \$150 cash and guaranteed best of everything needed to make the encampment a success. Hillsboro offered to furnish fuel, lights, water, tents, straw, advertising and moral control of the grounds. The vote stood: Beaver-ton 14, Hillsboro 53, Corvallis 3 and Forest Grove 23, total 110. Forest Grove was chosen. It will be noted that 33 more votes were cast than were present. Politicians would call this stuffing the ballot box. The Hillsboro auxiliary served lunch at noon.

A letter received this week by Mr. M. E. Hotchkiss from a friend in Ventura county, California, has a paragraph of interesting reading for any one who is interested in the very dependent because of the unfavorable climate conditions in his state and county. There was no rain in '98, '99 and now 1900 is again dry—three years at a time. This year he says he has raised no grain, no hay, no fruit, no beans or beets. He has determined to seek a new home and is looking "north toward Oregon." He was through the state last year and is most favorably impressed with the best of the state. He speaks of the highest terms of his friend. We of Oregon will welcome all such accessions to our population and think we can certainly promise that he will not have to endure a dry spell of three years.

At the last regular meeting of the city council a bicycle ordinance was passed prohibiting wheelmen from riding on either sidewalk on Second street from Washington to Main and on the sidewalks of Main from Second to Third. Wheelmen may ride on none of the sidewalks in the night except they have a lamp or lantern on or in their hands unless they have a bell or whistle which must be sounded before overtaking a pedestrian. No greater speed than six miles per hour may be ridden. The penalty for breaking the ordinance is a fine from \$2.00 to \$10.00 or imprisonment in the city jail from one day to five. The ordinance goes into effect five days after it is signed by the mayor. He signed yesterday the 3, hence it takes effect next Tuesday, May 8.

Editor's Awful Flight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca, (Ill.) News was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Dr. C. K. Allen's Anker Balm. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It is the surest, the purest, the earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25c. Money refunded if not cured. Sold by Delta Drug Store.

California Seeds Given Away.

Until August 1, 1900, anyone sending name and full address, with 10 cents in stamps to defray postage, packing, etc., will receive free a package containing a choice selection of first class flower or vegetable seed. All are of the finest California variety, grown at this place. All we ask of you is that when they are grown and matured, you will tell your neighbors or friends that the seeds come from us. State which you prefer, flower or vegetable seeds.

Reynolds & Roberts Seed Co., Box 286, Santa Paula, Cal.

How is your wife has she lost her beauty? If so, Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache are the principal causes. Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25c, and 50 cts. Money refunded if results are not satisfactory. Delta Drug Store.

On account of the steel trust all iron implements will be higher than before. Schumacher's saws will be sold after the raise at same prices as others sold before.

Acker's English Remedy will stop a cough any time, and will cure a cold in twelve hours, or money refunded. 25c and 50c at Delta Drug Store.

Schumacher & Son's is the place to buy farm implements. Plows, harrows and wagons sold at prices lower than other dealers offer here. Turf and stubble 14 in steel or wood beam at \$14.50. Stubble plows cheaper. 2 horse steel lever harrows for \$13.50 3 horse steel lever harrows at \$15.00 3 wide tire wagons \$85. Compare these prices with those of other dealers.

WE WILL CELEBRATE

Hillsboro is Preparing to Have the Largest Celebration in its History

GROUND NOT SELECTED

Veterans Will not be Here. Best Program Ever in Witness in the County.

There was an enthusiastic celebration meeting at the council room last Saturday night in response to the call of Mayor Wilcox. It was voted to celebrate the 14th day of July next. A committee of five on arrangements was appointed. This committee is composed of E. B. Tongue, W. H. Wehrung, John Northing, A. C. Shute and W. V. Wiley. Power was given to this committee to do everything necessary for the celebration. They appoint all subcommittees issue invitations and collect and disburse funds.

The grounds for the celebration have not been selected since the plans of the committee were somewhat changed when the Veterans association decided to reject the invitation to come here.

COURT HOUSE.

PROBATE.

Est Mary Boone deed; ordered that the really described be sold for cash in hand at the south door of the court house May 9 1900.

Est Ernest French deed; final account filed and Monday June 11 set for examination.

Est Thos J. Wilson deed; final account filed and Monday June 11 set for examination.

Est Neep heirs, minors, appraisers of the estate C. B. Buchanan, J. T. Doran and T. H. Miller.

License to wed were granted May 1 to Thos Anderson 42 and Mary E. Haber 18 and Wm. D. Baker and Francis A. Palman 21.

Dr. Brown will be in Hillsboro, May 7th.

The post office department ever ready to accommodate patrons has put up 2-cent stamps in a handy size pocket booklet, containing three sizes, the smallest containing 12 two-cent stamps which are sold for 25 cts. The next size has 24 stamps for 40 cts and the largest 48 stamps costing 87 cts.

Louis Muller who went to southern California has returned and is at work for Mr. Ed. Shute. The first day he handled his team for 40 cents and sold out on the grass for a few hours. No bones were broken so it is probable that he will only have to endure the discomfort of bruised muscles for a few days.

The Conductors

Annual Excursion

will be given

Sunday, May 27

going to

The Dalles

Will stop at the principal places along the Columbia, allowing people the opportunity of seeing some of the grandest

SCENERY

in the world. Those who so-dispose can stop at any of these places and return trains will pick them up. This will give them opportunity of examining the extensive

Government works at the Cascades.

Trains Pass Hillsboro at

7:45 a. m.

SALESWOMEN understand what torture is.

Constantly on their feet whether well or ill. Compelled to smile and be agreeable to customers while dragged down with some feminine weakness. Backaches and headaches count for little. They must keep going or lose their place.

To these Mrs. Pinkham's help is offered. A letter to her at Lynn, Mass., will bring her advice free of all charge.

MISS NANCIE SHORE, Florence, Col., writes a letter to Mrs. Pinkham from which we quote:

"I had been in poor health for some time, my troubles having been brought on by standing, so my physician said, causing serious womb trouble. I had to give up my work. I was just a bundle of nerves and would have fainting spells at monthly periods. I doctored and took various medicines, but got no relief, and when I wrote to you I could not walk more than four blocks at a time. I followed your advice, taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier in connection with the Vegetable Compound and began to gain in strength from the first. I am getting to be a stranger to pain and I owe it all to your medicine. There is none equal to it. for I have tried many others before using yours. Words cannot be said too strong in praise of it."

MISS POLLY FRAME, Meade, Kan., writes: "Dear Mrs. PINKHAM—I feel it my duty to write you in regard to what your medicine has done for me. I cannot praise it enough. Since my girlhood I had been troubled with irregular and painful periods and for nearly five years had suffered with falling of the womb, and whites. Also had ovarian trouble, the left ovary being so swollen and sore that I could not move without pain. Now, thanks to your wonderful medicine, that tired feeling is all gone, and I am healthy and strong."

WOMEN WHO EARN THEIR LIVING

Spring Bargains!

We have some of our fine stock of Ladies wrap which we will sell at greatly reduced prices

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Group is a terror of thousands of young mothers because its outbreak is so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's cough and consumption cure act like magic in cases of cough. It has never been known to fail. The worst cases relieved immediately. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. You can get it at the Delta.

Beautiful complexion is an impossibility without good blood, the blood that only exists in connection with a healthy liver. Liver medicine in the bowels, liver and kidneys supply them in perfect health. Price 25c, 50c, and 50c at Delta Drug Store.

Muddy complexion. Nameless breath comes from chronic constipation. Karl's Clover Root Tea is an absolute cure and has been sold for fifty years on an absolute guarantee. Price 25c, 50c, and 50c. Delta Drug Store.

The best bicycles on earth. Crescent and Cleveland—1900 chain models \$25 and \$35, chainless \$50 and \$60, 1900 Cleveland \$40 and \$50. Hloy, the Jeweler, agent.

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