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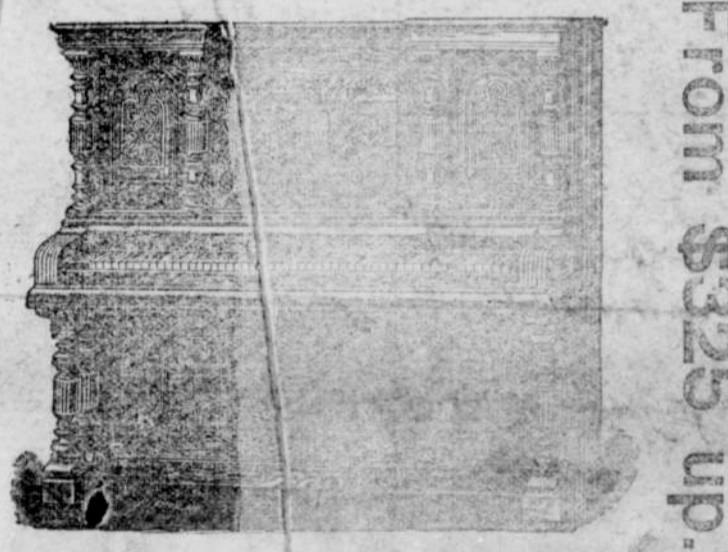
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### THE VOICE OF THE DEAD

Raised for Earrant Blanthier, the Suicide, Confesses.

### Mrs. Blanthier Heard From and Her Statement.

Joseph E. Blanthier, alias Forbes, committed suicide in the Meridian, Tex., jail on the 2d of last March. A while before he took his life he asked Pitts, a fellow prisoner, which of the several coats hanging on the wall was his. Pitts pointed out the coat and thought nothing more of the question. Recently he found some papers working out of the worn pocket in his coat and took them out to examine. He found this remarkable written statement from Blanthier, the suicide:

"Meridian Jail. To Mr. Pitts: As this is my last day on earth, I wish to say that I cannot die without telling a truth. I murdered Mr. Langfeldt, also Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. I put this in your coat pocket and hope you will find it in time to save the life of Durrant. It may also be of service to Womack in getting his reward money. I want you to have my watch for your kindness to me. You have my best wishes and I hope your troubles will end but not as mine. Blanthier Forbes."

The letter written by Blanthier was compared with a letter written by him to County Treasurer Randall while Blanthier was teaching school in the county, and the identification is pronounced to be beyond a doubt.

It is recalled that at the time of the killing of Mrs. Langfeldt about 18 months ago the suggestion was advanced that Blanthier had murdered all three, there being several points of similarity in the three murders.

At the time of the Langfeldt murder Durrant had already been in jail a year.

### MRS. BLANTHIER HEARD FROM.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 25.—The widow of Arthur Forbes, alias J. E. Blanthier, who was arrested at Meridian, Tex., charged with having murdered Mrs. Langfeldt in San Francisco, and who committed suicide in the county jail, has been located in this city. The woman goes by the name of Ada Taylor.

Mrs. Blanthier Forbes says there is no doubt as to Forbes being the murderer of the San Francisco woman. He often told her he was well acquainted with Minnie Williams and Blanche Lamont, having been introduced to them by Durrant that he often referred to the murders in such a manner that she was convinced that he knew of them.

She says that one of her trunks is still in San Francisco, where it was used in evidence during Durrant's trial. She today wired Durrant as follows:

"Have courage; I believe you to be an innocent man; if I can help to prove your innocence command me."

### Fired on Blanco's Palace.

New York, Nov. 25.—On Sunday morning for the first time in the history of the Cuban war, rebel bullets sought the palace in Havana, says a dispatch to the Herald from Havana. The shells came from Casa Blanca, 600 yards across the entrance to the harbor, and while no one was hurt, the palace, with its electric lights, was a shining mark, and must have been hit. The Spanish authorities attempt to make light of the affair, but at the same time a reporter for La Lucha who wrote up and attempted to publish the facts in the case, was put in prison.

The attack on Casa Blanca was made by Brigadier General Carden-

as and 50 rebels. They entered the town shortly after midnight on horseback, and at the end of an hour each man led out of town a horse with one extra head appropriated, laden with clothing, provisions, silver plate and money. Before they left they sent two volleys across the narrow harbor entrance at the palace, then coolly went to a friend's house inside the Spanish lines and took supper. All this was under the guns of Cabanas and Morro.

### Coal in the Oregon was Ablaze.

The San Francisco Call of recent date says: "The coal bunkers in the United States battleship caught fire Sunday evening from spontaneous combustion, and for over four hours the crew worked to smother what looked like a costly blaze. There were over 250 tons of coal in the vessel, and prompt action alone saved the ship and the fuel. The fire is supposed to have started from water leaking into the coal bunkers. This would eventually cause a terrific heat from accumulating gases.

"Luckily, the fire was discovered before it had gained much headway. An alarm was immediately given, and orders were given to remove the coal from the vessel to the wharf. Steam pipes were attached and connection with the lower part of the vessel in attempt to smother what fire might have been in other parts of the ship. The men went to work with a will, but the task was larger than had at first been supposed. The work was done with difficulty, as the smoke hindered the men in their attempts to put out the blaze. During the whole night after the fire had been discovered the entire crew labored in removing the smoking and blazing coal and it was not until daybreak that the men were allowed to leave their work.

The warship will be dry-docked within a few days and righted, after which she will be coaled and her ammunition placed on board, when she will be ready for action."

### Large Horse Sale.

W. A. Sisson, acting for Receiver Aitkin of the Steel & Adams ranch, has sold to P. G. Cooper of Crawford, Neb., 1000 head of horses at satisfactory prices. The animals are now being gathered for shipment to Nebraska. Most of them will be used for government purposes. This is the largest transaction in the horse market that has taken place in Oregon for many years. The animals are a mixed lot and will compare with any range horses in the state.—Vale Gazette.

Love-scorned young man, take courage. Rejoice and be glad. You may have run big livery bills, paid for a theater or two, bought a few tons of ice cream and exhausted all your most patient and charming artifices in a vain attempt to win the tender regard of your best girl, but despair not. There yet remains to you a recourse that is full of promise. A New York woman, Mrs. Nack, has given the secret away. She stated to a jury recently that she never loved her hero until he choked her, and declared he choked her into loving him. To insure success in loving him it is only necessary, therefore, to learn the "Nack" of it.—Ex.

Eugene is to have another newspaper according to report. It will be published by W. W. Moore, who recently conducted the Harrisburg Review, and who is now proprietor of a job printing office in the Orange store building in Eugene. The paper will be published weekly. It will be a five-column, four-page paper, and will be devoted particularly to agricultural interests.

### THE OREGON LINEN MILLS.

Linen Will Be Made Up Into Wares At Salem, Oregon.

### Dr. Deimel Sailed for Germany To Close Things.

Salem, Or., Nov. 25.—There are prospects that the "Scotch Mills," in Salem, which have long stood idle, will be converted into an important manufacturing plant. It is understood that Mr. T. B. Wilcox, who owns a controlling interest in the mills, has submitted a proposition to Dr. Deimel, the importer of linen goods, whereby a linen manufacturing establishment is to be located here, and Mr. Wilcox is to be one of the stockholders. The details of the negotiations, pending between Mr. Wilson and Dr. Deimel, have not been given out, but the assurance is given that the prospects for the establishment of a large linen manufacturing plant here are very bright. Mrs. Lord received a letter from Dr. Deimel last night, stating that he sailed for Germany Tuesday. He further says:

"I have now more offers for shares in our present company than I am able to accept, and if \$500,000 or even \$1,000,000 should be required to organize a company for the spinning of yarn and the weaving of linen, including linen mesh, it can be had, on the showing that you can grow and will grow flax of a quality equal to the best, and that your people desire the locating of our industry there by offering us such advantages as you mention in your letter."

Another new industry for Oregon has been started at McMinnville with reasonable success, by Z. J. Imus, of Dundee. It is that of sorghum making. He has displayed an excellent sample. He grew cane enough to make 65 gallons of sorghum. The cane was of the old

black variety and grows to an average height of five feet. The sorghum is very similar to that produced in the East, except that it is sweeter. Mr. Imus' experiment is the first ever made in Yamhill county.

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