

GIRL THOUGHT DEAD IS FOUND IN LINN

Oregon School Teacher Who Was Thought to Be Linked in Mystery Is Safe.

DECLARES SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING OF AFFAIR

Workmen Discovered Clue to Supposed Murder at Aurora Ill. Yesterday.

Continued from Saturday, Nov. 22

Much concern prevailed here this morning following a report that Miss Alice McCormack, a school teacher of District 63, of Linn county, was thought to be linked in a box car murder mystery, until she was located at the ranch home of J. B. Hayworth, five miles southeast of Harrisburg, where she is boarding, while teaching in a school near that place.

"No, I'm not missing," she said haughtily over the telephone, "but the report frightened me at first. I do not know a thing about it. I would like to see the mystery solved."

Miss McCormack, whose age is 24, is the daughter of Joel McCormack, a rancher of near Springfield. She came from there on October 6 to accept the position of teaching school, succeeding Mrs. Jean Peppin, who resigned.

The mystery is the result of workmen finding a girl's blood-stained undershirt, a school ruler and an empty revolver, yesterday at Aurora, Ill., while they were unloading lumber from a box car. The articles were found in one end of the car and blood was spattered about, indicating a struggle.

The police of Aurora believe that a murder has been disclosed. The fly leaf of the book, which was a Huss German reader, bore the name of Elsie Helba Day, Springfield, Ore., and below it the name Dr. H. A. Day, Colville, Wash., thought to be the girl's father.

Elsie Helba Day was found last night at Des Moines, Ia., where she is visiting at the home of her brother, Alfred Love, who formerly lived for a time in Spokane, Wash. Miss Day said the finding of the book with her name in it led her to believe Miss McCormack might have had an encounter and possibly been murdered. Miss McCormack was an intimate friend of hers, says Miss Day, and had many of her books and effects.

The carload of lumber was shipped from South Bend, Wash., September 23, by the South Bend Mills & Transportation company. It is believed that the murderer broke into the car and hid the book, skirt and revolver. The weapon is an Ives Johnson .22 caliber. The chambers did not contain shells, and both skirt and gun were apparently new.

Other names in the reader, perhaps relatives of the school girl, were Charles Mainz, Colville, Wash.; Alford Love, 922 Riverside, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. C. A. Day, 300 North Twenty-sixth street, Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. D. H. Smith, Unionville, Ia. "I do not know how my name happened to be in the book," said Miss McCormack, during the conversation over the telephone, "and I don't know how the book came to be in the box car."

Miss Day has admitted that the book belonged to her, according to report, from Dr. Moines, and said that if she remembered correctly, she loaned it to Miss McCormack some time ago. Aside from these facts, she could not throw any light on the mystery.

C. E. and Wallace Henderson of Detroit were over night visitors in the city.

J. W. Crocker, of Tangent, transacted business here this morning.

Chester A. Lyon of Mill City was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Ruby L. Cornell, of Salem, visited friends here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. P. Linsney, of Jefferson, visited Albany friends this morning, returning home this noon.

H. E. Hodges, of the Silverton Appeal of Silverton, is attending the editors' meeting this afternoon.

George Chise left this noon for Corvallis on a brief business errand.

James Parcel, editor of the Dallas Observer, is in the city this afternoon attending the newspaper men's meeting.

SAYS REPORTS OF ACCIDENT WERE GREATLY EXAGGERATED

John Yoakam Returned This Morning from Eugene and Describes Sad Accident.

That the reports of the accident that happened near Eugene Thursday afternoon have been greatly exaggerated, was the statement of John Yoakam, one of the victims, who returned to his home here from that place this morning, after attending an inquest held there yesterday afternoon. Robert F. Smithwick, assistant engineer of the Portland, Eugene and Eastern, was killed, and Mr. Yoakam and M. R. Whitney of San Francisco, of the S. P. company, were slightly injured. The accident happened near Porter on the P. E. & E., when a speeder crashed into an automobile containing four Eugene real estate men.

"In the first place," said Mr. Yoakam, the speeder was not going as fast as reported as it is equipped with a government seal that will not permit it to run over 20 miles per hour. We were about sixty feet from the auto when he saw it on the track. When we were within forty feet we had the brakes on and the speeder slid about this distance until it crashed into the car. The auto was standing with the rear wheels on the track. The only damage done to the car was that the outer tire to one of the wheels was torn off. I was thrown 25 feet and received a deep gash over my right eye and an considerably bruised. Whitney was thrown about 15 feet and sustained a badly cut scalp. His skull was not fractured. He received no other injuries. Smithwick was only about four feet from where the speeder hit the auto when picked up. Whitney and myself both got up after the accident. I walked about 100 feet down the track and flagged the approaching work train. All three of us were taken to Eugene on this train. Whitney and myself were taken to the hospital where we were held for the inquest. Whitney left Eugene last night alone for his home in San Francisco. The remains of Mr. Smithwick are resting in Eugene and will be sent to his home for burial. I expect to be out in a few days."

WAREHOUSE CASE WILL BE CONTINUED FOR WEEK

The case brought by Smith Cox and twenty other Linn county farmers against the Albany Farmers Company, which failed in 1908, to recover on a warehouseman's bond, following further argument before Judge Galloway this morning, was continued for a week pending final settlement. The case came up yesterday morning for trial and when upon motion of attorneys to effect a compromise or settlement out of court, the matter was deferred for action until this morning at 9 o'clock, when the above conclusion was reached. Aside from this Judge Galloway has entered several orders in other cases of minor importance.

CURRENCY BILL SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE ON MONDAY

(By United Press Association) Washington, Nov. 22.—The currency bill was returned to the senate this afternoon by the senate banking currency committee. With it came two proposed substitutes, one by "administration" democratic committee-men, and one by Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, and five Republican members of the committee. Chairman Owen served notice today that he will open debate on the currency measure Monday.

LINN PIONEER OF 1849 CELEBRATES 87TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. John Geisenoster who resides four miles east of this city, celebrated his 87th birthday November 19, with a pleasant dinner party.

Mr. Geisenoster is unusually hale and hearty for a man of his age. He works some each day and claims that this is what keeps him strong.

A number of years ago he fell from the roof of a barn and has been forced to use a crutch ever since. Despite this his garden is weedless and his orchard is kept in good condition. This fall a friend called and Mr. Geisenoster was discovered at the top of a ten foot ladder, picking apples. Mr. Geisenoster crossed the plains in 1849 and has lived in Linn county since 1862.

VALLEY EDITORS CONVENE TODAY

Newspapermen of Upper Willamette Valley Hold Business Meeting.

ADDRESSES GIVEN BY PROMINENT EDITORS

Session Held at St. Francis to Be Followed by Banquet at Hammel.

Well known newspaper men from all parts of the Willamette valley are in Albany this afternoon to attend the annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial association.

The business meeting of the association is being held at the St. Francis hotel. At 5:30 o'clock this afternoon the visiting editors will be entertained a banquet and smoker at the Hotel Hammel. Through the courtesy of Manager Hammel of the hotel, the banquet will be tendered as a compliment to the newspapermen.

The programme of addresses for the meeting follows: "Credit and debt problems of the Small Daily," E. M. Reagan, of the Albany Herald; "How to Get the Small Advertiser," C. G. LeMarsters, of the Amity Standard; "Duty of the Newspaper to Higher Education," Charles L. Springer, of the Corvallis Gazette-Times; "The Job Department vs. the Newspaper," W. H. Totten, of the Dallas Observer; "Cost of a Cost System," A. E. Scott, of the Forest Grove News-Times; "Things an Editor Thinks," W. H. Hornibrook, of the Albany Democrat; "How an Editorial Association Makes Business for Me," H. E. Hodges, of the Silverton Appeal; "How the Oregon Newspaper Field Looks to Newcomers," G. T. Taylor, of Molalla; "What a Newspaper Should Print," Carl Abrams, of the Salem Statesman.

Editor F. M. Brown of the Brownsville Times, is in the city this afternoon attending the meeting of the editorial association.

Mrs. Irma Graw and son, of The Dalles, were in the city yesterday. They stopped at the Vandran.

Miss Gerty Taylor returned this noon from Corvallis where she attended a dance last night, given by an O. A. C. organization.

S. E. Russell and wife of Kingston, were Albany visitors yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. M. D. Hammel and daughter, left this noon to visit relatives at Independence.

Train Late.—Southern Pacific north-bound train due to arrive here at 12:40 o'clock will not arrive until 3 o'clock. For what reason the train is overdue could not be learned.

Application to Register Title.—Hattie Walters this morning filed application in the circuit court to register title to the west half of lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block 2, of Kirkpatrick's addition to Lebanon.

MONEY

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MASONS ENJOYED PLEASANT CEREMONIAL SESSION

About 100 Members of Order from Other Towns Guest of Local Order.

That everybody expressed opinions that the work of the Master Masons degree, exemplified last night by St. John's Lodge of this city, was put on very creditably, and especially the visitors, was indicated by many remarks made at the close of the session.

The event was made an auspicious occasion. Over 200, including 100 visiting Masons, attended. The visitors came from Harrisburg, Lebanon, Jefferson, Corvallis, Shedd and Brownsville. When the ceremonial session was over the entire assembly enjoyed a splendid banquet.

Many this morning expressed opinions that the session was the best of any ever held. Remarks were made to the effect that the work was magnificently exemplified and it appears that all must have been unanimous in voting the session a most enjoyable affair.

CITY NEWS

Commissioners to Meet.—A letter was received at the Commercial club this morning from Fred S. Bynon, secretary of the Willamette Valley Exposition Association, stating that there will be a meeting of the commissioners of the association in the Salem Commercial club rooms Friday, November 28, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All of the commissioners are urged to attend as business of im-

portance is to come up before the meeting.

Entertainment Was Great Success.—The entertainment given last night at the Methodist church by Queen Esther Society, to raise money for charitable purposes was a thorough success and attended by a large crowd. As a result a good sum of money was raised, which will go towards completing the purchase of a scholarship which the society undertook to secure in a southern school for a mountain white girl.

Mrs. Seely and Daughter Visit.—Mrs. E. J. Seely and daughters, Misses Charabelle and Albro, of Portland, formerly of Albany, are guests of Mrs. Seely's mother, Mrs. Steven Freerksen. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Seely said that she and her daughters were going to Los Angeles soon to make their home. They will return to Portland shortly to make arrangements to move south.

Cloverseed Duck Club Meets.—Meeting last night, the members of the Cloverseed Duck club adopted rules and regulations for the season and will commence shooting as soon as there is enough water. It is not anticipated that there will be a flight of ducks in this section of the valley before Thanksgiving.

Harrisburg Booze Fighters Unkind.

—Mrs. Virgil Davis and Mrs. Morn Vason, two well known ladies of Harrisburg, were in town this morning. Mrs. Davis, while renewing her subscription to the Democrat, stated that before the election in that place, she was never troubled by men drinking, as they then drank in the saloons. But now they are forced to drink in the streets and Mrs. Davis says as a result she picks up two or three empty bottles in her front yard every morning.

Money Received for Mints.—The Elite confectionary store this morning received a letter enclosing payment for a package of mints which W. W. Schlagel, of Pomeroy, Ohio, forgot to pay for when he was here recently. According to his letter, he is a regular user of Vivial, which is similar to the mints, and at home he is used to taking the package from the box without bothering the clerk. He says that he only time he ever forgot to pay and offered his apology.

Here From Ireland.—Mr. Charles McDowell, of Belfast, Ireland, is visiting in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mills. He is on his way from Ireland to southern California to look after his estate there.

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