

WEALTHY FARMER IS SHOT DOWN

No Reason Is Given for Crime—Assailant Turns Gun on Himself Following Shooting and Blows Out His Brains.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 10.—After shooting and perhaps fatally wounding Edward Naylor, 54, a wealthy farmer at Forest Grove, Or., last night, a man identified as Frank Linaker, from papers on him, turned his revolver on himself and committed suicide. His body was found by Sheriff Hancock of Washington county a short distance from the barn where Naylor was shot down.

Naylor was brought to Portland and taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where a hard fight is being made to save his life today.

According to the story told by Naylor immediately after the shooting, he was working in his barn when Linaker entered and ordered him to hold his hands up. The farmer refused. Linaker thereupon fired a shot over Naylor's head and when he did not obey the second command, leveled the revolver at Naylor's body and fired. The bullet lodged almost in the center of the abdomen. As Naylor fell to the floor the intruder fled to the woods and shortly afterwards a third shot was heard.

The wounded man was found by Miss Mary Traver, who heard the shots and ran from her home near by to the scene.

Linaker was a stranger in Forest Grove. He was first seen in the town yesterday. On his body was found cards showing that he was a member of several lodges at Menlow, Ia. He also carried a check book showing that he had a small account in the North Yamhill bank of North Yamhill, Or.

TAX LEVY REDUCED SINCE LAST YEAR

Klamath Falls Will Have Ample Fund on Seven and One-Half Mills on Valuations, Inasmuch as the Town Has Grown.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 10.—The growth of Klamath Falls during the past year has made it possible for the city council to reduce the tax levy from 11 to 7 1/2 mills. The assessed valuation of the city is about one-third higher than it was last year and the running expenses will be only slightly in advance over the past year. During 1910 there was no income from the liquor business, while the blind pigs flourished without contributing to the city exchequer. During the ensuing year the city will have either four or five saloons, and the income is fixed at \$1200 from every licensed saloon.

It is estimated there will be income from the saloons sufficient to regulate the liquor business and leave a balance to help pay for the needed municipal improvements. Most of the civic improvements made during the past year were assessed directly against the property benefited by the improvements. In this way the city treasury has nothing to do with the paying for the sewer system and the street paving.

JAP CONVICTED NEARLY ALL IN

Slayer of Mrs. Katherine Wilson Is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment—Motion for New Trial Will Be Argued Saturday.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 10.—Genkya Mitsunaga, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Katherine Wilson and sentenced to life imprisonment, is on the verge of nervous collapse. He was unable to appear in court today when his attorneys presented a motion for a new trial.

Judge Shattuck granted the motion and set next Saturday as the day for argument.

It is believed that the Japanese government will drop the case, as Honorary Consul Dr. Bennett reported that Mitsunaga received a fair and impartial trial.

Medford Mail Tribune was advertising results.

TELLS HISTORY OF OREGON APPLE

George H. Himes Relates Story of the Coming of the Apple to Oregon—Old Diary Is Quoted to Support His Story.

George H. Himes of the Oregon Historical society told again yesterday the story of the coming of the apple to Oregon at the session of the Horticultural society.

The legends related by Mr. Himes were not inconsistent one with the other. He said the first record he had been able to find was in the diary of Mrs. Mary Whitman of Vancouver, Wash., dated September 12, 1836. She wrote:

"I must mention the origin of these apples. A gentleman twelve years ago while at a party in London put the seeds of the grapes and apples which he ate in his vest pocket. Soon afterward he took a voyage to this country and left them here, and now they are greatly multiplied."

"At another source of information," said Mr. Himes, "I have read that at a lunch party in London about 1825, given in honor of some young gentlemen who were about to embark for Fort Vancouver in the employ of the Hudson Bay company, seeds of the fruit eaten were slipped by some young ladies into the waistcoat pockets of the young men, and that upon their arrival at their destination the young men, in overhauling their wardrobes, discovered the seeds and gave them to Bruce, the gardener, at the fort."

The speaker continued:

"To Henderson Luelling is due the bringing of the first nursery stock to Oregon. He was born in North Carolina in 1809. While in the nursery business in Indiana he learned of the 'Oregon country' by reading a narrative of Lewis and Clark. In 1839 he removed to Iowa, established a nursery and soon afterwards began experimenting with a view of taking nursery stock to Oregon. In 1845 the plan that his experience led him to think would be successful was undertaken, and in April, 1847, he left Salem, Henry county, Iowa, with two wagon loads of nursery stock, planted in a foot of earth, suitably mixed with pulverized charcoal, with light wooden framework around the tops of the boxes to prevent cattle from eating the tender buds, in all aggregating about 1000 trees.

"On the road westward the trees were watered as often as possible and the 'traveling nursery,' as it was known, arrived at the cabin of Albert E. Wilson, a pioneer of 1842, about half a mile north of Milwaukie, on April 17. He bought Mr. Wilson's squatter's right to this place and planted his trees at once, not having lost one."

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MAN HOLDING POSSE AT BAY

Insane Man Arms Himself and Starts Promiscuous Shooting—Sheriff's Posse Unable to Apprehend Him.

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 10.—Defying a sheriff's posse that has surrounded the shack in which he lives on the outskirts of Grayson, a man named Kohler, believed by the officers to be insane, has since daylight today held at bay the men seeking to arrest him.

The posse was hastily summoned when Sheriff Dingley was notified early today that Kohler had shot and wounded Wallace Shaw, 14, sending a bullet through his arm and slightly wounding W. E. Shaw, the boy's father. According to the report received by the sheriff, Kohler armed himself and began shooting promiscuously. He fired five shots at the boys named Brown before wounding young Shaw, it is alleged.

Shaw worked on the Brown ranch near Grayson, but had never had any quarrel with Kohler, he reported to the sheriff. He was unable to account for the attack on him and said he believed Kohler had suddenly gone insane.

Kohler lives in a little cabin on the edge of Grayson. When the posse arrived at daylight he shouted a warning, saying he was armed and would fight. Citizens of Grayson joined the officers and have been keeping watch on the Kohler shack. The posse has been unable as yet to force an entrance.

Mrs. Snead's nude body was found in the bath tub of her home in East Orange. It was alleged in the indictment against Mrs. Martin that she had murdered her daughter in order to secure \$30,000 life insurance Mrs. Snead carried.

Mrs. Martin sane.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Caroline Martin is sane and must stand trial for the alleged murder of her daughter, Mrs. Oney Snead, according to a decision by Judge Ten Eyck here today. The trial was halted in 1909 on a plea of insanity.



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