

BELDING IS GUILTY

Verdict of Jury Convicts Him in First Degree.

MURDERER IS UNCONCERNED

Attorney for Defense Argues That Killing of Mrs. Deborah McCroskey Was Not Premeditated—Theory Has No Force.

A verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned by the jury in the case of A. L. Belding, at 6 o'clock last evening.

Belding received the announcement of the verdict in the same indifferent manner that he assumed since the beginning of the trial.

Early in the afternoon session Mr. Murphy, of counsel for the defense, created a surprise by informing the court that no testimony had been submitted on which to convict Belding.

Judge George ruled to the contrary, but also permitted the jury to pass upon the question by instructing the jury that the defendant was charged with having murdered Deborah McCroskey, and for a verdict of guilty to be found in the case of McCroskey, and the fact that it had been proved that he killed others would not cut any figure in the case.

The feature of the trial yesterday was the testimony of little 7-year-old Eddie Belding, the son of the defendant, who witnessed the triple murders.

"Turn to the jury, Eddie," said Mr. Murphy, "and tell them all you know about the shooting."

"I was in bed," said the child, "and mamma told me papa wanted to see me. I went outside on the porch, and he talked to me and kissed me, and said I had better go in the house. Then he shot the man on the porch, and went inside and shot some more. I saw him shoot mamma and heard grandma say 'Oh.' Then he wrestled with grandma and shot at me."

The child further stated that "Gyp" Woodward had been at the house all afternoon.

C. C. Rhodes, a grocerman, testified that he had a slight acquaintance with Belding, and in one conversation Belding hinted that he would kill himself.

E. Johnson testified that he knew Belding for about four years, and observed that he acted peculiarly from the time July 1 Belding told him McCroskey had cheated him out of a lot of money, and said he would blow his wife's head off.

The prosecution called Ed Norene, L. McCroskey, George McCroskey, D. Dunn and Dr. Harry Lane in rebuttal.

District Attorney Chamberlain and his assistant, Arthur C. Spencer, argued the case to the jury for the prosecution, and Attorney Dan R. Murphy for the defense.

GEORGE TYLER PROVES ALIBI. He is therefore acquitted on charge of Abetting a Robbery.

George Tyler, a negro, jointly indicted with Estelle Williams, colored, was tried before Judge Fox yesterday on a charge of robbery and was acquitted.

C. Atterbury, a dockhand, employed by the O. R. & N. Co., testified that on the evening of June 11 he was walking along Salmon street, between Fifth and Sixth, at 10 o'clock.

Estelle Williams, soon after her arrest, was released from custody on a bond for \$1000, signed by A. B. Burger and David O. Thornton as sureties.

Every woman should know that Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache. Only one pill a dose. A woman can't stay everything.

TWO MEN BADLY BURNED

ACCIDENT IN CITY DYEING WORKS CAUSES AWKWARD BLAZE.

Fireman Brazen Scared About Legs and Theodore Fisch About Hands

Fireman Brazen Scared About Legs and Theodore Fisch About Hands—Property Loss, \$1200.

A fiery spark in gasoline used to clean a silk dress caused a \$1200 blaze yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the City Steam Dyeing and Cleaning Works, 65 Sixth street, between Enke, precinct.

The series of small buildings forming the dye works and frame structures, and the rear portion is owned by the City Steam Dyeing and Cleaning Works.

Another one of our great Ribbon Sales for today and tomorrow. You certainly can't complain because we haven't given you Ribbon values of late.

Special values in Boys' Clothing, Handkerchiefs, Hair Ribbons, Boys' Shoes, Hosiery, Underwaists, Ties, Shirts, Dresses, and twenty-five bargains in School supplies.

Children's Dresses. A clean-up of Children's Wash Dresses—Styles and materials the best—Very desirable for school wear.

Children's Sailor Suits and Fancy Dresses in percales, gingham, ducks, crases—assorted colors—sizes 2 to 14 years—values up to \$3.00 for 69c each.

Children's Sailor Suits and Fancy Dresses in galateas, gingham and percales, assorted colors, best makes, ages 4 to 14 years, values up to \$5.00 for \$1.89 each.

IN Round the Store. New Monte Carlo Coats in silk and wool. New Silk Shirtwaist Suits—handsome styles.

Men's Clothing. All the new Fall styles now being shown—The story of the clothing is the story of the store—helpful gathering.

WANT ONE GOOD BRIDGE. South Portland Citizens Interviewed City Engineer on Subject.

TO HONOR M'KINLEY. Roosevelt Requests Memorial Services Be Held at Oyster Bay.

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF GREATER NEW YORK. School Children of Greater New York.

WRAPPER SALE. Fall styles light and dark colors, values \$1.50 to \$2.50.

THROUGH THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE. A delightful trip of a few hours will take you through the famous "Columbia River Gorge."

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Port of Portland Commission Discusses Delay on Dredge Contract.

THE WILLAMETTE IRON & STEEL WORKS. The Willamette Iron & Steel Works took the ground that, even had it been technically liable for the contract penalty.

INJUNCTION SUIT ARGUED

Judge Sears Hears Attorneys on Question of Paying Architect Fee.

Articles of Incorporation

Incorporation articles of the Day & Fechtelmeier Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by I. N. Day, W. B. Fechtelmeier and W. L. Boise.

Decisions in United States Court. Decisions will be announced by United States District Judge Bellingier today in the following cases:

United States vs. E. J. French; motion for a new trial.

United States vs. Robert McIntosh et al.; action on contract.

Horsford & Gerspach vs. Robert Wakefield.

Edward McCann vs. Edgar Wallace.

In re Frank Milner, petition for a rehearing.

Decisions Today. Judge Sears will announce decisions this morning in the following cases:

The Larch Mountain Investment Company vs. T. A. Garbade et al.; motion to rescind order of execution.

Louisa Schwartz et al. vs. Martin Gebhardt et al.; motion to make answer more certain.

Petition in Bankruptcy. A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States Court yesterday by J. D. Kirk of Ritter, Grant County.

Taxes Soon Delinquent. The time for making the second half payment of taxes for the year 1901 expires on Monday, October 7.

Court Notes. The Victor Land Company has sued Samuel T. Lovett to quiet title to lots 9 and 10, block 16, Lincoln Park.

The First National Bank of Roseburg has sued Margaret Stark Heiple and Owen B. Heiple to recover \$500 on a note.

The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has filed two right-of-way suits in the State Circuit Court.

The County Commissioners spent considerable time yesterday discussing the right-of-way privileges wanted by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company.

MAY IMPOSE PENALTY. Port of Portland Commission Discusses Delay on Dredge Contract.

At yesterday's meeting of the Port of Portland Commission most of the time was spent in discussing the contract of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works for the new dredge engine.

Jewish New Year Cards in splendid variety at the book department. Exhibit and sale of handsome Oil Paintings—all sizes—Prices about 1-4 value—Second Floor. Meier & Frank Company

"Willamette" Fifth-Street window display will probably interest you sufficiently to come to the second floor, and examine them carefully—A \$50.00 machine, fully guaranteed for 10 years, ball-bearing and only \$25.00.

"Peninsular" And Ranges—For over 50 years the standard of the world—Models for heating or cooking—Particular attention is called to the "Peninsular" Steel Ranges—(Basement.) Air-Tight Stoves in all sizes and styles.

Hosiery Sale. 100 dozen pairs ladies' black lisle Hosi, colored silk embroidered ankles, all sizes—the regular 50c grade, while they last 33c pair.

Friday Surprise Sale. Today, the 68th Friday Surprise Sale—An offering extraordinary of 500 pairs of ladies' Fall and Winter Storm Shoes at prices less than the cost of manufacturing.

40c Ribbons 23c. Another one of our great Ribbon Sales for today and tomorrow. You certainly can't complain because we haven't given you Ribbon values of late.

23c. 2500 yards of Satin Taffeta, best quality in all the leading shades; cream, white, pink, maize, lilac, light blue, eardinal, 4-in. wide, regular 40c grade for 23c.

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Shirtwaists Given Away. By actual count we've 422 Cotton Shirtwaists remaining from the Summer stock, regular prices ranging from 75c to \$5.00.

All 50c to \$1.00 Waists 29c. All \$1.25 to \$2.25 Waists 59c. All \$2.50 to \$4.00 Waists 89c.

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