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MURDERER OF ECKART TALKS

DOESN'T KNOW WHY HE COMMITTED THE DEED.

IN SALEM AFTER KILLING

Young Man, After Escaping Came Back to the City With Idea of Giving Himself Up, But His Nerve Failed—Story of Wanderings

George Meyers, the Salem young man who murdered Policeman Thomas Eckart of that city, and successfully hid himself in the fields and woods near Salem until induced by a former pastor to give himself up, now lies in the Marion county jail awaiting official action.

To Deputy Sheriff William Esch he made the laconic statement Sunday, "I don't know why I did it," and that, as far as is known, is the only version he will give of the shooting.

Nervous and tired and worn from his long tramp in the country he prefers solitude to the company of anyone. He keeps aloof from the other prisoners and sleeps much. To him the jail cell is a relief after the sleepless nights in the cold and the rain and the open and the long, hard days of tramping, when every man seemed to him a Nemesis.

Meyers told Esch Sunday morning that on last Wednesday night he entered the city with the firm intention of surrendering himself. He walked down North Winter street as far as Union street and then turned, going back to the North Salem school. Along the long dark pathway on Winter street between the North Salem school and the North Mill ditch he paced up and down debating as to whether he should give himself up.

Alternately he would walk toward the city, then turn and walk back toward the open. Finally his nerve failed him and he returned to the fields and the woods, where he hid much and walked like one in a trance, seeking shelter somewhere but finding no haven of rest.

Finally tortured in mind and body, hungry, cold and tired, he reached the Larden home in company with the pastor, who found him near his ranch, and there he decided to return to society and await whatever penalty might be forthcoming for his violation of the sixth commandment.

THE PACIFIC U. HAS NEW STYLE

Pacific University plays here next Saturday. News from Forrest Grove is to the effect that with the close of the first two weeks of regular practice under Coach Sherman, the prospects for a formidable football eleven are more promising than ever. The hardness of the field has made it necessary to cut

down the scrimmage work to a few minutes each evening, which has retarded to a certain extent the development of the team. Since the squad is composed of men who work at outside occupation during the summer vacation, the players are in good physical condition at the opening of school, consequently the lack of scrimmage work does not work the hardship it otherwise would.

Coach H. I. Sherman played for four years at the University of Indiana, holding down the position of quarter and fullback. He is a thorough student of the game, and the team is developing rapidly under his leadership. The Indiana style of play differs to a considerable extent from the Michigan form, under which the team has been coached for two seasons by Archie Hahn, which has necessitated a considerable amount of preliminary work.

PHILOMATH YOUNG PEOPLE WED

Eakin—Ellsworth Nuptials Solemnized Sunday Night

PHILOMATH Oct. 11—John H. Eakin and Miss Ellen Ellsworth, two of Philomath's most prominent young people, were united in marriage Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ellsworth, Rev. Rosebraugh, of the Liberal United Brethren church, impressively tying the nuptial knot.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Hazel B. Merryman, the wedding procession came down an aisle and stood under an arch of ivy and hydrangia, music being rendered while Rev. Rosebraugh performed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of white silk. Miss Ara Taylor, was maid of honor and was resplendent in a dress of cream wool. Mr. Eakin was attended by Herman Peterson.

After the ceremony, at which the immediate relatives and intimate friends were present, the wedding party repaired to the dining-room, where refreshments were partaken. Those who presided in the dining-room were: Mrs. Elmer Ellsworth, Mrs. O. C. Eakin, Miss Agnes McGee and Miss R. C. Eakin.

The Ellsworth home was artistically decorated. Mrs. Eakin is well and favorably known in this city, where she has lived a goodly number of years. The groom is a farmer of Eastern Oregon and is very fortunate in winning the young lady for a life partner. Mr. and Mrs. Eakin departed Tuesday, Oct. 12, for their new home in Eastern Oregon near Grass Valley.

We take pleasure in joining the friends of the happy couple in extending sincere good wishes and congratulations. XXXX

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WANTS SMOKE-STACKS HINGED

WRITER SAYS DRAW BRIDGE IS WHOLLY UNNECESSARY

DOESN'T LIKE GAME LAW

Correspondent Points to Scotland Method of Getting Around Expensive Bridges, and He Also Says Oregon Game Laws are Tyrannical

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—Since there is some talk of a bridge across the Willamette at Corvallis, a suggestion regarding it may not be inappropriate. Glasgow bridge in Glasgow, Scotland, is a low stone bridge without a draw, under which no ordinary steamer could pass at high tide. Yet, by the simple device of having their smoke-stacks hinged, the river steamers pass under it easily by momentarily lowering their stacks on their hinges to a horizontal position. Now, why not have the Willamette river boats adopt the same device, which would hardly cost more than \$50 for each, instead of putting every county all along the river to the enormously greater expense of raising the bridges or building and maintaining draws?

While I am about it, permit me also to say that while I think the state of Oregon is in the foremost of all countries with respect to advanced and liberal laws, there is one on her statute-

books which is a disgrace to her people and at which they ought to blush for shame. I refer to the law for taxing a person for fishing, or even hunting. Just think of it, in this land of the free, where people of all nations come as to the Mecca of Liberty! One cannot take a little fish out of the water, even on his own farm, without paying a fee to the state for the privilege, or a fine! If there is another state in the Union, or another nation on earth, that is so miserably tyrannical, the writer does not know of it; and he feels quite certain that it is a law not very well calculated to attract settlers to our state, or to encourage them to stay here if they do happen to come. E. M.

THE ALBANY APPLE FAIR

Companion feature of the forthcoming Albany Apple Fair October 27-28-29 will be a display of chrysanthemums. Great interest is being manifested in this interesting feature, and some of the chrysanthemum fanciers of the Willamette valley are planning to exhibit blooms of a rare quality. Mr. J. Courtney, of Albany, boasts that he already has a bloom developed to the extent of eight and one-quarter inches in diameter, and others coming on which he believes will even surpass this.

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COUNTY COURT FAVORS BRIDGE

AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS CONVINCED OF NECESSITY

WILL BUILD IF PEOPLE AGREE

Final Surveys and Soundings to Be Begun Next Thursday—People May Have Chance to Vote on Idea Some Time Next Spring

A majority of the County Court is in favor of a bridge being built across the Willamette here. The only member not thoroughly convinced is Mr. Hawley. It is understood that he is not necessarily opposed but up to date he has been inclined to feel that the cost might be too great. Messrs. Woodward and Smith feel that a bridge can be erected for much less than most people suppose, hence are in favor of pushing the preliminaries to the extent of getting a definite and clear-cut idea about the cost, and then submitting the matter to the people at some later date. Judge Woodward thinks the people should be permitted to vote on this matter, though if public sentiment were universally in favor he might not find such action necessary.

In line with the Court's disposition, one Sears, a Seattle engineer and bridge builder, will be in Corvallis Thursday to join

Surveyor F. M. Wilkes in completing a survey of the Willamette here. Yesterday Surveyor Porter, of Albany, with Mr. Wilkes and Commissioner Smith, run some lines and discovered that a bridge at the ferry would have to be 627 feet long, with a 300 foot approach. To build the bridge one block below would require a bridge as long, but less approach. However, a right of way on this side would have to be secured. The county owns a right of way on both sides at the landing, and two acres on the east side. Old river men agree that the best and safest place for the bridge is just a few feet above the present ferry course, where there is an excellent bottom to the river and a straight current.

Surveys and soundings necessary for the War department require the depth of water each ten feet for one mile above the proposed site of the bridge and a half mile below. The surveyors will begin this work Thursday and complete it at an early date. The information will then be forwarded to Washington and about next Spring the people may have opportunity to express themselves in regard to a bridge. At that time the estimated cost and all desired information of a general character will be given.

FOSTER FARM IS TRANSFERRED

The J. W. Foster farm of 2000 acres out near Monroe has been deeded to Captain Cobell, U. S. A., of Vancouver, Wash., who is said to represent a Port-

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