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THE VERNONIA MURDER CASE

CONFLICTING STORIES OF THE WITNESSES AND PRINCIPALS

The killing of Robert McPherson by Green Adams at Vernonia last Friday afternoon has caused quite a little stir in the county, especially in the Vernonia neighborhood, where both parties were well known. There are, of course, two sides to the affair, as in all cases of the kind. The story as told by some of the people is that Adams was the aggressor, having started the fight and having fired the first shot. Adams says that McPherson struck at him without saying a word, and that he, Adams, was backing away from him in an effort to avoid trouble, when McPherson began firing, and that three shots had been fired by McPherson before he pulled his pistol. As far as can now be learned the affair happened near the end of the bridge at Vernonia when the two men met on the sidewalk and a fist fight was started when guns were pulled and a regular duel was the result. McPherson firing seven or eight shots from an automatic revolver and three shots being fired by Adams. McPherson was struck by two bullets, one in the leg, the other through the heart while Adams was struck by one bullet in the leg. It has been about five years since the trouble commenced, when McPherson claimed that Adams had caused trouble between he and his wife, and since which time they had not lived together. McPherson left and secured employment in a navy yard as a painter and each year would visit his old home. This time he came back and spent a few days several months ago and then went away again. About a week before the duel occurred he again came back and this was the first time that the two men had met face to face. Both of them were armed and seemed to be on the watch for the other. Some reports are that Adams had made threats that he would get McPherson. Adams is now in the county jail where he is recovering from his wound and a charge of murder has been placed against him. He will have a preliminary hearing as soon as he is able. McPherson was buried at Vernonia last week.

SHIPPING NOTES

The Steamer multnomah arrived Saturday night and after taking on 800m ft. of lumber and piling left down Tuesday night for Oak Point to complete her cargo. She sailed from that point last night, carrying a full list of passengers.

The Steamer merced, Captain Asplund, arrived Monday. She loaded 750M ft. of lumber and piling for the Panama Exposition people and departed Wednesday night for Portland, where she will take on another lot of piling. She will sail tonight from Portland carrying a full list of passengers.

Both the Schooners Jewett and Irene, which left here last week for San Francisco continued their neck and neck race for a sailing record, each making about the same time to San Francisco from the Columbia River. Both will return to St. Helens for cargoes and with any luck at all both vessels should be in St. Helens some time next week.

MARSHAL WOODROW RESIGNS

J. F. GALBREATH APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY

At the council meeting last Monday night W. D. Woodrow, the City Marshal tendered his resignation as such officer and after some debate the resignation was accepted. Mr. J. F. Galbreath has been appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy. Petitions are out for the appointment of several aspirants for the job, but as yet it has not settled who will be the appointee. Mr. Woodrow has been holding the position now for nearly a year and has the record of having attended strictly to business and very little complaint is heard about his conduct of the office. That he has made some mistakes and has made some enemies there is no doubt, but nevertheless the people of the city feel that he has made good and are not slow in expressing regret that he has seen fit to resign.

Rev. F. J. Meyer

New Congregational Minister Arrives in St. Helens

Work has been started on the new Congregational parsonage near the church in this city and Rev. F. J. Meyer, the new pastor of the church has arrived with his family to make their home among us. For the present they will occupy the Dart house on Walla Walla street, but just as soon as the parsonage is completed they will move into it. Rev. Mr. Meyer is already well



known in this city, having filled the pulpit in the Congregational church on several occasions, and the church is to be congratulated on securing him for the resident pastor. Mr. Meyer comes here from Kalama, Wash., where he has been for two years. He formerly was located in Denver, Col., and comes with the very best of recommendations. His notice of services appear in this issue.

An Enjoyable Smoker

FRANK MOTTER ADDRESSES LOCAL MACCABEE LODGE

Frank Motter a prominent attorney of Portland, was the guest of the St. Helens Maccabees last Saturday night at a smoker held in the K. of P. Hall. Mr. Motter gave a very interesting address to the members and some friends and a general good time was had. The Maccabee lodge is growing in this city and promises to be one of the leading organizations of the city before long.

38 Entered in Race for Prize Trips to The Round-Up

EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY REPRESENTED AND IT IS GOING TO BE A BATTLE-ROYAL TO THE FINISH IF THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE DOES NOT APPEAR IN LIST BELOW NOMINATE HER AT ONCE

- DISTRICT NO. 1
- Miss Esther Weigle, St. Helens
 - Miss Grace Popejoy, St. Helens
 - Miss Alice Richardson, St. Helens
 - Miss Ada George, St. Helens
 - Miss Edra LeBare, St. Helens
 - Miss Louis Clear, St. Helens
- DISTRICT NO. 2
- Miss Louise Perry, Rainier
 - Miss Hazel Flippin, Rainier
 - Miss Gladys Gilbeirt, Rainier
 - Miss S. Swanson, Rainier
 - Miss Ethel Jesse, Rainier
 - Miss Francis Sherrin, Rainier
 - Miss Jessie Johnson, Rainier
 - Miss Daisy Hutchinson, Rainier
 - Miss Sarah Mathews, Rainier
 - Miss Helen Strothen, Rainier
- DISTRICT NO. 3
- Mrs. C. T. Prescott, Houlton
 - Miss Beth Perry, Houlton
 - Mrs. Tom White, Houlton
 - Mrs. Rudolph C. Karth, Yankton
 - Miss Kate Baker, Warren
 - Miss Ruth Hendrickson, Warren
 - Miss Myrtle Larsen, Warren
 - Miss Fannie Cooper, Warren
 - Miss Hilda Muhr, Warren
 - Miss Ruth Peterson, Warren
 - Miss Bernice Masten, Warren
 - Miss Fay Lynch, Scappoose
 - Miss Mildred Grant, Scappoose
- DISTRICT NO. 4
- Miss Dorothy Fowler, Goble
 - Mrs. Ira Withro, Goble
 - Miss Mina Blake, Goble
- DISTRICT NO. 5
- Miss Wilma Pulliam, Clatskanie
- DISTRICT NO. 6
- Miss Mabel Mills, Vernonia
 - Miss Inez Smith, Vernonia
 - Miss Vera Woods, Vernonia
 - Miss Dottie Pringle, Mist
 - Miss Ruth Ruddiman, Mist

Above is published a list of the candidates who have been entered up to date, and more will come when those who have not quite made up their minds to compete realize that their chances to win are as good as those of another. It is going to be a hotly contested battle, with effervescent activity every step of the way, and it goes without saying that those who get into the race from the start will have a little the best of it if they work diligently up to the close, and surely the prize trips to be given are well worth making an effort to win. There is no greater show of its kind on earth than the Pendleton Round-Up, and those who have been there know how difficult it is to obtain hotel accommodations and seats in grandstand owing to the enormous crowd attending. The Mist has arranged everything before hand for the benefit of the successful candidates, the best of hotel accommodations, a special box in the grandstand at the Round-Up grounds, automobile service, tours of town and surrounding country are a few of the many features planned for the entertainment of those who head the list in their district the closing night of the contest, August 30.

FRIENDS MAY ACCOMPANY

In case of a candidate desiring to have a lady friend or relative accompany them on the trip, by notifying the Contest Manager the closing night, reservations will be made for their accommodation on the train, at the hotel and in the grandstand. Or if a candidate wishes to stay with a friend or relative at

Pendleton a cash remittance will be made to the candidate for the unused portion at the allotted accommodations. In case of a candidate being unable to attend the Round-Up for personal reasons they may transfer their prize trip to another person with the approval of the Contest Manager, or a cash remittance will be made to the amount of the cost of the trip to the Mist. However, it is desired that the candidates attend in a body in order that our community will receive the benefit of the advertising derived from making a good showing, and only in cases of necessity will any of the above concessions be made.

NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE

If the name of your favorite does not appear in the list above nominate her at once on the nomination blank printed on page 6, so that she will have an equal start, and remember if you nominate the candidate polling the highest number of votes you will receive a special prize of a purchase check good for \$10 at any store in the county, or a round trip ticket to the Round-Up, including berth.

A WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS

The candidates whose names are printed above are young ladies worthy of all the material support you can give them to place their names at the head of the list in their respective districts the closing night of the contest and you may rest assured that when you favor a contestant with a subscription, which means votes, or hand her a number of vote coupons clipped from the paper the favor is ap-

A TRAGEDY AT SEA

CABIN BOY KILLS FIRST OFFICER AND COMMITS SUICIDE

The Bktn. Amazon, Capt. Hayes has completed her repair work at the shipyards and will probably leave down today for Astoria on her way to Valparaiso, Chili, with 1200m ft. of Oregon lumber. This is the first trip Capt. Hayes has made on the Amazon, he having left the Bktn. Benicia at Grays Harbor to take his present command. Capt. Hayes states that while the Benicia is a fine vessel and a mighty good sailor, he was not loath to leave her on account of the many tragic incidents which have happened aboard of her, the latest of which was a murder and suicide while the vessel was discharging her last cargo in Mexico. It seems that the cook, an Englishman, had in some way become offended at the first mate, and one night while still harboring this grudge against the officer, slipped up behind him and shot him in the head, killing him instantly. The cook, then realizing what he had done and the probable punishment that would be meted out to him, locked himself in his cabin and committed suicide with the same weapon. These tragic incidents cast a gloom over the whole ship and her crew and made the return voyage anything but pleasant, although the vessel was favored with fair wind and made a remarkably good run from the Mexico coast to Grays Harbor.

HOT WEATHER IN OHIO

CARD FROM H. J. SOUTHARD TELLS OF INTENSE HEAT

A card from H. J. Southard received this week states that they arrived at their old home in Gallipolis, Ohio, and are enjoying a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Southard says the heat there is almost unbearable to an Oregonian who is not used to it and that Mrs. Southard finds it inconvenient to venture outside the basement during the heated part of the day.

preciated. There is something more to the winning of these prizes than the mere pleasure of the trip to the Round-Up. It means that those who are the victors have won out in the face of the keenest competition. Each community no doubt will stand back of their respective candidates as a solid unit, and it is going to be nip-and-tuck for first place in each district. To the victors belong the spoils and may the diligent, deserving ones win. HELP YOUR FAVORITE!

HOW DISTRICTS ARE DIVIDED

For the purpose of this contest and to show fairness on the part of the Mist to give all an equal chance whether residents of St. Helens or other parts of the county. The

MISS WATTS TO GIVE MUSICAL

TALENTED COLUMBIA COUNTY GIRL TO ENTERTAIN ST. HELENS PEOPLE

Miss Hazel M. Watts will give a musical at the City Hall at St. Helens Saturday evening, July 19th. Vocal talent from Portland will assist and those attending are sure to enjoy the splendid program arranged. Miss Watts recently returned to her home in Scappoose from Wesley college where she carried off the highest honors for composing, being the only junior student doing so in the history of the institution. Miss Watts is a talented young lady along musical lines, and continued application to her studies should result in having her name placed with those who are recognized as the best in the musical world. On Saturday evening, July 12th, Miss Watts will give a recital in the Watts & Price Hall at Scappoose.

To Try Farming

MR. AND MRS. S. E. LYNCH LEASE THE BURT WEST FARM

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lynch who have lived in St. Helens for a number of years, last Monday packed up all their loose belongings and moved away. They have leased the large dairy farm of Burt West near Scappoose for a term of years and have already taken possession. This is one of the finest and best improved farms in Columbia county, containing more than 700 acres of land, and with the large dairy herd of cattle belonging to Mr. West, which Mr. Lynch takes, he has engaged in an established business which his many friends here hope will be successful under his management. Mr. West will devote his time to the work of the Redmen Lodge of the State, he being the chief officer in Oregon, for a time, after which he will reside in Portland.

111 people die from excessive heat in three days in the east. That's more people than ever did or ever will die from the heat in Oregon.

county has been divided into six (6) districts and the candidate polling the highest number of votes in each will be awarded a trip:

- District No. 1, St Helens.
 - District No. 2, Rainier.
 - District No. 3, Warren, Houlton, Trenholm, Yankton, Scappoose.
 - District No. 4, Mayger, Quincy, Clatskanie, Marshland, Inglis, Hudson, Delena, Ryser.
 - District No. 5, Columbia City, Deer Island, Goble, Prescott, Ruben, Apiary, Carico.
 - District No. 6, Vernonia, Mist, Kist, Fishawk, Keasey, Pittsburg.
- Candidates are not confined to work in the districts in which they reside.

VOTE COUPON Five Votes

FOR M..... Candidate
Address.....

This Coupon when neatly clipped and filled in with name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, and brought or mailed to the Contest Department will count FIVE VOTES. Don't roll. Send in flat.