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BLAKESLEY FOUND GUILTY ENGINE WORKS TO LOCATE

Jury Brings in Verdict Late on Thursday Night

After being out from five thirty in the afternoon until after eleven o'clock at night the jury in the famous blackmail case of the State of Oregon vs. J. Kendall (Toots) Blakesley, brought in a verdict of guilty. Toots was charged with attempting to extort money from E. E. Quick.

The case came on trial on Tuesday, all that day and until noon Wednesday being spent in the securing of a jury, the preliminary arguments of Hon. C. W. Fulton for the defense and of E. B. Tongue, the prosecuting attorney, were had and the introducing of evidence began. The first witness was county clerk H. E. LaBare who went on the stand to identify the records in his keeping. D. T. Gerdes and W. G. Pomeroy, members of the Grand Jury that indicted Blakesley, was next summoned and testified as to the actions of Blakesley at that time.

Frank B. Prescott was put on the stand and testified that he was Mr. Quick's partner at the time the letter was written that the case hinged on and that he took it from the postoffice here, and that Blakesley was present at the time, and when he left the letter in the box called his attention to the fact, and the evening after approached him in Houlton and asked him to slip him the Quick-McCarty money.

Three handwriting experts went on the stand and testified that the writing on records and various other things indicted by Blakesley was identical with that in the blackmailing letter.

Mr. Quick went on the stand and was objected to by the defense. The prosecution let the matter rest, but it was altogether the fault of the attorney for the defense that Mr. Quick was not allowed to go into the matter at length. At noon Wednesday the taking of testimony ceased and the arguments began. Senator Fulton's talk was altogether an arraignment of Mr. Quick, but the outcome of the trial shows that it was altogether wasted, as the jury did not forget the real case at issue in the attempt to persecute one who was not on trial.

The talk of Mr. Tongue was probably the best one that has been heard here for years. That he is an able prosecutor there is no doubt, and his actions in this case can not but be approved by all. We have heard the statement made time and again that he was afraid to proceed with this case, but there was very little of fear in his actions in court.

The case went to the jury at about five o'clock, the instructions of the judge being very fair and impartial. They were out until nearly midnight, when they came in with the following verdict:

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia: State of Oregon vs. J. Kendall Blakesley: We, the jury in the above entitled case find the deft. guilty as charged in the indictment.

M. M. FRANKLIN

The members of the jury were the following: M. M. Franklin, Foreman, John Kalberg, John A. Nelson, Gustave J. Lindahl, Thos. L. Carrer, John J. Banzer, David P. Early, Frank Malberz, C. A. Evans, Philip S. Strother, Thos. Babster, J. B. Robens.

The defense was given thirty days in which to file a motion for a new trial, and it is difficult to say when sentence will be pronounced. It is doubtful if it will be very severe, and there do not seem to be any public demand that it be such, as "Toots" worst enemies here generally sympathize with him. All seem perfectly satisfied to have had the case thoroughly threshed out, and the predictions that have been so generally made that an untold amount of corruption would be uncovered have utterly fallen down.

Apinatis Sentenced—

Antone Apinatis, the young foreigner who pleaded guilty to the theft of shoes from warehouse at Maygar, was sentenced last Thursday to 7 years, but paroled by the Judge on good behavior. He seemed to be an intelligent young fellow, and as there were a number of circumstances connected with the theft made it rather a minor offense, he will be given another chance.

J. F. Loyd, of Deer Island was a business visitor to the county seat on Friday.

St. Helens first team at Kalama Sunday and the second team vs. Ridgefield at the local park.

Notice for bids for building a School House

Notice is hereby given that bids for the construction of a school building in district No. 43 Columbia County, Oregon, will be received by the school board until 6 p. m. Saturday, June 3rd 1911. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Plans and specifications may be seen in the office of the County School Superintendent, in St. Helens, or at the home of N. O. Larabee at Trenholm P. O. George Wilson, Chairman of the board of directors.

Letters unclaimed at the Saint Helen, Oregon, post office for the week ending May 20th 1911. W. M. Gray, one letter. Mrs. J. Grimm or Grunn, Ernest Magnuson. Letters not claimed by June 3rd will be sent to the Dead Letter Office. M. C. Gray, P. M.

A Pleasant Party—

Walden and Mason Dillard entertained schoolmates in the Parish House on the evening of Friday, May 19th. Walden's guests included the principal, Mr. Allen and his pupils, while Mason invited a few smaller children and his teacher Miss Phillips.

Games were played during the evening. Cecil Ross and Dorothy Johns being prize winners in the geography games. Refreshments were served, the table decorations being lighted candles in ornamental shades.

Pythian Entertain—

The Pythian Sisters of Ava Temple No. 19 last Thursday evening after having despatched the routine of business at the temple, surprised their invited guests and themselves with the impromptu entertainment they provided.

The musical numbers of the program were especially pleasing and received accolades. Mrs. F. George, guitar, and Miss Weber, mandolin, played a catchy version of "Sleigh Bells."

The quartette sang some old time ballads that reached the heart strings of all present. (Some encores here too.) It is that wit the talent displayed some very enjoyable programs can be given at the future socials, this was also evidenced by the splendid teamwork of sisters Ella H. Flagg, B. Popejoy, and C. Blakesley in their recitation of a poem many stanzas in length.

It seems unfair that the entire burden of socials should fall to the sisters; but I frankly believe that the gallant Knights in the future uphold their end, especially the nimble and acrobatically inclined. And so should you be one of the fortunate ones invited to the next social June 16th, rest assured that you will carry away pleasant recollections.

The social ended with a service of refreshment by the committee of ladies. An Observer.

The St. Helens nine will go to Kalama next Sunday for the purpose of taking the crack Kalama bunch into camp. Whether they can do it or not is pretty much a question, but when they leave here next Sunday their intentions will at least be good and if we do not have the whole of the Northwest League to contend with the chances are that the trip will end most joyfully.

The Beaver Lumber Co., of Prescott Or. has been reorganized, and the old stockholders, with few exceptions have sold out. The capital stock of the company has been increased from \$115,000 to \$200,000. The officers of the newly organized company are: President, James T. Gregory; vice-president and general manager, F. R. Barker; treasurer and superintendent, F. W. Gregory; secretary, G. H. Durban. The mill is now in operation and a dry kiln will be installed.

Rather a funny little incident occurred at the court room last Tuesday. W. J. Dietz of Rainier was being examined as to his qualifications as a juror, and according to Mr. Dietz he did not have any qualifications for the job. He knew all about the case, liked everyone that was interested in it, and finally got up and said that he knew too much about it to serve. Both the defense and prosecution immediately accepted him, whereupon Mr. Dietz protested.

FOR SALE—Good fresh cow inquire of John Mills. Yankton Oregon.

The City Council—

The Council held their regular weekly meeting at the City Hall last Monday night, all being present except Mayor White, who was unable to attend. The biggest part of the evening was taken up in listening to a Mr. Rees, of Portland, who was here in the interest of L. C. Kelsey, a sewer contractor, who will make the city a proposition for doing the work to be done here in this line. Further consideration of this matter was postponed for two weeks. An ordinance vacating a part of Washington Square for school purposes was read first and second time and will probably be passed at the next meeting. Order was made that a number of loads of crushed rock be put on Columbia Street between St. Helens and Willamette Streets. The Fourth of July committee was given the use of the City Hall rent free during the celebration. Moved and carried that the city employ a competent surveyor to establish the north boundary line of the city of St. Helens, the city and adjoining property sharing the expense equally.

The Woodmen of the World of Goble gave a dance in the Redmen's Hall at that place last Saturday night, and those who went down from here tell about having the time of their life, especially mentioning the supper. They say they had a feed that was something fine.

W. G. Pomeroy, of Scappoose, is in town this week as one of the witnesses before the Circuit Court.

Fred Cramer, of Rainier, was a business visitor to the county seat last Monday.

Dr. A. P. McLaren was calling on old friends at this place during the present week.

Wedding Bells at Deer Island—

A quiet home wedding took place in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dow at Deer Island, Ore. on Wednesday May 24th when their daughter, Juliette was united in marriage to Mr. Tell Soul, of Gaston Ore. by Reverend Heveling, Pastor of one of the Evangelical Churches of Portland, in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with flowers, and after the ceremony a bountiful dinner was served, presided over by Rev. Heveling, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After a most enjoyable time the bride and groom took the train at Deer Island where they met with a shower of rice.

They expect to spend a few days with relatives and friends, after which they will return to their home at Gaston.

They received a number of beautiful and useful presents.

K. P. Memorial Services—

Avon Lodge No. 62 Knights of Pythias will hold memorial services at the City Hall in this city next Tuesday evening, May 30th, to which the public is invited. The following program has been prepared:

Meeting called to order by the Chancellor Commander.
Prayer by the Prelate,
Hymn by the Choir.
Reading from the Bible by the Prelate.
Solo by Miss Bertha Dart.
Address by Dr. J. W. MacDougal.
Solo by H. Van Tassel.
Prayer by the Prelate.
Song by the male quartet.

The band gave an open air concert at Godfrey Park last Sunday and will probably continue to do so Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. They have a proposition from the owners of Bayoucan Park to play at that place for a period of two weeks during the summer.

Victor Furer, the proprietor of the Rainier Grand Hotel, was a caller at the Mist office on Wednesday last. Mr. Furer was summoned here as a juror, but tells us that he was fortunate enough to escape.

The ladies aid will meet with Mrs. H. E. LaBare Wednesday May 31st. Lilla M. Crouse, Sec.

The St. Helens Band—

Our local brass band is hard at it and can now play quite a variety of choice pieces. They practice a couple of times each week and have secured the services of a good instructor, Mr. D. B. Veitch. M. E. Miller is the manager and H. E. LaBare Secretary and Treasurer. The other members are R. W. Custard, Fred Morgus, E. Jones, P. W. Peterson, J. W. Clark, Stewart McKie, Sidney Long, Berlin Yeomans, Merle Wilson, Oswald Deming, Archie Beeler, L. E. Allen, George Badger. For the length of time that they have been organized and considering the difficulties that they have had to overcome there is no doubt but they have done remarkably well.

Yankton Commencement—

The commencement exercises of the Yankton Public School will be held at the Grange Hall at Yankton on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd. Professor Lake and Miss Bowman have made preparations to have a real good time and a program has been prepared for each evening that will be very entertaining. The presentation of diplomas will be on Saturday night, while the program for each evening will be concluded with a live little comedy. Everyone who takes an interest in the school should be out to hear the entertainment for both evenings. On Saturday, ice cream and cake will be served after the program.

Chas. Kratzke, of Reuben, was a visitor to the county seat this week.

Blank notes for sale at the Mist office.

YANKTON

Mrs. J. T. Woodward is in the Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment.

Sherman Saxton is building a fine new barn on his place near the S. S. Wey place.

Mrs. Chas. Brown and Mrs. Homer Fitzgerald were Portland visitors this week.

Mr. Perry Usher and Herman Usher are hauling telephone poles from Johnsons mill.

The S. S. is growing rapidly in attendance and interest.

Mrs. G. D. Bonney is in charge of the cook house at Shermans mill.

Mrs. Oliver Smith has been very sick for a few days but is better at this writing.

Stanwood addition is rapidly being occupied by the men and families who have bought land recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kappeler entertained relatives from Portland over Sunday.

Mrs. D. C. Masten visited Mr. Mastens parents at Skamokawa Wn. over Sunday.

Road improvement is being rushed this week under the personal supervision of U. S. Dapain nearly thirty men and six or seven teams making rapid work of the hills.

Clayton Moore who has been out of health for several weeks is so much improved that he has gone to work for Sherman Bros.

There will be Memorial services at the church in Yankton May 30 at 2 o'clock. It is hoped all with friends buried there will come and bring flowers for decoration.

Yankton Grange No. 301 will hold their annual fair at the grange hall on Thursday Sep. 21 1911. Fruit and poultry a specialty. We hope every one will take an interest in the fair and make it the best one yet.

Yankton Fruit Growers Association meet on the first Saturday in June at 2 o'clock at the Grange hall in Yankton. Members requested to be present, every body invited.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

The final examinations for the pupils of the eighth grade in the schools of this county and of the whole state were held last week and the result was not altogether satisfactory to a large number of the pupils. State Superintendent of Schools L. R. Alderman intends to raise the standard in the eighth grade and the examinations were the hardest that have ever been given. The following pupils passed in this county:

Seapoose; Ardeth Hagey.
St. Helens; Cecil Ross, Eugenia Deming.

Deer Island; Mae Siefert.
Hudson; Thel O'Neal, Clyde O'Neal, Robert Peterson, Hilda Peterson, Hilda Johnson.

Clatskanie; Hazel Kelley, Edna Hankins, Leila Duggan, Maurice Barham, Vera Tichenor.

Warren; Franklin Cooper.
Rainier; Myrtle Parker, Ina Hackenberg, Edith Handley, Wm. Hackenberg.

Oak Ranch School; Mable Pringle, Inez Peterson, Reta Pringle.
Natal; Minnie Hollstrom, Ernest Deeds.

Rainier; Frances Sherrin, Willis Lee, Leona Silva, Carol Williams, Katherina Schunonen, Floy Wilson, Vilas Plue.
Houlton; Elizabeth Perry.

Vernon; Anna Nickerson.

This is about one third of the total number taking, and the only place where the whole class got through was at Hudson, the school being taught by Miss A. J. Ketel of this city, and in this examination it is undoubtedly the banner school of the county. The examining board was made up of Superintendent of Schools J. H. Collins, Professor J. B. Wilkerson, of Bainier, E. S. Faxon, of

Bachelor Flat, and Mrs. J. A. Holaday, of Deer Island.

A large number of the students all over the county received conditional promotions, having failed only in one subject, and will probably every one make good in the grades that they were promoted in.

CHURCH CHIMES.

CALENDAR.	SUNDAY SERVICES.
Sunday Services,	9:45.
Preaching,	11:00
Epworth League,	7:00
Preaching,	8:00

The pastor expects to occupy the pulpit both morning and evening next Sunday.

In the absence of a popular Memorial Day program next Tuesday a patriotic service has been planned for Sunday night, "Modern Patriotism" is to be the sermon theme. It is to be regretted that St. Helens has neglected to plan a proper observance of this the most solemn of national holidays. The present generations can ill afford to forget the brave men of the 60's or fail to pay a tribute to such as remain in the thinned ranks of the G. A. R. Let us crowd the church next Sunday night.

Mr. Frank Prescott, of Tacoma, is in St. Helens this week, as a witness before the Circuit Court.

Houlton Commercial Club—

The members of the Houlton Commercial Club are requested to meet with the St. Helens Commercial Club at St. Helens on Wednesday evening, May 31st to consider business of importance. H. C. Wikoff, President.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, Miss Weber, Mrs. Ragan, Marie Poulson and E. L. Balogh went down to Eureka on the launch Hulda last Monday, returning on the steamer Lurline. Miss Weber had been visiting for some time with the Stones, but remained at her home in Eureka.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Bierbach and daughter of Gresham, are visiting with Mrs. Bierbach's sister, Mrs. Morton.

Mr. Frank Garland, of Menominee, is in town this week, looking over plant of the St. Helens Mill Co., preparatory to going to California to take charge of the big yards of the Chas. R. McCormick Company at San Diego.

Wrestling Match—

The people of this section will have a chance to see a good match at the City Hall tomorrow night, Saturday, May 28, when Strangler Smith and Squeeze Ethridge will go on the mat. The Strangler is one of the best known grapplers in the game and Squeeze has lots of local friends who think that he will give him a run for his money. A fifteen minute preliminary has been arranged between Wm. Sholtes of Rainier and Howard Miller, of Cathlamet, both experienced wrestlers.

The Celebration—

Work has already commenced to make the celebration to be held here on the fourth of July the best that was ever put on along the river. The finance committee met with flattering success when they started out the other day, as in the course of a very short time they raised \$250, which is only a portion of what there is waiting for them. Besides this there has been \$200 given by Jas. and Chas. Muckle to be used in improving Godfrey Park and erecting a band stand. If the financiers of the proposition have not called on you yet and you live in St. Helens do not be discouraged for they will get there in time, as they are out for the coin and that is what it takes to make a celebration a success.

The Klamath and the Yellowstone are at present loading lumber at the dock here and the Shoshone is due to arrive the latter part of the week. The last of the month the tramp Elsie will be here to take on a cargo of about a million and a half for Australia.

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Houlton Circle elects—

Houlton Circle No. 478, held its regular election May 23rd, with the following result. Guardian Neighbor, Minnie Morley, Past Guardian Neighbor, Minnie Kelley, Advisor, Ada Brouse, Magician, Sadie J. Gray, Attendant, Etta Cole, Junior Sentinel, Elsa Wikstrom, Outer Sentinel, Cynthia Asher, Captain of Guard, Nellie Dunn, Manager, Alma Le Mont Musician, Edith Clark, Clerk, Anna Van Natta.

New Industry With Big Pay-roll Coming to St. Helens

A joint meeting of the Commercial Clubs of St. Helens and Houlton will be held on Wednesday evening, May 31st at the City Hall, St. Helens, to take up the matter of locating between the two towns, a factory for the manufacture of gasoline traction engines. While the company to be organized will specialize on the several machines covered by patents, they will, however, be equipped to manufacture almost anything in the machinery line with the equipment to installed.

Messrs W. D. M. Howard and John J. Riker, of Portland, were in town last Thursday, consulting with committees from the two clubs regarding the matter. All who have seen the plans and blue prints of the machines which the company proposes to manufacture, pronounce them the best in their line they have ever seen.

Mr. Howard, who designed, and owns the patents on the machines to be manufactured, was for a number of years employed as consulting engineer by the Pope-Toledo people, where he designed the gas engine used in that famous make of automobiles.

Both Mr. Howard and Mr. Riker who are in close touch with the demand for such machines as will be manufactured, are confident that within a year a plant representing an outlay of from \$60,000 to \$75,000, and employing 300 or more, men can be kept busy.

These gentlemen hold patents fully covering the machines, which are designed for logging and farming use, and the factory to be located here will be the only one of the kind on the Pacific Coast.

Plans and blue prints of the machines which are to be manufactured will be on exhibition at the City Hall in St. Helens on Wednesday afternoon preceding the meeting, at which time the designer, Mr. Howard will be present to explain the details of construction and operation to any one interested.

It is proposed to organize a local stock company which will be officered and controlled by local business men. The promoters ask no bonus whatever.

Local business men who have been approached on the matter are pronounced in their endorsement of the plan and it is needless to say that such an enterprise locating here would be of incalculable benefit to both St. Helens and Houlton.

COUNTY COURT

It is therefore ordered by the court that said report, profile and plat be recorded in suitable books kept for that purpose, and from thenceforth said road shall be a public highway. It is further ordered that the road supervisor in whose district the said road is located shall open the same for public travel.

It is further ordered by the court that all that portion of the old road not included in the limits of the new road be and the same is hereby vacated. Report of the viewers on J. W. Foster road.

On this 4th day of May, 1911, this matter coming on to be heard upon the second reading of the report of the Board of County Road Viewers, which report was publicly read on two different days of this term of court, and no remonstrance being filed, and the report of the viewers being favorable thereto, and it appearing that claims for damages from H. Jepson for \$190 and from Erick Erickson for \$400 have been filed and presented herein, and it appearing to the court that said road will not be of sufficient benefit to the public to warrant the payment of damages, it is ordered by the court that said road be allowed on condition that petitioners settle all claims for damages. Report of the viewers on W. H. Hess road.

On this 4th day of May, 1911, this matter coming on to be heard upon the second reading of the report of the Board of County Road Viewers, which said report was publicly read on two different days of this term of court, and no remonstrance or petition for damages being filed, and the court being satisfied that such road will be of public utility, and the report of the viewers being favorable thereto:

It is therefore ordered by the court that said report, profile and plat be recorded in suitable books kept for that purpose, and from thenceforth said road shall be declared a public highway.

It is further ordered that the road supervisor in whose district said road is located shall open the same for public travel.