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## THE JURYS' VERDICT IS "NOT GUILTY"

The Razor Case Ends in a Verdict for Defendant After Being out only a Short time

The climax in the case of the State of Oregon vs Albert Razor, charged with the murder of Gen F Ross at Elgin, reached a climax last Friday evening, Dec. 23rd, when the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

This case was the most important one which was investigated before the grand jury in October, and was at that term of court postponed on account of the inability of the prosecution and defense to procure witnesses before court adjourned, and was later set for trial Dec. 22nd.

At that time both sides were ready for trial and the case proceeded with dispatch before circuit Judge, Robt Eakin. On Friday afternoon the evidence was all before the jury, and the attorneys for the prosecution made forcible arguments for the State, while the attorneys for the defendant made telling and eloquent speeches for the defense. Court then adjourned until 7:30 p. m., at which time Judge Eakin began delivering his instructions to the jury. The instructions of the judge were of some length, and dealt with every side and phase of the case.

The jury received the instructions in writing, and the exhibits then retired to their room for consultation. Inside of forty five minutes they had reached agreement, returned before the judge and presented the following verdict:

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union State of Oregon, Piff.) vs Albert Razor, Deft.)

We the jury duly empanelled and sworn to try the above entitled cause find the defendant, Albert Razor, not guilty. J A WOODDELL, Foreman.

At the time the verdict was rendered a large crowd had congregated in

the rooms of the Commercial Club, where court was being held, awaiting the verdict of the jury. Mr N Razor the father of the defendant was present as was also his brother, Mr E A Razor, and the attorneys on both sides. When the verdict was read by County Clerk, J B Gilham, and the defendant was discharged by the judge, a great excitement prevailed, and the friends of Mr Razor were only prevented from the expression of their feelings by the fact that court was in session. Then followed shaking of hands which seemed to be shared pretty equally between Albert Razor, his father and brother, and congratulations were heartily extended. Although it was one day ahead of time for Christmas, yet Mr Razor could have received no Christmas gift from the hand of mortals that could possibly give him the pleasure which this verdict of twelve good true and tried men produced.

Mr Razor, together with his brother, Mr E A Razor, left Saturday night for the home of the latter, and of his father, in San Bernardino, California.

### LOST OFFICE BY A WAGER

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, December 24.—Representative Williamson today recommended the appointment of Robert O Watkins as Postmaster at Alsea, Union county, Oregon.

### Shingles, Shingles

Two car loads of first class shingles just received by the Stoddard Lumber Company.

### Happy Contractor

An Observer representative was shown through the new addition to the Foley House yesterday afternoon by contractor J L Mars who will have his contract all completed and the building ready to turn over to the proprietor by Tuesday.

Contractor Mars has done a first class piece of work and has pushed it through notwithstanding the opinion freely expressed on the start that he would never complete it, but they did not reckon with their man in this instance and as soon as one obstacle was met he was ready for another until at last he had everything his own way and for the last few weeks there has not been any friction whatever. This makes the second large contract Mr. Mars has completed this year, the other being the stone foundation for the new city hall. There were many who said he would never complete that within his time limit of 60 days but he did and had ten days to his credit. From this time on when contractor Mars takes a job there will not be any doubt expressed but what he will do it and do it just as called for in the plans and specifications.

### Well Recommended

M D Giffin, the genial and skilled undertaker who for the past several years has been with Sherman & Reed of this city, has severed his connection with this firm and is to locate in business by associating himself with a firm in similar business in La Grande, Ore. Mr. Giffin will be greatly missed as a citizen and as an undertaker. His long residence and familiar acquaintance in this city made him a person sought for and called when an undertaker's services were needed. His sincerity and sympathy, his profound and gentlemanly qualification, his candor and agreeableness in a home when he was called made him ever a popular friend after his services had once been used. Wherever Mr. Giffin may choose to locate he will have no trouble in drawing around him friends both in a social and business way. Mr. Giffin leaves Butte with a host of acquaintances and friends who will sincerely regret his departure.—Butte Miner.

### BODY BROUGHT HOME

The body of Mr John Glass was brought home this morning on passenger train No 6. Mr Glass has long been in ill health, and some time ago left for Arizona, thinking that the change of climate would affect a cure or at least alleviate his suffering. However, he grew gradually weaker and at last succumbed to the ravages of the disease Consumption. He is well known and loved throughout the county and leaves many relatives here among others his mother, Mrs Mary J Glass, two brothers, Charles and William Glass, two sisters Mrs Abbie Bartness and Mrs G Seneman, a wife and one child. The funeral will take place tomorrow at two o'clock. The services will be held at the Central Church of Christ, the Rev O H King officiating, and the burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

### MADAM RUMOR BUSY

### Federal Grand Jury will Adjourn but Rumor Still Busy.

The adjournment of the federal grand jury next Tuesday morning has occasioned an interruption of the sensations which have come with bewildering rapidity since the sessions began. Inquirers and accused will have a brief respite.

Rumor is still busy, however, with the names of prominent men who are said to have been connected, directly or indirectly, with the land frauds. It is asserted that the evidence presented within the past two days places Dr W H Davis, mayor of Albany, in a very unpleasant light, and that the grand jury is seriously investigating transactions in which he was concerned. There is strong reason to expect indictments against C E Loomis and S B Ormsby soon after the jury reconvenes.

Nothing new has developed as to Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann, and their cases have not yet been considered, though testimony has been given which incidentally touched upon their relations with Putter and some of his confederates.

State Senator George C Brownell professes to be undisturbed by the prospect of investigation by the grand jury into his alleged connection with the land frauds and says that he can readily clear himself of all suspicion.—Oregon Journal.

### WILL LOCATE HERE

Mr D Fitzgerald proprietor of the Dayton Iron Works has been in La Grande for over a week selecting a location on which to move his machine shop and foundry. Mr Fitzgerald has decided that there is a better field in La Grande for his energies and by the 1st of February next the scenes that have known him so long will know him no more. Mr Fitzgerald has been a resident of Dayton for many years and by his industry and strict attention to his business has built up quite an extensive establishment which Dayton can ill afford to lose.—Dayton (Wash)—Courier Press.

### HAND GRANADES ARE FREELY USED

### Japanese Take Two More Forts by Hand to Hand Fighting.

Tokio, Dec 26—General Nogi reports that in a night attack the Japanese have taken two more forts at Port Arthur by a desperate attack on White Wolf hill. Dynamite was used to blast the way and hand-to-hand fighting, in which explosive hand grenades were freely used ensued. Several Russian commanders are reported to have been killed, among them General Koudratenko and a general not identified. General Stocess's chief of staff was wounded. A big fire is raging in the outer fort caused by Japanese shells.

The news of the continued Japanese success before Port Arthur as shown by the capture of White Wolf hill and the heights east of Honyang-shukou Sungshu mountain and Riu-lung mountain and the destruction by fire of the forts at Taiyangkou has caused Christmas day to be observed with universal rejoicings throughout Japan. The fall of the fortress may be looked for any day now, and is expected to usher in the new year.

The naval strength of Russia at the port is completely crushed. Only a small gunboat and several torpedo destroyers remain of the once proud fleet in which was centered the hopes of Russia. Togo has withdrawn the majority of his fleet from the blockade, and a portion of it has gone to meet the Baltic squadron, and the balance are in the docks being repaired and scraped for future service.

### FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

D Sommers Plaintiff, versus B F Myers, defendant. Attachment Amount in controversy \$157.55.

La Grande Investment Co, versus J O Walton, Attachment. Amount in controversy \$75.00.

Mr. Jack Shea is in the city today from Prospect ranch for the purpose of buying supplies.

## TOILET ARTICLES

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25 Per Cent off on all Hats

Until the first of the year every Hat in the store will be sold at a 25 per cent discount. This is your opportunity to get your Holiday Hat at a bargain.

### Novelties

The latest in braided handle purses and Peggy bags. Something new in combs and barretts.

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At a discount. The finest line of ribbons ever shown in the city.

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Special line just received. From now until Jan. 1, for 5 cents up.

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This is positively a new line and can only be secured here.

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Milliner

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Coughs are warnings of something amiss in throat or lungs. Don't mind the cough, mind the cause, Use a remedy that will go to the source of trouble and cure that. Such a remedy is our

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