

PIVOTAL POINT IN MURDER TRIAL HAS BEEN REACHED

Did Porter have a gun when he was shot by his son-in-law, Jess Parker, on the evening of the fifth day of last August?

the gun and Booth claims that Parker said that Porter held his hand on his hip pocket. The prisoner was sleepy according to the officer, and after the last remark little more was said.

the story was finally placed before the jury. In the words of the witness, Mr. Parker had been playing with his little son in the yard at the Porter home in the afternoon and evening. The little boy said to his father that he wanted to go to Elgin and see a picture show.

ker was standing on the porch, but failed. Finally Mr. Parker was called into the room and what happened after that, was reiterated by Mrs. Busser.

Statement Repeated Frequently. Mrs. Busser said: Parker sat in a chair all the time he was in the room and not until the time for his departure in the automobile, did he show signs of nervousness.

DECLARE COUNTY WET THIS AFTERNOON

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNTY COURT TODAY

Union county is wet. This statement has nothing to do with the disposition of the Rain Gods, but refers to the local option question which came to a final promulgation this afternoon when the county court revoked the local option law passed two years ago.

Must Pay Hamid Money. Berlin, December 8.—The Imperial supreme court yesterday ordered the Imperial bank of Berlin to pay Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey, five million dollars, deposited by the ruler several years ago.

CITY OF JOSEPH WINS FIRST IMPORTANT DECISION IN ITS WATER SYSTEM LITIGATION

Joseph, Dec. 8 (Special)—In an opinion written by Justice Eakin, the judgment of the lower court of Walla Walla County, giving the Joseph Waterworks company, respondents, the right to extend its water mains in the city of Joseph, contrary to the authority provided by the City Council of Joseph, was reversed and a perpetual injunction entered in the case restraining the defendant water company from digging up Joseph's streets or extending its mains without permission from the Council.

the franchise mentioned above. The city demurred to those two defenses and Judge Knowles decided that the city had a perfect right to construct a water system of its own but that the water company also had a right to perpetually furnish water to the citizens of the city under its franchise.

Accident Just at Dusk. The exact line of distinction between daylight and dark has not been drawn so far in the evidence for Mr. Busser said it was just "between them," but that it was so light that he could see that Mr. Parker was dressed slightly different than usual.

Important Issues Settled. Another issue of great importance as viewed from the prosecution's point of view was the ruling following a long argument over the attempt of the state to show that Porter did not have on his person any sort of weapon during the time that Willis

Water for Idaho Monastery. Cottonwood, Idaho, Dec. 5.—The pipe for the two-mile water system being installed by the Catholic monastery on Cottonwood butte has arrived, and the contractor, Charles Norlin of Lewiston will start laying the pipes tomorrow.

THRESHERMEN FROM ENTIRE STATE COMMENCE TO GATHER FOR ANNUAL CON LAVE HERE

They are to be seen on the streets of La Grande, those horny handed, good natured threshermen who vie with the ministry in their taste for fried chicken. The entire state of Oregon will be represented at this meeting and there will be plenty of fun to go round, along with some work for the good of the order, as well.

in itself is worth a three days session, according to those who know and there will be nothing left undone to take the kinks out of the bill at this convention. The idea is to have a perfect bill before it enters the house of representatives so that committee will not be able to pick it to pieces.