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RILEY GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Atwater Given from One to Seven Years.

ERNEST ROBISON ON TRIAL

It May Take the Rest of This Week to Finish Up all the Criminal Docket.

Circuit court is busy today with the case of Ernest Robison, charged with killing Lewis McCallister at Howard.

J. F. Riley, who shot and killed Louie Long, the prizefighter, was convicted of the crime of manslaughter. The jury took the case at 3 p. m. Monday and at 8 in the evening returned their verdict. He was this morning given an indeterminate sentence of from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

E. W. Atwater made a break for liberty last week. He was indicted by the grand jury for larceny from a dwelling near Sisters. He pleaded guilty and was waiting for sentence when he took leg bail for it. He was caught at Crescent and brought back. He was sentenced to the penitentiary this morning for a term of from one to seven years.

The grand jury made the following report.

We, the Grand Jury, duly empaneled at the October, 1911, term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County, beg leave to report as follows:

We have been in session four days, and during that time have returned ten true bills, and eight not true bills. We have given our most careful and earnest attention to all matters brought before us, and given them the best consideration of which we were capable.

The Grand Jury wishes to state in connection with the charge brought against Claude C. Williams for the killing of Thomas Miller, that we returned not a true bill, for the reason that we do not believe that there was criminal intent on the part of Williams, who did the shooting, and further, that a conviction could not have been obtained in case an indictment had been returned. But we wish to state, after listening to the testimony as to the circumstances of the occurrence, we believe Williams is deserving of censure for not using greater diligence and care in preventing the situation to arise whereby it became necessary that any shooting should be required, and that we believe that to his lack of judgment, in a large measure, the occurrence can be attributed. We understand that he is still occupying the position of deputy sheriff, and the Grand Jury recommends that he be permanently removed from that position of responsibility.

In several instances it has been brought plainly to the attention of the Grand Jury that some of the Justices of the Peace who sit as committing magistrates are not acting with proper discretion in the matter of admitting persons bound over to the Circuit Court to bail. In these instances mentioned, the bail has been entirely too low, and in one case particularly it was placed at such a low figure that the party held by the bail could easily forfeit it without



News Snapshots Of the Week

James B. McNamara was placed on trial in the Los Angeles county (Cal.) courthouse, charged with the actual dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times newspaper building, which disaster cost the lives of twenty-one men. McNamara's brother, John J., is accused by Detective William J. Burns, who trailed him across fifteen states to get evidence, with having instigated the destruction of the Times building. Clarence Darrow, who won the Moyer-Haywood case, is defending J. B. McNamara, opposite to District Attorney Fredericks. Booth Tarlington, the author, and his wife separated, with divorce proceedings in prospect. Cornelius N. Burns, secretary of the Interior in 1897 and four times treasurer of the Republican national committee, died in New York city. He was seventy-eight years old. Calbraith P. Rodgers, the aviator attempting a coast to coast flight in an aeroplane, broke the long distance record of 1,263 miles held by Harry N. Atwood.

much loss to his bondsmen, and escape what appears to be a clear case of guilt upon a penitentiary charge, and in which undoubtedly a conviction could have been secured.

Four complaints bound over from the city of Bend came before the Grand Jury by action of the Justice Court of the precinct in which said city of Bend is located. These complaints were for the keeping of bawdy houses. In this connection this Grand Jury states that this question is one which should be handled by the municipalities of the incorporated cities wherein such violations, and that each municipality can handle this troublesome matter to much better satisfaction than if the county at large attempts to regulate the municipal affairs of any incorporated city at the expense of the taxpayers at large, who have no financial interest in the municipality. The Grand Jury as a body meets but twice a year, while these kind of cases are coming up every day, and can be handled at each occurrence by the proper municipal officers of each city, and can be attended to as often as such violations occur. These incorporated towns have their regular police officers who are paid salaries, and can attend—and we believe it is their duty to attend—to these violations with much better effect than if it is left to the county officials, who have the whole county to cover, and cannot give the time to each municipality that its own officers can. We are aware that two previous grand juries have passed upon this question and set it forth at length in their reports and we concur in the same reasons given by them, and the policy which they adopted in this regard.

We have also examined the property belonging to the county, and with reference to the condition of the county jail we would state that we are informed that the last grand jury made a recommendation that better protection be afforded concerning the windows leading into the jail. There is no grating of any kind which prevents an outsider having access immediately up to the windows of the jail, and it is a simple matter for any outsider so desiring, to pass any kind of an instrument through the bars. In our opinion this is something that should be attended to by the county court at once, as if it is left in its present condition serious trouble is bound to result at some time or other. Not only should gratings or iron fencing of some sort be placed at a distance of five or six feet from the

windows, but also the bars in the windows should be placed closer together, at least one-half the present space, in order to prevent articles of a dangerous kind being passed in. We trust that this recommendation will be heeded by the county court, as in our opinion it is a very serious and important one.

We notice also that the basement of the courthouse at the present time is full of dry wood, which is used for the heating of the building. While we realize it is advantageous to have the wood in a dry place, still we question but what it is exposing the courthouse building to the danger of fire. If in some way a fire should get started in the basement, and get a start in the large amount of wood there, it would be a difficult matter to handle it, and might cause a severe loss and damage to the courthouse. We call the county court's attention to this matter, and suggest that they give it their careful attention.

We have examined the condition of the county poor, and are glad to state that we find the poor of the county being attended to in a very satisfactory manner, and that suitable and economic provisions are made for their support and care, and that the county has received very few applications for aid since the last grand jury met.

We have also examined the offices and books of the various county officers, and as can be easily seen, that not having sufficient time and facilities to conduct a detailed expert examination of the county books, we do not attempt to pass upon the correctness of the same, but as far as we are able to determine, the books of the various county officers are systematically kept.

- E. B. Knox, Foreman, Post.
- M. P. Rycroft, Post.
- B. F. Kendall, Redmond.
- C. W. Hunter, Culver.
- F. H. Woods, Redmond.
- C. H. Foster, Powell Buttes.
- R. C. Immelee, Redmond.

Tom Sumner Accidentally Shot

Last Sunday while Thomas Sumner was hunting on Little Grizzly, he accidentally killed himself.

Just how the accident happened is not known. Guy Sumner, a brother, and a young fellow named "Curley," were out hunting in the same neighborhood. "Curley" heard a shot and commenced looking around to see what had been killed. He found the body of Thomas Sumner in the crotch of a

large juniper on Little Grizzly ridge. His gun was resting in the crotch of another limb, the muzzle pointing directly at the head of the dead boy.

Drs. Edwards and Hyde were notified. They visited the scene of the accident and examined the body of the boy. They found that a piece of the skull about two inches square was blown off the top of the head. From the position of the body it was thought that the boy had fallen asleep or had climbed the tree in order to look around and in some way discharged the rifle. It was thought that possibly the rifle was cocked and some loose rock discharged it. As there was no evidence of foul play the coroner ordered the body buried. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from Lippman's Undertaking Parlors. Sumner was 16 years of age.

School Building Nearing Completion

Contractor Ralph R. Wheaton has announced to the school board that the new public school building will be completed in three weeks. This is an up-to-date building in every particular and will serve the needs of Prineville for years to come.

The building is 74x91 feet. It has an excellent cement basement with brick superstructure. The basement is 10½ feet high and well lighted. In this part are four rooms about 24x24 feet. Two are now finished for lunch rooms and the other two can be finished when needed. There are also two series of toilets, two bicycle racks and a large 32x40 room for the heating and ventilating plant.

The first floor has five school rooms 25x32 feet. Each is furnished with a large cloakroom 6x30 feet and also a teachers' closet. There are two toilets on this floor and one bubbling fountain. The second floor has four schoolrooms 25x32 feet, a principal's room, a storeroom, cloakrooms, teachers' closets and one toilet. This floor is also supplied with a bubbling fountain. Two of the rooms on this floor can be thrown together making a large assembly 30x72 with a good sized stage at one end.

Each schoolroom is supplied with a large built-in bookcase with glass doors. These, with the library, which is on the first landing, give ample room for a large library. Each floor has a large hall 10x60 feet. Every room is well lighted, there being 93 windows in the building. The walls are finished with hair-fibre plaster and are then tinted. The wood work is painted. The school rooms are to be supplied with slate black-

boards.

The McPherson Company of Portland are now installing a Pleno-fan heating and ventilating system. Their representative, E. J. Venne, states that he will have this completed in about a week. This system is now being used by most of the large city schools. It consists of a battery of three furnaces, which burn either coal or wood, a large revolving fan which conducts the fresh air from the outside to the chambers around the furnaces and a six-horse power engine which runs the fan and sends the warmed air through pipes to each room. Sufficient warmed fresh air is delivered into each room to change the entire supply every seven minutes, or to put it more definitely, each pupil is supplied with 1700 cubic feet of fresh air every hour. The foul air is carried to the attic where it is discharged through louvres.

The engine is of the Mietz & Weiss make and burns either kerosene or crude oil. It is considered the best of its kind now on the market and has been adopted by the United States government for coast lighthouse service and in other government stations where reliable service was required at all times.

Taken as a whole the new Prineville public school stands among the best of its kind in the state and every citizen of this district has reason to feel proud of the new school building.

It is due Contractor Wheaton to state that he has performed labor not called for in his contract but which he considered necessary. He has cased ten openings and put in about 800 feet of ceiling. He put in an extra window and two doorways, besides a railing above the library, etc. He did this on his own time and expense.

Men's Mass Meeting Sunday Afternoon

There will be a men's mass meeting at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. County Superintendent Ford will preside. Rev. Bailey will conduct the devotional service. Rev. Linger will offer prayer. Addresses will be made by Judge Bennett of The Dalles, District Attorney Wilson, Attorney Meyers of Culver, and H. O. Perry, district superintendent of The Dalles district of the M. E. church.

Lost or Stolen.
From my auto Sunday night, a Folding Pocket Camera in leather case. Reward for its return to J. R. Stinson, Prineville, Oregon. 10-26

Gold Brooch Lost.
Gold brooch lost Tuesday; liberal reward if returned to Hotel Prineville. It

COMMERCIAL CLUB WINS HILL CUP

For Best Commercial Club Exhibit.

IT HAD FIVE HUNDRED PIECES

Complete List of Premiums Won. Crook County Shows Wide Range of Products.

The Prineville Commercial Club exhibit was awarded the silver cup offered by the Great Northern Railway for the best Commercial Club exhibit in Crook county. The cup is a handsome one and is inscribed as follows:

- *****
- BEST EXHIBIT
- Grains, grasses,
- Vegetables and
- Root Crops Crook
- County Fair, 1911.
- *****

It is on display in the ladies' parlors. It is valued at \$100. This makes three silver cups won by the Prineville Commercial Club. The other cups are valued at \$200 apiece.

This year's display was the best exhibit of Crook county products ever collected. There are 500 separate pieces. Some will be sent East to the land shows, some will be fixed up for a permanent exhibit at the club rooms and the rest will adorn the exhibit car sent around the country.

Farm Products—Irrigated.

- Display grasses—1st prize, D. H. Putman.
- Display alfalfa, 1st, D. H. Putman.
- Display alfalfa, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Scotch Fife, 2nd, E. T. Slayton.
- Beardless barley, 2nd, E. T. Slayton.
- Spring oats, 1st, S. D. Mustard.
- Spring rye, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Wheat in stock, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Wheat in stock, 1st, S. D. Mustard.
- Oats in stock, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Oats in stock, 1st, S. D. Mustard.
- Barley in stock, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Field corn, 2nd, E. T. Slayton.
- Sunflowers, 1st, D. H. Putman.
- Exhibit of farm products, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Exhibit of farm products, 2nd, W. H. Kinder.

GROWN IN ONE PRECINCT.

- 1st, W. H. Kinder.
- Kale, 1st, W. H. Kinder.
- Cauliflower, 1st, W. H. Kinder.
- Lettuce, 2nd, " "
- Tom Thumb corn, 2nd, W. H. Kinder.

Farm Products—Dry.

- Spring wheat, 1st, G. Springer.
- Display alfalfa, " " "
- Golden Chaff, 1st, Mrs. H. J. Healy.
- Sample red oats, 1st, " " "
- Fall rye, " " "
- Alfalfa seed, 2nd, " " "
- Yellow Flint corn, 1st, " " "
- Exhibit farm products, 1st, Mrs. H. J. Healy.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPLAY.

- Honey, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Honey, 2nd, S. L. Reynolds.
- Butter, 1st, Mrs. W. S. Ayers.
- Butter, 2nd, Mrs. J. S. Fox.
- Vegetables—Irrigated.
- Early Rose potatoes, 1st, Beulah Kinder.
- Early Rose potatoes, 2nd, S. D. Mustard.
- Early Rose potatoes, 1st, Fred Roberts.
- Burbank potatoes, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Burbank potatoes, 2nd, S. D. Mustard.
- White Victor potatoes, 1st, E. T. Slayton.
- Early Eureka potatoes, 2nd, C. L. Roberts.
- Extra Early Ohio potatoes, 1st, S. D. Mustard.
- Extra Early Ohio, 2nd, E. T. Slayton.
- Radishes, 2nd, W. H. Kinder.
- " 1st, Beulah Kinder.
- Hali Long Danver carrots, 1st, W. H. Kinder.
- Oxheart carrots, 1st, W. H. Birdsong.

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