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HE CONDEMNS THE VERDICT

Rev. Blackwell Preaches On Murray Murder Case.

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL"

Methodist Clergyman Says Sister of Slayer Was to Blame and Speaks For Rigid Laws.

Rev. R. C. Blackwell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered a sensational sermon Sunday night on the verdict in the Murray murder case, and took for his text the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Mr. Blackwell announced that he would preach on the subject of "Was the Verdict in the Murray Murder Case a Righteous Verdict?" and the church held a large congregation. The preacher compared the Murray

case with the Creffield killing by Mitchell and the consequent slaying of Mitchell by his sister, and White's murder by Harry Thaw. He urged the enforcement of laws and said that no court was to be trusted that does not strictly administer the statutes of the State. He said the sister of Murray was partly to blame and alluded to the woeful lack of parental discipline in so many homes. Mr. Blackwell advised the enactment and enforcement of laws providing for a severe penalty to fit the crime. He said: "I do not believe that the verdict reported by the jury in the Murray murder case was a righteous verdict. By their verdict the jurors justified private vengeance and private lynch law. By this verdict the established law of the State was nullified, defeated and disgraced. Of all wishy-washy excuses ever pleaded is emotional insanity. So-called unwritten law is also another absurdity, and a most dangerous theory to advocate in a body politic, as it is without limit in its application."

School Boy Row.

Orey Howell, a son of E. M. Howell, and Melville Green, were the principals in an affray near the Barclay school building Friday, in which young Green was the vanquished. Howell resented a verbal attack, and picking up a stick hit his tormentor over the head, and for a time the case was regarded seriously, but the injured boy will be none the worse for the encounter.

MEAT TRUST INTIMIDATES

Shows Its Hand Boldly By Threats to Dealers.

MAY OPEN RIVAL STORES

Insists That Local Butchers Buy Fresh Supplies From Packing Houses In Portland.

The meat trust, which has been carrying things with a high hand in many Northwest cities, has turned its attention to this city, and representatives of the great packing house of Swift & Company were in the city a few days ago conferring with local butchers in order to ascertain what their intentions are relative to the abandonment of butchering. Every meat dealer in the city, in order to insure fresh supplies to his customers, does his own butchering, and buys little fresh meat from the packing houses, even conducting their own smokehouses. This is a condition that is not at all satisfactory to the meat trust, and it has been intimidated to the dealers that unless all fresh meats are purchased from the Portland packing houses of the trust, an opposition, cut-price shop will spring up here and a warm war will be waged to a finish. At the present time the trust is working at St. Johns, and when matters are adjusted there to its satisfaction, the scene of action will be Oregon City. Advance agents of the trust have even gone so far as to negotiate for buildings here. The avowed object of the meat trust is to secure absolute control of the meat supply of the Northwest and then have the dealers at their mercy. It is very improbable that the local butchers, who have been preparing their own product for many years, will submit to the dictation of the trust without a struggle. Farmers, too, are alarmed at the threat of the best trust to open a cut-price butcher shop in Oregon City in order to compel the local meat dealers to refrain from buying meat on the hoof and doing their own slaughtering, curing and smoking. Thousands of dollars are disbursed each year by the meat market people of this city to the farmers of Clackamas County, and it is the avowed purpose of the great combine to put a stop to this practice and compel local merchants to buy dressed meat of all kinds from the Portland packing houses. If the trust is successful, it will follow that they will control both ends of the line and will not only try to force the local people out of business with cut-price methods, but will make their own price on live stock and fix the price on meat on the block as well. This is a knife that cuts both ways, and will work a hardship on livestock men and later on the head of every family in Oregon City. Of course the much talked-of trust shop has not yet been opened and may not be. But it is generally understood that after the trust accomplishes what it has set out to do at St. Johns it will turn its attention to Oregon City and will put in one or more shops unless the dealers here consent to purchase their entire meat supply of the combine.

PRUNING AND CULTIVATION

Things Required For Apples Besides Spraying.

EXPERIMENT NOT NEEDED

W. H. Fritch Tells of Experiences In Oklahoma and Gives Advice That Is Sound.

Editor Courier—I am very much interested in the discussion in the Courier about horticulture and as I have had some experience in fruit growing in Oklahoma and came here for that purpose and have selected Clackamas County, I should like to write some on that line. I am a little amused at so much being said about spraying and so little said about pruning and cultivation. Where I came from if we did not cultivate trees they would die and I do not see any orchards cultivated here. I am satisfied that this valley is as good as Hood River for apples and strawberries if the same care is taken for trees as there. I visited Hood River and find that they cultivate so thoroughly that not a weed or spear of grass is permitted to grow and they trim so one limb will not touch another and the trees look as though they were not twigs enough to bear a half crop. Then if there is too many apples on a twig they go and pick them off; then they irrigate them. In Oklahoma we raise the Missouri Pippin and it is a very prolific bearer. One year my Missouri Pippins were too full of apples. In July I picked half of them off and sold them and when I came to gather the crop I got more bushels than if I had left them all on and they were perfect. You can no more grow perfect apples than you can grow corn with five or six stalks to the hill (in a corn country). We don't need irrigation here, but we need thorough cultivation. How can we expect fruit with two or three months of dry weather and our orchard grown up in weeds and grass and a dozen apples on a twig that many inches long? I should like to ask if spraying is not an experiment yet? If not, why use so many say they sprayed and it did not do any good? I am not acquainted with San Jose scale, as we had none where I came from and there is very little on my old orchard here. I am satisfied it would be a good thing for the county as well as for the farmers if they could be persuaded to cut all the old orchards down, as they are a detriment to the county, as well as the farmer.

POSSED AS BOOK AGENTS.

Three Strangers Try to Entice Young Girls Away From Home.

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Two detectives were in the city from Portland Sunday looking for a clue to the whereabouts of three men, who were in town several days last week, and represented themselves as book agents. The officers charge that the men used the book agent dodge simply as a guise to cloak their real intention which was nothing more or less than the enticement of young girls away from their homes. The manager of the trio answered to the name of Gings, and he left rather hurriedly one day last week, his assistants following a few days later. It is supposed that the party have been operating in other towns and the police all over the state have been warned to keep a sharp lookout for them. All of the men are well dressed and have the usual smooth surface and velvety talk of the book peddler. It is very evident that they were frightened away from Oregon City, as they remained only a few days.

CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES

Fruit Exhibit In Portland January 8, 9 and 10.

OPEN TO OREGON GROWERS

Many Additional Cups Are to Be Hung up Which Will Provide For Special Varieties.

The annual fruit exhibit of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, to be held in Portland on January 8, 9 and 10, will offer an unusually large incentive to exhibitors in the matter of awards and prizes. Through the generosity and interest of the patrons of the society many additional cups are to be hung up which will provide for special classes and varieties. The competition is open to all growers in Oregon and in special cases in Washington also. The entrance fee for members is paid by the society, while non-members are required to pay a fee of \$2. Exhibits must be in place by 12 o'clock noon, January 8, and requests for space should be filed with Secretary E. R. Lake, Corvallis, or J. H. Reid, Milwaukie, not later than January 1. The cups and awards offered are as follows: Cups—Yellow Newtown, Grimes Golden, Spitzenburg, Northern Spy, Baldwin, Jonathan, Winesap, Wagener, Lady, Hydes' King, Arkansas Black. Best general display of walnuts covering all varieties of Persian Royal type; Italian prunes; first and second for general display of standard varieties apples; the most promising new variety of apple; the best Winter pear, any variety. Awards—Rome Beauty, Graustein, Orley, King, Red Cheek, Ben Davis, Italian prune, Petite prune, any variety Winter pear. Special awards for walnuts are offered by the Oregon Nursery Company; nut exhibits as well as others must be made by the grower or growers; and in this instance, as for the walnut cup, the exhibit may be either Washington or Oregon grown. These awards consist of ten pounds of nuts, named variety, first, and five pounds second; for second best display of all varieties; first and second display of seed and generation Prunettes; first and second display of second generation Mayette; first and second display of named varieties, second generation; first and second for best pound of any named variety. This score governs this nut exhibit; Form, size, flavor, color of pellicle, thickness of shell, weight of meat to shell. First and second for collection of Chaberte, Parisienne, Proprietarie; first and second for collection of soft-shell other than French types. Variety cups—Apples and pears are for not less than one box, commercial pack. The following scores will govern for apples and pears: Form 5, size 20, uniformity 10, free from blemishes 20, quality 15, pack 10, color 20. The sweepstakes cups will be given for the first and second best display standard varieties, commercial pack; not less than three varieties, not more than five, and not to exceed three boxes of any one variety. Officers' cup for the best plate display of commercial varieties; not less than three plates of each variety and four specimens to each plate. This cup is to be won three times by the same person, firm or association before it becomes his or their permanent property. Prizes shall be commercial pack, ten-pound box, five-pound box or cartons.

SHIBLEY IN ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI

Tells of the Wonderful Industries of Those States and Is Ready to Come Home.

ENTERPRISE IS SOLD.

Will Come to Mine Next Spring.

YAN BUREN, Ark., Dec. 3.—Since my last correspondence in Northern Missouri, I have come to this city (Van Buren), a town of 6,000 inhabitants, by the way of St. Louis, Mo. Van Buren is the county seat of Crawford County, one of the oldest counties of Arkansas, which is on the north bank of the Arkansas River and is on the main line of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad; also on line of Little Rock & Fort Smith railroad, and is the southern terminus of the Kansas & Arkansas Valley, and northern terminus of the Garden Branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. This country is a vast coal bed. Van Buren has modern concrete side walks and a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building, an electric light plant, and has a fine water system which comes from a mountain stream, three banks, cotton gins and a cotton compress. About \$350,000 worth of cotton in sight in the yard. There is well equipped foundry, two school buildings, seven churches, one daily and two weekly newspapers and a dry city. This country is more like Oregon than any I have seen therefore; I like it better than any I have passed through. Expect in the morning to start for Paris, 60 miles south, then back here, and then for Los Angeles, California. I find seven or eight families of the Shibleys in this city and vicinity, all prosperous and all having a fine visit. Could hardly count how many in Missouri and Iowa. YAN BUREN, Ark., Dec. 6.—In my last correspondence, I stated that I was going to Paris, 60 miles south of here and have returned to this place. Went through Ft. Smith, which is partly in Arkansas and partly in Indian Territory, a city of 3,500, a very fine business place and improving rapidly. Quite a number of northern and eastern capitalists are coming to the South now. The country around Ft. Smith is good, but between there and Paris barren and thin soil. About Paris it is very good. The products are cotton and peaches, big cotton mills and compresses. In Paris they grind about 40 tons per day of cotton seed; that's where we in Oregon get some of our oil meal. They press about 1,000 gallons of linsed oil per day. Forgot to say in my last correspondence that I stopped off in the Ozark Mountains and ate opossum and porcupines. My nephew, W. H. H. Shibley, raises peaches, runs a store and is connected with the First National Bank of Van Buren, and my nephew, Dr. J. S. Shibley, of Paris, Ark., raises peaches. Expect to start for Los Angeles, Cal., in eight or ten days. A. M. SHIBLEY. Derthick Club Entertains. The home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Chase was the scene of a brilliant assembly. Friday night when the first Winter party of the Derthick Club was given to the members, their husbands and friends. The event was doubly interesting, made so because of the 48th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chase, and the company listened to and applauded a short congratulatory speech from Colonel Robert A. Miller, of Portland, to which Mr. Chase responded. What was the major amusement of the evening, the prizes going to Miss Cis Barclay Pratt and Mr. Charles H. Casfield. Colonel Miller executed stunts from an auctioneer's stand and sold for beans articles concealed in deceptive appearing packages. The men surprised the ladies by carrying off honors in a musical guessing game, and their familiarity with music was tested a second time, Mr. C. D. Latourette winning the prize. The hostesses served refreshments, for which the Derthick Club is famous, and the evening was concluded with music and informal pastimes. Five Mill Road Tax. By a vote of 25 to 12 a 5-mill tax for road purposes was levied Friday by the voters of Road District No. 19, of Mulino and Milk Creek. The voters went on record against the appointment of a county road master, County Judge G. B. Dimick was present at the meeting.

Get Busy!

HOLIDAYS ARE NEAR

- 1 ELECTRIC LIGHT is the magnet that draws trade. Keep your store bright and you will be kept busy.
- 1 A show window brilliantly illuminated with ELECTRIC LIGHT makes many a sale "the night before." It attracts attention, makes it easy for your display to be examined and shows your goods to THE BEST ADVANTAGE.
- 1 AN ELECTRIC SIGN will make a name for you and when your name is made it will burn it into the public's eyes and minds. It is an investment that pays big dividends. Our representative will explain how.

REDUCED RATES for Current on meter basis

Portland General Electric Company

C. G. Miller, Contract Agent for Oregon City

OPPORTUNITY

Our Smoke and Water Sale a Boon to Holiday Shoppers.

For the Christmas shopper who is looking for genuine bargains in suitable Holiday gifts, can be easily satisfied here. Our stock is overflowing with the newest creations in Holiday goods that will be sacrificed owing to slight damage by smoke and water. Unheard of bargains. Don't fail to inspect our stock before making your purchases.

THE FAIR STORE

Wm. Robison, Prop.

WELLAMETTE BLDG. OREGON CITY, ORE.

MONEY IS IN PLAIN SIGHT

Reorganization of Chautauqua Is Progressing With Success.

Three thousand dollars is in easy sight for the reorganization of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Assembly, and the soliciting committee, composed of George A. Steel, Charles H. Dye and H. E. Cron, have been doing great work. They spent Thursday in Portland and while they were not fortunate in finding people in, they did receive generous response from many people. H. W. Goode, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, subscribed \$100 for four shares, and C. B. Moores, of Salem, joined with the other members of the Board of Directors, and subscribed for four shares. There has been \$1575 actually subscribed and very little effort has been made to sell stock in this city, where the Chautauqua should and no doubt will receive liberal support. The committee would like to raise \$5000 and has excellent prospects of doing so, if they are met half way. E. S. Collins, a lumberman of Ostrander, Wash., surprised the committee by sending his check for \$100 for four shares of stock. He had not been solicited but evidently knew that his aid would be appreciated and voluntarily subscribed.

KILLS THE DOG.

Attorney Schuebel Had a Canine With Vicious Tendencies.

Deputy District Attorney C. Schuebel's bird dog was executed by its master Friday, because of his vicious tendencies, which have been making matters very uncomfortable for its owner. Several weeks ago the dog bit a son of Sheriff R. B. Beattie and Friday morning, while Arthur Dalley, a ten-year-old lad, was on his way to school, the dog walked out in front of D. C. Ely's store and imprinted his teeth in the boy's leg, leaving a distinct mark, and knocking the boy down, and springing at his throat, but Mr. Ely rushed to the aid of young Dalley and bandaged the injured limb. The affair was reported to the police and Mr. Schuebel readily consented to kill the beast, which was a valuable dog, aside from his desire to chew human flesh.

MR. WISNER RESIGNS.

Severs Connection With Government Fisheries After Eight Years.

John Nelson Wisner, field superintendent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, has resigned his position, to take effect on January 1, next, and has accepted the mill secretaryship of the Oregon City Mill & Lumber Company. Mr. Wisner is well known in fish culture circles and has been connected with the government for more than eight years. His resignation will create a vacancy that will be eagerly sought after, as there are only two field superintendents in the whole service. Mr. Wisner's work is best known on the Pacific Coast, where he was in charge of the propagation of salmon for the United States Government in Oregon and Washington for the last four years, except when he was on special work elsewhere. Two years ago he was sent to Alaska with a party of scientists to make an investigation of the conditions there and to recommend sites for hatcheries. Later he spent a year in the Division of Fish Culture in Washington, D. C. Before coming to the coast, Mr. Wisner supervised hatch propagation on the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. His resignation will be a distinct loss to the Government Fisheries Bureau and the consequent gain to the rapidly growing corporation into whose employ he has entered. Mr. Wisner succeeds John A. Moehne, who resigned a short time ago, and who will be established in business in Portland.

"LOVE" HAS RETURNED.

Wanderer Comes Back After Twenty-Five Years' Absence.

Albert Hedges, better known as "Love" Hedges, is in the city visiting relatives, after an absence of 25 years. Mr. Hedges has been a wanderer over the face of the earth, but was many years a resident of Eastern Oregon. He is just down from a stay of seven years in Alaska, and started to Seattle to visit his sister, Emma, but received the sad intelligence of her recent death after his arrival. The stranger is transacting business here and forming new acquaintances as well as re-

ENTERPRISE IS SOLD.

L. L. Porter Will Relinquish Possession of Plant January 1.

H. A. Galloway and E. C. Thomas, of Troy, Ohio, have purchased the plant and good will of the Oregon City Enterprise, a local weekly newspaper, from L. L. Porter and will take possession January 1. The consideration was not made public but it is understood to be about \$9000 cash. Mr. Galloway came here from California last Summer and about four months ago took a lease on the publication and at once commenced the issuance of the Daily Star, which has since been continued. Mr. Thomas will leave this week for his home where he will dispose of his business interests and will return to Oregon City to reside.

Will Come to Mine Next Spring.

CONDON, Ore., Dec. 19.—(Editor of The Courier.)—When I left your city I expected to be back and go up to the Ogle mine for the Winter, but the heavy rains in your vicinity caused the company to back down until the Spring, about April 10th, when I hope to locate permanently either at Oregon City or Woodburn. I expect to place some of the new diamond drill

36,000,000 BARRELS IN A YEAR

Apple Crop Shows What Can Be Done and Opportunity Is Oregon's.

The apple crop of the United States this season is 36,000,000 barrels against 25,000,000 last year and a trifle over 40,000,000 each of the two years before. The immensity of the figures shows that Oregon, with all her adapted soils in apple-bearing, would not, great as would be the aggregate, have appreciable effect the way of over-production. In any event, were the world's apple stocks over abundant the Oregon apples will sell, and they will go at the best price, for they are sought by those able to pay fancy figures. They have found the way to the tables of the New York and the London rich, and the question of the cost does not figure. Hood River apples at \$3 a box and more this season, with Rogue River apples selling almost equally well, afford proof that the world knows where the fancy apples are and is going to have them regardless of price. It is an opportunity that Oregon ought not to fail to rise to. The lands are here, so is the climate, and

HOOD RIVER HAS LED THE WAY TO AN OPEN AND ENDURING MARKET.

Hood River has led the way to an open and enduring market. All that remains is for care to be taken of the orchards we have, and intelligence to be applied in those we are yet to plant. It has been repeatedly established that spraying will reduce the loss from codling moth to five per cent. or less, and that San Jose scale and other diseases are easily controlled. It is a fixed fact that apple lands are worth from \$100 an acre and upwards, and that they will pay handsome returns on that investment in addition to the labor and expense of culture. All these fortuitous conditions open up hostilities in the apple field to which there could be a sequel in advancing lands and bustling industry of which we do not dream. If only they of the over-crowded East knew what Oregon offers them in orcharding, thousands of them would be quick to accept the challenge and come to the golden west.—Oregon Journal.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 62, of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, that a special school meeting of said district will be held at the county court-room in the courthouse at Oregon City, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1906, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the following object: For the purpose of levying a special tax for school purposes. Dated this 15th day of December, 1906. GEORGE A. HARDING, Chairman Board of Directors. E. E. BRODIE, District Clerk.

Koerner Chosen Captain.

The election of William Koerner, of the city, as captain of the 1907 Stanford football team was received here with great satisfaction. Mr. Koerner was the eldest son of Rudolph Koerner, formerly superintendent of the qualities had made for him a host of friends. Koerner was formerly a student at Portland Academy, where he Oregon City Manufacturing Company, and his jovial disposition and fine played football. He won the coveted place on the team from Kenneth Fulton, by a vote of 8 to 7. The 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kanny, of Willamette, died Sunday morning and the body was sent to Snohomish, Wash., for burial Monday. The boy was a twin