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## GIRL'S SLAYER MUST HANG

### Mat Jancigaj Receives Sentence From Judge McBride

## CROWD FILLS COURT ROOM

### Slayer of Mary Schmecker to Hang January 8.—Taken to Salem Monday

Matthias Jancigaj, who was found guilty in the first degree of murdering Mary Schmecker in the residence of her parents on the night of July 11, while he was in a jealous rage, was brought before Judge McBride Friday morning, and sentenced to hang.

Long before ten o'clock, the time set by the court for the pronouncing of the sentence, the court room was filled with a crowd of curious people, gathered to hear one of their fellow men told how, when and where he was to die. The attorneys for the defense were present, as was Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Livy Shipp, who assisted in the prosecution.

At ten o'clock, the convicted man, escorted by Chief of Police Chas E. Burnas and Sheriff R. B. Beattie, walked into the room and took his accustomed place at the prisoner's bench, the place from which he has watched closely the face of every witness placed on the stand. There was a slight commotion in the gathered crowd, as they craned to get a better view of the murderer's features, which looked rather haggard as compared to the cheerful look he wore during the trial.

Judge McBride took his place a few minutes later, and in a well worded talk, stated that this was the sixth man he had been called upon to give the death sentence, and that from the evidence in all of the cases, the use of intoxicating liquors, and associates and an unbridled temper had been the cause of sending the men to their Maker in this manner. He hoped that the incident would be an object lesson to other young men, and cause them to change their ways before they too would find themselves in a similar predicament. It was plain that the pronouncing of the death sentence was greatly to the detest of the venerable judge, but like the impartial representative of the law that he is, he pronounced the sentence in a firm, steady voice.

"Matt Jancigaj," the prisoner arose in nervous haste. "Have you anything to say before I pass sentence on you?" The Austrian did not seem to understand, but looked toward his counsel with an inquisitive glance. W. A. Dimick, one of his attorneys, stepped to his side, and in a whispered conversation, explained the question to him. "No, not got nothing to say," was his reply, and he stood working his hands in a nervous manner while the sentence was pronounced.

## IDENTITY NOW IN DOUBT

### Haist States the Body Was That of His Brother

## HAS FILED SUIT IN COURT

### Identity of Man Found Near Spring Frock School is Again in Doubt.

It appears, from a suit filed in the Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon, that the mystery surrounding the identity of the man who was found near the Springbrook school house near Oswego in September has not been cleared as yet. Six weeks after the finding of the body, Mrs. Elie B. Robertson, who resides at Firdland, a station near Leas, positively identified the body through the effects found in the clothing as F. A. Williamson, her father, who left home to do some prospecting near Sucker Lake. On the body at the time it was found was \$638.85.

Through his attorneys, Hesse & Beckett, Barnhard Halst, who for some time has been scouring the state for traces of a missing brother, has filed a contest in the County Court, requesting that the letters of administration that were issued to Mrs. Robinson be revoked for the reason that they were obtained by fraudulent means. Halst also filed a separate petition for letters of administration for the estate of the unknown man, whom he claims was his brother.

## Writing to Santa Claus.

Besides being the leading paper of Clackamas County, the Courier has gained another distinction, that of being Santa Claus' agent, where little folks can write to him and state their Christmas wants. The two following letters were received at this office Wednesday morning:

Dear Santa: Please send me that big doll in bushes window and bug to fit it. MILDRED ELLIS.

Good by Santa: Dear Santa: I want a bug and a kradle and a little doll soo good bye. HELEN SURBER.

## Infant Dies Tuesday.

Phoebe M. the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Green, died Tuesday at the residence of her parents, 212 Fourth street. Death was due to complicated disorders. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, and the body was interred in Mountain View cemetery.

## Reception for Miss Horn.

The reception given in the Masonic Temple Tuesday night by Pioneer Chapter, O. E. S., in honor of the

## CIRCUIT COURT FINISHES TERM

### Several Criminal and Civil Suits Disposed of

## SPECIAL TERM JAN. 18TH

### Judge McBride Will Be Here and Number of Suits Now Pending Will be Heard

After disposing of nearly all of the criminal cases and a number of civil suits, the circuit court, on account of its work being so far behind, will hold a special term here January 18. The cases not tried at this term will receive the attention of the court at the special session.

In the case of Chas. A. Warren against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Judge McBride allowed the plaintiff \$1500. The affair on which the suit was based occurred last summer when Warren was assaulted by a conductor on the O. W. P. near Meldrum. Warren sued for \$300,000.

The damage suit instituted in the circuit court by A. T. Howland against Enos Cahill, a well known Clackamas county farmer, was brought up for trial Friday afternoon, and on the following morning, the jury handed in a sealed verdict in favor of Cahill. Howland sued for \$2300, the amount of damage due to his friend's mistake in offering him a drink, and on his assent, handing him by mistake a bottle of formaldehyde instead of whiskey. D. G. & C. D. Latourere appeared for the plaintiff, while Cahill was represented by Geo. C. Brownell and Livy Shipp.

## Wichita Wants Schoolhouse.

The residents of Wichita, a station on the Estacada branch of the O. W. P., who are at the extreme end of the boundaries of the Milwaukee school district, are endeavoring to have the Milwaukee school board establish a schoolhouse at that place.

At the next regular meeting of the board, a special election will be ordered, at which the question of building the school will be decided.

## STONE.

Our people are generally on the go, especially the butter handlers who are always busy on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

There has been a man around looking for a place to see whether it would pay to put a dry goods and grocery store at Stone. When he got a store and a railroad and an electric plant and plenty of people to live around hereabouts, it will be very different from what it is now.

Uncle Mark Hatton visited his son John, last week and stopped a few hours at the home of the Courier correspondent, and together they conversed over days and years gone by. Uncle Mark will soon be 86 years old.

A letter has been received from Albert Hattan dated November 15, and everything is wrapped in Jack Frost and the ground is frozen hard in Illinois. How does this appear on this, the 24th day of November, 1908, in Clackamas County, Oregon. Grass is green and stock cattle doing well on outside pasture. Oregon people don't have to work hard all summer to raise enough to keep their stock from freezing half of the year.

Grant Mumpower and wife paid Mr. Bass, an old Nebraska friend, a visit last Saturday night and went to hear Mr. Shannon preach. The report is that Mr. Shannon said some good things. Some times most any kind of a preacher can do that well. Satan did his worst once in the history of the world. He quoted scripture. There are two young men here who have been preaching up at Logan at the Baptist meeting house for about a week or more. They have arranged with the board of directors, commencing with tonight, the 24th inst., to preach at the Stone school house. One is of Irish descent. They have the appearance of amiable young men; hope their behavior will prove out their appearance.

## Teazel Creek.

The hearts of the people of Teazel Creek were again saddened last Friday morning when it was learned that William Miller, who has lived in this community so long, had died during the night. Mr. Miller has been sick for over two years, suffering greatly a good part of the time. The body was laid to rest last Saturday. Rev. Malloy of Oregon City preached the funeral at the Teazel Creek church. The Odd Fellows took charge of the body and conducted the services at the grave.

Little Rachel Melton is very sick with pneumonia. Dr. Powell is attending her.

The people of Teazel Creek are glad to welcome to our midst Mrs. Woodington and daughter, who are now living in Cary Herman's house. They formerly lived near Silverton.

Mrs. Joe Simons is again in very poor health. Her friends are discouraged, as she seemed to be improving for some time, then suddenly became worse again.

Rev. Malloy, a former pastor of Teazel Creek, preached in his old pulpit last Sunday to an interested audience. He is quite feeble with age, being 75 years old. His many friends appreciated his coming among us and in token of their love and esteem they made up a purse of eleven dollars, which they presented to him. This will be appreciated by both him and his aged and sick wife.

Miss Kester, our worthy school marm, visited Miss Bessie Quinn last Saturday evening.

Grandma Bagby is again among us, and attended church last Sunday at Teazel Creek.

The many friends of Dr. L. G. Lee, one of Oregon City's popular dentists, will be pleased to learn that at a recent examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners he passed with high honors, standing fourth in a class of 28. The doctor is a graduate of several eastern colleges, but under the dental laws of Oregon it was necessary to take the examination prescribed by the board before he could "set up shop" and get busy in this state. Besides being well up in his profession, Doc is one of the best, if not the best, fishermen in Oregon. We know, for we have witnessed his expert angling for salmon on the Willamette and partaken somewhat of the fruits of his catch.

## Eagles to Have Christmas Tree.

The members of Oregon City Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles are making elaborate preparations for a Christmas tree for the members of the order and their families. The committee who have the affair in hand are Walter D. Smith, Henry E. Pussey, W. C. Langford, W. S. Kingsland, P. S. Finncane and Thomas Seale.

## Surprised on His Seventeenth Birthday.

Edward Vonderahe was pleasantly surprised by a number of his friends at his home in Kansas City Monday evening, the seventeenth anniversary of his birthday. Games of various sorts were played till a late hour, and a delicious luncheon was served.

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## TRIAL SET FOR SATURDAY.

William Neiman, charged with assaulting and beating Fred Stulke last week, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. W. H. Samson Tuesday morning, and entered a plea of not guilty. He was allowed to go on his own recognizance till Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the case will come up for trial. Both of the parties reside in Barlow.

## DOWN THE LINE

### GLADSTONE.

Work on the basement of the new Baker residence is about done. A handsome structure will be erected thereon at once.

The foundation of Mr. Munsell's residence has been finished for some time. He is waiting the arrival of a new block machine, when he will proceed to manufacture blocks and erect a handsome residence of reinforced concrete blocks. This is the second venture of this sort, and if it is equal to the first, Gladstone may boast of two of the handsomest residences of the entire community.

Gladstone people have been greatly affected by the Shannon revivals. A number have professed religion and inaugurated the new life. Let the good work go on.

Last Friday windows arrived for the basement of the church, but by a mistake made in the mill were six inches short. This caused some delay, but the basement was occupied last Sunday and was more comfortable than the rooms above. Material is on the grounds and the plasterers will soon be at work.

### Oak Grove.

Still Oak Grove is on the move and in flourishing order, and her citizens on the stir.

The big new residence building being constructed by the Parker place is nearing completion and is one of the best types known.

Wayne Bunnell will soon have his little house on Railroad avenue wearing a new coat of white.

L. E. Armstrong is dickering with Mr. Green of Portland for a sidewalk from Maple street to Central avenue. This will be a nice improvement, and a fine convenience.

Mrs. Knowl is having her portion of Maple street graded.

There is about \$1,000 subscribed towards building and grading Central avenue to the river bank and work is expected to commence on it in the early spring.

Property is still on the move, there having been several sales the past month.

The Fraternal Tribunes lodge of Oak Grove held its regular meeting Tuesday evening. After the usual routine of business a general good time was had with a goodly attendance.

"The man with two talents," Chas. Elley McCally, will give an evening's entertainment at Green's Hall next Tuesday night.

Julius Broetje will receive a nice bunch of hawthorne trees today from Topenish, Washington. Mr. E. Wayne Bunnell placed the order with the nursery company.

The telephones of the Oak Grove Telephone Co. are going in every day. There are over sixty in working order now. We have a fine service to Portland. Electric lights next.

### Milwaukee.

Mayor Shindler returned from his visit in San Francisco and vicinity, and announces himself a candidate for re-election on the Independent ticket.

The prize cake at Snyder's Bakery was won by Mrs. A. E. Eckerle. Rumor has it that Chas. Ballard is about to dispose of his newspaper business and engage in some other occupation.

Chas. F. Frey is working on the detective force in Portland.

Mrs. M. D. Reid and others who have sons at the Agricultural College at Corvallis were out with the college colors on, and very enthusiastic over the football game. Even though the boys lost to the University team, still

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