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PAID THE PENALTY
Gus Wachline Executed at Hillsboro Last Friday.

The Last Words the Condemned Man Spoke Was to Protest His Innocence—Details.

John D. Ledrick, a German farmer living near Cornelius, in Washington county, was murdered on April 13, 1894, and about that time Gus Wachline, who had just completed a term in the penitentiary, disappeared from the neighborhood taking with him the team and hack belonging to Ledrick. Wachline sold the outfit in Portland and was not apprehended until some time in September last when he was arrested in Morrow county.

His trial took place at the November term of circuit court before Judge McBride at Hillsboro the state being represented by District Attorney Cleeton, his deputy, H. T. Bagley and Hon. S. B. Huston, while the prisoner was defended by Messrs. Bagley & Brown. The jury was out but a short time when they returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.

WACHLINE'S CONFESSION.
On the 25th day of last month Wachline made the following statement or confession:
"HILLSBORO, Or., Jan., 25, 1898.
"County jail, Washington Co. Ore.
"State of Oregon, Washington County, ss:
"I Gus, Wachline, knowing the certainty of the execution of the warrant of death, and desirous of making a statement make this as a true statement of my knowledge of the death of John D. Ledrick and of the facts which in any way connect me with the commission of the crime with which I was charged and convicted:
"That on the 7th day of April, 1894, I was discharged from the penitentiary of the state of Oregon at Salem, and immediately went to Portland, Oregon; and registered at the 'Metropolis Hotel' under the name of Gus Hansen; that I remained at Portland two days and from there I started for the residence of my father on the Silverton place, in Washington county, Oregon; that I passed the farm of John D. Ledrick in taking a short-cut to the said Silverton place and arrived at the farm of Robert Buck; that at said time I met Robert Buck in his orchard, and conversed with him on various topics, and he invited me at that time to stay with him. I had previously met J. H. Allen who informed me that he had a hop-yard near Gaston, Oregon, and he told me when released from the penitentiary that if I called upon him he would give me work; that at the time of the meeting between the said Robert Buck and myself I informed him that I desired to go to Gaston to obtain work from the said Allen, and if I did not procure work I would return and stay with him. The following day I walked to Gaston where I met W. D. Bradford and others, and returned and stayed with Mr. Buck for a number of days.

"On Friday, the — day of April, 1894, Mr. Buck took a rifle, now in the possession of my attorneys, Bagley & Brown, and told me that he was going to look for two cows on the range near the Catholic church north of the farm of John D. Ledrick. This was early in the afternoon. He did not return until between 9 and 10 o'clock that night. When he returned he did not have the rifle, and I asked him what he had done with it and he told me he had left it near the Catholic church as he did not care to carry it back, and would get it the next day. The next morning he asked me to go with him as he had found one of the cows and one calf I accompanied him, he carrying a double barrel shot gun, and when we reached the line fence between the farm of Robert Buck and the farm of John D. Ledrick, he, the said Robert Buck, informed me that he had killed John D. Ledrick. I did not believe him at the time, and laughed at him, but he told me it was true and wished me to go to Mr. Ledrick's house with him. I did so, and on reaching the house found Mr. Ledrick lying upon the floor in what I supposed was the sitting-room.

"Mr. Buck then wanted me to carry Ledrick's body to the barn. I refused. He insisted, and I finally assisted in carrying the body to the barn, and then he insisted that I should bury it. I refused, and he insisted that I should say, that he would watch and see if anyone came. He then went to the house, cleaned up the blood, and then told me that he desired to bury the gun, he having previously told me that he had shot John D. Ledrick through the window, and having beaten him with a club, and at that time I saw the club in the sitting-room of the house of John D. Ledrick.

"We then started north from the house of John D. Ledrick and he found the rifle, which I now believe is the one in the possession of my attorneys, Bagley & Brown, and buried it under a log about two hundred yards from the house of John D. Ledrick. We then returned to the house of Robert Buck, and he made me promise that I would not tell anybody about the killing of Ledrick, saying to me, 'You are as much in it as I am, and if they get me they will get you, and you will have to suffer with me. They will suspect and arrest me; if you take the horses then there will be no evidence against me, and they will not suspect or arrest you.'

"I promised at that time to say nothing. On Saturday evening Mr. Buck was absent for some time, and when he returned he had a span of horses and a cart. They were on his place all day Sunday following, and about 12 o'clock Sunday evening, as near as I can remember, he insisted that I take the horses to Portland and sell them. I finally, after much persuasion, consented and started for Portland with the horses and sold them as I related upon the stand during the trial of my case.

"This is all I had to do with the killing of John D. Ledrick. I knew nothing about his being dead until informed of the fact by Robert Buck.
"Dated at Hillsboro, this 25th day of January, 1898.
[Signed], GUS WACHLINE.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1897.
J. N. BROWN,
Notary Public for Oregon.

AS VIEWED FROM THE SCAFFOLD.
The Hillsboro Independent gives the following account of the execution:
The fatal rope was fastened to the huge cross arm at about 9:50, by Capt. A. M. Collins, Sheriff Bradford of the county and Sheriff J. F. Phy, of Union county, witnessing the arrangement.

Sheriff Phy, who executed Kelsey Porter, a Union county murderer, tied a knot as an experiment. This knot was afterward so changed that the drop was shorter than at first contemplated. At 10:25 the trap and rope were tested by using two sacks filled with earth. Everything worked satisfactorily and no changes were made except a minor one at the cross arm. At 11:45 Sheriff Bradford called the jury together and visited the jail to read the death warrant. The prisoner was brought out through the sheriff's office, up the stairs, and led on the trap, a few minutes after high noon. Sheriff Bradford asked the condemned man the question: "Have you anything to say?" The prisoner shot an upward glance and said in a very low tone of voice, scarcely audible even to the closest listeners: "What I want to say is, the statement I made some time ago, is a true statement. I am innocent of what I was convicted. I ask the Lord Jesus to take me as I am."

The sheriff and deputy, C. E. Deichman, and assistants then put the handcuffs on, pinioning the arms behind the back. The side arm straps were then put on, after which the prisoner's legs were firmly strapped together. Sheriff Bradford then put on the death mask, adjusted the noose and stepped back to where the lines, one of which sprung the trap, were to be cut. He gave the signal, the three lines were simultaneously severed and at precisely 12:10 Gus Wachline was swung into eternity and the murder of John D. Ledrick was avenged. The action of the trap was mechanically perfect and the drop was in the neighborhood of seven feet. The executed man scarcely made a struggle after the rope tightened, but a slight drawing up of the lower limbs being noticed. After fourteen minutes the physicians, Drs. F. A. Bailey, S. T. Linklater and J. P. Tamiesie, agreed that life was extinct and Dr. Bailey so notified the sheriff. A minute or so later the rope was cut and the remains placed in the coffin.

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Two Children Kidnaped at Kalamata by an Unknown Man—Seattle Street Car Men Strike.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent says.
Premier Sagasta has declined the third offer of friendly mediation on the part of the United States. This information was conveyed in a cipher message received from Minister Woodford by President McKinley, Friday. The message was a most unusual one. Instead of being addressed to the secretary of state, it was addressed to the president, a thing that has not happened since Consul-General Lee's famous cablegram to President Cleveland, of nearly a year ago. This cablegram from Woodford was not long, but recited the fact that Premier Sagasta refused to admit that Spain had reached the end of her rope in Cuba; that she was unable to suppress the insurgents; that autonomy was a failure, or that she needed the assistance of the United States in bringing the Cuban struggle to an end.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard, says:
Senor Sagasta's response to the official note, yesterday (Saturday), by General Woodford, the United States ambassador, complains of filibustering expeditions, and declares that Spain cannot entertain the suggestion for fixing a date for her completion of the pacification of Cuba.

Children Kidnaped at Kalamata.
KALAMATA, Wash., Feb. 6.—This city was thrown into a fever of excitement last night by the report two children of Dr. Darnell had been kidnaped. Sheriff Kirby and a posse of men began an immediate search for the culprit, but up to the present hour have failed to run him down. The children, a boy aged 9 and a girl aged 7 escaped with no greater injury than a bad scare. The children were playing near their home in the suburbs of town, when about 5 o'clock p. m. so the children say, they were met by a man, who asked them where they lived. On being told, he suddenly picked them up, one under each arm, and ran toward a fir grove not far away. At first the children thought the man was playing with them, and made no resistance. On entering the woods they became frightened and began to scream. They were promptly silenced, however, by having their heads cracked together.

When about three-fourths of a mile from town the man lost a shoe in the mud, and while putting it on again the children made their escape. The man chased them for about 40 rods, but, being old and badly winded from carrying the children so far, he was easily distanced by the fleet-footed and terrified youngsters.

They described the man as being tall slender, with long hair, and about two weeks' growth of beard. He was ragged and dirty, and the toes of his shoes were worn out, exposing the absence of the big toe on the right foot. The motive for the deed is not clear. Some think the kidnaper's object was to hold the children for a ransom; others think the man must be demented.

Seattle Street-Car Men Strike.
SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—The conductors and gripmen of the Front-street cable railway, about 20 in number, struck this afternoon. The road is completely tied up. Receiver Colvin is out of the city, and no steps will be taken to resume business until his return. The street-car men ask for an advance in wages from the present scale of 18, 19, and 20 cents an hour to a flat scale of 22½ cents.

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