

MINISTER DENOUNCES MURRAY JURY VERDICT

REV. BLACKWELL PREACHES SERMON SUNDAY EVENING ON ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

Sentiment That Justifies Killing Is False and Would Lead to Endless Succession of Murders.

"Thou shalt not kill" was the subject of Rev. R. C. Blackwell's sermon in the First Methodist church Sunday night, during which he denounced the verdict in the Murray case and decried the public opinion that makes such verdicts common.

The report of the reverend gentleman's remarks, or rather a false report of what he didn't say, caused considerable of a sensation in Oregon City, Monday. It was freely assumed that Mr. Blackwell said the Murray-Whitney affair was just the same as the Mitchell-Creffield case or the Thaw-White scandal, implying no difference in degree. Another report was that Mr. Blackwell justified Whitney's acts because the Murray girl was a willing partner of their liaison.

"There was no mention of Whitney's crime in my sermon," said Rev. Blackwell, and "I would be far from justifying or even excusing him. The law very properly provides a penalty."

Rev. Blackwell went on to say that what is known as the "unwritten law" that is responsible for such verdicts as in the Murray case, is a false sentiment. It means the abrogation of all law and is, practically, a verdict of death penalty for Whitney's offense.

"There is not a man on the jury," said Rev. Blackwell, "who would vote to put such a penalty for seduction on the statute books."

The reason of the existence of this false sentiment is due principally to imagination. Men put themselves in the place of the slayer and try to imagine what they would do in similar circumstances, and believe they would do what in cooler moments they would not listen to.

Such verdicts are a justification of private lynch law; of the blood atonement. The logic of the verdict is that a relative of Whitney would be justified in killing Murray, just as Esther Mitchell believed she was justified in killing her brother because he had killed Creffield under a sim-

ilar self-justification. Such verdicts lead to feuds as exist where such private vengeance is wholly sanctioned by public opinion, as in the mountain districts of Kentucky and West Virginia.

"The Murray-Whitney case is similar to the Mitchell-Creffield case and to the Thaw-White case in the respect that private wrongs are the justifying pleas offered for the crimes.

"I stand for and believe in good government by law. Enforcement of law is what is needed."

Rev. Blackwell in his sermon blamed parents for allowing their girls to run the streets and become a prey to evil men. He of course treated the matter from a religious standpoint and asked if the killing of Whitney was justice as between him and Miss Murray. She can live a good life and her lapse will be forgotten, and she can be "saved and go to heaven," while Whitney was killed without warning and his sin on him.

"DINAH, THE PREACHER" UPLIFTS HER HEARERS.

Appreciative Audience Enjoys Dramatic Oratory of Miss Biggart.

A large and appreciative audience heard an interesting sermon Sunday morning in the First Congregational church, by Miss Mabelle Biggart, of New York. The subject of the discourse was "Simon, the Cross Bearer." Miss Biggart is today recognized as one of the most interesting and forceful speakers among the women of the pulpit. In speaking, she wears a smile of winning sweetness; her voice is musical and full, while her gestures and manners freely point out the fact that she believes in herself and her mission. Miss Biggart is a thorough student, having gathered her information through some of the best institutions of learning in the United States and through travel and study of the countries of continental Europe.

Miss Biggart is known over the country as "Dinah, the Preacher," which title she received from her life-like presentation of "Dinah" in her own dramatization of the character in George Elliott's great novel, "Adam Bede." She has recently returned from an extended missionary campaign in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany, where she preached by means of an interpreter. She is a Christian of the progressive type, be-

lieving that the world can only be brought to obey the laws of God and converted to righteousness by the spirit of evangelization, consecration, liberty and love. Many of these latter points and thoughts she brought out in an effective and touching way to the minds of those present Sunday through the discussion of her subject "Simon, the Cross Bearer."

In bringing the subject home to the congregation, Miss Biggart said, "The real cross is humanity and we are placed here on earth to lift that cross." Her pictures were vivid and her listeners were carried away to higher realms for some moments. "There are two kinds of people in this world," she further explained, "not the rich and the poor, not the happy and the sad, but the persons who lift and lean. Those who are endeavoring to lift the cross—humanity—and those who lean or aid the movement. Our mission in life is to lift up humanity, but we, while enjoying the prosperity which has come over the United States, have been neglecting the 'lifting power.'"

Miss Biggart's closing words "Are we lifters of humanity," set many of the congregation to deep thinking.

Miss Biggart is a firm believer of equal suffrage for woman, not as a law-making or arbitrary force, to be placed in their hands for the government of men, but as a fundamental right of self-government, through which alone the highest human development is possible.

The Congregational church, during the interim of the absence of a regular pastor, has been especially favored in securing some of the noted speakers of the present day and on next Sunday Miss Roper, of New York city, another pleasing and forceful speaker will occupy the pulpit.

GEORGE ELECTORS VOTE ROAD LEVY

County Judge Dimick returned from the George district, 10 miles from Eagle Creek, where a meeting of the farmers was held. An assessment of 5 mills was levied for a special road tax.

Thursday the Judge will go to Springfield, where a similar meeting will be held and the following Monday the people of lower Oswego will have a chance to vote for a special road tax.

Not Wisely but Too Well.

Constable Ely was out at Dover Monday morning and served papers on George Kitzmiller on the charge of undue intimacy with Eva Bird, a girl of 17 years of age. The young man was brought to town Monday afternoon and made to appear before Justice Stipp's court. Upon arguing the matter with the father of the lad, who is only 20 years of age, the justice waived examination and the bonds were set at \$250 on the promise of settling the matter by marriage.

Charming Women.

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O. W. P. Employees Satisfied.

Only seven O. W. P. employees joined the strikers. The motormen and conductors on the Oregon City line say they have no kick coming, and are satisfied they are fairly treated in the matter of wages.

CANBY CULLINGS.

Irvin Wheeler's uncle who lives at Mt. Pleasant was visiting at his place, Sunday.

Perry Burns and wife were visiting at the home of John Burns and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Irvin Wheeler is making a new road down the hill near his house.

Bad Hilton has been sawing stove wood for Mr. Clark.

James Gibson of Macksburg brought in a large porker to the butcher at Canby a few days ago.

Mr. Wilkerson, our mail carrier, goes horseback part of the time. He says that the road is inclined to be rather soft in places.

There are so many potatoes in the warehouses in Canby that there is hardly any room left.

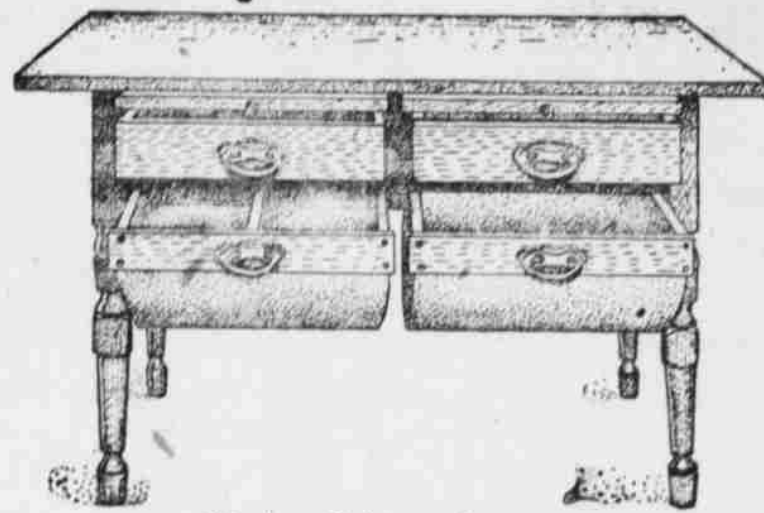
Wood is a higher price here now than it has been for some time.

James Adkins and his men have shipped lots of lumber in the last few weeks. Some of it went as far as New York city.

Henry Smith and others have been hauling gravel for the last few days. It makes a great improvement on the mud holes.

The wife of a Gillette juror threatened never to speak to him again if he did not vote for conviction. Peculiar jury that, when such a threat didn't have the effect of hanging it.

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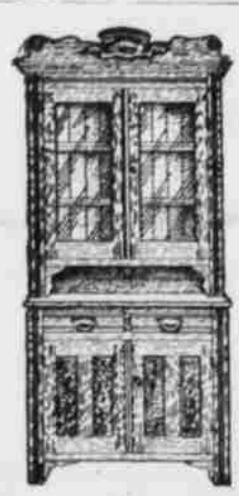
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CHRISTMAS SALE

From now till Xmas we save you a big percent on Candies, Nuts, Canned Goods, Raisins, Lemons and many eatables, and a bigger per cent. on Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Etc. Millinery at half or less. Xmas Goods, Books, Perfumery, Etc., at a sharp cut. Fine framed pictures with trade.

GROCERIES—

- Mixed Candy 8c, 2lbs15c
- Raw Peanuts, 3lbs25c
- Best Roast Peanuts10c
- Mixed Nuts, lb15c
- Seeded Raisins, 3 pkg25c
- Fancy mixed candy with chocolate Creams, Chips, etc. special.....20c
- Lemons, this sale, doz20c
- 3 cans Dev. Ham10c
- 2 Cans Corn15c
- 3 Cans Tomatoes25c
- Veal Loaf, special10c
- Maple special for Maple Syrup 28c bottle. One bottle and 14 pounds sugar for 2 gallons fine Maple Syrup, less than 50c gallon.
- Flour90c, 95c up
- Prunes4c and 5c
- Small firm onions, 20 lbs15c
- 40c Tea Special30c
- Bulk Lemon and Vanilla, bulk Starch, bulk Coconut, bulk Spices close to half saved.

MILLINERY—

- Stylish Hats at Half or less \$2.19, \$1.49, 99c to29c
- Caps cut39c, 21c, 19c

FURNISHINGS—

- Fine shirts big cut39c to 59c
- Mostly Mt. Hood, worth double.
- Men's wool undershirts samples \$1.50 goods \$1.10, 80c to44c
- Boys' warm Underwear 29c to20c
- Child's Underwear cut to10c
- President Suspenders in Xmas box44c
- Boys' 29c Wool Mitts10c
- Boys' Canvas Gloves5c
- Men's Canvas and leather Gloves 15c
- Short black oil coat98c
- Oil Hats 25c value15c
- Boys' heavy sweaters cut39c

SHOES—

- Late Arrivals—Cut Prices.
- Baby Shoes 15c down to8c
- Children's Fine Shoes, \$1 value79c
- Baby's Spring Heel49c
- Child's \$1.15 heavy shoes95c
- Misses \$1.45 heavy Shoes1.29
- Misses \$1.50 and \$1.75 fine Shoes cut to \$1.25 and1.40
- Ladies' Rubbers, new stock42c
- Ladies' \$2.25 fine Shoes\$1.83
- Ladies' 1.50 fine shoes1.10
- Ladies felt fur top slippers92c
- Men's Bradley \$4 Shoes, best unlined calf upper, best heavy soles, special price December\$3.50
- \$3.50 velour calf, twice the wear of vic and neat, special\$3.00
- Men's \$2.50 blucher, special\$2.15
- Men's heavy shoes and high top all at a cut price.

XMAS WANTS—

- Story Books, Picture Books, Dolls, Toilet Cases, Albums, Jewelry, Pretty Side and Back Combs, Fountain Pens, Perfumery, Pretty Dishes, pretty Pictures all at a sharp reduction from prices that were low.
- Handkerchiefs—from fine silk down to penny goods at cut prices just when needed 79c, 42c, 22c, 14c, 9c, 4c, 2c, 1c.
- Towels, Scarfs, Dollies at cut prices.
- Golf Gloves and Mittens at cut prices.
- Nickel plated ware 15 per cent cut.
- Fine Dishes, 15 per cent cut.
- Jewelry 50 per cent cut.
- Short length curtains for a song, 25c and up.
- Corsets to clean out 10c up.
- Yarns4c, 6c
- Fine Framed Pictures with \$5.00 trade and 69c cash—Coupons applied.

RED FRONT

MOLALLA NEWS NOTES.

Robbins Bros. have installed a new show case and have a good display of Xmas goods.

The Bandanna Basket social given by the Ladies' Aid society Friday netted the society \$25.00, for which the Aid wishes to thank the people of Molalla, and all aiding in the undertaking.

Little Ruth Herman came down Friday evening and sang at the entertainment a new song, in her clear bird-like style.

On the 20th of December, there will be a Sunday School convention of four Sunday schools at Teasel Creek church every body invited. 10:30 a. m., basket dinner.

Bounty club a great success—many animals being killed, the cost to each member per animal scalp has been about 7 cents. Looks like it will soon be to 5 cents. Remember the more scalps we can encourage to be taken this winter, the less there will be to take later on, and the less destruction there will be to stock and game, therefore, assessments are the life blood of the club, look for another one soon; ye hundred members.

I hear of many creamery grafts lately on the co-operative plan, our projectors should by all means, see to it, that ours be not so manipulated as to give swill for dividends and some one walk off with the cream leaving the cows to switch flies for their part in the program.

This is a good time of the year to take the team out along the road with a log chain and pull out the "sweet briars," they are getting too good a start already in many places. Supervisors should pay more attention to the road part of the business and let the farmers look after those "stickers" in their pastures.

George H. Nicolai was elected president of the Molalla Mutual Telephone association for 1907 at a recent board meeting of directors and C. S. Herman, secretary. John Vernon was re-elected treasurer. Annual meeting of association will be held First Monday in January.

It is hoped that when the two electric railroad lines reach Molalla in the summer of 1907 they will not cover each other up with dirt and gravel when they come together, fighting for supremacy, as they seem to now be doing at "thirteen mile point" over in Washington. Dirt and gravel are too valuable over here to

be wasted in railroad construction in any such manner as that.

The time is overdue when the people of the Upper Willamette Valley should be deriving the benefits of an open river and cease paying tribute to tollgatherers at the Oregon City locks. However, the proposition to buy the old locks at an exorbitant price, should not be entertained for a moment. New locks should be constructed on the east side by the government, giving a free and unobstructed waterway from the head of navigation to tide water, thus the Willamette river will serve as the government balance wheel to the transportation machinery engaged in carrying to and fro the needs of the generations to follow tributary to the Willamette valley. Purchase those old locks? No, never! at even the original cost; they are narrow-gauged, antiquated and more adapted as a conduit for the special benefit of the mills than a boat highway of up-to-date dimensions.

FROG POND CROAKS.

Louis Toedtemeier, Jr., has gone to Portland to work this winter.

John Mayes has a telephone in his house.

Louis Toedtemeier was hunting for the constable to post some hogs that he took off of the road about six months ago.

Miss Kate Sharp was visiting relatives in Stafford, Sunday.

Old Oregon Joe is still stopping at John Mayes.

Mr. Lee is visiting his father over at Canby.

Fred Koellmeier of Quincy is visiting his mother, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Graeme were visiting friends here, Tuesday.

The Stafford school children were running after a wild cat up in Mr. Gage's field one day last week.

Mr. Liesman was called from here by telephone to visit a sick person in Portland.

2 lbs Candy 15c. Red Front.

Oregon Patents.

Granted last week: Achilles Allen, Milton, adjustable soldering clamp; Charles F. Hawley, Portland, amalgam trap; Nels P. Nelson, Lexington, disk jointer; William H. Robinson, The Dalles, spring draft attachment for vehicles; Charles W. Willett, Portland, gang-edger.

For shorts, call on W. A. Holmes, Parkplace. Three cars just in.

A fire started by the breaking of a lamp carried by a child in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Talbert, a rancher of the Cowiche, near North Yakima, destroyed the house and three of the children were burned to death. The parents in another room were compelled to flee for their lives.

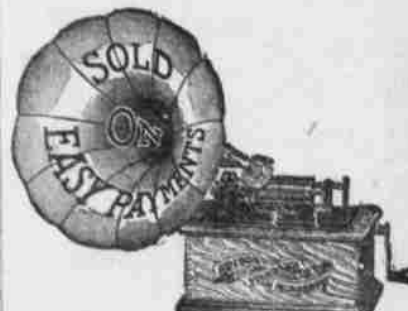
During the past week the fuel famine in Heppner has been quite materially relieved. Two cars of coal were procured from Portland and several cars of slabwood were received. The coal sold at \$13 per ton. Slabwood is now worth \$6.50 per cord in Morrow's capital.

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