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SCOTCH CRIMINAL WAS HUGE "BILK"

JAMES KIRKLAND CURRIE GOT
MONEY FROM CLACKAMAS
COUNTY PEOPLE.

PUBLISHES BOGUS WILL IN PAPER

Residents of Clarks Are Among
Those "Stung" By Man Who Was
Smooth Enough to Live With-
out Working.

W. G. Kleinsmith, of Clarks, who is serving as one of the jurors during the circuit court, stated several of the residents of his neighborhood were "taken in" recently by James C. A. Kirkland, alias Harvie Currie, whose real name is James Kirkland Currie, and who was recently arrested in Vancouver, Wash., among the Holy Rollers now holding meetings in that city.

Currie came to this city and met Ed Hottman, of Clarks, while the latter was trading in Oregon City, and working upon his sympathy Mr. Hottman took him to his home, where he stayed for some time. He told Hottman that his wife had died while coming over from Scotland and was buried in the sea, and he had brought his two children as far as Portland with him, where they were to remain until he could get a home for them. The next person that the man "worked" was Samuel Elmer, for whom he worked until August 25, when he went to Portland to settle the estate of his mother, claiming that she, in company with her two daughters, had started for America, but the ship on which they had taken passage had struck a rock, and had gone to the bottom, taking his mother and two sisters. Every one in Clarks sympathized with Currie, and he knew it. He had published in the Oregon Journal, Portland, a fake will of his mother, which is given below:

COPY OF THE LATE COUNTESS, M. V. KIRKLAND, WILL.

All her property goes to her youngest son, J. C. D. Kirkland, and his cousin, Edna Vick, on condition the title goes with the estate, \$175,000.00. To Harry, Roy and Lollie Kirkland (Mrs. Cheswick), Portland, \$50,000.00 each. (The young Count is on a farm in America. He is a graduate of the University of Dublin, Ireland, and Edinburgh, Scotland.)

All the heirs meet in Portland at the home of Mr. J. Cheswick. The heir to the estate and title is out at Mullno, Or. The heirs are going to make their home in Portland.

To Maud Kirkland, (oldest daughter), wife of Count Leslie, Sydney, Australia, Sterling Castle, Scotland, the family jewelry, or to her heirs.

CHIEF JUSTICE BOTTMAN, REV. CHEL FRAZER, SIR WILLIAM GEMMEL, K. C., LONDON, ENGLAND.

While staying at Fred Marshall's home he proposed to Marshall's daughter, and told the father as soon as he was married to her that he would present him (Marshall) with a check amounting to \$15,000. Currie invited the young men of Clarks to call and give them a charivari, telling them that the wedding was to take place in two weeks from the time he announced the wedding. He told them that he would present them with a big sum of money, the young men becoming anxious to secure the money kept after Currie to hurry up the wedding ceremony. Before his departure from the Marshall home, where he had been given refuge by the kind-hearted family, he decamped with a handsome gold watch belonging to Miss Marshall, which he afterwards pawned in Portland. The man stated that there were 22 members of the Kirkland family, and that he was to give one of his sisters to Ben Marshall for his wife, and that he would pay all of his expenses to the old country as soon as his mother's estate was settled. He was also to have Charlie Marshall as manager of his fine estate, consisting of 200 acres in Scotland, and he too was to have his fair paid by Currie.

Currie, while making his home in Clarks, working on people's sympathy, came to Oregon City for a day, where he purchased some obscene postal cards and mailed them to several of the young ladies in Clarks. One was mailed to Mr. Kleinsmith's daughter, and was taken to task for the act by Mr. Kleinsmith. At first the man denied having sent them, but finally confessed, but as the girl's father believed him insane, did not prosecute him. A daughter of Mrs. Rottenhiller also received a similar card from him. Others received postals from him.

Currie told the people of that section that he was 22 years of age, but he had the appearance of a man of 30 years at least. Although he was sly in appearance, he claimed to be the son of a royal family, and stated that he was vice-count.

Many of the residents of Clarks think that Currie is "slightly off," but think that he should be brought to justice. As soon as his time expires in Vancouver, he will be brought to this city, and will have a hearing, as he succeeded in "flooding" several families at Bolton.

Marriage Licenses Granted.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Joseph V. Cade and Robert Geiter, Arthur C. Oberlin and Lillie J. Stuchard, Rose Danes and Ralph J. Eulrich, Lizzie S. Gardner and W. D. Ellis.



J. A. TUFTS, who received a handsome majority for County Treasurer at the recent election.

LEVY FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES PLANNED

CITY COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT THE
MATTER TO VOTERS AT
CITY ELECTION.

PLAN HAS WORKED WELL ELSEWHERE

Ashland, Salem, Baker City, Eugene
and Other Oregon Cities Are
Enjoying Fine Libraries at
a Slight Cost.

At the coming city election in December the council will submit to the voters of Oregon City an ordinance providing for a half mill levy for library purposes. If the ordinance is approved, the money will be used to assist the Free Reading Room and maintaining it in connection with a circulating library. The need of a public library in Oregon City has been fully demonstrated in the past year. The room was enlarged during the summer to accommodate the increasing number of readers. Forty or 50 persons visit the rooms daily. One-third of them are school children. There are over 700 books on the shelves, and a sufficient equipment of library furniture for some time to come. The running expenses of the free reading room have been met by voluntary monthly subscriptions from 55 persons, and many others have given books and subscriptions to magazines.

The library movement in Oregon has been far reaching during recent years, and there is now a movement on foot to obtain Carnegie libraries in Grants Pass, Newberg, Marshfield and Albany. The following information has been secured, showing how other Oregon towns support their libraries through a small tax.

Ashland has a \$15,000 building, with an annual appropriation of \$1700. The library building at Baker City is valued at \$25,000, and the appropriation is \$3,000 per year. The Dalles and Eugene each have a \$10,000 building, and the former town appropriates \$1,277, while Eugene receives an annual income from taxation of \$2,010. The yearly appropriation of Salem is \$1,800.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

ANNUAL MEETING, SHOWS AF-
FAIRS OF ORGANIZATION TO
BE IN FINE CONDITION.

The annual meeting of the Oregon City Library Association was held Monday night, and in addition to attending to other matters of interest to the association, officers for the coming year were elected. The work of the library association for the past year was reviewed, and found to be in the most flourishing condition, due to the efforts of president R. T. McBain and secretary Kenneth Stanton.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President Thomas P. Ryan; vice president, E. G. Caulfield; secretary, Mrs. W. S. U'Ren; treasurer, Bank of Oregon City; remainder of executive board, Miss Myrtle Buchanna, Miss Laura Beattie, Charles H. Caulfield, Joseph E. Hodges, J. W. Loder, B. T. McBain, A. J. Lewelwaite and John Adams.

Plans for placing the library tax in its true light before the voters prior to the coming city election were discussed, and a circular letter with an argument in favor of the proposed levy was formulated. This will be printed and circulated among the voters before the city election.

Committee Appointed By Randall.

Much interest is being taken here in the "Big State" meeting of the Oregon Development League, which will be held at Salem November 28, 29 and 30. The Oregon City Commercial Club is especially interested in the meeting, and as delegates, president Tom P. Randall has appointed Thomas P. Ryan, Oscar E. Freytag, Gordon E. Hayes, John Adams, W. A. Huntley, E. E. Brodie, Linn E. Jones and Gilbert L. Hodges.

TWO SEEK TO BE CITY POSTMASTER

T. P. RANDALL AND M. D. PHIL-
LIPS ARE BOTH CIRCULAT-
ING PETITIONS.

BOTH ARE FAVORABLY KNOWN HERE

Petitions of Both Men Are Being
Freely Signed By Residents,
and Race Becomes
Interesting.

With the expiration of the term of Postmaster T. P. Randall on March 11 next, there is prospect of a pretty race for the one federal plum that falls to the lot of Oregon City. Mr. Randall succeeded George F. Horton nearly eight years ago, and immediately after his appointment, the post-office was moved from the Barlow-David building across the street to the Odd Fellows building, where it has been located since. The "nearness" of the postoffice department caused it to secure only a part of the ground floor of the I. O. O. F. building, and the front was let to a real estate firm and a transfer company, cramping the quarters of the postoffice. Mr. Randall has seen the business of the postoffice develop materially during his eight years of service, several rural routes being established. It was through his efforts that free delivery of mail was started in Oregon City.

Postmaster Randall is a candidate for reappointment and his petition has been in circulation during the last few weeks. He asks for another term on his record as postmaster and his petition has been numerously signed by local business men.

Opposed to the incumbent is Merrill D. Phillips, who has for many years been connected with the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company. Mr. Phillips has lived here since the close of the Spanish-American war. He went to the Philippines from Albany, and became interested in Oregon City when the Albany and Oregon City volunteers were joined as Company 1, Second Oregon Volunteers. Mr. Phillips came home as captain of the company. He is one of the leading spirits of Willamette Falls Camp, Woodmen of the World, and has been captain of the uniform rank since its organization. His petition is a long one, and his contest with Mr. Randall for the postmastership of Oregon City will undoubtedly prove interesting.

HUNTLEY MINE IS BONDED.

Local Business Man Stands Chance
to Make Fortune.

The biggest mining deal in the history of the state took place during the past week when the Rainbow Mine, in the Mormon Basin, near Baker, was bonded to the United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. for \$1,050,000. The purchasers have four months in which to look over the property and make a cash payment of \$250,000. At the end of six months the balance of the purchase price is to be paid. This is one of the best known properties in the state, and has a gold production of about \$200,000 to its credit.

Clyde G. Huntley, a well known business man of Oregon City, is heavily interested in the Rainbow Mine.

EIGHT MEASURES WIN.

Eight and possibly nine of the 32 initiative measures submitted to the voters have been favored. They are:
* Employers' liability bill,
* Home Rule measure,
* Eastern Oregon branch ay-
* lum,
* Support of the normal school
* at Monmouth,
* Prohibiting fishing in the
* Rogue River, except by line,
* Changing judicial procedure,
* Good roads measure,
* Extending direct primary to
* Presidential electors,
* The measure still in doubt is
* the county tax amendment.

JUDGE THIESSEN WAS RAISED IN OAK GROVE

LAD WHO ATTENDED CONCORD
IS NOW ON THE BENCH
IN GILLIAM COUNTY.

H. Thiesen, a prominent farmer residing near Oak Grove, was in this city Monday acting on the jury during the circuit court. Mr. Thiesen has just received word from his son, H. A. Thiesen, formerly of Oak Grove, but now of Condon, Oregon, that he has been elected to the office of county judge of Gilliam County.

H. A. Thiesen attended the Concord school, and eight years ago left Oak Grove for Salem, where he remained for some time before going to Arlington, Eastern Oregon. From that place he went to Condon, where he has since resided. He not only has an interest in a 2100 acre ranch, but is the owner of another ranch besides his home in Condon. He is well known in this county, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thiesen, prominent residents of Clackamas County.

The following is taken in part from a communication from the Condon Times, written by George H. Dubek, one of the prominent Republicans of Condon:

"Mr. Thiesen possesses the qualifications for a county judge. He is young, full of life, and a hustler, which is observed by every man who knows him. He is tireless and full of energy, and does not possess a lazy trait. Mr. Thiesen, who is manager of the Balfour, Guthrie Company, shows the patrons every courtesy, and is ready to do business with you at a moment's notice. This last named trait in itself is indispensable to the making of a good county judge. He is honest, fair, and impartial in transactions where he might be otherwise, as I have had occasion to do business with him under circumstances in which he might have favored a friend, but duty to right and justice made him do the fair thing. Factionalism could not have been considered by him, but he would not let business swerve him from the path of duty. Another consideration is that he has never before held a public office, has been a good citizen, and he is a father of a family. For these reasons, and many others, I think Henry Thiesen will make an ideal county judge, and one that the county will be proud of."

In presenting the case for the defense, George C. Brownell did not say the fact that Helvey did the shooting, but instead that he did so in self defense, as he was unable to run on account of a wound caused by a kick (Continued on page 4.)

HELVEY ON TRIAL FOR SMITH MURDER

YOUNG CARUS FARMER PLEADS
HE FIRED REVOLVER IN
SELF DEFENSE.

SPECTATORS CROWD COURTHOUSE

Prosecution Depends Upon Circum-
stantial Evidence to Convict Slay-
er of Smith, Who Left Widow
and Two Little Ones.

The trial of Curtis Helvey, the young man who shot and killed Geo. W. Smith last June in Carus, came up for trial in the Circuit Court Wednesday, and from all appearances, a verdict will not be reached till Saturday. Self defense is the grounds in which the defense is basing its case, while the state, by the introduction of a strong line of circumstantial evidence, hopes to prove that the killing of Smith was a cold blooded deliberate murder.

The first day was taken up entirely with the selection of jurors and the presentation of their sides of the case by attorneys for each side.

All day long the visitors' portion of the Circuit Courtroom is crowded by those interested in the case, relatives and intimate friends of the two young men about whom the case revolves, who reside on adjoining farms in Carus, are well and favorably known all over that section, so crowds of out-of-town people are in attendance.

The case for the state is being conducted by District Attorney E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro, and Deputy District Attorney Livy Stipp. For the defense, George C. Brownell and Gordon E. Hayes are appearing. A good many witnesses have been summoned by both sides, each of which is confident of securing the verdict.

The choosing of the jury was not completed till 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, after two panels had been exhausted and a portion of the third used. The questions of capital punishment and the conviction of a man of murder in the first degree on circumstantial evidence beyond a reasonable doubt (as a reasonable doubt should be defined by the court) were the main causes for the exciting and challenging of jurors. Six talesmen were challenged by the defense, three by the state, and four were excused for cause. The jury finally empaneled to try the case is as follows: Fred Gross, W. W. Everhart, F. C. Burke, E. E. Judd, Fred Gerber, O. F. Naeff, I. D. Larkin, Alton Baker, S. M. Warnock, Bud Thompson, Charles Thompson and C. D. Robeson.

Deputy District Attorney Stipp presented the opening argument for the state, and he told the circumstances of the shooting as described by witnesses who arrived on the scene immediately after the shooting. He told other facts in connection, and stated that by the introduction of strong circumstantial evidence, the prosecution hoped to prove the homicide to be a deliberate murder.

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DR. W. E. CARLL, who is said to be an aspirant for the position of Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum.

HITCHING POSTS MAY BE ERECTED

IF CITY IS WILLING, RACK WILL
BE BUILT NEAR WEINHARD
BUILDING.

"LIVE WIRES" ARE RESPONSIBLE

Organization is Also Working For a
Rural Free Delivery Route
to Serve Sherwood
and Vicinity.

Hitching posts will be placed on the east side of Main street on Eighth in front of the Weinhard building, providing the consent of the City Council is obtained. This will be requested at the next meeting. The owners of the property gave their consent a few days ago to L. Adams, who was appointed a committee by the Live Wires of the Commercial Club to secure additional hitching posts if possible for the benefit and accommodation of the farmers.

Another important proposition in the hands of the Live Wires is the establishment of a rural free delivery route running out of Oregon City, or forming a loop from Route No. 5, and tapping the Stafford country. This section is now served from Sherwood, in Washington County, and as the district is only six miles from Oregon City, there is every reason to obtain the establishment of a route from this point. It will be necessary to secure the signatures of a majority of the people now being served by the Sherwood route, before the department will grant a change.

School Board Meets.

In accordance with the usual custom the teachers and students in the public schools of this city will have two holidays during the latter part of November, the board of directors Monday night authorizing a holiday Friday following Thanksgiving, which comes this year on November 24. Considerable business of a routine character was transacted at Monday night's meeting.

SAMUEL GREGORY'S TEAZEL FARM SOLD

ONLY ONE TEAZEL TRACT LEFT
ON THE COUNTY, THAT
NEAR MOLALLA.

With the sale of the Samuel E. Gregory farm at Carus, there remains only one teazel grower in Clackamas County, George H. Gregory at Molalla. The Gregory brothers came here 15 years ago and the latter obtained the teazel farm of J. N. Sawtell at Molalla. S. E. Gregory has just disposed of his ranch, 57 acres, with the building and 25 acres of timber, going to Noah Christner, of Eugene, for \$150 per acre, and 120 acres being purchased by Herman Smith, of Aurora, for \$90 an acre. The new owners will not attempt teazel raising but will confine their labors to general farming. Mr. Gregory is going to the Palouse country in Washington, where he believes the opportunities for successful teazel growing are better than here. He will be accompanied by his wife and six children. He was in Oregon City Monday with his wife and eight of his children. They have nine, the eldest son being away.

TRAIN SERVICE TOO SLOW.

Silverton Asks for Renewed Local
Transit to Portland.

Residents of Clackamas precinct have petitioned the State Railroad Commission that the Southern Pacific be compelled to reinstate the Silverton local service between Portland and Silverton.

The petitioners state they do practically all of their business in Portland, that their children attend school in Portland, and that many Portland business men reside in Clackamas. They state the only train now available is the Ashland local, and that is seldom on time, and as there is no telegraph service at the station, the residents are often compelled to wait from half an hour to six hours for this train.

LAST RETURNS MAKE SMALL DIFFERENCE

ELECTION OF FOX OVER MYERS
FOR CORONER IS THE ONLY
APPARENT CHANGE.

DEMOCRATS ELECT MASS AND BEATIE

All Other County Offices Go to the
Republicans With Good Leads—
Oswald West Gained About
1000 Votes.

Late returns have made no perceptible difference in the results in the elections in Clackamas County, except the vote on Coroner, and it is now apparent that Dr. Thomas J. Fox, the Republican nominee, has been elected by a safe majority over Tom J. Myers, Democrat. The early returns indicated the election of Myers.

Ernest Mass, Democrat, has been elected sheriff over E. C. Hackitt, Republican, by sixty-five. Mass led from the beginning, and received a comfortable vote in Oregon City that placed him out of danger. Sheriff R. B. Beattie, Democratic candidate for county judge, has been elected by about 1100 over John F. Clark.

W. I. Mulvey, candidate for county clerk, and Lloyd E. Williams, for recorder of conveyances, both Republicans, lead the ticket, and will have majorities of 1500 or more. Walter A. Dimick, for state senator, has a majority of about 700, and the three Republican candidates for the legislature, E. P. Carter, Linn E. Jones and M. A. McGone have been elected by large majorities. Nixon Blair, for commissioner, has beaten Charles Thompson, Democrat. J. A. Tufts, Republican, for county treasurer, has a large majority over W. W. Mars, and D. T. Meldrum, Republican nominee for county surveyor, leads Lee J. Caulfield, Democrat, by about 300.

Complete returns give the "wets" a majority of 436 in the county. State wide prohibition has been defeated in Clackamas, as has the bill to make the prohibition measure effective. The home rule amendment also lost out in Clackamas.

The complete returns will give Oswald West, Democratic candidate for Governor, a majority of probably 1000 in Clackamas County. The candidates for other state offices on the Republican ticket were given large majorities.

The county high school fund law has probably been defeated, through a misunderstanding of the purpose of the measure. Many voters believed the proposition carried with it the establishment of a county high school, which was defeated in Clackamas in 1908. The employers liability law received a large majority here. All of the county division measures lost heavily, as did the Normal school bills and the act providing for an increase in the salary of the Circuit Judge of Baker County and the act authorizing the construction of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon. Woman's suffrage was also defeated in Clackamas.

LOCKS MAY REQUIRE SOME CONDEMNATIONS

PROPERTY TO BE TRAVERSED BY
NEW CANAL IS NOT A GOV-
ERNMENT SITE.

Unless Federal authorities can purchase outright a site for the proposed new locks at Oregon City, in connection with which data are being compiled by Major Melndoe, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., to be forwarded to Washington, steps must be taken to condemn property needed for the plant. Under title held by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to the present locks, which affects water power at the Willamette Falls, the flow of the entire river at that point is privately controlled, but it is the opinion of many that the Government can insist on sufficient water being available for navigation purposes. In fact, such a ruling has been given by the United States Attorney-General.

In preparing for the new locks the Government cannot occupy property above the low water line, unless resorting to purchase or condemnation. Should the undertaking be started when further appropriations are made by Congress, there is sufficient money available from the last rivers and harbors bill to finish the preliminary work. During the period of construction the present canal would be open to navigation. Immediately on the completion of the Government plant the embargo placed on products moving up and down the Willamette will be lifted and the task of locking steamers through will be reduced to about the same time as that required in the Cascade Locks.

Eighteen Are Baptized.
A very impressive and beautiful service was held in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church last Sunday afternoon at 7:30. The Holy rite of baptism was administered to eighteen persons, adults and children. This class was organized by the quiet, effective work of Miss Sheffield who has been helping the members of the parish since the church has been without a rector. At the request of the wardens, the Rev. T. F. Down of Sellwood, officiated at the service.



GEORGE SMITH, who was killed at Carus by Curtis Helvey, and the widow of the murdered man, with her two children, Flossie, aged four years, and Irvin, aged two years.