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GLENN GAULT, ALERT AND COOL, FACES JURORS IN TRIAL FOR LIFE

YOUTH WHO SLEW STEP-FATHER IN COURSE OF QUARREL
HEARS OPENING OF PROSECUTION'S CASE AGAINST HIM—
JURY SELECTED WITH BUT LITTLE DELAY, AND TESTIMONY
OF STATE AT ONCE PUT IN EVIDENCE—DEFENSE WILL PROB-
ABLY BEGIN SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AND WILL BE PRESENT-
ED BY GEORGE C. BROWNELL AND GORDON E. HAYES

Alert, and watching every move of the jurors, judge and opposing counsel, Glenn Gault's soft brown eyes were constantly busy Friday the first day of his trial for the murder of his step-father, in Judge Campbell's department of the circuit court. Not yet 21 years of age, the youth who killed his foster-parent two years ago on their ranch in the backwoods, sat calm and collected through the opening of his ordeal, and not until his mother went on the stand as a witness for the prosecution did he show signs of breaking down or losing his composure. Then, just for a minute, tears came to his eyes, but a second later he had brushed them aside and once again was watching every detail of the proceedings.

Gault's life in the county jail since last November, at which time he told the authorities his version of the killing, has left its mark upon his boyish face. His cheeks are no longer rosy, but even the pallor of confinement has not taken away the lines of brightness from his features, and by his appearance and manner he won many friends among the crowd of spectators that filled the benches of the courtroom. Sensing this friendliness seemed to lighten the youth, and with squared shoulders and occasional smiles, he followed every line of the testimony offered; frequently nodding his head in corroboration of some incident related by a witness, and as markedly shaking his head when evidence introduced did not agree with his recollection of affairs.

Jury Easily Picked
Most of the morning session was taken up with the selection of the jury, which was chosen more easily than was expected. Much publicity had been given the case, but most of the men called qualified and only six were refused. Leslie O. Eaton was challenged by the defense and was replaced by A. W. Cook. Fred Jost was replaced by J. W. McNally, who was dismissed because he did not believe in capital punishment. J. A. Miley was challenged and replaced by T. L. Worthington who in turn was challenged and replaced by E. P. Farr. Joel Jare replaced Edward Gross.

The jury selected is composed of R. B. Holcomb, a farmer, of Clackamas; George Koehler, a farmer, of Canby; John Risley, a farmer, of Oak Grove; A. W. Cook, a farmer, of Damascus; H. L. Vaughn, a farmer, of Molalla; F. S. Sharp, a farmer, of Tualatin; A. J. Hodges, a farmer, of New Era; Joel Jare, a farmer, of Cascade; S. A. D. Hingate, a surveyor, of Oregon City; C. P. Farr, a merchant, of Oregon City; Philip Streib, Sr., a farmer, of Milwaukie, and Henry Swales, a farmer, of Harding.

By 11:30 the jury had been selected and sworn in. Deputy District Attorney Livy Stipp made an opening address for the prosecution, and George C. Brownell, appearing in behalf of the defense, stated that they would prove to the jury that Gault had merely acted in self-defense when he killed Letzel. Mr. Brownell stated that Letzel had "repeatedly assaulted and knocked down" the defendant, and had tried to kill him by running a pitch fork through Jim. Mr. Brownell placed particular emphasis upon the fact that Letzel weighed 173 pounds while the defendant at the time of the murder was but 17 years of age and weighed only 132 or 133 pounds.

Sheriff Outlines Deed
Sheriff E. T. Mass was the first witness called by the prosecution, and told of his meetings and conversations with young Gault since the time of his surrender. He told of accompanying the boy to his former

home, where the body of Letzel was uncovered. Mr. Mass stated that Gault was willing to show where the body was, and to tell all facts in connection with the murder.

The sheriff drew a map of the room in which the killing is said to have been done and showed that the boy was cutting kindling near the stove, when his step-father, according to what the boy told the sheriff advanced with a drawn knife and was about to strike him. The boy, in order to protect himself, so he says, struck the old man over the head with an axe with which he had been chopping wood.

According to Sheriff Mass and other witnesses for the prosecution, the boy told them that he did not think this blow killed his step-father, and believed the man to be still alive and suffering intense pain. In telling of what subsequently happened, Sheriff Mass and other witnesses testified that the boy said to them: "I gave the old cove two or three other whacks over the head to put him out of his misery."

Witnesses Differ in Story
J. E. Jack, county surveyor was introduced as a witness. His testimony was virtually the same as that of Mr. Mass, with the exception that in his description of the room where the murder was committed, he stated that Gault had told him he was near the door and not against the stove so that he could not escape from the room, as Mr. Mass stated the boy had told him.

Mrs. Ruth Letzel, mother of Glenn Gault and wife of the murdered man, told of the disappearance of her husband, stating that her son, Glenn, had told her that Letzel had gone to Eastern Oregon with a man who had come there. She said that when she did not hear from her husband she advertised for him, but she did not once suspect her son. Finally one of the neighbors mentioned that her son was connected with the disappearance. She went to Astoria, where he was working, but he denied that he had anything to do with it.

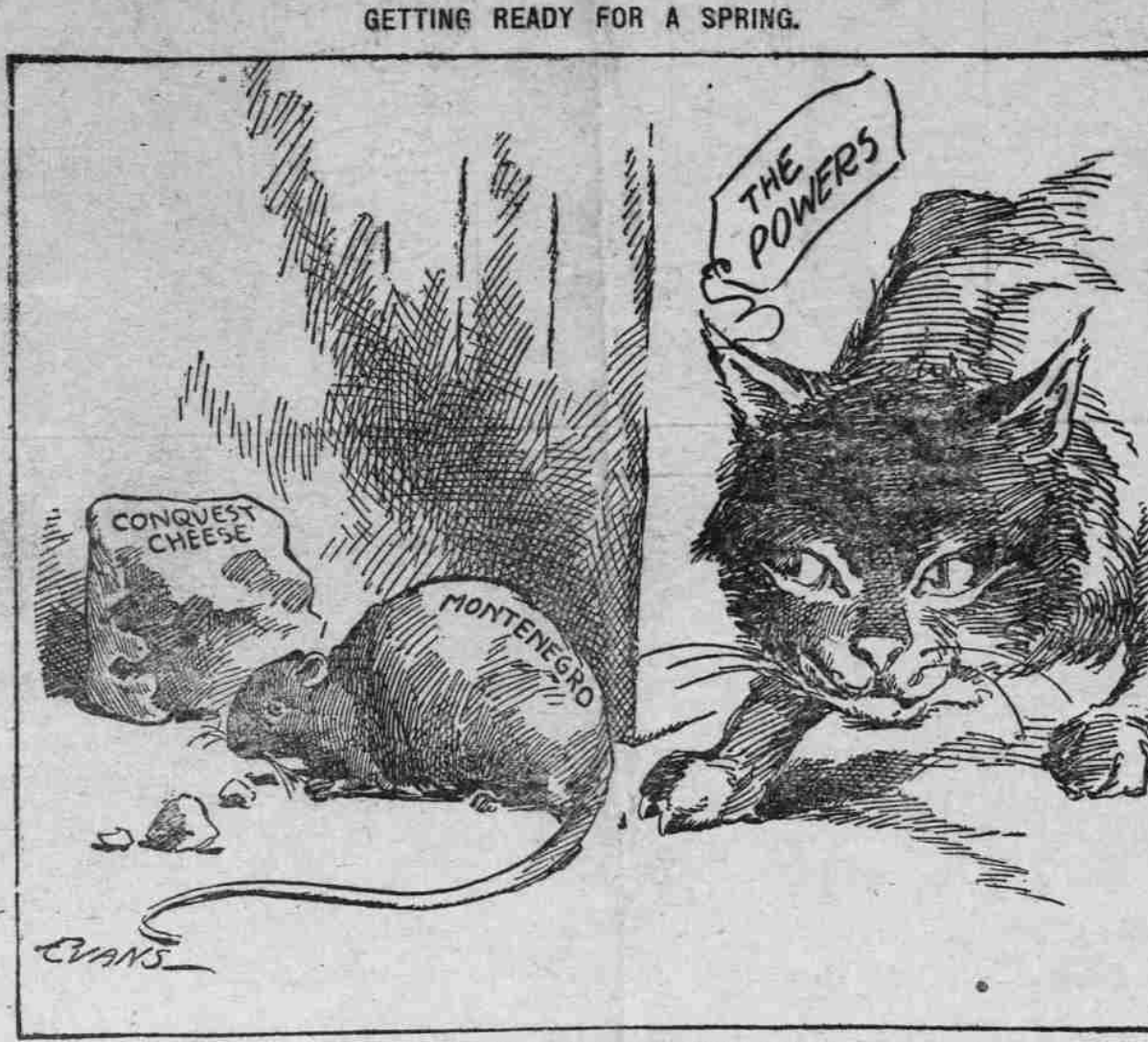
J. L. Wendorf, a police officer from Portland, told of the boy's confession of the crime to him. Dr. M. C. Strickland, who examined the skull, said it had been struck several times, both with a blunt instrument and with some sharp instrument, which was sufficiently sharp to make a clean cut.

Witness Tells of Threat
Charles Scott, of Scott's Mills, stated that young Gault was at his place buying feed one day, and that at this time a discussion had arisen over \$400 which Gault said Letzel had cheated his mother out of. He testified the boy said: "If the old man opens his mouth to me, I will kill him."

The prosecution stated that all of their witnesses which were present had been examined, but they would have several more on Saturday. The case adjourned at 4:10 until 9:30 Saturday morning. There was considerable bickering between George C. Brownell of the defense and Prosecuting Attorney Tongue.

Among the other witnesses who were examined were, W. G. Wilson the county coroner and Dr. Strickland who examined the body. The testimony of all of the witnesses examined Friday was virtually the same. The prosecution will finish its evidence Saturday morning.

MRS KEITH IS HOSTESS
Mrs. Thomas Keith, of Portland was the host at a charming dinner party, given at her home Saturday evening in honor of her second wedding anniversary. Mrs. Keith was formerly Miss Edith Cheney, of Portland, and has many friends here. She is a frequent entertainer of her Oregon City friends. Covers were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cheney, of Portland, Misses Bess and Helen Daulton, of Oregon City; Mrs. Ethel Cheney Heinz, of Portland; A. C. Black, of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keith.



The Cat: "As soon as he gets his fill I'll grab him."—Evans in Baltimore American.

LOCAL JAPANESE ASK CITIZENSHIP

Following the lead of their racial brethren in California, Japanese of Clackamas county are organizing into a society which shall have for its purpose the urging of a new treaty between Japan and the United States which shall give the little brown-skinned men full rights of citizenship, the same as other aliens who establish residences here and take out their papers.

The movement has been started among the Japanese truck gardeners in the lower end of the Willamette valley, where hundreds of acres are filled by the aliens for Portland markets, and is spreading to the Japanese in other sections of the county. The scheme is gaining strength among the Japanese particularly since the grange at Aurora met recently and passed resolutions urging the government to bar Japanese from holding farm-lands anywhere on the coast.

MAZAMAS TO VISIT CLACKAMAS VALLEY

Members of the Mazamas, who have recently been taking weekly walking trips each Sunday, will this coming Sunday visit Clackamas county, and stroll along the banks of the beautiful and scenic Clackamas river. The party will leave Portland early in the morning, and after visiting the state rifle range, will strike over to the river bank and follow the trail on the north side of the river till noon, when lunch will be eaten. The party will then strike across the hills to Sycamore, and return by special cars on the Cazadero line of the O. W. P.

GLADSTONE MEETINGS ARE WELL ATTENDED

The revival meetings at the Christian church, Gladstone, conducted by Evangelists Roy L. Dunn and E. E. Fleishman, are productive of much good. Interest in the meetings is at a high pitch, and people of Gladstone who never attended church before are regular attendants at the meetings. Twenty-one conversions are reported in less than two weeks.

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Oregon City schools will be set before the Twentieth Century club, of Boston, Massachusetts, as models for advancement, according to the promise made to an audience at the high school Friday night by Professor William Lord, author of "Oregon Birds," who delivered a lecture upon the feathered inhabitants of the state to a crowd that packed the auditorium, gallery and hallways of the new building. Professor Lord declared that the course in nature study given the pupils of local schools was the only one in the state which embraced lessons upon the migration, habits and values of bird life; and which laid special emphasis upon the usefulness of certain birds as devourers of pests that damaged crops.

"This course should be a part of the common school education in every community," said Professor Lord. "Its teachings are admirable, and it cannot help but be of great benefit through training the young in the values of bird life; and through endeavor to have them copy from you, so that useful bird life there may be protected and appreciated as you appreciate it here."

The Twentieth Century club has among its members many of the leading educators of the country, and the bringing to their notice of the Oregon City course will not only do much to advertise this city and community there, but will place the local system upon a high plane which Eastern communities will do well to copy.

Prof. Lord's lecture was declared to be especially interesting by all who were fortunate enough to hear it. So crowded was the high school that many were unable to find places, even after chairs had been placed in the hallways leading to the auditorium. The speaker told of the habits of bird life in Oregon, pointed out the valuable aid many of the feathered songsters were to agriculturists, and closed his talk with a most beautiful display of hand-colored stereoscopic slides, showing the Oregon birds in all their glory of plumage and in their natural environment.

FRIDAY BALL GAMES
At Portland—Portland 14, Venice 3
At San Francisco—San Francisco 15, Sacramento 1.
At Los Angeles—Oakland 5, Los Angeles 1.

Standings
Los Angeles 607
Oakland 536
Venice 516
Sacramento 462
San Francisco 453
Portland 423

PIONEERS RECALL DAYS OF CHAMPOEG

Under the auspices of the Oregon Historical society the annual celebration of the founding of the first civil government west of the Rockies was held at Champeog, Friday, and many pioneers and descendants of early settlers were on hand. The notable figure at the meeting, as in years past was F. X. Matthieu, the only surviving member of the original Champeog convention which it was decided by a vote of 52 to 59 that "the Oregon country" should be a part of the United States and not a part of the British possessions. Mr. Matthieu was one of the 52, and at Friday's meeting told again the story of the historic times when the foundation for the greatness of the present-day Pacific Northwest was laid.

CITY ACQUIRES WATER OPTIONS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE, THROUGH
F. J. TOOZE, ITS CHAIRMAN,
CLOSES DEAL FOR SITE

TEST WELLS TO BE SUNK AT ONCE

Two and a Half Acres in Mount Pleasant Section Obtained On Terms That Are Exceptionably Favorable

Through Chairman F. J. Tooze, of the special councilmanic committee on water supply, options were secured today upon 2.48 acres of the Ladd property in the Mount Pleasant district, and plans will be made at once for the boring of test wells to obtain a clear and sanitary water supply for the city. The negotiations were brought to a close upon terms most favorable to the city through the untiring and steady work of the committee, which has been seeking a new water source for the past several weeks.

The option runs for 90 days, and it is believed that within that time several wells can be driven, and determination reached as to whether the water will be of sufficient cleanliness and good quality to make it advisable for the city to purchase the property and erect thereon a pumping plant and head supply station. The site was secured partly upon the recommendation of an expert by

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JAPANESE TANGLE IS COMPROMISED

CALIFORNIANS BALK SALES OF LAND, BUT WILL PERMIT THREE YEAR LEASES

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OUT OF BILL

Words "Ineligible to Citizenship" are Stricken and in Such Shape Alien Law Will Probably be Passed

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2.—By its actions this afternoon the California senate showed a resolute determination, aided and encouraged by Governor Johnson, to pass against the recommendations of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan an act prohibiting Japanese and other aliens ineligible to citizenship from holding land by purchase in any circumstances or by lease for more than three years.

In phraseology, the bill as redrafted by Attorney-General Webb after many conferences with the governor and the administration floor leaders omitted the words "ineligible to citizenship," which are offensive to Japan, but those in charge of the bill repeatedly admitted in debate that the end sought was the same.

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