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## RICE IS GUILTY JURY'S VERDICT

AGREEMENT IN ASSAULT CASE  
NOT REACHED UNTIL NEAR  
TWO IN MORNING

SENTENCE TO BE PRONOUNCED TODAY

Joe Hedges, Oregon City Youth Entangled in Midnight Row on Street, Cleared of Blame by Long Trial.

Just before two o'clock Saturday morning the jury which heard the assault case of Joe Hedges against Stanley Rice, of Portland, returned a verdict of guilty. Justice Sievers gave the case to the jurors in the evening, after extended argument had occupied the whole day. The prisoner will be sentenced Saturday morning.

The case of Joseph Hedges versus G. Stanley Rice consumed nearly the entire day Friday in Justice of the Peace Seiver's court. Rice, who lives on east Eleventh street, Portland, and who is the vice-president of the Barthold-Hard company, 299 Stark street, is accused of assault and battery upon the person of Joe Hedges, 19-year-old son of J. E. Hedges, a prominent Oregon City attorney.

On the night of April 26, Rice, in company with Jesse W. Platt, contracting agent for the Erie Railroad in Portland, came to Oregon City with two women in Rice's automobile. They arrived about midnight and partook of refreshments at the Falls. The party left about 1:00 p. m. and as they were crossing the sidewalk to board their machine the trouble occurred.

According to Hedges, a dispute arose while he and a group of boys were in the Falls as to the make of the car. They went outside and Eva Bowers, one of the women of the party, told them the machine was a "Simplex."

Hedges says she also tossed a beer bottle out of the machine to him, and he placed it back in the car. By his time, he says, Platt had come out of the Falls, and the Bowers woman told him the bottle had hit her foot. Hedges says that Platt told him "that he had better look out or somebody would get their can knocked off." At this moment Rice came out and heard Platt's remark. He asked who said it, and somebody pointed to young Hedges. Rice made a pass at him and knocked him down, hitting him twice. The boy was knocked unconscious. Rice and his party then drove about Oregon City for a short time and later Rice was placed under arrest and \$10 bail by the police for disorderly conduct. He was ordered to appear the following Monday, but forfeited his bail instead.

Among the other witnesses examined by the prosecution were Joe Sheehan, Alvin Levitt and George Michaels. All declared that Rice was under the influence of liquor, and Sheehan and Levitt stated that Platt had told them Rice had been drinking since 7:00 o'clock that evening.

The Bowers woman, appearing for the defense, stated that when the party left Portland Rice was not in an intoxicated condition. She said that Hedges, Sheehan, Levitt and several of the other of the boys who were standing about the machine were "fresh," and that she told Platt so. Platt and Rice both appeared upon the stand, and their testimony was virtually the same as that of the Bowers woman. She stated that she had lived in Portland only a month or so, but had known Stanley Rice both in San Francisco and Seattle.

The attorneys for the defense were Plowden Stott, of Portland, and Howard Brownell, of Oregon City. Those for the prosecution were J. E. Hedges, the father of Joe Hedges, and Livy Stipp, deputy district attorney.

Mr. Stipp opened the addresses to the jury after the evidence had all been taken, and stated the case was clearly one of assault and battery. He stated that the only reason that Rice would have had for hitting Hedges was if Hedges had been threatening.

Howard Brownell, appearing for the defense, stated that he considered young Rice acted correctly in defending womanhood, adding that he considered him a high type of young manhood. He said that Rice "was one of the best types of Americanhood, that it had been his honor to defend during his twelve years experience in law." He believed Rice should receive a medal for his actions, instead of being punished.

Plowden Stott, also for the defense, made a brief defense and stated he believed Rice was completely vindicated and acted only as a man should act when womanhood was insulted.

J. E. Hedges said that he believed his son was entirely in the right, and had not insulted womanhood in the least. He took occasion to grill Rice for his conducting and participating in a "joy ride." He deplored the fact that he should have taken Miss Bowers upon the trip, and expressed great sympathy for the young woman.

Mr. Hedges took occasion to add that it was such men as Rice, and such joy rides, that were ruining so many innocent young women. He said that automobiles were a great curse in this respect.



IT'S A GREAT GAME UNLESS YOU'RE "IT."

## WELL CONTRACT LET BY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COMMITTEE AWARDS  
TEST WORK TO PORTLAND  
DRILLING COMPANY

## SPEED TO BE CHIEF REQUIREMENT

Boring Will Be Kept up Night and  
Day at Site Held Upon Option  
Until Good Flow of Water  
Is Secured

The council committee on pure water met Friday evening in the council chamber, and the contract to drill a test well upon property which the city has secured on option in South Oregon City, was awarded to the Portland Drilling Company; G. E. Scott, manager. Representatives of several companies were present, and bids were received from a number more. The entire committee, which is composed of Councilmen Toose, chairman; Horton and Metzner, were present and also consulting engineer Robert Dieck, City Engineer C. S. Noble, City Attorney William Stone, M. J. Lee, representing Peter Hornung, of Canby, G. E. Scott, of the Portland Drilling company, and Mr. Painter, of Jennings Lodge.

The committee in discussing the matter considered the materials which would likely be met with during the course of the work, the cost of the work, the materials to be furnished, and other general facts. The specifications and bids were gone into carefully by the engineers and members of the committee, and the legal part was carefully looked after by the city attorney.

After a very careful examination of the bids, it was decided to award the contract to the Portland Drilling company. Mr. Scott will deposit a certified check as a guarantee that he will begin work not later than the 15th of the present month. He states that he will use all possible speed in completing the work, and will operate two shifts, working day and night, until the well has reached the required depth. A contract will be entered into with the Portland Drilling company Saturday.

In drawing up the contract, Mr. Toose urged that all possible precaution be taken to safeguard the interests of the city.

It is the general consensus of opinion, and the belief of Robert Dieck, engineer, that good pure water will be struck at a depth of approximately 250 feet below the surface of the ground. In awarding the contract, no specific depth was mentioned at which the work should stop, but it will continue until such a time as water will be found, if within a reasonable distance.

After the water has been struck at the South Oregon City wells, the people of this city will have a chance to decide whether they wish to use the water from South Oregon City or the water from Canby, which a company, which M. J. Lee represents, proposes to furnish.

P. E. & E. ROUTE EASY  
The Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway has completed work and laid ties on its line to Molalla as far as the Molalla river, which is about four miles from Canby. The line over which this portion is built is of easy construction, and involves none of the difficult engineering which the Clackamas Southern railroad has encountered the first few miles out of Oregon City. From Canby, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern has practically level ground to run over for the first few miles; while the Clackamas Southern has had some difficult work out of Oregon City for two or three miles.

## ONCE HOSTILE, NOW HELPS UNIVERSITY

An indication of the revolution of sentiment manifest in Oregon against any proposal looking to keeping the two institutions of higher education embroiled in partisan politics is seen in the following letter, written by Cyrus H. Walker, chaplain of the Oregon state Grange, who was formerly one of the most uncompromising opponents of an increase in appropriations. Mr. Walker writes to President Campbell of the University of Oregon; under date of Albany, Oregon, as follows:

"You can quote me as being opposed to a referendum against any University of Oregon appropriations. I was conscientious in the part I took in the referendum of 1908, covering the \$125,000 increase annual maintenance fund, not that I opposed the university but because many of us thought the Oregon legislature was getting too reckless and extravagant in making appropriations and by 'log-rolling' methods.

"With a millage basis to work upon (as I hope will be endorsed by the people) there should be no more charges of 'graft.' I am inclined towards putting the U. of O. and O. A. C. under one board of regents, but not to consolidate at Corvallis. With an electric line from the above city to Eugene it would be better for the state of Oregon to pay the fare of students between the two cities than to abandon the U. of O.'s magnificent structures at Eugene; that is if duplication of studies is 'out' between the two. Albany and Eugene have shaken hands over the separating chasm; and, linked together now and to be still more linked by bands of steel over which will fly at a tremendous pace swiftly moving cars sped by the forces of nature, there should be no divisions rivalry, but forever may there be peace and good will.

"I have shown my good will by sending my only daughter, Vernal Walker, to the Eugene high school this school year (11th grade)."

## MANY BIG SALMON BALK AT LADDERS

Not to be guided by the state's efforts in their behalf, salmon are running largely into the Clackamas river. While many of the big fish go up to the falls and take a look around, the "fish ladder" there does not seem to appeal to the great majority of the finny sovereigns and they flip their tails disdainfully and turn back to the Clackamas, there to dodge anglers, chase trout and devour fries while on the way to spawning grounds. Of course there are many of the royal fish that travel over the ladder into the upper Willamette, but this number is said to be considerably less than the thousands that formerly made their way over the falls.

Many of the big fish, whose liking for the fish ladder does not seem to be pronounced, have tried to find other routes over the cataract, and may be seen daily leaping into the spray and dashing water, only to fall back into the main channel after a momentary, tail-flapping flight through the air. Efforts of such fish are spectacular, and add much to the falls at this time as a scenic attraction. Many people have gathered on vantage points near the falls to watch the fish, and from beyond the 200-foot dead line anglers watch the big ones with envy.

Advertisements in The Enterprise brings results.

Steinger's Auto Stage  
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Leaves corner of 7th and Main St. Oregon City, every day, except Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Get tickets at Elliott's office, down stairs.

## COUNTY DISPLAY PLANS UNDER WAY

GRANT B. DIMICK ELECTED PRES-  
IDENT OF FAIR BOARD AT  
MEETING FRIDAY

## THREE EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD

Clackamas Resources to Be Seen at  
Canby, Salem and at Big Land  
Show in Portland Late in  
Present Year

At a meeting of the Clackamas County Fair board held Friday afternoon, Judge Grant B. Dimick was elected president for the ensuing term, and matters pertaining to the big annual display were taken under consideration. Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the meeting was called, much of the detail work was left untouched, and will be taken up at a later date.

There is a state appropriation of \$1,708.40 for the Clackamas county fair, and aside from this various contributions are usually volunteered in the line of prizes and awards. Whether or not an effort will be made to obtain a larger working fund this year or not is still a matter of doubt, owing to the fact that demands are going to be made upon the county count for funds to finance county exhibits at the state fair at Salem and at the Portland land show.

It is hoped that the commissioners will provide a sufficient amount so that the county can be well represented at these two state-wide exhibits. While the county fair is already provided for, it is also hoped that some further support can be obtained for it, as well as that exhibits can be put in better shape than usual, and some innovations instituted. All these matters will be taken up by the fair board at later meetings.

In connection with the matter of fair exhibits, O. E. Freytag, manager of the publicity department of the Commercial club, is seeking between \$500 and \$600 so that the displays of fruit and produce now in the hands of his department can be renewed. These exhibits are a part of the county's show each year, and during the balance of the time when the fair is not being held, serve as examples of the resources of the county. They have proved of valuable aid in advancing the county's claims for settlers, and are thought to be well worth the cost of preparation and upkeep. Much of the fruit, vegetables and other products thus preserved are taken from the prize-winning displays at the county fair.

Mr. Freytag received a letter Friday from Frank Meredith, secretary of the state fair board, in which the hope was expressed that Clackamas county would make a good exhibit at the big display at the capital. Mr. Meredith was one of the visitors to the city during the Booster Days, and at that time was much surprised at the showing made by farmers and ranchers of the vicinity, and urged all of them to enter similar displays at the county and state fairs.

Clackamas county people have learned the value of advertising the resources of the section at all possible places and times, and it is believed that as a result there will be no trouble in regard to the county fair or state displays. Neighboring counties, however, have not in the past been as keen in this line of endeavor, and because of this it is expected that Clackamas county this year will stand forth with greater prominence than ever when her resources are placed on view.

PLATS ARE FILED  
Plats have been filed with the county recorder dedicating Metzler & Hart's addition to Molalla, the townsite of Opportunity, Britton's Subdivision and Willamette Falls Acreage. All the plats are large tracts that have been divided for residence property.

## NET IS RAPIDLY BEING DRAWN CLOSER ABOUT J. C. LAFRANCE BY INVESTIGATORS

Sheriff E. T. Mass and Coroner Wilson, who have been quietly working on the Clackamas county end of the LaFrance insurance swindle, late Friday afternoon came into possession of information that may lead to new and somewhat startling developments in the case. Other business duties kept them from following the new line of inquiry Friday evening, but by Saturday night they may have evidence that will throw considerable light upon the clouded portions of the mystery.

Neither of the Clackamas county officials place much credence in LaFrance's statement that he was assisted in obtaining the body he used in the insurance swindle by medical students, or that he obtained the body at the medical school of the state university. The reticence of LaFrance to tell where he obtained the body, in fact, leads them to believe that some crime was committed in procuring the corpse, but they do not believe that this crime was murder. They hope by their investigations to perhaps clear the present confusion over this feature.

Both Mr. Mass and Mr. Wilson were surprised at the completeness of the story The Enterprise published in regard to the case Friday morning.

"The main facts surely tallied exactly with what the sheriff and I learned from Portland officials, though some of the minor details were not as we heard them," said Coroner Wilson.

"The story was just as District Attorney Evans told us," said Sheriff Mass, and "indicated the extent that the state has made progress in clearing up the matter. I do not know where The Enterprise got its facts, but it surely got them correct."

As both officials had been pledged to secrecy by the Portland author-

ities working on the case, they were much surprised to see the articles on the matter appearing in The Enterprise and the Oregonian. That the stories were obtained independently shows that the matter is being thoroughly investigated and probed by several different interests.

Persistent inquiry in the case, and constant questioning of LaFrance and his wife, is enabling the authorities to weave a closer net about the prisoner each hour, and it is believed that by the early part of next week the state will have in its hands all the evidence necessary to convict LaFrance of the several crimes he must have committed in connection with the swindle, as well as the swindle itself.

## PROBE COMMITTEE MEETS

The joint committees of the Live Wires and the gentlemen appointed at a previous mass meeting, will meet in W. O. W. hall at ten Saturday morning to present a report upon complaints submitted in regard to county court affairs.

## NEW CRISIS ON WITH MEXICANS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A condition of affairs has developed in Mexico as a result of the revolt against the government of President Huerta, which is causing the Wilson administration deep concern.

General Carranza, leader of the so-called Constitutional party, has openly declared that upon his capture of Mexico City he will hang the following Mexican officials: General Huerta, president of the republic; General Felix Diaz, nephew of the former dictator; Porfirio Diaz; General Huanguel, who aided in the downfall of Madero; General Mondragon, one of Huerta's lieutenants; General Garcia Granados, who was minister of the interior for a short time under Huerta; General Rodolfo Reyes, a Huerta supporter; Francisco de la Barra, minister for foreign affairs under Huerta.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Japan's formal protest against California anti-alien laws has been submitted by her ambassador.

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LONDON—Militant suffragists Friday set fire to and destroyed a costly mansion near Harrow. The police are still active in combating the women in the metropolitan centers.