

GUILTY AS CHARGED.

THE BAKER COUNTY ASSASSIN CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Sobbed Like a Child on Witness Stand in his own Behalf—More Significant Developments in Burdick Case—Other News.

Baker City, Or., March 28.—For the first time in the history of Baker county a jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree this afternoon in the Armstrong murder case. The jury stood 8 to 4 of murder in the first degree on the first ballot, then the vote gradually changed to 11 to 1 for murder in the first degree.

This morning early the jury came into court and asked for further instructions on the question of what constituted a reasonable doubt. The side glances of the other jurors plainly indicated the man for whose benefit the special instruction was asked, and the one who was evidently holding out for murder in the second degree.

Armstrong says he deserves to die, and, so far as appearances go, does not seem surprised at the verdict. When the verdict was announced he never flinched or changed color, but when he arose to leave the courtroom his face flushed to a deep red. He will be sentenced next Tuesday.

Armstrong broke down and cried like a baby while on the witness stand. He admitted that he killed Minnie Ensminger, but insisted that he did not intend to kill her, and could give no reason for doing so. The sensation of the trial was occasioned when Armstrong took the witness stand in his own behalf this afternoon. The courtroom was crowded at the time, about half the audience being ladies. Armstrong said he was 25 years of age, and that both his parents died 22 years ago. He first met Miss Minnie Ensminger in February, 1900; that they were engaged to be married; that about the middle of December last he received a letter from her where he was at work, at the Maxwell mine, in which she said she could not marry him Christmas and that she never could become his wife in this world; that she would rather die than go back on him. She invited him to come and take dinner with her New Year's day, but not to try to talk to her before that time.

He said he immediately gave up his place at the mine and came down to the valley. He wrote her a letter and asked for an interview before Christmas. He said there was a slip of paper in a small envelope in the letter which Miss Ensminger sent him on which something was written, but he declined to say what it was, except that it was nothing detrimental to Miss Ensminger. He declared that he resolved to kill himself, and bought a revolver for that purpose. The letter which he received he burned, also the slip of paper in the small envelope, because he said he did not want it found on him when he killed himself.

The night of December 24 he went to the dance, but did not talk to the deceased. He went out in the yard when Miss Ensminger started home, and as she passed he said it was his purpose to tell her good-bye and shoot himself right then. As she passed he drew his revolver and fired twice at Miss Ensminger, ran about 30 feet and shot himself. He declared he never thought of killing her, had no desire to kill her and did not know why he did shoot her. During the time he was telling his story he broke down frequently and cried, and many people in the audience cried also. The prosecution did not cross-examine the defendant extensively.

Buffalo, March 28.—When the Burdick inquest is reopened on Monday morning by Judge Murphy it is possible that other witnesses besides the New York hotel employees, who say they heard Arthur R. Pennell threatened some one, will be called upon to testify. The new evidence brought to light today, like most of the testimony given during the inquest, has no direct bearing on the Burdick murder. Pennell is the central figure in the episode which has just been brought to the attention of the authorities, and they regard it as important as throwing light upon the condition of Pennell's mind on the morning following the murder.

In the interval between the time when Pennell left the Iroquois Hotel barber shop that day and the time he took a trolley car for Niagara Falls, the authorities learned

today, Pennell went to the store of C. E. Walbridge, on Main street, and purchased a cheap bulldog revolver.

Mr. Pennell, while waiting for the revolver to be wrapped up, paced up and down in a highly nervous fashion and wrung his hands.

A scrap of evidence, important as tending to show that the murderer of Burdick left the avenue door of the house after doing the ghastly deed, has been received within the last two hours by the police, and Chemist Hill is now at work on it. This evidence is in the shape of two spots believed to be the marks of bloody fingers on the casing on the outer front door of the Burdick house.

New Haven, Conn., March 28. Two letters, which are expected to figure in the Pennell inquest, which begins at Buffalo next Monday, having been sent to Buffalo from this city. Both were written by Mrs. Pennell to a girl friend, whose name has not yet been disclosed, and one bears a Buffalo postmark, dated at 7 o'clock on the night of the automobile tragedy. It is said that one of the letters denies that Arthur Pennell never intended getting a divorce, and that in neither letter is there any trace of mental depression or any hint of suicide. The letters are said to have been forwarded to Thomas Penney, of Buffalo, who was formerly Pennell's law partner.

New York, March 26.—Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott somewhat startled his hearers at a Methodist minister's meeting by propounding some of those religious theories that he has elaborated in his book, "The Theology of an Evolutionist." The Bible, according to Dr. Abbott, is merely a record of human religious experiences.

"I have a respect for the old theology," he said, "and today I can not doubt that the change from the old to the new method of thinking in religion is important, radical and revolutionary. The typical departure is the recognition of what was once called the 'carpenter theory of God's creation of the world,' the belief of the religion, that the earth was turned out as in a lathe. 'The bible is not a book in which 50 or 60 writers tell what religion is, but it is a record of their religious experiences, a record of their consciousness of God. They were human, they were imperfect men, those who wrote the Bible. They stumbled as we stumble.'"

North Coast Limited.

The "North Coast Limited" train operated daily from Portland East by the Northern Pacific, has proven so popular that the train was continued this winter instead of being taken off the run as during the previous two years. The traveling public learned that they could travel on this train just as cheaply as they could on any other, and once its popularity became established, the company found that they could hardly get along without continuing it in operation. It is an eight car train, electric lighted throughout, steam heated and solid vestibuled. The train is composed of express and baggage cars, day coaches, first class Pullman and tourist sleeping cars, dining cars, and the elegant observation car, which is equipped with a barber shop, bath room, card and smoking rooms, an elegant parlor, library of 125 volumes besides all the standard magazines of the day. This car, as well as the entire train is brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, electric fans, and is otherwise elegantly equipped and furnished throughout. The Northern Pacific have eight of these trains on the run daily, four east-bound and four west-bound.

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The Northern Pacific have another overland daily between Portland and the beautiful twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, as well as still another overland between Portland and Spokane, Helena, Butte, Denver, Col., Lincoln, Neb., Omaha, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, St. Louis and for Chicago and all points east and southeast.

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If there is any information you would like to have with reference to rates, routes, maps, etc in connection with your trip East, Mr. A. D. Charlton, the Assistant General Passenger Agent of this company at 255 Morrison street corner of Third, Portland, Or, will be pleased to write you fully and give any information desired.

HER FUNERAL.

MRS. POND OF CORVALLIS LAID TO REST IN ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY.

The Bruce Mail Route—A Complaint and What Came of it—Secret of Uncle Sam's Magnificent Mail Service—Other Local News

After a prolonged illness of two or more years, Mrs. Jennie S. Pond of Corvallis was summoned to rest Sunday morning. Her long suffering and death was caused from diabetes. The funeral occurred from the Christian church yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. D. Skaggs officiating, and a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased, and of the bereaved family, accompanied the remains to the Odd Fellows cemetery, where interment occurred.

Mrs. Pond was born in Cumberland county, New Jersey, August 1, 1827. In company with her father's family she moved to Ohio, and there in 1850, united in marriage with D. S. Cameron. With her husband she lived successively in Ohio, Iowa, California and Washington. During her residence in the latter state, Mr. Cameron died. Mrs. Cameron then came to Oregon and later married Lewis Pond, who survives her. Deceased had lived in Corvallis about 22 years, and although she was much devoted to home duties she formed an extensive acquaintance that was much devoted to her. The best quality of womanhood is that which impels a mother's duty to her family, and this quality, it may be said Mrs. Pond possessed in a marked degree.

She was the mother of nine children. She is survived by six, D. S. and A. E. Cameron of Portland; J. M., A. S. and Nellie of Corvallis, and E. G. of Union.

THE BRUCE ROUTE.

How Uncle Sam Keeps Things Straight—A Complaint and Its Sequel.

Recently the TIMES printed a short article relative to complaints of subscribers of alleged irregularities in the delivery of the paper on the Bruce mail route. The sequel thereto, shows with what magnificent patience and what infinite care and watchfulness, Uncle Sam conducts his postoffice and mail routes. The story that is to follow, explains why it is that millions and millions of letters and postal cards, and tons and tons of mail matter are daily handled in the country, and that every letter finds its way unerringly to its destination, almost exactly on time. If dropped in the New York or Boston mail boxes in the afternoon, unless snow blockades or floods prevent railroad trains from traveling on time, a letter will be delivered to its owner from the Corvallis postoffice on the sixth day thereafter. How such a numberless multitude of letters passing through so many hands are daily and hourly handled and practically always without a slip, seems in explicable, yet it is in part explained by what follows.

The article referred to above, relating to the Bruce mail route was as follows:

Many complaints are lodged in the TIMES office about delay in delivery of the paper along the Bruce mail route. Each Wednesday and each Saturday morning regularly at eight to half past eight, the TIMES for that and other outside routes is put in the Corvallis post office. There is never an exception to this rule, and there is absolutely no excuse why subscribers along the Bruce route should not find the TIMES in their mail boxes the same afternoon, instead of from one to three days later as is charged as having often happened. The TIMES does not attempt to fix the fault, save to say that the trouble is with the mail, and there is no excuse whatever for it.

In furthering the completeness of his postoffice and mail organization, it seems that Uncle Sam keeps a constant lookout for complaints either in the press or otherwise. In Portland there is a bureau that reads the newspapers and clips and sends to persons who pay a small fee, all mention of them or their business. Uncle Sam has arrangements with this bureau to supply him with mention of the postoffice department. By this bureau the above complaint was sent to H. B. Thrall, superintendent eighth division, R. M. S., at San Francisco, February 16th, he forwarded the clipping indorsed as follows:

Respectfully referred to Chief Clerk, R. M. S., Portland, Oregon, for your information and necessary attention.

February 18th, F. E. Whitney, chief clerk at Portland, sent the papers forward endorsed as follows:

Postmaster, Bruce, Oregon: Please advise if you have received any complaints in regard to delay in delivery of Corvallis Times. Please give any information that you can in regard to the matter.

February 20th, Lucinda Norwood, postmistress at Bruce, wrote on the papers the following and returned them to Portland:

In reply to enclosed, will say there is no complaint here, the carrier has a few times carried over mail by mistake. He endeavors to do his duty. By the way San Francisco papers fail to arrive on time. Get here Monday instead of Friday. Fault aboard train.

February 25th, the chief clerk of Portland again forwarded the papers, endorsed as follows:

Postmaster at Corvallis: Kindly take this matter up with carrier and have him explain why these papers are not properly treated. F. E. Whitney, Chief Clerk.

March 7th, Postmaster Johnson wrote:

Respectfully returned with the information that I have taken the matter up with the carrier and he informed me that some time ago he did occasionally get some of the papers mixed up, but that of late, he has been more careful; and for some weeks there has been no complaint.

March 12th, Chief Clerk Whitney of Portland, again forwarded the papers endorsed as follows:

Respectfully returned to superintendent railway mail service, San Francisco, California, with result of investigation, of the complaint of the Corvallis Times, relative to delay in papers reaching subscribers who receive their mail by box delivery on star route 73-274. Monroe to Corvallis, Oregon. You will note there was merit in this complaint. However, the P. M. of Corvallis has advised that matters have been adjusted and the carrier is now giving good service.

March 18th, the superintendent at San Francisco, sent the papers forward with this indorsement:

Respectfully referred to general superintendent R. M. S. Washington, D. C. Correspondence based upon a complaint printed in the Corvallis, Ore. Times of February 7th, 1903, to the effect that subscribers at Bruce were not receiving mail promptly. Statement of the postmaster at Bruce, Oregon, indicates there was some cause for complaint at about the time this article appeared on account of failure of carrier to properly deliver mail in the boxes along the route, but at present mail is being properly delivered.

March 24th, James E. White, general superintendent at Washington D. C. endorsed the papers as follows and sent them ahead:

Publisher TIMES, Corvallis, Oregon: Inviting attention to papers from which it appears, that while there was some cause for complaint regarding the service of Bruce, a month or two ago, the mail is now being promptly delivered and it is hoped there will be no further trouble.

The TIMES supposed the matter would end with the publication of the complaint, but Uncle Sam, who watches over his country with eternal vigilance, and infinite solicitude, who endeavors to answer for the safety and welfare of each individual and to shield them and serve them with all that their necessities may suggest, willed otherwise the sequel shows why it is and how, it is that his mail service is so perfect and so comprehensive, the best perhaps in the world.

At Philomath.

The parents and teachers meeting last Saturday was well attended and was a decided success. Supt. Denman, directors and teachers did all they could to make it interesting. It was the general opinion that such meetings must result in improving the efficiency of the schools. In the evening Prof. Ressler, president of the state normal school of Monmouth, gave a very interesting address.

J. L. Vanblairic and family returned to Philomath last week, after an absence of nearly a year. Mr. Vanblairic, while here, sold his farm to Mr. Dexter, who lately arrived from the East, but expects to buy other property in the neighborhood. He is at present associated with H. C. Wyatt in a saw mill at Ranier.

The case of J. W. Ingle against the city of Philomath still continues to bob up occasionally in the courts. It is sincerely hoped, however, that this is the last time.

Moses Bros. are talking of incorporating and enlarging their stock. Thomas Chandler has removed to Tangent where he has bought out Mr. Tryon's stock of merchandise.

Mr. H. Ambler, the rustling real estate man, is now a full fledged American. He took out his naturalization papers last week.

Mrs. Logan is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Keazel, and little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

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Notice—After Feb 1st the store will close at 6:30 p. m. except Saturdays.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Hayes, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of James Hayes, deceased, by the county court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of James Hayes, deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at her residence one mile west of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon. Dated this March 14, 1903.

Caroline Hayes, Administratrix of the estate of James Hayes, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased: Notice is hereby given that I, Ernest Elliott, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon, and the said court has fixed Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house at Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof. Dated, March 6, 1903.

ERNEST ELLIOTT, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased.

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Katharine Burnett, Executrix.