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## GAVE OWN SON UP.

TO AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO GET SMALL REWARD FOR HIS RECAPTURE.

Since his Acquittal, They Boom Tilman for Governor of South Carolina—Intensity of Scene in Court Room After Acquittal.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 20.—Attorney Warren Grice of Pulaska, representing Amos Caruthers, in his petition for the reward of \$150 for giving his son, Thomas Caruthers, an escaped murderer, over to the called on Governor Terrell yesterday to request the reward. The Caruthers are extremely poor and it was learned yesterday that the elder Caruthers gave up his son in order to get money enough to pay for the defense of his case.

Tom Caruthers was sentenced to hang on Oct. 16, and at the time of his escape, few of his neighbors were sorry. The consternation in the neighborhood was great when old Amos Caruthers came forward to demand the reward for returning his own son to the gallows.

Amos Caruthers sought at the time of the first trial to procure legal talent of the best kind for the defense of his son but failed. Gov. Terrell would not say whether the theory of Amos Caruthers motives would have any effect on the case.

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 20.—James H. Tilman was acquitted today by a jury of the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia State. Before he had been a free man an hour he friends and admirers from Edgefield and surrounding counties were booming him for governor to succeed Gov. Haywood.

For nineteen hours the jury wrestled with the problem of Tilman's guilt and innocence. When the first ballot was taken by the jury at 2 o'clock yesterday they stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. The two men were argued with, appealed to and reasoned with, but to no effect, until about five o'clock this morning, when one of them J. B. Jumper, agreed to vote for acquittal.

This situation continued until 10 o'clock this morning when Milton Sharpe agreed to vote with his comrades for a verdict of "not guilty."

As Sheriff Caughman came out of the court house the orier began calling the lawyers who represented the state and defense. This was the signal for the hundred or more friends of Tilman, who had spent all night sitting about the court house waiting for a verdict. They tramped in taking the seats at the railing separating the space reserved for the bar from the rest of the room.

Tilman's most intimate friends surged about him as he took his seat beside the council. They all believed he had been acquitted and men with pistols, known to be dead shot, took positions about the court room to watch all persons known to be unfriendly to Tilman, and even those who were not personally known to him. One of the telegraph operators brought here during the trial was in the court room as the verdict was brought in. Standing by him was a relative of Tilman's who had been stationed there by Tilman's request as the man was unknown. Later the friend of Tilman explained to the operator why he had watched him so closely.

"James H. Tilman, stand up," said the clerk, unfolding the verdict. Tilman rose to his feet, pale but self-possessed. So tense was the feeling that only the rustling of the paper in the clerk's hands could be heard. The clerk read the verbage until he reached the verdict.

"We, the jury, find James H. Tilman not guilty," cried the clerk. "Whoop-ee-e!" yelled an ardent Tilman man in the rear of the room "Hurrah for Jim Tilman."

"Arrest that man," commanded Judge Gary, but after shouting, the man made a jump for the door and ran down the stairs and into the street.

Tilman heard the verdict ap-

parently without emotion. He stooped over and shook hands with his counsel, but his friends surged about him so closely that he could not move. His counsel shook hands with each juror, thanking them for their action. While this was in progress, Judge Gary offered Tilman back his two pistols, the Luger with which the killing was done, and the Colt which was found in his pocket after the shooting.

"I don't want them" declared Tilman, waving off the sheriff servant who was bringing them toward him. "I never want to see that pistol again."

The "guns" as they call them down here, were handed to a relative of Tilman's. After thanking personally the jury, Tilman and his friends left the court room. At the foot of the steps, he met "Old George" Johnson, his body servant Johnson is one of the antebellum negroes. He is in his 84th year and his wool is as white as snow.

"Bless do Lo'd, Jim!" the old negro shouted as soon as he caught sight of Tilman. Tilman showed the first feeling. Breaking away from his friends he rushed up and embraced the negro, whose tears almost blinded him.

Tilman has made no arrangement for his future. He left this afternoon for Trenton, S. C. the home of Senator Ben Tilman whose wife is dangerously ill, the result of a runaway accident. He will go to Edgefield tomorrow, where a public reception will be held for him.

"If this will end the matter," is the remark of the most conservative citizens.

They do not believe it will. Enough feuds have been started because of the trial to last a generation. Neighbors have sworn that they would not believe each other on oath and this in Edgefield and Saluda counties means a shooting or cutting scrape.

When you want fresh clover and grass seed go to Zierolf's. A new supply of fresh seed just received.

We have added several new pieces to our Premium dishes. Nolan & Callahan.

### Cheap Rates.

Between Portland and Willamette Valley points—Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold Saturdays and Sundays, and limited to return on or before the following Monday. Rate to or from Corvallis \$3.00. Call on Southern Pacific Co's agents for particulars.

### Claims of Supervisors.

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John R Crow		15 8 00
D E Banton		18 2 00

And notice is hereby given that if no objections are filed thereto that the sum will be allowed by the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, at the regular November 1903 term of said Court.

Published by order of Court.  
VICTOR P. MOSES,  
County Clerk.

### Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids, up to Wednesday the 21st day of October, 1903, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the construction of a concrete sidewalk five feet wide, along the North side of the County Court House Block in Corvallis, Oregon. The Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids, and said bids to be filed with the County Clerk on or before said date.

Dated this 12th day of October, 1903.  
VICTOR P. MOSES,  
County Clerk of Benton County, Ore.

### Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money in the treasury to pay all city warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to July 12th 1901, also all street fund warrants indorsed prior to Aug. 25th 1903.

Interest will stop on same from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Ore. Oct. 16th 1903.  
Wm. McLagan, City Treas.

## SHIP WENT DOWN.

STRUCK THE REEFS ALONG THE COAST SOUTH OF COOS BAY AND SANK.

Crew of Twenty Five and Fourteen Passengers Were Aboard—A Number Saved but Others Perished—It was in a Thick Fog.

Marshfield, Or., Oct. 20.—The steamer South Portland struck the reef loaded with grain for San Francisco, struck on Blanco Reef last evening at 5 o'clock during a heavy fog. The vessel carried a crew of 25 and 14 passengers. Of these the following have reached shore:

James McIntire, captain; John Reimer, a sailor of San Francisco; Emanuel Pasomenis, chief cook; William L. Wilson, Jr., of Baltimore, L. Baker, Alameda, Cal., Guy Bent, a boy of 12 years, of Nova Scotia; Al Bailey North Dakota, passenger; Charles Bruce, first officer; James Wasd, chief engineer; John McKown, oiler; J. Driscoll, oiler; W. Hughes, fireman; W. Roberts, fireman; James Alwood, seaman; H. Webber, passenger; C. Johnson, seaman.

Charles Huson, the first engineer, died as they were taking him off the life raft from exposure. Eighteen persons are yet missing and are probably lost.

The South Portland struck bow on going at a speed of about seven knots. As soon as she struck she began to settle astern and in a minute or two slid off the reef and began to sink.

Captain McIntire seeing that there was no hope of saving the ship ordered the boats lowered.

One of the boats that got away from the ship's side, loaded with part of the crew and some of the passengers, was capsized as she cleared the ship's side, and when last seen was floating away in the fog without a living soul aboard.

The captain's boat, with about 18 aboard, succeeded in clearing, but was also capsized and only seven were able to get back to the boat. These consisted of Captain James McIntire, John Reimer, Emanuel Pasomenis, W. L. Wilson, L. Baker, Guy Bent, and Al Bailey. They reached Port Orford last night.

A lifeboat on which the following embarked reached shore this afternoon:

Charles Bruce, first officer; James Ward, chief engineer; T. Pizzotti, second assistant engineer; John McKown, oiler; J. Driscoll, oiler; W. Roberts, fireman; James Alwood seaman; H. Webber, passenger; C. Johnson, seaman and Charles Huson, the first assistant.

The survivors suffered much from exposure.

There is another raft out yet that has not been sighted. On this raft are seven persons. It is almost certain that the loss of life will figure but 11 all told, provided that those on the second raft are all rescued, but the cold chilly nights and the exposure they have to endure makes it almost certain that some of the weaker ones may perish before morning.

The Bandon life-saving crew went overland to Port Orford and started in search of the last named party. They have not yet returned but an anxious throng eagerly awaits them, with hopes of good news.

The tug Columbia is in the vicinity of the wreck, having left Coos Bay at 10 a. m. as soon as the fog cleared, but no news has been heard of her yet.

Captain McIntire, of the wrecked steamer was declined to talk for publication on the matters pertaining to the course his boat was traveling or whether she was off her course when she run on Blanco Reef last evening. When questioned tonight he said:

"We had been running in a blinding fog ever since we left the Columbia River and it was so thick when we struck that you could not see any distance. There were 17 in my boat when we left the sinking steamer. When away from the ship's side our boat swamped and went down. I, with a seaman, got in again and bailed her out

and got five others in with us. It was 4 o'clock when we struck and we were in the boat till 5:30 this morning, having to make shore with one oar and a piece of mast. I will make my full and complete statement as to the course of the accident to the inspectors."

Portland Or., Oct. 20.—The steamer South Portland struck northwest Blanco sunken reef at 4:40 p. m. during a thick fog. According to reports from survivors, it was 20 minutes to one hour after striking the reef until the vessel sank. The carried 39 people all told 14 passengers and a crew of 25—of whom five passengers and 12 of the crew were saved.

The coroner's jury in session now, and the evidence of survivors of the wreck in relation to the death of Charles Huson first assistant engineer, shows that Captain McIntire left the vessel in the first officer's boat, No. 2 at the request of First Officer Bruce, 15 minutes before boat No. 1 left the vessel, and that the vessel steamed 15 minutes from the point of striking the reef after the captain had left.

In the meantime, the crew constructed impromptu rafts from the hatches, etc. for the saving of the remainder of the crew and passengers. The vessel is presumed to have struck on the northwest swash rock of Cape Blanco reef. In launching the boat, they evidently dumped the passengers and crew, as No. 1 boat is still adrift without occupants. No. 2 boat, in charge of Captain McIntire, landed at Port Orford beach at 5:30 a. m., with seven persons aboard. This boat manned by two survivors and Port Orford men, put out in search of the raft, and succeeded in finding and landing it at Port Orford with the remaining survivors at 12:30 p. m.

Chief Engineer Ward in charge of the little raft, reports having seen an impromptu raft, containing six people, after the vessel had gone down, and it is supposed they are still adrift.

Mrs. Bent, and Mrs. Tyrrel, the only ladies on board, are known to be among the missing.

First Officer Bruce, who was on the bridge at the time of the disaster, and Chief Engineer Ward are given full credit and praise for their conduct during the excitement.

At 11 o'clock tonight the Coroner's jury had not returned a verdict in the case of the death of Huson.

Marshfield Or., Oct. 20.—Latest advices from the Port Orford are that the relief parties have returned to shore, driven in by the fog and darkness. The tug Columbia was sighted on her way to the scene of the wreck and she is expected to hang around there till morning.

It is positively asserted that only six more of the lives on the wrecked South Portland can be saved, as all the others have perished in a watery grave. These last six were seen clinging to a raft constructed of the steamer's hatches, and were being carried in a southerly direction by the current. The only hope for their recovery is that the wind will drive them near shore, where they can be seen and rescued.

### Strayed.

On or about Friday, October 16, from W. Taylor's pasture, a Jersey heifer calf, about 7 months old. A liberal reward will be given for its return to my residence or for information leading to its recovery.

G. V. Skelton,  
Corvallis.

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