

THE SCAFFOLD'S SHADOW

MURDERER BELDING IS SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

Mandate From the Supreme Court Ending Hope Arrived Yesterday—Prisoner Seems Careless.

A. J. Belding will be hanged on March 27. This sentence was pronounced upon him yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Judge George.

Belding entered the courtroom pale and trembling in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Charles R. Frasier and Penumbra Kelly, and attended by Father Gartland, chaplain of St. Lawrence Church. Belding dropped into a chair in a listless manner, and then glanced about the room to see who was there. The audience comprised various Courthouse clerks, attorneys and newspaper men. The prisoner's attorney, Dan R. Murphy, arrived a few minutes later in response to a telephone call.

As soon as Judge George had taken his seat upon the bench District Attorney Manning arose and said: "This is the time set this morning. Your Honor, to pronounce sentence on Belding. He is here, and so is his counsel."

"Stand up," said Judge George, and Belding slowly arose to his feet. "Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced on you?"

"No," answered the condemned man, in a feeble tone of voice. "Has your attorney anything to say?" asked the court, turning to Mr. Murphy.

"Nothing, Your Honor."

Looking at the prisoner, Judge George then said, in solemn tones: "The judgment of this court is that you be taken hence by the Sheriff of the county and confined in the County Jail closely until March 27, on Friday, and that on that day you be taken to the inclosure of the jail-yard and hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

The hushed silence subsided into a murmur as the Judge finished speaking, and the officers at once tapped Belding on the shoulder and beckoned him to the stairway leading to the jail below. He obeyed the summons and in a few minutes was once more locked up in his steel cage and joined that occupied by Murderer Smith.

Orders for the death warrant to be replaced were given by Sheriff Storey.

The mandate from the Supreme Court affirming the decision of the lower court was received and entered yesterday morning. Belding was apprised of its coming and that he would be sentenced again, but he offered no comment, as he had expected it. He ate a hearty breakfast and last evening appeared to be in good spirits.

Father Gartland has been calling upon him for some time, and his visits are well received.

Belding shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law, Deborah McCroskey, and "Gyp" Woodward. He also shot and wounded his father-in-law, the well-known Woodward, and had a grudge against the others.

WANT TO GET HIM OUT. Attorneys Apply for Writ of Habeas Corpus for Leo Brown.

The petition for a writ of habeas corpus for Leo Brown, an employe of R. W. Patterson, was argued before Judge George yesterday, and a decision will be rendered after briefs on the law have been submitted and examined by the court.

On January 7, 1903, Brown, who is a well-dressed, respectable-looking young man, pleaded guilty in the Municipal Court to a charge of vagrancy, and on his promise to leave the city Judge Hogue suspended sentence. Several days ago Brown again appeared in the Municipal Court to answer to a charge of assault and battery. The evidence was not conclusive, and the case was dismissed.

Judge Hogue, instead of permitting the young man to leave the courtroom, reminded him of the vagrancy charge and sentenced him to 25 days in the County Jail. Brown's attorney argued before Judge George that Judge Hogue, after liberating Brown on the vagrancy charge, lost all jurisdiction in the case. He said that the Municipal Judge continued the matter indefinitely. It was not a postponement to a particular time, and Judge Hogue, by pursuing the course he did, waived all authority in the case. Counsel also stated that as a matter of fact Brown did go away. He went to Vancouver and Tacoma, and returned to Portland to accept a position offered him by Patterson.

J. J. Fitzgerald, Deputy City Attorney, argued that the Municipal Court has the right to detain a prisoner until the promise of the prisoner to leave town. This was frequently done to rid the city of worthless characters. Mr. Fitzgerald asked for time to look up authorities on the question involved. Brown is out on bail, and Judge Hogue therefore decided that it could do no harm to grant continuance the time requested.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. DRISCOLL. Wife of Orchestra Leader Given Freedom and Custody of Her Child.

Myrtle Driscoll was granted a divorce from Sam Driscoll, leader of the orchestra at Cordova, by Judge George yesterday, and was also granted the custody of their minor child. Driscoll recently, through his attorney, William Davis, arranged with his wife's attorney, John F. Logan, concerning alimony and other things and therefore did not oppose the suit. Mrs. Driscoll testified that she and her husband could not agree, and consequently she left him. She said they quarreled frequently. Mrs. S. A. Cooper, the mother of the plaintiff, also testified that she had trouble with her son-in-law, and Mrs. Josephine Mahoney, at whose house the Driscolls boarded, told of differences between them that came under her notice while they were at her place.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

Two petitions in bankruptcy were filed in the United States District Court yesterday. J. O. Grove, a sawmill man, of Cottrell, Clackamas County, confessed to liabilities in the sum of \$100. His assets consist of a stock of groceries, valued at \$90, and a sawmill and its machinery, valued at \$750. The exempt property is listed at \$48.

Charles E. Hoyt, a woodworker, filed a petition placing his liabilities at \$238 and his exempt property at \$20.

Both petitions were referred to Referee Alexander Sweek, to be heard on March 2.

Decisions Today.

Judge Sears will announce decisions this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the following cases: Alfred Niblin vs. Myria E. Reed et al.; demurrer to answer in abatement. The State of Oregon ex rel. vs. E. J. McKittrick; demurrer to complaint.

Elva Freeland vs. Portland Railway Company; motion to make complaint more definite.

Chris Algeheimer vs. Stewart & Winslow; motion for rehearing.

G. McCully vs. Kate Lovett et al.; motion to strike from roster.

Complaints in Divorce Cases.

The Sheriff recently served complaints in divorce suits from outside counties as follows: Robert M. Tannock against Alice Rowena Tannock, Columbia County; Mattie M. Mack against William A. Mack, Clatsop County; William J. Murphy against Hannah E. Murphy, Lane County.

Judge George's Busy Day. Judge George performed a varied line of duties yesterday. In the morning he tried a divorce suit, and afterwards received some friends. At 2 o'clock he delivered an address on George Washington to the children and visitors at Harrison-street school. At 3 o'clock he sentenced

HE THRASHED DEBTOR.

But William Forde Invoked the Protection of the Law.

In trying to collect a \$2 bill by virtue of his power as a lighter V. A. Faschick became implicated in trouble which cost him \$10. William M. Forde yesterday prosecuted a charge of assault and battery against Faschick. He admitted owing the defendant \$2, but was not pleased with Faschick's manner of collecting debts.

"He threw me back against the wall, struck me and said that he would break every bone in my body if I did not pay the bill," said Forde, as he was called to the witness-stand.

"Didn't you owe the money?" asked Municipal Judge Hogue.

"I don't think that is a material question," interrupted Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Adams, but the witness was not averse to saying that he owed the money.

The defendant was quite indignant as he was called to testify in his own behalf.

"I have tried every other way to collect this money," said he. "The man owed me and would not pay. He left my place, then said mean things about it, and also about me."

"Is his story true about your having assaulted him?" asked the Judge.

"Yes, but I had provocation for it," answered the defendant, with feeling. "I—"

"Enough!" interrupted the Judge. "That is no way to settle bills. Your fine will be \$10."

Until this time the defendant had controlled his feelings, but the last straw was too much. With an angry jerk he drew a long sack of money from his pocket, and threw it toward the clerk. He was starting to make an indignation speech, but the court did not wish to hear it.

"Faschick had luck!" began Faschick, angrily, and the Judge rapped the table.

"A man who is too small to pay his bills," continued Faschick, with greater indignation, as he gazed with scorn at Forde, and the Judge rapped the table still harder.

"Then come to a court where justice is supposed to be administered," but Judge Hogue thought the remarks were a little too personal.

"Shut up!" shouted the Judge, "and get out of here, or you will be sent to jail." Faschick got out, but he was still murmuring to himself when the door closed behind him.

WOULD NOT FIGHT. Colored Man Is Afraid to Enter Army With a Black Eye.

To keep from getting his eye blacked and his face bruised up before the time to take an examination for re-enlistment as a soldier, Louis Maxwell has caused Frank James to be arrested upon the charge of assault and battery. The trial was partially heard yesterday, but owing to a lack of evidence was continued until today.

Maxwell is a colored man, but likes to serve Uncle Sam. He has an honorable discharge but is willing and anxious to re-enlist. A few nights ago he appeared at the police station. On his face was a troubled expression.

"Captain," said he, "a man is laying for me. He wants me to fight him."

The Captain thought this no unusual occurrence and laughed.

"If he bothers you you can have him arrested," he replied, but the colored soldier was not satisfied.

"He called me bad names and said that I was a stool-pigeon," continued his colorful man, "and he said that if I don't have to fight, I'd just as soon fight him but I will have to take my examinations soon and I don't want to get a black eye. I don't want my face all blacked up."

The Captain looked as if he imagined that the ordinary sort of blacking would make a poor showing in such a case, but allowed an officer to go with the soldier youth and find the man that was causing him so much distress. Frank James was brought in and a charge of using abusive language placed against him.

INDIVIDUALS TAKE HOLD. Sportsmen of State to Pay for Actual Protection.

A number of the sportsmen of the city are determined that the game of the state shall be protected even though they must take the money from their pockets to carry on the work. As the matter now stands the present inadequate system must continue for another two years at least, unless something is done by private subscription. Several men who were instrumental in the bringing of birds to the game lands from other states are indignant that the birds upon which they have spent so much money should be afforded no protection.

At once an effort will be made to raise sufficient funds to pay for the employing of a number of competent deputy game wardens. At present Master Game Warden Gulmy has no money available to employ men for this work, and must sit quietly and see the work of many years rapidly vanish through the rapacity of pot-hunters. A bill was introduced into the Legislature asking for an appropriation to pay Mr. Gulmy and several deputies. The bill was indefinitely postponed, so that the old system must keep on. Whoever is appointed Master Game Warden will be supplied with enough money from the private fund.

The sportsmen to actually protect the game—something which cannot now be done under the present method of allowing only the salary of the Master Warden.

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IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

HIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED IN SCHOOLS OF THE CITY.

Pupils Sing Patriotic Songs and Sons of American Revolution Give Addresses.

Patriotic songs and addresses by prominent men of the city added in the celebration of Washington's birthday in the public schools yesterday. Before portraits of the Father of his Country the pupils declaimed such selections as "Barbara Frietche" and the "Gettysburg Address," familiar through repetition, but still holding a place in the hearts of the hearers.

In some of the schools there had been little preparation for the day, and the programme consisted of nothing more than songs by the scholars and an address by some public-spirited citizen.

Talks to school children is no easy task, but the young listeners paid close attention and followed the speakers' flights of oratory with eager ears. Nearly every school was decorated for the occasion with pictures of Washington and the Stars and Stripes played an important part in the effect.

At the Park School the interesting feature of the day was the presentation of the prize offered by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution for the best essay upon one of the four patriotic subjects named. Hazel May Brown, a pupil of the Park School, won the first prize in the contest, with an essay upon the treason of Benedict Arnold. Blushing with pride, she was handed the \$25 prize at the close of the exercises by Robert Treat of Washington, Lincoln and Grant became the men they were largely through the influence of their mothers. The small girls were to profit by this example.

The programme as given by the scholars consisted of a solo by Charles G. Brown, an essay upon Washington by Harold Germain, a song by the girls' chorus, a recitation by Martha Gasch, and the recital of Barbara Frietche by eight little girls in union.

Judge M. C. George was the speaker at the Harrison-street School. It was not decided to hold the exercises until three days ago, so the elaborate programme in the neighboring Park School was not duplicated. Songs by the school formed the setting for the address of Judge George upon a patriotic topic. Many mothers were in attendance at the exercises, as one of the regular meetings of the parents in that district was held at the close of the celebration. Mrs. J. Allen Gilbert read a paper of interest to mothers at the meeting.

At the High School, Major Alfred F. Sears was the speaker, while at the Felling School in South Portland an address was delivered by General Charles F. Beebe. Benjamin I. Cohen was the speaker at the Chapman, in North Portland, while at the neighboring school, the Couch, an address was made by B. B. Beckman, a local lawyer. The Sons of the American Revolution were represented at the Atkinson by W. B. Wells, who made a patriotic address. As in the other schools of the city, the pupils delivered recitations and sang patriotic songs, while the Stars and Stripes and pictures of Washington were seen everywhere.

IN THE EAST SIDE SCHOOLS.

Patriotic Exercises Are Held and Interesting Addresses Given.

Dr. E. L. House addressed the pupils of the Central School yesterday afternoon. Over 700 pupils marched into the assembly hall from the rooms of the building. There were also a number of patrons present. On the platform was a picture of George Washington draped in the national colors.

At the Holiday building, in a few words, said the Sons of the American Revolution had sent speakers to the Portland public schools to talk to the pupils on the life and character of the Father of his Country. Dr. House was then introduced. He delivered a pleasing address to the children, and succeeded in holding their attention for about 20 minutes while he pointed out the important events in the life of the first President. The burden and object of his talk was to impress the children with Washington's great love of country, which he said had been equalled only by the devotion of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. House related some incidents that were amusing to the children. At the conclusion of his address the school sang "America" while all were standing.

At the Holiday building, an eloquent and patriotic address was delivered by Robert F. Bell, extolling the virtues of Washington. One of the pleasing incidents of the afternoon was the presentation to the school of two fine pictures, one of McKinley and one of Washington, by Mrs. June Ordway. Mr. Bell, in behalf of Mrs. Ordway, made the presentation speech, and the pictures were received by Principal Keyes. The pictures will be hung in the fine assembly hall. They will be held in constant remembrance of Mrs. Ordway, who is well known to all Portland as a woman of great patriotism.

In the assembly hall of the Williams-avenue School pupils from 12 rooms gathered to hear the talk of Colonel E. R. Harrington. After several songs Colonel Harrington spoke briefly and entertainingly about George Washington, and pointed out the characteristics worthy of emulation by all American children. The speaker held the attention of the pupils.

Wallace McCamant gave a strong address to 20 pupils in the assembly hall of the D. P. Thompson School, in Central Alameda, and was listened to with close attention. Mr. McCamant was particularly happy in his address. A number of the patrons of the school were present and enjoyed the short programme.

Rev. W. S. Wright talked to the pupils of the Stephens School in the assembly and spoke of the necessity of true patriotism and love of country being taught in the public school. Francis I. McKenna talked to the pupils of the North Central, and his remarks received close attention. R. W. Montague spoke in the Clinton Kelly, and Thomas N. Strong addressed the pupils of the School, and received marked attention. No special programmes had been arranged in any of the East Side buildings, and the addresses and patriotic songs made up the exercises of the afternoon in all the buildings.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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