

SLAYER OF MRS. JONES PLEADS

Insanity in His Defense.

PROVES TO BE POOR WITNESS

Alleged Murderer Sheds Some Tears and Becomes Badly Tangled in Statements Concerning the State of His Finances.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Charged with first degree murder, the trial of George W. Lauth, for the fatal shooting of Mrs. Lenore B. Jones in this city September 6 last, was begun before Judge McBride today. The jury are being picked as a defense in the case, which was continued until 3:30 A. M. Wednesday shortly after the state rested its case this afternoon. The jurors are William C. Hill, John Page, John L. Evans, Charles Epler, Frank H. Hilton, Nicholas Rath, Mat Kendall, J. Hulme, A. C. Hollingsworth and Thomas Johnson.

Mr. Woods and wife, the parents of the murdered woman, testified that Lauth came to their home on the morning of the shooting and shortly after he was joined by Mrs. Jones in an adjoining room the shooting took place. Lauth surrendering himself to Mr. Woods and admitting that he had shot the woman and was sorry for it.

The 3-year-old daughter of the murdered woman was called by the state and related a conversation she overheard between Lauth and her mother, just before the shooting, in which there took place a dispute over the division of some personal property.

Charles Wright, a barber who testified that Lauth came to his shop on the morning of the murder, testified that Lauth entered his shop and, while being shaved, remarked:

"This is the last time you will see me or have a chance to shave me." When asked for an explanation as to what he meant by the remark, Wright testified that Lauth said:

"The big fight is coming off at 10 o'clock this morning and you will hear all about it." With these remarks Lauth left the shop and the shooting occurred between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, less than a half hour later.

Dr. W. E. Carl, who conducted the post-mortem examination, testified as to the nature of the four gunshot wounds, either one of two of which would have resulted fatally without the interference of an operation. The objection of the defense to the introduction of the ante-mortem statement of Mrs. Jones was overruled, and the document, which was subscribed to by the murderer, was admitted in evidence.

A dispute between herself and Lauth as to the division of some personal effects.

W. E. Carl, Constable Trembath and George Shelley gave testimony that went to show that the shooting of the woman by Lauth was deliberate and with premeditation.

When the case reached its close, the defense called Lauth to the stand. The defendant expressed an injured expression throughout the proceedings, and the witness who testified to the shooting and the death of the woman, he became noticeably affected and shed a few tears. When asked to testify to the shooting, he regained his composure, but he proved a poor witness. He testified that for 15 months he and the murdered woman had lived together as husband and wife, although the woman had been divorced from her former husband; stated that his every affection was centered in the woman, whom he regarded with having taken with her a diamond pin to the value of \$165 and \$700 in money, which he claimed was his personal property, when she went to Eugene a few days before the shooting.

He did not remember having visited Wright's barber shop on the morning of the shooting, although he admitted a faint recollection of the shooting room at the "Woods" home that was on the way to the County Jail in charge of an officer, subsequent to the shooting, he testified that his mind was a blank and that he had absolutely no knowledge of the deed.

On cross-examination something of a scandal was sprung by District Attorney Allen, who sought to establish the fact that, although Lauth claimed to be infatuated with the Jones woman, alone, he had intimate relations at the same time with two other women, one of whom was a sister of the woman he shot. This form of cross-examination was ruled out by the court.

Lauth became badly entangled by the District Attorney on further cross-examination as to his possession of the \$700 he said he gave Mrs. Jones just before she went to Eugene. He first testified that the sum represented his savings for 15 months, but afterwards admitted that it was the money of the diamond ring for \$145 in May last he had only \$65. He then said he won the \$700 at gambling between the middle of May and some time in July when he and the Jones woman had a quarrel and separated.

STATUS OF THE "SCRIPPERS."

Best Chance to Get Lands Purchased From Oregon as Lieu Lands.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—In a letter received today by Governor Chamberlain from the directors of the General Land Office, says that his present course regarding state lieu land selections is not in accordance with the plan outlined by him in his letter of October 12, 1903, but justifies himself by saying that his course is in accordance with law while the plan suggested by him a year ago was not a decision in a pending case but was only a report to the Secretary of the Interior. According to the letter received today, the purchasers of state lieu land have no advantage or protection in their holding relinquishments of the state's claim to the land.

In his letter of a year ago the Commissioner said that the state could protect its purchasers where the state's title had failed, by giving them relinquishments, and these "purchasers" holding the relinquishments, they may present it with the relinquishment and thereby secure the right of entry. This letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Interior and transmitted to the Governor. "For his information," said the members of the State Land Board took this to be a statement of the policy of the department, and acted accordingly, issuing hundreds of relinquishments upon the expressed understanding that by presenting them at the Land Office the purchasers could secure a right of entry. But the application of the state's title was refused by the local land officials, and this refusal is approved in the letter received by the Governor today. The letter is a lengthy one, but the substance of it is that "the fact that an application to enter is accompanied by a relinquishment of the title of the state in and to a pending selection list, does not

warrant the allowance of such application for, until the relinquishment has been accepted by this office the selection list cancelled and the cancellation noted upon the records of the local office, the land remains segregated."

The latter clause with the suggestion that where purchasers from the state have lost their titles they must look to the state for redress. It is also declared that as soon as the selection lists are cancelled the land is open to entry by the first qualified applicant. This means, in effect, that "scrippers" will have the best chance to get lands purchased from the state's lieu land, which the state's title has failed. The land for which the selections have been or will be cancelled will aggregate 98,000 acres.

Governor Chamberlain says he will try further to induce the Department of the Interior to change its policy as announced in the letter today.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS.

Governor Chamberlain in Favor of Georgia Democrats Plan.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Governor George E. Chamberlain, who was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis and who has been elected to the Georgia State Parker, believes it would be best for all the Democratic members of the electoral college to vote for Roosevelt President and make his election unanimous. This opinion Governor Chamberlain expressed today upon reading in The Oregonian the views of Julius Brown, a prominent Georgia Democrat, to the same effect.

The Governor concurs in what Mr. Brown was quoted as saying, and believes that the election of Roosevelt by a unanimous vote would do more than any other one thing to create a friendly feeling between North and South and destroy the old lines of division. Governor Chamberlain believes that Roosevelt has been misrepresented regarding his feeling toward the South and that entirely wrong conclusions were drawn from the statement of the Georgia Democrat. The leader of the Oregon delegation in the Democratic delegation hopes to see the Democratic vote go to Roosevelt.

On commenting upon this subject the Governor showed quite plainly that he feels that the men who booted the Democratic ticket in 1900 got just what they deserved. He is in control of the party. Nevertheless the Governor was a supporter of Parker in 1904 as he was of Bryan in 1900.

Hero in Bad Repute.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 22.—T. J. Casey, the so-called "hero of Calocoon," said to possess a medal of honor for climbing a flagpole and hoisting the colors that had been shot away in battle during the war, is being treated as an undesirable person. His soldier career was with the Army in the Philippines. Two years ago he was convicted of the crime of shooting a woman, and his term is to live down his former reputation and begin anew. In spite of his bravery and the service he rendered his country, however, the police claim that he is a bad character and too dangerous a man to be allowed to remain in the community.

Freshets Bring Down Logs.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—A great many logs were brought down by the freshets, although quite a quantity is still left. In the Lewis and Clark River 6,000,000 feet came down. Lower Gray's River is blocked with logs, and the water is being moved. There were about 15,000,000 feet of logs on Upper Gray's River, but all of them were not floated.

Candidates for Rhodes Scholarships.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The list of those eligible to try for the Rhodes scholarship at the examination to be held at Whitman in January includes: Hubert Lyman, Frank Evans, Edgemoor, George Greenleaf, Harold Ellis, George Libbey, Haylett O'Neill, Howard Merritt, Harry Robinson, Calvin Thompson, Marshall Wilkinson and Roy Wolfe, all now attending school, and H. E. Brown, '03, and Wilbur Toner, '02, alumni. By agreement among the different colleges the Rhodes representative from the State of Washington this year will come from Whitman College.

Floater on the Tide Flats.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Coroner Pohn received a telephone call today from a man who was stating that the body of a man had been washed ashore on the tide flats near there. The body has been secured and the Coroner will go after it tomorrow. The remains are believed to be those of B. Curran, fireman on the Heather, who has been missing since November 1, and is supposed to have been drowned, or those of Charles Dahl, who is thought to have been drowned about two weeks ago by falling off the railway trestle in this city.

Threatened With Water Famine.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The Astoria to the break in the main conduit leading from the headworks of the water system to the big reservoir will not be completed before tomorrow night or Thursday morning and in the meantime Astoria is threatened with a water famine. The water in the reservoir is 12 feet below normal and only sufficient is left to supply families for three days. In order to ward off the danger of a shortage as long as possible, connections with the mills, cold-storage and manufacturing plants were shut off today.

Canvass for Portage Fund.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the directors of the Walla Walla Commercial Club last night, Harry Turner, its president, was authorized to employ a paid solicitor to solicit the work of raising the \$5000 apportioned to Walla Walla County to make up the amount needed to construct the Portage Railroad at Colville, to the amount of \$12,000 he stated as yet, but it is thought that a systematic canvass of the county will make up the deficit in a short time.

Idaho Vote Canvassed.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 22.—The county canvassing boards have completed the canvass of the vote of the recent election. It is shown Roosevelt received 67,364 votes, Parker 18,422, Gooding, Republican, for Governor, 4,371, Republican Democrat, 3,462, Roosevelt's plurality, 2,902; Gooding's, 11,340.

The exact vote for Debs is not yet known, but it is about 40,000. The prohibitionists cast 35 and the Populists 22.

Walla Walla Will Protest.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The directors of the Walla Walla Commercial Club at a meeting held last night decided to make a vigorous protest to the railroad companies against alleged discrimination in favor of the Palouse country against this city. Under the new freight tariff wheat in carload lots is 6 cents less per bushel from Palouse points to the East than from here.

Adam—They tell me we shall have to move out of the garden. Eve—And I have a thing to say. It's always just the way.—Boston Transcript.

SUNDAY FISHING

Weekly Closed Season Recommended in Columbia.

TWO PATROL-BOATS NEEDED

Oregon Master Fish Warden Also Asks for Revision of License Law, With Preference Shown Old-Established Firms.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The adoption of a weekly closed season instead of Spring and Fall closed seasons, the appropriation of money for the purchase and operation of two swift patrol boats and the revision of the license laws, are among the most important recommendations made by Master Fish Warden G. Van Dusen in his biennial report setting forth the work of his office and the condition of the fishing industry in Oregon. He also recommends that all fishing at the mouth of the Columbia be prohibited, so that fish may not be prevented from entering the river, and that officers of the fishery department be authorized to seize and immediately destroy as nuisance all fishing appliances found in operation in violation of law. The Commissioner's report is a lengthy document, comprising 105 pages of typewritten matter. It gives a detailed account of hatchery operations and an exhaustive discussion of the subject of closed seasons, enforcement of the law. Special reports from hatchery superintendents are included, setting forth their views of the subject of closed seasons, and of the reasons for the shortage in the take of salmon eggs this year.

While Mr. Van Dusen says that over-fishing seems to be the most reasonable explanation of the shortage, he has some doubt about this, and in this theory and will make further investigations before the Legislature meets.

Close One Day Each Week.

The reason advanced for the recommendation in favor of a weekly closed season is that the present system of all kinds to ascend the river, thus supplying the hatcheries with every variety of salmon from which to take eggs for hatchery purposes, and at the same time the fishing interests will not be deprived of an opportunity to do a good season's work. He says that the present system of closing the river for a week in the month of August, and for a week in the month of October, is not a satisfactory one, and that the weekly closed season has been substituted for the Spring closed season, with satisfactory results. The closed season cannot be extended Saturday morning to sunset Sunday evening.

Mr. Van Dusen says that if one day a week is not enough, the Oregon law should be provided as a closed season, but he thinks one-seventh of the time each week is enough for the fish to get up the stream if left without interference.

Scores Washington Officials.

Mr. Van Dusen scores the Washington state officers for collecting license fees from Oregon fishermen and using the money to build up Washington hatcheries, and that the same is done by a patrol boat in Oregon, which is an equality with Washington in looking after illegal fishing. While he admits that a patrol boat is an expensive luxury, he says that the Legislature that it is impossible for an officer of the fishery department to "swoop down" upon fishermen in a skiff. A faster means of patrol is needed, and he thinks any one would admit who would go out with an officer in a skiff while attempting to watch several thousand fishermen on such a broad and long river as the Columbia. He adds:

The state of Washington provided a patrol boat for its officers last year, which they made very good use of during the Spring closed season this year gathering in Oregon salmon for the hatcheries, thus violating the law. It seems from the dozen or more fishermen I questioned relative to the matter that when they were caught they had no objection to getting the \$250 for their license and then they were allowed to go with a reprimand, their only evident being to collect as much as possible to build up the hatcheries, and the rest of the detriment it might be to the state.

While the State of Washington requires no official stipends of its police officers in the Columbia, it seems to me that there is nothing left for this state to do but to provide its officials with a couple of good, swift patrol boats built especially for the work, by the state.

Protect Old Cannermen.

The revision of the license schedules recommended is chiefly for the purpose of attaining greater equality between old and new cannermen. New cannermen pay only a small fee, but get the benefit of a fishing industry that has been largely built up with funds paid in by the old operators. Mr. Van Dusen recommends that the amount of the fee to be paid by cannermen the first year of their operation be fixed by the Board of Fish Commissioners and that it be four or five times the amount now required by the law.

Legislation Recommended.

A summary of the recommendations made by Master Fish Warden Van Dusen is as follows:

First—That the state continue to assist the work of artificial propagation of salmon by providing the hatchery establishments.

Second—That \$10,000 be appropriated for a general hatchery on the Walla Walla River.

Third—That \$2000 be appropriated for a general hatchery on the McKenna River.

Fourth—That an annual appropriation of \$5000 be allowed district No. 2 to assist in defraying the expense of operating the coast hatcheries.

Fifth—That the schedule of license be raised and made sufficient to meet all the requirements for hatchery operations.

Sixth—That the license fee for a net be made the same as a full-size license.

Seventh—That no fishing be allowed on hatchery streams, or on salmon-breeding streams, or within five miles of the mouth of such streams, excepting with hook and line, commonly called angling.

Eighth—That a certain well-defined line be established at the mouth of the Columbia River and no fishing be allowed beyond that line.

Ninth—That certain well-defined lines be established on all coast streams, and that no fishing be allowed above those lines, excepting with hook and line, commonly called angling.

Tenth—That on streams across which is constructed and maintained a dam no fishing be

allowed, excepting with hook and line, commonly called angling, and that hook and line fishing be restricted and not allowed within half a mile of the dam.

Eleventh—That any fishing appliance found fishing unlawfully, or in prohibited waters, be destroyed, a public nuisance and be seized and destroyed without process of law.

Twelfth—That during a close-season period no salmon be allowed within the state, whether caught outside or within the state.

Thirteenth—That the location of fishtraps, set-nets, fishweirs and seines be definitely fixed and not allowed within certain distances of each other.

Fourteenth—That Curry, Cook, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah and Wasco Counties such be required to maintain special water bailiffs.

Fifteenth—That a well-regulated and substantial system of headworks and gates be required for the intake of every irrigating ditch and mining ditch.

Sixteenth—That a dynamite be punished with a term of years in the penitentiary, and not be allowed to get off with a fine as under the present law.

Seventeenth—That the Board of Fish Commissioners be authorized and empowered to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of a dynamiter for the arrest and conviction of a dynamiter for the use of the waters of the state with malicious intent.

Eighteenth—That the salary of the Deputy Warden be increased and made \$1200 per annum.

Nineteenth—That provision be made for a clerk, at a stipulated salary, for the office of the Deputy Warden.

Twentieth—That two patrol boats be provided to take care of the close-seasons on the Columbia River.

Twenty-first—That the Columbia River spring close-season be repealed.

Twenty-second—That the close-season for straggling conform to the salmon close-season periods.

Twenty-third—That the law protecting black bass be repealed.

Hatchery Operations in 1904.

The take of Chinook salmon eggs at all of the different hatcheries tributary to the Columbia River this year has been as follows:

Oregon State Hatcheries—Salmon River Hatchery.....1,745,000
Ontario Salmon Hatchery.....1,452,500
Total.....3,197,500

United States Hatcheries—Little White Salmon River, Wash.....1,129,000
Big White Salmon River, Wash.....1,163,400
Chinook River Hatchery, Ore.....1,111,800
Upper Clackamas, Oregon.....1,287,500
Lower Clackamas, Oregon.....1,024,000
Total.....5,804,200

In addition to the chinook eggs, the Oregon hatcheries took 175,000 steelhead eggs at its Salmon River hatchery, a tributary of the Columbia River, and raised and turned out 143,849 fry.

GOOD YEAR FOR BEET CROP.

Grand Ronde Farmers Are Mastering Art of Their Culture.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The La Grande Amalgamated Sugar factory is on the last of the beets of the 1904 crop, and the superintendent of the factory reports this the most successful year since the establishment of the factory in 1898.

There have been 21,900 tons of beets delivered to the factory this season, all first-class, which will make 55,999 100-pound bags of sugar. The factory will run about ten days longer this Fall, which will make a 30 days' run. Five hundred men and children, including a number of Indians and Japs, will be employed in the beets from three to four months this season, thinning them early in the season and pulling and topping this Fall, realizing very good wages for the work.

Mr. S. J. Stewart, the field superintendent, states that the average tonnage to the acre was greater this season than any year heretofore, and that the farmers in the valley are becoming thoroughly acquainted with the raising of beets and raise more of them every year. Mr. S. Carroll, on a tract of five acres, raised 1451 pounds for which he received \$450 per ton, netting \$104 an acre. Other growers did equally as well where the land was well prepared and the same attention paid the crop.

Mr. Stewart says that the factory acreage this season, in all about 2300 acres, and expects to greatly increase this amount next year. The factory has a run of 100 days, employing 125 men, and many of these will be employed in and about the factory after the run of sugar has been completed. About \$10,000 has been paid out to the beet growers for beets this season by the company, and the expense of work in the factory, in the company's hands and in the purchase of some lands for the raising of beets.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Funeral of Merva Potter.

SHERIDAN, Or., Nov. 22.—The funeral of Merva Potter, who was fatally shot by John Dickins last week, was held Saturday and was very largely attended. Mr. Potter had lived at home for several weeks, taking care of his own and his father's business in the warehouse and elevator at this place. The family is well and favorably known throughout the state.

John Nelson.

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 22.—John Nelson, one of the best-known pioneers of Montana, was found dead in his bed in this city today. Heart failure was the cause. In the days of Marcus Daly, Nelson was very prominent in conducting many large enterprises in the Bitter Root Valley. Reverses since then reduced him to poverty. He was once Sheriff of Deer Lodge county and many years ago was a conductor on the Oregon Short Line.

Logs Brought Down by Flood.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—A freebest in Hood River yesterday carried out 2,000,000 feet of saw logs for the Oregon Lumber Company.

Your head is all right, and so is your heart

It's your liver that is not all right. And your biliousness, sick-headaches, dizzy spells, indigestion, constipation prove it. Ayer's Pills are regular liver pills. They make wrong livers right. Sugar-coated, all vegetable. Sold for 60 years.

WARDEN DRAWS GUN

Drives Off Man Sent to Take Place at Penitentiary.

TRUCE DECLARED AT BOISE

Matter Will Be Taken Before Supreme Court for Settlement—Sheriff Augments Forces to Forestall Outbreak of Prisoners.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The trouble over the management of the penitentiary resulted today in an effort on the part of Attorney-General Agnew and Secretary of State Gibson to oust Warden Ferrin and install Guard E. W. Ackley in charge of the institution. The warden refused to recognize the appointment and after considerable squabbling the parties agreed to call a truce until the Supreme Court could act on application for a writ of mandate to compel Ferrin to turn over the keys of the property.

The two members of the State Board, acting in the absence of the Governor, made the orders early this morning dismissing Ferrin and appointing Ackley. The latter threatened to call a truce until the Supreme Court could act on application for a writ of mandate to compel Ferrin to turn over the keys of the property.

Warden Ferrin then exhibited a revolver and ordered Ackley to leave the premises. Ackley left and came down town. After he had reported to the board Gibson and Hagley, accompanied by Sheriff Agnew, went back with Ackley and informed Perrin that Ackley was warden and that the keys and property must be turned over to him. Perrin again refused to recognize the legality of their action. Perrin had his counsel present and much discussion followed.

It was finally agreed that the matter should be taken into the Supreme Court. The members of the board applying for a writ of mandate to compel Ferrin to deliver possession.

This evening Sheriff Agnew went up to the penitentiary, this was at the request of Eugene W. Ackley, who is Perrin's counsel. It was feared news of the difficulty reaching the prisoners might lead them to make a break. Ackley is a resident of Boise. He was guarded under Jack Campbell, when the latter was warden.

REV. MR. MARTIN ACQUITTED

Not Guilty of Assault in Clackamas Hoopyard.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Rev. S. D. Martin, of Vancouver, Wash., was acquitted by a jury in the Circuit Court here today of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The trial occupied all of yesterday and was submitted to the jury about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The verdict being returned at 9 o'clock last night.

The complaining witness was Edie E. Calkins, of Clackamas. She was the trouble that resulted in Martin's arrest took place in a hoopyard near Aurora last September. Martin, who for years was a Christian minister, and his family were at the time of the assault were repeatedly disturbed by Wollman and his companions. On the morning that Martin and his family started to leave the yard, Wollman and his associates approached the wagon on which the preacher and family were being taken to the railroad depot. Wollman climbed into the rear of the wagon and was going after Martin and his wife when the preacher turned and fired twice from a 38-caliber revolver, one shot striking the young man in the arm.

DISOWNED EVEN IN DEATH.

Bodies of Walla Walla Boys Will Be Burned by the County.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The youths killed in the wreck at Hunt's Sunday night were August Wells, born in Russia, aged 13, and Lemma Cantor, aged 17, the bodies were identified by Sheriff Painter this evening. Both were raised here. They were wild boys, and had been in jail several times.

Conrad W. Weller, who is feeling the remains of his son, said he had disowned him before, and refused to bury him. W. A. Cantor, now in Seattle, disowned his son long since. Both will probably be buried at county expense.

J. T. BILYEU KILLS HIMSELF.

Wealthy Linn County Farmer Is Believed to Have Been Insane.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—John

T. Bilyeu, a well-known resident of Linn County, committed suicide at his home in Bely this afternoon. He went into the kitchen, shot himself in the back of the head, placed the pistol on a table and fell over dead. He had apparently been drinking champagne to start a fire when he was seized with a fit of insanity, to which he was subject, and killed himself. His wife was in another part of the house at the time.

Bilyeu was about 55 years old and had spent almost all his life in this county. He was a retired farmer and worth about \$2,000. A few years ago he showed symptoms of mild insanity and was treated in private sanitarium, but was never perfectly cured. No cause whatever is known for his suicide except temporary insanity.

ACCIDENTS AT SALEM.

Tilmon Ford breaks a Leg—William Hall Has a Serious Fall.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Hon. Tilmon Ford, a prominent attorney and capitalist, suffered a bad fall at the Williams Hotel last night, resulting in the fracture of his right leg. He was taken to retire for the night, and while removing his trousers lost his balance and, being unable to catch himself, fell heavily against a chair. With difficulty he reached the call bell and summoned assistance. Doctor Gillis attended him and later he was removed to the Cartwright Sanitarium.

William Hall, of Hall's Ferry, south of Salem, walked off the side of a tramway at his hospice last night and fell 18 feet, striking his head on the ground. He was unconscious several hours, and his recovery is doubtful.

BLOODY MARKS ON PISTOL.

Weapon Used in Slaughter at Auburn Is Found.

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 22.—The preliminary examination of Adolph Weber practically ended this afternoon with the seizure of the whole trial—the dramatic presentation in court of the pistol with which the deed was evidently committed. It was found in the hands of the killer under a barn on the Weber place. The barn stands on the side of a hill near the house, and on the 4th under side a person crouched under the eaves of the barn.

The weapon is an Iver-Johnson 32-caliber pistol. When examined four chambers were found empty and one loaded. The pistol was smeared with blood, and on one of the stains some hair is stuck fast, as if it might be the weapon with which the boy was beaten. Half-way between the cylinder and muzzle are to be plainly seen the imprints of two bloody fingers.

HEAD NEARLY TORN OFF.

Clatsop County Youth Is Instantly Killed While Hunting.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Mattie Kukua, a boy 19 years of age, whose home was at Brownsport Slough, a short distance above Knappa, accidentally killed himself shortly before noon today. He and his younger brother, Al, were duck hunting on the tide lands near their home and became separated.

Alex heard two shots fired, and upon investigating found his brother dead with his gun beside him. Both barrels had been discharged. The charges had glanced on the boy's breast and, striking him under the arm, tore off the right ear, and struck his head. The body was brought here this evening, and an inquest will probably be held tomorrow.

FISH COMPANY PAYS FEES.

Suit Is Dismissed in the Circuit Court at Bellingham.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 22.—On motion of Prosecutor Attorney Healy, in whose name action was brought, the suit instituted last week against the Pacific American Fisheries Company was dismissed in the Superior Court of Whatcom County today. The case was based on alleged violations of the state law governing the holding of fishtrap licenses. The defendants had already paid certain fees and filed lists with officers, removing two causes for allegations.

It is believed, will end threatened litigation in the state courts against the fisheries company.

ILLEGAL NOTICE IS ALLEGED.

Attempt Made to Render Prohibition Election in Coos Ineffective.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—An attempt will be made to enjoin the Coos County Court from holding an election in the salmon men to cease the sale of intoxicants on the following grounds: First, that the notice calling for an election was posted only eight days instead of ten, second, that the notice was issued by the County Clerk and not by the County Court.

The local option law is explicit in these particulars, and it is believed that the failure of the officials to comply with its provisions will render the measure approved by the people on November 8 invalid.

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