

TRY FERRARIS FOR HIS LIFE

Man Who Shot Carlo Bonardo on July 21 Accused of Wanton Murder.

HE PLEADS SELF-DEFENSE

Opening Day of Trial Shows That Jury Will Have to Unravel a Tangle of Contradictory Evidence.

"A human life has been taken without any reason. A vicious man went out and killed another with whom he had trouble. I don't know if you have any prejudice against Italians, and I don't want you to have any, but some people have less regard for life than others, and when anything happens go out and cut and shoot and kill." So spoke Deputy District Attorney Moser in his opening address to the jury in Judge Ferraris' court yesterday afternoon at the trial of Louis Ferraris for the murder of Carlo Bonardo on Sheridan street between Third and Fourth on the evening of July 21.

"The man was shot down while trying to get away. Ferraris, who did the shooting, was following him, and fired five shots, all of which took effect. The last shot was fired as he was backing down."

Italians Are Law-Abiding. Albert Ferrera, attorney for the defense, took exception to the remarks of Mr. Moser regarding the Italians as suggesting that they were cowardly. "In the 22 years I have resided in Portland," said Mr. Ferrera, "not over six Italians have been charged with a violent crime. Compare that with the American population or other nationalities. They are as law-abiding as any other people."

Not Self-Defense. Referring to the claim of self-defense, the attorney accused Carlo Bonardo of never having a knife, and did not attack Ferraris. Mr. Moser next detailed the events preceding the shooting, relating that at 8 P. M. having returned from work and partaken of their supper, Carlo Bonardo and his brother, Henry, went to a saloon at the corner of Fourth and Sheridan streets and indulged in a glass of beer.

Defense Is Outlined. Albert B. Ferrera, of the defense, followed Mr. Moser, saying that the evidence adduced before the coroner's jury was not as related by Mr. Moser. He then set out the contrary showing that Ferraris was pursued by Bonardo. Defendant's counsel said the ownership of the knife would be proved, and that there would be positive evidence that Bonardo drew it and struck at Ferraris who as a last resort to save his own life shot his assailant.

Barbour Asks Them to Prove Their Charges. Reports Concerning Alisky Are Discredited by His Superior Officer in Immigration Service. Chinese who have made statements against Charles Alisky, of the United States Immigration Service in Portland, are invited by J. H. Barbour, in charge of his district, to prefer charges. If they will do this, he declares, an immediate investigation will be made. Similar charges, he says, have been made against Alisky, but were disproved.

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WADE IS BROUGHT IN

Evidence in Land Case Implicates Lincoln County Clerk.

AIDED JONES AND POTTER

Witness Testifies That Wade Prompted Answers He Made in His Final Proofs—How Merrill Dodged Law.

Since the trial of the land-fraud case against Jones, Potter and Wade began, Attorney Wyatt has risen on several occasions and objected to certain evidence which was being introduced by the Government as having no bearing against his client, Ira Wade. There has also been



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with scattered bones and bone fragments, which assisted in the restoration of the whole animal. Among these specimens were several cervical vertebrae and portions of the fore and hind legs. Such opinions no longer exist, for yesterday, although only two witnesses were heard, Ira Wade's name was prominently connected for the first time with the case, and in a manner that forecasts trouble for the County Clerk of Lincoln County.

Wade's name came up in the testimony of Addison Longenecker. District Attorney Heney had offered in evidence the hotel register of the hotel at Toledo, which showed G. F. Merrill and Addison Longenecker and the others whom Jones and Potter had sent to the Siletts reservation for the purpose of locating them on homesteads. Longenecker, it seems, had registered from Portland, but on the same line upon which he had identified his signature, was written the word Roots. The witness denied having written the word Roots, and denied that he had given Roots, Or., as his postoffice address. When it came to offering the hotel register as evidence, Mr. Heney said he did not offer it against Jones or Potter, but against Wade. It was rumored around the courtroom that the hotel registers had been in the possession of Wade and Attorney Wyatt for sometime before they fell into the hands of the Government.

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