

WEDDICT UPBUILDS WRITTEN LAW

Orlando S. Murray, Slayer of Lincoln C. Whitney, Acquitted.

HIS DEED NOT MURDER

Jury Justifies His Action in Shooting Down Sister's Betrayer—Courtroom Applauds the Judgment.

Orlando S. Murray late yesterday afternoon was acquitted of the murder of Lincoln C. Whitney, the betrayer of Murray's 15-year-old sister. The jury brought in its verdict at 6:30 o'clock after a deliberation of but 40 minutes.

The day was entirely given over to the presentation of the arguments of the lawyers. Deputy District Attorney Hanev made the opening speech on behalf of the state and Attorney John F. Logan opened for the defense.

Sympathy With Murray

The sympathies of the spectators who thronged the courtroom were revealed several times during the day. When Mr. Logan made a touching appeal for the release of young Murray there was a conspicuous shedding of tears.

The state closed its case and the arguments were begun. Mr. Hanev made a simple but effective statement of the case. He indulged in no metaphors or oratorical fireworks.

Mr. Logan's appeal to the jury was a masterly effort. He brought tears to the eyes of scores of persons in the courtroom. Handkerchiefs were everywhere in evidence.

Verdict Is Appointed. There was a stir and a craning of necks as the 12 jurors filed into the room and took their seats in the jury-box.

There was a rush for Murray. Men and women who had never heard of him before he killed Lincoln Whitney fought their way forward to shake his hand and offer congratulations.

LAWYER USES HIS FISTS. John F. Logan Strikes Brother-in-Law of L. C. Whitney.

A fist fight between A. M. Porter, a brother-in-law of Lincoln C. Whitney, and John F. Logan, leading counsel for Orlando S. Murray, the defendant, was an incident of the Murray-Whitney murder trial yesterday afternoon.

Castellane Cannot Marry Again. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Count Stanislaus de Castellane, a younger brother of Count

Roni de Castellane, arrived here yesterday by the North German Lloyd steamship Kron Prins Wilhelm. He is accompanied by the Countess, a daughter of Francesco Terry, of Cuba. Mr. Terry and another daughter, Odette Terry, are also of the party. They are bound for Cuba.

CONTRACTORS ARE FINED

Street Committee Imposes Small Penalties on Delinquents.

T. H. Bechill, a member of the firm of Bechill Bros., contractors, yesterday appeared before the street committee of the executive board and severely censured the Water Department.

George Bauer, who had the contract for the improvement of Grand avenue between Shaver and Falling streets, was fined \$10 for his failure to complete the work on time.

It was decided to serve notice on the First Street Improvement Association that as soon as the property owners are ready to repair their part of the wooden pavement that is in bad condition the city will begin its part.

WANTS JOB OF DREDGING

Bert Hayes Seeks Contract to Fill Low Land.

Bert Hayes, of the Hayes Manufacturing Company, has returned from Alaska and will submit a proposition to fill up the warehouse district on the East Side by dredging material from the bottom of the Willamette River.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SELECTING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN

Suggestions for Women Who Have Searched the Shops in Vain Quest for Something to Please Husbands, Sweethearts, Sons or Brothers.

WHEN a man doesn't smoke, what on earth is one to give him for a Christmas present? It is the wall of mine-lens of womanhood these holiday times. The proposition is almost as difficult as the man who doesn't know what to give "her."

attempts to purchase a razor should be as careful as the one who undertakes the purchase of cigars or tobacco. A mug and brush is acceptable, a triplicate or single shaving mirror, a fancy silver-mounted case for the razor.

A man who travels at all likes pretty things for his suit-case quite as well as a woman does, and this gives his woman friends an opportunity to select from a great variety of toilet articles, silver-mounted bottles, etc.

Perhaps the most useful and appropriate present for man, woman or child is an umbrella, so one cannot go amiss in giving one, for it is the one article that does not suffer by repetition.

W. H. TAFT, SCK, CAUGHT IN CANADA

Fugitive Real Estate Dealer Wanted in Portland on Swindling Charges.

WILL BE RETURNED HERE

Recognized by W. H. Welch, Former Portland Detective, and Placed Under Arrest—His Portland Record.

After successfully evading the police of the Northwest for four months, W. H. Taft, ex-convict and former Portland real estate dealer, was placed under arrest in Red Deer, Alberta, Wednesday, and he will be extradited and brought back here to stand trial on charges of forgery and fraudulent evidence.

Taft cut a wide swath in Portland while he lasted. He wore diamonds, dressed well, and owned one of the fastest and biggest automobiles in the city.

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he would still be at liberty had it not been for W. H. Welch, manager of the Canadian Detective Agency, chief headquarters at Toronto. Welch was at one time a member of the Portland police department and knew Taft.

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TIMEY CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Glance at this list and see what the Heitkemper Jewelry Store has to offer. Solid 10K. gold watches, 25-year filled case watches, silver and gunmetal watches, diamond rings, studs, scarfpins, earrings, brooches, cuff links, a full assortment of solid 10K. gold jewelry and novelties, opera-glasses, all kinds of leather novelties, ebony toilet ware, cut glass ware, gold and silver-handled canes and umbrellas, silver toilet ware and novelties for ladies and gentlemen, silver flat ware for the dining-table.

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of \$60,000, or approximately 150 per cent in the land value in two years.

MAKES A LARGE PROFIT J. W. Cruthers Sells Commercial Hotel Property for \$100,000.

One of the largest recent sales on upper Washington street was closed yesterday by the sale of the Commercial Hotel and the quarter-block which it occupies.

Sues for Damages to Auto. Because his automobile was wrecked by running into a pile of lumber on East Twentieth street on the night of November 12, Rudolph Becker has begun suit in the state Circuit Court

Waiting Stations Are Lighted. The waiting stations on the Mount Scott railway all have been provided with electric lights by the railway company, on request of the Mount Scott Improvement Association.

Arleta Church Calls Pastor. The Arleta Baptist Church, on the Mount Scott railway, has extended a call to Rev. Arnest Smith, now of the Mount Scott, N. Y., theological school, to become the pastor of that church.

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