

KILLED HIS FRIEND

Fred Miller Found Guilty of Murder in First Degree.

TRIAL HELD AT KALAMA

Fritz Dierks, After a Drinking Bout at Castle Rock, Was Shot, Brutally Beaten and Robbed by His Companion.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special).—Fred Miller, who murdered his friend, Fritz Dierks, between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of December 13, 1906, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Kalama. For a time the jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction, but when certain testimony was explained to the lone juror he also yielded for conviction. There was practically no defense, the accused simply saying that he did not kill Dierks.

Miller is 39 years old, and Dierks was about the same age. They had been working together in a logging camp near Castle Rock. Robbery is assigned as the motive for the crime. It developed from the testimony that the two men had been out on the night of October 13, making the rounds of the saloons of Castle Rock, during which time Dierks cashed a check for a considerable sum. As it grew into Miller proposed that the two go to his room, as it was too far to walk back to camp at that hour.

Instead of going to the room, Miller took his victim to a lonely spot on the outskirts of the town and deliberately shot him and beat him over the head with the butt of the revolver. He then took all the money Dierks had, about \$127. This, with other money, was found on Miller when he was arrested at the railway station at Castle Rock, waiting for an eastbound train.

Dierks recovered consciousness in a short time after being shot and crawling along a fence managed to awaken the inmates of a dwelling. He was taken to a hotel, where the wound was dressed. The doctors probed for the bullet but were unable to find it. The wounded man was then brought to Kalama, arriving on the afternoon of the following day, and was taken immediately to St. Vincent's hospital, where everything possible was done to save his life. He died within a day or two.

Before leaving Castle Rock Dierks positively identified Miller as the man who shot and clubbed him.

Dierks had lived in the vicinity of Castle Rock for a number of years, having several relatives there, while Miller had only been at Castle Rock a few months.

RICH GIFTS FOR SPOKANE GIRL

Miss Rena Kuhn Showered With Diamonds and Valuable Stocks.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 19.—Gifts were never showered more lavishly upon a Spokane bride, nor has more attention been shown at any wedding here than that of Miss Rena Kuhn to Carl H. Well, of Chicago. The ceremony was celebrated at the Hotel Spokane, and the wedding supper, at \$25 a plate, was also served there.

The father of the bride, Aaron Kuhn, vice-president of the "Traders' National Bank, presented her with a hundred shares of stock in the bank, the gift's market value being \$25,000. R. Grostein, of Lewiston, the bride's grandfather, gave a chest of solid silver, containing 800 pieces, and valued at \$5,000.

The bridegroom's gifts were 2,000 shares of stock of the Shattuck mine, at Blaine, Ariz., of a market value of \$54 a share, or \$108,000, and a diamond horseshoe set with 30 half-carat diamonds. Mrs. Kuhn, mother of the bride, gave her a diamond necklace. There were hundreds of other costly gifts.

More than 500 congratulatory telegrams and cablegrams were received. The bridegroom is a wholesale liquor dealer, and has extensive mining interests in Arizona. The couple will live in Chicago.

UNIVERSITY IS GROWING FAST

Regents Report Needs of Institution to the Legislature.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special).—Judge R. S. Bean, president of the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon, has filed his biennial report, showing an increased attendance at that institution and satisfactory conditions in the work of the institution. He says that the total enrollment for the year 1904-5 was 596, of which number 353 were in the departments at Eugene, 103 in the medical department, and 40 in the School of Law. The graduating class for that year numbered 75.

For the year 1905-6 the total enrollment was 535, of which number 375 were in the departments at Eugene, 35

in the School of Medicine, and 77 in the School of Law. There were 32 graduates in the present year, 1906-7, the enrollment to date is 555, of which number 397 are in the departments at Eugene, 86 in the School of Medicine and 72 in the School of Law.

The timber-testing station provided for by the last Legislature has been completed and is in use, the Government furnishing the officer with a cottage, the latter having room for 16 women. An appropriation is asked for the purpose of furnishing the library and women's cottage, and it is recommended that an appropriation be made for other women's cottages or a large dormitory, with a capacity for 50 or 75 women. It is stated that the men have been greatly increased. The Legislature of 1903 and 1905 found it necessary to supplement the amount of this appropriation by special appropriations, that of 1905 being \$25,000.

"It is believed that it would be greatly for the interest of the university to increase the annual appropriation to such an amount as will provide for its needs, making such an appropriation a continuing one, so that the balance not expended in any one year will be carried over to the following year, thus furnishing an incentive to economy and providing for emergencies and unexpected outlays."

DECLARE THE BOY SANE

FOUR PHYSICIANS TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION.

Answers Are Positive in Response to Hypothetical Question in the Sloan Murder Case.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special).—In striking contrast to the testimony introduced Monday by the defense in the Sidney Sloan murder trial, when six experts declared that the accused was insane when he killed his father, was the evidence of the prosecution today, when the state brought forward four reputable physicians, Dr. G. K. McDowell, Dr. H. S. Martin, Dr. E. F. Pope and Dr. Henry Power, who said they had formed the opinion that the defendant was sane at the time he so foully slew James P. Sloan.

In addition to the opening statement contained in the hypothetical question the reading of which was commenced Tuesday and which was concluded this morning, the prosecution called a second question, wherein was included the testimony relative to the defendant's confession immediately following his arrest, his statements to cellmates in the County Jail prior and during the course of the trial, and his examination in the County Jail by Dr. Semple and Dr. McDowell, matters related by Dr. McDowell.

"Assuming that the facts related to you in the hypothetical questions are true, in your opinion, was the defendant sane or insane at the time he committed the crime with which he is charged?"

The answers of the experts were: Dr. McDowell—I believe the boy was sane at the time of the killing of his father.

Dr. Martin—From the facts stated in the hypothetical questions, I would say the boy was sane.

Dr. Pope—Assuming the facts mentioned in the questions to be true, I would say the defendant was sane at the time he committed the crime.

Dr. Power—He was perfectly sane when he killed his father.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Charles B. Baker.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—County Commissioner Charles B. Baker died at a local hospital tonight after an illness of several months. He was 68 years of age, a pioneer of Seattle and King County. He was one of the best-known citizens of the state.

Two years ago Mr. Baker was elected County Commissioner on the Republican ticket, and had two years yet to serve. He represented the largest district in the county, which includes the City of Seattle. For many years Mr. Baker was in the grocery business. A widow and four children survive him.

Mrs. N. D. Pratt.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special).—Mrs. N. D. Pratt, wife of a prominent Albany merchant, died at her home in

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this city last evening of consumption. She was 49 years of age, and was a native of Montreal, Canada. She is survived by a husband, three daughters and one son. The surviving children are: Miss Lettie Pratt, Miss Ada Pratt and Miss Sarah Pratt, of Albany, and Rev. George T. Pratt, of Glendale, Or.

John D. Trumbull.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special).—John D. Trumbull, an aged resident of Albany, died at his home in this city last evening, within one hour of his 83d birthday. He is survived by a wife in this city and a daughter in Lake City, Minn., where the remains will be taken for burial.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

DELEGATES ARE DELAYED IN REACHING LA GRANDE.

Attendance Is Good, Considering the Frightful Condition of the Highways.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 19.—After three hours' delay, due to the lateness of the trains, the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Good Roads Association opened in the Commercial Club rooms in this city at 1:30 o'clock. Mayor Stoddard, on behalf of the city, welcomed the convention in a few well chosen words. Turner Oliver, representing the Commercial Club, welcomed the convention, maintaining throughout his brief remarks that the country's civilization is reflected by the roads of that country. Barbarians resort to trails, as does the wild Indian, but the civilized community has as good roads as their wealth will allow. County Judge Henry won the applause of those present when in his welcoming address he stated while the County Court had extended every effort to promote better roads in the past, it would from now double its highway allowance. He promised that next Fall the Grande Rondo Valley would see wonderful improvement.

Baby Boy Dies in the Woods.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Portland—C. E. Fowler, Seattle; W. W. Thorton, W. S. Martin, San Francisco; Mrs. A. M. Snyder, New York; E. H. Wells, Seattle; M. Howard, San Francisco; N. Sorenson and wife, Seattle; A. T. Griswold and wife, Oswego; Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Albany; Fred O. McCoy and wife, Mrs. McGee, The Dalles; Mrs. H. C. Everole, F. Bodere and wife, C. Davis, Seattle; J. Grove, St. Paul;

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The attendance is good, considering the frightful condition of the roads and the weather. Falls Off a Freight Train. HOOD RIVER, Dec. 19.—(Special).—James McPeck, who was stealing a ride on an Oregon Railroad & Navigation freight train, fell from the trestle east of this city at an early hour this morning. He was taken to the hospital. McPeck was riding in a box car, and when the train approached Hood River and slowed up he jumped out of the car door without looking to see where he was going to land. He struck on the railing of the trestle and fell to the ground a distance of 32 feet. Attracted by his groans several men went to his assistance and he was taken to the railroad station and afterward removed to the hospital. It is said there that he will recover. Baby Boy Dies in the Woods. CLOVERDALE, Or., Dec. 19.—Walter, the 3 1/2-year-old son of W. P. Hopkins, who strayed away from his home and became lost last Friday, was found dead early Sunday morning, lying against a fallen tree that the little one had attempted to climb in trying to return to his home. AT THE HOTELS. The Portland—C. E. Fowler, Seattle; W. W. Thorton, W. S. Martin, San Francisco; Mrs. A. M. Snyder, New York; E. H. Wells, Seattle; M. Howard, San Francisco; N. Sorenson and wife, Seattle; A. T. Griswold and wife, Oswego; Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Albany; Fred O. McCoy and wife, Mrs. McGee, The Dalles; Mrs. H. C. Everole, F. Bodere and wife, C. Davis, Seattle; J. Grove, St. Paul;

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