

POWELL KILLS TO SAVE LIGHTER

In Jail He Refuses to Talk, Except to Regret Trouble With Roper.

YOUTH ELOPED WITH GIRL

Tragedy at Brownsville Result of Attention to Leah Powell Against Parents' Wishes—Farmers Justify the Shooting.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Charles J. Powell, who shot and instantly killed Homer Roper shortly before midnight last night near the Powell farm, three miles northwest of Brownsville, was brought to Albany this afternoon and placed in the County Jail. This evening Deputy District Attorney Hill arraigned him before Justice Egan on a charge of murder in the first degree and the preliminary hearing was set for next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He has retained Howitt & Sox to defend him.

When seen at the jail this afternoon, Powell refused to make any statement, except to say that he regretted the shooting. Powell remained at the scene and calmly awaited the arrival of Sheriff Smith and Coroner Portmiller, who were notified and left Albany about 2 o'clock. Powell surrendered and Coroner Portmiller held inquest, the jury finding that Roper was killed by Powell.

Last night's tragedy was the culmination of trouble over young Roper's attentions to Leah Powell, 15-year-old daughter of the slayer. Last Fall Roper began paying attention to the girl and because of the young man's reputation, Powell refused him admittance to his home. Roper then persuaded the girl to elope with him and in November they went to Elgin, Rock, Clatsop County. Powell followed and after the couple had been together a week, brought his daughter home.

Shortly afterward Roper again appeared at Brownsville and in spite of Powell's protests continued to pay attention to the girl and endeavor to win her surreptitiously. Local farmers considered the matter at different times.

Last night Miss Powell, accompanied by her brother, Lester and George, went to the home of Mrs. Neis, a neighbor. During the evening Roper, though not invited, appeared and enticed the girl outside. Noting her absence, Lester Powell went in search of her, while George, fearing another elopement, went home to tell his parents. His mother at once accompanied him to the home of Mrs. Neis, where he reported that Powell had taken his daughter and started in search of the girl by a different route.

When Mrs. Neis arrived at the Neis home, Roper and the girl had been located in the yard and she took the girl into the house. Shortly afterward Powell was sighted in the yard and he was reported to have been seen, call out, "I've got the drop on you."

Powell then fired three times at a distance of about 30 yards, the last shot hitting Roper as he was looking back while turning to run. Roper's statement proved to be a bluff, as he was unharmed by the shot. Noting the failure of his Winchester rifle and shot Roper over the right eye, the bullet penetrating the brain.

Powell was born in Linn County 45 years ago. He went to California when 6 years old, and lived there until 1881, when he returned to Oregon and attended McMinnville College. He was married in 1888. He is a grandson of Job Powell, the famous pioneer "circus rider" minister of the Willamette Valley.

Homer Roper was 23 years old and had been around Brownsville and vicinity for the past year. Nothing is known of his relatives. He worked as a farmhand part of the time and is said to have "loaded" around Brownsville at least half of the time.

People residing in the vicinity of the crime appear to commend Powell's action for the protection of his daughter. They were evidenced by the fact that different farmers called up the Sheriff's office this morning, offering to go on the bonds of Powell.

HARRIMAN TO TAP CANADA

SENDS LOBBY TO LEGISLATURE AT VICTORIA.

Corbin, of Spokane, Also Interested in New Railroad to Enter Flat Head Region.

SHERMAN COUNTY FARMER DIES

WASCO, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—James McMillan, a pioneer farmer of Sherman County, died at the Dalles today. He was born in Pennsylvania, April 1, 1839, being almost 70 years old. He came to California in an early day, and thence to Sherman County, where he farmed for 24 years. He has been a member of the Christian Church since a young man and a member of the I. O. O. F. for over 50 years. He leaves a widow and a large family well provided for. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

CONCRETE KILN FOR LUMBER

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The contract for the building of a dry-kiln for the Pithless Lumber Company was let this morning by E. F. Bonson, president of the company, to J. H. Mendelhall, of Seattle. The kiln will cost \$4000. It will be built of solid concrete, and heated by steam at a temperature of between 300 and 500 degrees Fahrenheit.

MRS. SARAH L. BALDWIN DEAD

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Sarah Lunetta Baldwin, wife of I. W. Baldwin, of this place, died at her home this morning at the age of 77. She was born in Monroe County, Ill., and came from Illinois in 1836. The funeral will be conducted from her late residence Sunday, Professor J. W. Marsh, of Pacific University, officiating.

GRAND OPENING

Harvard Pianists—Dentists, corner Park and Washington street, over Royal Bakery, Saturday, January 30. Music by Lind's string quartet afternoon and evening.

Double-sole shoes keep your feet dry. Special sale prices at Rosenthal's.

YAKIMA SHEEPMAN DIES. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 29.—

WOOD SAYS STATE CAN BUILD ROADS

Declares People Should Stop Whining at Harriman and Go Ahead.

LEASE TO CORPORATIONS

Says Constitutional Amendment Should Be Passed at Once. Idaho-Oregon Development League Meets at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Col. C. E. S. Wood in an address on a "State-aided railway system" before the Idaho-Oregon Development League this afternoon, urged the people of Oregon to stop whining through the newspapers because Harriman does not build roads in Oregon and build their own.

To make this possible, Colonel Wood called attention to the necessity for a constitutional amendment giving the state or any section of the state the authority to issue bonds for the building of a road. He urged that the present Legislature take the matter up, start the machinery that would amend the constitution and give the people of Oregon a chance to help themselves.

Glad to Serve Without Pay. He declared that the best men in Portland would be glad to serve on a commission to manage the details of the construction of the road without a cent of salary, and purely through the desire to help the state. One of the bills he said, the road could be leased. Under the initiative and referendum, the speaker declared, the necessity for the constitutional amendment against bond issues is no longer necessary, but he would not advocate the operation of roads by the state.

The Congress was called to order in Representative Hall by Senator C. A. Coffey, of Clatsop County, immediately after the adjournment of the House. In the absence of Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, who was detained by a matter of law, the speaker was Riley Atkinson, secretary of the Boise Commercial Club, was chosen as secretary.

Small Streams Saved. Governor Chamberlain discussed "The Battle for the Conservation of Our National Resources." He said that the decision of the United States Supreme Court would be applicable to Oregon and help to save the tributaries of the Willamette to the coast. He said that the Federal Government has jurisdiction over the tributaries to navigable streams.

Among others who spoke briefly at the meeting were: J. C. Taylor, of Tillamook; I. C. Goetz, of Burns; Harney County; Representative W. H. Brooke, of Harney and Malheur; Riley Atkinson, of Boise, Idaho, and Senator R. H. Bingham, of Lane County.

LAUNCH FERRY-BOAT TODAY

Miss Velma Phillips Will Christen Vessel "City of Vancouver."

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company have decided to name the new ferryboat, which will be launched at the shipyards at St. John, Or., Saturday afternoon, the "City of Vancouver." A large crowd from this city will attend the ceremonies. The party will leave Vancouver at 1:30 P. M. Tuesday, and will be waiting for them on the Oregon side and they will be taken to St. John without transfer.

A buffet luncheon will be served on board the vessel immediately after the launching of the ferryboat. The launch is being furnished by the officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

PLAN BOOM FOR ABERDEEN

Seattle Syndicate Said to Be Busy at Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—T. H. Griffith, of Seattle, backed by a syndicate of investors, has today purchased for \$250,000 a large tract of land from Mrs. Jean Stewart, along the west branch of the Wishkah River. The tract includes 1600 acres of high-lying property, and it is intended to make it a residence section. Griffith's syndicate will invest \$1,000,000 here in the way of factories and improvements on the Wishkah River. It is said in connection with the scheme is the building of the extension of the Puget Sound Electric Road and other schemes. In addition to the purchase of Mrs. Stewart's property, other tracts have been secured on much other property.

LINESMAN FALLS 30 FEET

Riley Valley Badly Bruised in Accident at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Riley Waller, head linesman of the Albany office of the Pacific Telephone Company, suffered dangerous injuries this afternoon when his body was smashed and let him fall from the top of a 30-foot pole at Ninth and Vine streets to the sidewalk below. He fell with sufficient force to break his ribs and dislocate his shoulder. No bones were broken, but he suffered terrible bruises and probably internal injuries.

BIG SAWMILLS COMBINE

Company With \$50,000 Capital Organized at Elgin.

ELGIN, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—By a merger completed here tonight of the Hackett Lumber Company, the Star Planning Mill and J. L. Overton, a strong company was incorporated under the name of the Hackett Lumber Company, capitalized at \$50,000. This deal puts under one management about 40,000 acres of the grade of timber, averaging 95 per cent yellow pine, the large planting mill of the Star Planning Mill and several well-equipped sawmills.

OUTSIDERS AT EMERYVILLE

Favorites Fail to Make Good as Expected on Track.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 29.—Long-bridged horses were in front in several races at Emeryville today. One of the outsiders to land was Tennessee Boy. He won in a drive from Cuernavaca.

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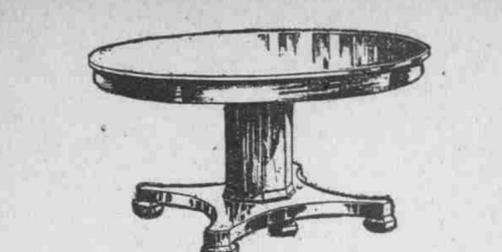
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Idaho Senators Substitute Alleged Worthless Bill.

CHARGE GRAFT IN CAPITOL

Soloists at Boise Have Spirited Debates on Prohibition, Building Construction and Land Board.

HINDU GAGGED AND ROBBED

Two Natives of India Arrested for Crime at Vancouver.

BOND IS OREGON'S ORATOR

President of Senior Class Wins in Contest With Five Students.

BRAKEMAN SHOTS TRAMP

X. P. Trainman, Arrested at Tacoma, Says Bullet Glanced.

NEW RAILROAD FOR MONTESANO

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—It was announced today that the county and the Grays Harbor & Puget Sound Railway had made all arrangements to build a joint bridge across the Chehalis River at Montesano. Work on the extension of the road here has commenced.

GRAFT IS ALLEGED

The activities of the new Capitol Building Commission occupied a good portion of the time in both houses of the Legislature today. The chief feature of the attack on the commission, stating that the state had been mulcted in the sum of many thousands of dollars in contracts; that the lowest bidder who had submitted the lowest bid had been taken from him because the contract had been taken from him because he refused to "come through."

TABLE JOINT RESOLUTION

In the House, after considerable discussion, House joint resolution No. 1, providing for the condemnation of the Clearwater River for purposes of navigation, was laid on the table. The resolution was introduced by Representative Lewis and large sawmills is put in at that point.

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