

SELF-DEFENSE IS PLEA OF OPERATOR

Young E. Merle Fuller Testifies He Killed Conductor Because He Feared Him.

STORIES OF FIGHT DIFFER

Brakemen Testify Stewart Was Not Aggressor—Conductor Quarrelsome, Say Witnesses From Home Town of Summer.

HUGE POT DISCOVERED

CHINESE BEING SMUGGLED TO AMERICA BY WHOLESALE.

CONSPIRACY HAS OPERATIVES IN CANADA, CHINA AND UNITED STATES.

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by the Marion County grand jury, charging Albert Ferris and A. C. Murray with assault and robbery. These indictments grew out of the sensational prison break made October 14, 1909, when five convicts broke from the line at the feeble-minded school, where they were employed as transient men.

The grand jury also filed a report to the effect that the county poorfarm is in a dilapidated, unsanitary and inadequate condition, and recommended that the inmates be furnished with modern clothing. It is urged that the present building be torn down and replaced with a structure that is more substantial.

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FRUIT IS FEATURE

Rogue River Fair Displays Attract Wide Attention.

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ive order of Elks in Southern Oregon are planning big things for next week. The occasion being the dedication of the new \$60,000 Elks Temple recently completed in this city by Ashland Lodge No. 24.

The exercises and celebration in connection with the dedication will extend over a period of three days, October 14 and 15, Thursday, October 14, the Elks will hold "open house." October 14 will be "Ladies' day," and the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the Elks will have charge of the parlors and club-rooms for their own enjoyment. The grand dedication ball will take place on Friday evening, October 14, and a banquet will be held in the banquet hall during the evening. The banquet hall has a seating capacity for over 800 guests.

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LAURELHURST

THE ADDITION WITH CHARACTER

Within These Gates A Great Work Is Going On For You—Go See It

Think of the magnitude of LAURELHURST! It embodies a section of land, save a mere fraction. Four hundred and forty-four (444) acres; one mile in length; nearly one mile in width. Think of the work its improvement signifies! The largest project of the kind ever attempted on the Pacific Coast. And consider what has been accomplished in one year at LAURELHURST!

A Great 12-Months' Work

It is just a year (within a few days) since the work began of transforming the old "Hazel Fern Farm" of the Ladd estate into the De Luxe Home-Park Addition of LAURELHURST.

In these 12 months the entire 26 miles of winding roadways and the 52 miles of sidewalks have been graded—that's done.

In the "Northwest Quarter," greatest of the four divisions, all the work has been done, even down to the last layer of asphalt on the streets. Hundreds of the ornate cluster-light columns are in place and thousands of shade trees line the ways throughout the division. Twenty-four houses have been built in this division.

In the "Northeast Quarter" contracts have been let by the city for sewers and water mains. In the "Southwest Quarter" the city has let all contracts, all underground work has been done, a large part of the sidewalks laid, and all streets are ready for paving, which will go on immediately.

In the "Southeast Quarter," just ready for your selection, contracts have been let for water mains, which have been distributed all over the division. Paving of the streets in this division will begin early in the Spring.

Two-Thirds of All Lots Sold

Finally, two-thirds of the entire Addition to LAURELHURST has been sold. You should not delay. Go out today. Take a Rose City, Montavilla, Sunnyside or a Mount Tabor car—a 15-minute car ride from the business center. Or, better still, phone us and arrange to take a run out in one of our automobiles, any hour of the day, every day. Go Sunday at the latest.

Laurelhurst Co. Sole Agents 522-6 Corbett Bldg.

CAMPAIGN IS OPEN

Both Parties Seemingly Reunited in Idaho.

JOINT DEBATES PROMISED

Governor Brady, Recovered From Effects of Auto Accident, to Speak in North—Borah and Heyburn to Take Stump.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Both the Republican and Democratic parties seemingly are reunited. Both will wage vigorous campaigns.

State Chairman Heitman of the Republican committee, is confident of success. "There is every indication," he said, "that the Republican party will win another victory. That is what we are all working for and what we expect." Democratic State Chairman John Nugent is even more confident.

"We will probably carry every county meeting in the state," Mr. Nugent declared. "There is no question that James H. Hawley will be the next Governor of Idaho."

Mr. Hawley has spent two weeks speaking in the North. Governor Brady has recovered from his recent auto accident and is prepared to make the campaign vigorously. The itinerary of Governor Brady is as follows: Troy, October 6; Moscow, tonight; Potlatch, October 8; Bonners Ferry, October 10; Sandpoint, October 11; Coeur d'Alene, October 12; St. Maries, October 13; Harrison, October 14. Senator Borah will speak at Grangeville October 11, and will attend most of the Brady meetings. Senator Heyburn will begin his speaking tour in the Southeast and work north to his Wallace home.

Paul Clagstone, defeated candidate for Governor, who filed charges against Governor Brady and later abandoned them, will act as chairman and intro-

duce Governor Brady at the Sandpoint meeting. E. J. O'Neil, a defeated Republican candidate for Governor, will be chairman of the Brady Coeur d'Alene meeting.

The northern itinerary of Burton L. French is as follows: Sandpoint, October 24; Rathdrum, October 25; Wallace, October 27; Rathdrum, October 28; St. Maries, October 29; Lewiston, November 1; Kootenai, November 2; Stites, November 3; Ilwaco, November 4; Grangeville, November 5; Genesee and Moscow, November 7.

Other Republican speakers who will take the stump are ex-Governor Goodwin ex-Governor Morrison, Auditor Taylor, Attorney-General McDougall and Immigration Commissioner Feun.

Fred T. Dubois at one time Democracy's state leader, is said to have returned to the Democratic camp to remain. Dubois and Heyburn will take the party. The Dubois and anti-Dubois Democrats fought bitterly and the party was split as a result.

There now seems a strong probability of joint debates between the candidates for Governor and Representatives in Congress on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. The one favored by Nugent to Heitman, who says he favors the debates, which will do the Republicans good.

FILED IN WILL BE ACCEPTED Nominations of Nonpartisan Judiciary in Washington Approved.

OLYMPIA, Oct. 7.—Attorney-General W. P. Bell today decided to advise Secretary of State L. M. Howe to accept the filing of nominations of the Nonpartisan Judiciary League for Supreme Judges. Howe will certify the nominations of the league, as well as of the Republican and Democratic state conventions, to the Auditors of the respective counties.

The two tickets are identical, and the Democrats and Nonpartisans will take every possible means to compel the printing of the two tickets on the ballot.

Oregon City Man Is Insane. OREGON CITY, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special.)

WHEN E. MERLE FULLER, 19-year-old operator, who shot and killed J. H. Stewart, a freight conductor, at Ridgefield, June 20, took the witness stand in his own defense this morning, the courtroom was crowded. Many women were present.

Fuller told a story similar to that of T. E. Alexander, a brakeman, one of the two eyewitnesses, except in two respects. He told of calling Stewart and the brakeman about 4 o'clock and going back to the office in the depot. He saw three enter the depot waiting-room, and Stewart enter the inner office, where the witness was at the telephone key. This was his version: "I took this morning" "How do you look this morning?" asked the conductor, meaning, was the track clear.

"They look good," replied Fuller.

Conductor Grows Impatient.

Stewart stepped to Fuller's left side in a short time and asked something about his clearance and about the check. Becoming impatient in which Fuller replied, "Don't be in such a big hurry and you'll get your clearance card sooner."

Stewart became angry and said, "If you were not so tight, I would hit you," then went over to Fuller's right side, as he sat in his chair. Fuller then telegraphed to Woodland and the operator pledged to block against Fuller's train.

Fuller looked around and under his desk for the pad to make out Stewart's clearance slip, but could not find it and all this time Stewart was standing by, swearing.

Fuller told Stewart: "You have no right in here and if you don't behave you had better get out." He got up and started to the drawer containing the clearance tabs to get a new tab to make out Stewart's clearance slip.

Weapon Used in Scuffle.

As he arose from the chair, Fuller said, Stewart struck him on the cheek, knocking him over the semaphores levers. He got up, frightened, and began to back to the door.

At this point the story differs from that of Alexander and Thomas. Fuller said that he backed away and Stewart followed him. The brakeman testified that Fuller followed Stewart. Not daring to get into a corner, Fuller said, he started to back out of the door, and as he did so, pulled a revolver from his right hip pocket, not from his left, as the other witnesses said, and pointed it at Stewart.

Stewart made a lunge for Fuller, knocking his arms against his breast and forcing him almost to his knees. Fuller stretched out his arm and with the revolver against Stewart's breast, fired. Stewart relinquished his hold, and Alexander threw his arms around him. The revolver was taken away from him.

Operator Awaits Arrest.

Fuller went back to his key in a few minutes and telegraphed to the dispatcher that he had killed Stewart and ordered an engine and caboose to take Stewart to the hospital. He did not leave his office until taken away by Sheriff Sappington.

E. B. Thomas, the other brakeman, told virtually the same story as Alexander, and almost the same as Fuller. Fuller weighs 140 pounds and Stewart weighed 210 pounds and was six feet tall.

Dr. J. H. Corlies, P. A. Brans, Henry Frisner, all of Summer, Wash., Stewart's home town, testified to the quarrelsome disposition of Stewart.

The other witnesses for the defense were: H. D. Lemons, assistant trainmaster; Rev. Charles M. Smythe, H. D. Carstens, Robert Gibb, Thomas Stevens, Dr. R. D. Witsell, Mrs. Julia McCoy, J. B. Heyburn and W. J. Grindrod.

Instructions to the jury will be read and the arguments made tomorrow.

TAX VALUATION DISLIKED

Lane County Residents to Protest Assessor's Recall Likely.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—A number of citizens of Eugene and Lane County have called a public meeting of taxpayers to meet tomorrow afternoon in the County Courthouse to discuss the present method of assessment of property in the county. The meeting will undoubtedly be well attended, both by taxpayers and by officials.

About 50 names appear on the protest against the rule of valuation of the assessor, and the request for a meeting as stated in the program.

The meeting is a general protest against this enormity and formulating a plan of redress, but for the purpose of invoking the law of recall of our present Assessor, if deemed necessary.

WORK ON RAILROAD BEGUN

Two Hundred Men Distributed Along Mount Hood Line.

GRRESHAM, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Two hundred men were distributed along the route of the Mount Hood Railway yesterday, ready to begin work on the line at the intersection of the Troutdale branch, which will be the most important, as the greater part of the equipment was shown in all branches of the line. Fine weather prevails and the crowds increase from day to day.

LAKE RECEIVES FRESHMEN

Stiff Hat Arouses Ire of Upper Classmen—"Water Cure" Given.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Rules recently passed by the upper classmen at Whitman College, Walla Walla, in regard to the conduct of freshmen are being rigidly enforced. Another session of the "kangaroo" court was held last night to mete out justice to an offender of the rule. No stiff hats for freshmen.

ASHLAND HOTEL MAN DIES

Robert Leonard Was Native of New York and Friend of Bryan.

ASHLAND, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Robert Leonard, 46 years of age, died at 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. Leonard was particularly well known in hotel circles up and down the Coast, and was also for many years quite prominent in Democratic politics in Southern Oregon and founded himself a personal friend of William J. Bryan.

He was a native of New York and was one of the original Tammany "graves." At the time of his death he conducted the Hotel Savoy in Ashland. A widow and one child survive him.

The funeral takes place here Saturday afternoon.

CONVICTS ARE INDICTED

Two Men Who Flee From Prison Must Stand Trial.