MOTHER WILL TRY TO SAVE ROBERTS

Attempt to Be Made to Show Slayer Suspect Fired Gun at Chinese Pheasants.

SON TOLD HER OF CRIME

Woman Declares That Prisoner Informed Her That He Had Read of Automobile Holdup in

Paper at Store.

MULINO, Or., April 3,-(Special.)-Mrs. J. G. Pfeifer, mether of fl. E. Robaccused of murdering George Hastings and Donald S. Stewart, two of an automobile party on the White House Road near Briarwood on the night of March 25, will try to prove that her son used the shells missing from his belt in shooting at Chinese pheasants on her farm, before he left to hunt for work.

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The Pfeifers live on a 49-acro farm 12 miles from Oregon City. They rent the farm from W. F. Maddy, an employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Pfeifer is an Advetist, and sells books explaining his religion. Roberts was arrested at the Pfeifer farm by Sheriff Stevens. Mrs. Pfeifer farm by Sheriff Stovens. Mrs. Pfeifer said that the first time she knew why her son was arrested was when she received The Weekly Oregonian last

Son Tells Mother of Crime.

Her son, she said, had read about the murder at a country stere and had mentioned it to her, remarking that he had been in the vicinity. She is anxious for him to receive a preliminary trial that she may be able to give evidence, and is worried lest she is not notified of the time of the trial.

Mrs. Pfelfer said that her son was arrested for stealing burros when he was 18 years old. He had bought the hurros in Washington and had sold them, making a profit sufficient to send him to school in Astoria for nine months.

Don his return he learned that the burros had not been treated properly and tried to buy them. He was unsuccessful and so he stole them and was convicted and sent to the Peni-

Sometime after his release he wan found with some tools in his possession, which had been stolen from the residence of a member of the firm of lang & Co. Mrs. Pfeifer said that her son was urged to plead guilty, as the possession of the stolen goods was sufficient to convict him, and, being promised a small term, he did so, although he asserted he bought the tools from a man named McElrox. For this from a man named McElroy. For this offense he was sentenced to a term of six years in the Penitentiary. Mother Accuses McElroy.

McElroy, according to Mrs. Pfeifer, had lived in a boathouse on the Columbia River, near a boathouse in which Mrs. Pfeifer lived with a former hushand. There was a third and unoc-cupled boathouse nearby, which both used as a storeroom, Mrd. Pfeifer said that McElroy stole a sock of her pofa-tors and burned the sack to hide his

"I am soory the name of Roberts" mother has been given publicity in con-question with the arrest of her son," said Sheriff Stevens last night. "It has slways been the policy of my office to spare mothers and sisters of prisoners what pain and distress we can. However, since Roberts' mother's name has been made public, I will say that when we arrested Roberts we informed Mrs. Pfeifer that her son was again in custody and explained to her the nature of the charges against him

PRISONER TO PICK LAWYER Roberts Does Not Want Man to Go

Into Case for Publicity, While no fewer than 20 Portland at-While no fewer than 20 Portland attorneys are scrambling to get the appointment by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh of attorney for H E Roberts, the exconvict, suspected of the attempted soldup and the double murder of George Hastings and Donald M. Stewart, the accused man is considering which attorney of the number to select. Yesterday for the first time, the surly suspect informed the officers that he wanted an attorney to represent him in wanted an attorney to represent him in the trial in which it is apparent he is going to put up a fight. Immediately sheriff Stevens neitfied Presiding Judge Kavanaugh and Roderts was called into the Judge's chambers. Several names of attorneys who have asked for the appointment were referred to Roberts, and he was not willing as yet to make was not willing as yet to make

"Everyone has got it in for me," said Roberts. "I don't want to get an atterney who will get in the case merely for the advertising it will give him. I want to meane who will handle the case for me despite the fact that the last pays him."

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Judge Kavanaugh sold him to think t over and report to him whenever he nade up his mind on an attorney, Last night Roberts gave no intimation as to his selection. When Roberts was first arrested, the rish of lawyers to the County Jail began. Since the ar-rest there have been no fewer than 36 atterneys at the juil to see Roberts.
All have been refused interviews with
the prisoner, at his own suggestion.
Sheriff Stevens and the other officers

Sheriff Stevens and the other officers working on the case passed yesterday checking up on some of the details of the evidence worked up against the prisoner. The officers went to the scess of the crime and had talks with several persons, but secured no additional information of importance.

Attorney John H. Stevenson has been retained by Charles Stewart, father, of one of the murdered boys, as special prescutor against Roberts. Mr. Stevenson has been keeping careful tab on the developments and says he believes the officers have strong evidence. The grand jury probably will take up the case before the end of the present week.

recovering from his wounds. He is still ecufined to his hed at his home in the Legendorf Apartments.

HELP IS PROMISED EVANS Personal Campaign to Be Made for

women, joined in a rousing demonstra-tion for Mr. Evans as their choice among the candidates who are entered in the primaries for that office. Mr. Evans, in an address, out-lined his conception of the importance of the office of District Attorney. "I shall endeavor, if I am elected," he said, "to surround myself with the cleanest and most capable men avail-able, so that the people may be saved

cleanest and most capable men avaliable, so that the people may be saved the expense of hiring a high-priced private prosecutor when a case of great importance arises."

The defendant in any case the state might be prosecuting is entitled to every chance that can be fairly given him, said Mr. Evans. The audience applauded heartly when Mr. Evans declared: "If I am elected to fill the office of District Attorney, there shall be no third degree" under my administration." "Third degree" methods, he contended, are poor policy. "Moreover" he said, "I believe simple fairness to the prisoner demands that he be given to understand fully just what his legal rights in the case may be."

be."
Touching upon the advisory position the Presecuting Attorney holds in relation to the grand jury. Mr. Evans declared that he holds power in his hands that makes it possible for him to promote or thwart the ends of justice. Reviewing the prosecutions under the "white slave" laws in the office of the United States District Attorney.

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Mr. Evans showed that out of 19 cases in the past year, 18 convictions had been secured. The state, he said, has fallen down in similar prosecutions.

Halph Coan presided at the meeting and Pay J. Dismond Corby introduced. and Rev. J. Diamond Corby introduced Mr. Evans, F. H. Whitefield closed the programme with an address.

CHARLES FULTON DISCUSSES. SUBJECT AT BANQUET.

Law Would Work Hardship on Minority, He Says-The Majority Could Take Care of Itself.

The enactment of a law for the recall of Judges will work a hardship on those compelled to go into court, was the statement of Charles W. Fulton, ex-United States Senator, before the Brotherhood of the First Congregational Church at a Danquet at the church last night. He said the United States Constitution established a goveriment by law, not by men, and that the Constitution aimed to protect the minerity as well as the majority. The majority, he said, could always take

majority, he said, could always take care of itself.

He pointed out that if Judges are compelled to learn the popular will before rendering their decisions, they will sacrifice the rights of those before the bar of justice to their own will be interest.

fore the bar of justice to their own selfish interests.

"If we need courage in any place in all this land of ours," said Mr. Fulton, "we need it on the bench. A corrupt judge is an awful curse. We have had the weak judge—yes, but the corrupt judge, thank God, very carely. I see but little difference in the ultimate cousequences to the people between a currupt judge and a cowardly judge. Each is equally dangerous if net equally victous.

"We need men on the bench whose

vicious.

"We need men on the bench whose consciences will not be drowned by the voice of the mob, but who will listen to the still, small voince of conscience and who will decide the case at bar according to the law and the evidence.

"I believe in holding judges, as other men, responsible to the law. If they violate it, punish them. If they are corrupt, indict them and prosecute them. They are men, and only men. They are no more sacred than any other citizen.

"The recall of judges, in my opinion, is sufficiently fallacious, but the recall of decisions is the limit of absurdity. Why should the great body of the peostitution has been properly interpreted? In the first place the people would not study the question with the fidelity and earnestness necessary to a proper solu-tion. We would soon have a library of constitutional construction that would make a philosophier crazy.

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"Judges sit, not to know what the majority thinks about a case, what the prejudice of a community may be, whether it wants this man hung, this man mulcted in damages, or this man deprived of his home and fireside, but to know the facts and determine what to know the facts and determine what

HOLTZ BACK FROM TRIP

Department Store Manager Pleased With Conditions East.

Aaron Holtz, of the new Holtz de-partment store, at the nortrwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets, now nearing completion, has returned from his trip to New York City and other Eastern markets. He said that buyers of the various departments are now on their way home and that upon their arrival they will begin to arrange their stocks for the opening, which will take place about June 15. "I'm mighty glad to be in Portland

I never saw retail business any bet-ter. The stores, big and little, depart-ment as well as exclusive, were all crowded. You can guess at the crowds when I tell you that there were at least 2500 people in the millinery de-partment of Gimbel's during the afternoon I was there. One thing I found that pleased me was that no whole-saler seemed to have an overstock, a condition of things that speaks well for the future in manufacturing."

BATTERY A GIVES BALL Armory Scene of Brilliant Affair Attended by 400 Persons.

Battery A, Field Artillery, Oregon National Guard, gave its annual ball in the Armory last night, which was attended by 100 persons. Mesdames Willam E. Finner, Lee M. Clark, Frank I. Randall and William Rosenstock were the patronesses.

The room was decorated in red and yellow. The lights were covered in these colors and also there were colored streamers. In the middle of the room was a Sergeant's tent, pitched and furnished for field duty.

The scarcity of military uniforms was noticeable, most of the men wearing civilian clothes. The dance lasted until the early hours and was much enjoyed by all who were present.

Fifty men, in the audience of about 100 attending the campaign meeting held at the Universalist Church in tryington Modday night, declared their intention to attend other meetings and a take up active personal solicitation to win votes for Walter H. Evans for District Attorney. D. O. Lively, he first speaker on the programme, made a plea for a campaign of personal work. Prior to this deals.

GOVERNMENT ROAD **ADVISED BY FISHER**

Secretary Suggests Use of Panama Equipment for Line in Alaska.

IMMEDIATE ACTION URGED

Cabinet Member Would Do Away With Commissions-Plenty of Supplies on Hand to Build From Tidewater to Yukon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton. April 5.- In letters to the territories committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretary of the Interior Walter Fisher has strongly urged the passage by Congress of a bill which will provide for the immediate construction of a railroad from tidewater to the Yukon River, Alaska, without waiting for a commission to form, make long and tedious studes of the situation, and then report to Congress on the advisability of a Govern-ment-owned railroad in Alaska.

The Secretary wants the construction of such a trunk-line railroad authorized, and he asks author'ty to take over now in use at Panama, but soon to be abandoned. Not only does Panama afford all necessary material for constructing and equipping a railroad in Alaska, but it also offers all the engineering skill and labor required to

carry this enterprise through.

Mr. Fisher is favorably impressed with the bill introduced by Senator Jones, and says that under this measure prompt action can be taken for the development of adequate transportation facilities in Alaska. The bill is drawn, he saws along the properal lines of the he says, along the general lines of the legislation under which the Panama Canal has been constructed.

Some Changes Urged. Some changes are suggested, but in the main the provisions of the Jones bill are retained.

Secretary Flaher expresses the hope that Congress will not delay the con-struction of a trunk-line rallroad in Alaska by authorizing a commission to Alaska by authorising a commission to make a study of the entire transportation altuation in that territory, and urges "legislation definitely authorizing the construction by the Government of a trunk-line" from Resurrection Bay to the Yukon.

In his report to Congress Secretary Wisher and The work of Panama is

Fisher says: "The work at Panama is nearing completion. We have there an engineering and executive organization which must soon be disbanded un-less we seize this opportunity to transfer as much of it as may be needed to Alaska. It is an opportunity needed to Alaska. It is an opportunity that should not be lost. There is at Panama a very considerable amount of machinery and tools suitable for railroad construction, and also of railway materials and equipment which the isthmian Canai Commission has been using in its work, but the need of which will rapidly diminish during the coming months, and all of which must uptimately be sold, much of it for prices far below its real value for utilization in Alaska."

He points out that the Canal Commore railroad than can be permanently utilized at Panama, and the surplus could be transported by water to Alaska at comparatively little cost. It will be released at Panama as rapidly as it can be utilized in Alaska, if the necessary legislation is immediately passed by Congress. There are 250 miles of 70-pound rails which have been in construction service on the Isthmus for more than three years and cost \$21 per ton. Fifty miles of it will be available by December 21, next, 100 miles by June utilized at Panama, and the surplus by December 31, next, 100 miles by June 30, 1913, and the remainder by June 30, 1914

There is also available sufficient expany locomotives, which will not be required at Panama after the construction work on the canal is completed. There are also 32 narrow gauge locomotives, which would be available for certain features of the Alaska railroad work, which will be retired at Panama by the end of the present year. Also, there is ample narrow gauge equip-ment, including tracks, cars, etc., to maintain spurs to the main line rall-road, if so desired.

Rolling Stock Available,

in addition to all this, the Secretary reports that there are 300 steel fiat cars, 1600 wooden fiat cars and a number of dump cars that can, at small cost, be made available for use in Alaska. The locomotives, excavating machinery and wrecking outfits steam drills, piledriver outfits, etc., will probably be adequate to construct and equip the Alaska road until traffic increases materially over that now anticipated.

"The essential thing for the developthus connecting the greater interior waterway system with the coast, and there with the world. I suggest that Resurrection Bay be the tidewater terminus of the railroad, as that has been selected as a coaling station for the Navy Department and I believe the Navy Department, and I believe Congress should consider whether the development of this harbor and the construction of a railroad from it to



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operating agreements with existing rallroads, rather than construct an enrailroads, rather than construct an entirely independent railroad, or to acquire any of the existing roads for this purpose. He thinks, however, the Government should own outright its main trunk line from tidewater to the Yukon. Now that Secretary Fisher's views are of record, efforts will be made at an early day to get committee action on pending bills providing for a Government railroad & Alaska.

Railroad Fill Nearing Completion. The fill on the blocks of the Southern Pacific Company for the new East Side freight depot and freight facilities is nearing completion, and will be sinished this month, when work will be started on the depot building on East Oak and East Second streets. Three blocks

the interior would not be justified upon military and naval as well as upon commercial considerations."

Leasing Plan Advised.

Secretary Fisher recommends that the Commission to have charge of the construction of the Alaska railroad make a solid fill. with little or no settling. Should have authority to lease or make operating agreements with existing operating agreements with existing operating agreements with existing of the lease or make operating agreements with existing operating agreements with existing of the lease of hits was immeasurably and the Burnside bridge approach. Portland, Mrs. O. N. Denny, who also showing scenes along the Columbia escaped from the Whitman massacre, list a half-sister. The funeral has not been arranged.

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Mrs. Lon Lewis Passes On.

Mrs. Lou J. Lewis, a native daughter of Oregon, and wife of one of the founders of the Willametre Iron Works, founders of the Willamette Iron Works, died yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital following an operation. Mrs. Lewis was the daughter of Mrs. Rachel E. Beer, a pioneer of 1847, and one of the few who escaped death in the Whitman massacre. Her father was Robert Beer, a Mexican War veteran and pioneer Oregonian. Mrs. Lewis was born in Yamhill County in 1851. Her husband died several years ago. She is suron the depot building on East Oak and died several years ago. She is sur-East Second streets. Three blocks vived by two sons, Owen J. Lewis, of will be filled between East Oak street

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