

WIFE ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING HUSBAND

Witness Declares Mrs. Grier Shot Man Without Warning as He Worked.

SELF DEFENSE PLEADED

Courtroom at Albany Is Crowded for Hearing of Alleged Murder Committed at Potter's Mill. Woman Is Calm.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—That Vada Grier shot her husband, Frank Grier, at the scene of a warning, was the testimony of S. G. Wilson, witness of the tragedy, in the trial of Mrs. Grier on a charge of murder in the second degree at the state circuit court here this afternoon.

Wilson testified that he and Grier were preparing to load hay when Mrs. Grier fired several shots, one of which he said he did not see the first shot fired, but turned when he heard it and saw Grier throw his left hand to his side, moan and start to run.

"Take your lines and get," Wilson said the woman called to him, and he obeyed instantly. He said she fired twice again while he was getting off his wagon and starting up his team. He didn't know whether the shots were fired at him, he testified. Others who heard the shooting said that more than three shots were fired, one witness fixing the number at five. Laurence Wilson, 13-year-old son of S. G. Wilson, in the main corroborated his father's testimony.

Self-Defense Pleaded. Mrs. Grier's attorneys, in the opening statements, said Mrs. Grier fired in self-defense.

Scores of persons were turned away from the courtroom today after the room became crowded. At the morning session no spectators were admitted after all seats were occupied, but during the noon intermission the crowd came so early that when court convened at 1 o'clock not only were the seats crowded, but the aisles were filled with men standing. They were permitted to remain, but the doors were closed and no others were admitted.

Attired in a long blue raincoat and a blue sailor hat, Mrs. Grier made a favorable impression in the courtroom here today.

She displayed great interest in the testimony and frequently leaned forward to look with her attorneys at plates and photographs introduced as evidence. She appeared to be under no particular stress, however, and her attitude was more that of a deeply interested spectator than of a person accused of murder.

Victim's Parents Prosecute. Gale S. Hill, of Albany, District Attorney, and S. H. Heitzel, of Albany, appearing as attorney for the dead man's relatives, are handling the case for the state, while Mrs. Grier is being defended by W. S. McPherson, of Albany, and W. S. McPherson, of Corvallis.

The jury having been impaneled last week and a view having been made of the premises yesterday, the introduction of evidence began when Judge Kelly conveyed the case to the morning. Alfred L. Geddes, of Albany, County Surveyor of Linn County, was the first witness. He displayed plates he had made of the scene of the shooting and the surrounding premises. J. G. Crawford, a photographer, was the next witness and introduced eight photographs he had taken of the scene and roadways in the vicinity of the crime.

Ben Bartcher, of Albany, who attended a post-mortem examination of the body of Frank Grier, as the representative of Coroner Fortmiller, explained the course of the bullet which killed Grier.

Nature of Wound Is Explained. Dr. C. L. Ransom, of Hill City, who attended Grier from soon after he was wounded, November 4, until he died at 5 o'clock the next morning, told of the nature of the wound. Dr. Ransom conducted the post-mortem examination.

D. H. Bodine, Sheriff of Linn County, depicted the arrest of the defendant and introduced two guns that Mrs. Grier had in her possession at the time she was taken into custody. At the time she was out in the wood near her home, having refused to submit to arrest as the hands of Constable Estlin, of Hill City, in the vicinity of the scene, when the sheriff sent word of his presence there, through George Solomon, who knew her whereabouts, Solomon, since indicted jointly with Mrs. Grier for murder in the second degree, came in with her, carrying the two rifles.

Others who testified were John Bradshaw, Solomon Bradshaw, T. H. Payne, Mrs. Anna McCormick, S. G. Wilson and Laurence Wilson, all of whom testified at Potter's Mill, near the scene of the tragedy.

SCHOOL TO ASK \$50,000. Monmouth Normal Plant to Request New Training Building.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—At a meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Normal School it was decided unanimously that the Legislature at its next meeting be asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of a new training school building in this city. The structure now in use was built three years ago at a cost of \$21,000.

Since the Normal School was reinstated as a state institution in 1911, a \$4000 heating plant, a \$60,000 girls' dormitory and a \$10,000 gymnasium have been erected.

FISHERMAN FINED TWICE. License and Non-Resident Laws Are Broken by Salmon Man.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Judge Eakin, of the Circuit Court yesterday adjudged Orazio Catholic guilty of fishing for salmon in the Columbia River without having a state license and also found him guilty of fishing for salmon in the Columbia River while not being a resident of either Oregon, Washington or Idaho.

The defendant was fined \$50 and costs in each case. The cases were on appeal from the Justice Court and the intention is to take them to the Supreme Court for a ruling, so that, if needed, the state license laws may be amended.

WOODPILE JAIL STARTS Vancouver to Make Tramps Work for Meals.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special).—A municipal woodpile, where anyone desiring to work may cut wood for a meal ticket, is in operation in Vancouver. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company donated to the Wayfarers' Inn, about 125 feet of trestle on the waterfront. The trestle was presented to the city council last night by A. W. Calder, secretary, with the recommendation that it be used in making men work for their meals and room. The Chief of Police was instructed by the Council to make all able-bodied unemployed applicants for aid work for their meals.

The trestle will make more than 100 cords of wood, which will be given to needy families during the winter and used in heating the police station and fire house. Tramps caught begging will be sent to the city woodpile and made to work an hour, for which they will receive tickets good at the Wayfarers' Inn for meals or beds. To get three meals and a bed a tramp or unemployed man must work four hours.

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WESTERN WRITER WHOSE PLAY, "ALVARADO VALDES," IS NEW YORK SUCCESS.

George W. Cronyn, who has been ranching at Hood River and recently came to Portland to make his home, has received word from New York City that his play, "Alvarado Valdes," has been put on at the Cort Theater and is a big success.

Mr. Cronyn is a Harvard man. He is, besides a rancher, a writer and an artist. Some years ago he taught school and later managed a ranch in New Mexico. He came from New York in the summer to join Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Armes, who are among his oldest friends. Three days after his arrival he met Miss Laura Miller, a graduate of the Washington High School, whom he married.

"Alvarado Valdes" is being put on as a curiosity-drama by "Under Cover," in which Ralph Morgan is appearing. Last year Mr. Cronyn made a success of a chamber play in which there was a cast of 60 and for which Wallingford Riegler wrote the music. The new Mexican play has the four characters. The theme is taken from life.

employed man must work four hours. The woodpile has been placed in charge of L. E. Randolph, who has power to arrest tramps or disturbers under his jurisdiction.

Establishment of the woodpile already has reduced the number of tramps here. All tramps arrested for begging on the streets will be sentenced to serve sentences on the city woodpile.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(Special).—A German fox terrier, owned by Baroness Wolf von Loehneysen, wife of the German Consul, was the object of a heated argument at First avenue and Seneca street yesterday, in which the police were called to intervene.

P. Howard, who resides at the Alpha Hotel at 17th avenue and Seneca street, yesterday took the dog away from the Baroness, saying that it had been stolen from him a year ago. Baroness von Loehneysen clung to her pet and refused to give it up.

Patrolman Montgomery telephoned Lieutenant Hans Damm at police headquarters and informed him that he had attempted to take a knotty problem and wanted advice as to which course to pursue. After hearing the particulars Lieutenant Damm said Howard would have to start legal proceedings if he wanted to force his claim to the dog. Howard declared he would file a civil suit immediately.

Baroness von Loehneysen said tonight she had owned the pet for 10 years, bringing it here from Germany six years ago.

"I can produce any number of witnesses to show that the dog is mine," she said.

BROTHER JUDGES VISIT Malheur and Linn Officials Return From County Convention.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—When McKnight of Yale, arrived here to visit his brother, D. B. McKnight, it was the County Judge of Malheur County visiting the County Judge of Linn. These two brothers are judges of their respective counties, their election at the same time being unparalleled in Oregon.

They are reared in Linn County and are members of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families in the county. Both have been attending the convention of County Judges in Oregon and George McKnight accompanied his brother to his home here for a short visit before returning to Eastern Oregon.

Springfield Gives Belgians \$50. SPRINGFIELD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Citizens of Springfield subscribed flour and cash to an aggregate of \$50 for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund. The supplies and money are awaiting shipping orders from the state committee. Mayor C. L. Scott was chairman of the local committee, and the other members were H. M. Stewart, postmaster, and W. A. Dill, editor of the local paper.

Lev Cruthrds, a 7-year-old caddy, says that President Wilson is a very poor golf player.

J. L. KILPAK OUSTED

Woman Throws Portland Man Out of Her Home.

SEVEN EXIST IN SQUALOR

When Agent of Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Visits Brush-Windbreak Abode of Woman, Parents and Children He Meets Rebuff.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—J. L. Kilpack, agent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland, filed before the combined attack of Mrs. Florence Davis and J. Finch, her father, who lives east of Dundas, where he has gone to the so-called home of the Davis family, on information that the children were living in squalor.

Mr. Kilpack and Levi Harrison called at the home at Manning Basin, where they found Mrs. Davis, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch, and another child, between the ages of 8 and 12, living in a windbreak constructed of brush not as good a shelter as would be afforded by an ordinary sheep-pen. The only furniture consisted of a stove without legs and without an oven door. The oven was occupied by two dogs.

There were no provisions in the house, and when Mr. Kilpack asked where the supplies which he believed the answer: "We eat them for breakfast."

Durkee people gave the family food and clothing at Thanksgiving, but the food is now exhausted.

Mrs. Davis flatly refused to go without a warrant, and when Mr. Kilpack insisted on getting a warrant for the apprehension of Mrs. Davis and the children.

Mr. Kilpack in his report to court today announced that he had never seen a house in as bad condition as that where the Davis family is living. The floor was Mother Earth, the shelter virtually nothing and the children were in an unspeakable condition of squalor, he said.

Mrs. Mary J. Graham, assistant superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, said last night that Mr. Kilpack, traveling agent for the society for the eastern district, left Portland December 10. Further than that his object in visiting Baker was to investigate the case referred to her to report on other matters of interest to the society. Portland officials are not familiar with the details of the case, nor the circumstances surrounding the investigation.

Girl Thaws Pet Goldfish Back to Life. By Degrees, Ice in Globe Is Melted and Pets Now Are Alive and Healthy.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Little Edith Neilson, daughter of a well-known resident, has just thawed back to life six Japanese goldfish which were embedded in a globe of water that was frozen on the porch of her home.

The fish apparently were dead, but the child persisted in trying to save her pets. Acting upon the advice of local anglers, she proceeded to thaw them out by degrees. The fish now are alive and healthy.

DIVORCE APPEAL DISMISSED. Action on Grounds of Fraud Too Late, Is Decision.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—The Superior Court today dismissed the appeal of District Attorney Hedges, of Clackamas County, in the divorce action of Hannah M. Orr against Gus Orr. The plaintiff obtained a divorce decree about three years ago and Mr. Hedges asked that it be vacated upon the ground of fraud.

He said he had evidence to show that the decree was the result of collusion on the part of the wife and that the defendant sided with the wife in obtaining the divorce. Failure to act at the proper time, the court held, eliminated the state from the case.

Other opinions today were as follows: H. D. Schroeder, appellant vs. J. H. Hillman; appealed from Multnomah County; to recover money; modified. W. H. Thomas et al. vs. S. H. Thomas et al.; appellants; appealed from Lane County; action to set aside certain orders reversed.

Mary B. Baker et al. vs. John C. Urie et al.; appellants vs. John C. Urie et al.; appellants; action to declare trust in certain real estate; affirmed.

Hannah M. Orr vs. State, appellant; involving validity of divorce decree; appealed from Clackamas County; motion to dismiss appeal allowed.

Partitions for rehearing were denied in the following cases: State vs. Leonard; Pacific Time Company vs. Cameron; Portland and City of La Grande; Moline vs. Portland Brewing Company; Pacific Title & Trust Company vs. Reynolds vs. Vint, and Templeton vs. Becker.

FIRE DAMAGE IS \$20,000. Grants Pass Store Partially Saved and One Life Endangered.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Fire early this morning caused a \$20,000 loss to the Schilling dry goods store, one of the largest in Southern Oregon.

The fire started in the basement from an unknown cause. By keeping the building closed complete destruction was prevented. The stock losses, \$15,000, and the furniture and building loss, \$5000. All is covered by insurance. The building is owned by George Lundberg. While fighting the fire Cecil Schilling, one of the owners, had a narrow escape while assisting in carrying a hose to the balcony in the rear of the building. Weakened by the fire, the floor gave way and he would have been plunged into the top of the furnace had he not clung to the hose.

Parishioners Build Social Hall. SHERWOOD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—The members of the Hood View Congregational Church, south of Sherwood, under the leadership of Pastor John Foster, have completed a large social hall on the church property to be used as a community gathering place. Gymnasium equipment and a good stage have been installed and the community looks forward to deriving much pleasure from the hall. The work on the building was done by the men of the neighborhood and the furnishing of the building was taken care of by the Ladies' Aid, who recently held a box social and bazaar, which netted them \$1112.

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SURF ICY; GIRLS DIVE

Three Seattle Debutantes Take Plunge Coldest Day. EACH WINS BOX OF CANDY

Wager Follows Jestling Remark and in Few Minutes Society Maids Are Frolicking in Billows as Spectators Cheer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special).—On the coldest day in the history of the local weather bureau, the Misses Claire and Mayme Macdonald and Ava Cochran, three debutantes, daughters of representative Seattle families, donned their bathing suits and plunged into the chilly waters of Puget Sound at Alki Beach to win a wager of a five-pound box of candy each, offered by Robert Munro, traffic manager of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, the corporation controlled by D. C. Jackling, of Salt Lake and San Francisco.

The three girls were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson at the Stockade Hotel. During a conversation on the cold day banter led Munro to assert it was a fine day for a swim. To his surprise the three girls took him up. He scouted the idea. Then a dare and the candy bribe followed. That settled it.

Bathing Suits Donned. Bathing suits were provided and later donned, while the skeptical turned up their noses in disdain and doubt. And then, while the spectators

stood shivering, out from the hotel tripped the dainty bathing girls, ran down to the pier and dived into the water.

Overcoming the cold, the maids swam and frolicked in the billows for 10 minutes by actual count. Then they came out, gently reminded Mr. Munro they would be ready for the candy, and went, not without what some considered justifiable hauteur, from the public gaze.

Some Spectators Cheer. That some of the spectators had cheered them while in the water was taken by them as a pretty fair indication that the stunt had succeeded admirably.

The plunge was watched by Misses Gladys Moenach, Winifred Ewing, Ennie McFee and Messrs. Mart Swarner and Willis Bryant, University of Washington letter men; Glen Davis, member of the varsity nine; Paul McDermott, son of Frank McDermott, president of a large Seattle department store; Harry Bruce, son of J. S. Bruce, a wealthy lumberman; Clarence Landon, Vincent Sillaasen and Edward

Stenelch, former star athletes at Everett High School.

Beaverton Lays Sidewalks. BEAVERTON, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—Streets have been graded and right of way cleared for three miles of new sidewalk in Beaverton. The lumber is being hauled in the suburbs, while in the business district concrete walks will replace old board walks.

Hood River Club Elects. HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special).—At the annual election last night the following members of the Commercial Club were chosen to serve on the board of directors for the year: E. O. Blankenship, D. G. Mitchell, D. G. Crankshaw and Robert B. Perigo. The new directors succeed: G. A. Molden, Charles Hall, W. L. Clark and J. H. Helibrone. The latter was president of the club last year. The hold-over members on the board are C. F. Gilbert, Ray E. Scott and Dr. F. C. Brasius.

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