

VANCOUVER FARMER KILLED BY NEPHEW

Charles Myers Held for Death of John Kramer in Course of Christmas Orgy.

DIVORCEE HELD WITNESS

Edward Kramer, Jr., Who, With Father, Protests Against Debauch, Is Also Shot Down and Then Clubbed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—As a result of a too hilarious Christmas party last night at Hazel Dell, John Kramer, a pioneer farmer, 48 years old, is dead, his son, Edward Kramer, Jr., a "bookie" leg and in St. Joseph's Hospital here; Charles Myers is confined in the County Jail, charged with the shooting, and Mrs. Lillian Abbott, about 24 years old, a divorced woman, is being held as a material witness. Myers was cut over the heart by Edward Kramer, before the shooting, but his wound is not serious. Myers is a son of John Kramer's wife's sister.

Evidence is contradictory. Edward Kramer, about 22 years old, takes the stand that Myers was justified. Myers pleads self-defense and "too much whisky."

Liquor Used Freely. It appears that Mal Kramer, on his own account, gave a party at the home of Peter Kramer, his father, when the latter, with his wife, was visiting children near Hazel Dell for Christmas.

In the party were Edward Kramer, Jr., Charles Myers, Mal Kramer, Ray Holmgren, John Myers, called Jack, brother of Charles Myers; Mrs. Lillian Abbott, who has been acting as housekeeper for Myers in a house nearby; Miss Grace Goff and Miss Pauline Ecklund.

A bag of beer and three bottles of whisky were in evidence, and all had been drinking and making merry until the festivities began to yield, sing, curse and swear. The house in which the party was given faces the Hazel Dell, four miles from Vancouver on the Main street road.

John Kramer lived with his wife and family on a two-acre tract about 150 feet north, but on the opposite side of the road.

Shooting Proceeds Shooting. Edward Kramer, Sr., went over to the house earlier in the night and objected to the noise and conduct. He quarreled with Charles Myers and then went away, but, it seems, later returned and had a fight with Myers at the gate. In the scuffle, Myers was cut over the heart, a wound about seven inches long being inflicted.

Myers went back into the Peter Kramer house, got a shotgun and ran to the road. John Kramer had come out to the road and apparently he, too, had been remonstrating against the conduct of the party. Accusations were made regarding the action of Myers and Mrs. Abbott. This Myers resented and threatened to "clean" both father and son if they did not desist.

At about 11 o'clock, Edward Kramer and his father, John Kramer, had reached a point almost in front of the John Kramer home, when Myers followed them with a gun, and in the bright moonlight, fired at John Kramer, tearing away the left side of his head completely. He was only eight or ten feet away when he fired. He then shot Edward Kramer, shattering the bone at the ankle.

Prostrate Man Attacked. Edward, seeing his father fall, attempted to crawl to his side. Myers, receiving this, took the shotgun by the barrel, struck him a stunning blow over the head, breaking the stock of the gun. He opened up a long gash on the side of Kramer's head and knocked him unconscious.

Somewhat frightened by the excitement, Myers went back to the house and all of the party, not waiting for the result of the shooting, hurried to the home of John Holmgren, about a mile away, and telephoned to the Sheriff's office and offered to surrender.

Mrs. Abbott and Myers were taken by the officers to the county court-house. Myers said he shot in self-defense, thinking that the older Kramer had a gun and was going to ward him. Asked about striking Edward on the head, he said that he thought he was crawling on the ground and that he would kill him, so he stopped him.

SCENE OF TRAGEDY NEAR VANCOUVER AND PRINCIPALS.



(1) John Kramer, Killed by His Nephew, Charles Myers, Christmas Night. (2) Edward Kramer, Sr., Whose Leg Was Broken by Shot. (3) X Shows Where John Kramer Was Killed in Front of His Home. Mr. Kramer Shown in Lower Photo at Extreme Right.

TEACHERS TO MEET

Western Oregon Division Convened at Medford.

CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY

Three-Day Programme Is Arranged.

Reorganization Scheduled May Bring Future Assemblies to This City.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Interest of Oregon teachers and educators in general is centered in the 11th annual session of the Western division of the Oregon State Teachers Association, which will convene tomorrow for a three-day conference at Medford. Approximately 600 instructors in the state schools and higher institutions of learning will be in attendance.

Aside from addresses by leading educators, the Medford meeting this year is of more than ordinary importance, with a plan for re-organization to be considered. This involves the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws, which has been prepared for submission to the association by a committee of 15, headed at the last annual meeting.

Portland's Advantage Best. The committee felt that Portland was the logical place to hold the association meetings, as it is more central to a majority of the teachers and facilities for entertaining them are better.

Members of the council will be chosen from each of the 35 counties of the state and from different local teachers' associations. Colleges and universities also will be entitled to representation.

Summarized, the main functions of the council, if the reorganization is approved, will be: To conduct investigations aiming to promote the general progress of education; to improve the financial condition, the tenure and general conditions of the teachers' work; and such other aims as the council may determine.

Members of the committee on re-organization are: H. D. Sheldon, Eugene, chairman; J. H. Ackerman, Monmouth; George A. Briscoe, Ashland; E. D. Rossier, Corvallis; H. C. Seymour, Dallas; J. A. Churchill, Salem; O. C. Roseburg, Roseburg; William T. Foster, Portland; Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson, Salem; O. M. Elliott, Salem; E. R. Peterson, Medford; Frances Barnes, Portland; L. R. Alderman, Portland; H. M. Spurgeon, Portland; Dr. A. P. McKinlay, Portland.

That the association may consider the publication of an official Teachers' Journal is probable. As yet, however, no plans as to how or where such a journal would be published, have been made.

Church to Honor Old Members. MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Twenty-three years ago the Evangelical Church was organized here in Monmouth with 11 members. Only two of

these are still in the congregation. Mrs. A. N. Halleck, and W. P. Fisher. These two, with the additions of the past year, will be the guests of honor on the evening of December 30. A programme of music, talks and reminiscence, followed by the annual election, is being prepared.

CONSCRIPTION IN BALANCE

British Cabinet Expected to Make Momentous Decision Today.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A cabinet council will be held today and it is expected will make a decision on the question whether the results of the Derby scheme of recruiting justify continued adherence to the voluntary system, or whether some form of conscription will become necessary.

STABBING VICTIM IS LOW

Chehalis Greek, Terribly Wounded, Attacks Assailant.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Jim Gotsis, victim of last night's stabbing at the hands of Th. Theodoropolous, was still alive today, but reported to be very low. Theodoropolous' knife almost disemboweled his victim. As Gotsis nursed his assailant he held one hand over his body to hold in his intestines.

GRANGE DINNER ARRANGED

Monmouth Plans Encouragement to Grow Corn and Potatoes.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Monmouth Grange arranged its last meeting, and gave its positive answer at the hall with invitations to a limited number of families. It also laid plans for an industrial fair to be held for one day just before the county fair and it is expected to take the entire exhibit to the County Fair.

DOG IS CAUGHT IN SNARE

Captor Says Animal Has Been Killing Chickens.

A wire snare rigged up by Christ Kirchbaum, of 1761 East Twenty-first street, captured a big white bulldog yesterday, and Kirshbaum is positive that this is the dog that has killed 15 of his chickens in two weeks.

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None Tries to Escape

No one of the men has attempted to escape or has been guilty of a serious breach of conduct, the Governor said. Four have been discharged, with complete pardons and with \$50 or more in cash apiece, on completing satisfactorily their specified terms of service. Two were returned to the penitentiary soon after their arrival, when it was found they were unsuited to the work. One crew of three men still is on duty.

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MANSON SERVICE HAS TURNED UP IN ANY OTHER PENAL INSTITUTION AND, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, ALL NOW HAVE WORK AND ARE "MAKING GOOD."

Governor's Son Is Chum of Convict. Mrs. Lister is as warm a supporter of the plan of using convicts for mansion work as is the Governor. She tells, with enjoyment, of the fears of some of her friends who, when the new system was inaugurated, were—had at the thought of her being left alone "with desperate convicts" when the Governor was out of town.

TWO DIE ON CHRISTMAS

Lane County Loses Old-Time Man and Woman Settlers.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—According to word received here today, Mrs. Mary A. Holland, who came to Oregon in 1852, died last night at her home in Crow, Lane County, at the age of 76. She was the mother of the Holland brothers, who are well known in this part of the state. Funeral services will be held at Crow at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Honor Camps Found Successful

Discussing the question of convict labor, Governor Lister expressed himself as satisfied that the results of the honor camp system have been good. "Such financial savings as were anticipated by some have not been

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