

BRANSON IS COOL IN FACE OF CROSSFIRE

State Concludes Testimony in Case Over Murder of William Booth.

SHERIFF'S AIDE ON STAND

Deputy Tells of Hearing Suspect Warn Mrs. Booth to Be Careful, Last Conversation in Jail Be Overheard.

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The state sprang a surprise today in the Branson murder trial, when Deputy Sheriff Duncan was introduced on the witness stand.

At the conclusion of this testimony, the state closed its case against Branson, held for the murder of William Booth near Willamette October 5, last, having used a total of 28 witnesses.

Defense Calls Witnesses.

The counsel for the defense then called a number of witnesses to testify as to the time Branson was seen in Willamette, intending to show that Branson was in town at the time of the shooting.

The parents of Branson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branson, were then called for the defense of their son. With a flood of tears the mother related the boy's childhood, how she was so particular to attend to her son's room and belongings personally.

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He told of his being at home and in Willamette, but as to the correct time, his testimony was not in accordance with the state's witness. He did, however, explain some of the statements made by the state's witnesses and vigorously attacked other state witnesses when they were called.

By this time he was becoming aroused and spoke heatedly at times, especially when undergoing cross-examination which proved to be usual as the statements were made in accordance with his story.

He was asked to sign a statement and he refused to do so. He was then asked to sign a statement and he refused to do so.

Mrs. Booth is Called.

The prosecution then called Mrs. Booth to the stand, but the attorney for the defense was quick in objecting to this, declaring that Mrs. Booth was not considered an accomplice in this case and was not allowed to testify.

Judge Holt ruled out the motion of the defendant, and her testimony was given.

The defense then rested its case, followed by the introduction of the state's evidence in rebuttal.

Judge Holt announced there would be a night adjournment and it is expected the evidence will be concluded tonight.

The courtroom is filled with overflowing and many spectators will be unable to gain admittance tonight.

MR. FINLEY TO ENTERTAIN

DINNER DEBT TO GAME WARDEN SHOEMAKER TO BE PAID.

Festivities Monday Night Will Be in Settlement of Wager Over Subscriptions to "Sportsman."

William L. Finley, state biologist, will pay his dinner debt to Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, next Monday night.

Three months ago Mr. Shoemaker made a bet that he could get 240 new subscriptions to the Oregon Sportsman, the quarterly publication of the State Fish and Game Commission, within a stated time.

The bet was made that the loser should dine the force of employees in the office of the commission. Late in December Mr. Shoemaker was declared the winner, and Mr. Finley is now about to discharge the obligation.

The dinner will be given at the University Club Monday night at 8:30. Not only have the employees of the State

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DEFENSE BODY ELECTS

C. F. HANLON HEADS PACIFIC COAST ORGANIZATION.

Governors of Western States Are Opposed—Use of Militia in Strikes Is to Be Opposed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Charles F. Hanlon, of this city, is to head the "National" of the Pacific Coast Defense League, which consists of 11 members. It was announced today.

The newly-appointed cabinet held a meeting yesterday at which Mr. Hanlon was elected. Vice-presidents were elected as follows: Mr. Governor, John of California, first vice-president; Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, second vice-president; Governor Lester, of Washington, third vice-president; Governor Boye, of Nevada, fourth vice-president; Governor Alexander, of Idaho, fifth vice-president.

President Hanlon announced that all of these newly-elected vice-presidents, as a result of correspondence between them and the league, had agreed to help change the laws of their respective states, so that the National Guard shall not in the future be used to put down insurrections arising from industrial disputes.

It was decided to hold a convention in this city in the near future.

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24 ENTOMBED IN MINE

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More Than 100 Imperiled by Gas Explosion, but Most of Them Escape Trap of Falling Rock.

INDIANA, Pa., Feb. 11.—One man was killed, three seriously injured and 24 men entombed by a gas explosion late today in mine No. 2 of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Company at Enon, six miles from here. One hundred volunteers, including miners from various parts of the county, have entered the mine and are working in relays in an effort to reach the entombed men.

The explosion occurred in an entry just east of the main entry of the mine. More than 100 men were at work at the time, but all escaped, with the exception of 27, who were trapped by falling rock and debris. Rescue parties were organized at once and 15 of this number were brought to the surface several hours after the explosion, several being seriously hurt.

Later the body of George Dunton, Jr., aged 25, mine motorman, was recovered.

82 'MIDDIES' TO RESIGN

DRONES NOT TO CARRY AWAY BLOT OF EXPIRESION.

About Half of Cadets Failing in Examinations, at Annapolis Are Eligible to Reappointment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—All of the 82 midshipmen at Annapolis who were recommended for dismissal because they failed on their mid-season examination will be permitted to resign, instead of having the blot of expulsion from the service against their record.

After approving the academic board's recommendation that the midshipmen be dismissed, Secretary Daniels today wrote to Captain Eberle, superintendent of the Naval Academy, authorizing him to accept resignations.

Mr. Daniels explained that he believed a boy should be dismissed from the academy only in punishment for misconduct.

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HIGHWAY VIEWS PRAISED

Government Photographers Say Color Pictures Surpass All.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 11.—The Berger-Jones Columbia River Highway pictures were shown tonight before the National Press Club, and there received the same hearty reception that had been given them by the United States Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. Numerous Government photographers who rank high in their profession were among the spectators, and pronounced the views superior to any color photographs they had ever before seen.

As a result of three exhibitions in Washington, Meads, Berger and Jones have been pressed to visit hundreds of cities throughout the country to show the highway and Oregon views, but they find it necessary to stick to their schedule on their present trip.

PEOPLE SLEEP, SAYS TAFT

Military Preparedness Advocated as Urgent Necessity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ex-President Taft told Red Cross workers here today that adequate military preparedness was absolutely necessary, and that the Red Cross was one of the branches necessary to that preparedness.

"It takes an earthquake to wake the American people up sometimes," said Mr. Taft. "They sleep and decline to give a dollar for what they must pay millions for later. Adequate preparedness—and I mean military preparedness—is absolutely necessary."

Mr. Taft was speaking in behalf of the movement to secure 1,000,000 members in the Red Cross Society.

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