

MOTHER TESTIFIES AT HOWELL TRIAL

Time of Murder of Lillian Leuthold Is in Doubt.

DEFENSE SCORES POINT

Defendant to Be Placed on Witness Stand Today; Motive for Crime Not Established.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The trial of Harold Howell at Coquille for the murder of Lillian Leuthold of Bandon, was less interesting today than on any day since the case was called last Monday. The time was occupied by evidence that was technical and some lengthy arguments over admission of testimony helped to reduce the interest. The crowds eagerly awaiting the placing of the defendant on the witness stand. The defense has been quite successful in establishing a question of doubt regarding the possibility of Harold Howell meeting Miss Leuthold while she was on her way home. Several witnesses, including Mrs. Warden, her son Carroll, who was arrested at the time Howell was taken into custody, but who was released after the preliminary hearing, and two other sons of the Warden, set the time that Howell left their home on the Sunday evening Lillian Leuthold was killed at 6 o'clock. He had perhaps a quarter of a mile to go and the evidence of Bertha Jennings, the only one to see Miss Leuthold leave for home, said it was 5 o'clock when they left the house and that afterwards they talked a few minutes and she picked some roses for her friend to take home.

Mrs. Howell is witness. Miss Jennings' evidence was not definite as to the time Lillian left but Miss Jennings thought it was probably 20 minutes after 5. If both stories are accurate Miss Leuthold would not have encountered Harold Howell unless she had lingered along the way. However, it is believed that arguments will tend to break down the stories concerning the time the youth left the Warden zone. Mrs. Howell was one of the best witnesses the defense has so far put on the stand. She was calm during the severe cross-questioning which she underwent when it was attempted to discredit her regarding the time her son returned home. Mrs. Howell had set this time at about 6 o'clock. She thought the boy came home as usual and showed no signs of excitement. The defense is depending largely upon the difference in time to aid the case. Motive Not Established. It was noted today that the prosecution had not introduced any evidence in its case to establish a motive for the murder. The progress today was largely connected with the evidence of time, distance and the surroundings near the scene of the tragedy. This fight, although tiresome to any assembly hoping for sensational testimony, was vital both to the prosecution and the defense, for many think that upon the establishment of the exact time will depend the outcome of the case. Before the case concluded more than 70 witnesses will have testified. Harold Howell's evidence will come before the jury tomorrow, probably not before the afternoon. His case is expected not to end before Saturday.

12 BAR APPLICANTS PASS

Three Are Unsuccessful in Recent State Examinations.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Twelve of the 15 applicants taking examinations for admission to the bar here recently were successful according to announcement made today by the board of bar examiners. A formal order admitting them to practice in the state will be made next Tuesday, following the return of the supreme court from Pendleton. The successful applicants are: Fred A. Alehoff, 605 Vancouver avenue, Portland; H. Paul Arnest, 5510 Eighth street, northeast, Portland; George Leonard Buland Jr., 605 Maple street, Portland; Ernest Cole, 2011 East Burnside street, Portland; J. N. Holgerson, Dallas; F. P. Leinenweber, 405 Twelfth street, Astoria; Charles F. Massey, Halfway; Frank C. McCulloch, Baker, and Clarence J. Young, 71 North Twentieth street, Portland.

HOOD GROWERS TO BUILD

Individual Packing Plants to Result From Cold Snap.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—While the loss to the local apple crop probably will be under the most conservative estimates, the alarm felt by growers will result in an increased construction of individual packing plants and the addition of facilities to hasten the harvest next year. Indications point to a busy 1920 here for carpenters and carpenters. The record of the past summer, when packing house construction cost growers an approximate \$100,000, probably will be exceeded. Prolonged growers already have begun to figure with builders on new warehouses. It is said by growers who have given the matter casual consideration that the contemplated building will be largely of concrete. This form of building, it is declared, is at present more economical than construction with lumber.

BLAST'S PURPOSE FAILS

Rock on McKenzie Pass Highway Drops Into Old Position.

BEND, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—A giant blast of six tons of T N T, set off under Windy Point by contractors on the McKenzie Pass highway, accomplished little except to cause a tremendous amount of work for the contractors. It was reported from Sisters today. When the charge was set off, a mass of stone 200 feet long, 30 feet wide and 30 feet high rose into the air, then settled back into the rocky walls from which it was torn, instead of being blown off to one side, as had been expected. The hundreds of tons of rock still remain to be removed, and another blast is held impracticable. Unpaid Board Bill Charged. SALEM, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—A. M. Fletcher of Eugene was arrested in Salem last night on a warrant charging him with leaving an unpaid board bill at the university city. He will be returned to Eugene for trial.

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BAKER MILLS NEED CARS

COMMERCIAL CLUB SURVEY INDICATES BIG SHORTAGE.

Only 35 to 40 Per Cent of Required Rolling Stock Supplied, According to Walter Meacham.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—That the Baker lumber mills are not receiving an adequate number of cars for the shipping of their output was ascertained today by Walter Meacham, secretary of the commercial club, who made a survey of the situation. Mr. Meacham found that the mills here were only receiving from 35 to 40 per cent of the cars needed to take care of their output. One mill being 94 cars short of its needs for this month. Mr. Meacham also learned from an authoritative source that the Boise, Idaho, mills were getting all the cars needed and were running their planers day and night. If this is the case, Mr. Meacham says, there are but two reasons, one being that the O. W. R. & N. company is not taking care of the needs of its territory, or the other that the cars are being shipped into competitive territory. This condition has arisen many times before, according to Mr. Meacham, and the only recourse has been to appeal to the federal authorities. Two years ago the commercial club here took stringent measures to relieve the situation and the cars came in fairly regularly for some time.

LIEN INCREASE IS VOTED

Jordan Valley Tracts Affected by Land Board's Action.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The desert land board, in session here today, voted to increase liens on the Carey act lands in the Jordan valley irrigation project from \$75 to \$100 an acre, with the proviso, however, that should there be any profit to the holder, it shall be divided equally between the state and contractor. Only unsold lands in the project are said to be affected by the order. The increase, it is declared, is due to the advance in cost of construction and the fact that there is not as much land in the project as first contemplated. The project is located in southeastern Malheur county and includes approximately 30,000 acres. It is contemplated to construct a reservoir for the storage of 127,000 acre-feet of high and provide a canal between the reservoir and six miles in length. The estimated cost of the project is \$12,000,000.

UMATILLA BODY ELECTS

Louis C. Scharpf Chosen Head of Red Cross Chapter.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Louis C. Scharpf, cashier of the American National bank, and former president of the Pilot Rock chapter of the American Red Cross, is the new president of Umatilla county chapter, with which the Pilot Rock chapter recently was consolidated. Mr. Scharpf succeeds Senator Roy W. Ritter, who has been at the head of the institution since his return from France last spring. Other new officers are: Mrs. J. Roy Raley, vice-president; Mrs. S. H. Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, Mrs. James Laing, Fred P. Austin and Leon Cohen, members of the executive committee. The chapter still has a balance of nearly \$5500, despite expenditures of more than \$7500 for relief work during the past year.

WET PAVEMENT BLAMED

Pendleton Coroner Holds Inquest on Auto Accident.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The city is in mourning today for the deaths of J. E. Robinson and E. G. S. Holmseth, killed in yesterday's auto accident. For an hour and a half tomorrow, during the hours of the funeral services for the former, business houses of the city will be closed. At the coroner's inquest today it was developed that the car skidded

SHEEP SHIPPED FROM DEE

Animals Assembled From Logged-Off Tracts and National Forests.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The Mount Hood Railroad company has removed 42 carloads of sheep from Dee, where the animals were assembled from logged-off tracts and national forests during the last two weeks. Most of the sheep were loaded for routing direct to market.

While pasturage on local ranges has been good this year, lack of herders familiar with the topography of the country has resulted in many stray sheep and orchardists whose tracts have been injured by marauding bands are protesting the custom of local pasturage.

COVE CHAUTAUQUA CLOSES

Festival Is Success and Yields Financial Returns.

COVE, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Cove's five-day Chautauqua festival closed last evening with programmes so satisfactory throughout that not only was the guaranteed cost paid, but a neat surplus was added to the business men's committee's treasury and the contract signed for another for next season. This is Cove's third experience with the Chautauqua festival, having begun with the Chautauqua lyceum two years before. As it now stands, the Chautauqua lovers of Cove and vicinity enjoy the latter at La Grande every summer and the former at home.

POCATELLO MEET OPENS

Paul L. Newmyer Leaves to Attend Y. M. C. A. Conference.

To direct activities at the third of a series of six boys' conferences in Oregon and Idaho, Paul L. Newmyer, Y. M. C. A. interstate secretary for boys' work, left Portland yesterday for Pocatello. The sessions will continue over today, Saturday and Sunday. Older boys—15 or more—will be in attendance from all points within the area embraced in the conference. A programme of musical, literary and athletic numbers has been arranged, including a big banquet and meals and rooms will be furnished all delegates by people of the city. The objects of the conferences are set forth by Secretary Newmyer as the

Mercury Drops at Bend.

BEND, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Bend experienced the coldest weather of the season last night, when the mercury sank to 14 degrees above zero.

HOUSING PROBLEM ACUTE

RESIDENTS DAILY MOVING FROM THE DALLES.

Congestion Partially Laid to Refusal of Owners to Rent Homes Until Sale Is Made.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The housing problem in The Dalles has reached its climax, with persons forced to leave daily on account of inadequate home facilities, declared Miss Prudence Patterson, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, who is in touch with the situation daily. The Dalles residents have responded well to the call for individual rooms, but the need now is for accommodations for families, said Miss Patterson. "A reasonable portion of the fault for the present crisis is with the citizens of the city. Too many houses are being offered for sale and held vacant until disposed of. Substantial relief would be accorded if these persons would rent their houses until disposed of to purchasers. There are dozens of reliable families who would gladly enter into such a contract in order to obtain immediate shelter. "A mother with her husband and three small children hysterically appealed to me for aid yesterday. The hotel where they had been rooming was sold, she said. Consequently they were out in the cold. Second-class hotel accommodations here were asserted by the family to be too repugnant to accept as living quarters." No concerted effort has been made to relieve the situation.

promotion of fellowship among boys; inspiring them with higher ideals and helping them "to find themselves" in their plans for life work. All interests in the conference city are leagued to promote the meeting and to make the sessions a success. Schools, churches and the business and professional men and women are backing the meetings with their moral and financial support.

Umattilla Raises Quota.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—A thousand dollars or more, oversubscribing by several hundred dollars Pendleton's quota for the Roosevelt memorial fund, is raised.

Union Raises \$200 in Drive.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Union county has raised nearly

one-half its quota in the Roosevelt

night by Bruce Dennis, chairman of memorial campaign. Its quota is \$500 and more than \$200 was reported to-day taken from the campaign.

German Get Argentine Lands.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 30.—The first group of German immigrants, numbering 50 families, which recently arrived, will be assigned fiscal lands in the territory of Misiones.

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