

CRIMIE "CONFESSION" MOVED TO ASYLUM

William Riggins Is Transferred From Penitentiary.

BOOTH PROBE FRUITLESS

Investigators Say Man Is Not Connected With Williamina or Ardenwald Murders.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The transfer here today of William Riggins, who has been serving a term of from one to four years in the Oregon state penitentiary for larceny, to the hospital for the insane, has more than ever convinced the officials that the confessions made by him in the year 1917 that he murdered William Booth of Williamina and the Hill family or Ardenwald, were myths and without the least foundation.

Because of the persistent demands made by Mrs. William Branson, whose husband is now serving a life term in prison for the Booth murder, the late Governor Withycombe ordered a complete investigation of the confession made by Riggins to George A. Thacher, until his recent death, were myths and without the least foundation.

His statements were inconsistent, according to the officials, and it was soon determined by the officers that he had nothing to do with the murder of the Hill family, and probably had gained his information from accounts of the homicide in the newspapers. It was open to all suggestions, and probably would confess to any number of homicides should the investigators so desire.

Joe Keller Investigated.

A little later the investigation of Riggins' confession relative to the Booth murder was taken up by Joe Keller, then in the employ of the state, but he found nothing to indicate that the prisoner was implicated in the crime. A report to this end was filed by Mr. Keller with Governor Withycombe. Afterward, however, Riggins was taken to Hillsboro by the sheriff of Washington county, where he described accurately the position of Booth's body when found, the place where the gun had been hidden and other information. This story on the part of Riggins did not surprise the officers, however, for the reason that these details of the murder had previously been given wide publicity in the press.

Riggins Three Times Committed.

Riggins got into trouble as a boy and was an inmate of the state training school. He was first received at the penitentiary in May, 1905, at the age of 23 years, for burglary committed in Josephine county. In November, 1915, he was committed to the prison for the second time. His latter offense was that of larceny committed in Multnomah county.

Branson has always maintained his innocence of the Booth murder. Facts that lead the officers to believe there can be no mistake in Branson's guilt of the Booth murder is the fact that Mrs. Booth, upon being arraigned as an accomplice in the case, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.

Riggins is said to have been delusional at the prison for several months, and today was ordered transferred to the asylum by Governor Olcott upon recommendation of Warden Steiner.

Attorney-General Brown, who also assisted to some extent in investigating Riggins' confession of the Booth killing said today: "While I did not complete my investigation, my investigation of the prisoner, as far as it went, convinced me that he was of weak mind, and was in no way connected with the crimes to which he confessed."

That the "confession" of William Riggins to the murder of William Booth could not be considered seriously was the assertion yesterday of John A. Collier, former chief deputy district attorney for Multnomah county, who, with Attorney-General Brown, the late George Thacher and the warden of the penitentiary, spent a day with Riggins at the scene of the murder, where he was given every opportunity to prove his assertions. Riggins has said that he knew exactly where the clothes and other missing articles were buried and offered to lead the investigators to the spot. He led and dug with pick and shovel for hours without result. All the investigators came to the conclusion after a thorough probe that there was nothing to his claims and predicted that, though he would go back to the penitentiary, eventually he would go to the asylum.

"DIABLO" CONTRACT LET

\$17,000 REPAIR JOB GOES TO PACIFIC MARINE IRON WORKS.

Drydocking Will Not Be Necessary. Name of "Mystery Ship" Comes From Loss of Fuel Oil.

A contract for repairs amounting to about \$17,000 to the "mystery ship" Diablo was awarded yesterday, upon the opening of competitive bids, to the Pacific Marine Iron works of this city, and the 9500-ton freighter will be moved at 7 o'clock this morning from the Fifteenth-street terminal to the P. M. I. outfitting yard.

HORRORS OF BAD BLOOD

"All maladies of racking torture, quins, joint racking rheums, fierce catarrhs, intestine stone and ulcer, cholera pangs, maramus, dropsies, asthma, pinning atrophy, moping melancholia, moonstruck madness, what miseries?"—Milton.

This is the state of man or woman suffering from poisoned blood. Read what the U. S. Dispensary and other authoritative books say in regard to the ingredients entering into "Number 49 For the Blood." "Employment in diseases of the glandular system, in blood poison, mercurial and lead poisoning, rheumatism, catarrh, constipation, diseased liver, kidneys and spleen. Under its use nodes, tumors, sores, ulcers, mucous patches, copper-colored spots and scrofulous enlargements disappear as if by magic."—Insist on "Number 49," made by J. C. Mondenhall, Evansville, Indiana, 40 cents a drugist.

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INVITATION CAUSES RAID ON CLUBHOUSE

Seattle Officers Attend Opening and Seize Liquor.

NEIGHBORS ARE BLAMED

Note Bearing Proprietor's Name Tells Sheriff of "Wine, Women and Song" Programme.

REHIRE CHENEY, IS PLEA SERVICES OF PLANNING EXPERT DECLARED NEEDED.

Commissioner Pier Opposes Plan to Pay Consultant at Rate of \$14,400 a Year.

Re-employment of Charles Henry Cheney as consultant to the city planning commission at \$300 a month for one week's work in each month, or the employment of some planning expert who possesses equal ability, was urged before the city council yesterday by members of the commission.

The employment of Mr. Cheney or any other person by the city on part time was vigorously opposed by City Commissioner Pier, who contended that it was criminal for the city to pay any man at the rate of \$14,400 a year for this service.

That the present members of the city planning commission would resign and the work of the commission would die a natural death unless Mr. Cheney is retained or some other planning expert engaged was intimated by the commission to the members of the commission. Mr. Doyle said that it would be useless for the commission to attempt to obtain results without a competent head.

"There are few men sufficiently versed in city planning," said Mr. Doyle, "to enable them to handle this work. Mr. Cheney is capable of handling the work of the commission with a comprehensive programme outlined for next year, the members of this commission feel that it is economy to re-engage Mr. Cheney, who is well versed in the needs of this city. Unless we can keep Mr. Cheney or engage an expert equally capable, the city planning commission might as well resign."

Members of the city council in attendance at the meeting complimented the commission on its accomplishments during the past year and expressed confidence in the individual members of the commission.

Commissioner Pier said that he felt the city should hire some person who could work each day of the week and eight hours each day. He said that he had in mind such a man who lived in Portland. Members of the planning commission expressed doubt as to the discovery of any Portland man who is qualified to handle the work.

The city council appropriated \$6000 for the use of the city planning commission during 1920. The commission sought approximately \$11,000. Yesterday the city council ordered the commission requested an additional appropriation of \$1500 for the employment of a draftsman. This request was taken under advisement by the council.

Mayor Baker was the only member of the city council absent from the meeting yesterday. It is probable that the entire matter will again be aired before the council at the next meeting.

GOLD HILL HOMES TAKEN

Opening of Cement Plant Causes Demand for Residences.

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—With the coming of winter and the resumption of operations at the cement plant at Gold Hill, there is a scarcity of dwellings to accommodate newcomers. The capacity of the plant is 1000 barrels, or 4000 sacks of cement daily, and a crew of nearly a hundred men is required to operate the plant, and many properties that have been vacant for several years are being repaired for occupancy.

PAROLE RECORD UPHELD

November Report Shows No Prisoners Returned for Violation.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—In an effort to refute published statements of Portland police officers that the "loose parole system now in operation in Oregon is, in a measure, responsible for the wave of crime that is sweeping Oregon," figures were given out here today showing that not one paroled convict was returned to the penitentiary during the month of November because of committing a crime.

The full report of the state parole officer for November follows: On parole reporting, 187; on parole released from reporting, 84; violations since passage of law in 1911, 418; discharged since passage of law in 1911, 273; total paroled, 1262; percentage of violations since passage of law in 1911, 32.97; percentage of violations from May 24, 1911, to March 1, 1915, 35.91; paroled during month 12; violated by commitment of crime during month, 0.

ACT EXEMPTS OFFICIALS

State Wardens Not Included in Workmen's Compensation.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Because they are recognized as state officials and exercise state power to the extent designated by the state and in fish laws, Carl D. Shook, maker, state game warden, and R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, are not eligible to accept the protection afforded by the workmen's compensation act, according to a legal opinion given by Assistant Attorney-General Benjamin today.

William L. Finley, state biologist, is an employee of the commission, and is considered a workman in the opinion. The opinion was asked by the state industrial accident commission.

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Note Bearing Proprietor's Name Tells Sheriff of "Wine, Women and Song" Programme.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Sheriff John Stringer—Dear Sir: You are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of the new clubhouse at 1703 California avenue, on November 25. There will be plenty of wine, women, and song—'Red' Stack, proprietor.

Sheriff Stringer batted both his eyes, wiped his spectacles and reread the note. The mail from West Seattle was, as usual, late—too late to permit his attendance at the social function referred to in the invitation.

Under the circumstances there was nothing the sheriff could do but send his sincere regrets. This he did, via Julius von Gerst and Earl Kamaage, two not so courteous, though able-bodied deputies. They called at the clubhouse.

Rudely they walked into the place. Fortunately for the nerves of the ladies, there were no women present, neither was there song. But of wine.

Five gallons of fine red vintage in a glass container were confiscated by the deputies, as well as 28 gallons of beer. A pint flask of whiskey led them to a larger quantity, a suitcase full of bourbon.

Stack was taken to Justice of the Peace Brinkley's court, where he admitted having had the liquor in his possession, and paid a fine of \$100. While the booze was being diverted into mop shops and disgruntled janitors, Stack explained to von Gerst: "I never wrote that invitation. Must have been some of my interested neighbors."

Manhattan and Arrow shirts, interwoven hose, Vassar union suits, high grade neckwear, Stetson and Trimble hats, lounging robes and house coats.

WOOLEN MILLS IS HOST

BROWNVILLE PLANT INSPECTED BY BUSINESS MEN.

Process of Transforming Bolt of Oregon Material Into Suits Is Observed by Visitors.

The Brownville Woolen Mills, one of Portland's rapidly-growing home industries, and the only plant in this section of the country now engaged in the manufacture of men's suits and overcoats, was inspected yesterday afternoon by a group of about 25 business men and newspaper folk of the city, who had been invited to inspect the plant by J. L. Bowman, head of the concern, and C. C. Letter, advertising manager.

Under the guidance of the two men, the party went completely over the plant following various steps by which a bolt of Oregon woolen cloth is transformed into a suit or an overcoat. The Newell process, which is in the manufacture of men's suits and overcoats for some years, but only a month ago launched into the making of boys' suits and overcoats.

The plant is located at the corner of Third and Morrison streets, and the company operates five retail stores in Oregon, one in this city on the first floor of the building occupied by the factory, and others at North Bend, Astoria, Marshfield and Eugene. Thus far the production at the factory, which averages about 4 suits and coats a day, has not kept up with the demands of the five stores.

Between 75 and 100 operatives are employed at the plant and the payroll reaches about \$100,000 a year, while the value of the finished product amounts to \$200,000 a year. Oregon and Washington materials are used exclusively in the manufacture of suits and overcoats.

L. FAGEN IS CONVICTED

Hood River Youth Also on Way to Serve Time in Salem.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Paul R. Hughes and Constable E. S. Olinger left today for Salem with Luther Fagen, found guilty by a jury yesterday on a charge of assault and "Happy" Harris, a 17-year-old boy, indicted by the grand jury for the theft of clothing from fellow workers at a Columbia River highway camp east of the city.

Fagen, who came here from southern California, is an ex-soldier, who claims to have sustained wounds in France. The complaining witness was Mrs. Louis Watkins, a young nurse. Fagen's sentence, pronounced today by Judge Fred W. Wilson, is for a period of not to exceed ten years.

Underwriters Meet Today.

The regular monthly meeting of the Underwriters' association will be held at the room of the Benson hotel at 12:15 P. M. today. John F. Daly, president of the Hibernia Savings bank, will give a talk on a savings bank's attitude toward life insurance.

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BIG ROAD FUND AVAILABLE

\$2,000,000 MAY BE USED ON MARKET HIGHWAYS.

Many Oregon Counties Levy Tax of One Mill to Be Matched by State Money.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Approximately \$2,000,000 will be available for the construction of so-called market roads in Oregon during the year 1920 under a bill introduced by Walter Pierce of Union county and passed at the last session of the state legislature.

Under the Pierce bill the several counties, at their discretion, may levy a tax of 1 mill for market-road purposes, and this money will be matched by a similar levy by the state. Based on the present valuations of all assessable property in Oregon, the latter levy will raise approximately \$1,000,000. All the money thus derived will be expended on the roads in the counties levying the tax.

Reports received at the offices of the highway commission here indicate that most of the counties have taken advantage of the levy in their budgets for the year 1920, and that actual work on the market roads will start not later than next April. Under the law all surveying in connection with the market roads in the several counties will be done under the direction of the state highway department.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Edward Neal, a youth brought here from Portland by Sheriff Gage for passing a worthless check for \$185 on Joe Mezage, asked for a postponement of his preliminary hearing until tomorrow, which he might consider whether or not to engage an attorney. Neal has hopes of rescue by relatives residing in Bandon.

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