

STEIGER TELLS OF MULLINIX ASSAULT

Trial of Alleged Murder Plot Case Resumed.

FIVE SHOTS HELD FIRED

Former Ranch Employee Now Serving Term Tells of Association With Mrs. Steiger.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—A crowded courtroom, an aged woman defendant and her daughter in tears, a child of tender years playfully romping about the floor unconscious of the seriousness of her grandmother's plight, and five attorneys battling for legal supremacy, furnished the setting when the trial of Mrs. Lena Steiger, charged with conspiring with Jess Mullinix to murder her husband, T. W. Steiger, at the latter's ranch, a short distance north of Salem, last March, was resumed before Judge Kelly in the Marion county circuit court here today.

Mullinix had previously pleaded guilty to the part he played in the shooting and is now serving a term of eight years in the state penitentiary.

Mr. Steiger, the first witness called to the stand by the prosecution, reviewed at length his relations with Mullinix and of how he recognized him as his assailant when they eluded in front of the former's barn immediately following the shooting. He also testified that Mullinix had been an unwelcome guest at his ranch and that these visits were responsible for the trouble between himself and Mrs. Steiger.

"On the night of the shooting I had finished doing some chores about the ranch," said Mr. Steiger, "and had left my barn carrying a pail of milk and a lantern. As I emerged from the door of the structure I noticed a man standing only a few feet away. Without uttering a word the man approached, and when within a few feet of where I was standing he opened fire. In all five shots were fired, one penetrating the upper part of my chest, another my left leg and the third my right thigh. The other two shots went wild.

Two Men Then Grapple. "Realizing my position, I grappled with the gunman and immediately recognized him as Mullinix. Suffering from pain and the loss of blood, I staggered a short distance in the direction of my dwelling and fell to the ground exhausted. I was afterward carried into the house, a physician was called and later I was sent to a hospital in Salem.

"I first became acquainted with Mullinix about four years ago when he came to my ranch and sought employment. I engaged him and he worked for me for nearly two years when I discharged him. At the time I was suspicious regarding the relations of Mullinix and my wife and I ordered him not to return to the ranch.

Mullinix, however, returned to the farm a few months later and passed an hour chatting with my wife. My adopted daughter later told me of his presence, but before I entered the house he escaped by the rear door. On that occasion I called my wife some bad names and informed her that if Mullinix ever returned to the ranch I would kill him. A few months later when it became apparent that our domestic difficulties were such that a reconciliation was impossible Mrs. Steiger proposed to me that we separate. She said she would consent to leave the farm if I would give her one-third of my property. This I refused.

Mullinix Takes Stand. Jess Mullinix, now serving a term in the penitentiary for his part in the Steiger shooting, was accompanied into the courtroom by Sheriff Needham, and was the object of close attention during his examination on the witness stand.

"I became acquainted with Mrs. Steiger nearly four years ago," said Mullinix, "but after my discharge from service by Mr. Steiger two years later I was told not to return to the ranch. I did return there in August following my discharge, however, and was told by Mrs. Steiger at that time that I had better remain away as Mr. Steiger had threatened to kill me. Later I met Mrs. Steiger on the public highway and she gave me a pistol."

The revolver previously placed in evidence by the prosecution was then presented to Mullinix, who identified it as the one given to him by Mrs. Steiger. Later in his testimony Mullinix said he had met Mrs. Steiger several times, his discharge from the ranch and that she had em-

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braced him in the most affectionate manner. Several of these meetings took place in Mullinix's home in Salem, he said, while on other occasions they met at a local hotel. More than once during these meetings Mullinix said the defendant had informed him that she was being ill-treated by her husband and that she desired to leave him. The witness denied, however, that anything was ever said with regard to him marrying Mrs. Steiger. It also was advised by Mullinix that on one occasion Mrs. Steiger told him that she desired to get rid of her husband, and that plans to that end later were perfected.

BEND RECEIVES WARNING

Low Interest and Non-Partisan Issues Called Perils. BEND, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Lloyd Riches, secretary of the Oregon State Editorial Association, and Frank Goble, of the state taxpayers' league, sounded a warning in Bend today against the 5 per cent interest rate bill and the non-partisan league, when they spoke before a special meeting of the Bend Commercial club. Both addresses were well received and at the suggestion of President D. G. McPherson, of the club, the matter of completing an organization to oppose both the interest rate bill and non-partisan activity, will be taken up at the next regular meeting.

Riches, speaking of the non-partisan league, said that it was a menace knocking at the door of Oregon and that it must be met if the state is to be saved from a fate similar to North Dakota and other states where the movement had been successful.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY SET

Governor Names October 9 as Date for Observance. SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Governor Olcott has issued a proclamation setting apart Saturday, October 9, as fire prevention day in Oregon, and on that day the people of the state are urged to give special attention to removal of fire hazards from their premises.

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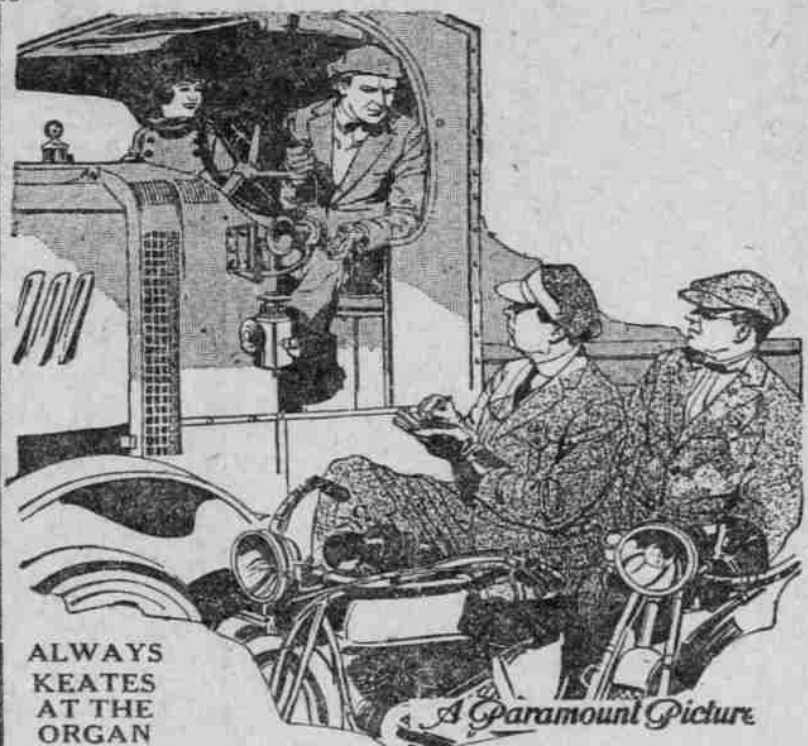


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Felix refused to eat during the entire trip. Boat officials say death was due to starvation.

Prisoner Seeks Release.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in the circuit court here yesterday seeking the release of Aus-

BRIDGES TO OPEN CAMPAIGN.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Robert Bridges, candidate for governor on the farmer-labor party ticket, is to speak at a rally in Hollermakers' hall Thursday evening, September 23, which will mark the opening of the campaign by that party in this county. The local party held a convention September 14, primary day, and nominated nearly a full ticket for the county, indorsing several candidates on the republican ticket, for which they nominated no candidates.

AIRPLANE FIRM FORMED

COOS AND CURRY COMPANY TO BEGIN OPERATIONS NEXT SPRING. MAISHFIELD, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—The Coos and Curry Airplane company has been organized on Coos Bay with Dr. L. G. Johnson as president; L. M. Briggs, vice-president and general manager; L. H. Evans, secretary and treasurer. The company will

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not operate until the spring of 1924, but in the meantime will complete plans and purchase planes necessary for conducting business.

The intention of the company is to give service in Coos and Curry counties and probably between Coos Bay and the Southern Pacific railroad at several points, including Eugene and Roseburg.

jefferson in the state penitentiary, following his plea of guilty to a charge of larceny committed in Umatilla county. It is charged in the writ that Mann was not yet 18 years of age at the time sentence was imposed. L. E. Compton, warden of the prison, has been ordered to present Mann in court September 27, when his case will be given consideration.

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