

PAROLE BOARD HELD LAX IN FAGAN CASE

Officials of Hood River County Regret Pardon.

DEAD MAN IS OBSESSED

Kidnaper Believed Crazy as Result of Surgical Operation; Coroner's Jury Justifies Killing.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Hood River returned to normal today, following the anxious moments of yesterday created by the kidnaping of Mrs. T. J. Miller and her 15-year-old daughter Pearl, by Luther Fagan, pardoned convict, who later was shot to death by Herman Preege, Oak Grove orchardist, after holding at bay a posse of 200 for two hours.

But the calm was a determined attitude, and citizens as a unit expressed resentment at the action of the parole board in pardoning Fagan, who was committed from here following conviction on a charge of attempt at criminal assault. The maximum sentence was for ten years.

No inquiry ever had been made of the district attorney regarding Fagan. Circuit Judge Wilson, who sentenced Fagan, stated in a telephone message from The Dalles today that no penitentiary official ever had communicated with him as to the man's pardon. He declared that local folk were justified in their resentment under the circumstances.

Judge Ignorant of Pardon.
Judge Wilson stated that he did not know that Fagan had been pardoned until he read of the tragedy today. Sheriff Johnson and District Attorney Baker declared that Hood River county officials at least should have been informed of Fagan's release, and its conditions, one of which was the demand that he leave the state. Mr. Baker expressed the belief that an investigation of local circumstances would have resulted in Fagan being held in prison under.

The local official cited that under the law the parole board was not supposed to act on an application for parole until after the prisoner had served the minimum term, one-fourth of the maximum. When then was stated, a prisoner forfeited rights of such application unless his conduct as a prisoner had been good. Fagan pointed out that Fagan was given a parole before his minimum term had expired, in spite of the fact that he formerly had received parole.

Several local men who talked with the ex-convict during the last three weeks, expressed belief that he had been created by an operation for complete emasculation while in prison. According to Fagan's story he consented only to sterilization. He seemed obsessed with the single thought that Mrs. Miller, his daughter, was being held by Fagan, whom he attacked, was solely to blame for the operation.

Threats of Revenge Made.
Fagan is said to have made repeated threats of revenge. He was said to have camped on the lowlands here for the last two weeks. Saturday night men walking along the Mount Hood railroad tracks were held up and robbed at the point of a pistol. The description they gave of the footpad tallied with that of Fagan.

Mr. Preege, who killed Fagan, began work today on his orchard place. He expressed a desire to forget the act of yesterday, declaring that he felt he had performed a duty thrust on him by circumstances.

Mrs. Miller and her daughter both apparently regained their composure today.

"I never expected to live to tell the story," said Miss Miller. "After the many threats of my captor, I finally became dazed and unable to pass through a terrible dream. If Mr. Preege had not killed Fagan I believe Fagan would have killed me. Mr. Miller, still in the hospital here, was making a steady recovery from the flesh wounds inflicted by Fagan, who shot him before kidnapping the women."

Jury Justifies Shooting.
A jury impaneled by Coroner Sifton tonight returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the case of Fagan. The formal verdict merely mentioned that the man was shot by members of a sheriff's posse in order to effect the rescue of Mrs. Miller and her daughter, held by Fagan under repeated threats of death. It generally was understood, however, that the death shot was fired by Preege.

Underlier, Anderson, released from state prison records at Salem that Mrs. S. R. McCulley, Fagan's grandmother, resided at Port Gibson, Okla. She has been informed of the tragedy and asked her wishes as to disposal of the body.

A dispatch from Salem indicated that Fagan's pardon partly resulted from recommendations of Sheriff Johnson, who said today that the only recommendation ever made by him was written on the formal blank which accompanied the prisoner committed to the penitentiary.

Sheriff Explains Attitude.
"I did," says Sheriff Johnson, "recommend in this document that Fagan should receive parole after serving the minimum term. The law itself provides this in case of good behavior on the part of the prisoner. I believe the parole board should have communicated with me subsequently and should have conducted a more thorough investigation in order to ascertain all local circumstances covering the case."

It developed at the inquest that it was reported to the sheriff's office several weeks ago that Fagan not only had threatened the Miller family but others engaged in his trial that resulted in his conviction.

MANY URGE FAGAN PARDON
Sheriff of Hood River County Thinks Penalty Too Severe.

SALEM, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—The pardon granted to Luther Fagan, convict, who yesterday shot and seriously wounded T. J. Miller of Hood River, and later kidnapped Mrs. Miller, her daughter and a 10-year-old boy, and who subsequently was shot dead and killed by members of a posse sent in pursuit, was issued by Governor Olcott on recommendation of the state parole board, and later received from Thomas Johnson, sheriff of Hood River county, and other persons acquainted with the outlaw. This was indicated in records on file in the executive office.

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LEADING FIGURES IN DRAMATIC SCENES AT HOOD RIVER PRECEDING KILLING OF LUTHER FAGAN, EX-CONVICT.



LEFT TO RIGHT—T. J. MILLER, SHOT BY FAGAN; MRS. MILLER AND DAUGHTER, PEARL MILLER, KIDNAPED BY FAGAN AND HELD AS HOSTAGES; HERMAN PREEGE, RANCHER WHO SHOT FAGAN.

commit a felony," said Sheriff Johnson in his letter. "Personally, I believe from the evidence that it was simply a free-for-all scrap between Fagan and the prosecuting witness, over some other fellow and marriage. Fagan, by his own admission, was guilty of striking and badly abusing the woman. Both are weak specimens of humanity, and both, by their testimony, are guilty of unlawful cohabitation with each other."

"Personally, I feel that Fagan did not deserve punishment as heavy as the law prescribed, and that he should be given a chance at the expiration of his minimum sentence."

Louis Compton, warden of the penitentiary, in his report to the parole board, which investigated Fagan's qualifications for release from the prison, said:

"This is to certify that the above named prisoner (meaning Fagan) has a record of good conduct, industry and evidence of general reformation which in my opinion entitled him to all credits allowed by the parole law."

A letter to the parole board, from Sidney Garrett, vice-president of the Oregon National Bank of Port Gibson, Okla., read:

"I have been requested to write to you by Mrs. Sarah McCulley, who resides here. She is an old woman, aged 70, but looks to be 100. I have known her and her grandson, Luther Fagan, for a number of years."

"If I understand the matter right, Luther got into trouble with a woman and was given two or three years in the Oregon prison. I wish to say that I do not know anything about the crime, nor do I know anything about his running away. I do know, however, that he has been very faithful to his grandmother. She is destitute and she has informed me that she has lived for the last several years from her and her grandson's support."

"I have been informed that he was overseas for two years, defending our country. I would make his grandmother happy. I am writing this letter purely from a humanitarian standpoint."

The recommendation of the state parole board to the governor follows, in part:

"Fagan's conduct has been very good since his receipt at the penitentiary, with the exception of the fact that he was given a parole. He returned a few days later. . . . He has an aged grandmother living in Oklahoma, and we would recommend that he be granted a conditional pardon and allowed to go there to support her. The recommendations of the board of officers have been fully complied with."

Governor Olcott made no comment on Fagan's act today, other than to express regret that he had betrayed the confidence placed in him by the parole board and the executive officers.

Dead Man Once Ambulance Driver
In Hospital Employing Woman.

EL CENTRO, Cal., July 7.—Louise Watkins and Luther Fagan, the principal actors in a series of events in Oregon that led to Fagan's death at the hands of a posse, both were employed at the Imperial county hospital here today. Fagan was a nurse, Fagan an ambulance driver. His conduct toward the girl here resulted in his being jailed.

Superintendent Adams of the hospital said today Fagan first met Miss Watkins at the hospital. The man asked her to marry him, and she accepted. He was to accompany him to social events and the second time she did so was said to have complained on her return of his actions. The superintendent investigated and discharged Fagan. After the discharge Fagan remained in El Centro and annoyed Miss Watkins until he finally was sentenced to the Imperial county jail on a misdemeanor charge.

Today after he reached California, he served a term of about three months and then disappeared. Miss Watkins left here about the time Fagan was released.

Confessed Forger Returned.
ASTORIA, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Sheriff Nelson returned this afternoon from Redlands, Cal., with B. Sherman, who is wanted here to answer charges of forgery and larceny. Sherman admits his guilt and has several forged checks in his suitcase, which he had planned to cash. He says he left here alone in Frank Reese's car, starting at 2 o'clock in the morning, and reached Portland three hours later. Sherman says he drove at night and later kidnapped Mrs. Miller, her daughter and a 10-year-old boy, and who subsequently was shot dead and killed by members of a posse sent in pursuit, was issued by Governor Olcott on recommendation of the state parole board, and later received from Thomas Johnson, sheriff of Hood River county, and other persons acquainted with the outlaw. This was indicated in records on file in the executive office.

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MYSTERY OF BURNING CAR DISSIPATED BY OWNER.

William E. Andree Says Flames Forced Him to Quit Machine, Which Then Took Plunge.

The mystery surrounding a burned and wrecked automobile, bearing Oregon license No. 70798, found 15 feet below the embankment of the Sholes Ferry road, between Sylvan and Beaverton, at 10:30 yesterday morning, was dissipated last night when William E. Andree, finding that the burning of his car had created much interest, came forward with the explanation. He said that he deserted the car after it was hopelessly aflame and that release of the brakes by the flames must have caused its plunge down the embankment.

The supposed mystery of the car's destruction was created by the noise of the machine plunging from the roadway, which was heard by Ellis Raab, working in a nearby field. He ran to the scene and, finding a wrecked and burning car, with no one in sight reported the peculiar circumstances to the sheriff's office. Deputy sheriffs found that the automobile was registered under Mr. Andree's name and started an investigation, but they did not find a solution until the car owner returned home last night.

Mr. Andree branded as "weird tales" the speculative stories concerning the end of his automobile. He said that he was making a business trip to Forest Grove, and had just finished climbing the hill when the engine backfired through a loosened gasket, burning his right leg. He said the accumulation of oil on the bottom of the footboard, under which the gasoline tank was hung, caught fire, and he stopped the car and unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish the flames by throwing dirt upon them. On account of the fire, he said, he was forced to take to the hills, and he feared an explosion, so he left the machine to its fate. He surmised that when the fire attacked the brakes, the car slipped over the cliff. After leaving it, he climbed to the top of the hill to look for assistance, but no one was in sight, he said, and he rode into the city with a passing motorist.

reported the incident to the company with which he was employed. "The car," said Mr. Embree, "but did not think of reporting it to the county authorities, otherwise I might have forestalled some of the stories told about it. At the time, it seemed to be a matter concerning only the insurance company and myself."

MOSCOW HONORS REED
PORTLAND, OR., COMMUNIST HONORED IN RUSSIA.

Memorial Erected to Radical Who Died From Typhus—Notoriety Attained as Writer.

RIGA, July 7.—A statue in memory of John Reed, the Portland, Or., communist who died from typhus in Russia, in 1920, was unveiled in Red Square, Moscow, July 4, says a wireless dispatch from that city.

Reed, who was born in Portland, gained considerable notoriety because of his radical writings and activities before his death in Russia. He was the son of the late C. J. Reed, an ex-convict who was pardoned here, and his early life was spent in this city.

After his graduation from Harvard university he espoused the cause of the radicals and contributed articles to various radical publications. He was for a time associated with Villa in Mexico and later when the revolution broke out in Russia he managed to make his way to that country and became actively associated with the bolshevik regime.

Reed was married to Louise Bryant Trullinger of Portland, who was also noted for her radical activities.

HARDING TALKS BONUS
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senator later at the White House what further steps should be taken.

Secretary Mellon's letter, read yesterday in the senate, opposing enactment of bonus legislation was described today by Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, as the "injection of politics into the discussion."

The letter with which support of the administration behind it was written in an effort to kill the bonus bill, the senator declared, adding that

the letter "already is having its effect."

Action to Be Demanded.
Defeat of the bonus bill, the Nevada senator asserted, will mean that "America has forgotten those who fought on the fields of France."

Despite Secretary Mellon's statement, Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee said he intended to press for action on his measure to compensate ex-service men as soon as tariff and tax legislation will be put through at this session of congress.

91ST VETERANS ORGANIZE

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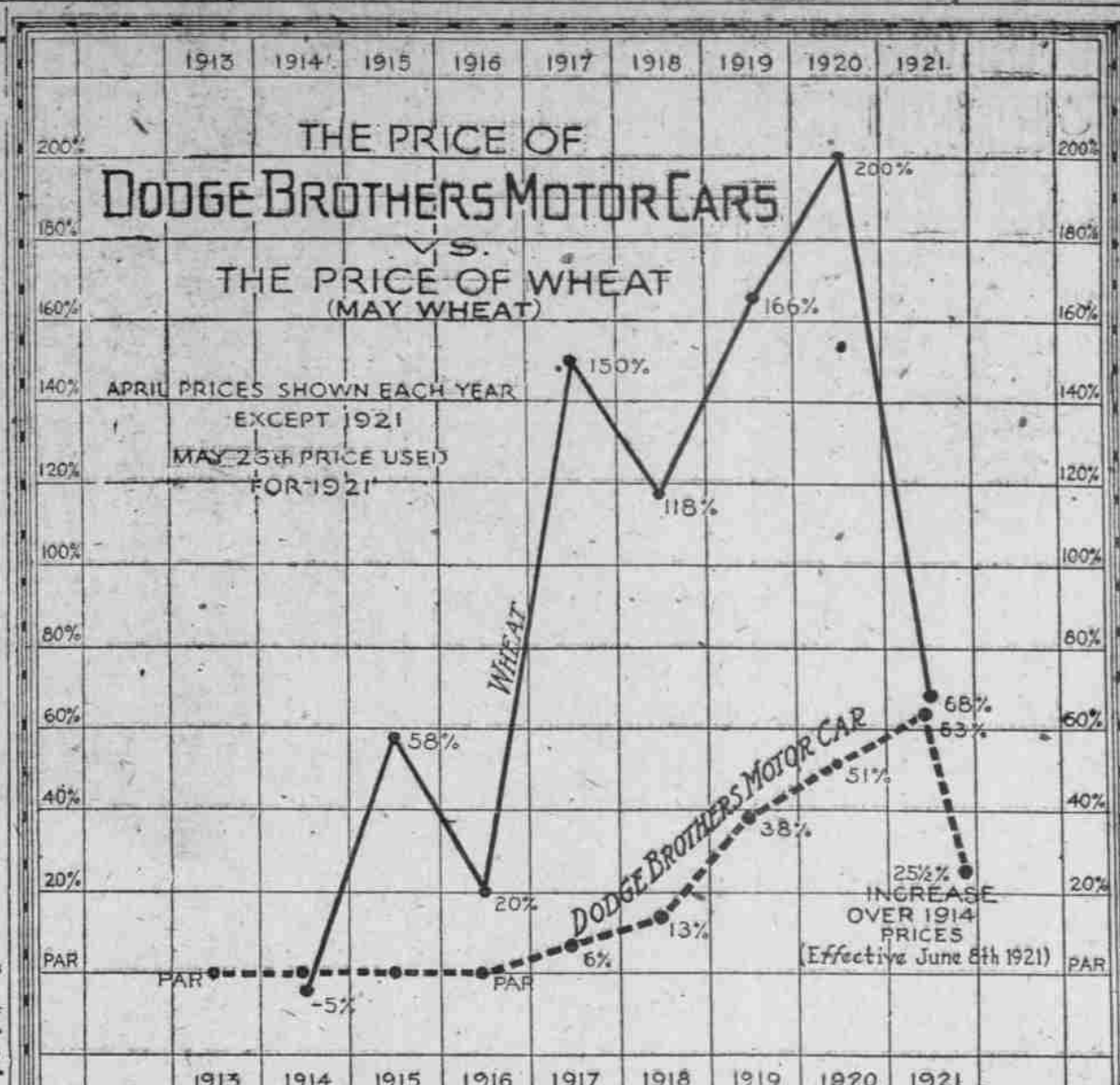
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