

MIXED UNDER MURDER CASE OF PURDIN

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INSANITY MADE DEFENSE

Theory of Accidental Death Veers With Calling to Stand of Dr. Joseph, Alienist.

The jury which heard the evidence in the trial of Charles Wesley Purdin for the murder of his divorced wife, Agnes, retired at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to deliberate on a verdict after a fast-moving two-day hearing. It is the first murder jury in the history of Multnomah county to contain two feminine members.

At a late hour last night there was no indication of an agreement. The theory of accidental death, as presented in the witness stand of the witness stand yesterday, veered to insanity yesterday with the calling by the defense of Dr. S. E. Joseph, well-known alienist, who testified that he believed Purdin was insane at the time of the commission of the double murder. He based his belief on the fact that Purdin at an hour and a half in the county jail and on the facts as presented in a hypothetical question by Tom Garland, who with Charles Coston represented Purdin.

Friends Give Testimony. Testimony of acquaintances and friends of Purdin also was introduced to the effect that he often had been known to be "loose" with long periods of abstraction and occasional unaccounted remarks. R. M. Doble, bank employee, John Corcoran, special cop, and Dr. L. W. Hyde of Hillsboro, all of whom had known him for years and had soldiered with him in the Philippines, testified that their friends which had led them to doubt his sanity at times.

D. H. Hayes, who had been an inmate of the government hospital at Sawtelle, Cal., with Purdin just before the tragedy, testified that Purdin had acted strangely there, had worried considerably about his insanity, and had remarked at one time that he thought he was "going nuts." The testimony of Dr. Joseph closed the case for the defense. There was no rebuttal.

Killing of Sigsby Admitted. Maurice E. Crumacker, deputy district attorney, opened the argument for the prosecution. He testified that Sigsby in the home of Mrs. Purdin at 417 East Forty-seventh street, on the night of December 30, according to his own admission on the stand, but declared that his ex-wife was shot by a revolver in the hand of Sigsby during a struggle for possession of the weapon. He testified that he found the woman he thought still was his wife—having received no notice of the divorce decree which she had received in an action filed against him in the local courts—in a room with Sigsby, scantily clad, on the night in question.

EDITOR TO BE CHOSEN Corvallis Students to Elect Editor for 1924 Beaver.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Election of the editor of the 1924 yearbook, college year book, is now a topic of general discussion among the sophomores, as an early election was decided on in order to give the new man an opportunity to work with the 1923 editor and get the benefit of his experience.

A wealth of material is evident in the sophomore ranks, according to upper classmen, and the race is bound to be a hard-fought one, with five or six candidates. It is rumored. Nominations will be held on Thursday, and Everett Miller, stellar halfback from Long Beach, was installed as athletic manager of the sophomore class at last meeting.

Two Bootleggers Fined \$500 Each, One Jailed for Six Months. Austrian bootleggers were scored yesterday when Municipal Judge Rossman fined two of them \$500 each and gave one six months in jail. They were Sam Wilson, fined for maintaining a nuisance, and Michael Onich, who was fined and sentenced to six months for manure storing liquor.

The two men were arrested last week when Patrolmen Nutter and Harms discovered one of the most complete stills in Oregon at 425 West Commercial street in Portland. It was concealed in a special sub-basement under three vaults, each of 300 gallons' capacity, and which ran into the still factory on Ferry street. Mr. Wilson was arrested on February 15, and whether he will get his pay is a question. He is instructor for the eighth grade.

TEACHER'S PAY HELD UP Rev. M. S. Woodworth Instructing Without Permit at Brownsville.

BROWNVILLE, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The directors of the Brownsville school district are expected to meet soon to consider the case of Rev. M. S. Woodworth, instructor, whose permit to teach has expired but who is still teaching. He should have taken the examinations in December, but did not do so.

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SCENES IN COURTROOM WHERE CHARLES WESLEY PURDIN WAS BEING TRIED FOR THE SLAYING OF HIS DIVORCED WIFE, AGNES PURDIN.



Upper-View of crowd which jammed the courtroom to the doors. Circle—Close-up of the defendant, Charles Wesley Purdin. Lower—Purdin (center) seldom took his eyes from the witnesses on the stand.

ELMA HAS \$25,000 FIRE THREE BUSINESS HOUSES ARE DESTROYED. Further Destruction Blocked by Concrete Wall; Origin Laid to Kitchen Stove.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Fire at Elma, between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning destroyed the concrete wall of the Elma Hotel, the Rosebud cafe and the Struover pharmacy, Main street business houses, entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000. Further destruction of business property was averted when the fire was blocked by the concrete wall of a grocery store next to the pharmacy.

Obituary. Mrs. Maria Lavina Rathbun.

Mrs. Maria Lavina Rathbun, pioneer of the Mount Zabor district and widow of the late Lieutenant James S. Rathbun, died at the family home at 523 1/2 East Fifty-third street, South, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a long illness.

Obituary. Dr. Harry J. Kelly.

Dr. Harry J. Kelly, prominent dentist, died last night at his home, 1137 Williams avenue. He was active in lodge, club and fraternal circles. Dr. Kelly is survived by his wife, two sons, Walter J. and Matthew E. Kelly, a daughter, Theresa B. Kelly, all of Hillsboro, and a son, James Kelly, of Portland. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 A. M. tomorrow at Finley's parlors, with concluding services at Portland crematorium.

Obituary. Jason Wells Moxley.

ESTACADA, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Jason Wells Moxley died at his home at Morrow station Sunday, February 15, aged 72 years 6 months 15 days. The funeral services were in Mount Scott cemetery Tuesday, with Rev. A. F. Lacey officiating.

Obituary. Samuel Duviver.

The funeral services of Samuel Duviver will be held at the Holman undertaking chapel this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The remains arrived from Rochester, Minn., last night. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, three brothers and four sisters.

CLASS ROW IS BEGUN Pacific University Seniors Affronted by Freshmen.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—War on freshmen was started here yesterday when the senior bench was found to have been painted brilliant green. The bench here the numerals of the freshman class in conspicuous places and the painting was considered a revival for the activities of the sophomore vigilance committee who have tanked many freshmen the past week for their failure to don green caps.

Obituary. William W. Davis.

ESTACADA, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—William W. Davis, who died February 11, was born in Clark county, Indiana, January 16, 1845, one of a family of 11 children, six of whom are still living: Joseph D. and J. J. Davis of Estacada, Emma Tolbert of Clackamas, Or.; Anna Palmateer of Lodi, Cal.; Robert Davis of Chehalis, Wash., and Isaac Davis of Grants Pass, Or. He served throughout the civil war and in 1867 married Martha Green. They crossed the plains with

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MEETING NOTICES. MASQUERADE BALL. SERVICE CIRCLE NO. 47. DANCE WITH US.—Washington's birthday dance, Friday, February 17, by the Washington City, 128 1/2 E. Main St.

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FUNERAL NOTICES. GEBBETT-In this city, February 15, 1922. Mable M. Gebbett, Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A. M., at the chapel of the Holman Undertaking Co., 25th and Salmon streets.

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