

SEELY EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY

Killing of Matsson Held to Be in Self-Defense.

STORY OF SHOOTING TOLD

Testimony of Witnesses Tends to Show Slain Man Was Considered Unbalanced.

Vane H. Seely, O-W. R. & N. railroad guard, who shot and killed Hall A. Matsson in a rooming house at 42 Fremont street, Sunday afternoon, was cleared of blame at an inquest conducted Monday night in the courthouse by Dr. Earl Smith, coroner.

Six jurors, after viewing the body of the dead man and listening to witnesses, returned a verdict that Matsson came to his death as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by Seely, the latter being in the performance of his duty and acting in self-defense. The verdict is not a bar to prosecution. Following the verdict, Seely was released from custody, having been held by the police since the time of the shooting. Testimony of witnesses all tended to show that Matsson exhibited signs of mental derangement and that he was considered unbalanced by J. D. Wright, motorcycle policeman, who was one of the first officers at the scene of the shooting, told how Seely had led him and another patrolman to the room where Matsson's body was found, and how the railroad guard voluntarily admitted the shooting. Testimony was substantiated by Dan Welch, clerk in the inspector's bureau at headquarters.

Story of Race Told

Wayne T. Eid, a youth employed at the Fremont hotel, added a bit of information to the story of the shooting by telling of a race between Matsson and Seely through the hall of the hotel to the dead man's room. Henry Sarkels, a motor-car salesman, who had known Matsson for the last five years, admitted that his friend had acted queer since leaving the military service at the end of the war. Matsson, Sarkels said, had grown melancholy and retiring, and had studiously avoided the company or conversations of other men. Olga Lindela, a girl who resides at the Fremont hotel, and who was present at the time of the shooting, told of the events leading up to the killing. Matsson, she stated, had acted queerly and oftentimes, in the small hours of morning, would break out into uncontrollable fits of laughter while alone in his room. W. S. Emery, a railroad guard, and J. Brown, watchman for a construction company which is paving the Greeley street street, both told of the dead man's habit of carrying the automatic pistol and of fights in which he had figured in the last few days. Clyde E. Clement, an employe of the Oregon Brass works, who stopped Matsson's assault on an elderly motorist a week ago, and who also directed Seely's attention to the man, gave his version of the events that indirectly led up to the shooting.

Seely on Stand

Seely, plainly nervous and ill at ease, took the witness stand in his own behalf and told his story. He had noticed Matsson for several days, he said. His attention had been called to the fact that the man carried a pistol. He had stopped the fight in which Matsson beat up an elderly autoist.

Sunday afternoon he saw Matsson trespassing on railroad property and placed him under arrest, demanding to know where both the owner kept his pistol. Matsson replied that it was in his room, and at the officer's suggestion the two entered Seely's room. Matsson was parked near the railroad yards, and drove to the hotel.

Trunk is Opened

Matsson first claimed that the pistol was in a trunk. He opened the lid, looked for the weapon, but made a remark that he had forgotten where it was. Seely's attention was temporarily diverted by a handful of mothballs which fell to the floor. A second later he looked up and saw Matsson standing beside a sallow hanging on the wall. "He was drawing out his automatic and pointing it at me," the accused man said. "Quick as a flash I pulled my gun and fired twice. Matsson didn't go down, he seemed to move toward the door. I fired twice more."

ROAD CENSUS UNDER WAY

Extent of Vehicular Traffic in California to Be Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—(Special.)—A census to determine the extent of vehicular traffic on the roadways of California is being taken by the federal bureau of public roads and the state highway department.

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commission. The work is being done in about 25 counties, whose authorities are co-operating in the work.

Last month at several centers in the state a check on the number of vehicles using certain roads during 15 hours of each day, for two or three-day periods, was taken. This month the census will be taken not so much of vehicles as of character of vehicles instead of quantity.

The figures are calculated to show which kinds of vehicles predominate on certain roads, and comparing these with the cost of the upkeep of the highways, the wear and tear of each individual kind of vehicle can be determined.

CONVENTION PLANS LAID

KHORASSAN DELEGATES TO BE HERE IN AUGUST.

Entertainment of 30,000 Visitors Discussed at Meeting in Office of Gus C. Moser.

General plans for the entertainment of 30,000 visitors who will be in Portland next August when the international convention of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan is held in Portland were discussed at a meeting held Monday night in the office of Gus C. Moser, general chairman of the convention committee.

Phil Metachan, chairman of the finance committee, reported that members of the local temple of the order had subscribed about \$15,000 for the convention expense. It is estimated that about \$10,000 will be necessary and a campaign to raise this sum will be waged during the week beginning October 22. Mr. Metachan and members of the general committee will meet within the next few days to organize the campaign.

Headquarters for the convention will be in the Multnomah hotel, where the imperial representatives of the convention will be housed. The hotel committee, headed by Milton R. Klepper, will meet with the hotelmen's association at its next session, which will be held the first night of the convention.

Major Baker has been placed in charge of the parade which will be held the first night of the convention.

FOUR WOMEN NOMINATED

WIFE OF DEPOT AGENT IS UNOPPOSED FOR MAYOR.

Plenty of Water for Washday Will Be Main Plank in Platform, Says Candidate.

MADRAS, Or., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—Four women were nominated to run for office in the coming city election at a caucus held here tonight to name citizens' tickets. The meeting also placed the stamp of its approval on the candidacies of the four women.

"Plenty of water for wash day" will be the principal plank in the platform of Mrs. Grace Shuger, wife of the depot agent here for the Oregon trunk line, who was nominated for mayor. Mrs. Shuger defeated W. E. Johnson, present city recorder, for the nomination. She will have no opposition.

Two women will be in the race for the city council. Mrs. W. D. Arney and Mrs. M. E. Snook being chosen to run with C. E. Rouss, the only outgoing member of the council to be renominated. Mr. Rouss is a local merchant.

Bernard Ramey was nominated for recorder. Mrs. Lizzie Green for treasurer and F. H. Green, her husband, for city marshal. Interest in the caucus was high and many persons attended.

FOUR INJURED BY AUTOS

ACCIDENTS TAKE PLACE DURING RAIN STORM.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wightman, Charles Donaldson and G. C. Thompson Are Victims.

Four persons were injured by autos during the rain early Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wightman, 474 College street, were crossing the street west of the intersection of the automobile of C. F. Lathrop, 1178 Greeley street, traveling south, struck them. Mrs. Wightman was thrown from the car and received bruises. Both were taken to Good Samaritan hospital. Lathrop is a patrolman on the second night.

At 7:20 o'clock at Fourth and Madison streets, the automobile of T. H. Moody, 22, box 137, struck Charles Donaldson, 208 1/2 First street, knocking him to the pavement and bruising him. He was taken to the emergency hospital. Donaldson stepped from the curb into the path of the machine.

At 8:15 o'clock on the same corner, the automobile of G. C. Thompson, 321 Fourth street, was driving a car that struck G. C. Thompson, 321 Fourth street. Thompson was only scratched and did not require medical attention.

MRS. WATSON DECLINES

Appointment to Fill Out Late Husband's Senate Term Refused.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 2.—Mrs. Thomas E. Watson, wife of Thomas E. Watson, United States senator, who died last Wednesday in Washington, has declined appointment as temporary successor to her husband until the general election on November 7, when the nominee of a special democratic primary of October 15 will be elected.

The Atlanta Constitution tonight published a story to the effect that there is a "probability that the governor" of Georgia will announce the temporary appointment of Mrs. W. H. Felton of Cartersville as an interim successor to the late Senator Watson. There was no confirmation from Governor Hardwick, who has announced he will make public his appointment tomorrow.

Mrs. Felton was a close political friend of Senator Watson.

State Traffic Fines \$7956.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—Fines collected in Oregon during the month of August, as the result of the activities of the state traffic officers aggregated \$7956, according to a report prepared here today by the state motor vehicle department. Fees collected by the traffic officers totaled \$3781. These included \$3331 for regular licenses, \$147 for duplicate licenses and \$3 for special licenses.

MR. McARTHUR HOME FROM WASHINGTON

Lawmaker Defends Congress and Administration.

NOTEWORTHY ACTS CITED

Oregon Representative Calls Attention to Tariff Measure, Budget and Various Other Laws.

C. N. McArthur, Oregon representative in congress, arrived in Portland Monday night from the national capital and from now until November 7 will devote his energies to his campaign for re-election from the 3rd Oregon district. Mr. McArthur spent several weeks here during the recent congressional recess, but returned to Washington a month ago for the wind-up of the session.

"No congress since the reconstruction days following the civil war has had to face a greater variety of serious legislative problems than has the 67th congress," said Mr. McArthur. "When we were called together in extraordinary session in April, 1921, we were charged by President Harding with the duty of lifting the tax burden, revising the tariff, restoring peace and legislation toward a return to normal conditions. The task has not been an easy one, yet the record made by this congress is good."

"The American farmer—one of the principal victims of deflation and falling prices—was first assisted by the emergency tariff measure, and more recently by the McCumber-Fordney act. Congress also assisted the farming and livestock interests by reviving the war finance corporation and starting it off with a revolving fund of a billion dollars. These important pieces of legislation have saved American agriculture from ruin."

"Among the early acts passed by this congress was the budget measure. The riot of waste and extravagance during the world war period had laid a heavy burden upon the public treasury, but, thanks to the earnest co-operation between the executive and legislative departments, the first year under the budget—the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922—shows a reduction of \$1,750,000,000 as compared with the expenditures of the last previous year. During the same period the public debt was decreased by more than a billion dollars."

"Congress has gladly and generously met the country's obligations to the disabled veterans of the world war. Appropriations totaling more than a billion and a half dollars have been made for this purpose since the armistice—one-third of that amount for the current fiscal year."

"Among the other noteworthy measures may be mentioned: The tax revision act; the national highway act; the immigration extension act; acts to prevent profiteering in coal and providing for a coal fact-finding commission; the foreign debt refunding act; the act granting independent citizenship to American women who are married to foreigners; and the act authorizing new rivers and harbors projects. This last named act authorizes the expenditure of more than \$5,000,000 on new Oregon projects."

"I have not had time to formulate any campaign plans, but please say for me that I am seeking re-election upon my record of four terms of continuous service and also upon the record of the present congress and the Harding administration."

At the Theaters.

Pantages.

By ACTUAL count, questioners received replies to their queries written on all kinds of paper sealed in envelopes and sent up to Alexander, "the man who knows." Alexander is headlining at Pantages this week, in fact he is the only show, with a few thrown in to entertain until the man of mystery makes his appearance. "The man who knows" is a good and possess qualities of entertainment and amuse the crowd.

The crowd deserves a paragraph. Monday was a record crowd. Point of size and early arrival. At 2 o'clock the lower floor was packed, boxes and every seat, and the balcony was jammed by 2:30 P. M. The crowds have been like that all along the triumphant march of Alexander in this city in vaudeville.

Alexander had decided to retire when that other weird, Alexander Pantages, made him an offer so satisfactory as to mortally return that Alexander, "the man who knows," consented to a tour. The engagement was to have been for six weeks and in every city he has done such phenomenal business that managers have held him over and over.

Alexander disclaims supernatural power. In fact, he announces along somewhere in his fascinating and interesting informal talk that he lays no claims whatever to being able to do anything that anyone in the audience could not do equally well, provided the one in the audience devoted time and study and combated to the subject of psychology and history and power of the mind. When he makes the state writing test Alexander still maintains that unaided he has never been able to receive written communications and various folk, uninitiated Portlanders, and by no means plants, such as are sometimes carried by magicians, do their part in helping Alexander demonstrate. He has a tremendous sense of humor and he is a personage of physical and mental charm. He has a great gift of personality and a ready, nimble wit which easily fills conversational gaps and makes his running commentary a huge delight.

As the act develops the audience grew tense and rapt, and these flashes of comedy from Alexander relieved dramatic situations. He walks along the aisle and calls names or addresses, answering questions and invariably he receives affirmation of the correctness of his answer. He paints pictures of people called for on blank canvases, and he puts on a remarkable demonstration in slats writing.

The act is further enhanced by the appearance of the attractive Nartell twins in interpretative dance and in another interesting oriental dance. Miss Valeska. These three made assist later as pages and add their clever bits to a notably fine performance.

Alexander is an American of Irish parentage and received his training when a youth in India. He has studied and traveled the world over and is recognized by

the world of science as the peer of psychics. His demonstrations in psychic phenomena are little short of awe-inspiring and are constantly amazing. He holds a special matinee on Thursday for women only, to which girls under 18 will not be admitted. On this occasion he will give away as souvenirs a number of his original luminous ouija boards, oriental gazing crystals, extensive horoscopes, books on occultism and spirit paintings. Alexander says, in explanation of his act: "It is true that since the dawn of spiritualism there have been many true and many fraudulent mediums. It is my object to mystify and entertain."

He certainly does both mystify and entertain. The rest of the bill includes Billy "Swede" Hall in an original and humorous characterization of Hilda, a Swedish elevator operator, Bob Robison and Renee Pierce in a clever singing and talking oddity, Austin Goetz and Eric Duffy in a matrimonial episode of comedy, and Joe Carson with Kitty Kane in a scenic novelty of melody and rhythm.

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LEGION MAY RUN CLUB

COMMISSION INTENDS TO ABANDON PROJECT.

Portland Post Discusses Advantages of Assuming Responsibility of Undertaking.

Operation of the Oregon Ex-Servicemen's club at West Park and Taylor streets by Portland post of the American Legion was discussed at a monthly meeting of the post Monday night at which James J. Crossley, commander, announced that the soldiers' and sailors' commission of the state intends to abandon the project on October 15. A resolution was adopted asking the commission to continue its work at least until November 1 and if possible until January.

Cassius R. Peck, Arthur M. Geary, Dr. J. G. Abele and George J. Raucy were appointed on a committee to investigate the cost of operation of the club and the feasibility of the legion taking over the proposition. The property is leased at present to Portland post, which is asked to accept a \$3000 liability for furniture in the buildings if it decides to continue the club.

Food and lodging are being provided at the club for disabled veterans taking vocational training and other homeless ex-service men at cost in clean, home-like, cheerful surroundings. If the post tackles the responsibility, it would render several of the rooms so that regular meetings could be held there and probably would arrange for meals as now served in the post rooms at Fourth and Washington streets. There would be no rent.

By unanimous vote the post decided to send the Pacific Legion, state publication of the organization, to every member of Portland post during 1923. Pages of local post news will be carried in the magazine.

Entertainment was furnished at the meeting by J. W. Palmer, Miss Ruth Linrud, Everett Craben and Mrs. Palmer under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association.

OIL TAX IS OUTLAWED

MEXICAN ACTION IS TAKEN TO PROTECT INDUSTRY.

Only Federal Government Can Fix Levies on Petroleum, Secretary Decides.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—An important decision bearing upon the interests of American oil men in Mexico has just been rendered by Alessio Robles, secretary of industry, commerce and labor in the cabinet of President Obregon, according to official advice received here today from Mexico City.

The decision holds that the special state tax of 2 per cent upon all production of petroleum in the state of Vera Cruz, levied by the state legislature, is illegal and the state authorities have been notified that it must not be collected.

This piece of legislation, which is only one of a series of radical measures adopted by the Vera Cruz state legislature, had costarably broken the hearts of oil and other interests in Mexico, as the right of the state to tax, it was feared, easily might be extended to such a degree as to become confiscatory.

"Only the federal government can fix taxes upon petroleum," the opinion of Secretary Robles declared, adding that since the regulation of oil products belongs exclusively to the federal government, the state of Vera Cruz has no right to promulgate the law or to take steps to levy the tax."

The announcement of the decision of the Obregon administration is interpreted, both in American and Mexican circles, to mean that the Mexican president is determined that nothing shall be done to raise the obstacles to better understanding between the American and Mexican governments.

Hard Luck, After Long Pursuit, Relents.

Gustav Wilde, Bootlegger, Escapes Term in Jail.

OLD-MAN HARD LUCK, who has hung about the neck of Gustav Wilde, local longshoreman, followed him right into the courtroom of Federal Judge Wolverton Monday, and there turned tail and fled, and for the first time in many months Wilde experienced a bit of good luck. He got off with a fine instead of going to jail on account of his bootlegging activities.

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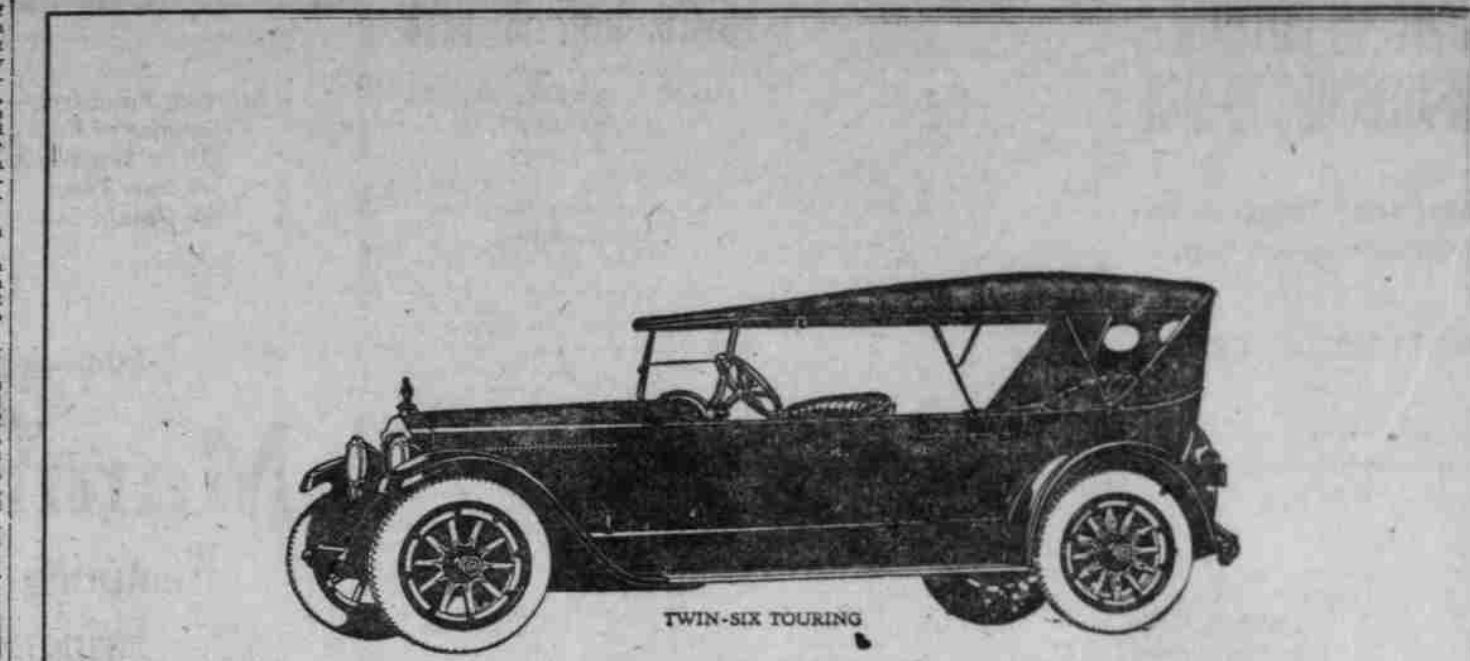
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eleemosynary institutions, a gross earnings tax and the levying of a severance tax on forest reserves. Bud restaurant, 43 North Third street, was caught serving three customers moonshine, bottle in hand, by members of the morals squad Monday night. The three customers, were Alfred Dahl, Chris Johnson and Conrad Bjorseth, all of whom were arrested and held as witnesses. Ivan Rose, proprietor of the place, was arrested and charged with maintaining a nuisance. Swalko was booked for assisting him, and another customer, Carl Holman, was booked as a drunk.

T. W. LAWSON IS MISSING

Boston Financier's Absence Cause of Worry to Sister.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) BOSTON, Oct. 2.—Thomas W. Lawson has disappeared. Following the announcement of financial wreck of the former "copper king" came the news today that he suddenly left the home of his sister, Miss Mary Lawson, of South West Harbor, Me., and vanished.

Miss Lawson said yesterday that her brother had left her home on Sunday night and that she had no idea as to his destination. She admitted that he was ill and said she was worried.

Mr. Pierce Addresses Farmers.

IMBLER, Or., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, Saturday night addressed 150 farmers on the subject of taxation. He pictured every Union county farmer as facing a critical situation. He recommended the abolishment of the state fair, cutting down of expenses of the

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