

BEND JURY BLAMES WOMAN FOR KILLING

Mrs. I. A. Nichols Held to Grand Jury.

SLAYER KEPT OFF STAND

Attorney Refuses to Let Client Tell of Shooting Robert Greer, Moonshiner.

BEND, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—That Robert Greer came to his death as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted by Mrs. I. A. Nichols was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury, which held the inquest over Greer's body at Crescent this afternoon. The findings of the jury were filed at 4:30 o'clock. Following the inquest Mrs. Nichols, who had gone to Crescent with the body, was remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Klamath county to be taken on to Klamath Falls, where a warrant awaits her and where the grand jury is now in session.

Nichols, Roberts and Myers are on their way back to Bend. Greer's brother, J. M. Greer, and his brother-in-law, Howard Holmes, attended the inquest.

Preliminary Hearing Waived. By long distance telephone it was learned that the defense has decided to waive preliminary examination, allowing Mrs. Nichols' case to be investigated at once by the Klamath county grand jury immediately upon her arrival in Klamath Falls. Myers expected that in case of an indictment, the case would go to trial early in January.

Mrs. Nichols was not permitted by her attorney to go on the stand at the inquest. Greer's body, after traveling 190 miles, will be interred here tomorrow in Pilot Butte cemetery. Rev. F. H. Sibley, pastor of the Methodist church, is conducting the services. Arrangements for the funeral were made this morning by J. M. Greer. Sunday night the body was brought 50 miles from the Summit stage station to Bend. Yesterday it was taken to Crescent, 70 miles, for the inquest, and tonight it is being brought back to Bend.

Mrs. Nichols, completely recovered from her nervous breakdown suffered after her husband's death when the shooting of Greer, the long drive to Bend, and the confession to the sheriff had all been crammed into five brief hours, arrived at the left hospital this morning for the drive to Crescent, and seemed confident that the outcome of the case would be a happy one.

Couple Like Newlyweds. From their behavior to each other, she and Nichols, separated since six weeks ago when Mrs. Nichols left their Ellenburg home as a typical newlywed pair. Mrs. Nichols affectionately addressed her husband as "Daddy" and Mrs. Nichols said that she was forced to leave at the point of a pistol.

WAVELY HOME AIDED

TRACTS OF LAND ARE BEQUEATHED IN WILL.

Angelina B. Richardson Also Donates Property to E. Henry Wenme Endowment Fund.

By the will of Angelina B. Richardson, who died in Portland November 12, tracts of land are given to the Waverly home and to the E. Henry Wenme endowment fund. A tract of considerable size in Sullivan county is willed to the little home and lots 6, 7 and 8 in block 11 of Lydia Buckman's addition are bequeathed to the endowment fund, which is administered by the Christian Science church of Portland. No values are assigned to these gifts.

According to the filings in circuit court yesterday the estate has a value of \$88,000. Real estate is appraised at \$46,000, personal property comprising the remainder. The residue of the estate, after the trustee's requests have been made effective, is to be equally distributed among seven heirs, two of whom are sisters and five nieces of the decedent. Melvin H. Carter, son-in-law, is nominated as executor by terms of the will.

The heirs are Lydia A. Carter and Sarah J. Buckman, sisters and the following nieces: Wilma Buckman, Emma Buckman, Cora B. Kendall, Eva L. Roane and Mattie T. Carson. Minnie Hill, who died November 23 in Portland, left an estate appraised at \$15,400, all but \$1000 of which represents realty holdings according to the petition for letters of administration filed yesterday. The sole heirs are two daughters, Agnes H. Chapman and Beatrice L. Moreland, both of Portland. Circuit Judge Tawell signed the order appointing the two daughters as administrators.

MULTNOMAH MAN FREED

Clarence Jones Gets Conditional Pardon From Mr. Ritter.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Three parolons have been granted in two days by Acting Governor Ritter, who is occupying the executive chair here pending the return of Governor Olcott from West Virginia.

Clarence Jones of Multnomah county received a conditional pardon from Mr. Ritter today, following receipt of recommendations from Stanley Myers, district attorney of Multnomah county, and Judge W. N. Gatens, who presided at the time Jones was convicted of attempted robbery and was sentenced to a term of two years.

Salem Lets Pumper Job. The city of Salem yesterday awarded a contract to A. G. Long & Co. of Portland for one American LaFrance triple combination pumper at a cost of \$10,500. Bids of \$10,500 were made by the Seagrave company and the Stutz Fire Apparatus company, but Salem officials decided in favor of the LaFrance, despite the increased cost.

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WOMAN WHO CONFESSED TO KILLING ROBERT GREER, MOONSHINER, NEAR BEND.



MRS. I. A. NICHOLS.

ASHLAND TO HEAR RILEY

SOUTHERN OREGON INVITES LECTURER TO SPEAK.

Booster to Tell of Descriptive Addresses Made to People of Eastern States.

Southern Oregon chambers of commerce and other organizations have combined in an invitation to Frank Branch Riley to spend several days in that section and address mass meetings already arranged in Ashland, Klamath Falls, Medford and other cities. Mr. Riley will leave tomorrow for the northwest, and this is the first opportunity that could be arranged for the visit. On his tour the lecturer visited the chief centers of the east and gave wonderfully effective descriptive addresses that carried the fame of Oregon and the northwest very far, much farther, indeed, than it had gone before.

"The Evangel of Oregon" is the title given him on his tour, and the reaction to his presentation of Oregon's charms has been very marked, as inquiries and letters of appreciation received here have testified.

Mr. Riley will appear in Ashland on the night of December 8 as the closing attraction of Ashland's Winter Fair week, under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. He will speak in Klamath Falls the night of December 11 under the auspices of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, the Rotary club and other groups. He will be entertained by the "Fritz Brunett" organization of younger business men, on the night of December 12, and will lecture the following evening at a Medford "Fair week" under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, "Craters."

Portland Man Made Baker Chief. BAKER, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Charles W. Palmer, who this morning became mayor of the city of Baker, appointed Ed Rand of Portland chief of police and Frank McCulloch, city attorney. No changes in the personnel of other city departments or of the police staff were announced. Mr. Rand formerly was sheriff of Baker county and a federal marshal. Mr. McCulloch is an ex-service man and has practiced law in this city for several years.

Bend Voters Indorse Budget. BEND, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—By a vote of 64 to 4, Bend yesterday indorsed an \$85,500 budget for 1923. This will mean a tax levy of \$77.790.

RAIL DIVORCE OPPOSED

Grants Pass Commerce Chamber Votes 110 to 3.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Grants Pass chamber of commerce last night at an open meeting and with a very large membership present reaffirmed the action of the board of directors which placed the organization definitely against the unmerging of the Central Pacific-Southern Pacific system.

The meeting was called on account of an unofficial vote at the forum luncheon November 27. The vote of the chamber last night was 110 to 3 in favor of the Pacific coast remaining as it is and was taken after the Southern Pacific side of the case had been presented by H. D. Norton and T. P. Cramer had urged for a neutral stand.

POSTMASTER IS SUICIDE

Oscar Kendall Shoots Self in Office at Richland, Or.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Oscar Kendall, 62 years old, and postmaster of Richland, Or., Baker county, for many years postmaster of that town, committed suicide in his office this morning by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver. He was alone at the time. Coroner West of Baker decided not to hold an inquest. Despondency over prolonged ill health was believed to have caused the act. A widow and three children, Mrs. Marie Chandler, Lula Kendall and Joe Kendall, survive. The funeral will be held Thursday at Richland.

Judge Grants Divorce Plea. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special)—An all-day trial of the divorce suit of Esther Olson against Nels W. Olson in superior court today resulted in a divorce decree being granted by Judge Simpson, but the decree was given to neither con-

TIGER'S PLEA HEARD BUT COLDLY DENIED

Government Clings to "Out of Europe" Policy.

EX-PREMIER RESPECTED

Personal Impression of Best Sort Made at Capital, but Guarantee for France Unlikely.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. (Copyright by the New York Evening News. Published by Arrangement.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Georges Clemenceau is in Washington. He makes his speech here on Friday. This Washington speech, in his original plans, was to be his only one at least his principal one. It may yet turn out that the "Tiger" has some especially convincing appeal to make at the seat of the government he hopes to move. The natural probability, however, is that his Washington speech will not stand out from those he has made elsewhere or from the one he is to make in Chicago next week before he sails back for France Tuesday.

With his appeal to Americans now fairly well known, it is possible to sum up the effects of it on the government here at Washington. Any such summary would say that M. Clemenceau has made a personal impression of the best sort—one that combines charm and rugged strength. There is the kindest feeling and even marked enthusiasm for him practically everywhere. Further, there is a sympathetic understanding of the plea he makes and the way he makes it.

U. S. Policy Unchanged. When you pass from the personal impression into the question of how much he has affected our public opinion on the subjects he discusses, it is believed that he has made a measurable change in the American point of view on the charge that France is militaristic. It is believed that he has, to some extent, succeeded in justifying before American eyes, the size of the army which France feels obliged to maintain, and her determination to keep herself secure. But when you consider whether M. Clemenceau's visit has worked any change in the policy of the present administration or of the present senate toward Europe, the answer is "no."

Any recorder of facts as they are is obliged to set it down clearly that the policy of abstaining from European affairs is a little more strongly held by our government today than at any previous time. Clemenceau's visit has not affected it. As to the specific plea on which Clemenceau lays emphasis, the appeal for a guarantee to France against further German aggression, there is not in sight the faintest suggestion of a probability that America will consent to be a party to such a guarantee.

Change Later Possible. That Clemenceau and France should wish for such a guarantee is understood and conceded. But that America should give it is regarded as utterly unlikely. This statement is made on the basis of contact with many shades of thought, not only

among republicans but among democrats as well. Probably this statement of facts as they are ought not to be made without adding that there are men, few in number, but strong in experience and judgment, who are calmly confident that soon or later events will force America to take such a hand as this in saving Europe from further destruction.

These men say that our present stubbornness in an "out of Europe" policy is like our equally determined effort to remain neutral during the early days of the world war. But, speaking for the present, it is clearly necessary to say that except Premier Clemenceau's visit, has worked not the faintest modification in America's foreign policy.

Jealousy which had smoldered for hours in the hearts of Jay Wellman, 46, living at the Oregon hotel, and V. C. Leonetti, 35, of the Linquist hotel, flared up in a Sellwood owl car early yesterday morning and was not appeased until blood was drawn.

Both men had called on the Atkinson girl during the evening and had spent a frigid two hours together. Then Wellman, evidently realizing that his case was lost, got up and left. He hardly had closed the door behind him when Leonetti and the girl set out for downtown. On the street car the trio met. Leonetti stopped to pay the fare for himself and his companion. The girl walked on in ahead and sat down. Wellman moved up beside her. Leonetti, unable longer to curb his feelings, made a dash for him. When Patrolman Lathrop arrived at the behest of S. H. Lacey, motor-man of the car, Wellman was hanging through a window, his head badly cut by broken glass. Both men had been drinking. Lathrop said, Wellman was still in the hospital last night. Leonetti was released on \$50 bail.

The trouble will be aired in municipal court on Friday.

SCHOOL CHANGES SOUGHT

Washington Association to Take Measures to Legislature.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Two measures—one designed to take the county and state school superintendents' offices out of the Washington legislature, Arthur Marsh, secretary of the Washington State Education association, declared today in an address to the Clarke county Teachers' institute. He said the school district system was unwieldy and that the county unit plan would be much more efficient financially.

Ralph Roberts, principal of the Minnehaha school, was elected president of the Clarke county Teachers' association today. Lewis Williams of Ridgefield was chosen vice-president. The secretary-treasurer will be chosen by the executive board, which is yet to be selected.

BOOTLEG INSURANCE OUT

DRIVE ON MOONSHINERS IS CAUSE OF NEW PLAN.

Auto Company Officer Explains Procedure Used to Guard Against Liquor Libel.

"Bootleg insurance," by which automobile dealers protect their interest in installment-plan machines, was explained on the witness stand in the federal court yesterday by L. A. Bass, cashier of the local Howard Automobile company.

If a person is suspected of dealing in liquor he cannot purchase a car on the installment plan, Mr. Bass explained, and even if his record is good the dealer protects himself against the loss of the car through what is officially known as a "confiscation bond."

Last August federal prohibition authorities announced their intention of applying the screws of the Volstead act and of confiscating every car in which liquor was found. As a result of this campaign more than a score of automobiles have been taken in Portland in the past few months and a number have already been sold at auction by United States Marshal Hotchkiss.

The appearance of the automobile man was due to the government's action in confiscating a machine driven by Albert Pelton, in which a shipment of high-grade liquor was seized November 7. Pelton pleaded guilty and was fined \$500. The car was libeled by the government.

Yesterday Attorney Veatch, representing the Howard company, appeared to enter a claim for part interest in the machine. The car, records showed, had been sold to Mrs. Alice J. Pelton on the installment plan and that \$500 was still due on it.

After hearing the claim of the auto dealer Judge Wulverton ordered that the car be sold and that after the costs of court had been extracted the company be paid its \$500 and the remainder turned into the federal treasury.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS

Ed Jakes Prevented From Jumping Off Interstate Bridge.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Several drinks of lilac perfume inspired Ed Jakes, 56, with a desire to jump off the interstate bridge into the Columbia river shortly after noon today. Jakes had climbed the bridge railing and was preparing to let go when he was seized by Dennis Campbell, bridge superintendent. Jakes is in the Clarke county jail on a charge of attempted suicide. The police believe Jakes was intoxicated with the lilac water.

He told Patrolman Rafferty that he wanted to "knock off." He has been working at the plant of the

JUDGE IS IN SMASHUP

Mr. Ekwald Doesn't Have Time to See Which Driver is to Blame.

Traffic Offenders Appearing in Municipal Court Yesterday Were Recipients of Hard Looks from Municipal Judge Ekwald.

He had found out at first hand the consequences of ill-advised driving.

He was brought downtown yesterday morning by E. M. Morton, 684 East Fifty-third street North, At Grand avenue and East Davis streets Morton crashed into a small truck owned by the American Gas company and driven by R. R. Brennan. The judge clutched the seat as the car was thrown violently into the curb. Little damage was done and the blame was not fixed for the judge had no time to see the details.

Ed Williams Not Injured.

Ed Williams of Hillsboro, a brakeman for the Southern Pacific, reported killed in an automobile accident at Hillsboro Sunday night in a report from Hillsboro, entirely escaped injury, his brother, Kenneth Williams of Portland, announced last night. Williams was the driver of the automobile in which George P. Hermann of Portland was riding just prior to the freak accident in which Hermann was killed.

Brunswick December Records ON SALE TODAY. A rich mine of musical gems is this December list. The great Strauss, playing with a symphony orchestra, and new pianoforte studies by World-famed singers, with new songs—Dux, Karle, Barclay, Rea, Lennox, Harris. And dance music by these famous dance orchestras—Isam Jones—Orlole Terrace—Carl Fenton—Arnold Johnson—Joseph C. Smith—Bennie Krueger.

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