

LIFE STORY TOLD AMID HER SOBS

Woman Who Slew Husband
Relates Cruelties She En-
dured for 30 Years.

BAKER CITY COURT SCENE

Mrs. Hambleton, Gray-Haired and
Bowed With Grief, Tells Jury
How She Fired the Fatal
Shot in Self-Defense.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—The testimony in the case of the state against Dorcas Hambleton was concluded today and on Monday the attorneys will make their arguments and the fate of the accused woman will be left with the jury. Mrs. Hambleton has borne up well during the trying ordeal and believes that the jury will come to the conclusion that she was acting in self-defense when she shot John Hambleton. One of the most pitiful scenes ever witnessed in the courtroom in Baker City was enacted today when Mrs. Hambleton took the stand in her own defense. With her gray head bowed with grief, her careworn face bearing a saddened expression and her voice shaking with sobs she laid bare to the jurors the life of misery and fear which she had been forced to endure for nearly 30 years.

Husband 20 Years Her Senior.

She told of her marriage with John Hambleton when she was but 15 years of age and he was 35 years older. As the result of this union, three children are now living in Baker City, two are dead and one boy is a wanderer upon the face of the earth, driven out from his home when but 9 years of age by the cruel treatment of his father.

Quarrelling and strife soon became prevalent in the home and about 12 years ago Mrs. Hambleton left her husband and returned to the protection of her own home. A reconciliation was effected and she returned to live with him on his ranch near Pleasant Valley.

The channel of domestic life did not run any smoother than before, and about two years ago Hambleton left her to support herself with the help which could be given by the children. Last April he secured a divorce and was given the ranch by a decree of the court. She was living on the place and would not leave until he had paid her the \$300 which the court awarded her. Several times he ordered her off the place and threatened to drag her off. A few weeks before the shooting he knocked her down, drew a gun on her and threatened her life if she did not leave.

Daughter Urged Her to Take Pistol.

On the day of the homicide Mrs. Hambleton started to one of the neighbors when her daughter called her back and advised her to take the pistol with her, which she did. As she was going down the road she met her husband, who was repairing a fence. He stopped her, and after being ordered off the place she proceeded down the road and he followed her, threatening her and finally knocked her down on her hands and knees. As she arose he struck her again and she drew the gun and shot him through the left temple. He fell forward without uttering a sound or moving from his tracks.

Much testimony was introduced by the defense to show that Mrs. Hambleton was a peaceful, obedient and dutiful wife and that her reputation in her community was beyond reproach.

GREAT CATCH OF SALMON EGGS

Clackamas Hatchery Succeeds Beyond Van Dusen's Expectations.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Operations of the new State Hatchery, on the Clackamas River, at Cazadero, have been successful in excess of expectations, and Superintendent W. W. Smith reports that 2,500,000 eggs have been taken from the Fall run of Chinook salmon, and 1,055,000 eyed eggs have been shipped to the hatchery, on Salmon River. Thomas Brown, superintendent of Salmon River, will be in next Thursday for 400,000 more eyed eggs, leaving more than 1,000,000 to be hatched at Cazadero.

The new Clackamas plant was installed by Master Fish Warden Van Dusen and has developed so well that he intends to make it permanent. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is constructing a fishway at the Cazadero dam, and this will be completed in time for the winter run of salmon to ascend to the upper river. The racks that have been used in this Fall have been stored for future use, and Mr. Smith has 100 pounds of powder with which to blast out rock obstructions in the fishing grounds.

LET GO TO GUGGENHEIMS

Rumored That Sale by Bruners Will End Struggle in Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 21.—The end of the great railroad war between the Guggenheims and the Bruner Company at Katalla is believed to be near. Reports from Alaska are to the effect that a deal with the Bruner corporation has been practically completed and that when Chief Engineer E. C. Hawley comes down to Seattle he will put through a project of settling the fight with the Bruners by acquiring all the interest that road has in Alaska. The fierce war that has been waged by both roads has been an expensive one, and Seattle men who are familiar with conditions in the North would not be the least surprised if the deal were closed. The two roads are struggling to get the vast copper fields back of Katalla, and numerous conflicts have marked the progress of construction work.

Mulkey to Talk to Teachers.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—County School Superintendent W. W. Wiley has set the date for the annual County Teachers' Institute, which is to be on October 15. As most of the schools in the county will be in session at that time, a good attendance of teachers is expected. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, Hon. B. F. Mulkey, president Ashland Normal School, Miss Cornelia Mervin, secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, and School Superintendent H. H. Belt, of Yamhill County, will be present. Two public lectures will be given by Ackerman and Mulkey.

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Polish Settlers Teach Grays Harbor People Use for Logged-Off Lands.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Lumber is not to be the sole product of this section of the country hereafter if the real estate men can bring about a revolution in the matter of logged-off lands. Ever since the Grays Harbor country was first settled, lumber has been the dominant factor in every kind of investment, but like all other communities which have gone through the same experience with lumber, the people are awakening to the fact that in stock raising and agriculture there is also a big promise of wealth for the future of Chehalis County, at least the western portion of it.

Interest in agriculture has been aroused in the main by the results of a comparatively small community of Polish settlers who were colonized on lands along the Wishkah River a few years ago. Their experiments in a somewhat crude way have resulted so advantageously to them in the way of large crops that real estate men particularly are exploiting this new source of revenue and their windows are filled with samples of grain and

vegetables which have been produced the past year. The samples are mammoth especially of beets and potatoes. The specimens show what may be done on the productive logged-off lands of the Grays Harbor section by Polish immigrants with not much experience in raising crops in the United States.

High Value on Farming Lands.

However, it is not the Polish settlers alone who have demonstrated what may be done with logged-off lands. Years ago R. T. Dabney, a promoter and rich real estate owner in Aberdeen, who owned a considerable amount of tide and bench lands in the upper Wishkah river country, divided it into ten-acre tracts and the ranchers who bought them at \$5 and \$10 an acre are able to sell the land at \$100 and \$150 an acre if they feel so disposed. These lands have furnished all kinds of produce for the camps along the Wishkah and other streams in this section and have saved the loggers many thousands of dollars in cheapness of camp forage.

The people of Aberdeen have not given much attention to these ranchers, preferring to pay bigger prices for California-grown fruit which has been brought here by lumber steam schooners. While the ranchers have been able to dispose of their products to the camps, they would like to develop other tracts but are hampered by the indirect means of transportation and the hindrance by the boom companies in their frequent and annoying interruption of navigation. These ranchers have fought the boom companies in the courts with considerable success, but are still hampered by floating logs, though the 20-foot channel which the courts compelled the boom companies to keep open is main-

tained in a way. It is, however, many times blocked by the loose logs. The ranchers have begun a series of suits against the boom companies for damages resulting from delayed traffic and destruction of delayed garden truck.

Aberdeen Will Lend a Hand.

Good roads may help the ranchers out of the dilemma and the County Commissioners are directing their efforts to improving conditions in this respect.

The Chamber of Commerce of Aberdeen is expected to take this matter up before long in the interests of the ranchers and it is hoped by the people of Aberdeen that a free city market may be established and maintained before very long.

REVIEW JOINT TRACK ORDER

Railroad Commissioner Summoned on Petition of O. R. & N. Line.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Judge Linn, in the Superior Court today, issued a writ returnable by December 3, on the State Railroad Commissioners to show cause why his court should not review the orders of the Commissioners requiring the O. R. & N. Northern Pacific and Spokane & Inland to make physical connection of their tracks in a number of places in the Palouse country. The Commission's order was made recently after an extended hearing here. The writ issued today was sued out on behalf of the O. R. & N. Zora Snow, attorney of that road, coming here from Portland for that purpose. The issuance of the writ will of course postpone the taking effect of the order until it has been finally passed on by the local and possibly by the State Supreme Court.

SAVING GREAT WHEAT CROP

INLAND EMPIRE FARMERS MAKE BEST OF WEATHER.

Prospects No More Grain Will Be Damaged—Threshers Can't Get Sufficient Help.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special).—The last three days of this week have been splendid for the wheatgrowers of the Inland Empire and farmers have been improving the opportunity to the utmost. The wet weather appears to have ceased for the time being, and there is now prospect that the grain of the Inland Empire will be saved with no more damage. Reports from all sections show that for the latter part of the week there has been no rainfall, and that the threshing machine men have been busy.

The farmers have begun to haul wheat to market and the warehouses expect a larger amount of grain than ever before. The amount of damage to grain from the wet weather is still problematical. One report says that bleached grain is being bought at a discount of 2 to 3 cents a bushel.

From the Palouse come reports that threshing machine owners are discouraged over the lack of help, and that some of them are pulling in and will not attempt to do any work this season. Garfield reports that threshing is nearly all done in that vicinity. Over the grain

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GUIDED BY DOG'S BARKING

Parents Find Child Lost in Woods After Night's Search.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—The 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Blackwood, of Greenwood, disappeared last night at sundown and remained in the woods all night in company with her faithful little dog, whose loud barking at an early hour this morning brought the rescuers to the scene.

The little girl had wandered into a deep canyon and had been unable to find her way out, and although her parents hunted for her all night, they could find no trace of her. The child is no worse for her experience.

Bride of Two Weeks Is Dead.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—News reached here today of the sudden death of Mrs. Edgar M. Carter, a bride of two weeks, at St. Johnsbury, Vt. She was Miss Isabelle Padlock, a member of a well-known Vermont family, and was married to Mr. Carter August 31. They had gone South on their honeymoon, and in Philadelphia Mrs. Carter was taken suddenly ill. She was taken home at once, but lived only a few days. Mr. Carter was several years ago stationed in the Northwest in charge of hatchery operations for the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

Farm Goes at \$100 an Acre.

WESTON, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special).—Robert Jameson has sold 160 acres of

fine land, one mile south of Weston, to W. H. Roeder for \$10,000. The place had been Mr. Jameson's home for 37 years, and is one of the best improved small farms in the county. He is president of the Weston Bank, and will probably move to town to reside.

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