

SUSPECT BOYS OF CRIMINAL MURDER

Authorities Work on Theory That Youths Now in Jail Killed August Schaffer.

CONFESS TWO ROBBERIES

But Hayward, West and Hank Stronously Deny Shooting the Farm Laborer in Hold-up a Week Ago.

Murder in the first degree is the crime for which three Portland young men may have to answer. Highway robbery is already proved against them and now the county authorities are weaving a web of circumstances that point to the trio as the coldblooded murderers of August Schaffer, who was a laborer on the Ladd farm near Hillsdale.

Dell Hayward, Mel West and Earl Hank are the three young men. All have good homes and respectable parents here. They are not hoodlums or rooks, but young men of more than ordinary intellect and education. They set about robbery as much for adventure as with any idea of gain. For more than a week they kept the city and county authorities in a turmoil with a series of hold-ups of the boldest and most professional character. At least two of their victims, showing an unwillingness to part with money, were allowed to keep what they had.

Last Saturday night Schaffer was killed in resisting thugs, and on Monday night a postoffice in the county was robbed. Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Sheriff Bulger took up the case at this time and devoted their attention to looking for the thugs. The officers were soon on the trail of the three youths in question, and arrested them at their homes. West tried to draw a gun, but Sheriff Stevens got the drop on him and he weakened.

Confess in "Sweetbox"

Late yesterday afternoon, following a prolonged cross-examination, a three-confessed to being the perpetrators of the hold-up that caused so much trouble ten days ago. They denied, however, having killed Schaffer, but since that killing was in their line of operation, and the description of the murderers answers that of Hayward and West, Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Bulger think they have the right men.

Schaffer was killed while trying to overpower one of two men who had held him up, together with three other employees of the Ladd farm. The four farmhands were on their way to the city when the two men stopped them. One held a gun on the party while the other searched the victims.

Schaffer was the last man in line, and as the thugs started searching him he pounced upon the fellow. Being the stronger, Schaffer was winning the struggle when the other robber stepped around from behind and shot him in the side, inflicting a wound from which he died the next day. Schaffer's companions made no attempt to assist him, although they might easily have caught the other two.

Minute descriptions of the murderers were secured by Sheriff Stevens, together with details as to the manner in which they went about their work. The descriptions were found to tally exactly with that of Hayward and West. Hayward is thought to be the one who fought with Schaffer, and West is accused of having done the killing.

Forced to Do Murder?

At the County Jail the trio does not like to discuss the murder. They declare it was not their work. They did several hold-up jobs, but point to the fact that they had two obnoxious men who were injured when they might easily have killed them. However, this proves nothing in their favor, since Schaffer pounced on one of his assailants and it was a question of killing or getting caught. The crimes to which the three confess are: Robbery of an old man on the Macadam road; hold-up of seven corners saloon; robbery and hold-up at Hillsdale postoffice; attempted hold-up of F. A. Hoyd and three unknown men in a farm wagon on the Macadam road.

THINKS IT POLITICAL TRICK

Gus C. Moser Believes Enemy is Trying to Hurt His Reputation.

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"Some unscrupulous scoundrel has recently been telephoning to ladies in my name, pretending to want to make an appointment for a meeting. He calls up some lady whom I have never met or heard of, and telling her that he is Gus C. Moser, the attorney, says he has seen her and would like to meet her. This is, no doubt, done by some political enemy to injure my reputation. I had not in at least one instance telegraphed to a lady whom I had never even seen, but who lived at the home of a good friend of mine, who promptly informed me. I might never have heard of the dastardly scheme. I warn the offender that I shall vigorously prosecute him if I learn his identity, and in the meantime will much appreciate the kindness if any one to whom he telephones in my name will immediately advise me."

Widow to Be a Trustee.

Mrs. Emily J. Noon is to be appointed one of the three trustees of the estate of her deceased husband, W. C.

Noon, replacing one of the resigning trustees, H. M. Cake and W. C. Noon, Jr. She will act with W. J. Armstrong, but the third trustee is yet to be selected. The attorneys in the case have been unable to decide as to the third trustee and Circuit Judge O'Day suggested yesterday that he might take the appointment into his own hands unless the matter were expedited. The judge suggested several names for the appointment. A week ago Judge O'Day returned a decision affirming the right of Mrs. Noon to a half interest in the Noon Bag Company and directing the appointment of two trustees to fill existing vacancies.

COURT FINES DR. EISEN \$500

Partner in X-Radium Institute Stronously Denies His Guilt.

Dr. William Eisen, Danish Vice-Consul and part-owner of the notorious X-Radium Institute, was fined \$500 by Circuit Judge O'Day yesterday afternoon for having contributed to the delinquency of a minor. Specifically, Eisen was convicted of having participated in a criminal operation on Jennie Sig.ers, 17 years old.

Eisen made a stir in court by arising and declaring he was innocent and that the District Attorney Manning had given the guilty man immunity. He referred to Dr. Heymans, his erstwhile associate, as the man who really performed the operation.

Eisen was convicted several days ago of the crime charged against him. He moved for a new trial, the motion was overruled, and he was ordered to appear yesterday for sentence. "Have you anything to say?" the court asked. "I am innocent of the charge," he said. "The guilty man is being given protection on by the District Attorney."

DIRECTS WAR ON SALOONS

Rev. J. R. Knodell, New Superintendent Anti-Saloon League.

Rev. J. R. Knodell, recently appointed superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, was born in Nova Scotia and came to the United States in 1873. He removed to San Bernardino, California, in 1893, where he became pastor of the Congregational Church. He also served for a time as pastor of the Congregational Church of Santa Cruz.



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For the past nine years he has held the office of assistant superintendent of the California Anti-Saloon League, having charge of the work in Northern and Central California, with headquarters at Oakland. Mr. Knodell assumed charge of the Anti-Saloon League in this state on January 1 and is at present organizing the counties of the state in preparation for an anti-saloon campaign. Mr. Knodell is said to possess superior intellectual gifts and an exceedingly strong personality. He will occupy the pulpit in Taylor-street Methodist Church this morning, speaking on the subject, "Foreglimpses of the Coming Day."

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FAVORS THE PARCELS POST

J. D. Chitwood Urges Grange to Work for Reform.

"The farmers of this country want the parcels post," declared J. D. Chitwood in an address yesterday afternoon before Lents Grange. Mr. Chitwood said that more than 20 years ago he had brought the question before the State Grange, with the result that it had been favored over since by resolution and otherwise. Mr. Chitwood said that the story circulated that the farmers were not asking for the parcels post was not true. He declared that the demand came from the farmers and that the farmers do want it. He declared that the opposition so far had been able to prevent the passage of a parcels post bill, although the National Grange had sought to get such a bill through Congress. He contended that the Grangers should continue to educate the people on the advantages of the system and it would come in time.

The other speakers were Professor A. F. Hershner, who compared Roosevelt to Lincoln and Washington; Mrs. Toban, who spoke on the life of Washington; and Miss Rockwell, who told anecdotes of Lincoln.

LOSES A BIG BOLL

Waitsburg "Booster" Victim of Clever Pickpocket.

ROBBED IN LOCAL CAFE

W. B. Shaffer, of the Inland Empire Excursion Party, Robbed of Wallet Containing Between \$500 and \$600 Last Night.

As a result of a neat piece of thievery, which the victim suspects, but is not positive, was done in a downtown cafe last night following the Inland Empire banquet, the wrist between Portland and Waitsburg, Wash., sang a merry lay something after the fashion of that popular old hit, "I Find the Western Union Convenient."

Following the banquet, with its subsequent flights of oratory, W. B. Shaffer, president of the Waitsburg Development League, in company with a number of fellow junketers from the land of golden grain, repaired to the grillroom of his hotel for a social glass. There was a dense crowd in the cafe. During his short stay there, Mr. Shaffer suddenly missed his wallet, in which was snugly tucked away checks, drafts and gold to the amount of between \$500 and \$600.

He imparted the news of the disagreeable discovery to his friends and the Southern Pacific officials in charge of the excursion. He made no complaint to the hotel management, nor to the house detective, who plays a stellar role on occasions when such large crowds of tourists as the Inland Empire excursionists are guests of the hotel.

Particular precautions were taken by the house management to guard against such depredations as the one of which the Waitsburg "booster" was a victim, yet he felt sure the robbery was committed there. The occasion was ideal for a "grab" of this sort, for the reason that there were millionaires in the party of visitors, and all of them, of course, were provided against financial embarrassment during the long and costly trip ahead of them. Thousands upon thousands of dollars in actual cash were hidden away in purse and wallet and some clever pickpocket, sizing up the situation, had made the most of it.

The matter was laid before the railroad company's special sleuths, who will work with the police in an effort to recover the money and bag the "dip."

Shaffer's loss will not interfere with his pleasure trip with his family, and he was only put to the inconvenience of paying telegraph tolls to have additional money sent him by wire. A considerable part of the lure taken was not negotiable, and the "dip" was cleverly done that Shaffer's suspicions were at no time aroused.

DEMOCRATS PLAN A RALLY

Will Open Campaign on Night of Washington's Birthday.

The Democrats of Multnomah County will this year celebrate Washington's birthday by opening their campaign on the night of that date with a patriotic gathering at which several well-known Democratic speakers will be heard. It is expected that candidates for the various offices at that time, John A. Jarry, S. C. Armitage and Alex. Sweek are being spoken of for Presidential electors. Several names are also being mentioned for delegates to the National Convention. Among them are those of Governor Chamberlain, D. M. Watson, R. D. Iman, George T. Hutchins, E. S. J. McAllister, James G. Mason, N. A. Peery and Oglesby Young.

Other possible candidates are, for County Treasurer, Dan McAllen; County Assessor, M. J. Waggoner; School Superintendent, H. W. Eckman; County Assessor, J. W. Ferguson; Sheriff, Tom Word; District Attorney, John Manning; County Clerk, W. W. McIntosh; County Surveyor, John A. McQuinn.

Among those mentioned for State Senators are G. W. Allen, C. H. Buckenmeyer, M. J. Waggoner, John Montag, S. C. Holcomb. For Representatives, Dr. J. P. Clary, Delos D. Sner, John B. Ryan, S. P. Osburn, G. Y. Henry, Henry M. Elder, E. J. Callahan, John Van Zante, J. W. Grussl, W. H. Addis, A. V. Cauthorn, Fred C. Whitton.

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Oscar Lawler, United States District Attorney for California. The case will be argued a week from tomorrow. Mr. Becker is also in receipt of telegraphic information that all of the papers in the Oregon & California land-grant case have been expressed to him from Washington, together with instructions as to the investigations he will be expected to make. It was for the purpose of assuming charge of the important litigation that Mr. Becker was assigned to this state. Assistant United States Attorney Townsend sent several weeks in Portland recently collecting information on which the Government expects to institute suit against the railroad company to compel it to dispose of these lands in accordance with the terms of the grant by which the corporation acquired the land from the Government originally. It is the data gathered by Mr. Townsend

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Advertisement for The Citizens Bank of Portland, featuring text: 'The Citizens Bank of Portland, Pay to Responsible Grocer or his customer the necessary amount of DAMASCUS CREAMERY Butter. It has always been the best we could make.' Includes logo for Damascus Creamery and contact information.