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SAYS MARTIN DID NOT KILL WOLFF

"Bunko" Kelly Tells of Man Who Swore to Murder Pawnbroker.

MOTIVE CALLED REVENGE

Kelly Says Russian Was Defrauded Out of Diamonds by Wolff and That in Prison He Swore to Chop Him in Pieces.

Joseph (Bunko) Kelly is positive that Martin is not the murderer of Nathan Wolff. He is convinced that the crime was committed by two men whose motive was revenge instead of robbery. Kelly last night recalled having heard a Russian named Carlson, who served a number of terms in the Oregon State Penitentiary, threaten the life of the pawnbroker repeatedly because he had been defrauded out of some valuable diamonds by Wolff. Carlson further charged Wolff with being responsible for sending him to the Salem prison for a term of five years, according to Kelly.

Tells of Man Who Swore Revenge.

"About 18 years ago I was conducting a hotel, the Hamburg, at Second and Everett streets, in Portland. At that time this man Carlson came to Portland from Montana and was a guest at my hotel. He brought with him about \$5,000 worth of diamonds. Wolff, then connected on First and Oak streets, and secured a loan of \$250 with assurances that more money would be advanced the following day. When Carlson went back the following day he was told by Wolff that the police authorities had seized the diamonds, suspecting that they had been stolen. Carlson also was advised to make himself scarce. It was only a short time after being defrauded out of his diamonds that Carlson was arrested on a counterfeit charge and sentenced to prison for five years. It was while Carlson was serving this sentence I became acquainted with him and he told me several times that he suspected Wolff of being responsible for his arrest and conviction. 'But I will get him some time,' declared Carlson, 'and when I do, I shall cut his head into mince-meat.'

Confirms Balden's Testimony.

"Revenge, and not robbery, undoubtedly was the motive behind the murder, for there were 26 separate cuts on Wolff's face and head. Now, a man committing murder never would have immediately afterwards two men left the store hurriedly. One carried a basket and walked south on First, while the other, with a bundle under his arm, proceeded east on Morrison street toward the river. On the night of the murder Kelly says he loaned Balden an overcoat while the lad went to Albina to make a call on friends. When Balden returned the overcoat to Mr. Kelly, about 8:30 o'clock that night, he related what he had witnessed in Wolff's store while waiting for his car on the adjoining street corner.

WORDY WAR OVER VERDICT

Joe Day Nearly Comes to Blows With Martin Juror.

Joe Day, ex-city detective, and C. J. Sweet, one of the jurors in the Martin trial last night, engaged in a heated controversy over the verdict returned and were only prevented from coming to blows by the timely interference of Ed Schiller. Day had been giving his views of the Martin verdict, at Sixth and Washington streets, in his usual expressive manner, when Sweet took exception to his remarks.

Day replied that the verdict was an outrage against the intelligence of the citizens of Portland. He further accused Sweet of having declared three weeks ago that he was convinced that Martin was not guilty and asserted that Sweet had no business serving on the jury.

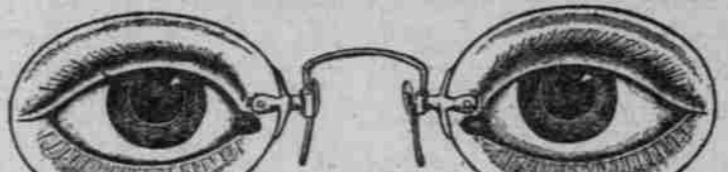
Epithets flew thick and fast and the two were on the verge of blows when they were separated by Schiller. Day's friends then led him away to cool off and Sweet left for his home.

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BIG CUT IN RATES

Dwelling Insurance Schedule Reduced in Portland.

FEAR DRASTIC REGULATION

Local Agents Consider That Companies Are Endeavoring to Anticipate Laws to Strengthen Competition in Oregon.

Fire insurance rates on dwellings in Portland, affecting both sides of the river, were given a sweeping reduction yesterday when local agents received instructions from the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific to slash premiums. The new rates are much lower than formerly prevailing, in some cases the reduction being more than 50 per cent.

On East Side residences the basic rate is cut from 50 to 35 cents, and from 40 to 25 cents on the West Side. The rate of residence property in the country, outside of the City of Portland, has been reduced from 75 to 60 cents, a cut of 20 per cent. Exposure charges have been cut down as well in all three localities. Specific rates of all classes have been wiped out.

Laws May Limit Charges.

Fear of what the next session of the Legislature may do in the way of drastic regulation of the insurance companies doing business in this state is assigned as the reason for the action just taken by the insurance bars. It is said by the agents themselves that the underwriters had reason to fear the action of the coming session, for already laws are being framed to curb the charges that the insurance companies make in insuring all classes of property here.

Another reason for the reduction is said to be that the companies are driven to it by the inroads upon their business by the mutual insurance concerns, which appear to be gaining ground throughout the state. It is said the old-line companies have been exacting just about double the premiums that are charged by the mutual companies and loss of business has been the result.

The effect of the new order is that the basic rate on the West Side of the river on residence property is reduced 12 1/2 per cent, while on the East Side the cut is 20 per cent. The order, moreover, is effective forthwith. Exposure charges have been cut even more than the basic rates.

Exposure Rates Now Low.

Under the former schedule on the West Side, a dwelling within from ten to 25 feet of another had to pay an exposure charge of 20 cents. This has been cut to 10 cents, a reduction of 50 per cent. A building within 25 to 40 feet formerly cost the property-owner an exposure charge of 15 cents, but this has been cut to 5 cents, a reduction of 66 2/3 per cent, and the former exposure charge of 5 cents on dwell-

ings within from 40 to 60 feet of another has been wiped out entirely. It is generally admitted by the agents that they believe the threatened legislation at the next session of the Legislature is responsible for the voluntary reductions of the insurance companies. Laws that are expected to be passed provide for an insurance commission, who will see that the companies doing business in the state comply with the laws and make correct statements of their business. Another law that is being talked of as aimed at the insurance companies is the repeal of the act requiring outside insurance firms doing business in Oregon to deposit \$50,000 with the Secretary of State as an evidence of their responsibility, and that policies will be paid. The repeal of this law will allow outside companies not now represented here to enter this field and do business, thus providing active competition. An anti-rebate law, forbidding insurance companies to give rebates to big policy-holders, which is charged against them now, is also threatened.

Order to Local Agents.

The order received by local agents yesterday from the Pacific Coast headquarters of the underwriters follows: Office of District "D," Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, Portland, Ore., October 16, 1903. To agents, Gentlemen—All specific rates on dwellings in the city of Portland are hereby annulled.

Dwellings and their contents are subject to Tariff Book No. 2, on the East Side, and Tariff Book No. 2, on the West Side of the Willamette River, with the basic rate of 35 cents for "D" class buildings, with a rate exposure charge for each dwelling if next building on either side, 15 cents; if next but one on either side, 10 cents; if next but two on either side, 5 cents. In making deductions for space 5 cents may be deducted if risk is detached five feet on either side, or 10 cents if so detached on both sides. No deduction for space shall be made under the rate less than three buildings. Dwelling exposures 10 to 25 feet, charge 10c; 25 to 40 feet, charge 5c.

No return premium may be made on account of reduction in rate of a policy issued more than 60 days prior to publication of this notice. (Signed) J. C. STONE, Manager.

READ PAPERS TO MOTHERS

When Influence Begins Made Subject of Discussion.

Mount Tabor Home Training Association held a meeting at the West-avenue schoolhouse, Friday afternoon, President Mrs. R. H. Tule presiding. The subject of the previous meeting "When Does a Mother's Influence Begin?" was continued and a paper on "Scientific Authorities" was read by Mrs. J. C. E. King.

Mrs. King said in part: "The change in the condition of woman during the last half century is not so modern as we are prone to believe; it is rather a reflex of ancient civilization. For among the Hebrews, Egyptians and Greeks, the supreme influence of the mother was never questioned and honor and authority were duly accorded her. The wife of the great Pythagoras was Thame, herself a philosopher, whose letter to a child written 2400 years ago would form a model topic for mothers' meetings today. Of all knowledge dealt out to woman, the scientific knowledge of herself, her motherly functions and motherly duties have up to today been withheld.

"Dr. Freyer says that the soul of the new-born infant is a blank, but that it bears upon it the stamp of many preceding generations. Dr. Simpson says the reason women do not produce the symmetrical beings of the Grecians is because women are not rightly related to their privilege or duty." "A Wider Outlook" was the subject of



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Mrs. Frank C. Kelsey's talk. The kindergarten class numbered 50 and the interest is growing in the work.

REPORT ESTIMATES ONLY

Engineer Modjeski Will Not Recommend Bridge or Subway.

Designs and estimates for two bridges of different types, either of which is suited to the traffic it is designed to carry across the river below the Steel bridge, are included in the report of Engineer Ralph Modjeski, who will arrive here tomorrow and submit findings to the special committee of the Council called for Tuesday morning. The report also includes the estimated cost of a subway under the river at the same point. The Engineer Modjeski's full report will

not be known until he submits it to the City Engineer tomorrow, but so much has been learned. It is also understood that he makes no recommendations in his report between a bridge and a subway, leaving that matter to the city authorities and confining himself to presenting the expense of the contemplated improvement.

Business Men Go to Klamath Falls.

About 20 business men and intending investors of Portland left the city at 1:30 o'clock this morning, on the Southern Pacific train for Klamath Falls, where they will spend a few days looking over the opportunities in that section. The excursion this morning is the last of a series of three run to the Klamath country during the past few months by people interested in that country. The excursionists will return home at their leisure.

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