

LUTKE SLAY OVER WIVES BARRICADES

Children of Widow Reported Telling of Parents' Quarreling About Gall.

ASSASSIN TRAILED KEENLY

Prisoner Collapses and Confesses Upon Seeing Threads of Evidence Picked by Sheriff and Archie Leonard—Quiver First Clew.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Threads of evidence gathered here and there in Clarke county by Sheriff Cresap and Detective Archie Leonard, of Portland, so entwined Edward Gall that last night's confession by the prisoner of the murder of Otto Lutke, his neighbor near Ridgefield, November 20, was expected by the investigators, but admission of the crime came sooner than they had hoped.

Gall's confession is said to have been short, the prisoner merely admitting that he had assassinated Lutke. Sheriff Cresap and Detective Leonard are reticent in discussing the motive of the murder, but do not deny that a woman was at the bottom of it. They would not say either "yes" or "no" when asked if Mrs. Lutke, wife of the man slain, was "the woman in the case."

From the outset Mrs. Lutke denied existence of ill-feeling between her husband and Gall, but her children are said to have reported that their parents had quarreled frequently over Gall. In a quarrel between the elder Lutkes shortly before the murder, one of the children is said to have admitted, Lutke exclaimed, "Gall is a crook and a thief."

There are eight children in the Lutke family. They range in age from 8 to 19 years.

Lutke, himself, provided the first clew to the murder. Upon arriving at the home of Axel Alvin, where Lutke was shot as he sat by a window, members of the dancing party had noticed that Lutke was nervous, so excited that he shook like a leaf in tying the team. "I'm afraid something's going to happen tonight," replied Lutke when questioned about his feelings.

Gall Passed on Road. Then it was recalled by Lutke's friends that on the road they had passed Gall, who was walking in the opposite direction from the road. He was whipped up the horses when the pedestrian had stood in the way and peered at the car. On previous occasions as strange that in passing Gall's house the lights were burning, but Gall was not in sight. At the time one of the party remarked that on previous occasions Gall, in the glare of lamplight, was seen working in the house.

That was the first thread, but the investigators say it seemed to lose tangibility when it was considered that Alex Alvin, at whose home the murder was committed, in his first explanation after the shooting pointed suspicion to another neighbor. However, Sheriff Cresap and Detective Leonard decided to pick up the first thread before reaching for another.

It was theorized that Gall purposely had left his home lighted to form part of an alibi and that he had been seen walking toward his home, while in his deductions, complete a web of defense were woven. On the basis of these conclusions Sheriff Cresap and Detective Leonard, in examining Lutke's fatal wound, found several pellets of shot and a piece of lead which held as clews, and underneath the chair Lutke had occupied they found a No. 12 shotgun bore.

Footprints Are Traced. In the meantime footprints greatly similar to those likely to be made by the heavy mud worn by the assassin were traced. These led to the river, in a direction not leading to Gall's home, and it was deduced that the murderer had used a rowed boat as a safer means of concealing his flight.

Detective Leonard was convinced that the footprints were Gall's, but he and Sheriff Cresap did not inform Gall of their belief, leading the suspect to think that they considered that the trail tended to implicate a neighbor and not Gall. This gave the investigators an opportunity to examine Gall's home and property leased by him nearby.

Search of Gall's above revealed shot and gun wadding of the exact size and material as that found at the scene of the murder and in his first explanation was discovered a piece of fisherman's sinker lead, which corresponded exactly with that found with the shot that had dealt death to Lutke.

This lead was sent to a California smelting plant and assay revealed that the sinker lead and the slug fired from the assassin's gun were from the same piece. This, coupled with the knowledge that Gall possessed a No. 12 rifle, completed the chain of murder clews and immediate arrest of Gall was decided upon.

Clews Bring Confession. All the evidence being circumstantial and chainlike and slight knowledge of English making inquiry among Gall's and Lutke's neighbors difficult, Sheriff Cresap and Detective Leonard deemed it expedient to charge Gall with the possession of firearms pending further investigation. They figured that the clew evidence could be obtained later to substantiate their tracing of the murder to the prisoner. It was not intended to file a murder charge against Gall until Sunday.

Gall, cast into a cell with a criminal hardened by many arrests, collapsed in a corner. Sheriff Cresap and Detective Leonard entered later and outlined to Gall all the clews they possessed against him. After several hours he confessed.

11 WELLS FEED 520 ACRES

Artesian Irrigation System Near Pomona May Double Supply.

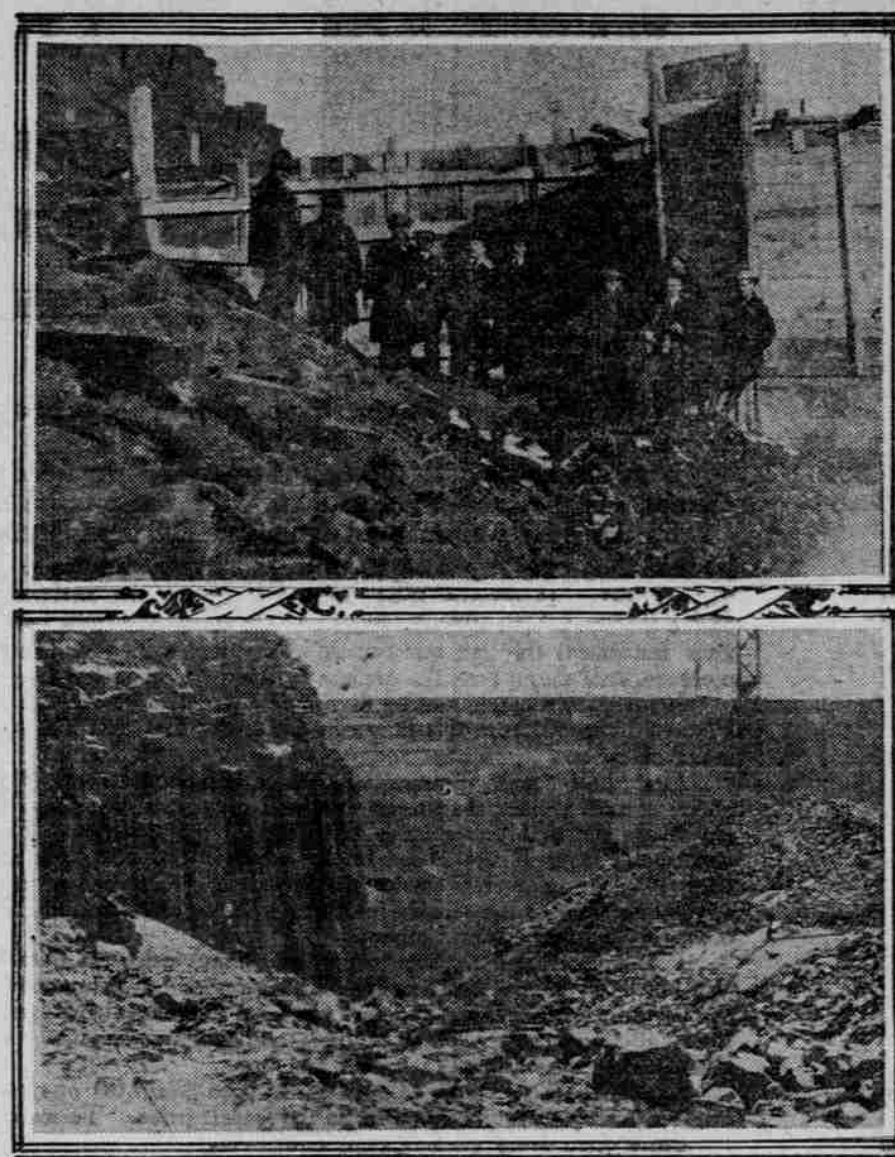
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—H. R. Linn, who has long well satisfied with the performance of five artesian wells on his 1000-acre tract near Pomona, the wells were shut down at the close of the irrigation season, and will not be opened until the beginning of irrigation in the Spring.

During the season they supplied water for irrigation of 520 acres. At the opening of the season they showed a pressure of from 57 to 60 pounds to the square inch. At the end of the season the pressure had been reduced to 42 pounds. In 1913 the wells irrigated 230 acres and "picked up" to the original pressure within six weeks after the end of the season.

This year Mr. Linn expects to get the original pressure in about two and a half months from the time the wells were closed. He is confident that they will be adequate for the irrigation of the entire 1000 acres. He has used six carloads of iron pipe in the construction of a diversion system for the water. Several carloads additional will be required to complete the system.

VISIT TO VALE PROJECTS PICTURES GREAT FUTURE

Philadelphia Capitalists See Bully Creek Diversion Dam and Other Irrigation Systems—"Country Is Revelation," Say Easterners.



TOP—SCENE AT BIG IRRIGATION DAM. BELOW—BACK OF DAM.

VALE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The past week has been one of great interest to Vale. D. M. Brogan, of the Vale-Oregon Irrigation Company, has been conducting a party of Philadelphia capitalists over the surrounding country. Charles A. Young, Charles V. D'Osimo and Frank Johann arrived at Vale last Saturday and visited the diversion dam of the Bully Creek system, now completed, and on last Sunday visited Brogan and Jamieson, which is under the system of the Willow River Company meeting the Vale-Oregon system just below Jamieson.

Mr. Johann has been interested in advancing the interests of this section from an irrigation standpoint for some years and by the completion of the Bully Creek system he will realize the object of his efforts.

The citizens of Vale subscribed sufficient funds to complete the dam and concrete spillway to give Eastern capitalists confidence in the enterprise. Arrangements have been completed practically to finish the big storage reservoir at Westfall and put in the necessary laterals for the use of the irrigators in the coming season. This work will stimulate business in Malheur County and do much to clear away the cloud of hard times which has been holding the county back.

"The country is somewhat of a revelation to us," said Mr. D'Osimo, "being entirely different from anything we have been used to. We have never been west of the Mississippi and are more than surprised as well as pleased to note what development will be for this beautiful country. We will return in the Spring and make our metropolis a visit, as just now we feel that Portland philanthropic fund. The Mahonia Club, one of the Dalles women's most exclusive organizations, usually has a Christmas tree. This year it will be turned into an entertainment and the proceeds will be devoted to local charity.

GRADING CREWS ARE CUT

WILLAMETTE-PACIFIC WORK FROM EUGENE TO COOS BAY RUSHED. Decrease Reduces Forces From 1200 to 700 Men—About \$6,000,000 Expended in Two Years.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—With the gradual completion of the grading on the new Willamette-Pacific line between Eugene and Coos Bay, forces are being materially decreased. With the exception of a few places, which will not be finished until April, the completion of virtually the entire line is now a matter of a few weeks, according to H. P. Hooy, engineer in charge. He returned from a brief inspection yesterday, accompanied by C. D. Burkhalter, superintendent, H. A. Hunshaw, general freight agent, and Joe Porter, superintendent of Porter Bros. contractors.

During the past few weeks the force has been cut down from more than 1200 men to 700. This figure does not include 100 tractors and other machinery under the contractor. At present the grade is complete from Eugene to Acme, and from Acme to Coos Bay, the 49 miles along the coast. The grading is now between 85 and 90 per cent completed, according to the engineer's estimate.

Construction is being concentrated along Lake Takhenith, at the lower end of Tellico Lake, near Gardiner. Two weeks more will see the connecting up of a large portion of the line. The weather during the fall has been remarkable for construction work. Under normal conditions such work along the coast would be almost impossible.

About \$6,000,000 has been spent upon the completion of this line to Coos Bay during the past two years. This includes much of the steel for the bridges already purchased. The Siuslaw bridge at Acme is delayed by the failure to complete negotiations for right of way across a rock quarry below Mapleton.

RELIEF WORK IS ACTIVE

Churches, Lodges, Clubs and Society People Work for Common Cause.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Never in the history of the Dalles have the citizens responded so readily to the call of charity as during the past few weeks. Churches, lodges, clubs and societies are devoting all their energies to the relief of the destitute and helpless.

Nearly 300 barrels of flour have been donated by local persons for the Balmage. Heavy contributions have been made to the Red Cross war fund.

Local charity is receiving careful attention also, and the needy families of the city are being well cared for. The Sorosis Club, a member of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, gave a benefit card party yesterday, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the

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He recommends, also that the office of chief deputy be changed to deputy county warden and that one clerk be allowed to the Boise office at \$200 a year, and suggests abolishing the county deputies and employing four deputies to cover the state. Winlock debated the affirmative and South Bend the negative. Judges were Professor Harry, Pe Ell; Miss Umbagog, Raymond, and W. H. Carson, Willapa.

Winlock Debaters Beat South Bend. SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Winlock High School defeated the South Bend High School debating team last night in the inter-high school debate of Southwestern Washington district. The subject was "Single Tax."

A REQUEST WITH ONLY FOUR MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS we urge upon our patrons the importance of shopping early in the day. BECAUSE no women employees will be retained after 6 P. M., and, owing to the character of the merchandise in our Sixth-street building, our main building, Sixth and Alder streets, will not be open evenings. In order to help our large army of saleswomen in their sincere desire to serve you well in the limited shopping time, whenever possible for you to do so PLEASE SHOP EARLY IN THE DAY. Toytown and the Men's Furnishing Departments will be open evenings from 6 to 9 o'clock until Christmas. In all departments immense stocks of New Gift Merchandise, never before shown, have been brought forward for your selections, and is the greatest assortment ever offered in Portland. OUR REQUEST to shop early in the day during the few remaining days before Christmas is to your further advantage—in facilitating the delivery of gift purchases. Mein Frank Co

15 in Union County Jail. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Figures by the Sheriff's office show that of the 114 people arrested in this county during the past year, 13 are serving sentences in the State Penitentiary, including the two men connected with the Mescham train robbery, who were sent up from Umatilla County. Fifteen people are now confined in the County Jail, whereas a month ago the jail was empty. The three women.

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