Single Ballot Is Sufficient to Dispose of Charge of - Murder.

ALIBI FULLY ESTABLISHED

Never Should Have Been Brought to Trial, Declares Counsel for Defense-District Attorney Rebuked for Action.

tion they had against Main was be-Prosecuting Attorney Allen took of-fice on January 1, and this was his first

murder case.

The jury retired at 2:55 o'clock this afternoon, after kaving heard testimenty and arguments since lost Monday afternoon. After a short deliberation the jury went to supper. Closing arguments consumed all of the day, because gaments consumed all of the day, being presented for the prosecution by
Sam White attorney, of Portland, and
Prosecuting Attorney Allen, of Lewis
County, and for the defense by Maurice
Langhorne, of Tacoma, and W. H. Abel,
of Montesano.

Herman Allen in his opening argu-

ment contended that the man who com-mitted the murder was no ordinary man, because he very cleverly covered every trace of evidence which might disclose his identity. He said the state had proved a thoroughly circumstantial case and had brought forward a motive in the form of a deep-scated enmity be-tween the murdered man and the de-fendant because of attentions of the defendant toward Mrs. Swayne.

District Attorney Rebuked.
Attorneys for the defense bitterly Attorneys for the defense bitterly assailed Prosecuting Attorney Allen for ever having arrested Main and for having brought the case to trial. "It is an unusual case," said Mr. Abel, "but the most extraordinary feature of it is that the Prosecuting Attorney would make a plea to this jury for conviction of Main after having presented his case. Main should never have been arrested, let alone brought to irial."

Mr. Abel rebuked the District At-

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Mr. Abel rebuked the District Attorney for having carefully concealed until the last moment the fact that Robert Hedge, of Napavine, would testify that he saw Main enter the rear door of the Swayne store on the aftermeon of the crime. It was on this testimony that the state made its case. He said this testimony was concoced by Hodge three or four weeks after the tragedy occurred and had been carefully concealed until Hodge made this statement on the witness stand. He declared Hodge had told attorneys for the defense and others ten days before the trial that he knew nothing whatever about the case. He claimed Hedge's testimony was absolutely contradicted by eight other witnesses.

Robbery Is Held Motive.

Robbery Is Held Mutive. Abel asserted that every indication was that the crime was com-mitted for the purpose of robbery. He said the state had absolutely fallen said the state had absolutely latter flat in attempting to produce any motive or reason why Main should have committed the crime. Also he rebuked the state for failing to put on witnesses who knew something of the facts, but whose testimony would not have been favorable to the state's case. Charge was made by Mr. Abel that Prosecuting Attorney Allen had been forced into prosecuting the case against his will, the pressure having been described as "soaked with whisky, and by the Sheriff, who felt it was hi duty to hang the crime on somebody

Maurice Langhorne declared that while Prosecutor Alien made glowing statements about what it would prove. no testimony whatever was presented on many of the things he said he would prove and what testimony was preated contained no evidence incrimi-ting Main. Main established a wonderful alibi,"

declared Langborne. Abe Coffman Bernted.

"Providence must have sent its mea-sengers along the roads and byways of Napavine on the afternoon of that day just to see and later to protect Oscar Main against the vengeance of Abe Coffman, who was recied in whisky for 28 years and who is the inspiration

Sam White, of Portland, in making the closing argument for the prosecution, dealt at great length and with great play on the situation of Oscar Main and that, of Robert Hodge, the witness who told of having seen Main enter the Syawne store. He pictured Hodge as an uneducated, unmannered, yet honest tiller of the soll, and Main as a man of education, refinement, polish, money and a host of influential friends, including officials. The case has been one of interest throughout this part of the country ever since the tragedy of January 6. Mr. Syawne was working in his store at Napavine on the day of the crime and was last seen at 5 P. M. by a boy. The state claimed that he was murdered between then and \$:30 o'clock, because he was not seen by this same boy, who again passed the store about flat time.

Althi Appears Established.

minutes in this time was not accounted for by a half-dezen or so persons, who said it was "an irreparable loss, which saw him at his office during that time. we all share." have committed the murder he = would have had to have his office, walk about \$60 feet, butcher Mr. Swayne, dispose of the instrument used and get back to his office, all within

Attorneys for the state, in their closing arguments, first condemned Main because of the testimony of one witness that he had seemed nervous on the day of the crime. Later he was con-demned because while on the witness stand he was cool collected and with-out any display of nervousness. Statements have been made that at the time of Main's arrest Prosecuting Attorney Alien wanted to tear up the complaint, but was interfered with by others who wanted the case pushed.

SUB-TREASURIES TO BE CUT House Votes to Eliminate Nine Long-

Established Offices.

WASHINGTON, March 9,-The House today voted, 59 to 71, to eliminate the sub-treasuries at San Francisco, Balti-mars, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia and

SPEAKERS TO TOUR STATE

Liberty Loan Boosters to Talk Patriotism for Ten Days.

Representatives of the state liberty headquarters organization, acting

inder instructions from General Executive Chairman Edward Cooking ham, and directed by the bureau o organization, enter the field tomorrow organization, enter the field tomorrow morning to inaugurate 10 days' cam-paigning among the towns of the state on their man machinery for putting over the coming loan and checking up preparations in each district for sell-ing their respective quotas of bonds. Three speakers and organizers who

Three speakers and organizors who begin tomorrow morning are:

J. D. Zurcher, whose itinerary of meetings and conferences takes him to Burns, Vale, Canyon City, Baker, Enterprise, La Grande and Pendleton, J. K. Kollock goes to St. Helens, Astoria, Tiliamook, Hillsboro, Newport, Corvallia, Dailas and Salem, J. S. Campbell will visit the local boards at Prineville, Heppner, Moro, Condon



ber and Diplomat, Who Died Last

and Possil. Additional organizers will be sent out within a few days

STATE RIGHWAY ENGINEER CALLS FOR \$6000 PAID OUT.

Old Government Work Dumpears De-Given in Making Contract.

SALEM, Or., March 5 .- (Special.)-State Highway Engineer Nunn today forwarded a format demand on J. H. LaMores, of Portland, for the return of tory, s the island in the remote past \$4000 paid by the State Highway Com- had belonged to Japan. mission for six dumpears sold the emmission by the Loggers & Contracters Machinery Company, of Portland, of which LaMoree was agent, and also a formal notification that the commission rescinds the contract to pay \$12,-900 for 12 more dumpcars which the commission had contracted to pur-

The move is based on a decision of Attorney-General Brown that the commission should rescind the contract for the \$13,000, because the dumpears did not come up to the specifications. The cars came from Government work in Montana and, according to Mr. Nunn, were to be up to master carbuilders' specifications. An Interstate Commercia placed their value at but \$350 aptece.

ROYALTY SHOWS SYMPATHY Mary and Alexandra Send Messages

to Mrs. John Redmond. LONDON, March 5.—The body of John Redmond was taken to Ireland last night. Interment probably will be made Sunday in the family vault at

ments almost continuously between a among those received by Mrs. Redmond minutes in this time was not Messages of sympathy from Queer

> ,...... WHAT PRUSSIANISM MEANS. The actions of the German armies in Belgium, in Poland and in Northern France have blotted

the record of humanity. This policy of Prussianism this deliberately adopted "frightfulness"-with its aftermath of blood and tears, is one of the great wrongs against which America fights today.

The evidence in the case is set forth in an official book just published by the United States Government.

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It is based on the reports of American diplomats and relief workers, on the protests of high church authorities, on official German proclamations, on the field diaries of German soldiers.

To secure a copy of this free book, send your name and address with a 2-cent stamp for return postage to The Portland Oregonian Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director. Washington, D. C. Ask for "German War Practices."

Ex-Ambassador to Italy and Cabinet Member Succumbs to Tumor of Liver.

PUBLIC RECORD NOTABLE

Native of Massachusetts and Graduate of Harvard Gains Recognition for His Business Ability While Serving His Country.

BOSTON, March 9 .- George von L. Meyer, ex-Cabinet member and diplo-mat, died at his home here at 11:15 to-

Mr. von L. Meyer had been suffering from a tumor of the liver for several weeks. His son, Captain George von L. Meyer, reached here from Washing-ton today upon being notified that his father could not survive.

In the successive positions of public service to which Mr. von Meyer was chosen, he attained a reputation as a practical statesman. Trained to business from his youth, he was quick to apply business methods to the depart nents which came under his juried? ments which came under his jurisdic-tion in the two years that he served as Postmaster-General in President Roosevelt's Cabinet and in his four years as Secretary of the Navy under President Taft. Even while in the diplomatic service, as Ambassador to Italy from 1900 to 1905, and to Russia from 1905 to 1907, he showed himself impatient of round-about methods of achieving desired results.

Ability Is Recognized. Born in Boston on June 24, 1858, the son of a wealthy manufacturing chem-ist, Mr. Meyer was trained in what was locally known as the "school for poli-ticians," the old Boston Common Coun-

locally known as the "school for polliticians," the old Boston Common Council. From that time business and pollitios largely occupied his life. In the Massachusetts House of Representatives he rose to the Speakership, and in 1898 he became a member of the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Meyer's National prominence began when, upon the recommendation of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and the late Senator George Frishie Hoar, President McKinley named him as Ambassador to Italy. While in that country the handled saveral difficult diplomatic problems and accumulated much information which later proved of value in the maturing of the immigration policy of the United States. Incidentally, he was reputed to have converted King Victor Emmanuel to the use of the automobile. He had taken to Rome his large touring car. When the King his large touring car. When the King invited the Ambassador to visit a shooting box 25 miles outside the city, Mr. Meyer suggested that they go in his car. The king accepted the suggestion and was so delighted with the speed of the trip that he soon acquired a car for himself.

Results Are Obtained.

Mr. Meyer was at St. Petersburg dur ing the trying days of the Portsmouth peace conference. It is recounted that then the peace envoys reached the stumbling block of Japan's demands for territorial indemnity President Roose-velt directed Ambassador Meyer to see

velt directed Ambassador Meyer to see the Russian Emperor in person and in-sist upon an agreement.

Mr. Meyer, however, found diplomatic suggestions for such an arrangement ineffective at the Russian Foreign Of-fice, whereupon he resorted to his favorite direct methods and informed the Foreign Minister that unless an audience were arranged before a stated hour he would take his own means reaching the Emperor's pres granted and Mr. Meyer persuaded the Emperor that the cession of Saghilen Island to Japan would not conflict with Russia's determination not to yield an inch of terri As Postmaster-General Mr. Meyer in-troduced more up-to-date business methods in his department. He was

one of the earliest advocates of the postal savings system.

The Navy Department gave Mr.

Meyer a wide field for the use of his

business instincts. He effected a re-organization which dld away with much duplication of work and devoted car service, has resigned to accept the ciency at the Navy-yards. In 1911 he visited Europe and inspected the naval stations and shipbuilding plants of several countries.

Mr. Meyer Harvard Man.

After his retirement from public office in 1913 Mr. Meyer resumed many of his earlier business connection Throughout his life he was devoted to out-of-door sports. At Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1879, he rowed on his class crew and won medals for running. He was a vigorous tennis player and a lover of fishing, for many years making annual trips to the Restigouche for salmon.

Mr. Meyer married Alice Appleton, of Lenox, Mass, in 1885. They had one see and two daughters. Captain

of Lenox, Mass, in 1885. They had one son and two daughters, Captain George von L. Meyer, Jr.; Mrs. Christopher R. P. Rodgers, of Boston, and Mrs. Gluseppe Brambilla, of Rome.

SOLDIER'S RELAPSE FATAL Roy Bent, Thought Recovering, Dies at Fort Stevens Hospital.

ASTORIA, Or., March 9 .- (Special.) Roy H. Bent, a member of the 452d squad, aviation section of the Signal Corps, stationed at Seaside, died at Fort Stevens Post Hospital last even-

ing after an illness of several days The young man was supposed to b Improving and was expected to be able to leave his bed today. During the late afternoon, however, his heart beame affected and he expired within a hort time. The deceased was 23 years f age and his home was in New Hamp-It is expected the remains will shipped there for interment.

Teamster's Arm Broken.

H. A. Case, a teamster for the North-vestern Transfer Company, suffered a broken arm yesterday morning, when he dropped an Iron bar which he was lifting into his wagon. His injury was treated at the Good Samaritan Hospi-

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rants Company, which will open one of its Pacific Coast chain of restaurants in Portland. The firm will also establish restaurants in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Yakima, Los Angeles and San Mr. Titus, famed far and near as the sponsor of the "big baked potato" of the Northern Pacific's dining-car serv

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Mr. Titus is a caterer of life-long experience and was formerly connected with the dining-car service of the Mobile & Ohio Raiiroad. Coupled with his ability as a caterer, his genius for the unusual and pleasing marked him

the unusual and pleasing marked him as one of the most successful and widely known of the profession.

He is a life member of the B. P. O. E., Scattle lodge, No. 92, a life member of the Scattle Press Club; member of the Scattle Transportation Club; member of the Lambs Club, New York; well at high the Auto, the Aut the St. Pahl Athletic Club; the Auto



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CO-ED TO DO, WAR WORK Frances Schenck to Be Given Credits Necessary for Graduation.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 9 .- (Special.) -Though lacking March 9.—(Special.)—Though lacking five of having the required number of credits to graduate. Miss Frances Schenck, of Colorado Springs, Colo. will be granted her diploma at the end of the present semester and will leave at once for Chicago, where she will train as a nurse prior to going to France with the Red Cross. At a meeting held Thursday afternoon the faculty voted to credit Miss Schenck with the five units required for gradu

ation for the work she will do in her training course. This is the first instance of a senior woman being granted the credits lack-ing from the number required for a degree because she left her studies to enter war work. Several senior men who left early last Spring to enlist were graduated with their class in

Range Riders to Get Cabin.

BEND, Or., March 9 .- (Special.)-The Upper Deschutes Stockmen's Asso ciation met yesterday in the Forest Service office to arrange for the pur-chase of a cabin on Crane Prairie for



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