

### PAIR INDICTED FOR ATTACK ON HUSBAND

Salem Man and Wife of Mr. Steiger Are Held.

### WOMAN DENIES CHARGES

Confession by Jess Mullinix, However, Implicates Other in Attempted Murder.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Jess Mullinix and Mrs. Theodore Steiger, the former of whom has been in the county jail here for several weeks pending an investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Steiger's husband on March 25, were indicted by the Marion county grand jury today on charges of assault with intent to kill. Mullinix was committed to jail without bail, while Mrs. Steiger was released under \$5000 bonds.

In a confession made to Sheriff Needham on March 27 Mullinix said that he and Mrs. Steiger had been friends for several years and occasionally registered at a local lodging house under the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith. About six months ago Mullinix declared he first broached the proposal to do away with Mr. Steiger and the plan was concurred in by Mrs. Steiger.

A short time later Mullinix said he made a trip to the Steiger ranch with the intention of killing Mr. Steiger, but was prevented from carrying out the act because of a train wreck and the assembling of a large number of people near the Steiger home. A week or so later Mullinix said he again went to the Steiger ranch, but lost his nerve and returned to the city.

Assault Is Described. On March 25 Mullinix said he rode his bicycle to a point near the Steiger ranch. From there he said he walked to the Steiger barn and through the darkness noticed Mr. Steiger milking his cow. Without warning he took aim with his revolver and sent three bullets into Mr. Steiger's body.

Mr. Steiger staggered from his barn and had reached a point a short distance from his dwelling when he collapsed and fell to the ground. In the meantime Mullinix mounted his bicycle and returned to the pool hall and resumed a game of billiards. Having information that Mullinix had previously worked at the Steiger ranch and was friendly with Mrs. Steiger, he was suspected of the crime and later arrested in a local lodging house. Since that time he has been in jail.

Mrs. Steiger Denies Charges. Mrs. Steiger is about 62 years of age. She denies having any knowledge of the plan to do away with her husband, and brands the confession of Mullinix implicating her as false.

Mr. Steiger, who was taken to a hospital immediately after the shooting, has now recovered and is among the witnesses who appeared before the grand jury during the investigation of the case. He is wealthy and owns one of the finest ranches in Marion county.

Both Mullinix and Mrs. Steiger will be arraigned in the justice court here some time Monday.

### CONVICTED FORGER GONE

OFFICERS LOOKING FOR E. J. FRASIER OF EUGENE.

Really Dealer Makes Hard but Unsuccessful Fight Against Sentence of Term in Prison.

EUGENE, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—E. J. Frasier of this city, convicted forger, has disappeared, according to local officers, who have been instructed by the district attorney at Corvallis, where Frasier was convicted, to look for him.

Frasier, who was a pioneer realty dealer here, was arrested over two years ago on a charge of forging the name of Dr. T. W. Harris of this city as an indorsement on a check. His change of venue was granted and he was tried and convicted at Corvallis and sentenced to two years in prison.

The state supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court. Frasier then appealed to the United States court but without success. He was at Salem the day the mandate from the United States court arrived, a few days ago, endeavoring to obtain a reprieve from Governor Oldcut but since then the officers have been unable to locate him.

### LOWDEN SAID TO FIT BILL

PRESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS BELIEVED POSSESSED. Supporter From Illinois on Visit to Oregon Pleased With Sentiment Found.

hard surface roads to be built from automobile license fees. "During the war his patriotic fervor and unflinching zeal secured the greatest co-operation among all classes of men, and capital and labor in Illinois continue at present working in greater harmony than in most of the big industrial states. "To curb governmental extravagance, to lighten the enormous burden of taxation, to find a way to reduce the constantly increasing cost of living, to deal with the rampant spirit of bolshevism, to point the way to industrial and economic prosperity are tasks calling for a business executive, whose ideals are common horse sense and it is little wonder that the people of the United States are turning to Governor Lowden when they learn about him. We believe that he is going to be nominated by the Chicago convention."

### CADETS PASS IN REVIEW

THOROUGH INSPECTION GIVEN AT COLLEGE AT CORVALLIS.

Crueling Tests Started Tuesday by Staff Officers to Determine Rating of Corps.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 8.—(Special.)—A regimental parade Wednesday afternoon ended the annual military inspection of the reserve officers' training corps, after the most extensive and thorough examination ever given here. Colonel Frank J. Morrow, of the general staff, was inspecting officer, assisted by Major James McKinley, cavalry, and Captain Elvin Hunt, infantry, also staff officers.

Oregon Agricultural college has twice been rated in the "distinguished class" of institutions giving military instruction, and whether this rating will continue for this year or not depends upon the showing made this week. Major J. K. Partello, commandant, is confident that the college will retain its standing.

Beginning with a formal review and inspection the cadet corps started in its grueling work Tuesday afternoon. All men were under arms and equipped with full packs, and each battalion was required to "pitch camp," erecting the shelter tents and displaying their equipment while time was taken by the inspectors.

Battalion drill and company drill occupied the rest of the afternoon until a o'clock, when the cadet colonel was given a field problem and put the regiment into action against an imaginary enemy, who was routed at the point of the bayonet.

Wednesday forenoon was devoted to a demonstration of the theoretical instruction given along different lines, including minor tactics, personal hygiene, hippology, engineering, drill regulations, gaiter practice and topography.

### IRISH COLONIST WANDERS

Sixth Influenza Victim Gets Off of Train While Ill.

ALTURAS, Cal., May 8.—(Special.)—The strange misfortune which has attended the colony of Irish youths who planned to locate near Lakeview, Or., led to the death here of Michael Murphy, one of the last to arrive. Murphy was found at daylight wandering around Alturas only partly dressed and delirious from illness. He was taken to a hospital, where he succumbed.

It was learned that Murphy left a train here in the night while suffering from influenza, and died the sixth man of the colony to succumb to influenza and pneumonia.

### Dramatic Club Officers Chosen.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 8.—(Special.)—William Mathieson of Montpellier, Idaho, was elected president of the Mask and Dagger dramatic club of the college last night. He is a junior and a rehabilitation student, having had his previous college work in Idaho. Otto Hathaway of Corvallis was recommended to the board of control for appointment as manager for next year. Other officers elected were Elva Jacobson, Astoria, Or., vice-president; Lillian Harris, Oregon City, Or., secretary, and Helen King, Salem, reporter.

### Woman Is Hurt by Fall.

Mrs. Hattie Benclay, 25, of 131 Eleventh street, sustained a fractured wrist yesterday afternoon when she accidentally fell down stairs. She was taken to Good Samaritan hospital for treatment. Mrs. Benclay is a widow.

### GROWERS TOLD THEY CUT DOWN THROATS

H. F. Davidson Declares High Prices Kill Off Demand.

### CONSUMER LAST JUDGE

Orchardists Warned That if They Put Such High Value on Fruit There Will Be Little Trade.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—H. F. Davidson, apple shipper, who is interested in the canning industry, warns growers against setting exorbitant prices on their product. The canning industry, according to Mr. Davidson, who himself is a grower, owning one of the largest local fruit tracts, as the result of high cost of raw material, fruits and sugar, is facing the necessity of curtailing the pack the coming season. "The situation is going to rebound ultimately," says Mr. Davidson, "to the detriment of the grower. We can find an example of growers over-estimating the value of their product and the resultant bad effects in the apple deal of the past season. "The situation is going to rebound ultimately," says Mr. Davidson, "to the detriment of the grower. We can find an example of growers over-estimating the value of their product and the resultant bad effects in the apple deal of the past season. "The situation is going to rebound ultimately," says Mr. Davidson, "to the detriment of the grower. We can find an example of growers over-estimating the value of their product and the resultant bad effects in the apple deal of the past season."

Demand Falls Off. "The consumer in the end determines how many apples or how much of a fruit product, or any other product, for that matter, is going to be sold. Where the price goes beyond a certain figure the consumer will cease to buy. Growers cannot afford to produce such a situation as this. "As a vice-president of A. Ruper & Co., who operate nine canneries in Oregon, I have had occasion recently to refer to correspondence from jobbers. These dealers are all ready to curtail orders. They state that the price, both of fruits canned in ordinary syrup and preserved product, is going to be so high, according to present indications, that orders are going to be relatively small. Indeed, orders are only a half to a third of expectations."

Sugar Some Factor. "Of course, the high cost of sugar is an element in the canning deal. I have heard the sugar growers being accused of responsibility for the increased cost of the product. In fact, the refiner, in my mind, is doing the larger part of the boosting. If sugar planters are wise they will work to prevent the prohibitive prices, which are certainly going to result in a large decrease in consumption of sugar. The condition is going to result in a boomerang that will ultimately be hurtful to growing interests. "Mr. Davidson's warnings are corroborated by the Hood River Canning company, which specializes on Clark seedling strawberries here. "A price of 15 to 16 cents a pound for strawberries," says I. R. Acheson of the canning concern, "a 20-ounce can of our product will cost the consumer about \$1 the coming year. This will certainly place it in the luxury class and will be hurtful all around."

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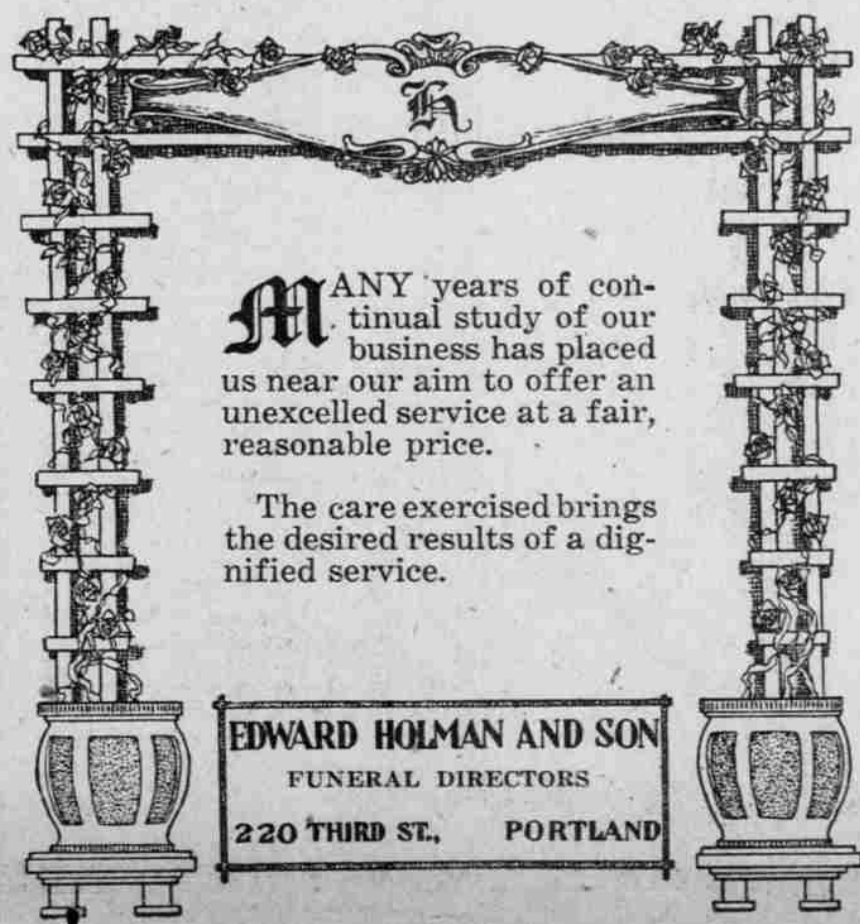
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