

CIRCUIT COURT HAS ADJOURNED FOR TERM

Several Criminal and Civil Cases go Over

CRIM'S BAIL REDUCED TO \$1,000

McBride to Open Court in Oregon City to Complete Term

Circuit court adjourned Monday, immediately after sentence was imposed upon Johnson. The term lasted three weeks, and was a busy one. The calendar was not all cleared up, several criminal and civil cases being continued to the March term. The following business was transacted up to the time of adjournment:

Grenbemer vs Burns, default and decree, to quiet title; Clapp v Clapp, decree of divorce; Hazeline v Ulery, judgment granted; Tamasie v Lanz, foreclosure granted; Coffield v Miller, sale by sheriff confirmed; Koehler v Koehler, decree granted; State v Horst, accused of a statutory offense, trial set for March 18; State v Villiger, set for trial March 27; State v Murchison, set for trial on March 26; Flycroft v Union Logging & Lumber Co., set for trial, March 16, Phillips v Heidel, set for trial March 17; State v Fox and Reedsgawn, Buxton store burglars, set for trial, March 20; Grover Cate v J. W. Connell as sheriff, set for trial March 22, 1909; W. B. Cate vs J. W. Connell, set for trial March 23, 1909; Vandershey vs Thatcher, set for trial March 24, 1909; Bagley vs Hollenbeck, set for trial March 25, 1909; State vs Welburn, set for trial March 31, 1909; Della W. Potter vs E. O. Potter, decree of foreclosure; W. H. McEldowney et al vs Irene Guitler, decree quieting title; Hollenbeck vs Heidel, decree of foreclosure; State of Oregon vs Quang Lee, order made reducing bail to \$1000 cash.

Grand Opening Ball

The grand opening ball at the new M. W. A. Hall, at Reedville, on the evening of Jan. 1, 1909. Music by Toelle's orchestra. Best of order guaranteed. Tickets, \$1.00; supper extra—good supper; good sheds for the teams. Come, one and all, and have the time of your life. Prizes for best waltzes. 40 1

OREGON ELECTRIC SCHEDULE

The Oregon Electric runs six cars each way daily, from 8:55 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. trains out of Hillsboro connect promptly with Salem cars at Garden Home. The Hillsboro-Portland timetable follows:

Table with 2 columns: Leaves Hillsboro / Arrives Hillsboro. Times listed for various destinations.

For Sale

Three horses, can be seen at Hillsboro Livery barn, Corner 2nd and Washington streets. 347f

In all probability Walter Johnson, the condemned murderer, will be taken to the penitentiary at Salem within the next few days. A death watch attends him constantly, day and night, so that no opportunity may be given him for self-destruction. After some time Johnson broke down completely, and evidently realizes the utter hopelessness of his case. The date of execution has been set on Friday, Feb. 5, 1909, and will take place within the confines of the penitentiary at 2 p. m.

Heinika Peters and Ellen M. Elligson, of this county, were given a license to wed on the 14th inst., by County Clerk Bailey.

Oto Hartrampf returned Sunday from a week's trip to Shaniko, Bake Oven, and other Eastern Oregon points.

Hillsboro should have 5000 inhabitants within the next few years.

Alex. Gordon, of the North Plains, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Hellebuyke, of Farmington, was an Argus caller Tuesday.

R. Oppinger, of Cornelius, was in town Tuesday, and called.

M. Oibekson, of Gaston, visited Hillsboro, Monday.

D. W. Marsh, of Forest Grove, was in town Monday.

R. H. Greer visited Portland Monday.

Hillsboro Argus, \$1.50 per year. Ernest Helvigi, of Reedville, was in town Saturday.

Christmas Post Cards, 1 cent up to \$1.00, at the Post Card Bazaar.

Geo. W. Stewart, of Dilley, was a county seat visitor Friday.

C. Mills, of Beaverton, was in town last Saturday.

H. C. Todd, of Greenville, was in town last Saturday.

Some gypsy fortune tellers came out on the Electric Monday.

C. L. Benefiel, of Manning, was in the city last Saturday.

F. C. Burgholzer, of Buxton, was a county seat visitor last Friday.

Money to loan on real estate. Terms reasonable. Apply to Kurathi Bros., Hillsboro, Or. 21-1f

Peter Vandecouvering, of Verboort, visited the county seat Monday.

Leave your orders with J. W. Cate for the annual number of the New Year's Oregonian 40 1

A. Sundberg, of Mortondale, east of town, was in the city Tuesday.

A lady recently found, near Hillsboro Opera House, a girl's sweater. Inquire at Argus office and prove property. 371f

Everett Crocker, of this place, moved his household goods to Lents, Tuesday, where he will hereafter reside.

Shooting Match—Saturday, Dec. 19th, beginning at 9 a. m., on the farm of W. E. McCallum, one mile southeast of Reedville. 39

Mr. Christenson, who lives on Garibaldi Ave. in this city, is critically ill. He is 74 years of age, and there is little hope of his recovery.

The McCluskey store at Hazelden's near Cooper Mountain, was robbed last Sunday night. Some goods and a sum of money were taken by the thieves.

Wm. Schulmerich, of Farmington, attending the meeting of the State Dairymen's Association in Salem last week, and reports an interesting session.

Rufus Waggener and wife, of Newport, who are spending the winter at Newport, were in the city this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Wilcox.

The new M. W. A. Hall at Reedville has been completed. It is a fine structure, 40x80, and one of the neatest in the county. The boys will open it with a grand opening ball, Jan. 1, 1909.

A depot and station on the O. E. Railway have been located on the Green Hale place, west of town. The place has been platted by E. W. Haines, of Forest Grove, and the station bears his name.

It is estimated that the Johnson murder trial will cost the county upwards of \$1500. Parks, one of the witnesses for the State, came from Eastern Oregon, and the cost of his mileage and attendance will be over \$75.

The Groner Rowell Co. desire to say that they are out of all sizes of drain tile, except 10 and 12 inch. On the 17th of this month, however, they will have a full supply of all sizes. Phone before you come for tile.

The steam pipe leading from the engine room to the various offices in the court house blew out in two places, Monday, and new pipe has been ordered, the old one having become too thin from long use.

Taken up: At my farm about Dec. 3, black and white heifer, 18 months old. White spot in forehead. Part Jersey. Owner please call and pay charges.—A. Sundberg, of east of Mortondale, on Oregon Electric line. 40-2

Over 1000 bales of hops were sold in Portland, Monday, and the hop market appears to be looking up. Most of the hops in this county have been sold, although there are still some choice lots being held for an advance in price.

The Forest Grove confectionery store, owned by F. W. Emerson, was robbed Saturday night, and between \$30 and \$35 in small change was taken. The thief entered the building by breaking the glass in the front door. The robber evidently knew where Emerson kept his change in a sack, away from the money till.

Mr. McDowell, of the Oregon Electric Company, states that boys living along the line of the electric railway have been shooting the glass insulators off the poles lately. Mr. McDowell says this is an extremely dangerous matter with the men employed in the sub station, as they might be killed by shock. Another point is that the shooters are liable to be arrested on a very serious charge, as the law is very rigid on such matters.

GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Jury Out But a Short Time in Johnson Case

VERDICT AT 7:26 SATURDAY EVE

Walter Johnson Must pay Life for Murder of Perdue

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned at 7:26 Saturday evening in the case of Walter Montgomery Johnson, accused of the murder of Elmer Perdue, in a lonely cabin near Timber, this county, during the night of July 3, this year.

The jury received its charge from Judge McBride at 5:30, retiring then for supper, and at 6:30 began deliberating on the fate of the prisoner and at 7:26 the jury announced that an agreement had been reached, and court was reconvened. Each of the 12 jurors was polled and each acquitted in the finding of the verdict. The jury was back in the court room 1 hour and 56 minutes after receiving instructions.

The prisoner received the verdict with no display of emotion. Shortly after one o'clock Monday afternoon, Johnson was brought into court for sentence. Judge McBride announced that he would overrule the motion for a new trial. Proceeding, he said: "The prisoner will stand up." Johnson rose to his feet, whereupon the court said:

"You have been convicted by a jury of twelve Washington County citizens of the crime of murder. You had an able defense—your counsel had a better defense—and the verdict was that you are guilty of murder in the first degree. This is the seventh time within 2 years that I have been called upon to pass the sentence prescribed by law for crimes of this character. In each instance the crime was the result of either idleness, worthlessness, or dissipation. This should be a lesson to every young man in this court room and they should remember that 'wages of sin is death.' It is my judgment that you shall be remanded to the Washington County jail for a not longer period than 30 days, when you will be conveyed by the proper officials to the penitentiary at Salem, Oregon, where on Friday, the 15th day of February, 1909, as provided by law, you will be executed by being hanged by the neck until you are dead."

Brice Wilson, of Timber, was the first witness sworn Thursday morning, and he testified that on July 2, 1908, Johnson and Perdue were at his house and purchased provisions. Johnson introduced himself and he heard the defendant call his companion "Elmer." This was the last that he saw of either until after the murder. He could not identify Perdue, except as to clothes, when the remains were found, as the man who was with Johnson, as the body was too badly decomposed.

Coroner Brown told about finding the body and about taking off the aluminum badges, which served to identify Perdue. According to Johnson's confession, given to Sheriff Hancock and the Multnomah county officials, he and Perdue slept at the Burgholzer cabin on the night of July 3. They arose the next morning about 4 o'clock and Johnson contended that he and Perdue had words about his not being located on timber land as agreed by Johnson, formerly and prior to their leaving Portland. He killed Perdue and then robbed his body of about \$140. He then dragged the remains into a deep ravine or gulch below the deserted cabin, covered the body with old clapboards and brush, and departed for Buxton. He reached Portland that evening, taking the dead man's money with him.

Johnson's confession, made in the Multnomah County Jail, and signed by Johnson, was read by Deputy Sheriff Leonard, of Portland. In this confession, Johnson told how he and Perdue had quarreled on the early morning of July 4, and that Perdue had called Johnson a vile name and had told him that he would kill him. Johnson, according to his story, then shot Perdue with the rifle he had in his possession.

Cosper was one of the party of eight who went with Johnson and Perdue into the timber above Buxton on June 3, to locate on timber lands, Johnson being the locator, swore that the ring exhibited in court was worn by Perdue; that the watch was Perdue's, and that during the trip Johnson and Perdue were the best of friends. Cosper left the party after Fischer did, on the morning of July 2, the others of the party leaving in the afternoon.

Parks, who corroborated Cosper on many things, loaned Johnson a revolver before leaving. This witness is the one who made Johnson return him some money after the slayer had returned to Portland subsequent to killing Perdue.

Charles Wedberg, a resident near Timber, swears that he saw Johnson and Perdue the day before the murder, going toward the Burgholzer cabin where the killing took place. Two boys, Delmar Davis and William McPherson, testified they saw Perdue traveling toward Buxton alone the next day. This was in the morning.

Sheriff Hancock corroborated the Johnson confession and swore that the defendant identified the watch and purse which belonged to Perdue and which the de-

fendant had thrown out of the window of a logging-house where he roamed in Portland. Johnson told the officers where to find these articles.

The Sheriff swore that he brought into the county seat the iron which is believed to be the instrument with which Perdue was slain, a piece of wagon tire about 30 inches in length, made into a falling board support at the Burgholzer cabin, and that it was covered with hair and congealed blood.

Dr. Hines, of Forest Grove, and Dr. F. A. Bailey, of Hillsboro, the physicians who examined the skull for the state, stated that in their opinion no bullet could have caused the severe fracture at the base of the skull. There is a portion of the skull gone and the physicians think the break must have been very extensive, more than possibly could have been made with a bullet.

But one witness was sworn Saturday. Brice Wilson, of Timber, swore that he and two of the jurors examined the cabin for bullet holes, but found none. The argument of counsel for the defense was the most eloquent heard in the courtroom since the time that August Wach line was tried for the murder of John D. Ledrick, a Cornelius farmer.

W. G. Hare, a son of Hon. W. D. Hare, associated with his partner, George R. Bagley, made his maiden plea in a murder case, and he covered the case from every standpoint of advantage for the prisoner. He argued that Johnson was not a quick thinker and that after he had killed Perdue, as a result of a quarrel, he was in a chaotic state of mind and that it did not occur to him to surrender to the authorities; that he finally concluded to cover the evidence of the killing and being in hard circumstances, took the money he knew Perdue had on his person, secreted the body and left for Portland.

George R. Bagley made a forcible and eloquent plea, and dwelt upon the fact that Johnson had located Perdue on the timber land afterward thrown up by Perdue, and said that Perdue doubtless was angry at not finding what he had gone after. He attributed Johnson's actions after the killing to his confusion after taking human life, if even only in self-defense, and contended that his only thought was to get away from the scene of the tragedy.

District Attorney E. B. Tongue made the final plea for the state, and asked conviction on the grounds that Johnson's motive was robbery, and that his contention of a quarrel was only a conceived defense. His closing argument was a masterpiece of logic. Johnson's mother was a constant attendant at the trial, coming from her home at Lents. His wife and child were in the city during the court's proceedings. The wife, however, steadfastly refused to see the prisoner or to talk with him. This attitude she has maintained ever since Johnson's arrest. Since that time she has been living with her parents, who are very worthy settlers in the Glenwood district. The child, which is about 2 years old, was taken in to see the father last Friday evening.

The Jury

Jury list including names like Henry Kamms, L. W. House, John D. Mickle, etc.

Last week the Thatcher road district voted another special five mill tax. The improvements to be made are designated as follows: One half of the tax will be used in building a macadamized road beginning at the city limits of Forest Grove and going north on the county road as far as the funds will permit and at the same time insuring a good substantial road. One quarter of the funds will be used on the Hillside road and the balance, one-quarter, will be used on the main road beginning at Thatcher and going north.—News.

Fine lot of 2 to 3 year old fruit and nut trees, grape and berry vines, and more than 100 kinds of roses, many of the latest and best. Fine cut flowers for weddings. Crisp lettuce—2 bunches for a nickel. Morton's Greenhouse, 38-9

At the regular meeting of Gale Grange held December 5th, the following officers were elected: Master, Mr. Daniel Baker; Overseer, Mrs. Ella McPherson; Lecturer, Mrs. Atatin Buxton; Steward, Mrs. Gerlie Pollock; Assistant Steward, Mr. H. L. Bates; Chaplain, Prof. Joseph Marsh; Treasurer, Mr. L. L. Todd; Secretary, Mrs. L. L. Todd; Gate-keeper, Mr. M. E. Dilley; Ceres, Mrs. Allan Rice; Pomona, Mrs. A. D. Alexander; Flora, Mrs. D. B. Adams; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. J. W. Hughes.

Dr. J. S. Bishop, who has lately returned from a course of study in hospitals and sanatoriums in the East, is now prepared to give the best modern home treatment for tuberculosis. Office in the Templeton Block, Forest Grove, Or. 341f

Rufus Waggener this week made a sale of the Tualatin Hotel building and the quarter block on which it stands, to Perry Foote, late of New York, for \$9,000. Mr. Hill, the lessee, will remain in the hotel until his lease expires. Mr. Foote will make some changes in the near future, and may erect a modern hotel building, at the expiration of Mr. Hill's lease.

Lee Mead, of West Union, was in town Tuesday.

O. E. FINISHES TO THE GROVE DEC. 19

Makes a Total of 76 Miles in The State

WILL OPERATE 12 TRAINS DAILY

Varley, Baines and Cornelius are new Stations

It is confidently expected that the Oregon Electric line will be completed from Hillsboro to Forest Grove by next Saturday, although it may take a day or two longer, depending upon weather conditions. This will give the Oregon Electric 76 miles of railroad in operation in the Willamette Valley. The last four passenger coaches, out of a total order of 25, arrived in Portland last Saturday.

Forest Grove will be given service identical with that of Hillsboro, the trains leaving Portland for Hillsboro and Forest Grove under the present schedule. The running time between Hillsboro and Forest Grove, a distance of six miles, will be 15 minutes, putting the latter town within one hour and 20 minutes of Portland, with six local trains operated in each direction daily.

The Grove will hold a jollification when the last spike is driven, and it is expected that Oregon Electric officials will be present on the occasion.

HILLSBORO TIME TABLE

Table with 2 columns: Leaves for Portland / Arrives from Portland. Lists destinations like Forest Grove Local, Sheridan Flyer, etc.

OREGON DAIRYMEN'S MEET

The Oregon Dairymen's Association last Friday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Professor F. L. Kent, of Corvallis, was re-elected president; Mrs. S. A. Yoakum, of Marshfield, first vice-president; A. R. Morgan, of Lincoln, second vice-president, and Carl Abrams, of Salem, secretary-treasurer.

Pledges, which amount to \$150 per month, were given to the salary of a cream expert and instructor. The next legislature will also be called upon to appropriate the sum \$6,000 per year to keep three dairy experts in the field in this state.

Among the addresses delivered was one by Dr. Jas. Withycombe, who urged the keeping of only special purpose cows. He also urged that dairymen produce all their feed. This they can do, he said, and be criticized those who pay \$19 a ton for alfalfa meal containing 11 per cent protein, when they can raise vetch hay for \$5 a ton with 12 per cent protein. He agreed with Wm. Schulmerich, who said that the day of cheap milk feed is past.

NOTICE

All parties whose accounts with me have been over six months out standing are requested to settle. Dr. S. T. Linklater.

Schmeltzer's Wood Yard

Persons desiring oak, fir or ash wood can have same delivered at the following prices: Fir, 4-foot, \$4.00, same sawed, \$4.50; ash, 4 ft., \$4.50, same sawed, \$5.00; oak, 4 ft., \$5.00, same sawed, \$5.50. Both phones.—H. D. Schmeltzer. 371f

John Ibach, of Banks, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Dewitt Merrill, of Farmington, was in the city Monday.

Hon. G. W. Marsh, of Centerville, was in town last Saturday.

John Fisher, of West Union, was in town Monday.

P. I. Lilligard and wife, of Laurel, were in town Monday, and called.

D. W. Benefiel, of Latourelle Falls, was here on business last Saturday.

W. R. Harris, the County Fruit Inspector, was in town Tuesday, from Forest Grove.

A lot of apple, pear, peach and Franquette walnut trees, all first class; also some Logan berry bushes, for sale at the Tualatin Hotel. Inquire J. J. Hill. 40 41

See Our Full Assortment of Toilet Aids. A GOODLY SUPPLY of toilet aids is an absolute necessity at this resort especially. Hillsboro Pharmacy

FARMS AND SUBURBAN ACREAGE. 18 1-2 acres on the rich Reedville Prairie; all cleared and in a very high state of cultivation; all well fenced; large new house, new large barn; good outbuildings; two good wells; faces on two good public roads. Price, \$2500; \$2000 cash, balance easy payments. Shaw-Fear Company

Shaw-Fear Company 245 1-2 Stark St. Portland, Oregon. Anybody can Make Money. But it is a wise man that saves it. It is the First \$100 that is the Hardest to Save. Corneliu State Bank

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