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BERT OAKMAN HAS LIBERTY

Pardoned by Governor Benson, Christmas Day

KILLED FRANK BENNETT IN 1904

Served but Five Years in the State Penitentiary

Bert Oakman, formerly of Monmouth, Illinois, and who was in Hillsboro in the Summer of 1904, and who killed Frank Bennett, in the rear of the then Southworth house, on the night of August 27 of that year, was pardoned "out by Gov. Benson, Christmas, and is now working in the state, enjoying a responsible position. Oakman was a young man of no particular



Bert Oakman

vicious habits. He and Bennett had been friends, and had cut wood together, both here and at Ilwaco, Wash. They had several quarrels, and on the night of the killing they agreed, after meeting at the post office to go to the Southworth house, and from there to the alley, and "fight it out." Bennett had several times whipped Oakman, but the latter always went back to the fight. After a blow was struck Oakman plunged a knife into Bennett's jugular and he fell. Oakman then ran away, and Bennett staggered to his feet, and went into the room, where he expired in a few minutes. Dr. Tamieis reaching him just as he was breathing his last.

Oakman went to Portland after remaining all night at the Warren Grove, and in the morning, early, enroute to Portland, stopped at the Borwick Farm for a bite to eat. He met Dr. Linklater and this caused him to be alarmed. He rode a few miles farther and then threw away his wheel, walking into Fulton. From there he went to Warren, on the Columbia, where he was captured by Lou Hartman, a Portland detective.

Oakman went to trial, S. B. Huston defending. After the jury had been impaneled he agreed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree, which was accepted by the state, as an open knife



Frank Bennett, killed by Oakman

was found on Bennett's person by the coroner. Judge McBride sentenced him to life imprisonment, but in reading over his lecture while delivering the decree it can be seen that the jurist had some idea that at some time the defendant would receive a pardon.

Bennett's father and mother agreed with the state that pleading the second degree would be proper, and this statement was made by District Attorney Harrison Allen.

His father back in Monmouth, Ill., has been trying ever since to get Oakman out, and it was only Christmas Day, through Attorney Huston, that the release came.

ON FEDERAL VENIRE

The following Washington County people were drawn on the Federal jury, as talesmen on the famous Binger Herman case, to meet in Portland this week: Beulah Scholfield, W. H. Morrison, Frank Trabtree, J. D. Hibbs, J. C. Smock, J. J. Beard, M. C. Peter son, Austin Buxton, Mark Cas J. D. Michie, Robt. Alexander, T. H. Littlehales, W. B. Haines, A. B. Thomas, Milton York, N. L. Wiley, Pete Wagner and R. A. Bamford.

We now have a good supply of good hard burned brick, and building blocks for cellars and foundations. Try our building blocks for your house foundations. Cheaper than cement or brick and better protection against frost. We have finished our run of large tile and are again running on smaller size, and have a fair supply at the yard. Parties wanting tile delivered should place their orders now so we can haul them before bad weather. There is always a rush of hauling orders in the Fall when roads are almost impassable. We have a good supply of rough and dressed lumber at our mill, and a quantity of common lumber at the H. & E. spur, below Newton, the latter to sell at a sacrifice—2x12, 2x8, 2x6, 2x4, 1x10, 1x8, 1x6 and 1x4 of various lengths. This is all good dry stock, and it will pay you to investigate should you want any of these dimensions—Groner & Rossell Co., Schools, Hillsboro, R. 2.

A circular is being distributed in and around Schools by E. Wenstrom, and it contains a charge that the Argus is in some manner being subsidized to refrain from printing Mr. Wenstrom's statements. Of course, the innuendo is not true. The author was apprised that the Argus would not print the communication because upon the face of it was libelous, "per se," and the Argus isn't looking for a chance to prove the truth or falsity of anyone's assertions, as these things are often expensive to newspapers. A newspaper cannot always print the views of persons where the character of the charge is actionable at law. The courts are good places from which to steer clear.

When the Oregon Electric freight was at the depot, Tuesday forenoon, the caboose caught on fire. The train crew telephoned to the fire department, and then backed the trolley up to the firehall, where the fire company soon had water on the blaze. Hillsboro believes in being modern, and it's not every city that can have a fire on wheels backed up to the fire department for quick action. The train crew thanked the department very cordially for their active work, and it is presumed that the Oregon Electric will allow all of the firemen to ride on the line, if they present little pieces of pasteboard which are kept on sale at all the local ticket offices.

Grant Holcomb, who killed more deer perhaps, than any other one man who ever lived in Washington County, and who is now located at Springfield, Lane County, is up for a few days stay at West Union and Bethany, where his mother and brothers reside. He says that Springfield is going right along. Carl is in the real estate business down that way and says that all property is moving nicely. He gets out and kills a venison once in awhile when the season is open.

Carl Neier, of below Newton, while cutting out a watering trough with an adz, badly cut one of his feet. The wound is a very serious one, and will give him considerable trouble, and that watering trough will be worth something before Carl is through with it. Dr. A. B. Bailey closed the wound, and says his patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Claude Allison, well known as the city bill poster and distributor of advertising matter, while chopping kindling, Monday, cut one of the tendons of a finger, and was attended by Dr. A. B. Bailey. It was a very bad incision, and may result in a stiff finger for all time.

I have a buzz saw and will saw cord wood or pole into stove wood, for any one living in the neighborhood of Farmington or Riddleville. Also work done on gasoline engines. Will guarantee to make them run right.—Carl Skow, Beaverton, Ore., R. 4, Box 44, 414.

Martin C. Larsen, of near Cedar Mill, while at the Schmidt & Kuslich store, on the Oregon Electric, Monday, fell and broke one of the bones of his left hand. Dr. A. B. Bailey reduced the fracture.

Wanted: Girl for general housework. Two people only—Mrs. Walter Inch, Washington Street, between Fourth and Fifth Pacific States Telephone, Main 384.

L. C. Kinser, of North Plains, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Kinser is suffering from an indigestion which requires his leaving his farm in the not distant future.

M. C. Hewitt, the carpenter, is still in the housemoving business, and if you have a building to move, see him for an estimate. 43 if

E. C. Mulloy and Henry Boge, of Hillsboro, came in to see how Hillsboro's snowfall was progressing, Tuesday.

O. Z. Smith, of Metzger, on the Oregon Electric, beyond Garden Home, was in the county seat Tuesday.

CIRCUIT COURT CLAIMS ALLOWED

County Commissioners Audit

String of Bills

JUSTICE AND CORONER BILLS

Court is in Session Again Today

Much Business

THE COUNTY COURT IS HAVING A BUSY MONTH, AND ASSEMBLED AGAIN, TODAY, TO TAKE UP THE JANUARY WORK.

Transcripts were allowed as follows:

Judge court, G. W. Barnes—State vs. C. L. Brown, State vs. Isaac Smith, State vs. Fred Willis, State vs. Raymond Westcott. Coroner's

—Inq. ests of Jacob Bowman Heartley and Arnold Harrison.

Recorder Ireland reported De

cember fees at \$74.30 and Clerk

Bailey reports Dec collections at

\$409.

Road as per petition G. W. Cas

sidy was established.

Eastern Investment Co. was

given tax refund of \$20.45, and

Sheriff Hancock a refund of \$14.47.

The county judge was authorized

to advertise for bids on bridge in

District No. 9, petition of J. C.

Harrison.

Special levies of school districts

were ordered placed on tax rolls as

follows—Dist. 47, mills, 1.4; Dist.

67, mills, 0.4; Dist. 83, mills, 0.6;

Dist. 99, mills, 0.2; Dist. 63, mills,

0.2; Dist. 79, mills, 0.3; Dist. 86,

mills, 0.5.

Claims audited—

Circuit Court Jurors, Original Panel

M. S. Woodman \$5.40, J. C. Buchanan

J. E. Gordon \$3.60, T. I. Patterson 7. J.

L. Andrews 5.70, J. W. Jameon 4.20, C. R.

Adams 5.40, W. W. Goff 4.20, Palmer

Tucker 6.40, Fred B. Clark 4.80, Edw

Schulmeyer 27, Isaac Trullinger 42, F. R.

Davis 42, C. C. Nelson 42, Chas W. Bloom

27, A. T. Burton 42, J. H. Hartley 39, T. W.

Sain 50, H. A. Ball 36, E. A. Eddy 35, F. S.

Bain 39, Thos. Howe 39, Peter Christen-

sen 5.

GRAND JURY

J. A. Thornburgh \$32.20, B. B. Reeves

53, T. S. Farmer 52.20, Geo. Freyng 54.20,

Chas. E. Potts 54.40, A. H. Phipps 54, C. L.

Crocker 51.40.

SPecial Jurymen

Clark Hewitt \$2, Fred Collett 6.80, J. B.

Clinino 6.8, E. Savage 6, L. Cole 6, Geo. Gal-

breath 6, J. R. C. Thompson 6, E. Klinger

6, Thos. Sims 3.20, C. F. Castle 10, A.

Boe 7.20, John Boge 6.20, H. L. Flint

7.20, J. Schmitz 4.40, P. Klotz 3.60, Henry

Ediger 2, Charles Loudon 2.

ROSEMARY JURY

D. B. Gould \$25.40, W. L. Stevens 22.20,

Oscar Larson 25.40, J. F. Anderson 22.40,

Hoffaker 24.80, J. F. Brandt 24.60, C.

F. Tigard 24.60, J. Nyberg 25.40, Clem

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GRAND JURY

C. Rehs \$5, P. A. Batchelor 9, Oscar

Jacobs 9, L. E. Shute 9, J. W. Henry 7.

Henry Hause 7, Nels Holm 6, Andy

Woodly 6, J. B. Adams 4.20, Scott

Richmond 6, S. Paisley 6, Fred Unger 6.

The following received \$2. each: H. M.

Harvey, H. Challacombe, Roy Heinck, J.

Kurath, Homer Smith, Andrew Jack,

Will Adams, Peter Perry.

CIRCUIT COURT WITNESSES

C. Blaser \$6, E. C. Brown \$1.80, L. A. Rood 6,

Englehardt Hansen 6.80, F. B. Clark 9.60,

W. O. Donelson 6, A. B. Bailey 8, F. A. Bailey

8, Ambrose Schmidlin 14.80, Bud

Dilley 13.20, R. Bowman 6, W. I. Collett

13.20, L. E. Huntsman 8, Miss Colby 8,

Gust Schmidlin 16.80, W. P. Raymond 13.

10, Theo. Turk 14.60, Mrs. Juline Martini

16, Julius Martini 6, Wm. L. Davis 6,

Charles Sherburn 6, Dr. S. R. Vincent

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6, Jas. D. Wirth 6, J. A. Thorburgh

5.20, C. Jack 12.

GRAND JURY WITNESSES

A. Leihammer \$6, C. W. McNamee 3.20,

James Dilley 3.80, Roy Dilley 3.80, L. E.

Huntsman 2, Thos. Turk 2.

ROADS & HIGHWAYS

L. M. Buell \$16.02, M. G. Prickett 8,

Ovile Prickett 8, H. Smith 8, N. S.

Prickett 8, Geo. A. Mortill 10, A. B. Todt

10, Washington Cabler 2, M. Bigham 8,