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FOUR VISIT SCHMIDT RANCH LAST SUNDAY

Criminologist Thacher, Chaplain MacLaren and Lawson Make Trip

ACCOMPANIED BY NEWSPAPER MAN

Find That Trip Stated by Sierks was Next to Impossible to Make

Supt. Lawson, of the State Penitentiary, Criminologist Thacher, Chaplain MacLaren, and Clark Williams, of the Oregonian, came to Hillsboro, Sunday morning, and from this point went to the Louie Schmidt ranch, for the purpose of throwing light on the purpose of throwing light on Sierks' confession that he killed Mrs. Wehrman, near Scappoose, Sept. 4, 1911. When they arrived in Hillsboro, Mr. Thacher was confident that he had the right man, but when he talked with Louie Schmidt he appeared to think the affair was shrouded in as much doubt as ever. Schmidt does not think that Sierks was away from the ranch on the night of Sept. 4, 1911, and does not think that he could have made the trip in the time given; nor does he think he could have slipped away from the house without the householder knowing it. Lawson and Thacher, accompanied by the others, went from Schmidt's to Burlington, and it took them two and one-half hours to make the trip. They would probably make the trip as fast as Sierks, and this would have meant five hours out of Sierks' time, alone.

Clark Williams, the reporter, in writing up the trip, admits the physical "impropriety" of Sierks' story, in the following: "Mr. Schmidt said Sierks is slow in his movements and he thought the trip to Scappoose would take him longer than almost anyone else. Colonel Lawson and his party learned from persons of the neighborhood that there is a trail from the Schmidt ranch to Holbrook and also a wagon road leading through Cornelius Gap to Holbrook, so that one could cover that distance with a team in less than two hours. From Holbrook to Scappoose is still seven miles, however, making more ground to be covered than seemed possible for young Sierks in a single night, as he set forth in his confession.

When he told the alleged story of the double murder to Mr. MacLaren last week, Sierks said he took a United Railways train at a point the authorities believed to be Valle Vista. They think now he meant Helvetia, a station nearer the Schmidt ranch, because his spelling was phonetic purely, and might just as easily mean one as the other, as both are pronounced much alike.

Colonel Lawson's party drove from the ranch to Helvetia station, three miles away, and walked along the United Railways track to Burlington, six miles, to see if Sierks could possibly have covered the distance on foot, since his statement that he rode to Burlington and return on United Railways trains is obviously false.

Burlington is more than seven miles from Scappoose, making the round trip from the Schmidt ranch fully 18 miles, too long a distance, it was thought, for Sierks to have accomplished on foot in a night."

Chas. Wescott and H. W. Scott, of Gaston, went to the Nehalem, the first of last week, on a salmon fishing expedition. Wescott had fairly good luck after being there a day or so, but on the fourth day Scott had not enjoyed a single "bite." He harassed Wescott to go back to Gaston, and on Friday morning the two packed and were ready to catch the Tillamook passenger. Scott concluded to go back, just before train time, and make one more cast of his line. He did so, and was rewarded by a 21-pound steelhead. This settled it for Scott, and he refused to budge, leaving Wescott to make the trip alone. This is the biggest salmon that Scott ever landed with a hook and line, and he expects to get his name in "Who's Who in Oregon" in the next edition. Scott came home the first of the week, after bait ran out, but that big salmon has his goat, and he is going to go back as soon as he can get warmed up.

I represent Spirella corsets—not sold in stores. Will call at homes on request, and do the fitting, and teach how to adjust and wear the corset. Our tailored made-to-measure corsets, including the latest front lace, with an experienced corsetier service, cost no more than high class corsets purchased in stores.—Mrs. M. E. Caudle, Hillsboro, Fifth and Jackson Streets, Phone No. Main 384. 28-45

Lora M. Bailey, who lives in the Burnham tract, near Tigard, has sued Linn H. Bailey for divorce, alleging the husband is an inebriate. They were married in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1907, and came here a few years ago. She says that they bought in the Burnham tract, and she had to work out and pay interest, as well as principal, on money borrowed, to purchase their home. She was divorced and \$20 per month alimony. The famous John Ditchburn, the sailor-lawyer, is her attorney.

Prices that save you money—10c outing flannel, now 8c per yard; 12c outing flannel, now 10c; 12 1/2 flannel-ettes, now 9c; 25c satens, now 21c and 23c; 50c serges, now 42c; \$1 serges, now 75c; 25c soisette and poplins, now 19c. These prices are good until every yard has been sold.—Greens, Main St.

A representative of the Reo Auto truck agency was out the last of the week, in an endeavor to get the county court to raise the ban against the trucks hauling in the county. The manager tried every way to get concessions, saying that they would haul rock for the county one day out of each week, if granted permission to run. The court took no action on the request, and it is not likely that the vehicles will be allowed to operate until the roads are again in good condition.

I am handling the Watson Remedies in the Northern portion of Washington County, and will visit patrons every three months. Territory is North of Baseline. All persons wishing orders can mail same to me at Forest Grove.—R. F. Lepeschat, Forest Grove, Ore.

S. E. Graf, of Bethany, was in the city Monday morning. Mr. Graf has been the president of the German Mutual Fire Insurance Association, an organization that is local, and which is carrying over a million dollars in fire insurance, strictly all in Washington County. The Mutual is giving insurance a great deal cheaper than other Mutuals in the state, and is a business institution of which its members are very proud.

See our new non-breakable range—the Arcadian. The best range made and at a price that is inside of economy. A splendid baker and one that pleases every housewife.—Corwin.

The county roads are now getting their usual depth of mud, particularly where there is no macadam. The auto-truck business, however, is at a standstill, since the court order prohibiting their operation, except where the roads were well-established.

Constable Virgil Weekert, of Sherwood, accompanied by R. P. Schmidt, of the same section, visited Hillsboro the last of the week.

John Nyberg, of Tualatin, was up Monday, on legal business. John will now devote all his spare time to his private business, and says it feels good to again be foot-loose.

Erwin Ritter, of Bethany, was in town Monday, attending the German Mutual meeting. Adam Beil, of Centerville, was in town Saturday afternoon.

JAMES N. HARPER BREAKS MAN'S ARM

Two Have Altercation With Distasteful Results

ONE JAILED; OTHER LAID UP

Result of Talking About Harper's Wife, Says Harper

James N. Harper, a recent arrival to the county, was placed in jail, Friday, on complaint of P. H. Trigg, the victim of a broken arm. Harper and his wife are taking care of the cook house over at the Wilcox mill in South Tualatin. The two men had an altercation Friday afternoon, and Harper took a 1x3 scantling and proceeded to connect with Trigg's arm, which was broken, both bones, above the wrist. Harper was the first to report the incident, which he did by telephone to the Sheriff's office, alleging that Trigg "had talked about his (Harper's) wife." Sheriff Reeves was absent and Deputy Applegate told Harper that he had better come in and give himself up, which he did. The two arrived in town about the same time. Trigg went before the district attorney's office and swore to a complaint, using his left hand to make his "mark." Judge Smith, after hearing explanations from both sides, placed Harper under \$500 bonds to appear before the grand jury. Trigg disclaims saying anything about the woman, except to repeat what he says Harper himself had said. Dr. F. A. Bailey reduced the fracture, and Trigg went to the Hotel Tualatin to nurse himself.

The Grand Jury, which met Tuesday, is investigating the case.

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public sale at the Mulford place, half mile north of Elmonica, 4 miles N. W. of Beaverton, 7 miles east of Hillsboro, at 10 a. m., on

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

Bay horse, 1250, 9 yrs; bay horse, 1200, 6 yrs; 7 head cows, 3 fresh now, 3 fresh in six weeks, one fresh in Spring; 3 yearling heifers, 6-mo calf; 29 head fine shotts, 90 to 140 lbs; fat hog, 275 lbs; 2 thoroughbred Duroc Jersey sows bred to thoroughbred boar, to farrow in Spring; 6 3-mo pigs, 3-inch wagon, new; hax, new buggy, new McCormick mower, new McCormick rake, hayrack, Dowden potato digger and Super planter, good as new; disc, harrow, Oliver chilled plow, steel plow, cultivator, 600-lb capacity cream separator, new, set dbl work harness, set dbl buggy harness, set single harness, 5 10-lb milk cans; set 3-horse shafts, and numerous other articles. Lunch at noon.

Terms of Sale: Under \$20, cash; over, 9 months time, bankable note, at 8 per cent. interest; 2 per cent. off, cash over \$20.

A. C. Mulford, Owner. B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer. John Vanderwal, Clerk.

S. P. AND P. E. & E.

All, except the P. R. & N., trains are electric, and stop at the depot on Main street.

To Portland
Forest Grove Train.....6:50 a. m.
McMinnville Train.....7:36 a. m.
Sheridan Train.....9:58 p. m.
Forest Grove Train.....12:50 p. m.
McMinnville Train.....2:15 p. m.
Forest Grove Train.....4:10 p. m.
Eugene Train.....4:53 p. m.
McMinnville Train.....6:37 p. m.
Forest Grove Train.....9:50 p. m.

From Portland
Eugene Train arrives.....8:15 a. m.
McMinnville ".....9:42 a. m.
Forest Grove ".....11:59 a. m.
Forest Grove ".....3:15 p. m.
Sheridan ".....4:30 p. m.
McMinnville ".....6:37 p. m.
Forest Grove ".....7:15 p. m.
Forest Grove ".....9:00 p. m.
McMinnville ".....12:15 a. m.

All trains, except Eugene trains, stop on flag at North Range and Fir streets and at Sixth and Fir streets and at Tenth street. Steam Service.....Old Depot

To Portland
P. R. & N. Train.....1:37 p. m.
From Portland
P. R. & N. Train.....10:24 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kraus, of Oak Point, Wash., came out the last of the week to visit relatives in South Tualatin.

R. M. Shane, of below Farmington, was in town the first of the week.

Peter Grossen and Alfred Guerber, of Helvetia, were in the city Monday.

A. C. Mulford, of near Elmonica, was in the city the first of the week.

J. W. Gates, of Leisville, was a city caller the first of the week.

Louie Wolf, of Beaverton, was in the county seat the first of the week.

Otto Wohler, the onion grower of near Oak Park, was in the city Monday.

J. J. Kurath, of Phillips, came in Monday to attend the big insurance meeting.

John Swalley, of Reedville, was a city caller the last of the week.

J. A. Kirkwood, of Reedville, transacted business in the city Monday.

The Arcadian malleable, non breakable ranges are made to last a lifetime.—D. Corwin.

Mrs. Wade Everest and child, of Tillamook, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Blaser.

Fred Jomy, of North Plains, was in the city the last of the week.

John Wunderlich, the Banks furniture man, was in town the last of the weeks.

Best slawwood on the market—get prices for Fall or Summer delivery. See me first. All kinds cordwood.—H. D. Schmeltzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroner, of Tigard, were attendants at the Jackson Day celebration in Portland, Friday evening.

Do not forget to ask for a Schiller when you want a good 10 cent smoke—no "cough dust" in the Schiller. 12tf

Mrs. Lee Commons, of Ona, Ore., is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Wolfersperger.

John Trachsel, of near Elmonica, the road supervisor for that section, was in the county seat Monday.

E. J. Bulgin, who held revival services here last Summer, is now holding meetings on the East Side, Portland.

If you want your Monday's washing made easy you should see our Vacuum Washing machine. Take a look at it at Corwin's.

Mrs. W. N. Harris and daughter, Merlea, departed Saturday morning for an extended visit with Mrs. Harris' sister, Mrs. Norman Hawk, at Walla Walla, Wash.

For Sale: Registered Berkshire boar, 2 1/2 years old, in good condition. For further particulars, price, etc., apply to W. H. Marshall, Laurel, Oregon, Route 2. 43-5

George Holscheimer, of Elmonica, was in town Monday. When Geo. first settled down that way it was very near a wilderness. It is now almost suburban in development, and land values are away up.

The Oregon Electric freight yard is the scene of activity these days, many carloads of ties from South Tualatin, and other points, being loaded for shipment to Northern Pacific and Great Northern points.

Dan Cupid appears to have taken quite a rest. Not a license was issued by Clerk Luce from Dec. 28 up to Monday afternoon. It begins to look as though some one had been making some resolutions—whether good or bad to be determined by one's state of mind.

Bob O. Stevenson, ex-county judge, was down from Gales Creek, Friday. Out of seven tawns presented him by his domestic deer, this year, not one lived to winter over. When asked the reason for their demise Bob told the Argus that the youngsters became dependent over the probability of changes in the game law.

Constable M. K. Emmons, of Beaverton, Friday, brought to the county jail one Frank Bruk, an aged man, committed on a larceny charge by Justice Fry. Bruk resides near the municipal wood camp, south of Beaverton, and he was caught at the commissary, helping himself to meat, and a saw, to cut it with. The constable went to his cabin and found 11 crosscut saws stored away. Bruk is probably a little demented, and his mental shortcomings will probably save him from a jail sentence.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS OF STATE-AT-LARGE

What Progress is Doing Here and There

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS ARE DOING

More Men Put to Work in the Oregon Country

The Salem Bureau sends out the following:
Hillsboro's canning industry will be more than doubled in 1915.

The Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co. will have a 10 per cent. increase in milk receipts in Washington County for 1915.

One of the plausible things to come before the legislature is a state institution for the care of crippled children.

Newport—Ed. Stocker will remove a sawmill plant from Philomath to near this place.

The resources of Oregon and Agricultural education are to be advanced by an O. A. C. college quartet going East to give concerts.

The Southern Pacific shops have re-opened at three places employing 1200 men.

Eugene—Lane county tax levy reduced three mills and \$108,399 out from budget.

Irving farmers are boosting the sugar beet industry.

A. C. Ruby, Portland stock man, builds \$25,000 residence.

London—Bids being taken for new Congregational church.

The attempt to collect nearly \$50 liability insurance from a man erecting a \$1,000 house at Portland shows what a state system costs.

Albany—W. B. Glafke establishes a branch wholesale house here. Oregon canneries report a good market for their products, but will ask relief from restrictive legislation.

Plans are complete for the \$100,000 hotel to be erected by Mayor Simpson and associates at North Bend.

Richland—Drs. Sanders and Eastland will build a general hospital.

Guy Laffollette is the new owner of the Crook County Journal, at Prineville.

Baker—This city spent \$300,000 on new buildings in 1914.

The North Bend Manufacturing Co. is getting out \$15,000 myrtle wood novelties for the Panama Fair.

Three new bridges on the Columbia highway to Astoria will cost \$40,000.

Baker county mining output for 1914 was \$1,500,000.

Tax reduction in Polk county amounts to \$110,901 below 1914.

Senator Farrell's proposition to cut all salaries above \$4000 twenty per cent. is good—but why not cut \$3000 and \$3000 salaries?

Salem—Seventy men, with families, have been set to work digging sewer ditches in North Salem.

Central Oregon Irrigationists will ask state to appropriate \$1,350,000 for projects—but in vain.

Oregon City—Crown-Williamette Paper mills have made places for 33 more men.

A Pendleton manufacturer of toilet preparations makes a house to house canvass to introduce her line, and gives a free treatment at an up-to-date beauty parlor to each purchaser.

Grants Pass is pushing for three new industries in 1915—a beet sugar factory, a custom mill to crush ore, and a plant to prepare lime rock for fertilizer.

UNION STOCK YARDS

Receipts for the week have been cattle, 1845; calves, 14; hogs, 10323; sheep, 5156.

With the exception of Monday's run the receipts have been slack. Prices continue on a par with Monday's market. Best steers brought 8; cows 6 85; heifers 6 50. Outlook is steady.

Hog receipts were particularly heavy this week, over 10000 head coming forward, prices accordingly dropped slightly. Tops being at 7 15 today.

All offerings in the sheep section are quickly taken, every thing available going at good prices. Lambs bring 7 50 while yearling wethers sell readily at 6 50.

Wheat has been the highest in the history of the world since the Civil War, for the past two weeks. Demand from the war front is supposed to be the cause.

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