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## JURY FINDS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Out Several Hours Friday Night Before a Verdict was Agreed Upon

POWERFUL ADDRESSES MADE TO JURY

Conviction Came as Blow to Mrs. Merio, Who Expected Acquittal

The famous Merio case came to an end Saturday morning, about three o'clock, when the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Rose Merio, charged with murder in the second degree, on the night of October 4, when she killed her husband, Joseph Merio. The trial consumed five days and a portion of one night, and was stoutly defended.

After all the evidence was through with T. H. Tongue Jr. opened the argument for the state, and presented the testimony which was brought out, and contended that from Mrs. Merio's own sworn statements they must bring in a verdict of guilty. H. T. Bagley followed and his argument was good. He made an eloquent appeal to the jury to turn the woman free, and in the audience it was freely predicted that the case would result in either disagreement or acquittal. S. B. Huston for the defense, followed Mr. Bagley, and then District Attorney E. B. Tongue closed for the state. His argument consumed two hours, and he reviewed the case from beginning to end. The counsel for the State left no opening, and his analysis of the case was a masterpiece.

The jury came out at twelve o'clock, midnight, and celebrated the New Year by dining. They then returned to the jury room, and at three in the morning sent in word that they had reached upon a verdict. Mrs. Merio and her father, David Rehitto, remained in the court room until the verdict was reached. The result came as a blow to the woman, who all along has felt that she would be acquitted.

The jury: Ben Day, Tualatin; Antone Hermens, Centerville; W. E. Crosby, Scholls; Thos. Connell, G. O. Frost and Fred Schomburg, Hillsboro; Daniel Rainwater, Banks; Jacob Correll, Cornelius; G. A. Plieth, Tigard; A. H. Thomas, Forest Grove; Robert Halstead, North Forest Grove, and E. C. Mulloy, Laurel.

The penalty is an indeterminate sentence of from 1 to 15 years. Mrs. Merio's attorneys will appeal the case and are already have a transcript of the evidence and trial made by Court Reporter Runyon.

## GILLENWATER—OLSON

A quiet home wedding was celebrated at Orengo, Ore., Jan. 1, 1916, when at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Olson, when their daughter, Signa Marie, was united in marriage to Carl Conklin Gillenwater, of Hillsboro, Rev. L. M. Booser officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends.

The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine, simply made, and carried an arm bouquet of bride roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillenwater will reside at the Connell ranch, north of this city, for the present.

E. J. Bondshu, convicted of a statutory offense against Violet Bondshu, his ward, went into court Monday morning and received sentence, Judge Bagley giving him from 3 to 20 years, the penalty prescribed by law. Attorney Hare asked for leniency from the court. The Court stated that he was powerless to grant a parole, and the matter of pardon would have to be taken before the governor. He stated that if all the jurors signed a petition for pardon that he would put no obstruction in the way. The court fixed the costs of the suit at \$319.40, which was paid in cash out of the money Bondshu had put up as bail. Attorney T. H. Tongue, who had fixed the costs, had nothing to say, as he said he was no longer deputy, having resigned, but claimed the costs should be deducted from the bail money. This was done, and Bondshu was given his bail less the amount, and turned over to the sheriff's office. Bondshu felt that it would take a year to get the matter to the Supreme Court and back, and that he had better start serving time and rely on a pardon after a service of several months.

For rent: Two farms—one of 160 acres, about 135 acres in cultivation, one mile from Forest Grove, barn room for about 20 cows and 6 horses, city water, cash rent; and other, 142 acres, 11 miles south of Reedville, about one-half in cultivation, barn room for 10 head cows and 4 horses, good well, and fair house; tenant can work out greater part of ranch, cash rent.—C. J. Birdsell, 512 Seventh Street, Hillsboro, Phone City 329.

Alfalfa hay, which is much in vogue by Washington County dairymen, has taken a lift in price since the cold snap over the Northwest. The Buchanan Co. has a pretty big sale on this stock fodder, and when offered two cartloads at a slight advance ten days ago, turned down the order. A few days later it jumped a dollar a ton higher, and is still jumping. Mill feed, also, is expected to raise.

Wanted: A responsible man to sell Watkins remedies and products in good county. An opportunity to get into a profitable business of your own without investing one dollar in the goods you sell. Must be able to furnish team or auto and give personal bond with two responsible sureties. See W. H. Erwin, 1452 Main St., Hillsboro, 41-3.

Sheriff Reeves went to Salem, Monday, taking Jack Kaster and Chas. Brown to the penitentiary, and Earl Johnston, of Forest Grove, to the Boys Training School.

For sale: House and three lots in Hillsboro. Or will trade for cleared acreage, bottom land or swale, near Orengo preferred.—H. Jeibman, Hillsboro, Ore.

J. O. Crandall, who arrived at Myers, Mont., the other day, writes his wife, who is still here, that mercury stood twenty below when he reached the upper country.

News for the economic housewife. Corn and tomatoes three cents for twenty-five cents, at the Hillsboro Mercantile Co.

Dr. Jos. Tamesis, of Portland, spent New Years with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Reiling.

You can still get 30c Peaberry coffee for 25c at the Hillsboro Mercantile Co.

Fred B. Siegrist has returned from an extended trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

## COUNTY COURT LEVIES TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR

General Tax, Total, is Little Over \$1,000 Less Than in 1914

BUT HIGH SCHOOL RAISES ITS

New Law Forces \$10,000 More on Districts Having no High

The County Court met late Thursday and levied the tax for the fiscal year and the sum total, including the state tax, amounts to \$388,512.08. The millage this year is 16 1/2 mills on all property located in districts where High Schools are established, and 17.1 mills on districts where there are no high schools. This tax is fixed by law and the court has no recourse.

This additional tax amounts to \$10,274.37, but does not affect those districts that have established High Schools, embracing Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Tualatin, Orengo and Beaverton.

In the table which follows, "County Roads and Bridges" contains the appropriation for all. The state tax is so fixed; the school tax also, as well as the indigent, library and high school. The "county" fund contains the \$21,000 for the state road between Forest Grove and Beaverton, as well as the machinery for the county.

Take away the High School levy, with which the court has no jurisdiction except to place it on the rolls, according to law, and the levy this year is \$1,382.84 less than last year.

Funds	Mills
Roads and bridges	8.5000
State	3.2900
School	3.2300
Indigent soldiers	0.0004
Library	0.0004
High School Levy out side of Districts that has High Schools Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Tualatin, Orengo and Beaverton	0.0000
County	14.2604
Total Mills	17.10000

Summary	
Roads and bridges	\$118,208.85
State	72,858.41
School	69,204.75
Indigent soldiers	780.75
Library	803.67
H S Levy out side of districts that has H S Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Tualatin, Beaverton and Orengo	10,274.37
County	94,384.22
Total	\$388,512.08

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

(From The Argus)

Washington County property was assessed on the tax roll at \$4,412,775. The State Board raised it \$315,021. (Editor's Note—This is one quarter of the present assessment in 1915 A. D.—not quite one quarter.)

Will Cornelius, son of B. P. Cornelius, fell on the stove and cut a severe wound on his head. Dr. Bailey sewing it together. (The Argus twenty years ago says a "small child of B. P. Cornelius"—Fanny how soon twenty years passes.)

W. V. Wiley laid 65 covers for his friends one evening, and the menu was roast duck. Marion Ogden was the chief and the master of ceremonies.

Sleigh bells jingled all week, but the snow put the quietus on skating.

Courtney Meek gave a big New Year's dance at the big house out on Meek Plains.

Tom Robinson died at the Wm. Bagley farm, Lelyville, this week. He was born in 1812. He was the father of Mrs. Bagley.

Miss Mary Tongue, (Now Mrs. Gay Lombard) visited with friends at Heppner.

John Hay and wife (now of Seattle) visited with the Hays, of Newton, the Hares of Hillsboro, and the Fishers at the Grove.

L. E. Wilken made a business trip to Goldendale.

Prof. J. M. Stanley was principal of the Hillsboro schools.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heide, Dec. 25, 1915, at Corvallis, a son, weight 13 pounds. The young man is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Heide, of this city.

John Kamna, of Farmington, transacted business in town the first of the week.

R. N. Shane, of Farmington, was a city visitor Friday, laying in a stock of good resolutions.

John Oppenlander, of Varley, was in the city Monday afternoon.

Paul Landauer, of West Union, was a city visitor Monday morning.

Carl Moritz, formerly of Beaverton, now located at Lebanon, writes for a year's Argus.

Wanted: A second hand single wagon, buggy and harness, if a bargain.—S. J. Cloake, near Newton, Hillsboro, R. 5, Box 86.

Jacob Michel, now living at Garden Home, was a city caller Friday.

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

Wanted: Two young men want job of slashing near Hillsboro. Address Hillsboro, Ore., Route 1, Box 138. 40-2

Woman's rights in Oregon, and Leap Year, at that! Who wouldn't be a good looking bachelor where "flows the Oregon?"

Wanted—at once: Young men for automobile business. Big pay. We make you expert in ten weeks by mail. Pay us after we secure you position. Century Automobile Institute, Los Angeles, Cal.

D. W. Bath, former publisher and editor of the Independent, came over from Tacoma, on private business, the last of the week, and called on the Argus.

Pigeons for sale, cheap: Homers, Carnaux and Crosses. Have about 250 birds, which on account of my ill health, am obliged to sell.—E. F. Sias, Box 492, Hillsboro, Ore., or call at 565 Broadway. 34tf

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Riggs, of Orengo, Dec. 31, 1915, a son. This is their second child, the first being a girl. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Emmott, of Hillsboro, now have their first grandson.

For rent: Six and one-half acres, 6-room house, barn and outhouses, one mile east of Hillsboro. Per year, cash rent, \$75. Address H. D. Schmeltzer, Hillsboro, Ore. 34tf

Several gasoline engine jackets have been cracked out in the country the past week, the result of water being left in them. The wise will keep their tanks empty when the engine is not in use for a stitch in time saves an engine.

I saw cordwood, piles up to 12 inches in diameter, fence rails, and boards of all kinds, into stovewood lengths. Will go into the country. Write, phone or call on me.—Carl Skow, Hillsboro, Phone, City 462, or call at Tualatin Hotel.

Herman Kamna and Wm. Melerjergen, of the North Plains, were in Monday morning with their sleighs, there being enough of the "beautiful" to make good sledding. Their sleds were of the genus "pug," that being the appellation given that sort of conveyance back in "Missouri." A "pug" is a short single sled, in contravention to the double set of "bobs."

Andrew Schildt, who last Spring was convicted of stealing \$600 from Fred Lehman, of Cedar Mill, is again in bad with the authorities. Schildt robbed Lehman and then fled to Martinez, Cal., where he was located and brought back to Hillsboro for trial. He pleaded guilty and upon representations by the Lehman boys, went his way rejoicing when the court imposed a fine and costs and paroled him upon the condition that he pay both at the rate of \$30 per month regularly. Last Friday night he was over to the John Yost place, near Cedar Mill, and the two had a wassail bout with some cider, which is a close and contentious friend of John Barleycorn. Anyway, Yost awakened with a loss of memory and cash to the extent of seven or eight dollars, the next morning, and laid the theft on Andrew. Deputy Sheriff Wismer brought him up and he was lodged in jail. Andrew says he did get the money and that he must have been drunk. His sentence is 1 to 10 years on the Lehman robbery. 33-46

## JOHN W. CONNELL AND J. H. WESCOTT MARRIED

Twain Had Narrow Escape From Perishing on Wapato Lake

WONDER THAT THEY DIDN'T PERISH

Boat Sank in Icy Water in Center of Lake, While Hunting

John W. Connell, of Hillsboro, and J. H. Wescott, of Gaston, are today more than thankful that they both are alive, and both are thankful that Connell was raised a six-footer, for in that extra height of Connell is the reason that both are alive instead of now having a little marker at the ends of two mounds. They went hunting with a party Saturday night, and started across the lake in a small boat, early Sunday morning, before it was fairly light. When the two men reached the center of the lake the boat sunk with their weight.

The lake was just shallow enough to let Connell's mouth and nose remain out of drink, while Wescott was obliged to hang on to the boat. In this manner they held up for a half hour, calling to their companions for aid. The others were a half mile away, and hearing the shouts thought it came from a close-by farm house. The boat was finally propelled by Connell 150 yards, and they finally came to a place where they had to remain, or get in over Connell's head. At this juncture Frank Schulerich heard their cries of distress, and rowed over, in company with Ole, who tends to the lake for the hunting party. When they arrived they found their boat would not hold the four, and Leonard Brown and Fred Sewell came to their relief.

The hunters were taken to a farm house, stripped of their wet clothes, and wrapped in blankets. Both were nearly perished and their companions worked with them several hours to prevent a collapse.

The hunting trip came near ending in a tragedy, but after it is all over Connell and Wescott feel that nothing in the year 1916 is going "to get their goats."

## COFFEE CLUB COOK BOOKS

The second edition of the Coffee Club Cook Book is on sale, at 50 cents, until after the holidays. The books are on sale at the following places: Vaught's Grocery, Hillsboro Mercantile Co., Donelson's Furniture Store, Gragg & Powell Grocery, Ross Grocery, Rest Room, Second St. near Morton Greenhouse

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7:18	.....	a m
8:28	.....	a m
9:58	.....	a m
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5:43	.....	p m
8:10	.....	p m
9:08 (Sat. only)	.....	p m
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7:54	.....	a m
9:20	.....	a m
11:25	.....	a m
2:12	.....	p m
4:27	.....	p m
6:25	.....	p m
7:13	.....	p m
8:25 (Sat. only)	.....	p m
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