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ROOT'S GOOD WORK.

Condition Most Satisfactory In the War Department.

FRANK MCDANIEL ARRAIGNED.

Examination on a Charge of the Murder of Miss Clara Fitch—Little New Evidence Introduced.

New York, Aug. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Root has acted in the role of peace-maker and adviser, and as a result everybody at the war department is pleased with everybody else.

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PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—The examination of Frank McDaniel upon the charge of the murder of Miss Clara Fitch began today.

A crowd was assembled when the court opened, and a number of witnesses were present. McDaniel's brother was in attendance, as was Mrs. Clara Fitch, mother of the dead girl, and her oldest daughter, Agnes. Acting Judge Mason presided. The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Sewall, in person, assisted by his deputy, John W. Padlock. Chief McLaughlin and his detectives, engaged on the case, were also on hand.

The accused needed no one or two accusers, and was called at the dialect of George Arnold when the latter was giving his evidence.

George Arnold was the first witness called. He related the finding of the dead body in Cycle Park, and his evidence did not differ from what he said at the inquest. He had heard nothing on the night of the murder and went to bed at 9 o'clock.

Regarding the finding of a handkerchief smelling of tobacco, Arnold did not know much concerning it, and did not see it picked up. Attorney St. Bayner asked several questions respecting branches cut from trees near where the body was found, and seemed to be trying to direct suspicion toward Arnold.

Whether this was the case or not did not appear subsequently. If Frank McDaniel's statement that he left Clara Fitch, the girl murdered in Cycle Park, on the corner of East Sixth and Hoyt, on the night of the tragedy, something unusual must have happened while she was walking the block on Hoyt street, between Grand avenue and East Sixth. During that short distance whatever occurred led to her return to Cycle Park and her subsequent death.

This became apparent during the preliminary hearing of Frank McDaniel, the accused, in the municipal court today, and was one of the chief points brought out by the prosecution.

Chief McLaughlin, on the stand, testified that he had asked McDaniel if the latter had turned to look at Clara Fitch after leaving her on the corner of East Sixth and Hoyt streets. To this the suspect had said no. According to McDaniel's story he left the murdered girl at that corner and started by a path to cross the adjoining block, while the girl started down Hoyt, toward Grand avenue. On account of crossing the street, to gain the path, McDaniel would be unable to see the girl until reaching Grand avenue, while he walked the path forming an hypothesis.

Mrs. Clara Fitch, mother of the dead girl, testified that she had watched her daughter's return from about 10:45 o'clock until after 1:15 o'clock on the fatal night. From her position in the window she looked down Grand avenue and except for a tree, through the branches of which she could see, com-

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THE DREYFUS TRIAL.

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DRAMATIC SCENES FOLLOWED.

Dreyfus Shouted "You Have Lied, Scoundrel!"—Tremendous Cheering Greeted this Exclamation.

RENNES, Aug. 12.—A trying scene closed today's session of the Dreyfus trial. General Mercier had spoken nearly four hours in ruthless denunciation of Dreyfus, who had listened unmovable until Mercier concluded by saying if he had not been convinced of the guilt of Dreyfus and if the latter's conviction had not been fortified since 1894, he would admit he had been mistaken.

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McDaniel's defense moved for a discharge of the prisoner on the grounds that there was not a scintilla of evidence against him. The motion was denied, and Judge Mason held the defendant to appear before the grand jury without bonds. The defense did not have any witnesses on the stand, and appeared anxious to draw out all the evidence the state possessed.

A SURVEY GRANTED.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SOLDIERS

At last the Oregon soldiers are home again. They are no longer soldiers, but citizens. The trappings of war are laid aside for the habiliments of peace. After a few days of resting and visiting, they must take up the hum-drum burden of peaceful toil again.

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SOME EARLY HISTORY.

Scottsburg, and the Lower Umpqua—Some Incidents of Early Pioneer Life in This County.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER: As Scottsburg was the first town site laid out in Douglas county, and being situated at the head of navigation on the Umpqua river, the only point of commerce for the first few years of the county's history, a short sketch of some items of early history in this part of the county would probably not be uninteresting to your readers.

The first three white men that came into the lower valley of the Umpqua were Jobie Hatfield, James McMerle and William Golden. They left the Columbia river June 9, 1853, in company with two other men, on a prospecting expedition to the Rogue river valley.

When they arrived at Winchester Bay near the mouth of the Umpqua river they found a very large Indian village about 60 inhabitants from whom they gained some valuable information concerning the channel which gives entrance to the river. There was also another Indian village on the north side of the river opposite to Winchester Bay.

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Advertisement for The Shasta Route, Southern Pacific Co., listing train schedules.

Professional Cards.

Table listing various professional services and advertisements, including attorneys, dentists, and grocers.