

## CREFFIELD GUILTY.

### Holy Roller Offers No Defense— Says God is on His Side.

## MILD COURT SENSATION.

### Evidence Against Leader of Peculiar Sect Overwhelming.

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—Edwin Creffield was adjudged guilty in Judge Sears' court at 11:30 this forenoon.

At 2 p. m. he was sentenced to serve two years in the State penitentiary. This is the maximum sentence.

"In the eyes of your law, yes, I am guilty. In the eyes of God I am innocent. I know he is on my side. And while you may lock me in my prison cell, I can still cry 'Glory to God!' and rest secure in the knowledge that when the time comes God will plead my case!"

Facing his accusers and a judge and jury the "Holy Roller" thus wound up a passionate address in his own behalf. But it had no effect.

The jury retired for 15 minutes and returned with a verdict of guilty as charged. The trial of the preacher of extraordinary doctrine was behind closed doors and was sensational from the beginning. He forsook no principle of his religion. He admitted his guilt freely, according to United States law, but declared that God was on his side and would see to his vindication.

When asked if he had an attorney or desired one, Creffield replied negatively, saying it was against his religious belief to employ a lawyer; that all he asked for was the jury to listen to his defense.

Mrs. D. E. Starr, whose husband made the accusation against the preacher, freely confessed her guilt, saying she participated in the crime because she was inspired by God to do so "for the purging of her soul of devils." She did not regret it in the least and still knew that she was right. She acted of her own free will and volition. While testifying Mrs. Starr smiled frequently. In her lap she held an infant.

The woman's husband testified that he first heard of the illicit relations between his wife and Creffield in March and at once made the complaint against him.

"THE BRIDES OF CHRIST." Mrs. Coral Worrell of Carson Heights, testified that she had seen Creffield and Mrs. Starr kiss each other, and also that she had seen them in a room together. As for herself, she said that she was a member of the sect until Creffield declared its doctrine, which she thought was improper. In public the sect was known as the "Holy Rollers"; in private, "The Brides of Christ."

Mrs. Worrell had notified Creffield to stay away from his house after hearing of his practice.

Louis Hartly, of Corvallis, testified

that his wife and daughter were members of Creffields congregation and the latter is in the asylum at Salem as the result.

The defendant then made his defense. He quoted Scripture at great length in an endeavor to justify his strange faith, after affirming, rather than swearing, the truth of what he was to say. The laws of the country, he said, are founded on the ten commandments and he had never violated one of those commandments.

"Six months ago," continued Creffield, "God called me to preach His will. My first assignment was to The Dalles and then to Corvallis. I was threatened by mobs, but I stayed there until God told me to go to another station. Among my converts was this woman. It was all an individual matter, a matter of conscience, as she has told you. God teaches that one must have direct connection with him before he can be saved."

The Court—You don't claim to be God, do you?

"No, but one had to have direct connection with Him."

QUOTES THE BIBLE. After this mystifying attempt to explain, Creffield quoted from Corinthians from Paul, from Genesis and from St. Mark and asked the jury to turn to the passages he had designated. He denied that he possesses any hypnotic power. His defense was founded on the Holy Bible, he said. Judge Sears was by this time scanning the good book closely, evidently impressed with the belief that the preacher was insane.

"God called me to do all I have done and I am obeying Him," Creffield went on. "The gospel He put on me was to purge the flesh from sin of all those who are willing."

You admit this crime, then, according to the law of the land?" queried the court.

"Yes, in the eyes of the world, I am guilty. But God is on my side."

"How do you reconcile the two?"

"Well when Christ came on earth the first thing he did was to break the Sabbath, in the eyes of the Jews and they crucified him. I have broken the laws of the land, and I don't expect the jury to understand me any better than the Jews understood Christ. If I were a court in a case of this kind I would act just as you are about to act. I would convict. I don't expect to be freed. I know the prison cell is ashamed in the face, but I am not ashamed of God's command and will do what he has told me to do."

The jury had returned with the verdict, having been out just 15 minutes, and Creffield stood erect, his lips parted in a smile, while the word "guilty" was read. He sat down and a moment later walked calmly back to his cell, murmuring "Glory to Jesus, glory to God."

A large crowd stood in the hallway awaiting news of the verdict, but no demonstration was made.

The man who looks as though he owned the store is the third sub clerk.

## GADDIS CREAMERY

### Awarded First Prize for its Products at the State Fair.

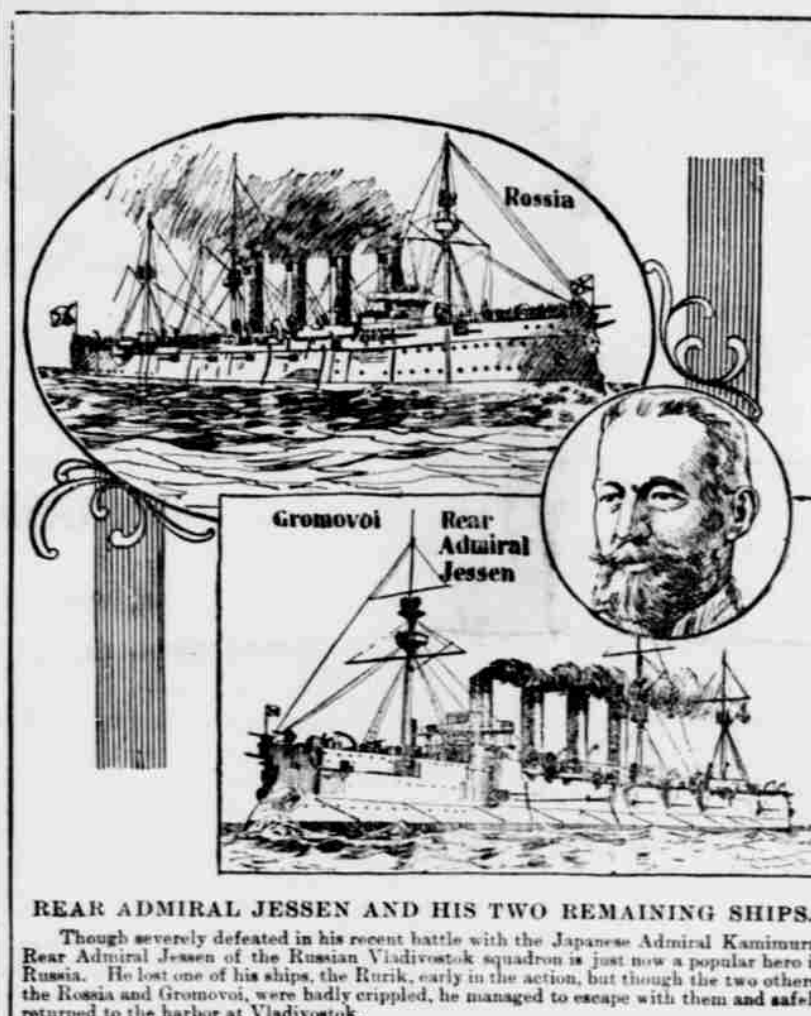
## OVER ALL COMPETITORS

### This Industry Was Established in Roseburg in May, 1902.

The highest score for creamery butter exhibited in the dairy department at the Oregon state fair this year was awarded to the Douglas County Creamery, which is located in Roseburg and is owned and operated by C. E. Gaddis. Considering the fact that almost every creamery in the state, even to the celebrated coast creameries of Coos and Tillamook counties, entered their products in competition at the state fair, the success in carrying off the high award is a matter over which Mr. Gaddis may well feel elated and in which Roseburg and Douglas county may well take a pardonable pride. It is a practical demonstration of what care and efficiency in the manufacture for the butter product will accomplish. Care and skill is productive of the highest degree of excellence and this is the secret of the success of the Roseburg creamery and the great and growing demand of its butter product. Here have also direct and unquestionable evidence that Douglas county is unexcelled as a dairy region and this profitable industry should become more largely developed throughout the county.

The Douglas County Creamery was established and commenced operations in May, 1902, at first handling cream on the separator plan with only thirty regular cream contributors. The creamery was practically established by C. E. Gaddis, who up to that time had been engaged in the dairy business at this place, and who upon engaging in the creamery business associated himself with a well known butter maker, and the creamery was conducted under the firm name of Gaddis & Gardner. About a year later Mr. Gaddis purchased the interests of his partner and has since been conducting the business personally, dividing his time, however, between this plant and a similar one which he established about a year ago at Medford. Milk is collected for the Roseburg creamery from a district covering a radius of over 30 miles around Roseburg and the patronage and output of this institution is constantly increasing.

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## A LIFE SENTENCE. EUGENE WANTS IT.

### Earl Steel Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree. Taking Steps to Secure Location of Army Post at that Place.

## KILLED NEW BORN BABE HO, FOR GRANTS PASS!

### Leaves Court Room With Dramatic Exclamation, "For Her Sake." Douglas County Citizens Urged to Attend Industrial Meeting.

COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 17.—Earl Steel must pass the remainder of his life behind prison bars, according to sentence imposed upon him today, for the murder of his new born infant on the afternoon of last June 23.

When brought into court this afternoon he waived all right of appeal and said that he was ready for sentence. Despite the hideousness of his crime there was something akin to pity for him among the spectators who gazed in intense silence when he stood up for sentence. Steel is but 21 years of age and has a frank, boyish face, appearing even younger than he is. His conviction of murder in the second degree has come as no surprise to those who knew the history of the case, and probably nothing other than his youth prevented the passing of a first degree verdict.

Steel is the adopted boy of Mrs. Mary F. Steel, of Coquille. His father is said to be in Portland.

Notwithstanding the protest of her father, he married Phoebe Simmons, the 18-year-old daughter of a prosperous resident of Coquille, the ceremony taking place April 3, 1904. The girl's mother died several years ago.

At 4 o'clock on the afternoon of June 23, Steel called Dr. Russell to his home on the ground that his wife was suffering from stomach complaint. The doctor discovering that she was about to become a mother, told Steel there was no occasion for attempted secrecy, and was asked to assist in concealing the birth.

Dr. Russell refused and was told by Steel that the child should not live. Mrs. Steel besought him to give her poison. After the birth of the child the doctor told officers of the threats made by Steel and, accompanied by the sheriff, returned to the house. The infant was missing but search disclosed its body, wrapped in gunny sacks and laid away in a closet. Its head had been crushed.

A coroner's jury was empaneled that night and doctors testified that the babe had lived 30 minutes after birth before being murdered. The jury charged Steel with infanticide.

Throughout his imprisonment Steel refused to admit his guilt and when convicted made no comment except to mutter as he retired from the court room, "For her sake, for her sake," construed by some to insinuate that he was willing to suffer imprisonment for his wife's crime. [Steel was brought to Roseburg with two other prisoners by Sheriff Gallier Sunday evening and taken to the penitentiary on the night train.]

### SUCKAU GETS TWENTY YEARS.

### Coos County Brute is Convicted of Incest and Gets What He Deserves.

COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 17.—A. E. Suckau, who was convicted by a jury late last Monday night of assault on his 15-year-old daughter, was today sentenced to serve 20 years in the penitentiary. The girls evidence was very revolting and left no doubt of her father's heinous crime covering a period of 3 or 4 years.

## JAPS ADVANCING.

### Moving Against Russians at Two Points Near Mukden.

## JAPS JUGGLE WITH CHINA

### Port Arthur to be Turned Over to China for Concessions.

MUKDEN, Sept. 17.—The Japanese are reported to be advancing on both flanks from the east, southeast and southwest. The outposts are closely engaged 20 miles southeastward, there being almost constant skirmishing.

Indication point to another great battle in the vicinity of Mukden. Russian troops occupy all the surrounding villages. Refugees are flocking into the city. Chinese among them complain of severity on the part of the Japanese.

The Russian cavalry are changing their clothing to gray and black, their winter uniform.

CHINA TO ASSIST JAPS. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 17.—Important developments regarding China's attitude toward the belligerents is anticipated in well-informed quarters. There are rumors of closer relations between China and Japan, of the possibility of the Japanese turning over Port Arthur, when captured, to China, of their restoring Manchuria to the Chinese, etc.

Although these reports are not confirmed, they lead to quite a general belief that some sort of negotiations are going on behind the scenes, of which the outside world has little cognizance.

The Japanese successes are emboldening the Chinese government more and more, and they are prompting such diplomatic steps as China never dreamed of before. Since the Japanese occupation of Niu Chwang and direct contact between the Chinese and Japanese they have seemed to quickly reach an understanding, the occupation of neutral territory evoking no protest.

JAPS TUNNELING PORT ARTHUR. Public interest is again apparently being centered up on Port Arthur, and the reports that the Japanese are tunneling the fortifications there are received at the Russian capital with some credulity. The Japs are determined to capture the Russian stronghold at the next general attack, which is not far distant.

Clothes may not make the man, but they go a long way toward making the social favorite.

## POLK GETS FIRST PRIZE

### For the Best County Exhibit at the State Fair—Marion County Enters Protest.

Salem, Or., Sept. 14.—Ten thousand people attended the State Fair on Salem day and enjoyed the best racing ever seen on Lone Oak track. Large crowds gathered on the parade grounds and watched the judging of livestock, and all day long and until late at night the pavilion was thronged with visitors who found great delight in viewing the exhibits.

Hundreds of farmers came in from the surrounding country and spent the day at the fair. This is probably the greatest day, so far as attendance is concerned, unless it shall be exceeded tomorrow, Portland day, when special excursion trains will be run from the metropolis.

MARION FILES A PROTEST. Polk county today was awarded first premium in the county exhibits, Linn county getting second, Marion third, Washington fourth, Benton fifth and Lane sixth. The awards were made by J. N. Grieve, who was appointed by the state Board of Agriculture to judge these exhibits, but a protest has been filed by C. T. Bonney, who prepared the Marion county exhibit. The protest will be considered by the board tomorrow.

The protest is based upon the general allegation that the award is not in accordance with the rules and the particular objections are not known, except that it is understood that an award by one judge is unsatisfactory to Mr. Bonney. Other reasons for the protest will be urged.

JUDGED BY ONE MAN. It has been the practice in the last few years to have the county exhibits judged by one man instead of two or three. Last year Prof. George Coote, of Corvallis, performed this service and Polk county was then awarded first place. Mr. Grieve was chosen as judge because he is competent and being a Canadian, he has no local prejudice in favor of any county and no personal feeling toward any exhibitor.

The percentages placed upon the county exhibits were: Polk, 95; Linn, 89; Marion, 85; Washington, 74; Benton, 72; Lane, 67. In comparing large exhibits, like those of the counties, opinions differ widely after a hasty examination, and hence it always happens that many people disapprove of the award made by the judge.

### MINING NOTES.

Reduction Plant and Sew Mill for the LeRoy in Columbia—Boings at Myrtle Creek.

BERNEMIA, Or., Sept. 16.—The main working tunnel of the Le Roy Company is now in about 800 feet on the ledge, which has recently been cross-cut, and shows 28 feet of fine concentrating ore. The ledge has been exposed by six tunnels of various lengths, and a 30-foot shaft up the mountain side for 120 feet,

## LENA TO DISARM.

### An American Gunner Will Boss the Job Commencing Today.

## GRAND LODGE MEETING

### San Francisco in the Hands of the Odd Fellows.

VALLEJO, Cal., Sept. 18.—Official orders have been issued by Captain Drake, ordnance officer at Mare Island navy yard, to Gunner Shuttleworth to commence dismantling the Lena on Monday morning. The breechlocks of the larger guns, all the small arms except the officers' side arms and revolvers, ammunition, ordnance stores and torpedoes will be removed. The officers and crew are anxiously awaiting a final decision regarding their disposition. It is desired that the crew be allowed to return home under an agreement that the officers and men are not to fight again during the war.

I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The special train bearing most of the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows reached San Francisco this evening. Special committees from this city and Sacramento met the train at Reno, Nev., and escorted the distinguished visitors to the city.

WILL NOT USE WINE. All the sessions of the sovereign grand lodge will be held at Native Sons' hall, which will be beautifully decorated in a way that will show the natural resources of California. Each day fresh flowers and fruits will be sent in from the countryside to adorn the meeting places and refresh the visitors. The use of wine at meetings in the name of Odd Fellowship is expressly forbidden by the rules of the order, and those products of the state will not be its evidence.

The musical entertainments provided for sovereign grand lodge work are very elaborate. Eminent Director Charles Sawvell has taken the matter in hand and organized a grand chorus numbering more than 500 voices which will give concerts on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

At Mechanics' pavilion an especial effort has been made by the decorating committee.

Here the largest three links ever made by the order for decorative purposes have been erected. They are of red, white and purple lights, and measure 50 feet across. When the current is turned on they will show up brilliantly.

The business meetings of the latter organization will not begin until Tuesday.

The big parade will take place Friday. The start will be made at 11 o'clock in the morning. The grand ball at the Mechanics' pavilion Friday night will be a full dress affair.

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