

MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD ON ALLIANCE

J. W. Bowsby of North Bend Shoots G. C. Jennings, Same City

WAS CRAZED WITH JEALOUSY

Had Stalked Victim For Days--Murdered Man Had No Warning of Approaching Doom--Murderer in Jail.

Deliberately and without warning, Joe Bowsby, formerly undertaker at North Bend, yesterday shot and killed G. C. Jennings, aged 22 years, on the deck of the steamer Alliance while she lay at the Astoria dock Friday morning. The tragedy occurred about 7 A. M., the young man dying at 2:30 in the afternoon. Crazy with jealousy over his wife is given as the motive for the crime. To the last, young Jennings swore to his absolute innocence of any intimacy with Bowsby's wife. Bowsby left on the last Kiburn, giving the statement out at North Bend that he was going to Myrtle Point. Evidence at hand shows the murder was premeditated. Jennings' fatal finish came absolutely without warning. He was standing on the deck of the Alliance intending to leave for North Bend, when the murderer approached stealthily from behind, took deliberate aim, and the sharp crack of a revolver piercing the peaceful calm over the Columbia, sounded the death knell of another sacrifice on the altar of blighted homes, and marked the culmination of Joe Bowsby's mission of vengeance.

Jennings' remains now lie in the Astoria hospital, where the inquest will be held today. Bowsby is in the jail at Astoria. When told that young Jennings would die he said he would hate to think that he would recover. Mrs. Bowsby, when interviewed at her brother's home in Astoria, yesterday, refused to make a statement of any kind.

(Special to the Times.)

Astoria, June 14.—As the result of a shot fired by J. Bowsby, of North Bend, Oregon, from a 44-calibre revolver today, G. C. Jennings is dead. The shooting took place on board the steamer Alliance at 5:45 this morning and was the result of a quarrel over J. Bowsby's wife, whose affections, it is alleged, Jennings had alienated. The actual circumstances of the shooting are: Bowsby boarded the Alliance at Portland, where he had been on the trail of Jennings, to return to North Bend. At the same time Jennings determined to return home and boarded the steamer at Astoria. When the boat reached the dock, Bowsby took a walk on shore pending the vessel's departure. Seeing Jennings go aboard, Bowsby immediately followed and hurried for his gun. Having armed himself, he stalked Jennings on deck, he himself skulking behind the deck house. Jennings stopped near the forward hatch and was watching the loading of the vessel with his face turned from Bowsby. The murderer then, using the side of the deckhouse as a rest, deliberately shot Jennings in the back. The bullet passed through him and he fell to the deck. Meanwhile Bowsby walked off the vessel and proceeded to the railroad track.

ARREST OF BOWSBY.

Under orders of Mate Nicholas the stricken man was attended to by officers of the ship and removed to the Astoria hospital. At this time Captain Olson was coming along the deck approach and, seeing Bowsby with the gun still in his hand, immediately disarmed him. The sheriff was telephoned for, and quickly responded and took Bowsby in charge. He is now in the county jail. Immediately upon arrival at the hospital it was realized that Jennings was too sorely wounded ever to recover. He died at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, about nine hours after the shooting. On examination of Bowsby's overcoat, which he had left on the Alliance, a second revolver was found in the pocket. There is no question but that he meant business.

DROVE JENNINGS AWAY.

It appears from a statement made by Bowsby to a reporter that he (Bowsby) had had his suspicions regarding his wife's conduct with Jennings aroused some six or eight months ago. Matters went so far that Bowsby drove Jennings out of town, and at that time told Jennings' brothers that if he came around his home any more he would kill him. Subsequently to Jennings' departure Bowsby's wife seems to have be-

haved herself. Bowsby again had a conversation with Jennings' brothers, in which he said if Jennings came back and kept away from the house, he (Bowsby) would not molest him. Eventually Mrs. Bowsby came to Astoria to stay with her brother for a visit. It was known that Jennings was in the neighborhood. On arrival here on Monday Mrs. Bowsby wired her husband that she had made the journey safely and would write.

ON THE VICTIM'S TRAIL.

On the following Wednesday she wrote and unfortunately as it seems enclosed a note from her niece, to the niece's husband. The note said that her aunt had arrived at the house that day (Wednesday) noon. The discrepancy between the wife's statement and the niece's aroused Bowsby's suspicions. He immediately armed himself and set out on Jennings' trail resolved to kill him. This resolve was carried out to the letter. He said today he did not think he had done more than any man would do, that he was protecting his home and children from disgrace. He also added, on being informed that Jennings could not live, that he "would hate for him to get well as he himself had suffered so."

MRS. BOWSBY VISITS JENNINGS.

That Jennings was in fear of his life there is ample testimony to show. The landlady of the boarding house at which he roomed says that he got word of Bowsby's intention to come to Astoria, and that he immediately left the house, not even waiting to take his belongings. While at this house, Mrs. Bowsby called twice on Jennings, once alone and once with her brother, but the landlady cannot say that anything of an objectionable nature ever took place there. She says after Jennings left Bowsby came to the house and stopped there a few days. During this time, he would sit at the window overlooking the street all day, and at night, and never appeared to eat or sleep. The landlady warned Jennings, who called there as late as Thursday for a box of cartridges, and she bade him beware of Bowsby, as the latter was going to shoot him. To this Jennings replied, he knew it. Bowsby seems to have created quite a scene in this lodging house. He continually used threats, and said he and Jennings "could not breathe the same air." Doctor Fulton, who attended the dead man, says while he was caring for him, the young man made a statement. Jennings told the doctor he knew Bowsby was going to kill him; that he never had anything to do with the woman; that he had worked in a creamery with her in

North Bend, and that he never even so much as walked home with her.

DENIES INTIMACY WITH WOMAN.

When trouble came about, he left North Bend and came to Astoria to work, and said he did not know Mrs. Bowsby was in Astoria. He also said he only wrote one letter to Mrs. Bowsby, and that it contained merely an inquiry as to her husband's whereabouts, that there was nothing in the letter to offend the most punctilious husband, but stated that he wished to go home. He denied right to the last that he had even been intimate with the woman. Whether true or otherwise, it at least creates an impression of manliness in the young man that even if he did wrong the husband, at least in his dying moments he stood by the woman.

ENAMORED OF JENNINGS.

And what of the woman? Mrs. Bowsby declined to make a statement. On being pressed to make a denial of the alleged guilt or to make some statement either in consideration of her husband or Jennings or herself, she refused to say a word. Mrs. Bowsby appears to have been enamored of the young man and to have been as much to blame in the original trouble as anyone. At any rate she is nearly old enough to have been the mother of the young fellow who now lies dead. She is at present staying with her two brothers, J. and W. Howell, who live in Astoria. The bullet hit Jennings in the back above the kidneys, and ranging up slightly passed out in front just below the heart without touching the vital organ. It must have passed through the man's liver. Doctor Fulton says, although no autopsy has been made, and he cannot speak with certitude, the large size of the bullet (it was a .44), coupled with an internal hemorrhage, probably caused the wound to prove fatal. Jennings was conscious to the last.

BOWSBY ARRESTED BEFORE.

Right in line with Jennings when he was shot was a young boy named Danny Ward, whom Bowsby had volunteered to take care of on the trip to North Bend. Other witnesses of the shooting were: C. Ross, J. F. Flannigan, A. C. Berry and Fred. Thorburn, who all continued the journey on the Alliance. Coroner Pohl says the inquest will be held tomorrow at 1:30, but that after the jury has viewed the body it will be immediately adjourned till the witnesses of the crime can be gotten together. Bowsby, who came to town some time ago, was arrested by the police. He had been uttering threats and had been behaving in an unbecomingly and rather crazy way. He was at that time relieved of a revolver at the police station.

THE MURDERED MAN

According to Fred. Jennings Bowsby seemed to be possessed with a deep prejudice against the entire family, having threatened once to kill them. His hatred, however, it is said, was centered on Cleve, and this more than anything else was the reason for the young man's leaving Coos Bay. Young Jennings is spoken of in the highest terms by those who knew him. He leaves a father and mother and six brothers. The parents are Mrs. Nellie J. and O. J. Jennings; the brothers, Frank, just returned from Washington; Andy and Luke, copartners in a saloon in Gold Hill, southern Oregon; Fred, employed in the box factory at North Bend; Clyde, who is working at present for Johnnie Curran, and Lefe, who is employed in a mill at Coquille.

Cleve Jennings came to North Bend with the Jennings family about three years ago from Wolf Creek, Oregon. He had been employed in the Simpson mills, and prior to his leaving Coos Bay last Christmas was working in the box factory. Frank Jennings, a timber faller, speaking to a Times representative last night, said that when the young man left North Bend he came to Ostrander, Washington, where he (Frank) was working in Collins' logging camp, where he is said to have been employed for several months.

NORTHWESTERN TO COOS BAY

Coming Across Continent By Way Of Boise Idaho and Walla Walla Washington

TO PARALLEL COAST

Present Objective Point Said to Be Tillamook Bay, Thence to Coos Bay.

Persistent rumors emanating from reliable sources to the effect that the Northwestern in its constructive progress toward the Pacific coast has for its strategic point Coos Bay are true and while there is no positive proof for the statement there is ample ground for believing that this transcontinental road will at no distant date seek entrance on or near the peninsula. Advance agents of the road have been in the vicinity of Boise, Idaho, for several weeks, and it has just come to light that several acres of land have been purchased, presumably for terminal tracks and a railroad depot.

Parties representing the same road have also been making negotiations in Walla Walla, Washington. It is stated that the present objective point of the road is Tillamook Bay, which lies up the coast between Coos Bay and Portland. The statement is borne out by the fact that surveying parties have recently begun operations in the vicinity of Boise, Idaho, for several weeks, and it has just come to light that several acres of land have been purchased, presumably for terminal tracks and a railroad depot.

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ANOTHER BIG PICNIC

Coos Bay Epworth League Will Spend Day on Charleston Bay June 26.

The last monthly business meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church it was decided to give a picnic to Charleston Bay on Wednesday, June 26. The North Bend League members will co-operate, and it is believed the affair will be the most successful ever given by the church. It was decided at the meeting to raise \$100 for use in improvements to the church, the greater amount to go toward fitting up a league room.

The committee to arrange for boats to be used on the picnic is composed of Milo Sumner and F. C. Birch. The committee on advertising is F. L. Sumner and Edward Joehink.

BAY IS REPRESENTED

William G. Chandler, Marshfield, Graduate From University of Oregon.

William G. Chandler, son of W. S. Chandler, of this city, a member of the University of Oregon graduating class, which holds its exercises June 23 to June 26, will return home a few days after the commencement exercises are over. Mr. Chandler receives a degree of Bachelor of Science. He is the only student at the university from this city. The class to graduate this year numbers fifty-five men and women, which is the largest class ever graduated from an Oregon institution.

NO BRIDGE FOR COOS BAY

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Adopts Resolutions Opposing the Bridging of Coos Bay

FORWARD TO ROESSLER

Redmen Hall Is Filled to Capacity—Speeches By North Bend and Marshfield Men.

Marked from the opening to close with enthusiastic determination, the open meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, held last night in Redmen Hall, will go down in Coos Bay annals as a record one, illustrating to a degree what men who will can do. Before a representative gathering of Coos Bay men which filled the hall to capacity resolutions were drawn opposing the bridging of Coos Bay, and will be forwarded at once to Colonel S. W. Roessler, Government engineer supervising Coos Bay harbor. For lack of space the Times will postpone the printing of the resolutions verbatim, until the Sunday issue. It was set forth that while the coming of all the railroads will be welcomed by Coos Bay people and every effort expended to facilitate their entry in any way not detrimental to the harbor, the chief foundation upon which the expansion of the Coos Bay country is based is on the improvement of the harbor and channel it is imperative that it remains unobstructed. Speeches were made by North Bend and Marshfield men.

CHANCE IN U.S. SERVICE

Civil Service Examinations--July 10

Government Is Now Making Geological Surveys Of Mount Hood and Reserve

Washington, Jun 14.—A. H. Sylvester of the geological survey is now surveying topographically an area in Oregon including the Bull Run reserve and Mount Hood, whence Portland obtains its water supply.

Civil service examinations will be held in Portland, Astoria, Baker City and Eugene July 10 for assistant chemists in the engineer department at large at salaries of \$1,000 a year, and for examiners in the patent office July 10 and 11, salaries \$1,200 a year.

A special examination will be held in Portland July 10 for the custodian service, electrician-elevator conductors at Portland, with salary of \$840 a year.

For laboratory inspectors (male) in the bureau of animal industry, an examination will be held at Portland, Astoria, Eugene and Baker City July 10, and July 10 and 11 for topographic draftsmen at a salary of \$1,000 to \$1,500 in the hydrographic offices of the navy department.

Recent changes in the postal service affecting Oregon are:

Herman W. Gaus appointed to fill a vacancy as rural letter carrier at Holbrook, with Oscar Folkenberg as substitute, on route No. 1.

The postoffice at Lovely, Washington, has been discontinued, patrons hereafter to use the office at Walla.

Francis E. Clayton has been commissioned as postmaster at Vida, a fourth-class office doing a money order business.

DECISIONS OF SUPREME STATE COURT

Salem, June 14.—The following decisions were handed down yesterday by the supreme court of the state of Oregon.

Commissioner King reversed the decision of Judge W. R. Ellis, of the circuit court for Umpqua county in the case of Lena H. Sturgis and J. S. McLeod, respondents against N. E. Despain et al, appellants. This was a suit brought by the respondents to foreclose mortgages given in 1898 to J. N. Teal for \$28,000, and afterwards assigned to C. B. Wade as trustee to secure money advanced by McLeod, Sturgis and others to pay Teal. The defendants claimed that the full amount had been paid Wade as agent of the plaintiffs and asked a cancellation of all notes and mortgages given. McLeod and Sturgis alleged Wade was defendant's agent and that while the entire amount had been paid Wade, he having become insolvent and not paying full amount to holders of notes, that defendants are liable for the unpaid balance.

The opinion holds that plaintiffs having recognized Wade as their agent in holding the assigned mortgages and the Teal note to secure them and having the security in his possession when paid and otherwise acted for them in collecting the money as paid on the notes with knowledge and consent of the payers, the payment to him under the circumstances released the defendants and holds that all notes and mortgages connected with the transaction be cancelled and appellants released.

Commissioner Slater affirmed the judgment of Judge John B. Cleland for the circuit court of Multnomah county in the case of the Boring Junction Lumber company, appellant, against J. W. Roots, respondent. Plaintiff sued to recover damages for breach of contract made by defendant with O. A. Palmer, as assignee of plaintiff, for the sale of timber on the north half of the northeast quarter of section 1, township 2 south, range 3 east, in Clackamas country, with right to remove same within one year from June 28, 1902.

The breach alleged is that before April, 1903, defendant sold a right of way for an electric line across the 80 acres without making provision for the removal of timber to plaintiff's sawmill, and the extra expense occasioned to get the logs to the sawmills plaintiff claimed damages.

Justice Moore, in an opinion, modified the decree of the lower court in the case of the Sumpter Valley Railway Company, respondent, against Charles H. and Alice Gardner, on appeal from the Baker County circuit court, William Smith, judge, and granted the railway company a right of way across defendants' premises until December 18, 1910, during which time defendants will be restrained from interfering in any manner with the operation of the spur as constructed. It was a suit by the railway company against Gardner and his wife to enjoin them from interfering with the operation of a railway spur and to establish a perpetual right of way across certain lands.

James F. Harvey, respondent, against the Deep River Logging Company; appeal from circuit court of Multnomah county, A. L. Frazer, judge; affirmed by Chief Justice Bean. It was a personal injury case and in the lower court the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Thomas C. Landswick, appellant vs. Harry Lane et al, respondents; appeal from Multnomah county circuit court, A. L. Frazer, judge; reversed in opinion by Justice Eakin.

A. E. Latourette, trustee, respondent, and cross appellant vs. Henry Meldrum and H. H. Johnson, appellants, and Thomas Charman and J. T. Apperson, respondents on appeal from circuit court for Clackamas county; T. H. McBride, judge; reversed in opinion per curiam. A new trial is granted.

OUTSIDE WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington, fair and warmer. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho, showers and warmer.