

# BOY MURDERER IS SELF-POSSESSED IN DISCUSSING CRIME

### Details of Shooting Down Hermit and Flight Told Without Any Regret Being Apparent.

Hillsboro, Dec. 16.—Sitting calmly in his cell this afternoon at the county jail Frank Vanderzanden, self confessed murderer of Jacob Dahenden, told his story of the crime willingly and without a trace of emotion or regret. He is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzanden, who reside on a farm located in Cedar canyon district, about 10 miles from Hillsboro.

According to his story he was dissatisfied at home without apparent cause or reason, and had decided on striking out for himself. This decision was not sudden, as he had considered doing so several times before. About 11 o'clock Sunday morning, November 8, he started up into the hill country, armed with three revolvers. One of .45 caliber he soon discarded as useless, but kept the other two, including the .45 Colt revolver used in killing Dahenden.

### FIRE THREE SHOTS

Before reaching Dahenden's lonely cabin he stopped at the farm house of Otto Kulka, of whom he asked a meal. He was given a sandwich, continuing on his trip through the hills he came to the Dahenden cabin.

Here he rapped on the door, which was opened by Dahenden, from whom he demanded food and money. According to Vanderzanden's story, Dahenden refused his request and ordered him to "get the hell" out of there, at the same time making a threatening motion with his shotgun, which he held in his hand.

Vanderzanden said he started shooting at Dahenden with his .45 Colt revolver, firing three shots, one striking Dahenden in the shoulder before he could close the door and one his hand as he was closing the door. The third shot was fired through the door, the bullet plowing its way through Dahenden's body just above the heart, apparently resulting in instant death.

**FLED FEARS BULLET**

Fearing that Dahenden might shoot at him, Vanderzanden said he fled into the brush and could not possibly have known that his last shot had killed Dahenden. The boy said he did not return to the cabin of Dahenden, but kept on walking the rest of the day, all of Sunday night and all of Monday, arriving at Emigrant, a small station on the Tillamook branch of the Southern Pacific railway. Here he spent the night, leaving the next morning for Wheeler, another station on the same railroad, where he arrived about 9 o'clock Tuesday night, after walking the entire distance except for two or three miles when he stole a ride on the train. At Wheeler he said he secured work for a few hours, Wednesday.

On the following day, Thanksgiving, he and another boy of about the same age walked about a mile down the track to practice shooting, both of the boys shooting the gun that killed Dahenden. Vanderzanden said his companion claimed to be a pal of Boston Blackie, a Colorado crook. Vanderzanden chummed with the boy during his stay in and around Wheeler.

**GUN TAKEN AWAY**

Deputy Sheriff Baker, an employee of the sawmill at Wheeler, later took away from Vanderzanden his .45 Colt revolver.

From Wheeler he walked towards

# BOY WHO ADMITS MURDER



Walter Franklin Vanderzanden, 17-year-old Washington county boy who has confessed to having slain Jacob Dahendore, recluse, in his cabin near Hayward, November 26.

Tillamook, he said, sleeping nights wherever he could find a convenient place, working during the day time at two or three different places and earning money enough to pay his way. After leaving Tillamook he worked towards Salem, arriving there Wednesday, December 13, and going directly to the home of his uncle, Henry Hazen. Hazen, knowing of the boy's inclination to leave home, persuaded him to remain there until the father was notified. When the father received the news he started immediately for Salem, returning to Hillsboro with the boy, without the least knowledge that his son had committed murder.

When presented with the evidence secured by Sheriff Alexander, and after being advised by his father to tell the absolute truth the boy made a complete confession. He asserted he had

a sailor, but is now living in New York.

In talking of the crime the boy has at all times been self-possessed, except the time prior to his confession. He believes that his father and mother will stand by him and seems to have a real affection for his parents. About the only time he has shown emotion was when his mother was mentioned. He bowed his head slightly and tears welled up in his eyes. His parents are highly respected by their neighbors.

Tillamook, Dec. 16.—The pistol with which 17-year-old Frank Vanderzanden murdered Jacob Dahenden, hermit of Washington county, is in the possession of Sheriff John Aschim of Tillamook county.

About 10 days ago young Vanderzanden appeared at Wheeler and tried to dispose of two revolvers. Deputy Sheriff Baker took the guns away from Vanderzanden because the boy was too young to carry firearms and had no license, and reported the matter to Sheriff Aschim, but no complaint was filed and the boy was allowed to go. At that time he had not been connected with the Washington county murder.

The guns will be turned over to the Washington county authorities.

# University Girls to Make Kiddies Happy; Will Give Dinners

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 16.—University girls are doing their part to make Oregon kiddies happy by carrying on Christmas activities during the last week of the fall term.

Girls of the freshman commission are making doll dresses for 12 little people in the school for the deaf and dumb; Christmas trees are being sent out to a number of Eugene families; three sororities are holding parties for children whose names are given them by Mrs. M. S. Ady, Eugene relief worker.

Christmas dinners and donations generally to Eugene poor are also being prepared by sorority girls.

# Bishop Remington Feted in The Dalles

The Dalles, Dec. 16.—Bishop William P. Remington of the Episcopal missionary district of Eastern Oregon was guest at a community reception tendered him at the civic auditorium here tonight. Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, Mayor P. J. Stadelman, L. Barnum, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Lulu D. Crandall, president of the women's auxiliary of Eastern Oregon, were among speakers. Bishop Remington will officially visit St. Pauls church tomorrow, taking charge of the confirmation services.

**SAMUEL WHITEHEAD**

Dallas, Or., Dec. 16.—Samuel Whitehead, 70, resident of Dallas for more than 20 years, died December 10. He is survived by his wife and the following children: John and James Whitehead, Mrs. Weldon Black and Mrs. V. E. Gosso, Dallas; Mrs. Clint Hanks, Nehalem; Mrs. George Straub, Portland; W. D. Whitehead, Oregon City; and Mrs. Frank Lockett, Fairview, Okla.

**LEBANON PHYSICIAN NAMED**

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 16.—Dr. R. L. Wood of Lebanon was elected vice president of the Central Willamette Medical association at a Eugene meeting. Dr. W. H. Davis of Albany was elected president. The next meeting will be held in Corvallis in January.

**USED TO IT**

From the Harvard Lampoon

A Chicago man, while hunting in the Maine woods, was mistaken for a deer and shot at several times. He says he felt perfectly at home.

# HINDU POPCORN VENDOR INDICTED FOR KILLING BOY

### Manslaughter Charged Against Man Who Fired the Fatal Shot to Frighten Youths.

An indictment charging manslaughter was returned by the grand jury Saturday against Partab Hari, Hindu popcorn vendor, who is accused of shooting and killing Norman Conrad Repp, 11-year-old boy, November 12. Repp and a crowd of youngsters had been following the popcorn man trying to get him to give them something to eat. According to the police investigation they followed him several blocks, harassing and annoying him. Finally Hari drew a revolver and fired into the crowd. Young Repp died during the night at St. Vincent's hospital. Bail has been set at \$3000.

A not true bill was returned against George Velbeck, accused of murder in the first degree as a result of the stabbing of Marco Picipo November 26, in St. Johns. Picipo was assisting Pete Miller, who is said to have been in Velbeck's debt, to run Velbeck back to his home, as he came to Miller to collect the money. Picipo followed Velbeck home. Velbeck came out of

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the house with a butcher knife and in the fight that followed Picipo was killed.

Fred Smith, alias Carl Baker, was indicted on two counts charging forgery. He was apprehended by H. J. Blasing when attempting to pass a check September 16. Virgil Huffman was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property.

**HOLIDAYS ARE EXTENDED**

Willamette University, Salem, Dec. 16.—Christmas vacation at Willamette university will begin December 23, providing the forward movement endowment fund reaches the \$1,250,000 goal by midnight, December 20. With this understanding the holidays have been extended two days and will end January 2.

# Oregon Magazine Publishes Works Of Western Poets

Willamette University, Salem, Dec. 16.—The Oregon magazine, recently from the press, published by Murray Wade, Salem, contains a group of poems by Salem Arts League members. Five are by Willamette university students and graduates and one by a faculty member.

Mrs. Audred Bunch, junior at Willamette, contributes "The Fountain." Some of her poems have been published in Eastern periodicals. Mrs.

Merrill Ohling, neo-Odell Savage, W. U. '21, has written two poems, "You Laugh Because My Dream Will Say," and "The Cycle." Miss Minna L. Harding, head of the public speaking and dramatic department of Willamette, and author of several plays, operettas and skits and many poems, contributes "Fate," and "Far East."

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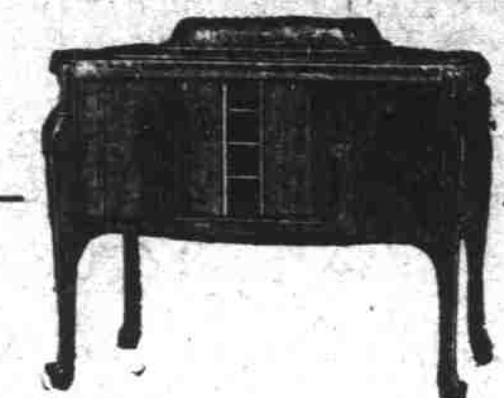
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