

ABOUT THE TRIAL.

What the First Days Developed—
Seattle Intelligencer Report.

The first day of the trial of Geo. Mitchell, charged with murder in the first degree in the killing of Edwin Creffield, the "Holy Roller," in the streets of Seattle, May 7, proved in some senses a fore cast of the tedious care and attention which may be expected to be exhibited by the court and by the opposing counsel all through the case, which is expected to last three weeks. At the end of the day's work twenty talesmen had been examined, of whom nine had been selected as possible jurors in the case.

The questions of both the prosecuting attorney, Kenneth Mackintosh, and his deputy, John F. Miller, for the state, and of Will H. Morris and Silas M. Shipley, of Morris, Southard & Shipley, for the defense, covered almost every possible phase of the now famous case. Especially close were the interrogations on the attitude of the talesman to the right of a man to kill another under provocations such as Mitchell is claimed to have had. The right of a man to plead insanity was also a subject for particular attention on the part of counsel, the effort being made by the state to secure men who would explicitly follow the court's supposed instructions that a man is to be believed sane until he has established his insanity.

Of the jurors provisionally selected, most of those from the country had not read very much about the case, either being absent from home about the time of the killing, or else not close readers of the daily papers. Of those in the city some declared they had formed no decided opinion on the case, and the remainder confessed to such, but thought they could disregard it in the weighing of evidence, in accordance with the instructions of the court.

Mitchell proved a silent spectator of the proceedings of the trial. His brother, Perry Mitchell, from Illinois, was allowed to sit by his side during the day. The two young men, though there is two years' difference in their ages, resemble one another almost as closely as twins. The one is a trifle paler than the other, on account of the confinement of almost two months in the county jail. Only occasionally did either make a remark and for the most part they sat quietly watching the jurors as the latter were questioned.

The court room was crowded the greater part of the day, and among the spectators were several witnesses from Oregon, already on hand to testify for the defense. Those who had arrived yesterday were: O. V. Hurt, father of Mrs. Creffield; E. H. Baldwin, James K. Berry and Louis Hartley, of Corvallis; Mrs. B. E. Starr, of Corvallis, Mitchell's sister; John Catlin, deputy marshal, and Geo. Van Drant, of Albany; B. E. Starr and his three children; E. P. Harris, Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Anna Hager, all of Portland, and J. J. Woods, deputy sheriff; Mayor Robert Morris and A. Mills, a prominent farmer, of Newberg.

Seattle, Wash., June 27.—It was a day of legal squabble in the Mitchell murder trial. Will H. Morris, counsel for the young man who killed Holy Roller Creffield, became indignant early in the day and fought the efforts of the prosecuting attorney to question the talesman along lines tending to bring out whether they would take into consideration the crime of adultery and whether they believed that any man had a right to take the law into his own hands.

It reached a climax when Morris declared that he was there to defend his client and was going to do it regardless of the ideas of the prosecution or the court.

The result was that Judge Frater excused the jury and summoned the four attorneys to a secluded formal conference.

The 12 talesmen in the jury-box were L. F. Jones, C. W. French, Fred Clinton, W. C. Howard, James O. Cass, John F. Dore, H. A. C. Thompson, R. F. Fahley, Jesse G. Candall, F. M. Townsend, R. E. Fisher and George Bill.

THE COMMISSION APPOINTED

To Transact Business for New
Water Company.

Judge McFadden, F. L. Miller, S. L. Kline, R. H. Huston. These are the four men who were appointed at Monday night's meeting to hereafter look to the interests of the city in the handling of the business of the new mountain water company.

The meeting was held by the committee of ten that has so far transacted the business, and henceforth the interests of the public will be carefully subserved by this commission.

Little of importance could be done at the Monday night meeting, as it is considered probable that this month will be devoted to the task of connecting residences with the mains, the work of tapping now being prosecuted with vigor. Peter Callahan is soliciting applications for water, and is meeting with good success.

A committee consisting of O. V. White, J. G. Wright, R. E. Pugh and Mr. Casteel, representing the common council of the city of Philomath appeared before the local committee, to ascertain definitely the cost of putting in hydrants and securing a water supply for Philomath. No rates, however, were made, this being done hereafter by the commission; but \$376 has been charged Philomath for the establishment of four hydrants, this sum being only the actual expense of the hydrants, other material and work of installing.

Formerly Resided in Benton.

News has been received in this section by old-time friends, of the death of Mrs. Lucinda M. Hasbrouck, for many years a resident of southern Benton county and of Lane.

Deceased was born in East Pennbrook, N. Y., April 12, 1838. She died at Leslie, Mich., April 14th, although the news has just reached Oregon friends.

Mrs. Hasbrouck was married to Luther Hasbrouck Oct. 16, 1860, and they made their first home in Lane county.

A husband and five children survive, among the latter are two sons, Frank D., of Weston, Or., and Hubert L., of Hood river.

Insurance Agents of Corvallis.

All resident insurance agents of Corvallis, Oregon, are hereby invited to meet in the northeast room of the First National Bank of Corvallis, at 5 o'clock on Saturday evening, June 30, 1906, for the purpose of considering whether it is best for said agents to ask their respective companies and the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific to take under advice important questions which may lead them to decrease the premium rates on property located within the corporate limits of said city.

J. F. YATES,
E. E. WILSON,
M. S. WOODCOCK,
E. R. BRYSON.

Robert Black of Big Elk was in Corvallis several days this week, having brought his wool to the local market.

Misses Carrie and Bessie Danneman left yesterday for Clem, Eastern Oregon, to spend a part of the summer with their father.

Daniel Cameron, formerly of this city but now of Portland, is visiting Corvallis relatives.

WHOSE BOYS ARE THEY?

Parents Should Find Out and
Keep Lads at Home.

Trouble is brewing for numerous Corvallis parents, and the sooner these parents keep their young boys at home and put them at some honest task to occupy their time and attention the easier it will be for the police, whose duty it is to check the young law-breakers if the parents do not.

This warning is not an idle one, and parents who allow their young boys to roam the streets at will, seeking their own companions and their own amusements, are not deserving of pity when trouble befalls their children.

According to unimpeachable authority, another gang of toughs, such as terrorized the town a few years ago and was so tragically disbanded, is gaining in undesirable notoriety day by day, and it is only a matter of time until the law will lay hold on these young scamps.

One case, already in the hands of the authorities, is the theft and concealment of a row boat belonging to a lady of this city. All last summer, it seems, the boat was molested and taken from its moorings by these young hoodlums. This summer the same trouble began, and the boat was hidden in a spot on Marys river, then on Oak Creek—in fact, anywhere to keep it from the owner. Finally, after much annoyance the property was recovered and was chained to a tree near the owner's home. Going to the spot later, the tree was found cut down and the skiff gone, whereupon the police were notified and are on the track of the thieves. Some lad is likely to go to the reform school because of it.

Even worse than this is a contemptible piece of work that was done by older boys at a Chinese wash house on North Main street a few weeks ago. The Chinamen have a copper tank, holding perhaps 40 or 50 gallons, in which they boil clothes. Some one entered the place and with an old mattock cut two or three holes through the bottom of the tank. A large ringer, costing \$15 when new, also had the rubber rollers gashed and chopped to pieces. A suspicion, apparently well founded, is entertained as to the identity of the puppy who did the work.

Other cases could be cited, such as occurred at the C. & E. depot recently when an excursion train came in and the younger gang of toughs threw rocks at a buggy horse, almost causing a runaway.

The work of these boys is a matter to be looked after by fathers and mothers, for if the lads are not kept in and properly controlled the police are bound by law to deal with them as the offenses merit, and the names of the offenders will not always be withheld.

An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure, and the parents who allow their sons to grow up in the street should not be pitted if troubles come because of neglect of duty.

These Will Teach.

At a meeting of the Corvallis school board held at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, Miss Edna Thompson was elected a teacher of the Corvallis public school for the coming year, vacancies having been made by the failure of Miss Etta Fuller and Miss Young to file applications for their grades next year.

At Tuesday's meeting, the oath of office was taken by W. C. Corbett, director, who fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Hout, and by clerk W. A. Buchanan.

The full corps of teachers for the year will be: Principal, S. W. Holmes; assistant, C. E.

Cummings; Miss Olive Mallow, Miss Anna Lindgren, Miss Frances Belknap, Miss Edna Finley, Miss Florence Maxfield, Miss Maud Mattley, Miss Margaret Fowells, Miss Josephine Fullerton, Miss Grace Huff, Miss Lena Tartar and Miss Edna Thompson.

The assignment of the various grades has not yet been made by the board.

THE DATE IS SET.

For Oregon State Fair at Salem—
Premiums for Benton.

The 45th annual state fair is scheduled to begin at Salem, September 10th, and to last five days, closing on the 15th.

W. H. Downing, president of the board, was in Corvallis recently in the interests of the fair, and he is making a tour of the state for the same purpose.

Benton county is in position to make a better showing this year, at less cost, than ever before, owing to the splendid permanent exhibit that is now maintained at the court house for show purposes.

At the fair grounds \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature for the purpose has been expended in improvement of the grounds, buildings, pavilion and auditorium. These have been enlarged and repainted, the dairy hall, machinery hall, grandstand and poultry hall have been repainted, and new horse and cattle barns, sheep and hog pens have been built and the best septic tank system of sewage devices in the state have been installed.

Stall room has been provided for 210 head of horses for the campers, and an information bureau will be established under the management of Hon. Albert Tozier, who will be "mayor" of the fair grounds. A record of all campers will be kept, so that friends will have no difficulty in locating friends in camp.

The premium list has been revised, new ones added and old ones increased in value until the list is as liberal as anyone could ask.

There is a cash prize of \$300, which will be awarded to the county making the best general exhibit. With this purse in view it behooves old Benton to do her "prettiest."

Multnomah's Increase in Insanity

There is an alarming increase in the number of insane complaints issued in this county, says the Portland Telegram. So far this month the increase has been 100 per cent over the whole month of June, 1905, when 15 insane complaints were sworn to before County Clerk Frank S. Fields. Nineteen insanity complaints were made last month, while 17 were issued during May, 1905.

Several reasons are assigned for the increase one of them being that the San Francisco earthquake caused many persons to worry until driven insane. Another cause is said to be that many persons whose minds were none too strong lost control of their reason on account of the rush and worry brought on by the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Fred W. Prasp declares that because there has been such an increase in the number of marriage licenses issued. He does not explain just how the issuing of the licenses affected the minds of persons whose names do not appear on the wedding permits.

Bids Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that the clerk of school district No. 9, Benton county, will receive bids to paint the old school building; roof one coat and body of building two coats; work and material to be first class; give cost of labor, also contract price for labor and material. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and no bid will be received after 9 a. m., July 10th.



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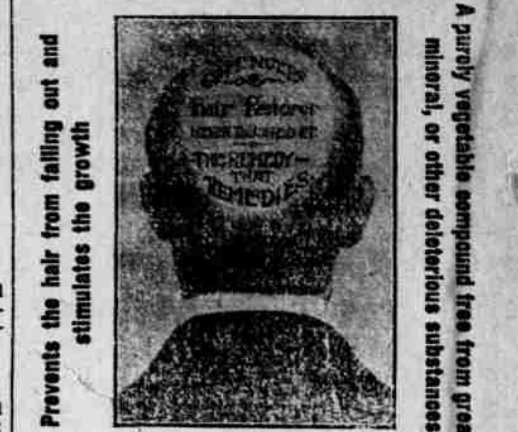
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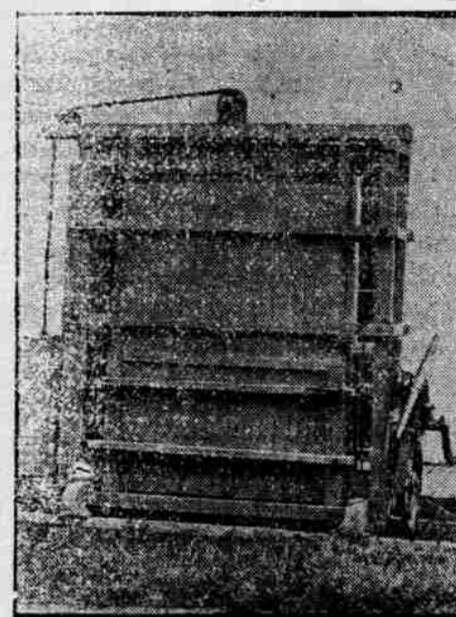
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