



ABOUT THE TRIAL

Seattle May Send Esther Mitchell and Maud Creffield Home.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—Esther Mitchell and Mrs. Maud Creffield may be removed to their Oregon homes, instead of being tried for murder here, despite the direct information on a murder charge filed here today. This is a proposition which has been discussed at some length by, and has met with some favor from, influential members of the King county bar. One object gained by turning over to Oregon her own citizens, say court officials who have suggested the matter, would be that King county would, at very little cost, rid itself of an expense bill of about \$5,000.

Mrs. Creffield's home, they claim, is at Corvallis; Esther Mitchell's in Newberg, Or., or Portland. A Washington law provides that non-resident insane persons may be taken to their home State.

The trial of George Mitchell, it is estimated, cost King county, about \$2,500. As many Oregon witnesses would probably be required in the case of the women as in that of the young man against whose life they plotted. The women have the right to be tried separately, thus costing the State twice as much as did Mitchell. Should an insanity commission find the women insane and the court send them to Oregon, the Oregon officials who were so outspoken in their opinions at the trial of George Mitchell, claim local court officials, would then have a chance to handle the case themselves. Probably Esther and Mrs. Creffield would be sent to the Hospital for the Insane at Salem. On the other hand, if alienist experts should find the prisoners sane, their records would be admissible at the murder trial here.

Even now insanity experts are holding an inquiry into the mental condition of the prisoners. Much will depend on their report. The information to be filed this afternoon names 17 witnesses for the State, including local police officers, newspaper reporters, physicians and Perry and Fred Mitchell, Fred Dickman and Lewis Sandelle.

How Pruett Hunted Grizzlies.

Ralph Pruett returns tomorrow from his vacation at Green Peak, near Bellefontain. It is said Mr. Pruett considers himself a hardy mountaineer, brave, fearless and equal to any occasion, but the other day he had a terrible experience, according to the statement of his fellow salesmen, Belt and Porter, of Kline's store.

The story goes that Ralph hunted big, shaggy bears up in the mountains. He carried a fierce-looking gun that shoots 19 times without being reloaded, a long bowie knife that cuts on both sides, going and coming, and about 500 cartridges in a cowboy belt. He looked fierce and felt fiercer as he traversed the wilderness in search of grizzlies and other big game.

His thoughts were wholly occupied with the question of how he was to get his bears and deer down the mountain side to camp, after he had killed six or eight and tired of the pastime, and a bloodthirsty look was on his usually infantile face as he peered into the underbrush, here and there.

Suddenly there was a crackling of brush behind him and Mr. Pruett wheeled about. In fancy he saw two big fiery eyes, as large as dinner plates, and a great, brown, hairy carcass bearing down upon him, and, with a sudden feeling of homesickness, Ralph took to his heels. He started down the mountain side pell-mell, lost his footing and rolled something like 40 rods,

losing, Belt says, something like 200 rounds of ammunition on the trail. Then he picked himself up and glanced back. There he saw, perched on a log, a tiny chipmunk that had caused all the crackling in the underbrush.

Mr. Pruett's friends are keeping the story dark, out of regard for Ralph's feelings.

MURDER THE CHARGE.

Against Esther Mitchell and Mrs. Maud Creffield.

Murder in the first degree is the charge that hangs over Esther Mitchell and Mrs. Maud Creffield in the court of King county, Washington.

While O. V. Hurt has offered to mortgage his home in this city for \$500, in order to defend his daughter at the proper time, she declares that he shall not spend his money for that purpose and both she and Esther Mitchell affirm that they will not allow any plea of insanity to be entered for them.

An Oregonian dispatch from Seattle Wednesday had the following to say:

Attorney Speckert today received a telegram from Judge Upton, of Walla Walla, to the effect that the latter could not possibly assist in the defense of Esther Mitchell. Upton created a sensation by the following message sent the night that Esther Mitchell shot down her brother George:

"Walla Walla, Wash., July 12, 1906.—Miss Esther Mitchell, County Jail, Seattle, Wash.—Accept thanks, congratulations and assistance if needed. Talk to your lawyer only.

"WILLIAM H. UPTON."
Attorney Will H. Morris this morning wrote a long letter to O. V. Hurt, Mrs. Creffield's father advising him that he could not defend the two women, owing to urgent business. Morris stated that the defense of the two women would probably be placed in the hands of a young attorney in this city, at the request of Hurt.

Esther Mitchell and Mrs. Maud Creffield were jointly charged with murder in the first degree today by information filed direct in the Superior Court. Jonn F. Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney, stated that the trial of the two women would probably be concluded before Chester Thompson is brought to trial.

The prisoners are being examined daily by Dr. J. B. Loughary, who calls in one or more consulting physicians to act as advisers in an effort to determine the mental condition of the women who are responsible for the death of George Mitchell. These examinations are being made at the request of Prosecuting Attorney MacIntosh, and the reports made by the physicians are being kept a secret. It is said, however, by MacIntosh that no complete report has been made so far, and it is probable that the examinations will be kept up for some little time.

The women so conduct themselves as to make the determination of their mental condition very baffling.

Miss Noma Stewart is seriously ill at the family home in this city.

Mrs. Jennie Leonard of Philomath is a guest at the Burnap home in this city.

Mrs. Paul Dodele and daughter of Wells were Corvallis visitors Wednesday. Samuel Kerr began yesterday on the task of repainting the Charles Hout residence.

Mrs. J. L. Underwood leaves today for a two weeks' visit with her brother at Lebanon.

Ralph Davidson and family of Portland were in Corvallis yesterday enroute to Big Elk for a camping trip.

Miss Helen Miller returned home Tuesday from a two week's visit with Miss Lulu Wagner, near Philomath.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give an ice cream social on the court house lawn this evening from 6 to 10 o'clock.

"HAPPY" IS HOMESICK.

"Still Going Some", He Says—Hair Holds the Job.

I received the papers all right at Willmar, Minn., and I want to thank you for them. I was getting mighty homesick for a sight of the Gazette.

The weather up in Minnesota was something awful; rained all the time and half the state was under water. We like that fine as we were living in a tent all the time. I was mighty homesick for Corvallis for a while. The weather finally got better and we had a fine time. The weather now is as hot as the hinges on the secretary's desk down in perdition. I don't want very much of this country in the summer or the winter; it is all right in the spring or in the fall, but in the summer or winter it is fierce.

I will tell you something about the life with the show and that is all I can tell you about myself.

I arrived in Rockford, from Portland, all right and found word waiting for me (not Tom Word) to join the show at Minneapolis and we have been hitting it up ever since. We have eight people with us and we are making good right along. We are handling the Navajo Indian Remedies and we have Dr. Jim Long (White Spear) at the head of the company. We have three full-blood Navajo Indians and two actors and one actress besides myself. I am a combined actor, lecturer and salesman and am kept pretty busy most of the time.

Doc Jim pays good salaries and every body seems to be satisfied. I am well and fat and can't complain only about the weather. We stop from two to ten days in each town and we manage to get well enough acquainted that we can have a pretty good time in every town. I have three hours' work in the afternoon and three hours' work after supper and the rest of the time is my own. I get \$90 a month and board, the Indians get \$30 a month, the two actors get \$60, the actress \$40 and Doc Jim gets \$200 a month, so you see we are doing some business all the time.

Now if my hair was not long and luxuriant I could not hold my job for a minute and I would be sticking type in some country print shop this hot weather at \$12 "per", while as it is I am able to be out of doors most of the time, and what is more I am having a good time along with it.

The show was five weeks in Minnesota and will be in Iowa until it closes, which will be about the end of July. We will have six weeks off and then open in Indiana. If they stay around in the Central States this winter I will not stay with them; it will be me back to Oregon, for Oregon looks good to me in the winter. I think I will have to come back to Corvallis in November anyway on account of those Club trials, unless they are settled before then, because I promised Mr. Bryson I would come back as a witness and I am going to do it.

I tell you that there is no country like Oregon, to me, and I am coming back some time to stay. I want to live in the Willamette Valley some more. Why, I have not heard the word "Hops" since I have been out in this country; I don't think they know what they are.

I have been in two train wrecks, one cyclone and was in a house that was struck with lightning, and am still going some. I was in the cyclone that tore through Murdock, Minn., and I got out with a slight scare. I assisted in putting out the fire that was started by lightning in the house where I was staying in Minneapolis, and I got out of two wrecks on the Great Northern with a few scratches. I guess I was some lucky.

I suppose you are having lots of work now in the office, and you are keeping pretty busy your-

self, I remember you used to keep pretty busy when I was there. Tell the force that I am still the same old "Happy" only more so. I have to go some to keep up with Doc Jim for he is worse than I am.

Has Milt Morgan got his appointment in the Phillipines yet, or is he still looking for it.

THE REGENT MEETING.

Much Business Transacted, but No Changes Reported.

The midsummer meeting of the Board of regents of the Agricultural college was held Wednesday afternoon. Eight regents were present and five absent. The absentees were Secretary of State Dunbar, Judge Cotton, Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, Olwell and Pierce. More or less routine business was transacted and reports read. In regard to the question of mountain water for the college, a committee from the water commission appeared before the board, submitting a written proposition to supply water for the college at the rate of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons, the college to take at least 100,000 gallons per month, and any amount in excess, at that rate. The authority was given the executive committee to lease to the water commission the right of way across any portion of the college grounds, the connections to be made with the main running from Cauthorn Hall north to the county road. It is understood that the college is to furnish its own connections and meters, all the big buildings to be provided with meters. Mr. Daly and Mr. Weatherford were appointed a committee and authorized to enter into a written contract with the city water works to that effect.

Supplementary bids were opened on the proposed woman's building, and as these were about \$60,000, it was decided that a committee should remodel the plans or get new ones, so as to enable the project to be carried on within the limits of the available means, which is from \$50,000 to \$65,000, a part of which, however, is wanted for equipment. Gov. Chamberlain suggested an entire new and independent building, constructed within the means at hand, and so planned that two wings could be added later, greatly increasing the size without destroying the symmetry of the structure. It is said the appropriation must be used by Dec. 31 or the funds revert to the State treasury.

Resolutions were adopted in the Quinlan matter, authorizing a committee from the board to make a rigid investigation and to report its findings to the secretary of war, and also to the board at its next meeting. J. K. Weatherford was instructed to correspond with the secretary of war to see if the government could not send a representative here to be present at the investigation.

Prof. L. B. Baldwin, of Philomath, was elected as assistant in English, for the coming year. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred on Supt. J. H. Ackerman.

Keep An eye on Him.

The Chief of police has been busy the past few days looking into conditions generally about the city. Out in the western part of town he found the Keston butcher shop locked and deserted but from the interior a stench was emitted that turned the burly chief seasick. He held his nose with one hand and effected an entrance to the building with the other, and there he found a quarter of beef that was supposed to have been put away to "corn". That it had not "corned" was evidenced by the smell. Other pieces of beef were found, tossed into a box and the whole thing carted away. A can of lime was

scattered over the floor, but it is doubtful if the stench can be overcome while the building stands. Chief Lane is not certain but what he will have to bury himself to get the odor out of his clothes and hair.

In various other parts of town he has found conditions in alleys, shacks and back yards that should not be tolerated in any well ordered city, and when questioned as to what he proposed to do about it, the chief smiles and looks wise, but says nothing.

The safest plan for citizens is to keep an eye on the chief from now on, and if he is seen "snooping" about in any certain locality, the residents had better get a shovel, hoe or rake and "get busy" without waiting for further notice.

Petition For Protection.

A petition has been in circulation the past few days and it has numerous signers, asking that the city provide for one of

the four hose carts to be kept in the northwestern part of town, together with 500 feet of hose. The city could well do this, it would seem, as that part of town is wholly without protection in that respect, and in winter a building would be half destroyed by fire before a hose cart could be got out there, if indeed it could be taken there at all. There are residents who say that the petition should be honored by the city fathers, and that another hose cart should be located near the Bodine warehouse, for protection in that section, and that a general fire should require the combined force of all four carts.

Now that mountain water is available in all parts of town it would be an easy matter for the entire city to be reasonably protected from fire, by the location of the hose carts, as suggested.

During the early part of next week the Presbyterian church will give a social on the lawn at the church. Watch for the date.



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