

The Oregon Scout.

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Brief Bulletin.

Merry Christmas. Remember the New Year's ball. Lu Grando is to have a boys' brass band. Born—Dec. 21st, to the wife of John Johnson, a daughter. The recently elected city officers will assume their duties next Saturday. When it comes to persuading a balky team to go, Jo. Yowell is no slouch. Miss Emma Jones took her departure, this week, for Montana to visit her sister. Some twenty-five or thirty new subscribers added to our list during the past week. The ball given by the Union Social Club at Davis' hall, last night, was largely attended. Attend the masque skating carnival to-night at Wright's hall, and compete for those elegant prizes. John Green, for assaulting Geo. Dorman, a few days ago, was fined \$10 and costs by the city recorder. Mrs. Malson will open a restaurant in the building adjoining Mrs. Rogers' millinery store, in a few days. All indebted to the Cove drug store will receive a statement of their account, Jan. 1st. Please be prepared to make settlement. We are under obligations to H. F. Burleigh, editor of the Chief, for valuable assistance, this week, in reporting the proceedings of the Bobier trial. Mr. and Mrs. Emory, who have been sojourning in Baker county for some time, came down on a visit this week. Mr. Emory has been sick for several days past. Judge Leon is determined, if possible, to clear the docket of the cases that have been accumulating for some time past, and will continue court all next week. Charley Miller returned with his Portland bride a few days ago, and was warmly welcomed by a host of friends. We join in wishing them a long life of happiness. There will be a Christmas service at the Episcopal church, Union, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The choir from Ascension church, Cove, will be present and render the music. The jury in the Bennett trial desire, through the columns of the SCOUT, to return their thanks to Sheriff Hamilton and the bailiff for their kindness, courtesy and attention during the trial. We are requested to state that the "Summerville court" alluded to in "Crank's" communication, last week, was the Recorder's court and not that of the regular Justice of the Peace at that place. Isaac Hyatt, a former resident of this section, for the killing of Pierce, recently, at Hillsborough, Washington county, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, by the jury that tried him. We are in receipt of the mammoth edition of the Portland News, which contains twenty pages of choice matter pertaining to the resources and capabilities of the North-west. The News shows commendable enterprise in getting up this edition. Attention is called to A. J. Kibbe's advertisement of the "Enterprise Wind Mill" in this issue. These mills are much needed in this section of the country and it is only a matter of time when they will be in general use. Mr. Kibbe invites all those who wish to purchase to come and examine the "Enterprise." The Sage Brush says: "Mr. Clint Duffy, of Cornucopia, some weeks since took ten tons of Red Jacket rock to Denver, Col., and had it worked. Nine tons of this rock went upwards of \$105 per ton and the other ton milled \$1,200. Clint returned to Cornucopia after paying all his expenses with \$1,600 clear. Parties followed him from Denver, and we understand large sales are being made in the Cornucopia district. The greatest consolation to one growing old, is the improved surroundings which come with age, experience and wisdom. We are reminded of this fact by the appearance of the new Seed Annual of D. M. Ferry & Co., the celebrated seedsmen of Detroit, Mich. (They enjoy the enviable reputation of being the wisest and best known firm, in any business in the United States.) Millions of people, gardening both for profit and pleasure, have found ever increasing satisfaction and delight in using their seeds. Every one desiring seeds of the highest type and best quality, should secure their Annual. It is sent free on application. The Union Dramatic Company, under the management of Mr. R. F. Beale, gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Wright's hall, last Wednesday evening, to a large audience. The play, "Shinguan, or the Outlaw of 98," was well rendered throughout as was also the farce "Barney the Baron." We are sorry that our space forbids extended mention of the various characters. The play was repeated on Thursday evening for the benefit of Mr. Beale, but for some reason, probably on account of court being in session, the attendance was not as large as it should have been. Mr. Beale is a good actor, and is capable of teaching our amateurs much in the dramatic line, and if he appears here again he should receive the benefit he deserves.

The Skiff Affair.

Trial of the Supposed Murderers of Willis Skiff.

EVIDENCE IN THE CASE.

Monday last this case came up for trial. The entire day was spent in procuring the following named persons as

JURYMEN:
H. L. Daugherty, N. Swaggar, A. Landerman, C. B. Hawley, Terry Tuttle, Aaron Wade, N. Myrick, Robt. Knight, Jas. Pratt, John Evers, and Dan Sommer. The case was opened to the jury on the part of the prosecution, who presented the points that they hoped to be able to prove. Below we give the testimony of the witnesses, as taken by our reporter. It was not taken verbatim, but we give it in substance. State called.

DR. DRAKE.
Who testified: Saw Skiff in Union on morning of July 24; sent him to North Powder to buy wheat; I went to North Powder Thursday following to enquire for him; saw Bobier, who said Skiff had been there, got his supper and paid for it, which was his custom of doing; the last he saw of him was sitting on the porch talking to Tibbets; went to wake him next morning, but Skiff was not in his room.
Cross Examination.—I don't know what kind of clothes Skiff was wearing.

A. C. HUNTERINGTON.
Testified: I last saw Skiff at North Powder on 24th of July, 1886, at Bobier's hotel; Skiff was on porch between sundown and dark; I staid at hotel; went to bed pretty early, between 9 and 10 o'clock; the night was very dark; could not see a man 5 feet; I saw Bobier going to bed about 9:30 that night; I got up early next morning.

Cross Examination.—From dark I was in the hotel and on the porch; quite a number of persons were around the hotel that night; I slept up stairs.

MRS. SKIFF.
Testified: I am the wife of Willis Skiff; saw him last at home on morning of 24th of July last; he started to North Powder, has never returned; don't know where he is; always promptly returned when he said he would.
Cross Examination.—He changed his coat and put on a white collar at home before he started to North Powder.

RACHEL MILLER.
Testified: I worked at Bobier's hotel on July 24th 1886; saw the defendants, and Skiff there that evening; had conversation with Skiff at supper that evening about 8 o'clock; he asked me to wake him for the 6 o'clock train; saw him about 9 o'clock on the porch; I went to the store to get a dollar's worth of sugar; there was a half barrel of same kind sugar in the house; when I left, Skiff was sitting on the porch or the door where I went out; when I came back no one was on the porch; Tibbets was standing in the door; I said, "Ho! who is there?" He looked frightened and fearful and went back into the bar-room; I took the sugar in the dining room; saw Jack Godfrey at the barn, pumping water; all I saw after I came back with the sugar, was Tibbets, Jack Godfrey and Mrs. Bobier; I got up next morning at 5 o'clock; I saw Skiff's bed room door was open and his bed was not mussed any; I asked Godfrey where Skiff was, and he said, "G-d-d-n him he is where the dogs won't bite him;" this was a day or two afterward; next morning, I saw on the porch, blood, where Skiff was sitting, 3 or 4 spots; it looked like water had been thrown on it and swept off; that day I went to the barn, I saw blood on the platform at front of barn—a place as large as my hand; I afterwards saw Bobier digging dirt out of the cracks of the porch at the place I saw the blood; before supper I saw Bobier, Godfrey and Tibbets talking on the porch; was about 12 feet from them, but could not hear what they said; when the Union men were up there looking for Skiff, Bobier asked me if I was a friend to these people, I said I was; He asked me what I would take to be their friend, Skiff's bedroom opened from the dining room; when I went after the sugar there was a light burning in the dining room and one in the post office room which is in the front of same building; the spots were stains of blood about the size of a half dollar, besides stains in the cracks. (Here the defense asked a great many impeaching questions.)

H. C. WOODS.
Testified: I am deputy sheriff of Multnomah county; Rachel Miller went with me to North Powder to show us where she saw the blood on the porch; I took some dirt out of the cracks; I went away and saw Bobier go and clean out the cracks and sweep it off; I took this dirt and had it analyzed in Union and in Portland.
Cross Examination.—I was 100 yds. east of the mill when I saw Bobier cleaning out the cracks. I have been working for wages as a detective for the prosecution in this case. When these defendants were arrested I was with the officer and assisting; I have taken interest in this case; when we left North Powder with the prisoners a pistol shot was fired.

JAS. H. FISK.
Testified: Live in Portland; am a chemist. About the 1st of Dec., 1886, Mr. C. H. Wood brought some dirt and asked me to examine it and see if it contained human blood. After a thorough examination of this I collected three disks of blood; the disks are identical with that of human blood, but I had not enough of them to prove conclusively that it was human blood; my impression is, it was human blood.
Cross Examination.—After human blood has dried it is different from fresh blood; chemically considered there is no difference in animal blood.

W. CARP.
Testified: I live in Union; am a Physician. Mr. H. C. Wood gave me a small quantity of dirt and small splinter of wood; I made some six or eight examinations; I compared the globules with those of fresh human blood; they were very similar and I feel quite confident it was human blood, but I cannot say positively. Dried blood is different from fresh blood; chemically there is no difference between animal and human blood; the difference is discovered by the microscope.

MRS. WALSH.
Testified: Lived at North Powder on the 24th of July last; I went to bed early and before I went to sleep I heard a cry of distress which affected me so I felt like jumping up to help some one.
Cross Examination.—This sound came from the direction of the hotel; the hotel is about 250 yards from my house; two houses were between; I went to bed about dark and in an hour or so I heard the noise.

DR. DRAKE RECALLED.
I am acquainted with H. C. Wood; he brought me some dirt to analyze to ascertain if it contained blood; I made the test and concluded it was human blood.
Cross Examination.—The corpuscles of blood of the human or animal body are nearly alike—chemically they are the same—but when certain chemicals are applied they assume very different forms.
(Continued next week.)

Churns, 50 cents at Drake's Cash Store.

Bennett's Trial.

Synopsis of the Testimony Offered by the Defense.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

Bennett testified in his own defense as follows: Am 46 years old; have lived in Union county 23 years; am a farmer. I have known Legore for 3 or 4 years. Legore was near the watering trough when I first saw him; the wagon passed very near me. Legore said: "There you are with your gun, get that for me have you? Why don't you shoot, you d-d old s---b?" When the wagon passed me I saw the gun in the wagon; he put his foot on the wheel and had an aim at me when I fired. On Sunday, the day before the shooting, I took my gun body out to the water ditch; saw about a dozen of them getting in my field; came back near old house and set my gun down to fix fence; went to the house and let my gun there all night. My machinery was near old house, and on Monday I went there to work on it; started to the house to dinner; took my gun, got out near the ditch; did not know when I was going to the house that Legore was or would be near there. When I fired that gun I did not know my life. I was road supervisor, and had trouble with Legore some time about the first of June. We were at the Henry Rinehart place, in the yard lying on the ground when Legore asked me how much money I was going to work the road. I told him three cents. He said: "I'd be glad if he would work three weeks, or two; said I was a rascal and had the reputation of mistreating my family. I told him that any one who said so was a d---s---tinking liar. He said, 'I don't allow any body to talk that way to me.' He then kicked me in the mouth. I did not see Legore after he kicked me, till the day of shooting. I made inquiries who he was. I staid in bed about a week, called Halley where he was, so I could have him arrested; took my gun and went around my boy in the road to tell him to come to the house; asked Hughes if he saw Legore; said he had not seen him; I was inquiring for him so as to have him arrested. I have left my gun out before; leave it when I am going up a fence and working around my place; took the gun that time to shoot dog, that had been killing my sheep. I staid at the old house about an hour after the shooting. Ladd, Harris and Endicott came to the house. Ladd came running up with a gun, asked what he was wanted. Ladd said: "We got no harm, but want the old house in which to put Legore." I told them that was no place for him to take him to the front room; use the bed and my coat. They took care of him. Mr. Courtwright came and told me he had a story to tell. I told my son-in-law to go to the house and get the gun. Legore had, but when he came back he told me they would not let him get away with it. When Legore came out of the gun in my hand, gave it to my boy, but afterward raised it up. As a result of the kick I received from Legore, I lost two teeth, the roof of my mouth was broken and dropped down. I could hardly come out of the roof of my mouth for a week after the shooting.
Cross Examination.—It seems my voice is getting weaker; I could speak louder at time of shooting than now; the old house is about 30 feet from fence; when the wagon passed me I was below the road 25 or 30 feet from the wagon; the wagon was 20 feet from the wagon and about 30 feet from it when I fired; do not think I said to R. A. Nance, 7 days prior to the killing that I would not arrest Legore, but might have said it.
Several other witnesses testified, but on account of fainter space this week, we deem it unnecessary to give their testimony. Nothing was elicited that had any particular bearing on the case different from what has been stated before.
The trial was concluded about 6 o'clock Saturday evening, and the case submitted to the jury, which retired and in the course of a couple of hours returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.
Bennett will not be sentenced till next Monday, at 3 o'clock P. M. Sentence was postponed at the instance of the attorneys who want time in which to file a motion for a new trial. What they think that another trial would be liable to benefit Bennett or not, we cannot say, but we believe it is the general opinion that he has not done remarkably well, and ought to be satisfied.

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