

## OAKMAN SENTENCED

### Pleads Guilty to Murder in Second Degree and Is Sent Up for Life.

#### OTHER COURT NEWS.

The trial of the State of Oregon against Bert Oakman came to a sudden termination last Friday morning by the defendant, through his attorneys S. B. Huston and Geo. R. Bagley, pleading guilty to murder in the second degree. This was a surprise to the public, but a course decided on by the prisoner's counsel to save his neck from the rope, for the evidence of Mrs. Bennett, mother of the dead man; the boy Frost and the two Ledford girls was so damaging that it would have been almost impossible to convince the jury that Oakman did not do the murder with "malice aforethought," as he threatened to do, according to the evidence of the witnesses named.

When the circuit court opened last Friday morning the room was crowded with people expecting the trial to go on, but Oakman's plea of murder in the second degree closed the case so far as the people are concerned, and it only remained for Judge McBride to sentence the prisoner to the penitentiary for life, the only thing he could do under the circumstances, and the judge announced that that would be done at 2 o'clock Saturday.

On Saturday the crowd began gathering as early as 1 o'clock and by 2 o'clock the court room was filled. When Judge McBride asked the prisoner if he had anything to say, his attorney, Hon. S. B. Huston, said, in his behalf, that it was by the advice of the attorneys for the defense, the wish of Oakman's sister and the consent of the Bennett family that a plea of guilty was made. He said that if the case was continued it might be found that Oakman was not altogether wrong and that the dead man was in part responsible for his own death. That he had devoted a good deal of time in looking up Oakman's record and previous to this trouble he had been a good, honest and industrious boy and not at all a bad man. This assertion was backed by depositions from county officials, city officials and men who had known him from birth. Mr. Huston further stated that he did not believe that at heart Oakman was a bad man, but had a passionate, fiery temper and did not always keep it under control; he did not believe the prisoner holds any malice towards any of the Bennett family and was truly penitent. He stated that he did not make these assertions with any hope of lessening

Oakman's sentence, for he knew that could not be done, but he wished to give the public the facts and sound a warning to other young men. It was an awful crime and a terrible punishment and every boy and young man in the court room should take warning.

District Attorney Harrison Allen also addressed the court and said that he desired to say on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett that from what they had told him, that they bear no malice toward the man that deprived them of their son, and had sacrificed whatever feelings they might have in requesting him to accept the second degree plea, which he had done, as the law permitted him to do.

Hon. T. A. McBride then commanded the prisoner to stand up, and while the stillness of death prevailed over the court room, said to the young man that it was no pleasant duty he was about to perform; in his capacity as judge he had sentenced men to the gallows and to the penitentiary for life, but it was not done for pleasure; as a judge it was a part of the duty the law demanded of him. He said that to a man sentenced for life there was hope, even though the hope might be only a glimmer, and advised Oakman to do conduct himself as to gain the respect of the prison officials, obey the rules of the institution, and so conduct himself as to prove that he was truly sorry for committing the great crime and was willing to bear the punishment. He stated that, though he had no authority to say so, if this advice was followed faithfully, Oakman might be permitted to spend a few years of his life in freedom. After a few more words of advice to the condemned man, and young men generally, the judge pronounced the life sentence. Sheriff Connell took Oakman to Salem Saturday afternoon.

**OTHER COURT NEWS.**  
The following is the disposition of cases since Thursday of last week, as taken from the court docket:

Hemmer vs. Hemmer, divorce; decree granted.

Younans-Wells Bros. Co. vs. F. T. Kane, and E. J. Hubbert, demurrer overruled; and allowed until Thursday to file answer.

Johnson vs. Johnson, set for Friday.

State vs. Oakman, murder; defendant pleads guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Martin vs. Bagley, verdict for the defendant.

A. Leichen Sons Rope Co. vs. F. T. Kane and E. J. Hubbert, ordered that an alias summons issue for service thereon upon E. J. Hubbert, one of the defendants.

On Friday all jurors not engaged, excepting M. E. Hotchkiss and John H. Grable, excused.

E. W. Haines vs. F. T. Kane, permission granted by the consent of defendant's attorneys to amend plaintiff's complaint by intervention.

John T. Johnson vs. Annie T. John-

son, et al. ordered that the money in this case be turned over to guardian, further ordered that the plea in abatement herein be stricken out, and that the demurrer filed herein be stricken from the file.

Martin vs. Bagley, ordered that judgment on the verdict be entered.

Thos. B. Kendall vs. Mattie Kendall, divorce; decree as prayed.

In the matter of the will of Mary Ann Dunks; judgment of the county court approved.

J. D. Rodd vs. Charles Porter et al. defendant's order confirming report of referees.

Nelson vs. Morrissey, motion for new trial over ruled and judgment on the verdict entered and defendant allowed sixty days to prepare a bill of exception.

Annans vs. Wehrung, jury trial, set for trial Wednesday, January 4, 1905.

Sagert vs. Sagert, equity, set for trial January 6.

Martin vs. Bagley, judgment on the verdict.

E. W. Haines vs. E. J. Hubbert, set for trial January 10.

State of Oregon vs. Ellsworth Craig, district attorneys returns, "not a true bill" ordered that defendant be discharged and his bondsman released.

Shute vs. Sewell, set for time January 5, 1905.

Patterson vs. Porter, set for trial January 9.

Watson vs. Hoge et al., dismissed without prejudice.

Allen Goodon vs. N. A. Barrett et al., dismissed without costs to either party.

M. B. Bump, admr. of the estate of Ellen L. Ford, vs. N. A. Barrett et al., dismissed without costs to either party.

State of Oregon vs. Theodore Salzgerber, not a true bill returned; defendant ordered, discharged and bondsman released.

State of Oregon vs. Bert Oakman; ordered that F. T. Kane be appointed to assist in conveying said Oakman to the penitentiary at Salem.

Court adjourned until Monday, January 4, 1905.

**Foot-ball at Cornelius.**

The juvenile foot-ball team of this city met the lads of Cornelius on the latter's grounds last Saturday and mopped the earth with them in the most approved style the score standing 6 to nothing. Our boys are highly pleased with the result. Cornelius will play Hillsboro a return game tomorrow forenoon at 10:30 on the grounds near Billing's, north of town. The two clubs line up as follows:

**HILLSBORO.**  
O. Ford  
C. Huston  
D. Greer  
H. Moore  
E. Hobbs  
C. Conklin  
E. Morgan  
V. H. Kindt  
J. Perkins  
H. Aeschbacher

**CORNELIUS.**  
C. McCurdy  
E. Henderson  
C. Dickerson  
M. Dickerson  
O. Vanblaracom  
R. Delaney  
H. Hartman  
B. Nelson  
O. Lund  
H. Neep

Opposed to the appointment without further consideration—Smith, Rood and Smeltzer, 3.

To sustain the mayor—Gardner, Ballard, Dennis, 3.

As the mayor, in case of a tie, has the deciding vote, he hung Mr. Morgan's scalp to his belt and business proceeded as usual.

The following standing committees

#### The City Council.

The city council met in regular session last Monday evening, every member being present. It had been rumored about town that there was to be a "real warm" session, and on that account quite a number of visitors were on hand, but nothing of a sensational nature occurred, further than the removal of Supt. Morgan of the electric light and water plant and the appointment of Wm. Ringle to succeed him. Mayor Cornelius announced the different committees for the ensuing year, after which he took up the trouble at the electric light plant. He at once proceeded to the appointment of the working force at the plant, stating that he had requested Mr. Morgan to hand in his resignation. Whether he had done so or not did not seem to cut very much ice with the mayor, for he named Wm. Ringle as superintendent, Mr. Stevens as night man and Cland Sablin as day man, and asked the council to confirm his appointments. This led to quite a discussion. Councilman W. D. Smith took the ground that it was not right to "fire" a man without a thorough investigation and asked for time to consider the matter, and Councilman T. A. Rood was of the same mind. Councilman John Dennis, of the water and light committee, stated that there was a continual broil among the employees at the plant and he had become heartily sick of it and demanded that the matter be settled at once. He made no charge against Mr. Morgan, in fact there were no direct charges made against him by any one, but there seemed to be a difference of opinion among the employees as to who was boss, and instead of carrying their troubles to the policeman, they took it to the water and light committee in frequent installments. Mr. Smith insisted that Mr. Morgan be heard and he was given the opportunity. He stated, in substance, that he had worked for the city faithfully and to the best of his ability and was ready to meet any charges, but did not believe a charge could be made and proven. He admitted there was trouble at the plant, but it was because he was not permitted by the council to use the authority a superintendent should be empowered with. The men would not take orders from him, but would go to the committee, and returning to the plant would ignore him and do about as they saw fit. He, too, was tired of it, and it had arrived at a point where he would "like to know where he was at." The mayor demanded that a vote be taken to confirm or reject his appointments at the power house, which resulted as follows:

Finance—Rood, Gardner, Ballard.

Street Committee—Smith, Ballard, Smeltzer.

Water and Light—Dennis, Rood, Gardner.

Sanitary Committee—Gardner, Smeltzer, Smith.

City Attorney—T. H. Tongue.

An ordinance to prevent the running at large of cattle, horses, sheep, swine or fowls in the limits of the city of Hillsboro was put on its third reading and passed, every councilman voting yes. The ordinance takes effect January 1st, 1905.

Dr. Linklater presented a petition signed by a number of property owners, backed by \$200, with more to follow, asking the city to put in a plank drain from the doctor's residence corner on Second street, down the east side of that street to the railroad track. Dr. Linklater told of the needs of such a drain, and the council instructed the street committee to look the ground over, find out the probable cost and report at the next meeting, when the active work of building will be commenced and pushed to completion.

The mayor deferred appointing a marshal until the next regular meeting, but gave it out flat-footed that the next man to wear the star for this city would have to earn his salary. He would only be hired from month to month, declared the mayor, and if he failed to attend to business and help build cross-walks and do other jobs a marshal is supposed to have like poison, there would be another scalp-lock hanging to his honor's belt in short order, and another added every month if needs be. He stated that there would undoubtedly be a need of an extra policeman and a night watchman as soon as the big fair opened in Portland, as that event would throw many of the light-fingered fraternity into our city, but that matter would be considered hereafter, only he intimated that if the city paid for the policeman, the business men would have to do some financial coughing when it came to paying for the night watchman.

The recorder's and treasurer's financial report were skimmed over lightly, but as the council does not seem to think the taxpayers care for a little thing like that, it was not ordered published. You will, however, find a brief synopsis of it written on your tax receipt.

**Sherwood.**

Regular Correspondent.  
John Lier, lately of Carlton is said to have purchased the meat market and will continue the business at the old stand. Tualatin butchers still continue to supply customers here from their meat wagon.

A. L. West has purchased the Huffman property, which has been lately repaired and repainted, and will hereafter reside within the corporate limits, and perchance wear the star of town marshal, provided he is elected.

The school term expired last Friday. However, the teachers will continue school during the week, without salary, rather than become idle. The new term commences after holidays.

A bride, the handiwork of a convict, valued at \$25.00, manufactured from

colored horse hair, except the metal, is on exhibition at Gardner's. A raffle for the same will take place during the holidays; chances 1 cent.

Miss Rosa Brazetto, of Sandpit, manager of an onion farm in that locality reports a yield of upward of 3,000 sacks of onions this year, which at the present price of \$2.10 per hundred, amounts to considerable pin money for a young lady, for one season, at least.

Miss Agnes, of Yamhill county and Gus Griffith, of Ione, Morrow, county were united in marriage in Portland last Friday evening. They are visiting relatives and friends here at present, and will spend a few weeks at Bellevue, Yamhill county, among relatives before returning to their future home on the ranch, near Ione, in Eastern Oregon.

For threatening to assault with his fists, old "Pap" Carter, a helpless old man, one Bill Wilson received drubbing at the hands of a bystander having humane interest in defenseless and helpless cripples.

A new harness business to be conducted by a practical workman of experience and capital will open out here soon. Just why a success cannot be made along this line here is a query; however, the new man is expected to solve the problem.

The usual Christmas festivities, including the customary "grand" ball is to be celebrated in due season by Sherwood citizens. Planning posters in glaring type is evidence sufficient to the wayfarer.

A "supposed" case of diphtheria has made its appearance here again this winter, in the Adams family, residing

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Jessie Alexander, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Edith Monroe, Jackson Monroe, John J. Morgan, Washington County, J. K. Marley, Zera Snow, S. B. Huston, and E. B. Tongue, as administrators of the Estate of Thomas H. Tongue, deceased, Defendants.

To Edith Monroe, Jackson Monroe and J. K. Marley, of defendants above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause and court, on or before the 10th day of February, 1905, and if you fail so to appear or answer, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit:

For judgment for the sum of \$243.61, principal, with interest from the 1st day of November, 1902, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$75.00 as attorneys' fees and for costs in said suit, and for the usual decree and order of court for the foreclosure of the mortgage set forth in said complaint and sale of the mortgaged premises, described as follows, to-wit:

That piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate in Washington County, Oregon, commencing at the southwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of D. B. Huston, in section thirty-one, township one north, range one west of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence north one hundred and forty rods; thence east ninety-one and five-fourteenths rods; thence south one hundred and forty rods; thence west ninety-one and five-fourteenths rods, to the place of beginning, except one acre in the northwest corner, for school purposes, containing seventy-nine acres; according to law and the practice of this court, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of the expenses of said sale, the costs of court and the amount found due plaintiff, and that plaintiff have such further and other relief as to the court may seem.

This summons is published in The Hillsboro Independent, by order of Hon. Thomas A. McBride, Judge of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 20th day of December, 1904.

Dated, December 23, 1904.  
CAPLES & ALLEN,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the Estate of John W. Luther, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of Benton Bowman, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated this December 19, 1904.  
J. C. O'BRYEN,  
Administrator of the Estate of John W. Luther, deceased.  
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just outside the corporation. The reckless manner in which the contagion could be communicated, (should the disease prove to be as expected,) by the family, is not well appreciated and the town council has taken steps to see that a strict quarantine is established hereafter.

A mass meeting of citizens placed the following ticket Saturday night for the January election of town officials: J. Snook, president; Chas. Hall, recorder; L. McConnell, treasurer; council, Geo. Strong, Geo. Saylor, A. Hall, and E. W. Johnson. Another ticket is agitated, but up to date has not materialized.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the Estate of Kate C. Wilcox, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of Benton Bowman, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated this November 9, 1904.  
GEO. H. WILCOX,  
Administrator of the Estate of Kate C. Wilcox, deceased.  
S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Admr.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, duly appointed administrator of the Estate of Francis McPherson, deceased, and that I have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at my law office in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months after the date hereof.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this November 3, 1904.  
W. N. BARRETT,  
Administrator of the Estate of Francis McPherson, deceased.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
Estate of Martha H. Hall, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executor of the last will and testament of said Martha H. Hall, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, and that Saturday the 1st day of December, 1904, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day the court room of said court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof. (said and first published, Friday, December 2, 1904.)  
WILLIAM M. GREGORY  
R. B. HALL, Executor.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the Estate of F. F. Allison, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at my law office, in Bailey Block, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon this Dec. 2, 1904.  
E. R. TONKIN, Administrator  
Of the Estate of F. F. Allison.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the Estate of John W. Luther, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers, at the law office of Benton Bowman, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice.

Dated this December 19, 1904.  
J. C. O'BRYEN,  
Administrator of the Estate of John W. Luther, deceased.  
BENTON BOWMAN, Attorney for Estate.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the Estate of Joseph Marock, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Washington County, State of Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said Estate, and that Monday the 16th day of January, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

FRANK FROMMELT,  
Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Marock, deceased.  
M. BAILEY BUMP, Attorney for Administrator.

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Rattles for the baby and toys for the older boys till you will go crazy, but don't blame me if you do. Fine bedsteads, trunks, velocipedes, rocking horses, drums, soldier outfits, animals, stoves, safes, air rifles, pianos, musical instruments—and then some.

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## XMAS PRESENTS

The cup and saucer fad will never run out. As the demand is so great I have put in an extra stock of fancy cups and saucers and beautiful vases.

Fancy goods in cushions, shawls, fine hand bags fancy table spreads, lace curtains, handkerchiefs, ladies' fine belts, perfumes, toilet soaps, mirrors, etc., I have just what is being used.

Some very good sensible toilet sets, at reasonable prices, and as good assortment of hair brushes and combs as you can find.

I must stop this or the editor will kick. I've said too much now, but not enough to tell you one-half what I would have you know. Come and see for yourself. Finis.

# L. M. HOYT