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THE SNYDER CASE.

(From First Page.)

could. I have done so, and that is the extent of my connection with the matter."

MURDERED AT HOME

S. B. Best, reporter for the Portland Journal, who is here in the interests of that paper, sent the following to the Journal Wednesday evening:

Officers claim to have discovered evidence showing that Carey M. Snyder was murdered at his home near Hillsboro. By the previous statements of Mrs. Madge Snyder they have learned that she was there at the time. For these and other reasons her testimony is regarded as essential to a solution of the murder mystery. The officers have accordingly taken steps to prevent the departure of Mrs. Snyder from Portland and to compel her attendance here.

MRS. SNYDER TELLS HER STORY

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Snyder told her story to a Portland Telegram reporter as follows:

"I arrived here Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock," said Mrs. Snyder, "and called on Sheriff Connell up at Hillsboro, saying I would be there on the morning train. He told me to wait and come out Monday morning, as he could not be there Sunday. I replied that I could not wait that long, as I wanted to know at once if the body found was that of my husband. Then the Sheriff said all right, to come to Hillsboro Sunday, and he would meet me at the train. Sheriff Connell failed to keep his word, and was not at the depot when I arrived in Hillsboro the next morning, nor could he be found all day."

"We met Mr. Bagley, the Acting Coroner, at the Courthouse, and he said Sheriff Connell had to go away, but would return at 10 o'clock. He offered to show me the remains of my husband, and he and Mr. Reckard and I went to his office where I identified all that was found as the remains of my husband."

"I was going over some of the letters found on him when Mr. Bagley left the room—this was about 9:30 o'clock—and said he would return shortly. Neither Mr. Reckard nor myself saw any more of him until we left for Portland."

"I have told the Hillsboro authorities all I know. They know that Mr. Snyder came to Portland about noon on December 4 last and telephoned me that it would be impossible for him to be home that night, that he might go out on a little duck shoot, adding that I would understand what he meant, and that he would be home the next evening, sure. If he told me he was to meet anybody here, the officials know that, too."

THE FOREST GROVE ROBBERY.

"It was not the morning of the 24 of December that George Perry telephoned Mr. Snyder—it was the morning of the 1st of December. I answered the telephone and recognized Perry's voice. He said he was at Hillsboro. This was the day the Forest Grove Bank was robbed."

"I have told them that Mr. Snyder was at home all night the bank was robbed. No, I do not care to answer the question as to whether or not Mr. Snyder remarked to me on the morning of December 4, that 'those fellows have gone and pulled off that job without me' and I am going to Portland to see about it," but the Washington County officials know that, too."

"Before I go further let me say that I have never made any statement whatever to Mrs. M. F. Sloan relative to this case. This assertion is only one of the many inaccuracies which have been given out. I want to say, moreover, that the reflections on me in an evening paper yesterday were entirely unjustified, because if I had not thought anything of my husband I should not have come 3000 miles to identify his remains and do what I can to help apprehend his assassins."

BOARDS SHERIFF CONNELL.

"Sheriff Connell was not even able to keep track of revolvers passing through his hands. It was my husband's own revolver that was found by his side, a Smith & Wesson 38-caliber Special, and not the plain 38-caliber which the sheriff traded him. All these items, as well as the numbers on revolvers, were in a little book which my husband carried."

"Sheriff Connell also identified a watch which he never saw, as it was traded to him by Mr. McCormick, of Hillsboro, for a music box the day he disappeared. I learned this by inquiring for the music box afterward."

"George Perry, according to the dispatches, accredited something to Mr. Snyder which is not so. It was about September 20 that he went to Medford, Or., to a bluecock shoot. He got \$300 from his father about this time, and paid Mr. Reckard \$75, but borrowed \$100 the next day, leaving himself still indebted \$25. He told me the money was a part of the allowance George Perry had received from his mother, and he had borrowed it. He did not tell me that either he or Perry had 'stuck up' a fellow, and that was his share of the plunder. He did not like to tell me the money had been sent him by his father, because I frequently scolded him for sending home for money."

STATEMENTS WERE WRONG.

"Wrong statements have been made about the time Perry spent at various places. He came from Independence Mo., to Hillsboro, June 16, and stayed with us until October 3, when he left for Portland. This is all shown by the little book Mr. Snyder kept. They have said he was at our place only a week. When he came to Portland my husband gave him \$10; this is also noted in the book. The last entry about Perry shows he was to have been in Portland October 16. Perry was at Hillsboro December 1, because he telephoned my husband from there on that day—at least somebody did having his voice. It was at 6 o'clock in the morning that he telephoned."

"All the Washington county officials know now is what I have told them, despite the positiveness with which Sheriff Connell has asserted all along that my husband had left the country. What they want me to do is to name his murderer. I cannot. I have my suspicions, and have told them all I know. They can form their own conclusions. Why don't they do something? May be if R. M. Snyder, my father-in-law, came out here, opened his purse strings and paid them for work which they already receive pay from the county for, they might do something."

Mrs. Snyder said that when she and her husband came to Oregon they left her brother, M. E. Brashier, at Kansas City, and that to the best of her knowledge and belief he has never been in Oregon."

A. M. Reckard, president of the Northwest Gun & Bicycle Company, who has acted as Mrs. Snyder's mentor by request of her father-in-law, is exceedingly angry with the Hillsboro authorities. He received a letter from Acting Coroner Bagley this morning, which he regards as insulting. After reiterating his disinterestedness in the case and explaining that he has assisted Mrs. Snyder by request of her father-in-law, Mr. Reckard grills the officials in the following language:

"When Mrs. Snyder and I went to Hillsboro Sunday to meet Sheriff Connell by appointment, he failed to make his appearance. Acting Coroner Bagley left us, saying he would soon return, and yet had not returned up to the time we left for Portland. He said he would return at 2 o'clock, and we did not come back to Portland until 4 o'clock."

"I advised her to call Mr. Bagley up and learn what to do. It was about 10 o'clock that evening before we could locate him. He told me he had made no discoveries; I turned the telephone over to Mrs. Snyder and don't know the nature of their conversation. Now, when I call Mr. Bagley up and ask for an explanation of his printed statement that I am trying to shield Mrs. Snyder, he sends me an insulting letter."

"The failure to accomplish anything in this case is due to the apparent apathy, indifference, neglect and incompetency of the Washington county officials. I think that if R. M. Snyder came to Portland and offered to spend a large amount of money in detecting his son's murderers they might change their tactics with alacrity. Why did they show such indifference when offering their word, and then developed such an interest as to serve subpoenas and have bench warrants issued? I have no personal interest in this matter, and hereafter want those fellows to keep my name out of it. That is all I care to say now, but if they continue their present methods, I shall have a good deal more to say."

Mrs. Snyder came out from Portland yesterday morning and was before the district attorney for several hours, when she was excused until Saturday. She left for Portland on the 1:40 train."

Good Roads and Rural Mails.

It is announced that the government will look more carefully to the enforcement of its rule regarding the roads over which rural free delivery is established. The present requirement is: "Roads traversed shall be kept in good condition and unobstructed by gates, there must be no unbridged creeks or streams not fordable at any season of the year." In many cases the residents along proposed routes have made improvements that enable them to obtain rural delivery service, but sometimes the efforts to keep the roads are relaxed. But the government has decided that unless the roads traveled by the carriers are properly maintained the service will be withdrawn. The Postoffice Department now calls on the carriers for reports on the roads, and will stop the service where the highways in question are bad.

The 39,973 rural delivery carriers now employed cover 863,363 miles daily, and it is unreasonable to expect them to contend with neglected roads, or to work for communities lacking the enterprise to keep their common highways in decent shape. Wherever a route is discontinued the inhabitants themselves will be to blame for it, for if alive to their own interests and their duty to the public they would give their roads vigorous and constant attention. The idea that a route once authorized is necessarily permanent is a mistake. Advice on the best road methods is supplied by the Agricultural Department, and a neighborhood that loses its rural delivery must itself bear the discredit for so unpleasant and humiliating an event.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Inquire at this office.

Opposed to Calling Them Passes.

One of the important measures taken in the late editorial convention was a protest against the editorial tickets, which have to be paid for in advertising, being classed as passes. The editors are keenly alive to the abuse of the pass system and are heartily in sympathy with the movement against the custom of issuing passes indiscriminately; but do not consider that the tickets which they receive from the railroad companies, and which they have to pay for by running the railroad company's advertisements at the regular rates, to the full amount they would have to pay in cash, are in any sense passes. The following resolutions unanimously passed by the association at its recent meeting sets forth the sentiment of the editors of the state:

"Resolved, by the Oregon State Press Association, that we recognize as just and well-timed the principle of the

amendment to the interstate commerce law recently passed by Congress, forbidding the issuance of passes by the transportation companies or corporations, and that we shall use our best efforts to aid in the enforcement of its provisions; and, be it further

"Resolved, That this association protest against the pretended interpretation of the law which would apply the terms of the law to the transportation which is received by the newspapers in payment for advertising. We assert and declare that the tickets obtained by the newspapers under contracts for advertising are not passes in any sense of the term, but are fully paid for in a business manner with the same legitimacy as though so many dollars in actual cash had been exchanged for such tickets or transportation, and,

"Resolved, that this association does not admit that any railroad company is in any manner denied by the law in question the right to enter into contracts with the newspapers for such advertising as may be desired, agreeing to pay for the same in the commodity which the railroad has to sell, namely: transportation. Any other interpretation is simply a subterfuge, and is unwarranted by business considerations."

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be suitably engrossed by the secretary of this association and forwarded to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the expense thereof to be paid out of the association treasury."

Commissioners' Court.

Following are the proceedings of the county commissioners who met on Wednesday of last week and adjourned on Friday evening to meet again on Saturday, October 13th:

The application of J. E. Zimmerman to build a telephone line along a county road was granted, all poles to be placed on outside boundary of road.

Application of G. M. Hunter to build a telephone line on county road, was granted with the same restrictions.

The report of Willis Ireland, county recorder, received and approved; receipts, \$239.40.

Report of E. J. Godman, county clerk, received and approved; receipts, \$162.50.

Application of Albert Dethlefs to lay a pipe along county road granted; the pipe to be laid two feet below bottom of ditch at roadside.

The petition of W. H. M. Tilleman for refund on taxes received and 75 cents ordered refunded to him.

State of Oregon vs. Earnest Howard; transcript; ordered that all claims be allowed.

State of Oregon vs. Samuel Bodell, transcript; same order.

Application of G. W. Hines for aid, road No. 431, received and \$75 ordered appropriated from county road fund.

State of Oregon vs. Charley Larson, transcript; all claims ordered paid.

State of Oregon vs. Hiram Naylor; all claims allowed.

E. P. Cornelius was appointed constable.

The petition of Michael Sushbar for telephone franchise was granted; all poles ordered placed on outside boundaries of streets.

Petition of J. B. Wilkes, for rebate of taxes under double assessment received and \$4.24 ordered refunded if county judge finds there is a double assessment.

Bids for gasoline engine and pumping machinery for poor farm received and L. W. House given the contract.

The bid of A. J. Roy of \$250 for rent of county farm and \$12 per month for medical attendance for inmates, received and accepted.

The transcript in the Inquest of Carey D. Snyder; ordered that all claims be allowed.

Following additional bills, besides those published last week, were allowed: Willis Ireland, salary, 137 20; Dayton Hdw Co., rent, 8 00; T. G. Moschman, sup. sal., 2 50; W. J. Butler, com. sal., 31 80; J. J. Smith, sup. sal., 10 00; F. M. Kelsey, sup. sal., 7 50; J. W. Connell, sal. and dep., 225 00; Trustees Mill Co., bridges, 26 75; John Nyberg, b. and f., 12 00; The Argus, printing, 12 50; Climax Mill Co., county farm, 24 00; Wheeler Mfg Co., court house, 9 52; Mr. Wilson, j. court, 2 10; Ore. Yields, witness fees, 2 10; Mrs. Wilson, wit. fees, 2 10; Mrs. F. Um, wit. fees, 2 10; E. P. Mappington, wit. fees, 2 10; Mrs. J. Whitmore, serving sub., 1 10; Mrs. J. Whitmore, wit. fees, 2 00; U. Heinicke, wit. fees, 1 10; Carl Christensen, wit. fees, 1 10; Wm. Hines, wit. fees, 1 10; Mrs. James Cummings wit. fees, 1 10; John Bushanan, wit. fees, 1 10; J. H. Shields, wit. fees, 1 10; Chester Shields, wit. fees, 1 10; John M. Deal, wit. fees, 2 10; A. Naylor, wit. fees, 2 10; A. McHardy, wit. fees, 2 10; Dr. C. L. Large, wit. fees, 2 10; H. T. Bagley, justice, 30 00; Mrs. H. J. Naylor, wit. fees, 20 00; Eva Weathered, stenographer, 20 00; G. W. Hines, r. and h., 75 00; G. W. Hines, rock crusher, 340 00; City Water & L. Plant, l. and w., 19 50; J. W. Connell, expenses, 62 00; A. Reinrohr, bridges, 12 00; F. W. Bain, jury, 5 00; Andrew Eggman, jury, 3 00; Fred Bishop, jury, 3 00; Nels Hanson, jury, 3 00; J. T. Cronin, jury, 3 00; A. L. Cronin, jury, 3 00; R. Roy, jury, 3 00; G. W. Kelsey, witness, 5 30; Chas. London, wit., 3 30; W. D. Wood, wit., 1 30; Robert Hewitt, wit., 1 30; Dr. F. A. Bailey, wit., 4 10; A. G. Vaughn, wit., 1 50; Harry Hansen, wit., 1 50; Dr. A. B. Bailey, cor. phy., 1 50; J. T. Cronin, inquest, 10 00; C. W. Wolf, sup. sal., 25 75; S. Lytle, r. and h., 27 00; B. Birdsell, r. and h., 1 50; J. W. Lytle, r. and h., 1 50; S. Wolf, r. and h., 1 50; C. B. Buchanan, salary, etc., 12 00; J. W. Goodin, salary, etc., 61 00; Albert Friday, salary, supv., 5 00; H. T. Bagley, coronator's fee, 15 00; W. M. M. Tiedeman, rebate tax, 75 00.

Court adjourned to Saturday, October 13, 1906.

J. W. GOODIN, County Judge.

Court Correspondence.

Want a reporter in every town.

Regular Correspondent.
M. Fitch, son of J. C. Smock, a resident of O. Springs, Colo., arrived here Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Cherigino, at Cipole, Tex., October 4th, a daughter.

Elmer Jones, of near Graham's ferry, came on Saturday for repairs on his pump, and falling upon him while near his hophouse, severing his upper arm and producing a bad wound.

Saturday while the daughter of Andy Snyder's, who was living on the hill east of town, was playing with the pump and index finger caught in such a manner so as to tear the entire nail and a portion of the finger before she was released from machinery.

Day, Sen., of the Wood restaurant, has secured the leasehold in the rear of the hotel building and opened out in the market line. He is patronizing the meat trust of Portland for supplies, but expects to start his own butchering later on.

Two lone bird hawks were seen Saturday a mile west of town who were anxious about the crop in this locality. They had traveled about five miles and only sighted one (one) at that time their dog pointed upon and captured without difficulty. Yes, hunting is good, but here it would seem from their story.

George Saylor, the welder, is taking a vacation at Belleme, Yamhill county, and incidentally took his gun and ammunition, not having a "license" for shooting. Game is reported much more plentiful than county than in Washington.

A representative of the enforcement of laws, state or municipal, should be a law-abiding individual himself, otherwise lawful authority is subject to contempt and a standing force under the conditions.

Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock while Miss Bertia Smith, eldest and only daughter of Hermann and Mrs. Smith, residing on a farm near the German Lutheran church, to miles west of town, was at work in the kitchen, suddenly became faint and fell over backwards toward the stove. Her father being present, caught her in his arms preventing serious damage. After being placed in bed, convulsive attacks followed in succession, death following some fifteen minutes from the initial attack, and before a physician could reach her bedside. Valvular disease of the heart, following inflammatory rheumatism, of which she had been subject, was the cause of death. Miss Bertia would month and was the only daughter of a large family. She was of a lovely, gentle, quiet disposition and a general favorite among her schoolmates and friends and the sudden, sad and tragic death is greatly deplored by all. Interment took place in the German Lutheran cemetery, but a short distance from her home on Monday afternoon, Rev. Arthur Speiser, the local pastor, conducting the funeral exercises.

Pleasant Hill.

Regular Correspondence.
Miss Audrey Templeman has lately returned from her summer outing.

Now that the hops are all picked the balers are busy.

School began October 1st with Mr. Byers, of Washington county as instructor. The enrollment at present is twenty-five but a larger attendance is expected soon.

Mr. Young was a Battleville visitor Saturday.

We recently lost two of our residents; namely, Messrs. Hamilton and Kellogg.

Another smoke will soon be seen on the ridge as W. Dodson began work on his new cottage Monday. Even the horses entered into the spirit of the occasion and started for lumber without a driver.

Oh what is so rare as a day in June—or October—when you're in Oregon.

Ezb.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.
The Mountain Side school commenced last week, Miss Bean of Portland teacher. She is going to make her home with Frank Miller and wife during the winter.

Mrs. James Miller has returned from Hood River where she has been visiting. She reports a good time but glad to get back to Scholls.

T. J. Wallen has sold his farm to Bud Taylor.

Tad Skeels has moved back on his own place. He has been working W. L. Skeels' place the past year.

Mrs. North of Vancouver, Columbia county, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Jaquith.

Mrs. Van Akin and daughter have gone to Raymond, Wash., to join Mr. Van Akin who is up here building a mill.

This is a bad year for prunes. The rain came just in time to spoil a good many and most of them graded so low that it brought the price down to bed rock. Will Wohlschlagel, who bought Mr. Fort's prunes on Saturday, said after he had paid for them that he had about \$5 to pay for picking and taking care of them. R. H. Brooks prunes only brought him in a few dollars after expenses were paid. This makes the boys feel rather blue.

We understand that Walter Prosser has rented W. L. Skeels' farm for the coming year.

Marion Miller was home Saturday and Sunday.

Red Taylor and Earnest Hanson were out hunting Sunday. They reported a good time. Each killed ten birds.

Frank Miller and wife went to Perrydale last week.

We understand that Miss Virginia Kerby is going to Elensburg to attend school this winter.

We appreciate the remarks of Brother Jonathan of Sherwood. As he gives us no name, we will have to give him one.

Yes, let us all send in something in the way of items that the patrons of The Independent will be glad to read. But we poor mortals, so far from any town, can't get up such a budget of news as our friend of Sherwood. We must remember that Sherwood is a lively town, and is keeping up to date in several ways.

Hettie.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent.
Ed Alexander and W. J. Alexander and wife of Portland visited with relatives in this place last Sunday.

I. R. Gillilan, who recently purchased the Weisenfuh place just east of Beaverton, had the misfortune to fall from an apple tree last Tuesday. As a result his spine was severely wrenched and he will be confined to the bed for some time.

Lew Tullock has purchased the confectionery store of L. R. Fisk and will run in connection with it a lunch counter, so we are informed.

W. J. Stitt is foreman of the rock crusher now being operated at the Kinton quarry, crushing rock for the Scholls road.

A Mrs. Loomis, mother of Mrs. N. Vandermost, who lives on the Jack Sloan place, south of town, died on the 6th inst. The remains were taken to Vancouver, Wash., for interment.

County Commissioner Butler employed Dr. Robinson sometime last Sunday morning to locate some bird shot that had lodged in his leg below the knee. It seems that some neighbor boys were hunting on Mr. Butler's farm and when some pheasants flew up they fired, not noticing Mr. Butler, with the result that some of the shot that missed the pheasant were stopped by the county commissioner. Mr. Butler recognized the boys that did the shooting and had a talk with them, and they begged so hard for him not to prosecute them, that he got them off.

Wm. Tucker, Jr., of this place, and Miss Blum of Gaston were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents near Gaston. They have now taken up their residence in Beaverton. A number of Mr. Tucker's relatives of this place attended the wedding.

Joseph Frohman died at the home of his parents last Tuesday after suffering with typhoid fever for three weeks. Deceased was raised in this vicinity and was a general favorite among the young people.

The truth of the criticism of our "Uncle Josh" from Sherwood in last week's paper is very apparent, but perhaps a "pill shooter" has a little advantage in news gathering over those whose realms are pots and pans, etc., or perhaps our "Uncle Josh" could "prescribe" something for a weakly feeling that would help some. Yours "weakly."

Aunt Sally.

Cornelius.

Regular Correspondent.
A brother to the late Fred Mathies, merchant of this place, has arrived here with his family from Colorado and is going to stay with us. He has bought the F. A. Strauss' place one mile east of town, including stock and furniture.

Mr. John B. White, of The Dalles, Oregon has arrived with his family and moved into his new home, formerly the Cove place. Mr. White is a Woodman and the neighbors wishes him a hearty welcome.

Wm. Lloyd from Banks, who was supposed dead, is alive and well. He came back Tuesday from Polk county. We are glad that William is alive.

Andrew Houck, who formerly owned the farm now occupied by Thos. Kidd is visiting Portland. Mr. Kidd is building a new, eight-room house. Albert O. Yates is doing the carpenter work.

Karl Olsen is giving us a smile from his milk wagon while passing.

H. J. Lund has donated five acres of land toward building a University. The location is well drained and slightly, only one-fourth mile north of Cornelius.

The elder mill here, branch of the Knight Packing Co., of Portland, is working to its fullest capacity, abundance of fruit coming in.

A. O. Yates has built a house on his new home one-half mile north of town.

Jack Town.

Regular Correspondent.
Cal Jack, of Hillsboro, visited at the home of his parents and tried his luck at killing pheasants Sunday.

Etta Schulmerich and Eddie Boge visited in this burg Sunday.

Zenas and Pernilla Olson, Mr. Scoggins and daughter were Portland visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Naomi Nicodemus has gone for a visit and to attend the wedding of her cousin at Aurora.

Mrs. Olson and daughter were visitors at Hillsboro Tuesday.

Wm. Ingram baled his hops this week. May Hepler is staying with Mr. Brown's folks at present.

Jacktownite.

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