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Killing of Creffield Causes Joy.

There seems to be general rejoicing at Corvallis and other points in Oregon where decedent was known, over the news of the killing of Edmund Creffield, the "Holy Roller" leader, by young Mitchell in the streets of Seattle the morning of May 7th. Creffield had been in the shadow of death for some time, as the fathers and brothers of young girls ruined by his hypnotic influence and fanatical doctrine had all resolved to shoot him on sight, regardless of the consequences. And it is not at all likely that the consequences to George Mitchell will be other than a speedy liberation, when we are told he will become the recipient of a gold medal presented by exultant sympathizers.

Creffield for a few years past has been terrorizing certain sections of this State with his crazy movement, wearing the guise of religion, and not a few boys and girls have gone either to the asylum or to utter ruin because of him. Two of his victims are Mrs. Starr and Miss Esther Mitchell, sisters of Mitchell, his slayer. Starr, husband of one of the women, has been driven nearly insane by the ruin of his wife morally and mentally, and it was he who sent the Holy Roller to prison for two years in 1904 for an outrageous crime committed in Multnomah county, which crime was admitted and sought to be justified by the man convicted of it. There is little doubt but what a moral pervert extremely dangerous to the well-being of the home has been exterminated in the killing of the fellow, and public opinion everywhere seems very much in support of Geo. Mitchell.

Creffield and his wife were walking along a crowded street of Seattle when Mitchell, who was on a still hunt for the man, met them. Creffield carried two revolvers, knowing he was a marked man, but he didn't appear to recognize Mitchell who instantly drew a pistol and fired. The bullet went entirely through Creffield's brain, and he dropped to the pavement dead, his wife kneeling and embracing him as he expired. The body was borne away and Mitchell calmly surrendered to the police. At the prison he penned a message to Mr. Hurt of Corvallis, father of Creffield's widow, saying: "I've got my man; am in jail." Hurt was pleased by the news, as the following telegram sent by him to Starr will abundantly attest: "Geo. is in jail and the other fellow is in h-l."

Hurt's daughter was induced to obtain a divorce from Creffield when the latter went to the penitentiary at Salem, but she hastened to reveal him as soon as he was given his liberty. Then they started out to reorganize and build up the Holy Roller movement, and the old spirit of enthusiasm took possession of Mrs. Starr and others who were thought to have been rescued from the notorious fanatic. This caused vows of vengeance to be taken by despairing fathers, husbands and brothers, and the self-styled "Joshua" moved his operations to Seattle for a little better safety perhaps. No doubt Starr would have finished him had Mitchell not done so.

Edmund Creffield was born in Germany, where he grew to manhood. He deserted from the German army and came to America. He joined the Salvation Army in Portland, and was sent to Salem, later to Corvallis. With one Mercer he organized the fanatical creed known as the Holy Rollers at Corvallis. They held meetings in secret, and began wild orgies and bestial practices. Indignant relatives of those who joined Creffield tarred and feathered the leader. He was tried and convicted of outrageous crime and sentenced to two years in prison Sept. 16, 1904, the charge being preferred by B. E. Starr, but his sentence was shortened by good behavior. On being released he revived Holy Rollerism and dubbed himself Joshua and the Christ. Thus he signalled for his doom, and ruined homes feel that vengeance has been wrought!

A new and quite remarkable phase of the case—one that excites

admiration as well as surprise in the light of all circumstances—is the letter addressed by District Attorney John Manning of Multnomah county to Kenneth MacIntosh, prosecuting attorney for King county, Washington. In this communication the district attorney says that the killing of Creffield is justifiable. Prosecutor MacIntosh is told of the record of shame made by Creffield in Oregon, and the proposition is advanced that Manning be permitted to go before the grand jury or on the witness stand in the trial court on behalf of Mitchell. No more valuable witness for the defense could be desired by Mitchell than Manning. In his capacity of district attorney Manning investigated the character and practices of Creffield, and the disclosures which were laid before the officer were revolting. Many of the details which District Attorney Manning learned were not used in the prosecution of Creffield, as there was sufficient other evidence to send the Holy Roller to the penitentiary.

Living indoors so much during the winter months creates a sort of a stuffy, want-of-ozone condition in the blood and system generally. Clean up and get ready for spring. Take a few Early Risers. These famous little pills cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels and give the blood a chance to purify itself. They relieve headache, headache, sallow complexion, etc. Sold by R. S. Knowlton.

Original Street Exposition.

The most unique and original street exposition ever held on the Pacific Coast will be seen in the public thoroughfares and windows of the stores of the central district of Portland the week of May 19th to 26th. The exhibition is to consist of the manufactured products of the entire State. The space for the exhibits offered for display has been secured entirely free of charge to manufacturers, and full opportunity for advertising may be utilized. The Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. have announced that they will carry all exhibits free of charge, and will return them to the owners in the same manner. The entire demonstration and carnival is in the interests of home manufacturers, and the encouragement and stimulation of local pride of every community in their respective industrial enterprises. The exposition was undertaken through the instrumentality of the Ad. Men's League, an energetic organization of publicity experts and development leaguers—men who believe in boosting Oregon interests generally, and to keep up the work every year. In the few short weeks that the enterprise has been organized thousands of pieces of literature regarding home industry and home-made articles have been circulated, contests among school children for the best essays on Oregon have been started, prizes offered for the best displays of manufactured articles, both in quantity and attractiveness. The week of the display will be marked by parades, music, fireworks, a monster entertainment at the Armory Hall on the 22d, a floral display, and novel displays of industries.—"Made in Oregon" Journal.

If it is necessary to spend \$3000,000 a year for the benefit of the farmers of the country it should be done through the experiment stations rather than by the distribution of seeds. The work of the experiment stations of the different states has been productive of good results and been of more benefit to the farmer than all the seeds that have been sent to him. If the money spent on free seeds should be used to promote co-operation between the National Department of Agriculture and the state experiment stations the Congressional appropriation might have some practical usefulness.

Physical Culture and Expression

Mrs. Wootton, of the Columbia College of Expression, Chicago, will take a limited number of pupils. Apply at N. E. corner 2nd floor of school building between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m.

Farmers' and Shippers' Congress.

One of the most important events in the recent history of Coos Bay will be the meeting of the Farmers' and Shippers' Congress at North Bend, scheduled for three days beginning with May 23d, says the Mail. A large number of the prominent and progressive men of the interior of the State will be there, and a great amount of good is sure to come to Coos Bay from the knowledge they will then gain of the resources and needs of this section. The program is outlined as follows:

MAY 23D.
Meeting called to order at 10 a. m. by E. Hofer, president of the Willamette Valley Development League, in the pavilion in the North Bend park.

Address of welcome by L. J. Simpson, Mayor of North Bend.

Address by President Hofer of the Willamette Valley Development League.

The balance of the morning, the afternoon and evening will be taken up with addresses by prominent men of the State, among whom will be Governor Chamberlain, Dr. Jas. Withycombe, Republican candidate for Governor, Jonathan Bourne and several officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

MAY 24TH.
At 10 a. m. will be an excursion down the bay.

At 12 m., a free clambake, barbecue and crabboil in the North Bend park.

From 12 to 6 p. m., concert by the North Bend Concert Band in the park.

At 9 p. m., a banquet to visiting delegates, and at the same time a free dance will be given in the pavilion to those who do not attend the banquet.

An invitation to this meeting will be sent to every editor in Oregon; also to the mayor of each of the larger towns and cities, with a request that he appoint two others to accompany him.

Two special steamers will be engaged—one to come from Portland and the other from Yaquina Bay, and it is expected that large delegations will come by both routes.

A committee on general arrangements has been appointed, consisting of the following gentlemen: Thos. Vigers, J. H. Guery, Peter Loggie, G. W. Temple, F. H. Brigham, L. J. Simpson and T. W. Rennie.

As the excursion down the bay will be a very large affair the masters of all gasoline launches have been requested to notify the committee how many people they can carry.

Reports came to Marshfield early last week that the ocean along the coast in the vicinity of Coos Bay bar was covered with oil, giving a smoothing effect to the sea. The fact would seem to indicate that perhaps the late seismic disturbance had released some of the oil which is known to exist in the vicinity of the coast thereabout, and it may lead, if followed up, to an important discovery.

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Ashland Normal Notes.

Mrs. Benton Bowers visited the Normal Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Miss Reid from Pennsylvania, visited the Normal Wednesday.

Miss Anna Beeson of the Normal has been elected to a division of the fourth grade of the Medford grammar school.

Mr. Robert Jonas of the Normal has been elected to fill the position of assistant principal of the Jacksonville public schools.

Miss Maude Minear left Monday for her home in Ohio. Miss Minear made many friends while here, and her departure is much regretted by them.

Mr. Ammons, of Siskiyou county, visited the Normal Monday. Mr. Ammons is a Socialist lecturer and made a speech to the school on "Health and Happiness."

On Thursday President Mulkey gave us some interesting accounts of life in early Oregon. He commended the study of the early history of Oregon to all the students.

School in the academic department was dismissed Friday noon. The students engaged in a general clearing up of the grounds and the building of the academic department, all afternoon.

Miss Thora Smith, a graduate of the class of '05, and who has been visiting her sister, Miss Grace Smith here, has been called to teach the Klamath summer school. Miss Smith has just closed a successful term at Anderson creek.

On Wednesday Prof. Van Scoy gave us some information concerning a certain Sailors' Home in Sung Harbor on the Atlantic coast. This home has an annual income of over a million dollars. The trustees of the home are at a loss as how to expend the whole amount.

Prof. A. J. Hanly, principal of the Central Point schools, visited the Normal Friday. He made an address to the students in chapel on the subject of "Education." He afterwards visited many of the classes in the Normal Department and Training Department.

On May the 1st, the pupils of the primary department of the Training School participated in a May Day exercise. The program was indeed a pleasant surprise to the students and to the faculty. The rostrum of the chapel was prettily decorated in the Normal colors, purple and gold.

From the chandelier hung beautiful May baskets. After a speech by Master Frank Holmes on "May Day," the names of each member of the faculty were called off and Master Lloyd Potter carried each basket to its owner amid much applause. But a pleasant surprise also awaited the little people. After a song by the school two teachers came in with a large beribboned hoop from which hung tiny May-baskets for each member of the primary department. Mrs. Wickersham, the principal of the training department distributed these among the delighted children. The teachers of the primary department sat in a body and their seats were draped with purple and gold. Many parents and friends attended.

A Creeping Death.

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