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AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Interesting Cases Cleared From the Court Records.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Several there are who are seeking bail in the divorce courts. Karolina Miller vs. Joseph Miller. Suit for divorce. Plaintiff alleges that defendant beat her, also that he told plaintiff didn't want work and would not work and plaintiff was compelled to feed him. It is alleged that plaintiff was compelled to support the three small children and defendant would leave home whenever it suited him to do so.

J. E. Daw vs. Nettie Daw. Divorce. Plaintiff alleges that defendant would leave home and remain away with friends whom the plaintiff did not know and against his consent. Defendant is also alleged to have neglected duties of the home and failed to keep the house in order.

Catherine F. Schonover vs. Arthur Schonover. Divorce on the alleged ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff, first of all alleges that defendant struck her with his fist and then kicked her. The defendant failed to support his family properly and is alleged to have said he did not like them, and that he was in the habit of running round with other women and was once arrested for joyriding. Plaintiff asks for custody of three minor children and alimony amounting to \$25 per month and costs of action.

A. A. Walker vs. Ethel Walker. Divorce. On alleged grounds of desertion.

McWhite vs. Ed M. Chandler. Judgment for sum of \$68.17 with interest from the fifteenth day of April, 1916. Plaintiff alleges that he sold a bill of goods to the above sum.

M. J. McAlear vs. Ray D. Morse et al. Mortgage foreclosure on real property upon which is due the sum of \$2000 with interest at 8 per cent from July, 1915.

Jennie Long vs. Jasper E. Reeves. Plaintiff is asking for an injunction restraining the defendant from selling certain real property. Plaintiff alleging that judgment obtained by Sheridan bank against C. G. and C. Rhoades is void as neither have any claim upon the property involved.

PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of the late Helen C. Jennings. A petition has been filed by her son, D. V. Jennings for the appointment of himself as administrator of the estate the value of which is about \$5000.

In the estate of Catherine Loughy, a petition has been filed for the appointment of Annie Mabel Johnson as administrator. The value of the estate is said to be \$600.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Daniel V. Herriek and Theodora M. Krueger.

Fred C. Miller and Bertha Oglesby.

ELECTION RETURNS.

With reports from seven precincts sealed and consequently uncounted the summary of votes cast for the different candidates stands about as follows and the uncounted precincts will have no particular effect upon the winners' margin:

Circuit Judge—Geo. R. Bagley, 2,087; W. H. Hollis, 1,872.
District Attorney—H. T. Bagley, 1,507; E. B. Tongue, 419.
Sheriff—J. C. Applegate, 1,788; J. W. Connell, 974.
Geo. G. Hancock, 419; Grant Mann, 211; D. M. Malnais, 136.

County Clerk—H. A. Karsti, 2,087; E. L. McLaughlin, 1,232.
County Assessor—W. F. Boley: 598; Chas. E. Lytle, 522; J. W. McRoberts, 537; A. A. Morrill, 453; S. N. Poole, 777.

Representative—Benton Bowman, 1,476; B. P. Cornelius, 1,638; L. A. Earnsworth, 1,198; S. A. D. Meek, 1,225; E. L. Moore, 1,190; S. Paisley, 1,115; A. E. Scott, 1,000.

Treasurer—Ella J. Godman, 1,468; E. B. Sappington, 1960.

County Surveyor—C. G. Reiter, 1,808; Theo. Wilkes, 1,238.

County Commissioner—H. T. Hesse, 1,751; C. F. Tigard, 1,394.

Joint Senator—Edwards, 996; Handley, 1,055; Michelbook, 803; Smith, 1,134.

Late returns place Bowman, Meek, and Cornelius in the lead for representative, Fernsworth losing by 83 votes.

Freight Hits Work Train on Trestle

A wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific railway at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the trestle across Dairy creek just west of Hillsboro in which Engineer C. M. Hoberg, Fireman A. D. Sickfoose, and Brakeman W. A. Kimmell, all of Portland, were injured.

The fireman was scalded about the ankle and the others more or less bruised. The injured men were all on the heavy freight train which, approaching at considerable speed, met a work train backing out of the switch at the end of the yards. With the exception of Sickfoose, they jumped from the train. The locomotive struck the rear car of the work train and damaged two gravel cars, while a flat car and a box car, loaded with condensed milk, were completely wrecked. The tender was smashed and also thrown from the trestle. The place of meeting was on a trestle about 20 feet high. The locomotive and some other cars were derailed, but remained on the trestle.

Mall and passengers are being transferred from Hillsboro to Jobe crossing by auto trucks.

According to reports of the accident received at the Southern Pacific operating headquarters in Portland, Engineer Hoberg's body and head are bruised and his back is wrenched, but his injuries are not believed to be mortal. The brakeman and the fireman have bruised bodies and heads, believed to be due to jumping from the locomotive to the trestle.

The three injured trainmen were brought to the Good Samaritan hospital in this city.

Responsibility for the collision has not yet been fixed. The damage to the equipment is estimated at \$2500.

Beaverton is to have a float in the civic parade of the Rose Festival. It will be typical of the products of Beaverton and vicinity. In order to make a creditable showing it will require about \$30. The Chamber of Commerce is donating \$10 and every farmer and merchant in Beaverton and vicinity is asked to make a contribution. Leave your money at the Beaverton bank and help the cause along.

The sheriff scrap rather fizzled out when the votes were counted as the totals gave J. C. Applegate a majority of near one thousand. The fight over the district attorneyship resulted in the usual victory for Mr. Tongue. His majority was not great, however. The Circuit Judgeship was at no time in doubt, Geo. Bagley leading from the start and gaining steadily. He carried Tillamook county by a vote of two to one.

MURDER REMAINS DEEP MYSTERY

Driver's Body Not Yet Recovered—More Clues.

A week has elapsed since the brutal killing of Helen Jennings as she slept peacefully in her residence near Tualatin. In the Hillsboro jail is a man, Thompson, who is accused of the crime of double murder. The authorities are sure they have the man, but as yet he is held on circumstantial evidence alone, nothing to directly connect him with the crime has yet been uncovered although several who saw the man on the fateful night say he resembles the person who asked Ristman to carry him to the scene of the crime.

Over the whole affair rests a pall of complete mystery made more obscure by the vague inquiries of the authorities in charge. At present numerous searching parties have been scouring the woods and fields for miles around the location where the double crime was supposed to have taken place.

The first clue unearthed was a bloody shirt from which the collar and cuffs were missing. The shirt was bespattered with drops of human blood and had been rolled up by the murderer and dropped by a pool of water where the man was supposed to have stopped to wash his hands. Later the laprobe which belonged to the car was found, blood clotted, dirty, and covered with human hair. Evidently the form of the driver had been placed in the robe while it was being carried away.

If so why did the murderer not leave the robe with the body? Because the body was placed where the robe would have disclosed the spot where it had been disposed.

Later a house belonging to a sister of Thompson who resides in Portland was searched and on the clothes line behind the house was found an undershirt with spots on it which resembled blood. These were subjected to a chemical test which proved them to be stains of human blood.

Upon this hinges most of the positive proof which will fix the crime upon the man held in the county jail; for the first shirt found had a collar unmistakably too small for the suspect. Late reports say that the outside shirt has been placed over the undershirt and the stains compared, the comparison bringing out the fact that the stains are identical. If this is the case then the culprit has been apprehended; for an extraordinary alibi would be required to prove that Thompson was not at the scene of the crime on that night.

A report was circulated last Monday that a man had been apprehended wandering in a dazed condition near Estacada, who resembled closely Ristman, but investigation soon proved that he was not the missing jitney driver although he closely resembled him and spoke vaguely of driving an auto in Portland. He told the men who first questioned him that he was a Frenchman when asked his name.

Sunday large parties went to the scene of the crime from Portland and other nearby points and formed a gigantic searching party. They combed the woods in the vicinity of the death house, between Tualatin and Sherwood, and between the Gore ranch and Sherwood without results, no clue being uncovered. Another party dragged the river

for considerable distance on both sides of the bridge, but disclosed nothing.

The Body of Ristman Recovered.

(Late Report.)
The long search is ended, and part of the mystery has been solved. In a lonely spot some four miles from the house of death the unrecognizable body of the dead jitney driver was recovered early today by authorities from Multnomah and Washington counties.

Far from any house, surrounded by brush and tall trees, perhaps ten yards from the rough road on a little path in an open spot, the dead jitney man had been dumped after the fiend had crushed the back of his skull with some blunt instrument.

Upon examination of the skull, from which the flesh had been completely decomposed, there appeared a crack extending from one side of the head to the other just above the base of the skull and terminating in a huge hole where the instrument of destruction had been forcefully applied. The hole had the appearance of a blow with a hammer applied with all the force that could be mustered into the blow.

To sum up the evidence as we see it would indicate that Ristman had been lured to the spot and then killed. An interview with a Mr. Thorbrue disclosed the fact that a motor had been heard on the Monday night when the crime was committed about the hour of ten o'clock, the engine running as it stood for some ten minutes. This was in the neighborhood of one hundred yards south of the spot where the body was recovered.

The first clue to the whereabouts of the remains was found last evening when Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips of Portland found one of Ristman's gloves a few yards north of the place where the body was found. This was undoubtedly lost at the time the crime was committed as the other glove was with the body? As the machine must have come in from the north, so it must have passed on south after the murderer had deposited his greasy charge, and returned via Sherwood and so to the Gore ranch where the second crime was committed. Here the man left the machine in the Jennings' door yard and started out on foot.

Early this morning Sheriff Huriburt and Deputy Phillips of Portland made the discovery while traveling up and down the different wood roads in search of a clue in the vicinity of the glove found last night. No evidence was found which would serve to assist in fixing the crime upon Thompson although he was known to have hauled wood last summer from the neighborhood and knew the country well.

Patrick Woods.

Patrick Woods, late deceased, was born in Milltown, New Brunswick. At the age of nineteen he moved to Minneapolis and later came to Beaverton where he has resided for the past seven years. At the time of his death he was aged 58 years. He leaves two sisters and one brother, both in the east.

All singers of the Beaverton Choral Society and others willing to assist, will please meet in the public school building next Tuesday evening, May 30, to prepare music for the dedicatory exercises of the High School. Former singers will please bring the music sung at the Choral Concert.

A delightful tea was given at the residence of Mrs. Perry York to a few of her neighbors last week. The afternoon was spent in a social good time followed by luncheon. Those present were: Mrs. W. C. McKell and mother, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Stipe and daughter Inez, Mrs. R. L. Tucker, Mrs. F. C. Peck, Mrs. Swensen, and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Progress.

NEWS LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Things That are of Interest To Everyone.

Gus Ross is speeding around in a fine car these days.

Mrs. Geo. Klein spent the week end in Portland with her sister Mrs. Connors.

Mrs. Lottie Robinson was down from Banks the first of the week looking after her residence.

The infant daughter of Peter Paluse died last Monday in the hospital in Hillsboro.

Horace Emmons has been filling the place of Roy Payne at McMinnville for a few days, returning Tuesday.

M. P. Cady made a trip to Albany Tuesday with a car which he delivered to a purchaser at that place.

Geo. Thyng accompanied Parley Mowall to the scene of the freight wreck above Hillsboro Tuesday.

Wm. Gaskell and wife, and Geo. Hughson and wife left this week for a two weeks fishing trip at Mt. Hood.

Mrs. W. E. Pegg left Wednesday for Seattle, Washington, where she was called to the bedside of her father, J. C. Strain, who is very ill.

Will the men who picked up the shaft with two wheels last Wednesday near the mill on the Hillsboro road please return same to Wm. Hunter.

Two petitions are in the hands of Chas. Craig for lights, one line to run across the tracks and north from the mill and the other east along the canyon road.

Harold Pegg and Wm. Campbell went last week up on the Wilson River where they will pursue the timid trout, eat bacon and dry bread and sleep in a tree.

James Emmons was suffering the other night from a serious attack of ptomaine poisoning brought on, it is thought, by eating cookies which were slightly stale. He is getting along very nicely now.

Ike Aseltine returned Tuesday from a prolonged absence during which time he has traveled extensively over the middle west. Ike says that this is the only place he has seen where there was much doing.

Perry York, late assistant in the lumber yards of Beedle & Waite, is now located at White Salmon where he is working in the office of the Mt. Adams Lumber Company. Later his family may join him.

Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Methodist church gave a very successful tea at the residence of Mrs. R. L. Tucker in South Beaverton. About thirty ladies were present to whom a delightful lunch was served.

Fred Darrah spent the week end with his parents and friends here. Fred has received a promotion which will take him to Deer Lodge, Montana, where he will hold down a position with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. His friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

The Beaverton band gave an excellent and well attended dance in Morse hall last Saturday night. There were one or two couples present and every one enjoyed themselves. The musicians played several selections for their own benefit and to while away the time, then went home to bed.

For Sale.
Fresh Jersey cow. When fresh gives 2 to 10 gallons rich milk. For information apply at Times office.

Crop Report.

A report on crop conditions in Washington county:
Garden Home—No serious damage account recent frosts.

Beaverton, Or.—Many plantings early potatoes must be replanted account seed rotting. Fruit indicates good yield.

Oreoc, Or.—Fall crops of grain in fine condition. Will be usual acreage of late potatoes. No indication of material damage by frosts.

Hillsboro, Or.—No apparent serious damage by frosts. Indications for good fruit crops. Work being done in hopyards, which look fine. Seeding of other crops will not be completed for about a week.

Forest Grove—Cold weather did little damage to prunes. Other fruits in good condition. Grains, hay and hops promise good yields. Slight damage to garden truck by frosts.

Tigard, Or.—Small grain all in ground, most of which is up and growing nicely. Not much winter grain sown. Potato crop slightly delayed by bad weather which will cause late start. Onions in, but making slow headway, also apples, pears and cherries, account cold rains.

Tualatin, Or.—Onions and potatoes all in. Recent heavy frosts caused some concern about fruit and early gardens, but not indicated as very heavy. Crops in general believed to be in good condition.

Tonquin, Or.—Oats and hay looking fine. Potatoes promise good crop. Onions just coming up and acreage about the same as last year. Fruit not damaged by recent frosts.

Wilsonville, Or.—Spring planting and sowing nearly finished. Wheat and oat acreage about the same as 1915. Small increase in onion acreage. Meadows looking fine and show prospects of good hay yield. Hop acreage same as last year, although work delayed. Experimental crop of French peas beans put in. Small fruits and berries look toward good crop. Peaches injured by recent frosts.

Beaver Program.

Saturday May 27
"The Air Torpedo," an exciting adventure story filled with stirring situations
"The Desert," a one part drama of the west
"Phony Lovers," a unique comedy in one reel

Sunday May 28

"The Twisted Ear," 8-act story of a dual life, featuring a man with the hand of a Raffles
"Fixing the Fakers," a one act drama of the underworld
"In Dry Territory," a one act comedy scream

First show 7:30 P. M., second show 9 P. M.

Beaverton School Notes.

The last of a series of baseball games was played last Friday between the Beaverton and the Gaston high schools, resulting in a score of 11 to 2 favor of Beaverton. Richardson and Snyder composed the battery for Beaverton while Snyder and Stryker were for Gaston.

The high school class are to have a lesson Friday on canning and preserving tomatoes and strawberries.

The manual training boys are preparing for an exhibit of their work soon.

Those in the lower grammar grades that are perfect in attendance, application and deportment for the past month are: Laura Fry, Marion Jones, Ruth Jones, Mary Rowe, Loran Craig, George Fuller, Jackie Malerky, Emil Lee Gilbert, Angie Grette, Bertha Manke, Carol Reed, Arline Snyder, Mildred Watts, Percy Fry, Ernest Masters, Thirflow Wood, George Post, Francis Allen, Olive Craig, Elva Hestron, Thea Peag, Carmo Fisher, Clara Schiffer, Eva Whitworth, Gerald Achen, John Gray, Robert Hoskins, Inez Brock, Myrtle Johnson, Pearl Fuller, Robert Hadden, Wilton Dymore, Margaret Cady, Alice Johnson, James Whitworth, Frances Johnson, Phillip Barnes, Geneva Barnes, Rayford Hall, Weldon Squires, Josephine Allen, Lovena Allen, Clara Erickson.

Lowell Tallhand who was absent two days last week on account of sickness is at school again.