

MURDER TRIAL BEFORE COURT

Ralph Henry, Charged with Murder in First Degree, on Trial This Afternoon.

FIRST MURDER CASE IN LINN COUNTY IN YEARS

George Dodd, Alleged Home Wrecker Is Victim of the Defendants Bullets.

The first murder trial to come up in a court in this county for many years, is the case of Oregon vs. Ralph Henry, charged with the murder of George Dodd, whom he shot last October on the Linn county side of the Willamette river near Corvallis, while the latter was working on a raft. The charge preferred against Henry is murder in the first degree and the case went to trial before Judge Kelly this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The attorneys proceeded with the examination of a number of tailsmen, who were summoned by the sheriff, and a jury will probably not be secured until some time tomorrow.

The case promises to be an interesting one and it is understood that it will be bitterly contested. It is doubtful whether the trial will be completed by the end of the week. The attorneys in the case are District Attorney Gale S. Hill and Deputy District Attorney Dan Johnston representing the state, against Weatherford & Weatherford for the defendant.

Henry was arraigned on the charge before Judge Kelly March 6 and was given until the next day to plead at which time he pleaded "not guilty."

From the information given to the Democrat it appears that it is the old story of the wrecking of a home. It is claimed that Henry, who had been a resident of Newport for six years prior to the shooting, was married to a Mrs. Steever of that city, who shortly prior to the marriage had obtained a divorce from her former husband. At the time she was the mother of several children, of whom she received the custody. The couple made their home at Newport where Henry was employed as a carpenter. Early in 1912 one of Mrs. Henry's small children accidentally shot Dodd in the arm with a 22-rifle, while the man was walking down the street. Dodd, who was an unmarried man at that time, was a resident of Newport where he was working as a laborer. Henry took Dodd to his home where he was nursed by Mrs. Henry and while convalescing the woman contracted a sudden infatuation for him. Shortly afterwards Dodd removed to Corvallis and in the meantime Henry discovered his wife's feelings towards the other man, through her alleged admissions and from letters she had received from Dodd. This eventually resulted in a separation of the couple, whereupon it is charged that Mrs. Henry followed Dodd to Corvallis, where she lived with him up to the time of the shooting.

On October 31 last, Henry came to Corvallis in pursuit of his wayward wife. Discovering that the woman was living with Dodd, it is alleged that he procured a revolver, and upon locating Dodd's place of employment, boarded a ferry used to convey workmen to and from work, and ordered the ferryman to take him to a raft about mid-stream, where Dodd was working. Dodd was employed as a bridge carpenter in the construction of the Benton county steel bridge across the Willamette river at Corvallis. As he stepped from the ferry to the raft, it is claimed that Henry deliberately pulled a revolver from his pocket and holding it in both hands fired at Dodd. After the first shot Dodd fell overboard and as he drifted backwards, Henry fired again. The unfortunate man struggled desperately in the water before he sank and it is claimed that Henry fired a third time. The body of Dodd was recovered late in the evening of October 31, the most recent examination showing that two shots took effect, and it is supposed that the first shot would have proved fatal.

After the shooting Henry was arrested by Sheriff Gellately of Benton county and placed in the county jail. As the crime was committed on the Linn county side of the river, Henry was transferred from the Benton county to the Linn county jail where he has been confined since the fore part of last November. At present it could not be learned who are to be the important witnesses at the trial. It is not known whether Mrs. Henry will be called as a witness nor could it be learned as to what side of the case she would uphold if detained. The indictment is expected to play an important part in the case and it is understood that the defense will base its case on the fact that the defendant had been unjustly wronged and that he was justified in killing a man who had wrecked his home.

Piano Students' Recital.

Professor Charles O. Hargrave, the well known Portland piano instructor, presented his junior class of piano students at the Rose City in recital last Monday evening. Fifteen students took part in the program, which was divided into two parts.

THE 2500' ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Dr. Hill Is New President and Walter Parker Secretary; L. Viereck is Director.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Twenty-Five Hundred was held Tuesday evening in the library rooms of Dr. J. L. Hill. The report of the accountant that had been employed to expert the books and accounts of the "2500" for the past year was filed, which showed the 2500 to be in a good, sound financial condition. The secretary-treasurer read his annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1913, showing that nine deaths or nine assessments of \$1.00 each had been levied during the year, and \$11,382.00 had been paid for these nine deaths. The 2500 was organized in March, 1901, and is now twelve years old, and during these twelve years it has paid to the widows and orphans of its deceased members \$107,369.00. There is a balance in the general fund of \$3,331.05, of which \$2,000.00 is drawing interest. Seventy-eight new members were added during the year.

The cost of joining the 2500 was by vote placed at \$2.50 for a short time. This includes the medical examination and all expenses of becoming a member. Dr. J. L. Hill was elected president of the society for the ensuing year, and W. M. Parker was again chosen secretary-treasurer. Mr. Louis Viereck was elected a director to fill the unexpired term of the late Nels H. Wheeler. W. M. Parker was elected a director for a term of seven years. The following men constitute the board of directors: Dr. J. L. Hill, term expires 1914; D. O. Woodworth, term expires 1916; J. W. Ellison, term expires 1917; L. Viereck, term expires 1918; Conrad Meyer, term expires 1919; W. M. Parker, term expires 1920.

MOORELAND WAS FINED \$10 AND COSTS IN POLICE COURT

Arrested This Morning for Disturbing the Peace by Chief of Police Austin.

Because she wouldn't give him money, Thomas Moreland decided to make a cleaning of the rooming house, corner of Lyon and Ninth streets, which is jointly run by he and Mrs. R. H. Curl, early this morning, according to a complaint against him. Moreland was arrested later by Chief of Police Austin, on a charge of disturbing the peace.

It appears that the trouble originated when Moreland, who it is understood is in partnership with Mrs. Curl in the rooming house business, demanded money of the woman, who it is claimed acts in the capacity of treasurer of the concern. Moreland was refused the money, whereupon, it is alleged that he proceeded to demolish the furniture of the house and disturb the peace of the household in general.

A phone call brought Chief Austin hurriedly to the scene and Moreland was placed under arrest and taken before the police court, where he was fined \$10 and costs by Police Judge Van Tassel. He was unable to pay the fine, and in company with an officer sallied forth in an effort to raise the necessary money.

MURPHY, INDICTED ON THREE LIQUOR CHARGES OUT ON BAIL

It was stated in this paper of date of March 10 that William Murphy who was recently indicted by the grand jury on a charge of giving intoxicating liquors to minors, was confined in the county jail pending trial in the circuit court. However, it was learned today from a letter from Murphy that he is now at Shelburn, having furnished bonds for his appearance when the case is called.

PROF. BECKER RECEIVES FLATTERING COMMENTS

That Professor Lucien E. Becker is an organist of rare note, is proved beyond the question of a reasonable doubt, judging from the many flattering press accounts of his playing in numerous cities of the Pacific Northwest. Professor Becker will appear in this city March 17, giving a concert on the new pipe organ at the First Presbyterian church.

The following is a reference to Professor Becker from the Capital Journal, Salem: "Professor Lucien E. Becker presided at the instrument, displaying with master touch, the beauties of tones in all their intricacies of delicacy and melodious volume. Mr. Becker began his musical education in Strasburg, Germany. His father was organist in the great cathedral there. Later he studied with Guilmant, the greatest French organist. After coming to America he played in St. Louis and was one of the official organists of the St. Louis World's Fair. The Presbyterian organ is the sixth new organ he has 'opened' in two years."—Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

SUPREME COURT GIVES DECISION

Albany College Case Has Been Definitely Decided by the Highest Court.

PROPERTY CAN BE SOLD IF MONEY IS USED FOR COLLEGE

College Authorities Will Proceed with the Sale of Property in Near Future.

The supreme court today forwarded a copy of its decision in the Albany College case.

The copy of the decision is a lengthy one and practically sustains the decision rendered by Judge Galloway in Department No. 2, of the State Circuit court some time ago. The supreme court decision just handed down is to the effect that as long as the property is used or when sold if the proceeds are used exclusively for college purposes, that the college authorities have perfect right to dispose of the property. If any of the money as a result of the sale is appropriated for any other purpose than for the betterment or improvement of the college, the estate will revert back to its original owners, and will then be administered to the Presbyterian church of America.

The case excited considerable local interest when it came up quite a while ago. The college authorities took the initial action when they instituted a suit to quiet title on the property now occupied as a site for the Albany College on Ninth at the foot of Broadalbin street. The property was originally donated by the Montieith heirs as a site to be used exclusively for the college and when the proposition of the establishment of the college on a different site came up, the college contingent instituted the action, to ascertain whether there would be any hindrance toward the carrying out of the plans. The Montieith heirs replied to the suit, contending that the property should not be sold unless there was positive assurance that the proceeds were to be used for the advancement of the college. The case was then appealed to the state supreme court and after deliberating the case for the past week it handed down its decision today.

In the event that this money is expended for any other purpose than college purposes, the defendant is, by the court's decision, permitted to re-open the case in the circuit court.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Warranty Deeds.

R. W. Fry and wife to J. E. Whitaker, March 10, 1913. 160.80 acres in claim 38, Tp. 12, S. R. 3 west, \$10.

D. D. Hackleman and wife to L. O. Coates and wife, Feb. 27, 1913. Lands in block 5 in Hackleman's addition to Albany, \$10.00.

Benjamin F. Munkers and wife to J. P. Munkers, Feb. 26, 1913. 59.80 acres in section 11, Tp. 10, S. R. 2 west, \$500.

W. R. Munkers and wife to J. P. Munkers and wife, Feb. 27, 1913. Lands in section 11, Tp. 10, S. R. 2 west, \$2743.00.

Benjamin F. Munkers and wife to W. R. Munkers, Feb. 26, 1913. Lands in section 11, Tp. 10, 2 west, 36.66 acres, \$500.00.

Sarah Arnold et vir to J. F. Venner, March 11, 1913. 44.40 acres in claim 45, Tp. 14, S. R. 2 west, \$10.

Josiah Foister to Charles M. Lefler, March 11, 1913. 40 acres in section 28, Tp. 9, S. R. 1 west, \$1400.

The Albany Land Co. to J. Blaser, Oct. 21, 1910. Lots in block 17 in Hazelwood addition to Albany, \$10.

A. G. Porter to Esther A. Porter, March 11, 1913. Lands in claim 39, Tp. 11, 3 west, 30.06 acres, \$1000.

Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Jefferson O. Creel, deceased. Final receipt.

In the matter of the estate of W. O. Bond, deceased. Petition to set apart personal property to widow.

Ex-Sheriff Ross, of Toledo, has been in the city today. Also his successor, Sheriff Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Garland, of Lebanon, were in the city this forenoon.

Judge McFadden, Chief of Police Wells, Ex-Sheriff Burnett and other prominent Corvallis men came over today, called here by the Henry Murder trial, begun this afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Ohling, who resides with her husband near Camp 6 at Mill City, arrived this noon on a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. N. E. Ohling of this city. Mrs. Ohling reports that two and a half feet of snow fell at that place last night and caused a suspension of operations in the camp.

Capt. Wakefield, of Yaquina Bay, returned home this afternoon, after a trip down the valley.

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MISS HENDERSHOTT TO SING AT SPANISH WAR VETS DANCE

Frank C. Stellmacher, chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Spanish War Veterans ball, to be given March 5, is in receipt of a letter from Arthur Hendershott, conductor of Hendershott's orchestra, of Eugene, from which it was learned that a splendid and original feature is in store for the Veterans guests at the dance.

The Hendershott orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion and as a special feature, Miss Hendershott, a sister of the director, and a sweet singer of notes, will appear in several vocal numbers during the evening. She will sing to the accompaniment of the orchestra, during several dances, and will open the ball by singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

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FRED DAWSON, Albany, Oregon. F11

THE MANAGING EDITOR OF OREGONIAN HERE TODAY

Arriving late last evening from Portland, Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian and president of the Portland Commercial club spent the morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. Cusick of this city. Mr. Piper enjoyed an auto ride through the residence section this morning and commented favorably on the many new improvements. He left this afternoon for Corvallis where he will address the students of the O. A. C. this evening.

HORSE CRIES BECAUSE BRIDGE REPLACED FERRY

A Corvallis lady, in the city today, whose word may be relied upon, tells the following story. The first of the week an old grey horse that had been going from Linn county into Corvallis on the ferry boat, was driven upon the new steel bridge. He went a little ways and stopped as he had been used to doing. Upon being urged forward he went further and stopped again. Looking down into the river he spied the old ferry boat, and a stream of tears was seen to flow from his eyes. It was with difficulty he was gotten across the bridge.

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