

SPANOS MAKES FINAL ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIMSELF

In a final attempt to clear himself of the murder of George Dedaskalous in this city September 22, for which he is awaiting execution Feb. 14, Mike C. Spanos has written a letter to his attorneys here involving Tom Prekas in the murder. Prekas proved a complete alibi at the time of the investigation and Spanos' story is given little credence by the authorities. His statement follows:

Salem, Or., Jan. 19, 1913.

Mr. H. H. De Armond—Dear Sir: Your most kind and welcome letter was received a few days ago and was glad to hear from you and to know that you are doing all you can for me. The only way I can express my feelings is by thanking you.

I have thought the matter over, and the only way I can see out of it is by telling you the truth and let you know what to do. Maybe you can help me out. So here goes:

September 19, Tom Frikos wanted us to find him a girl. We went out looking for one, but we didn't find any. September 21 Tom came to my house just as I was getting ready for bed and he asked me to go and find Parker so we could go out and look for girls.

Tom and I went down to where Parker roomed. Tom stayed down stairs while I went up and got Parker. We came down and we found Tom waiting for us. We went to the dance hall, but we didn't get any girls. Tom and I went home and we left Parker there.

September 22, Bert Cummings, Parker and myself left the Hotel Medford at 8 o'clock. The three of us went to the Greek pool room. Parker and I played a game of pool. While we were playing pool George came in with a watermelon and he asked me if I had a knife. I gave him my knife. Then I went ahead with the game. Parker and I got through playing and we went over to the park to get a drink and a little fresh air, and we took our seat on the second bench from the church.

After we were there about five minutes Tom came over, and he said: "Boys, let us look for a girl," and we told him we were going to bed in a little while, for we had to get up early in the morning. He said: "Come and let us meet a nice girl." We said, "all right," and we went. After we started to go he said we must get George, for he wanted to go, too. So I went and got George while Parker and Tom went down Grape street, and they said for me to come back and go down Grape street, and they would be waiting for us. George and I did go down Grape street and we found Tom and Parker at the end of South Street. From there we went on Front street, and we kept on till we got to the depot.

Then George wanted to get a watermelon and Tom gave him 10 cents, and George went to get the melon while us three walked slow up to the depot and waited till George got back and Tom said we had better go to the box factory, that would be a good place, and we did.

Then Tom wanted some whisky, so Parker said he would go and get some. Tom asked him where was he going to get it, but Parker said he could get it all right, and he went after it. While Parker was going Tom and George got fighting about some money about a board bill, and George wouldn't pay it, and the first thing I knew about it Tom hit George over the head with a gas pipe and

COUNTY OFFICIALS SEEKING INCREASES IN THEIR SALARIES

Newly elected officials of Jackson county have petitioned the Jackson county delegation to introduce bills increasing salaries. Sheriff Aug. D. Singler wants \$1000 above the amounts the law allows him, for traveling expenses. Treasurer Cronmiller and other county officers have also petitioned for increase in salary.

County Judge Tom Velle when asked concerning these raises in salaries that newly elected officials wish to present themselves with said:

"None of the county officials have made any such requests for increased salaries from the county court nor seen fit to consult with the county court regarding the situation.

"Every official became a candidate for office knowing what salary was provided. He agreed to accept the office upon that salary and made a campaign for it knowing what remuneration was provided. If the salary was insufficient, he should not have become a candidate.

"The offices have been conducted in the past for the amounts the law provided. There is no more occasion now for the taxpayers to pay more money than they have been paying, and I am sure if the amount is too small to pay for the officials' sacrifice, and a resignation is forthcoming in consequence there will be no dearth of applications.

"Unless some good reason exists, the county court will oppose increases in salary to newly elected officials."

PUBLISH REPORT ON PRE-COOLING

H. J. Ramsey, pomologist in charge of fruit transportation and storage investigation, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, has written Prof. P. J. O'Gara as follows:

"We are going to issue the results of our past season's investigations with Bartlett pear precooling and storage in one of the next numbers of the bi-monthly Bureau of Plant Industry circulars, and will have a number of separates on the Medford work struck off, so that they will be available for mailing to every pear grower in the Rogue River valley.

"We feel that the results of these investigations are of the greatest importance to the industry, and that they ought to be made available as soon as possible. We are hoping that conditions will be favorable for the continuance of the work during the coming season, and that we may be able to make actual shipments to eastern markets after precooling and storage at the producing end."

George went down and Tom was still hitting George after he was down.

Then Tom swore at him in Greek. Then he went through George's clothes. When he started to search the clothes I started to run, and as I went to the track I saw Parker coming back with the whisky, and I stayed there and waited for him, and I told Parker what had happened, and he asked me what was the matter and I told him, and Parker didn't believe me, and we both ran over there and we found Tom pulling George underneath the box factory.

Then Parker said, "What was the matter, Tom?" and Tom said: "He would not pay me the bill," and Parker said to me, "Let us get out of here, Mike, for the first thing we know they will arrest us. They will be thinking that we killed this fellow, so let us get out of here." And as we started to go Tom put that watch in my pocket and \$7 and he told me to give him the watch back the next day, and I was broken down so I didn't think anything about the watch till I got home, and I found out that I had the watch and the \$7, and I gave my wife 50 cents out of it and I told her that I won it playing poker.

So when I went to work the next day I put that watch on the shelf, and I was going to give it back to Tom Monday night, but I forgot it.

This is the whole truth, Harvey, and if Frank and I got hanged, remember that we didn't kill this man.

So here is the whole story, and you and Mr. McCabe can look it over, and you gentlemen can do what you can for us.

When you answer this letter write to Father Moore, for this letter is not going through the office. As I can't think of anything more to write, I will close for this time. Best regards to Mr. De Armond and Mr. McCabe. Tell my wife I wanted to write her, but I have no stamps.

I remain, very truly yours,
MIKE C. SPANOS.

MILLIONAIRE SCHENK DIVORCED FROM WIFE



MRS. & MRS. JOHN O. SCHENK

John O. Schenk, the millionaire pork packer, of Wheeling, W. Va., has been granted an absolute divorce from his wife Laura, and given the custody of his children. Mrs. Schenk was arrested last November on a charge of attempting to poison her husband by administering arsenic. After a sensational trial the jury disagreed and the woman was released on a \$10,000 bond.

CITY SPEED LAWS TO BE ENFORCED

Speed laws in the city are to be rigidly enforced in the future according to instructions issued to Chief Hittson by Mayor Eifert. "Go get 'em, if they speed" is the order and the chief declares they'll "go get 'em."

"Hereafter," stated Chief Hittson today, "there will be no listening to excuses or 'I didn't know.' There will be an arrest for every violation we can spot.

"Not alone must the speed of machines in the city be regulated but rules of the road must be carefully observed. We are tired of warning careless drivers and after this arrests will be made."

FRIEDMAN ACCEPTS MILLION DOLLAR OFFER

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Accepting the offer of one million dollars from Charles Finlay to demonstrate his tubercular serum in America, Dr. Franz Friedmann, the Berlin scientist is scheduled to come to this country at once according to an announcement by Finlay.

"Dr. Friedmann's brother, who is here has received a cable from him that he is ready to start for New York and will sail within a week or two," declared Finlay.

ALBANY CONSERVATORY TO GIVE RECITAL SATURDAY

Representatives of the Conservatory of Music of Albany will give a recital in the Presbyterian church, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 8 p. m. Albany college is surpassed by none in its splendid conservatory of music. All lovers of music should hear this recital. Mrs. Hans Flo is a vocal instructor and will render a number of pieces. Miss Wagner is a graduate of the Conservatory of Antwerp, Germany, in instrumental music. Admission 25c. Do not fail to hear this high grade recital.

NOTICE

I will receive sealed bids for a stock of merchandise located at 201 East Main street in the city of Ashland, Oregon, consisting mostly of a stock of millinery goods of the inventory value of \$2128.85 and fixtures of the inventory value of \$271.00, up to 12 o'clock noon of Thursday, February 6th, 1913. Terms cash and a cash deposit of ten per cent must accompany each offer. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Inventory may be seen at my office in Medford, Oregon and the property may be inspected on the premises.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, January 25th, 1913.

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LOUNSBERRY WAS COOL AT HIS TRIAL SAYS WOODFORD

That Wells Lounsberry, convicted in this valley, was the coolest man in the courtroom during his recent trial at Kansas City, and that he made little effort to save himself, is the statement of Ralph Woodford, postmaster, who returned Saturday night from Kansas City where he was called with a number of other local people as a witness in the case.

"Lounsberry at no time seemed concerned as to the outcome of the trial," states Mr. Woodford, "but was apparently without interest in the case. It attracted much attention, the courtroom being crowded.

"The trial was of short duration. Inasmuch as it was not clearly shown that he had placed lives in jeopardy in robbing the mail he escaped with a light sentence.

"Lounsberry was apparently glad to see the boys from Medford and discussed many topics foreign to his case with them.

"We were fortunate in the weather which prevailed while east. It was colder in Los Angeles than at Kansas City."

NOTICE

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FULL CAPACITY OF HIGH SCHOOL IS BEING USED

With the promotion of the 29 eighth-graders who recently took the state examination without a single failure, the Medford high school is now working at full capacity and the addition of new pupils now means that the building will soon be crowded.

"The Medford high school is now working at full capacity," states Superintendent Collins. "The 29 new pupils have filled the building and while we are not crowded now another increase will force us to considerable trouble in caring for them.

"I am highly satisfied with the showing made by the eighth graders

as it shows great efficiency on the part of instructors."

BILL TO ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY CORONER

OLYMPIA, Wa., Jan. 27.—Representative Moren of Yakima wants to put the coroners of the state out of business. He wants to abolish the office entirely. He says the prosecuting attorneys don't pay any attention to the coroner's decisions anyway, that they have to net on their own initiative and that they might just as well do all the work.

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