

BOUSMAN HELD FOR DOUBLE CRIME AT WILDERVILLE

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 29—Rev. Luther Bryant Akers and his wife, Elsie, an aged couple, were shot and killed from ambush Sunday while driving by their neighbor, M. D. Bousman, near their farm home on Bull creek, a tributary of the Applegate, four miles above Wilderville. The team they were driving was also shot. The bodies were found Sunday evening by J. H. Boinegar, an employe of a nearby sawmill, who notified the coroner and officials. The bodies were brought to Grants Pass for the inquest and Bousman was arrested at his home for the double murder, which he confessed.

Result of Old Quarrel.
The shooting is the result of an old quarrel between Akers and Bousman over boundary lines and livestock trespass. Bousman has frequently threatened to kill his neighbors and had been held under bonds to keep the peace, the sheriff having recently sent him warning because of renewed threats. This notice so enraged Bousman that he determined to murder his neighbors. He used a 25-35 Winchester, firing seven shots. Mrs. Akers was shot through the heart. Mr. Akers received four bullets, three through his right arm, one of them through the head, entering the left eye and tearing off the top of the skull.

Returning home Bousman says he attempted suicide by taking laudanum. He took too much. It proved an emetic and left him deathly sick. He told the following story of the crime:

Story of Tragedy.
"I put seven shells in my rifle and went down the road to within about a hundred yards of the Akers house. There I hid in the brush by the roadside, knowing that Akers and his wife would soon come along on their way to Sunday school. I lay in the brush for some time, and I knew when the Akers were ready to start. Then my heart seemed to fall me, and I thought to myself, 'I can't take the lives of those old people, and I started down the road. Then the Akers came driving toward me, and the first thing I knew I was shooting.'"

"First I fired a shot at one of the horses. Then I shot the woman. At that Akers got out of the wagon, though I had wounded him before he got out, and came at me with a piece of board to fight me. I kept shooting, and the first thing I knew I had fired all seven shots. Then I went home."

The inquest held Monday resulted in a verdict holding that Mr. and Mrs. Akers came to their deaths from gunshot wounds inflicted by M. D. Bousman, Sr., and holding the latter responsible for the killing.

Victims Much Respected.
Mr. and Mrs. Akers had lived in the Wilderville neighborhood for eleven years and were held in high esteem. Mr. Akers was a former minister of the Methodist church, coming to Oregon from Minnesota and Wisconsin, where he had been on the circuit. Since coming to this state he had preached on many occasions, often occupying the pulpit at Wilderville. He was 64 years of age and was a native of Illinois. Mrs. Akers was 54 years old and a native of Wisconsin. She has three brothers in Grants Pass, William, Benjamin R. and Francis J. Spalding. She also has two sisters at Bend, Oregon.

Bousman, aged 63, is a widower who has lived alone the most of the time during the past eleven years since removing to the Applegate district. He has been a prospector and a miner. He had the reputation of being quarrelsome, and had had trouble with others besides the Akers.

ASHLAND PLAYS MEDFORD FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By L. S. BEVERIDGE.
Medford will play Ashland for the championship of southern Oregon, a series of four games, with a fifth if needed to decide the title.

Two games will be played in this city on March 3-10, and two at Ashland on March 4-11. The place of the fifth game and the date will be decided, if it is needed, though it will be on a neutral floor.

The games here are not sure to go to Medford by any odds, and the one sure way for the local boys to lose the championship is to labor under the delusion that the Medford games are ours and that we need only to win one at Ashland to secure the title.

The two teams are so nearly balanced and their records so uniform that an unbiased fan will not predict the outcome.

Ashland is heavier, taller and have more years of experience and certainly are as speedy. We excel in team work, which will be under a handicap on the opposite floor. They excel at long range baskets and are always dangerous.

Besides this, they have had a year's coaching under Klum, with the advantage of an additional year to practice a defense to meet that style of play.

Comparing the scores of games with visiting teams, a slight advantage lies with Ashland on the total score they have made against the same opponents, while Medford has an advantage in keeping the score of the opponents lower.

The Roseburg games at Ashland and on the former's home floor demonstrated that we have a good chance to win on our floor, while in their gymnasium, a 2x4 sardine box, luck and size will be science and speed.

"Fraleigh and Grisez are two of the hardest men to guard we have yet met," said an O. A. C. man when here. Their basketry on their miniature field is phenomenal."

As to the possibility of a double victory over Ashland, that has gone glimmering, for the girls' team, having won a number of games over third and fourth class village teams, have become so bloated with the idea of their own importance and championship caliber and superiority over coach and team, that they have decided to quit practicing, to loaf and bask in the sunshine of former victories. This has caused them to lose the confidence of their school in their chance of victory. In the last game the forwards were so slow, so inaccurate, so over-zealous to the grandstand that they succeeded in making two points after a score of chances, the center doing all the point-making when given the ball.

More sleep, more practice, better team work, with the thoughts of school rather than individual glory may give Medford a chance for a champion girls' team.

POWER COMPANY SECURES FUNDS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

In order to secure funds for needed construction work, the completion of the great power project at Capco, on the Klamath river, the doubling of the power capacity of the Prospect plant, and the extension of power lines to mining and timber regions, the stockholders of the California-Oregon Power company have assessed themselves \$3.30 a share on the outstanding stock, while the bondholders have co-operated by waiving interest on bonds outstanding for five years. This method of financing construction work was deemed preferable to a new bond issue, which would increase the interest charges on the company.

A committee of bondholders has the power to make a settlement with the company, either for cash or stock covering interest in default. In addition to bonds deposited to secure borrowed money, there are \$3,200,000 first and refunding bonds outstanding. The company is paying interest on \$1,200,000 underlying bonds and on its floating debt and is earning enough to pay upon the first and refunding bonds, but necessary construction is under way for which the money is needed.

These financial arrangements have been accompanied by a reorganization of the company with some of the strongest financiers in California as executives. J. D. Grant of San Francisco, the new president, is a director of many banks with widespread commercial interests; John D. McKee, vice-president, is president of the Mercantile National bank and a director in other financial institutions. J. P. Churchill of Yreka, former president, is now a vice-president and Alex Rosborough, former secretary, is also vice-president in charge of operation. Stocks and bonds of the company are largely held in San Francisco, northern California and southern Oregon. Power and light is supplied from Glendale, Or., to Dunsmuir, Cal., and east throughout the Klamath country.

FRENCH AUXILIARY CRUISER SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

PARIS, Feb. 29, via London.—The auxiliary French cruiser Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean last Saturday, it was announced officially today. At Malta 296 survivors have been landed.

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