

COTTRELL SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR DEER BY FRIEND

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Late Wyland, Who Shot Friend, Thinking Him Deer—Slain Man Had Already Killed Deer and Was Skinning Animal When Bullet Hit Him in Neck.

Lane Wyland, who shot and killed Duane Elmer Cottrell last Wednesday in the Meadows district, was completely exonerated by the coroner's jury at the inquest conducted into Mr. Cottrell's death Friday forenoon. The jury held that Wyland "thought that he was shooting at a deer and thus unintentionally and by accident caused the death of Cottrell."

The testimony showed that Cottrell, who had just killed a deer, was bending over his body, skinning the hide off, when Wyland, further up a steep mountain side, saw Cottrell's movements in the brush, and mistaking him for a deer, fired the fatal shot.

Exonerated by Jury. Coroner John Poff conducted the inquest, and District Attorney Roberts also took a prominent part in asking questions. The jury was composed of P. E. Merrick, M. A. Rober, E. W. Miller, H. G. Shearer and D. W. Bristol. Their decision was reached in a few minutes after the testimony was taken.

The only witnesses examined were Lane Wyland, Duane Elmer Cottrell, a teacher-in-law of Cottrell, and Dr. W. L. Cameron, who examined the body as coroner's physician. Mr. Wyland, who is great stricken over his part in the tragic affair, broke down several times while he was testifying. He and Cottrell had been like two brothers for many years, had never had a quarrel nor had ever unkind words passed between them. They were neighbors in the Meadows district, were former partners in the cattle business and such ran about seventy-five head of cattle on the range where Cottrell was accidentally killed. Bookersmith also has a neighboring ranch and runs about sixty head of cattle on the range.

Role Range Together. It was the custom of the three to ride the range together in caring for their cattle, and they had started out early Wednesday morning to salt the cattle, leaving their horses at a cabin about six miles northwest of Cottrell's ranch.

They started out on foot, several hundred yards apart, each carrying his rifle and bag of salt. It was not a deer hunting excursion and the guns were carried more to shoot any predatory wild animals they might run across. It was about two hours after they started from the cabin that the tragedy occurred, and number of the three had seen any one of the others after the start.

"I was walking along the mountain," said Wyland, "when I heard two shots fired about one-fourth of a mile away. I walked on and about ten minutes later my attention was attracted by a movement in the brush down the hill on mountain side, two or three hundred yards away. The brush on the mountain side was rather thick and about four or five feet high. I watched a few seconds and decided that the object moving in the brush was a deer feeding. I thought I made out the outline of the deer and fired.

Went Upon Friend. "When I shot I thought I hit the deer, as the object went down out of sight. Then I heard an outcry of some kind and heard some sort of struggle in the brush, and I began to have an awful misgiving. Running to the place, I was terrified to see the body of a deer there, which I saw had shot and killed, and which he was skinning when the shot from my gun hit him, long there, and about eight feet away lay Duane Elmer Cottrell, lying face down, close through the neck, being. He had rolled down that distance after the bullet hit him.

"He was almost gone, but I think he recognized me, and I ran and hugged him in my arms, then the witness broke down and sobbed. Then I began to shout for Bookersmith, who, it seemed, was way up the mountain about one-quarter of a mile away, and ran up to meet him. "I told him what had happened and told him to hurry out and summon the boys—get help of some kind. He started away on the ground and I hurried back to Duane, and found him dead when I got there."

Testimony Corroborated. Bookersmith's testimony corroborated that of Wyland in every detail, and each made a staunch forward, impressive statement of the sad

opening. Bookersmith testified that Wyland begged of him to take his gun and kill him when he had finally held of the accident. The bullet which ended Cottrell's life passed thru his neck, severing the aortic arteries and jugular veins on each side. Funeral services over Mr. Cottrell will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Weeks & McGowan Co. chapel. The interment will be in the L. O. O. F. cemetery in this city.

ASSAULT THREE WOMEN: TEACHER IN CUSTODY

LACROSSE, N. H., June 27.—Miss Alice Black Richards, head teacher at the school for Public Blind Boys, was found early today in a cottage on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee, dead from a car in her throat. In the same cottage Miss Elizabeth Brown, assistant organ at the school, and Miss Dorothy Davis, a teacher, were found suffering from severe wounds. Bradford was held pending an investigation.

MEDFORD BONE DRY FOR ALCOHOL AFTER JULY FIRST

Beginning with July 1 the people of Medford will no longer be able to purchase alcohol in the drug stores of the city. From that time on the druggists will only sell denatured alcohol. The Medford druggists by mutual action have decided not to renew their government licenses to sell alcohol when the fiscal government license year begins, July 1. This action is taken because, on account of the low sales of alcohol, they have been handling it at an actual loss. The government license costs \$25 a year. And besides that, each proprietor must take out a surety bond for himself and each clerk under a state law, he guarantees that none will sell alcohol in violation of the law, and at the end of each month must send in an affidavit to the county clerk. Altogether, it costs each drug store

approximately \$275 a month just to sell alcohol and hardly any drug stores in the city sell \$2 worth in a month. Very little alcohol is prescribed by the doctors of the city. Any physician can take out a government license, but alcohol in a wholesale quantity and prescribable if it is denatured, but it is thought that no doctor will take any such action because of the expense involved and the little demand for the product. For external use, the druggists say that the denatured product will do just as well as the pure alcohol, and that most of the alcohol purchased is for external use only.

WARNING ISSUED TO WATER USERS

Fire Chief Lawton and City Water Superintendent Amstrong are out with a warning to the people of Medford relating to observance of the city ordinance when the fire whistle blows. They threaten to cause arrests of all offenders in the future. During the last several fires quite a large number of water users did not

conform with the ordinance which requires that all running water and hose connections must be shut off from the time the siren whistle sounds the alarm of fire until it sounds again to indicate that the fire is over. Fire Chief Lawton wishes to call special attention to the ordinance which requires that all automobiles and vehicles must go to the curb when the siren whistle blows and remain there until the fire apparatus passes by. When running to fire locally the department has been greatly annoyed and hindered by automobiles or bicycles running ahead of or along side of the apparatus. The chief says that he will cause arrests of all such offenders in the future. When the fire alarm sounds all vehicles must go to the curb and give the fire department the right of way.

and about a fourth of those are in a serious condition. Dr. Harrison reported 13 child deaths in Douglas county in the last six weeks and Dr. Tate reported 13 in

Spending and Saving

DO BOTH. Buying what one can reasonably afford helps tradespeople in Medford. Saving where practical and depositing it regularly in the First National Bank builds up a Reserve Fund for yourself—and also contributes towards development of community and industry.

Will you let us explain which account—Savings or Checking—will be best for your needs?

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MEDFORD OREGON

DOLLAR DAY

HOLD TO YOUR DOLLAR UNTIL YOU GET HERE SATURDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY---If you want the GREATEST BARGAINS that a DOLLAR ever bought. Three days of the biggest money saving opportunity ever conducted in Medford will take place commencing Saturday and continuing Monday and Tuesday of next week. Here are some of the things you can buy for a DOLLAR. Others just as important not listed. Make it your business to come LET NOTHING KEEP YOU AWAY

\$1.00 Sale of Good Silks \$1.00

5000 yards of new Tub Wash Silks, Imported Pongees, Black Taffeta, Fancy Foulards and Black Duchess Satin, from 27 inches to 36 inches wide, every thread silk, values up to \$1.75 a yard, for this sale only, yd..... \$1.00



\$1.00 Sale of Muslin Underwear \$1.00

We bought specially for this sale some wonderful Lingerie Gowns, Envelope Chemise, Skirts and Combination Suits, made of fine nainsooks, trimmed with laces and embroideries, all sizes, most of this underwear is cheap at \$1.50 and some worth \$2, for this sale, each..... \$1.00

New Overalls and Bloomer Dresses for Women

Women's Overalls made of khaki cloth all sizes; just the thing to wear for thinning fruit; special, each..... \$1.98

Women's Overalls, made of heavy shirting; wash easy; very special, each..... \$1.48

Women's Bloomer Dresses; just the thing for house work, special, each..... \$2.48

Women's Jumper Overalls, two in one; special, each..... \$2.48

SHEETS AND PILLOW SLIPS

72x90 Bleached 42 and 45 inch Sheets, cheap at 65c; for this sale only..... 2 for \$1.00.

Pillow Slips, worth 18c; for this sale only..... 8 for \$1.00.

TOWEL BARGAINS

Huck Towels, good size, worth 8c; for this sale only..... 15 for \$1.00.

Bath Towels, good size, worth 12 1/2c; for this sale, only..... 12 for \$1.00.

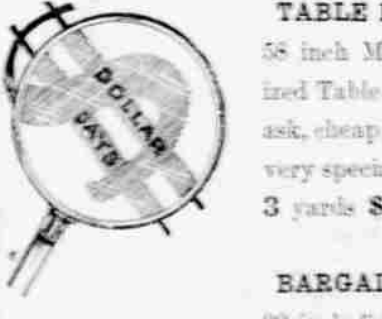


TABLE DAMASK BARGAINS

58 inch Mercerized Table Damask, cheap at 40c; very special, 3 yards \$1.00.

64 in. fine grade Table Damask, worth 68c; for this sale, only 2 yards \$1.00.

BARGAINS IN WOMEN'S VESTS

Women's Summer Vests, good grade, all sizes, for this sale only 10 for \$1.00.

Women's fine grade Summer Vests, cheap at 20c; for this sale only 6 for \$1.00.

HOUSE DRESS BARGAINS

Women's Gingham House Dresses, all sizes up to \$1.50 values, this sale for \$1.00.

Women's Two-piece Breakfast Sets, made of good Gingham, very special at \$2.25 each.

WASH PETTICOAT BARGAINS

Women's Wash Petticoats, made of good gingham, this sale, each, 69c.

Women's Extra fine quality of Gingham Petticoats, made of good gingham, this sale, 98c each.

100 PARASOLS

Full size, good quality, values up to \$2, this sale at, each..... \$1.00

BARGAINS IN WASH GOODS

32 inch fine Batiste, in new patterns, very special for this sale, 7 yards \$1.00.

36 in. fine Flow-cord Voile, fast colors, very special for this sale, 4 yards \$1.00.

BARGAINS IN WHITE GOODS

Fine White Dimity, in stripes and checks, very special this sale, 10 yards \$1.00.

Fine White Gables and Piques, 36 in. wide, very special at 3 yards \$1.00.

Every Spring Suit and Coat in the house goes in this sale at 1-2 off.

WOMEN'S CORSETS

Made of good cotton, new models; up to \$1.00 values, this sale..... 69c

Mann's

The Woman's Store
14-22 NORTH CENTRAL
MEDFORD, OREGON

HOSIERY

Women's and Children's White and Black Hose, special, 7 pairs for \$1.00.

UNION SUITS

Women's Fine Knit Union Suits, all sizes, cheap at 35c; while they last, 4 for \$1.00.

YOUR DOLLAR GOES FURTHER AT THIS SALE. DON'T DELAY FOR THIS IS DOLLAR DAY.