



LOOKS LIKE MURDER

Evidence of a Diabolical Deed Having been Committed by Hembree.

HE IS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO THE CITY.

The Circumstantial Evidence Shows that Hembree Got His Daughter into Trouble.

The supposition is that a diabolical crime was committed either on Thursday night or early Friday morning at Sandlake by A. J. Hembree, and to cover up his crime, he cremated the bodies of his victims and burned his house to cover up all trace of the horrible deed. There is enough circumstantial evidence to warrant the belief that Hembree was the cause of his daughter's, Ora Ellen Hembree's, pregnancy, who was a young woman only 16 years of age and she attending school at the academy in this city last year. It is supposed that while performing an abortion on the girl she died under the ordeal, and to cover up the crime so that no one could give evidence against him, he then murdered his wife and then cremated her bodies.

This is the general opinion, and on account of it the feeling is very bitter against Hembree, especially as it has leaked out that whenever Hembree came to Tillamook City while his daughter was attending the academy he would take his daughter to the hotel and keep her in the same room over night and sleep in the same bed with her. Not long since Hembree came to this city and told a doctor that his daughter was in trouble and wanted him to perform an abortion, but this he refused to do. This, with other circumstantial evidence of a diabolical character, is liable to bring out facts that will charge Hembree with having committed one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in Tillamook county.

So indignant were some of the citizens that they waited on Deputy District Attorney W. H. Cooper on Tuesday urging that he make an investigation as the coroner had failed to hold an inquest. Coroner Reynolds and Sheriff Woolfe had previously acquainted Mr. Cooper of their suspicion that something was wrong, and some of the above facts having been known, he instructed the sheriff to go and arrest Hembree and hold him pending an investigation.

Sheriff Woolfe arrested Hembree and brought him to this city on Thursday.

Cremated in their Home.

County Coroner C. E. Reynolds and Sheriff C. H. Woolfe returned from Sandlake, on Saturday, where they went to inquire into the fatal deaths of Mrs. Columbia Hembree, wife of A. J. Hembree, and their daughter, Miss Ora Ella Hembree, a young woman 16 years of age, who were burned to death early Friday morning in their home at Sandlake. The neighborhood appears to be worked up over the fatality, and as there is somewhat of a mystery connected with the fire and the death of the unfortunate women, some of the neighbors are suspicious of Hembree, who is not on good terms with them.

Hembree's Story.

Hembree tells this story to the officials:

They retired about ten o'clock on Thursday night, Hembree and his wife sleeping in one of the room upstairs and his daughter in the other. When they went to bed there was only a few coals of fire in the stove. Soon after twelve o'clock he woke up and thought he smelt something burning. He jumped up and woke his wife and daughter, and told them that the house was on fire. When they had done so he told them to grab the bed clothes and take them down stairs, and as they went down stairs Hembree noticed that the stairs were hot. He discovered a fire in a closet under the stairs, and threw two pails of water, which were in the house at the time, on the fire, and then went outside and got two more pails. Hembree and his wife then tried to carry a tub of water into the house, but this was spoiled owing to Mrs. Hembree allowing her end to drop. They then gave up fighting the fire and turned to saving what things they could. As the bed clothing they had brought down stairs was on the porch and liable to be burned, Hembree told his wife and daughter to carry them away out of danger, and he would go round to the kitchen and get what he could out from there. His daughter was very anxious to save her trunk, which was upstairs, but Hembree told her they could not save it. The last time Hembree saw his wife and daughter alive, they were in the parlor throwing out things. Hembree was at the back part of the house about ten minutes, and then went out a number of

articles. When he returned to the front part of the house he did not see his wife and daughter, so he called to the latter, when he saw that the bed clothes had not been removed. As no reply was made, he peered in through the windows of the burning house, and not seeing them anywhere thought they had gone to the barn across the road, where he failed to find them. Hembree then started off to a neighbors by the name of Hoyt, about a mile away. When he arrived there James Thompson asked him what he wanted, as he was only partly dressed and out of breath. After a time he said his house was burned down, and asked Thompson if the women were there; and when being told they were not, Hembree said, "I guess they are in it," meaning the house. Thompson started off at once, but Hembree made no further effort to locate his wife and daughter. When Thompson arrived at the fire it had burned almost out, except a large pile near where the stairs stood. He had no idea at the time that the women were burned, and it was not until day light that any trace of the women were found. Then all that remained of them, a few charred bones were discovered in the ashes, so completely had the fire cremated them.

The Accident Theory.

Although public opinion is aroused to some extent against Hembree, who is a man that is not well liked by his neighbors and addicted somewhat to drink, it is thought that Mrs. Hembree and her daughter tried to go upstairs for the purpose of getting the girl's trunk, and as they did so the stairs gave way and precipitated them right into the heart of the fire, while Mr. Hembree was at the back of the house.

Coroner Reynolds was Suspicious.

Coroner Reynolds thinks there are several suspicious features about the burning, in that Hembree could not account for the fire, the pile of wood, trunks and books over the corpses when Thompson arrived at the fire and Hembree not making any further effort to locate his wife and daughter after he arrived at Hoyt's. Hembree's house is insured for \$500, and this is the second fire he has had.

The remains of the unfortunate women, which were placed in a small box, were taken to Hebo on Sunday and buried by the side of Mrs. Hembree's father, which was attended by a large crowd. Rev. Chas. Waymire conducted the service.

\$40,000 OR NO RAILROAD.

Such is Wm. Reid's Latest Proposition to Tillamook City.

William Reid, secretary of the Portland Oregon Seacoast Railroad Co., has made a proposition, which is quite different from what he is reported to have said some time ago, when he informed the people of this county that they would get a railroad right away without putting up a subsidy. Now he wants Tillamook City to put up a subsidy of \$40,000 for the company that will complete its railroad first, not later than the end of this year, and if this is not agreed to, his company will not build to this city. This is what Mr. Reid proposes:

Dear Sir,—Some months ago I wrote you suggesting that the \$40,000 subsidy which your committee obtained should be made payable to the railway company which should have its tracks connected to the town of Tillamook. Your secretary replied this was quite satisfactory, but that until you had got rid of the gentleman you were then negotiating or his people had failed to carry out their proposed obligations to your committee, you were then not in a position to carry into effect the suggestion I made.

In name of, for the Portland, Oregon Seacoast Railway Co., whose head office is in London, I again write to ask you to submit to your committee the following proposition:

1st. That a subsidy of \$40,000 should be paid in cash donated to the first railway which should have a railroad completed and a locomotive and passenger car have run over the same into the town of Tillamook from any station or point in Oregon upon the leased lines in Oregon of the Southern Pacific Company, and that not later than the 31st day of December, 1906, otherwise your committee's obligation obligation for said \$40,000 to be null and void and of no force and effect.

In this way, if Mr. E. E. Lytle's Pacific Railway & Navigation Company or our Portland, Oregon Seacoast Railway Company's locomotives should first reach Tillamook or that of any other railroad to get there by 31st Dec., 1906, it matters nothing to your committee which line gets there first, your subsidy then goes to and is payable to that company first getting into Tillamook.

Kindly let this company hear whether this proposition is satisfactory to your committee, and upon hearing from you to that effect, we will commence work thereupon upon our proposed railroad to Tillamook City, in Tillamook County, Oregon, but not otherwise.

Wm. Reid, Secretary of the Portland Oregon Seacoast Railway Co.,

A YEAR'S RECORD

Of Hatched, Matched and Decamped in Tillamook County.

We have compiled a list of births, marriages and deaths in Tillamook Co. during the year 1905, from which it will be seen there were 83 births, 38 marriages and 34 deaths. The figures for the previous year were 59 births, 33 marriages and 29 deaths, being 24 more births, 5 more marriages and 5 less deaths. There may be a few births and deaths during the year which have not been reported to County Physician Smith. Below is a complete list of returns on file with the exception of that of the drowning of McKenzie and the burning of Mrs. Hembree and her daughter, which we have included:

Births.

The reports show there were 83 births in Tillamook county during 1905, 49 boys and 34 girls. There were three pairs of twins, viz., Chas. N. Johnson, boys; Ollie Osburn, girls; and Elmer Hall, boy and girl. We give below the date of birth, father's name and sex:

January—6th, W. B. Vaughn, son; 9th, W. R. Illingworth, daughter; F. M. Davidson, daughter; 11th, G. W. Wallace, son; 16th, Andrew Anderson, daughter; 26th, J. W. Buttz, daughter; F. J. Klirshan, daughter; 28th, E. P. Blum, daughter.

February—3rd, H. F. Crane, daughter; 17th, William Campbell, daughter; 21st, Joseph Blaser, daughter.

March—28th, Ernest W. Baker, son; 29th, Emmet Jenkins, daughter.

April—2nd, W. C. Trombley, son; 5th, N. J. Myers, son; 7th, Grant Lederer, son; 9th, E. T. Halton, daughter and F. E. Dodge, daughter;

13th, Chas. N. Johnson, twins, sons; 23rd, James Williams, son; 25th, E. P. Wells, son.

May—2nd, M. C. Trowbridge, son; 5th, R. W. Watson, son; 8th, R. C. Wicks, daughter; 11th, E. J. Ginger, son; 14th, George Loerpel, daughter, and A. Blum, daughter; 17th, F. T. Fitzpatrick, daughter, and John Burcher, daughter; 25th, Connie Dye, daughter; 27th, S. Morris, daughter.

June—8th, Frank Illingworth, son, and William Miller, daughter; 11th, Alfred Magnuson, son; 14th, M. J. Todhunter, son, and A. L. Fason, daughter; 19th, Elmer Ball, daughter; 22nd, S. J. Barnett, daughter; 23rd, W. J. Stillwell, daughter; 24th, Erwin Harrison, son, and Nels Gladd, daughter; 26th, Dee Tomlinson, son.

July—6th, Wm. Jolly, daughter; 7th, Peter E. Newberg, son; 11th, W. E. Bibby, son, and E. Hellenbyck, daughter; 12th, Arthur Hunt, son; and Geo. W. Bennett, son; 13th, Chas. Richardson, daughter; 17th, Geo. N. Hodgson, son; 21st, Elmer Hall, twins, son and daughter; 23rd, Wm. Harry Quick, daughter.

August—1st, W. J. Carver, son; 2nd, Sidney Anderson, daughter; 7th, Edwin Laughlin, son; 9th, W. A. Shaw, son; 11th, C. F. Blum, daughter; 13th, Isaac Quick, son; 15th, Thos. Coulson, son; 31st, Harry V. Crawford, daughter.

September—5th, E. A. Fitzpatrick, son; 16th, Frank C. Stouchy, daughter; 25th, J. J. Howser, son; Ollie Osburn, twins, daughters, and Almer Barnard, son; 26th, Erick Gladd, daughter; 30th, Fred Tomlinson, son.

October—3rd, Clay Daniels, daughter; 15th, John Schild, daughter; 22nd, Edward Earl, daughter; 28th, W. Steels, son.

November—23rd, Robert McCoy, son; 28th, John Gray, son.

December—10th, H. N. Simmons, son; 12th, Ellen Strand, daughter; 17th, P. B. Vantress, son; George Watt, daughter; 20th, R. Y. Blalock, daughter; 21st, F. W. Robitsch, son; 30th, H. Perry, son.

Boys, Girls, Total

January.....2.....6.....8

February.....0.....3.....3

March.....1.....1.....2

April.....7.....2.....9

May.....3.....7.....10

June.....5.....6.....11

July.....6.....5.....11

August.....5.....3.....8

September.....4.....4.....8

October.....1.....3.....4

November.....2.....2.....4

December.....4.....3.....7

Totals.....40.....43.....83

Marriages.

Cupid has improved over the work of last year and those who have pledged their vows and doubled up are:

January 11—B. G. Danly and Gladys Murphy.

January 15—Julius Thorall and Johanna Stuvenger.

February 1—William N. Ray and Rachel L. Woods.

February 2—Robert B. McClay and Ethel E. Ray.

February 5—Dolph Tinnerstet and Bertie McGowan.

February 19—Willard T. Newcomb and Bertha Penawell.

February 21—Geo. A. Hoover and Nina Norton.

February 22—Daniel Murphy and Iva Cecilia Jenkins.

February 28—William Richardson and M. J. Mitchell.

April 1—Levi L. Stillwell and Sarah K. Gardner.

April 9—P. B. Vantress and Bessie Hunt.

April 27—Ole B. Redberg and Elma Porter.

May 12—Frank W. Reading and Millie Irene Airance.

May 19—Jason J. Powell and Myrtle M. Van Patten.

June 4—Carl Haberlach and Amanda Tinnerstet.

June 11—A. W. Severance and Dora E. High.

June 25—Forest I. Ayer and Lura Belle Curi.

June 27—H. Brooks and Marie Werber.

July 3—John H. McKinney and Jessie C. Wagner.

July 5—Wayne W. Wiley and Frances M. Drew.

June 11—Clarence Hoyt and Edith Grace Recher.

August 1—Edgar H. Whitney and Ruth A. Cooper.

August 6—Lawrence Olds and Hattie B. Chitwood.

August 15—William A. Petseys and Lorena Belle Robey.

August 16—Luke Wolfe and Flora Hancock.

August 23—Ernest A. Worthington and Lillie A. Tohl.

September 13—G. O. Vaughn and Rose Smith.

September 30—Robert O. Richards and Abbie M. Coulson.

September 16—S. D. Thompson and Wilhelmina Schollmeyer.

October 4—D. H. McIntyre and Lena Bays.

October 5—William L. Provost and Edith M. Ostrander.

October 8—Preston E. Marolf and Carrie Wells.

October 18—John L. Blum and Elizabeth L. Nelson.

October 25—Frank M. Miles and Zella E. Booth.

November 1—Chas. H. Illingworth and Jennie Perry.

December 13—W. K. Webb and Alice Kays.

December 12—Gottlieb Hanenkratt and Emma Harrer.

December 20—Ernest L. Robertson and Anna D. Price.

Deaths.

There were five persons who met with fatal deaths, two by drowning, one was crushed by a log, and two burned to death. Five deaths are reported from diphtheria in one family, all within five days. Pneumonia claimed three deaths; consumption, five; paralysis, five; organic heart disease and catarrh of stomach, 6. The deaths numbered 34.

23 being males and 11 females. Three persons were 78 years of age; two 74; one each at the age of 70, 69, 67, 65, 62 and 54; two at 74 years and two at 57 years.

January—17th, Mildred Tomlinson, 3 years; 29th, daughter of Andrew Anderson, 13 years.

February—3rd, J. V. Huntsinger, 64 years; 13th, John Hugh Page, 17 years; 17th, Floyd L. Barnett, 1 year.

March—12th, John Marolf, 54 years; 25th, Elizabeth Knoblock, 67 years.

April—1st, Henry M. Barner, 78 years; 6th, Fred Tomlinson, 38 years; 11th, H. B. Downing, 65 years; and Albert Mapes, 78 years; 19th, John N. Nolan, 74 years; 25th, Alexander Campbell, 74 years.

May—23rd, A. Brant, 78 years; 29th, Peter Heisel, 42 years.

June—12th, Gustavus Allison, 39 years; 21st, E. G. E. Wist, 57 years; 25th, infant child of Samuel J. Barnett, 4 days.

August—6th, Darius Bowman, 4 years; 7th, Winnifred Bowman, 13 years; and Minnie M. Bowman, 32 years; 9th, Byron Bowman, 7 years; 10th, Hattie Bowman, 2 years.

September—7th, Hollins Mary Blaser, 13 days; 28th, Lester M. Myer, 18 years.

October—11th, Levert Potter, 16 years; 23rd, Moses Smith, 69 years.

November—8th, William F. Campbell, 70 years; 15th, Joseph H. Whiting, 62 years; 18th, Magnus Munson, 57 years.

December—12th, Thomas R. Handley, 64 years; 17th, H. McKenzie, 25 years; 29th, Columbia Hembree, 38 years; Ora Hembree, 16 years.

Deaths.

January.....3.....2.....5

February.....1.....1.....2

March.....6.....6.....12

April.....1.....1.....2

May.....2.....1.....3

June.....2.....3.....5

July.....2.....1.....3

August.....2.....1.....3

September.....2.....1.....3

October.....2.....1.....3

November.....3.....3.....6

December.....2.....2.....4

Totals.....53.....51.....104

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

County Tax Levy is 25 Mills

---Jury List Drawn--Judges and Clerks of Election.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, when County Judge W. W. Conder and Commissioners Geo. W. Boddyfelt and Geo. Loerpel were present and transacted the following business:

Report of Fred Zaddach, supervisor, was accepted, also that of Frank Severance, A. A. Arstell, S. M. Daily and W. H. Hoskins.

Petition of F. Lange, which was found defective, was denied.

In the matter of the application of W. H. Hoskins for a county road at Garibaldi, the same was accepted and Fred Sappington, John Hickey and F. P. Hobson were appointed to view, survey and appraise damages.

In the matter of the application of H. Sweeney for a county road, the same was accepted and Fred Sappington, John Hickey and C. P. Knudson were appointed to view, survey and appraise damages.

Report of Clark and Buchanan, for auditing county officials' accounts, was ordered placed on file.

Petition to have the road districts changed north of Tillamook City was denied.

P. D. Newell put in a bill for \$250.00 for damages to his land if the proposed road at Nehalem went through his place.

Fred Forslund, work..... 3 25

Glass & Prudhomme, merchandise..... 15 38

M. F. Corrigan, sheriff of Yamhill co., board of prisoner..... 4 29

Sam Downs, bailiff in Circuit Court..... 15 00

A. Beuchidt, lumber..... 1 00

S. G. Thayer, blacksmith work..... 10 00

Cloverdale Mercantile Co., merchandise..... 11 80

C. H. Blake, damage to land..... 5 00

W. C. Bailey, timber..... 16 03

A. K. Case, blacksmith work..... 5 25

Cloverdale Mercantile Company, merchandise..... 1 50

Cloverdale Mercantile Company, merchandise..... 4 05

B. F. Durfee, rent..... 3 00

Tillamook Telephone Co., six months rent..... 21 00

Yellow Fir Lumber Co., use of engine..... 16 50

S. M. Dailey, salary as supervisor..... 18 00

Chas. Lee, seven rods of punch..... 10 50

Cohn & Co., merchandise..... 5 90

Wm. Woods, care of county poor..... 50 00

Krebs Bros, plank..... 525 00

N. W. Wiley, salary as supt..... 168 06

Nelson & Co., merchandise..... 3 55

Tillamook Lumbering Co., wood and plank..... 78 10

C. E. Reynolds, investigating the deaths of Mrs. Hembree and daughter..... 10 00

J. W. Roland, field notes..... 9 00

McIntosh & McNaair, merchandise..... 12 50

Mrs. J. M. Bodley, charge of county poor..... 25 00

Tillamook Lumbering Co., plank..... 206 00

Thos. Coates, salary as deputy sheriff..... 100 00

G. A. Johnson, salary as deputy assessor..... 100 00

A. M. Harv, salary as assessor..... 200 00

G. B. Lamb, salary as county clerk..... 266 66

G. B. Lamb, stamps..... 7 10

K. Mills, salary as deputy sheriff..... 100 00

Pacific States Telephone Co.,..... 7 50

H. L. Jensen, taking out slide..... 1 00

J. V. Vance & Co., tax tables..... 22 50

Tillamook Herald, printing..... 35 50

Ed Leach, deputy sheriff..... 10 50

Sam Downs, janitor..... 6 30

Town and expense of taking Belliz to McMinnville..... 45 00

W. E. Page, rent of stove..... 1 00

Reynolds & Jones, rent, tables and chairs..... 1 00

Dawson Bros, horse hire..... 4 00

Easter & Son, team hire..... 7 65

J. P. Allen, boarding prisoner..... 2 50

Tillamook Headlight, printing..... 3 00

A. W. Severance, postage..... 25 00

Clerk of superior court, filing case Tillamook County vs. the Willam River Road Co..... 25 00

Chas. I. Clough, supplies..... 144 65

P. W. Todd, salary as County Treasurer..... 91 67

Fred Forslund, salary as super..... 1 00

Frank Severance, salary as super..... 17 50

L. B. Ziemer, typewriter..... 40 00

W. W. Wiley, freight charges..... 3 25

Peter H. Newberg, for 20 rods of cross laying..... 20 00