

HEMBREE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT.

Tells His Story of How His Wife and Daughter Met their Death.

A. J. Hembree, who was charged with the murder of his wife and daughter, was taken to McMinnville on Friday last by Sheriff Wolfe, and will remain in the county jail there until the April term of the circuit court in this county. Deputy District Attorney W. H. Cooper has had a stenographer, Miss Garfield, employed typewriting the evidence of the witnesses he examined when inquiring into the case. There appears to be some revolting stories told about Hembree, and it is a good thing for him that this was not made public. Thus far the evidence is circumstantial. When Hembree arrived at McMinnville the Oregonian reporter interviewed him, and he made this statement:

Where the Fire Started.

The fire started down stairs and was first noticed about 1 o'clock in the morning. I ran down stairs and found the fire burning fiercely under the stairs. I got water from a tub and threw on it with little or no effect. Then I, my wife and daughter carried some bedclothes and other articles down stairs and threw them out of the front door. The house was cloth-lined and papered and we were soon driven from the sleeping-rooms. We then took some things from the sitting-room, then I removed some flour, etc., from the kitchen.

Girl Wanted Trunks.

My daughter cried out, "Oh the trunks, they contained all our good clothes." I said, "don't think of going up stairs again, it is too hot and dangerous. Remove these things that we have thrown out the door and I'll do what I can." I ran to the kitchen and threw out some dishes and clothes of the boys that were there. Then I went to the woodhouse, which is a lean-to, on the kitchen side of the house, and secured a few things. The fire then drove me out.

I ran around the yard to the front of the house to see how the women were. No one was in sight and the things thrown out of the door had not been touched and were partly on fire. I yelled for them and getting no answer, went across the road about 150 yards to the barn and called, then back to the wagon shed and yelled for them and receiving no response, started to the nearest neighbors to see if they had gone there.

It was about a mile to Mr. Hoyt's and a dreadful storm was on and I had on only my underwear. When I got there I was completely prostrated by the strain and could go no farther. I asked for the folks, but they said that they had not come there. I told them the house was on fire and if my wife and daughter had not come there, that I feared something had happened to them. I got Mr. Thompson, who stayed at Mr. Hoyt's, to go back to the burning house. I could not go for my strength seemed completely gone. They fixed me a pallet and Mrs. Hoyt put wet cloths on my head.

Find Woman's Bones.

When the men returned they said that the house was completely destroyed. They then got some other neighbors and Mr. Hoyt gave me some clothes and we went to where my house had been. When we got there nothing but coals were left and some men were poking them about and found some bones. One of the trunks was partly on the bones of one remains. The other trunk was about where the middle of the room was. The bones were in two places, i. e., were a few feet apart. The women could not be found nor heard of and as the girl had been anxious about the trunk, it is my opinion that she made an effort to get it and her mother stayed with her.

A man said we must not disturb things until the coroner came, so I stayed there all day, nearly, with others. Then I took my two little boys who had been at their aunt's (I had some one phone for them when the house burned) to the barn, out of the storm. The poor little fellows were wringing wet. Some one wanted them to go home with them, but they wanted to stay with me. The little fellows did not know that their mother and sister were burned until a neighbor told them before they got back from their aunt's and they were heartbroken.

Took Boys Away.

In the afternoon I took them to Mr. Diamond's, one and one-half miles away, where we were given something to eat and a fire to warm by. In the evening a neighbor came horseback and said the Coroner had arrived and for me to come. I got a horse and went a mile and met him, the Sheriff, deputy and others. They said all had been done that could be that evening and for me to be at Diamond's in the morning to be examined. I was there as instructed and was examined.

In a day or two I went to Woods, about eight miles off, to get cloths for the boys and myself. I noticed on the way there that some ties and lumber had washed ashore and the next day the boys and I went down there to get some of them to fix as a temporary place to live in. I then saw the mill man about some lumber.

Hembree is Arrested.

That night the Sheriff came to Dia-

mond's where we were still staying, and arrested me. They then took me to Tillamook where some friends told me that some dirty tales had been started by my enemies and that I had better see lawyer Talmage. This I did and was then brought here. This is the whole story. It is an awful thing to be charged with killing my poor wife and daughter and I feel it is the work of my enemies who are ever ready to kick a man when he is down.

When asked if he was addicted to the drink habit, and how he acted when intoxicated, he said:

Yes, I have drank all my life, but never abused my family in any way when drunk. I know that I did treat some people contemptible and possibly unreasonable, but that was because they had treated me in the same way and told untrue things of me when behind my back.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Two Bridges to be Built—The Jury List.

The following business was done by the board of county commissioners after we went to press last week:

The bids of J. C. Thompson, Geo. Cox, O. Bergman, Felix Koy, F. Lundburg and Fred Kabba in connection with the Ludtke road were continued.

It was ordered that the county surveyor make an examination and report to the court upon the practicability of building road from a point near the Balm school house down the bank of the South Nehalem river to the Ludtke residence.

It was ordered that the county clerk open and prepare the ballot boxes for the next general election.

It was ordered that the county clerk advertise for bids for the construction of a bridge across the South Nehalem river; also to advertise for bids for a bridge across the Nestucca river at Cloverdale.

In the matter of the petition of D. T. Werschul to vacate a county road on account of the petition not being in due form, it was dismissed.

It was ordered that the treasurer of Tillamook county set apart 4-10 mills of the road tax levied by the County Court within the corporate limits of Tillamook City for road purposes within the city.

On investigation it was found that W. E. Bailey had furnished the county 28,180 feet of road plank at \$5.00 per M., and that the county had paid him \$150, which left Bailey indebted to the county \$9.06, consequently the claim of \$16.03 by Bailey was rejected.

It was ordered that the polling places be designated the same as for the general election.

The Tillamook Herald and Tillamook Headlight were designated county official newspapers and a joint bid to do the county printing was accepted.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes L. L. Sappington, bridge plans; W. N. Hoskins, Supervisor; Oscar Bergman; Geo. Loerpel, salary as commissioner; Geo. Cox, surveying road; W. W. Conder, salary as Co. Judge; W. D. Wood, bridge work; B. F. Archie, County poor; W. G. Kelso, bailiff; C. H. Burgraft, contract for Court House plans.

Jury List.

The jury list was drawn as follows: Atkinson, Daniel, farmer, Sandlake; Ackley, Claude, farmer, Fairview; Vaughn, A. M., farmer, Bay; R. farmer, Union; Elliott, C. A., farmer, Bay; Watt George, carpenter, Bay; Atterbury, A. W., farmer, Woods; Smith, L. E., farmer, Garibaldi; McMillan, N. farmer, Garibaldi; Blake, C. H., farmer, Carnahan; Johnson, John, contractor, Garibaldi; Elliott, W. B., farmer, Bay; Buckles, J. W., farmer, South Prairie; Bales, E. R., farmer, Foley; Hobson, Frank, farmer, Bay; Bays, Mark, farmer, Beaver; Tilden, C. farmer, Garibaldi; Crane, Harry, farmer, Hebo; Bergman Oscar, farmer, Nehalem; Jacoby, Theo., farmer, Beaver; Boydfelt, W. D., farmer, Fairview; Catterline, W. E., farmer, Netarts; Hoskins, W. H., farmer, Foley; Daniel, Clay, farmer, Foley; Carlson, Alfred, farmer, Fairview; Casey, Matt, farmer, Tillamook; Alley, W. H., cheesemaker, Nehalem; Chance, M. E., farmer, South Prairie; Scovell, S., farmer, Nehalem; Curry, W. H. H., captain, Tillamook; Cady, A. M., farmer, Blaine; Crawford, R. A., farmer, Nehalem; Christensen, Jas. farmer, Beaver; McDonald, A. farmer, Nehalem; Sweeney, H. farmer, Nehalem; Steinhaug, Frank, farmer, Nehalem; Dings, R. M., farmer, Blaine; Drew, C. N., farmer, Tillamook; Reddaway, W. N., farmer, Nehalem; Dye, Frank, farmer, Beaver; Spomp, Fred, farmer, Fairview; Anderson, S. V., farmer, Fairview; Ek, John, farmer, Nehalem; Evans, Edward, farmer, Fairview; Elliott, Tracy R., farmer, Tillamook; Eberman, W. H., toaster, Tillamook; Finlayson, Alex., laborer, Bay; Freeman, L. E., farmer, Tillamook; Flock, John, W., farmer, Hebo; Foster, Jobe, farmer, Union; Trowbridge, M. farmer, Fairview; Fitzpatrick, F. T., farmer, South Prairie; Foster, Frank, farmer, Little Nestucca; Johnson, Lewis, farmer, Fairview; Kunze, Henry, Fairview; Harris, J. R., farmer, Fairview; Mills Grant, farmer, Fairview; Holden, H. F., farmer, Fairview; Carver, W. J., farmer, Fairview; Maxwell, W. farmer, Fairview; Giger, Ernest, farmer, Tillamook; Morgan, John, farmer, Fairview; Woodard, James, farmer, Fairview; Tront, Frank, farmer, Hoquarton; Wilson, F. N., farmer, Hoquarton; Glick, W. farmer, Union; Hail, Elmer, farmer, Netarts; Hailton, E. J., merchant, Tillamook; Hare, W. S., farmer, Bay; Diehl, J. S., farmer, Hoquarton; Williams, Geo., farmer, Fairview; Maroff, Albert, farmer, Fairview; Goodspeed, H. F., farmer, Hoquarton; Hang, Ernest, farmer, Beaver; Handy, C. B., farmer, Nehalem; Olsen, Jonas, farmer, Hoquarton; Hollett, J. J., farmer, Blaine; Plank, Albert, clerk, Hoquarton; Wicklund, Gust, farmer, Tillamook; Hart-el, Wm., farmer, Balm; Anderson, Andrew, Tillamook; Hasselberg,



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