

EX-JUDGE TAYLOR IS SHOT TO DEATH, Rancher Enacts Tragedy at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 14.—Ex-Circuit Judge Frank J. Taylor, president of the State Board of Pilot Commissioners and one of the leading members of the legal fraternity in Western Oregon, was slain by Oswald C. Hansel, a Clatsop Plains rancher, on Commercial street, near the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad depot, at 9 o'clock this morning.

The shooting came as the climax of a fancied grievance which Hansel had had for years against his victim, for what reason no one knows and the further fact that, four years ago, the judge acted as attorney for Mrs. Hansel in filing a suit for divorce, an action that was later withdrawn.

No Word Precedes Shot. The tragedy was enacted as Judge Taylor was en route to the depot to take the train for his ranch at Carnahan station, where he planned to pass the day. About 50 feet from the entrance to the depot Judge Taylor, who was carrying a light valise, crossed the street and just as he stepped on to the sidewalk met Hansel.

Without a word or a moment's warning Hansel whipped out a .22 caliber revolver and fired, the bullet striking his victim above the right eye, passing through the brain and causing instant death.

Throwing his arms to his head as if to ward off a blow, Mr. Taylor fell to the sidewalk on his face. The slayer fired two more shots at the prostrate body, both of them taking effect.

Many Near Scene. Fully 50 persons were within half a block of the scene. Dozens of them rushed to give assistance and physicians were summoned, but life was extinct before the first one reached the prostrate man. An examination at the coroner's office showed that, in addition to the fatal bullet in the brain one had entered the right breast and lodged in the right arm. The third entered the right side.

After gazing a second at the prostrate form of his victim, Hansel tossed his revolver into the river and started to walk away. He was grabbed by bystanders. He remarked that he was going to the police station to give himself up.

On being asked why he committed the act Hansel replied: "He separated my family."

Later he said to the police: "Ask my wife; she will tell you."

Ex-Wife Denounces Slayer. Since the dismissal of the first divorce suit, nearly four years ago, friends of Mr. Taylor say, he had not been connected in any way with the couple's affairs. Mrs. Hansel was granted a divorce on June 27 of this year, but her attorney in that instance was F. E. Gray.

Told this afternoon what Hansel had said and that he complained of terrible pains in his head, Mrs. Hansel replied:

"He's just trying to start a scandal and is feigning insanity. Judge Taylor has not been my attorney for years and I never spoke to him in my life excepting at the time I brought the first action for divorce, four years ago.

"Hansel is not insane and never was, although he tried to make people think so. He has had a grudge against Mr. Taylor for years, but why I never knew. He often threatened to kill the judge, but then he has threatened other people, including the members of his own family, who assisted me in getting a divorce."

Probably the Aunties who want to besow independence at once upon the Filipino tribes speaking different languages, and in some cases hostile to each other, have never looked into the history of the inhabitants of the islands. The Philippine Bulletin in a recent number gives a sketch of the character and customs of the Moros of Mindanao and Sulu, written by a United States Army officer who has long served in the archipelago. For hundreds of years the Moros have been pirates. They issued from a group of islands where the creeks, shallows, headland, rocks and reefs afforded a base for attack and refuge, and at times almost succeeded in driving the Spanish out. Over 300 years ago they overran the Visayan Islands, Cebu, Negros and Panay, and a Spanish expedition against them failed after operations lasting for months. A Spanish armada of seventy vessels next attempted an attack and was partly successful. At length steam navigation gave the Spaniards an advantage, enabling them to limit the practical raids in which many Christians were captured and enslaved. The Moros are wreckers as well as pirates and their false lights in the channels have destroyed hundreds of vessels.

Bills Allowed by the County.

Table listing bills allowed by the county, including names like E. L. Brown, Fred Redaway, O. Kellow and team, Reed Farmer, W. D. Winters and team, etc., with corresponding amounts.

Domestic Science Premiums.

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Gen. Fund Expenditures.

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