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Legislator convicted of murder

YOUNG MAN FATALLY SHOT AT DANCEHALL
EX-SOLDIER SLAIN BY ANOTHER AT LANGLOIS, OR.
Assallant Acting Member of Legislature; Alleged Wrong Done Daughter Given as Motive.

BANDON, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—George Sydman, 18 years old, of Denmark, Or., was shot and killed last night in a dance hall at Langlois, in Curry county, by George D. Chenoweth of Denmark, a veteran of the Canadian army and acting joint representative for Coos and Curry county in the Oregon legislature.

Sydman, with a number of other young men, was sitting on a platform near the orchestra. Chenoweth entered the hall, walked straight up to Sydman and, without saying a word, fired three shots. Only one shot took effect, penetrating the boy's left lung and ranging downward, lodging in the side. Death followed within an hour.

Chenoweth, immediately after the shooting, left the hall, extracted the empty shells from his pistol and remarked to those near by that he had shot Sydman, was glad of it and hoped he had killed him. He then gave himself up to the authorities and was taken to the county jail at Gold Beach.

Family trouble is reported to have been the cause of the tragedy. While Chenoweth was in France his daughter gave birth to a child, and it is said she

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY.

STATE OF OREGON, Plaintiff,
 Vs. George D. Chenoweth, COMMITMENT.

1 study, experience and otherwise.
 2 That Doctors Marcellus and Joyce were each in the employ
 3 of the general Government in Europe, as physicians and surgeons
 4 and witnessed and saw many men suffering from the effects of
 5 gun fire and service at the front, and can testify in regard to
 6 the same.
 7 That each of said doctors if present in court will testi-
 8 fy, that in his opinion, basing said opinion upon all of the
 9 evidence which they will hear in open Court, at the trial, that
 10 the defendant at the time of the firing of the fatal shot which
 11 is the subject of this indictment was temporarily insane and
 12 in that insane condition of mind which made it impossible for
 13 him to distinguish between right and wrong. That each and
 14 all of said physicians if present in Court at the trial of said
 15 cause and can hear all of the testimony that will be introduced
 16 and basing their opinion upon the testimony which they will hear,
 17 in open Court, will testify that the defendant at the time of
 18 firing the fatal shot, which is the subject of this indictment
 19 was suffering from irresistible impulse, was temporarily insane,
 20 and that in their opinion did not know and could not distinguish
 21 between right and wrong.
 22 That each and all of said physicians if present in Court at
 23 the trial and can hear all the testimony that will be introduced
 24 and based upon all the evidence in the case, which they will
 25 hear in open Court at the trial, and upon the physical in-
 26 juries and injuries to the defendant's mind, received by defend-
 27 ant upon the battle fields of France and aggravated by the mental
 28 shock, which defendant received upon his return home, caused by
 29 the information imparted to him in regard to the seduction of
 30 his daughter, during his absence, will testify and give it as
 31 their professional opinion, that the defendant at the time of the
 32 firing of the fatal shot, which is the subject of this indictment
 33 was temporarily insane, and in that condition of mind which made

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had given birth some six months previous, and unmarried; further more when his wife in her misery pleaded with the young man to marry the girl, he told the woman to get out and to kiss his

Mr. Chenoweth was not in a normal condition when discharged - wasn't normal when he learned all this

The jury I have at the trial and exami ago. I can state to do right in retained in de I said honest - ab action a witness I been with women u a desora would at libe can

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George M. Brown,
 Attorney General

Dear Sir

We write you about George Chenoweth. We have personally known him for years and regard him as a man of high ideals and absolutely honest.

The character of the man is well shown when the prosecution in an inquiry brought out his statement that he did not agree with his counsel that he was insane. With this was he suffering from disease, but he did suffer from shell shock; his lack of medical knowledge did not allow him to know that "shell shock" was a pathological condition, the opposite of physiological or healthful condition.

Mr. Chenoweth was a sharp shooter with one hospital to another; ultimately he came to the coast and against his medical adviser's advice who told him he was a sicker man than he that, he was he came down to Curry Co.

He learned for the first time that in his absence his daughter had got pregnant

CHENOWITH'S RECORD FINE
SLAYER OF GEORGE SYDMAN
SAW FIERCE FIGHTING.

Wounded by Explosion of Shell, Soldier Spent Several Months in Various Hospitals.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—George Chenowith, who took vengeance on George Sydman, who, he said, was his daughter's traducer, at Langlois, had a fine record in the Canadian army with the British forces before Vimy ridge and other of the fiercest battles in Flanders. He was wounded by the explosion of a shell and did not get back into service afterwards. He spent several months in various hospitals. Chenowith sought to join the United States army before the limitation of 45 years was raised and so was rejected. He has been a resident of Curry county for a number of years and has a large family which he reared at his home in Denmark, three miles from Langlois, where the shooting occurred.

As county commissioner for several years, Mr. Chenowith was recognized as an able official and was alert as to the interests of the county. His selec-