

MURDERED BOY LIVED HERE

Parents of John Lockman Believe Mysterious Note Refers to Their Son.

LEFT MARSHFIELD IN JULY

Arrived at Marcus and Remained for About 10 Days and Then Disappeared.

Spokane, Oct. 15.—"My name is William Albert Davis, of St. Anthony, Idaho. I murdered John Lockman at Wenatchee, October 1, and it has almost driven me crazy." This is the substance of a message on a card found in a towel rack in a local saloon today.

The above dispatch, innocent enough in appearance and supposedly of little interest to the general reader other than as a simple statement of an obscure tragedy, brought to a Marshfield home yesterday morning a sorrow and uncertainty which is wellnigh heartbreaking to the parents of the boy to whom the dispatch is thought to refer, and brings to us at home, one of the most distressing and sorrowful tragedies of local color.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lockman arrived on Coos Bay about the first of family of three boys, the eldest of whom was John, Jr., fourteen years of age, a well developed boy, a pride to his parents, and of the very best habits. He was an industrious boy and loved his home as few boys do. He was an omnivorous reader and had the best of literature always at hand, and he spent a great part of his idle time in gathering information which he expected to apply in the future in perfecting his higher education. He was a boy whom everybody looked upon as a model and the neighbors spoke of him as unusually bright and careful of his home associations.

The family came here from Marcus, Washington, where Mr. Lockman had been engaged with the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad as conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Lockman decided to come to Coos Bay and cast their lots with this new and progressive country and with the thought in mind to find improved school facilities for their family which would soon be ready for high school work. The boy, John, had been industrious in school and had progressed well, being far advanced for his age. He had attended the public schools at Marcus and after the family arrived in Marshfield, he was often referring to the old home and quite frequently spoke of being homesick for the old associations. And there was a little friend, Edith Speck, a schoolmate and sweetheart, whom he could not forget and whom he longed to see.

In July, John went to the country to work for Judge Watson on Isthmus Inlet, and was attentive to his work and made a good impression with the Watson family. About the middle of the month he left Watson's and said he was going to Sumner, and perhaps to the Brewster valley. It was two weeks before his parents learned that he had left his work, and the next word they had was that he was in Marcus, the former home. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Clute, of that place, friends of the family, were communicated with and arrangements were made for Mr. and Mrs. Clute to bring the boy to Coos Bay with them in August when they were coming to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lockman. The boy seemingly acquiesced in the arrangement and kept at his work until the day for starting, when he disappeared entirely and the friends could get no trace of him. They accordingly came on without him and at that time a systematic search for John's whereabouts was instituted by the Lockmans. The boy disappeared from Marcus about the 19th of August. He had arrived in Marcus on or about the 5th of the month and immediately found work and was busy for the entire time he was in the town.

Every chief of police in the big cities of the Northwest was asked to look for the missing boy and Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane and smaller towns were searched for some tidings of him. But no word was received from the authorities which would aid in tracing the boy's wanderings. He had seemingly dropped out of sight. His parents thought perhaps he had gone east to Iowa, where they have relatives, and they were at a loss to understand why he did not write home.

On the 19th of September, Mrs. Lockman received a letter from him dated from Spokane, but he did not say anything about what his intentions were with regard to returning home. The next they heard about him was from a brother of Mrs. Lockman, J. B. Seaman, of Butte, who wrote that the boy had been there and had gone away, but where, Mr. Seaman could not say. Mrs. Lockman says she believes her brother provided him with clothes and money, since when he was afterwards heard from he was well supplied with clothes and money. The next they heard of him was from Mr. T. D. Lockman, a brother of Mr. Lockman, and a business man of Missoula, Montana. He wrote that the boy had been there for three days and then disappeared. During his stay with his Missoula relatives, the family tried to persuade him to go home and offered to give him money to make the trip. The uncle believes he became suspicious that they would try to take him home by force, and so went away before they could make the attempt.

That was the last the parents have heard of him until the dispatch printed in yesterday's Times came to the notice of Mrs. Lockman as she was sitting down to breakfast. Mrs. Lockman was seen at her home yesterday just across the West Marshfield bridge and told the story of the boy's wanderings substantially as related. It was indeed a trying day for the mother whose heart was about breaking, and during the conversation it was learned that the home surroundings and associations for the son were all that could be wished for. Mrs. Lockman said the boy wrote home from Spokane a letter which was full of filial love and he expressed regret that he had caused his parents uneasiness by his unusual action of leaving home without giving them word. Mrs. Lockman is a woman of refinement and though she was grief-stricken, she talked the matter over as calmly as a mother could who believed her son was lying in some out of the way place, murdered by a villain who took his life for a few paltry dollars. In speaking of the tragedy, she said she would a thousand times the boy had been murdered than that such a crime should have been charged to him. She had full confidence in her boy and knew his every little secret. It was suggested to her that perhaps the dispatch might refer to some other John Lockman, but though she agreed there might be a possibility, it held out but little hope, for the circumstances seemed too plain to offer any other belief than that the murdered John Lockman was her son.

Upon being informed of the contents of the dispatch, Mr. Lockman immediately telegraphed to Wenatchee, Washington, the place where the murder is supposed to have taken place, for information, but up to a late hour last night no reply had arrived. The peculiar means by which the note was made public leaves quite a sphere for speculation, since there is no other information at hand as to the identity of William Albert Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Lockman lived at St. Anthony Falls at one time, and knew of there being several men there of the name of Davis, but cannot place the man who has owned to having murdered John Lockman. The part of the dispatch referring to John Lockman as a boy who ran away from Marcus and giving his age, was evidently supplied by the chief of police at Spokane, to whom the note was likely submitted. This chief had searched diligently for the boy and was familiar with the circumstances of his disappearance and could easily have given the press correspondent the additional information. He wrote a kindly letter to the Lockmans and said he had done all that he could to find the boy. There has been no dispatch published in any of the papers telling of a murder having been committed in Wenatchee and it is presumed that if the statement of the man who seems to have been conscience stricken is true, he enticed the boy into some secluded spot and there murdered him, and the corpse has not yet been discovered. Since no word has been received from Wenatchee, it is taken for granted that the officials there have taken up the matter and are making a thorough search of the surroundings for the body. It seems rather strange, though, that they would not send back some word saying that nothing was known of the matter, or that they had started an investigation. One day would seem sufficient time for a telegram to be sent to a neighboring state and an answer obtained.

There is a possibility that the note was a hoax, yet it is fraught with so much significance to Mr. and Mrs. Lockman that they cannot believe it could have been written by Davis unless he was really guilty, as he says. And the matter is also suggested that the Spokane authorities must be busy in an attempt to learn just who William Albert Davis is and where he can be found. It is probable, when one considers the remorse which Davis says is tearing his conscience, that he left the note as a farewell explanation of the boy's death and then killed himself to escape the accusing anguish of mind which constantly pursued him.

The Lockmans are well connected and have many influential friends in the central states. Mr. Lockman is a nephew of the deceased Governor Drake of Iowa, who served the state so well in the 90's. It was in Iowa where Mrs. Lockman had thought tidings of the boy might be finally obtained, for the grandparents had made much of him and promised to aid him in his ambition towards securing an education which would fit him for a medical practitioner.

Nothing would be more natural, under the circumstances, than that the boy should eventually wind up there, but the dispatch of yesterday morning dashed that hope. Another day should bring some word from the chief of police at Spokane, and also the officials at Wenatchee. In the meantime, sympathetic friends will trust the note was a hoax or that the identity of the murdered person is mixed.

TO ASK FOR FOUR BIG BATTLESHIPS Navy Department Said To Have Hearty Support of the President. Washington, Oct. 16.—It seems pretty certain that the navy department will ask congress to make provisions for four new battleships, and that the president approves of the program. It is also believed that the new ships will exceed any yet planned by the United States navy or any other navy. Whether they will be of the 25,000-ton class can not, of course, be predicted, but there will be advocates for maximum size, and the president is likely to be one of them. Probably no cruisers will be provided for, but the plans of the naval general board will include destroyers, which are favored in preference to torpedo boats. Possibly provision may be made to build one or more of these boats in government yards, and efforts will be made to have four new torpedo planters, asked for by the army, as well as colliers and other auxiliary ships, constructed in the government yards, to keep busy men who otherwise would suffer idleness by reason of the departure of the battleships.

The navy department is trying to provide the labor which will be needed in the Mare Island and Puget Sound yards when the fleet gets to the coast. One suggestion is to offer inducements to eastern laborers to go to the Pacific coast by providing transportation for workmen and possibly for members of their families on condition that those who accept the offer shall remain in the government service for a definite period. It also seems likely that this provision of free transportation will be coupled with a guarantee of higher wages than are paid in the east, and even higher than are at present paid on the coast, in order that the men may not be induced to leave the government employ for better pay outside.

Fined for Illegal Fishing. John E. Fitzgerald, a farmer who lives on the north fork of the Coos river, was arrested by Fish Warden Wilson, who has been here for some time looking for infractions of the fishing laws, and taken before Justice Pennock yesterday. Mr. Fitzgerald was accused of fishing above the forks of the river with a net, and when confronted with the evidence pleaded guilty. Justice Pennock fined him \$50 and costs of the suit.

Will Race at Prineville. Frank Denning received a letter yesterday from Cell Ireland, who is at Prineville. Mr. Ireland says the nights there are cold and frosty and he is thinking of soon hiking back to Coos Bay where frosts are uncommon. John Herron is at Prineville with his string of race horses and will start them in the races to be brought off next week.

WANT TROOPS TO HARVEST GRAPES Paris, Oct. 16.—Owing to the continued bad weather there is a dearth of laborers in the champagne districts. The mayors of many other places have requested that the minister of war send troops to assist in the harvesting of grapes. It is feared that half of the crop may be lost unless immediately garnered.

Bench Land Potatoes. C. H. Lax, who lives at Golden Falls, left some excellent samples of potatoes at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The spuds are excellent in quality and show that the bench lands will produce vegetables as well as fruit. The elevation where the potatoes were raised is 750 feet.

RECEIPTS OF WORLD'S BASEBALL SERIES

Table with 4 columns: Receipts, Total receipts, Players' share, Each club, National commission. Rows for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Totals.

These are the receipts of the Detroit-Chicago championship series: The players' share is divided 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the losers. The National Commission, previous to the series, named 23 men as eligible to partake in the series for Chicago, and 19 for Detroit, so each of the members of the Chicago team will receive \$1508.85 and each one of the Detroit team \$1182.28. The receipts the first day of the series were the largest ever taken in at a ball game, but the total receipts of the series falls \$4000 short of the money taken in when the White Sox and the Cubs battled alternately on the South and West sides of Chicago.

WILL PROSECUTE OFFICER CONDRON

D. M. Wilkins, Whose Head Is Still Sore, to Bring Suit in Local Court. Officer Walter Condron is surely making a record with his club. Seven eye witnesses say that he set upon D. M. Wilkins Sunday morning while Mr. Wilkins was seated at the counter of the Palace restaurant waiting for an order to be served. These witnesses declare that Mr. Wilkins was both peaceable, orderly and respectful and that there was no provocation for the action of the night officer who hit Mr. Wilkins with his club over the head and left an ugly wound there causing it to bleed profusely. It is known that papers are being prepared to compel Condron to answer to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The same officer also used his billy on the person of William Croason, the well known porter of the Blanco, better known as "Buckshot" some days ago in a manner which witnesses thought entirely out of place. Last evening a good deal of excitement was caused by the action of the night officer in making another attack with his billy on Wm. Smith of Coos River, whom he belabored over the head and took to the lockup. Bystanders claim that Mr. Smith was in no wise to blame but was both orderly and sober. Many expressions of indignation were heard on all sides and it is said that a determined effort will be made to find out by whose authority a man of so little discretion of this officer appears to have retained on the police force.

LANE GROWERS FORM UNION

Unite To Establish Reputation of Fruit of the County. Eugene, Or., Oct. 16.—Yesterday a large number of the fruit and berry growers of Lane county met at the courthouse and decided unanimously to form a permanent fruit growers' union. A committee consisting of George Dorris, Dr. H. F. McCormack, B. Chase, M. H. Harlow and Mr. Holt was appointed for the purpose of preparing articles of incorporation and a constitution and bylaws to be considered by a meeting of fruit growers to be held at the courthouse next Saturday.

It is known that Lane county can, and does, produce as fine fruit and berries as any locality in Oregon. That this fruit has not received its proper degree of recognition is not to be wondered at when the methods heretofore used in disposing of it are considered. With this strong organization to insist on the proper packing of only perfect fruit, the growers feel that the reputation of Lane county fruit will soon be established.

FREE LIBRARY AT TILLAMOOK

Proposed That Project be Supported By Taxation—Association Formed. Tillamook, Ore., Oct. 16.—At a meeting of the Tillamook Development League last evening, a Free Public Library Association was organized. A constitution was adopted and the following officers chosen: President, Hon. H. T. Betts; vice-president, Professor W. R. Rutherford; secretary, Miss Mildred Lister. It is the intention of the association to turn the management of the proposed library over to the City Library Commission, which, it is expected, will be provided for by the City Council. There seems to be strong sentiment in favor of the city supporting the library by taxation. The organization of this association is due to the recent visit of Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the Oregon State Library Commission.

Installing Extra Dynamo. Manager Bell of the Coos Bay Gas & Electric company, says the company is installing an extra dynamo at the Marshfield plant in order to take care of the steadily increasing business. The present dynamo has been taxed to its full capacity in furnishing light and power and the new arrangement was necessary. The work will be completed in about ten days.

Breakwater One Day Late.

Agent McCullom Informs The Times that the Breakwater is detained one day longer than that set for her sailing from Portland, and will leave there on Thursday, arriving here on Saturday. The ship will sail on the return trip on Sunday.

MAN DISAPPEARS VERY MYSTERIOUSLY

Andrew Maghine Searching for Companion Who Has Been Missing Since Monday. Andrew Maghine and John Langweber, who had been employed in Joe Cody's lumbering camp on the Coquille, left the camp last week and came to Marshfield on Wednesday, expecting to stay on this side and secure work somewhere near Marshfield. They had arranged to work in a coal mine that will soon be ready for operation, but were obliged to wait until the time arrived for the opening, and were consequently spending the interim in this city. Maghine had saved his money and Langweber had quit work with only a small amount due him which same was soon used up. Last Monday, the two were together in the afternoon and Maghine said it was time to dine, but Langweber said he was not feeling very well and did not care to eat at that time. Maghine accordingly parted company with him, saying they would meet after he had lunched. That was the last time he saw Langweber, though he has searched in every place likely to produce any information about his whereabouts. All information bureaus have been questioned, all the contractors have been asked if they have employed a man answering Langweber's description, but no trace of the missing man can be found.

The missing man is a German, about five feet tall and heavily built. He has a light mustache and is about 35 years old. Mr. Maghine seems greatly disturbed about his disappearance, and cannot decide what to think of his absence. He said to a Times representative that it is his belief that the waters of the bay will probably tell the tale when the facts become known.

He cannot make anything out of the mystery, since they were friends, and he is certain the missing man would have told him about any intention of going to work, or of leaving the country. Langweber has a suitcase with two or three good suits of clothes at the depot, besides a roll of blankets and other personal property. Inquiry at the depot threw no light on the mystery, as he had not called for the articles nor did the agent know anything of the man.

Langweber was a man of cheerful disposition and was never known to brood over anything, and Mr. Maghine cannot fully reconcile himself into believing he has made way with himself. It is stated by Maghine that there were no drunken carousals or dissipation indulged by them since they came to Marshfield, and so his disappearance could not be charged to remorse of conscience. On the other hand, no one could have any motive for robbing him and perhaps killing him in the attempt, since he was practically without funds. Taken all in all, the disappearance is very puzzling to Maghine.

SPREE IS FATAL TO A BOY OF 15

Charles Kinsel Dies After Debauch in Which Other Minors Took Part. Oregon City, Or., Oct. 16.—Thirteen men, all minors, were principals in a disgraceful escapade at Canby Saturday night, as a result, one of their number, Charles Kinsel, is dead. The others are witnesses in the inquest which is being held today. Kinsel was only 15 years of age, and with his companions started out from Canby Saturday night, bound for the C. C. Clausen farm some distance from town, to celebrate a wedding party. They drank heavily before they started and before they had gone far Kinsel fell in the road and was left there, the other members of the party going to the Clausen's. Returning about an hour later, they found Kinsel where they had left him, and not wishing to take him home drunk, carried him into the barn on the Hampton place, near the edge of the town. Fred Hampton was among the party, and early yesterday morning he went to the barn to see if Kinsel was still there. He found him dead, lying face downward on a pile of hay in the loft. He rode at once to Canby, where he reported the matter to Dr. Dedman, who wired Coroner Holman.

The body was brought to Oregon City. Last night Dr. Sommer and Dr. Dedman made a post mortem examination of the body and found the direct cause of Kinsel's death was suffocation.

If the report that the liquor came from some of the Canby saloons is substantiated, charges will be brought against the saloonmen who may have been indirectly responsible for the death of Kinsel.

POLICE BOARD FILES CHARGES

Discharge of Astoria Patrolman Ordered by Commissioners. Astoria, Or., Oct. 16.—At a special meeting of the Astoria Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon, Chief Gammal was, in accordance with a request from the city school board, appointed as truant officer for Astoria school district. Patrolman George Coffman was notified that his resignation as a member of the force is requested, to take effect at the end of his present leave of absence, on account of conduct unbecoming an officer. Charges against other members of the force were presented to the board, and an adjournment was taken until October 21, when the charges will be investigated.

DAMAGE RESULT OF HOT BOX

Fontanet Catastrophe Caused by Neglected Machinery—Sparks from Shaft. SIX HUNDRED ARE INJURED

Survivor Explains Cause of Frightful Explosion—Had Cooled Shaft with Water.

Fontanet, Oct. 16.—Latest estimates of the destruction wrought by the explosion at the Dupool powder mills yesterday is 38 persons dead, 600 injured, 50 seriously, and property loss \$750,000, caused by a workman employed in the glazing mill. It was learned that a "hot box" dug to too much friction on the shafting, causing sparks to be transmitted to loose powder, was in all probability due the terrible catastrophe. An employe whose name is William Sparrow, and who is dangerously injured as a result of the explosion, said: "The explosion was caused by a loose boxing on the shafting. The day before the explosion happened, we had to throw water on the boxing when it sparked and became hot. This time it got too hot and sent off sparks that caused the explosion." Another company of militia arrived from Indianapolis this evening.

MANY MECHANICS ARE OUT OF WORK Retrenchment Orders Felt at the Big Sacramento Shops, Despite Denial. Sacramento, Oct. 16.—Division Superintendent Burkhalter, when asked in regard to the report that the working force of the local Southern Pacific shops was to be reduced 10 per cent, said: "All that I know about it is what I read in the newspapers." He added that traffic was on the decrease at this time of the year, and this results usually in the reduction of the working force, though no special order to that effect has been received or is expected. From 2300 to 3000 are employed in the local shops, and they are necessary to keep the rolling stock in repair. Regardless of the statement of Superintendent Burkhalter, between 150 and 200 men were laid off at the local shops this evening, and it is generally understood that the order for the reduction came from the east. The cut is a general topic of conversation among shop-men tonight, but it is understood that their foreman does not know the source of the order.

DEMANDS HAND OF RICH GIRL

Infatuation of a Young Lawyer for Daughter of John A. Roebling. New York, Oct. 16.—The World publishes a first-page story about the infatuation of Benjamin A. Freeman, a young attorney of Mercer county, N. J., for young Helen Roebling, daughter of John A. Roebling, president of John A. Roebling's Sons company of Trenton, N. J., which big wire manufacturing concern has a branch house in San Francisco. Freeman imagined that Miss Roebling fell in love with him in 1905, in which year she made her debut in society, and since then her millionaire father has been receiving a letter every few days from Freeman demanding his consent to their marriage. The young lawyer's delusion has caused him to write hundreds of letters. Freeman is one of the five brothers who educated themselves while earning their own living and he has been regarded as very bright.

Helen Gould's Gift to Sailors

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 16.—Miss Helen Gould of New York has given \$25,000 of the equipment of the gymnasium of the new \$225,000 Rockefeller gift to the Naval Young Men's Christian Association here. The entire building will be furnished with a minimum of \$100 per room as memorials to persons named by the donors. There are to be about 200 of these memorials. Miss Gould will arrive here to receive the \$25,000 of this station about October 26th.

Found His Man.

No. Cameron has not found the \$5.00 bill, but he did find Dr. Weston, and found him to be a gentleman of good judgment and character. The doctor did buy some lots in Coos Bay last August, but not from this Cameron. The doctor is well pleased with the bay and intends remaining here in the near future to make his home. That proves he is a gentleman of good judgment. (To be continued.)

Ben Schuyler of Bandon, Arrived in Marshfield Yesterday to Consult Dr. Horsfall Regarding His Health.

Mrs. Ned Lawrence was called to Allegany yesterday by the illness of her father, Mr. Robinson.