



The Evening News

Daily Weather Report
Showers Tonight and Thursday
Cooler.
Highest temp. yesterday ...75
Lowest temp. last night ...47

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FORMER WIFE OF ROSEBURG MAN MURDERED

Mrs. Helen Jennings Killed at Home Near Portland.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY IS FEARED

Jitney Driver Who Took Assailant to Scene of Crime is Missing and It is Feared That He, Too, Was Killed in Struggle.

According to advices received in this city today, Mrs. Helen Jennings, former wife of O. O. Jennings, an S. P. engineer running between this city and Ashland, was brutally murdered at her home near Portland last night. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings were divorced several years ago and both have re-married since that time. Their son, D. V. Jennings, spent several months in this city last year visiting with his father, and gained a reputation as an excellent singer, appearing at many public entertainments. He is at present located in Washington where he is employed in a logging camp.

PORTLAND, May 16.—Mrs. Helen Jennings, 41 years old, was murdered as she slept Monday night on the old Gore farm between Tualatin and Sherwood, 17 miles southwest of Portland, and Fred Ristman, 6416 East Sixty-second avenue, Southwest, Portland, the chauffeur who carried the assassin to his deadly work, is missing.

Ristman's automobile, all blood-spattered and indicating that Ristman himself was the victim of a grapple in the dark, was found a few hundred feet from the old Gore home yesterday afternoon, giving the first clue to what is one of the most brutal murders of recent years in this section of Oregon. Evidence points to it as the work of an ex-convict, who had been attempting to court Mrs. Jennings.

Mrs. Jennings is the daughter of the late Captain G. A. Gore, a sister of Mrs. J. H. Wilson, of Salem, and of Mrs. E. H. Robinson, of Tualatin. She was formerly Mrs. O. O. Jennings and Mrs. John S. Seed, having divorced them both. The Gore family is one of the foremost among the pioneers of the Tualatin valley. Captain Gore, now dead, at one time was in charge of the ferry at Kalama.

The murder of Mrs. Jennings was committed in the old Gore house. Robbery appeared to have been a motive at first, as the house was ransacked and drawers and cupboard scattered about, but a repulsed suitor's anger is now believed to have been the cause.

Fate of Ristman Mystery.

The fate of Ristman, who was hired about 8 o'clock Monday evening by an unknown man, is a mystery, but sheriffs from two counties are working on the theory that he, too, has been murdered and his body secreted. His automobile indicates a murderous encounter.

The murder of Mrs. Jennings was brutal. She was hammered to death as she lay sleeping in the bed which had been her father's for years before her. There is every indication that she was not accorded an opportunity to struggle.

Blow after blow with a huge sledgehammer had been rained on her face and head. Her night clothes and the bed were soaked in crimson when a searching party of four Portland men, hunting for Ristman, came upon the scene of the crime. Deputy Sheriff Sam Anderson, of Washington county; Deputy Sheriff's Beckman and Phillips, of Multnomah and Coroner I. E. Barrett, of Washington county, were soon on the scene laying plans for a state-wide search.

Sledgehammer Left Behind.

The sledgehammer was left as a possible clue. The hammer was a large one. Bloody and covered with flesh tendrils, it was thrown at the

foot of the bed after the deed was done.

The murder was apparently well planned. Monday night at 8 o'clock, the police learned yesterday, an unidentified man, believed now to be the ex-convict who is known to have paid court to Mrs. Jennings, sought to hire an automobile for \$1 an hour to go to Tigard. He represented himself as a plumber and well-digger. He finally made a bargain with Ristman, who kept a stand at 146 Second street.

It was when Ristman, who has a wife living here, failed to return yesterday that a searching party was organized and the murder subsequently discovered. Ristman had left word at his station that he had been engaged to go toward Tigard.

Four Make Up Search Party.

The searching party was made up of Ed Gavin, George Henze, Louis Azala and Thomas Duggan, all of Portland. They searched the road and by-roads between Portland and Tigard until 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when they came to the old Gore farm and discovered the blood-spattered automobile. The body of the auto contained several large tools, and the seats and running board were dripping with blood. The search party hurried into the house and discovered Mrs. Jennings' body.

Chauffeur's Clothing Found.

PORTLAND, May 17.—Officers this morning found the blood-stained hat, torn clothing and a lap robe belonging to Fred Ristman, near the scene of the murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings, and they are convinced that the murderer killed Ristman before entering the Jennings house, where he crushed the woman's skull. Farmers are searching for the body of Ristman. Evidences of a struggle were seen where the hat was found. Circulars describing the ex-convict who is believed to be responsible for a double murder were sent broadcast today. Ristman drove the stranger with a bag of tools to the Jennings home on Monday night, and never returned, and his absence caused a search which resulted in the finding of the body of Mrs. Jennings dead in her bed last night.

AMERICANS ARE RESCUED FROM MEXICANS

Captured in Glenn Springs Raid And Carried Into Interior.

CAPTORS FLED UPON ARRIVAL OF TROOPS

Forced Marches Bring Soldiers to Within Few Miles of Bandits Who Are Given No Time for Rest

MARATHON, Texas, May 17.—Jesse Deemer, an American storekeeper, and Monroe Payne, a negro, who were captured at Glenn Springs by the Mexican raiders, were rescued by American troops in a Mexican town. The advices stated that the American troops penetrated two hundred miles in the interior, and dashed into a small town, surprising the raiders who fled, leaving their captives behind. A detachment is reported as enroute for the border with Deemer and Payne.

Troop Close to Bandits.

SAN ANTONIO, May 17.—The cavalry under Langhorne rescued Deemer and Payne. Colonel Sibley reported to Funston. The raiders left the Americans with a Mexican family at Elpino, and the people were ordered to kill the gringos if they attempted to escape. When cavalry arrived the bandits fled without a clash. The Villistas are now reported to be a few miles ahead of the troops.

The number of ponies owned by Roy Bellows was increased by one this morning upon the arrival of a jet-black colt which they named Rosie for one of the Gypsy band which passed through here this week.

POPULATION PROSPERITY PAY ROLLS

Three Things Bellingham Got From Lumber Mills.

POPULATION TREBLED IN FIFTEEN YEARS

Big Demand at Present Time For Lumber Causes New Mill to Be Built to Supply Trade.

On yesterday we reviewed the industrial and commercial growth of Raymond and Hoquiam, Wash., after the lumber industry commenced to be a factor in their development, and we believe, thoroughly refuted the argument that the lumber business does not produce growing cities. Now we have a communication from Bellingham, Wash., whose story does not vary greatly from those which have gone before. Bellingham has grown from a town of 8000 in 1890 to a city of over 30,000 in 1915 and with little more than the lumber business to help them. Read what their chamber of commerce says:

Bellingham, Wash., May 10, Roseburg Commercial Club, Roseburg, Oregon, Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th, in regard to what the lumber industry has done for our city.

To sum it all up, the lumber industry has, we might say, made this city, as our chief industries have always been lumbering and fishing, although the lumbering industry was carried on long before the fishing industry was started. The lumber industry is a big factor here. We have now coming into this city daily

over 600,000 feet daily on three different railroads. There is constantly new logging camps and mills starting up on account of the big demand for lumber. This market from all appearances, will now continue for many years. There is certainly a difference in the town after a new camp has had one payday. It always makes a difference, no matter how many we already have. It would seem to me, that if it is possible to bring this lumber into Roseburg, that you would not make a mistake in going after such a proposition, especially as in your case, the railroad would also pass through about 20 miles of farming country which will kill two birds with one stone, and make all tributary to your city, besides helping largely to build up the farm lands, by giving them railroad service. The lumber industry is a big thing, makes good payrolls, and is always worth going after.

Trusting that the above will explain our situation, I am, Very truly yours, W. H. CAMPBELL, Secretary Bellingham Chamber of Commerce.

This tells pretty plainly what the city of Bellingham thinks of the lumber industry. And Roseburg lumber will reach the middle west and eastern markets without any handicap of high freight rates against it, for we have the same rate as all of the northwestern shipping points, even Portland. Our fir is making a reputation as a finishing lumber and commands ready sale. One mill is but a starter, as there are many large lots of timber in the North Umpqua country, which are ripe to cut, and the present high prices of lumber make it much more profitable to cut the timber than to hold the lands for speculation. If a city of 30,000 people thinks it worth while when their daily lumber shipments are 600,000 feet, what will half this amount do for a city one-fifth its size? The timber industry has come to Roseburg to stay, and Monday, May 22, will see the first gun fired in the campaign to make Roseburg a city of pay rolls, prosperity and population. Be sure to cast that vote next Monday and see that your

SALMON DINNER TO BE SERVED BY SPORTSMEN

Great Gathering of Anglers and Hunters Next Sunday.

THE HATCHERY MAY BE ENLARGED

Many Million Salmon Eggs Are Secured From Hatchery on North Umpqua and It is Far Too Small.

The Umpqua Sportsmen's club is making great preparations for the salmon dinner which they are going to give at Winchester next Sunday. The fish and game bureau of the Commercial club is also co-operating with the sportsmen to make this event a success. The salmon dinner is the outgrowth of an effort on the part of the sportsmen and the fish and game bureau to induce the fish and game commission to establish a trout hatchery on the North Umpqua river in conjunction with the salmon hatchery already there.

A joint committee was appointed a few days ago and they visited the hatchery yesterday. They report that the present facilities of the hatchery are entirely inadequate to supply salmon for the Umpqua river, and there is no provision whatever made for the development of steelheads. Since steelheads have made the Rogue river famous there is no reason why the propagation of this great game and commercial fish

neighbor also votes. Makes this the biggest majority ever recorded in the city of Roseburg, and put Roseburg firmly on the map industrially and in every other way.

DEAD MAN FOUND AT DRAIN

Coroner Jewett this morning received a long distance telephone call from the mayor of Drain that a body of an old man had been found lying on the banks of Pass creek a few miles out of town. The name of the man was given, but was not understood over the phone, but was believed to be Martin. The deceased had been seen on the street yesterday and it is believed he wandered off and became exhausted. The coroner left for the scene this afternoon.

should not be developed on the Umpqua.

It has been the practice of the game department to secure from eight to ten million Chinook eggs each year at the North Umpqua hatchery, develop and return about one and one-half million to that river and ship the balance of the eggs to the Columbia river and other northern streams. It is said that the Umpqua salmon are the largest and finest in the northwest and for that reason the eggs are very much sought after at other places.

The committee recommends that the fish and game department be requested to construct a suitable dam at the present hatchery, which will obviate the necessity of putting in and removing the racks every year at a cost of from four to five hundred dollars. A timber, rock and dirt fill dam can probably be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$4500. They also recommend that a pumping plant be established since their water supply is only sufficient for their present capacity. It is estimated that \$500 will be sufficient to establish a pumping plant to carry out the proposed improvements. There are only two ponds at the hatchery and these are sufficient for only their present capacity. If the salmon output is to be increased and a trout hatchery established there should be at least six more ponds provided.

Mr. Lon Smith who is in charge of the hatchery, extended every courtesy to the committee and showed them over the entire plant. Mr. Smith has had many years experience in the hatchery business and is probably one of the most competent men in the state. That he would be well equipped in knowledge to handle the trout hatchery end of the business is demonstrated by the fact that he has at the present time 350 thousand eastern brook trout that will be ready to liberate in about 2 months. The eastern brook trout eggs were shipped from Rhode Island last winter and Mr. Smith informed the committee that he had excellent success in hatching them, and stated that it would be a very easy matter to develop a hatchery whereby several million trout could be produced, in addition to the salmon.

The Umpqua river and its many tributaries throughout Douglas county is probably one of the best trout streams in the state and a hatchery at this point would be a splendid thing for southern Oregon.

In addition to the salmon feast the gun club will hold its biggest shoot of the season. The shooting will commence immediately after lunch and will continue all afternoon. There will be his 15-bird events which are free for all. The shooting will be either for pools or birds. Besides this there will be the regular medal shoot for members of the club and possibly a women's match. Several professional shots from Portland have been invited and may be present. The shoot is open to all who desire to enter and the birds will be thrown at two cents each.

C. A. Brand returned from Gardiner this morning where he has been for the past two or three days, and while there he attended the meeting of the port commissioners when they opened up the bond bids. He says that community is enthusiastic for the project they have in view and are going after the matter in the right spirit. Mr. Brand was wonderfully impressed with the outlook and prospects of that portion of the county, it being his first visit there. He also visited with his brother, J. T. Brand, in Marshfield, whom he reports will leave in a few weeks for the east where he is to be married.

UNCLE SAM'S PLIGHT



Some Bands a Business Administration Would Unloose.