

DOCTOR R. M. BRUMFIELD IS WANTED AS MURDERER

OFFICERS DISCOVER CLEW WHICH SHOWS THAT DOCTOR MURDERED DENNIS RUSSELL

Car Containing Body of Dead Man Through the Streets of Roseburg Last Night—Automobile Accident Only a Ruse to Cover Up Well Planned Murder

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The mystery surrounding the alleged death of Dr. R. M. Brumfield was cleared by local officers early this evening. The fact has been established that the body lying at morgue in this city is not that of R. M. Brumfield but of other than Dennis Russell, the recluse who has been living in a shanty on the Pacific highway south of Roseburg, and only a short distance from the Booth ranch near

Brumfield is alive, according to the officers, and is a wanted man at this moment. His deep-planned plot to profit by taking the life of an innocent man has been exposed, and, instead of attempting to ferret out the details of the "automobile accident" the officers are now turning their attention to running down a criminal for one of the most cold-blooded and atrocious crimes ever committed in the history of Douglas county.

All day long vague rumors were afloat regarding the cause of Brumfield's automobile being found ditched several miles west of this city, with the charred remains of a human body underneath the car. When the remains were taken to the morgue today by intimate acquaintances of the doctor there were many who were prone to believe that the body was that of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, but refrained from expressing a definite opinion.

Tonight the whole mystery was cleared and here is the story as given by the officers and those close in touch with the doctor's activities concerning the "terrible automobile accident."

At this afternoon Sheriff Sam Starmer received a telephone message from a couple of men who have been employed on the highway south of Roseburg near the Booth ranch, stating that they had found a hat on the pavement as well as a large pool of blood, and asked that the officers make an investigation. They had not notified the officers before as it was their first thought that some party had slain a deer and escaped with the carcass, but upon learning late today of an alleged murder in connection with the Brumfield case, decided to at once inform the officers of their find.

Sheriff Starmer in company with County Judge Quine at once instituted an investigation, going direct to the spot where the hat and pool of blood had been found. The men, upon finding the hat this morning, concealed it in a nearby field. When the officers arrived at the place designated by the workmen they discovered a scene representing a miniature slaughter house at the very edge of the pavement, showing that Russell had been foully dealt with. His hat had been left as the only tell-tale story of a brutal murder, the man committing the deed overlooking this bit of evidence in his hurried escape to elude any suspicion.

There were no bullet holes in the hat, but the front just above the sweat band showed an opening of several inches with a bunch of human hair embedded in the felt, mute evidence that the murderer had struck his victim a heavy blow with some blunt instrument, and failing to stamp out the life of his prey, reached in the automobile, grabbed his rifle and sent a bullet through Russell's head.

The supposition advanced by the officers is that just a few moments after Brumfield committed the crime, and before he had had ample time to cover up his deed, W. R. Bowman, of the Club Cafe drove up in his machine. Brumfield, noticing the advancing automobile at once pushed the body of Russell into the front apartment of the car, jumped in the machine, made a wild, reckless get-away which attracted Mr. Bowman's attention, but the latter, knowing Mr. Brumfield exceedingly well, did not think there was anything wrong, other than probably the doctor was having a little trouble with his machine. Mr. Bowman's statement today, (not published) was to the effect that when he first came upon Brumfield he was in the middle of the highway and that a woman was leaning well forward in the door of the front seat of the machine, and that when Brumfield started his car, which zig-zagged to either side of the road for a considerable distance, the feet of a woman could be seen dangling through the front door opening. It is very probable that Russell's body had been wrapped in some material which caused Mr. Bowman to mistake the body for that of a woman. However, there were some who doubted Mr. Bowman's statement made today and it was given little credence, but it was probably through his insight of the activities of Brumfield on the highway that gave the officers a good clue to work out a murder case, which the lost no time in doing.

Tonight circulars are being sent broadcast giving a description of Brumfield and notifying the officers that he is wanted on a charge of murder and that \$200 will be given for any information leading to his arrest.

The band in the hat found today bears the initials, "W. D. R." (W. Dennis Russell), is of light color and of the fedora type. There was a small hole in the crown which was at first thought to be a bullet hole but later proved to

have been only a burn, probably made by a cigarette. The spot where the murder was committed is about a quarter of a mile from the cabin occupied by Russell and near the prune orchard of Henry Booth at Dole.

After placing the body of the dead man in his machine Brumfield presumably drove to Myrtle Creek, and there turned around and made his way back to Roseburg. He was seen by Officer Wilcox about 11 o'clock at night turning his car at the intersection of Cass and Oak street and headed for the Oak street bridge. He continued his journey to the place where the car was found this morning. The officers believe he "timed" his car when it went over the embankment, that he placed Russell's body underneath the machine, put a stick of dynamite on the dead man's head, attached a fuse to a dynamite cap, blew his victim's head off, set fire to the car in an effort to destroy the body. Before accomplishing this deed, Brumfield had taken off his finger ring and placed it on Russell's finger to further carry out the thought that he (Brumfield) had met with a disastrous accident and lost his life by the burning of his car, according to the conclusions of the officers.

The whole affair looks like a pre-arranged attempt on the part of Brumfield to carry out a deed which would redound with financial benefit to himself and the officers will make a determined effort to apprehend him.

It is also known that within the past few days Brumfield had borrowed two different sums of money, one amount in the sum of \$500 and the other for \$600. The dynamite had been purchased several days ago

and his plan fully made to carry out the atrocious crime and make a getaway under the cover of night. This conclusion has been definitely reached by Sheriff Starmer and other officers, all of whom have given the case close attention throughout the day.

The body of Dennis Russell lies cold in death at the local morgue, mute evidence of a murderous mind intent on carrying out a deed unheard of and never before duplicated in the criminal annals of Douglas county.

CARRIED BIG INSURANCE.
The supposition that the murder was committed in order that his family might collect the insurance was furthered when it became known that Brumfield carried \$10,000 accident policy, a \$15,000 life insurance policy and \$10,000 on the Elgin auto, which was destroyed in the wreck. The officers are following out the belief that it is extremely unusual for a man in debt to carry such large insurance, thus burdening himself with big premiums.

FIND BRUMFIELD'S BELT.
At about nine thirty o'clock this evening Victor Short who had been at the scene of the accident tonight, brought a leather belt in bearing a large initial "B". The belt was found some distance from the scene of the auto wreck. The belt undoubtedly belonged to Dr. Brumfield as it tallied exactly with the one worn by him. The officers have possession of the belt.

SIDELIGHTS ON MURDER

Excitement Runs High.

Excitement was at white heat on the streets of Roseburg tonight and hundreds of people congregated in groups along the business district discussing the murder and the man hunt for Dr. Brumfield. All seem anxious for his apprehension and many have signified their willingness to the officers to assist in the search.

Could Not Stop Auto.

Edward Kohlhaugen who was on police duty at the lawn social on Jackson and Mosher streets last night said that Dr. Brumfield's car roared down Main street at about 10 o'clock and swirled onto Mosher street. Kohlhaugen made an attempt to stop the car, fearing that he would turn on to Jackson street and injure some of the participants in the social. He held up his hand signalling for a stop and Brumfield roared past him, barely missing him. The dead man was probably in the auto at the time and it would not have been safe for Brumfield to stop, so rather than to take chances of being apprehended, staked all and speeded past. Kohlhaugen stated tonight that he would not swear that Brumfield was driving the car, but is positive that the auto was the property of the doctor. He believes that the driver was Dr. Brumfield, however, but could not be positive as the auto passed him at a high rate of speed.

Deductions Were Correct.

Claude Cannon, B. L. Hyland and George Ward, this afternoon arrived at the deduction which has proved to be correct. They did not make public their beliefs at the time, but told several of their friends concerning their ideas concerning the mystery.

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More lumber mills are closed down now than at any time in recent years and unless there is some improvement in the fall, Mr. Armitage says there will be many persons out of work during the winter. The harvest work is calculated to furnish all with employment during the remainder of this month and August. After that many will be required to look elsewhere for work.

Many of the mill hands at Springfield, Wendling and other mill towns of the county have been placed on farm and road work by the employment bureau. The bumper crop in both hay and fruit and the heavy yield of grain, which will soon be harvested, has been the means of giving everyone not otherwise employed at least work for the winter.

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