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INQUEST OVER HEADLESS BODY WILL END LATE TODAY

SHOES FOUND ON DEAD BODY SAME AS THOSE BOUGHT FEW MONTHS AGO BY RUSSELL

Selig, Myrtle Creek Storekeeper, Says Shoes Identical With Those Bought By Russell; Melrose People Claim Body To Be Doctor Brumfield's

In the closing hours of the inquest yesterday afternoon, a strong point in identifying the headless body as that of Dennis Russell was made by Selig, who stated that the shoes and in the wreck were exactly the same as those sold Dennis Russell a short time ago. One of the shoes was on the body when it was taken from the wreck. The other had been traced from the foot, but had not been removed.

Mr. Selig, who conducts a general merchandise store at Myrtle Creek, took the stand late in the afternoon. He told of having sold Dennis Russell a pair of shoes, of the Star brand.

"I have known Dennis Russell for many years," Mr. Selig testified, "and he frequently made purchases at my store. Several months ago he came and bought a pair of shoes from me. The shoes were of the Star brand."

District Attorney Neuner handed the burned shoes to Mr. Selig for identification. He examined them carefully and stated that they were similar to those sold Dennis Russell. Mr. Selig produced a new pair of shoes of the same brand and the burned shoes were compared. They matched closely the ones taken from the dead body. In judging the size of the burned shoes he said they were about a number 7. The shoes lined the same as the new pair displayed. Mr. Selig said he was prepared to state that the burned shoes were of the same brand and size as the shoes sold to Dennis Russell. Earlier in the day testimony was introduced showing that Dr. Brumfield wore a number 8 1/2 shoe.

Patients Testify.

Glenn Eddings testified he looked with Dr. Brumfield on Wednesday evening. The dentist had worked on him at that time and completed his work about 6:10 p. m. Eddings was not unusual. Mr. Eddings stated, and his conversation was along general lines. "I asked him to go swimming with me," Mr. Eddings said, "but he said he had to go home. This was about 6:10 p. m. I then left the office."

Mrs. Bailey Testifies.

"I saw Dr. Brumfield Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock," Mrs. Roy Bailey stated on the stand. "He was doing some dental work on my daughter. I am not very well acquainted with the doctor. He made several dental appointments with my daughter for the next day, July 14. He told me he was going to spend his vacation this year on the farm."

Knew Dennis Russell.

D. W. Ronk, of Dole, testified concerning his acquaintance with Dennis Russell. He described the man as he knew him. Mr. Ronk said he heard two rifle shots on Wednesday evening, July 13, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock. "I had no one to bed, when I heard the shots," he said, "and soon after the shots were fired a car dashed by our house followed by another auto. The lead of the first car attracted my attention. On Thursday evening I left the place of the shooting on a highway and saw the pool of blood, but no hair. When the shooting occurred I thought it was someone after the turkeys."

In speaking of Dennis Russell's appearance, he said he did not appear flat-chested to him.

C. S. Heinline on the Stand.

C. S. Heinline testified about getting the scene of the accident and seeing the dead body under the car. The appearance of the body as described and the finding of a piece of scalp with gray hair attached. He said the hair found appeared grayer than Dr. Brumfield's. The body looked like Dr. Brumfield, he said.

Busenark Saw Body.

"I viewed the body on Thursday afternoon at the morgue," said John Busenark of Melrose. "I am satisfied in my own mind that the body was that of Dr. Brumfield. The build of the body from the hips on up looked like his. There were no marks on the body I could use for identification. I have known the doctor for several years. I examined the hair on the scalp closely."

Thought Body Brumfield's.

J. A. Busenark was called to the stand and stated that he viewed the body and that in his opinion it is the body of Dr. Brumfield. He said he had had dental work done by the

dentist.

Crowds Jam Courtroom.

Long before the hour of nine o'clock the crowds started filling into the courtroom and by the time the inquest started no seats were available. The women were in attendance in large numbers and crowded the men from the courtroom.

Gun Attracts Attention.

Prior to the opening of the inquest the burned gun taken from the wreckage was examined. The barrel of the gun evidently had not been subjected to much heat for it was taken apart easily.

Coroner on Stand.

M. E. Ritter, coroner, was first placed on the stand this morning and told of finding the headless body in the wreckage. "I found the body without a head lying about three feet from the car. It was badly charred. The auto was on fire and almost destroyed when I arrived on the scene. The license of the car was registered under the name of Dr. R. M. Brumfield. We placed the body in a receiver and brought it to Roseburg. I went back to the scene at about 4:30 or 5 o'clock the next morning. I found a ring on the body which I identified as Dr. Brumfield's property. I also found a silver watch in the wreckage, which has been identified as belonging to Dennis Russell. The watch was found very near to the place where the body was lying. I took a notebook out of the pocket of the belongings I found. It contained the name of Dennis Russell and his description. The remnants of clothing found in the wreck contained this note book. I also found a letter which had been written by Dennis Russell."

A number of other papers, cards, etc., were found in the wreckage by the coroner and introduced as evidence. One card showed the purchase of a pair of shoes by Russell at the Selig store in Myrtle Creek. The burned gun-stock was also introduced as evidence. Burned bits of clothing located near the dead body were exhibited. The coroner stated that the clothing was not removed from the body but was found located in the place where the man was located. A pair of white socks, badly burned, and a part of a pair of blue overalls were introduced. Two white handkerchiefs were also found. One handkerchief bore the initial "W." A blue coat was found in the wreckage and the coroner introduced it as evidence. A knife, tire gauge and a belt buckle were next introduced. Five rifle shells, all exploded, were taken from the magazine of the gun. One shell was in the barrel of the gun and evidently had been fired. Coroner Ritter identified the part of the gun found in the burned auto. The stock of the gun was found on the embankment, near the road. A cuff link, identified by Mrs. Brumfield, was picked up by the coroner on his investigation. It was introduced as evidence this morning.

An ear, burned to a crisp, was introduced as evidence. The ear was attached to a piece of the scalp bearing gray hair. The coroner did not recall where the ear was found. The bits of hair found on the highway in the pool of blood where the shooting occurred, was produced by the coroner. Fragments of a bullet found in the body at the post mortem examination were introduced also. The fragments were found by Drs. Sether and Houck. In referring to the scarf found in the wreckage, Mr. Ritter said he found it in the little creek in which the decapitated body was lying.

"It is my opinion that the body was charred by the intense heat from the machine and was not in contact with the flames," said Coroner Ritter.

A dark vest with eight buttons and a tooth brush in the pocket, was introduced in evidence.

A leather belt with an initial "B," handed to the coroner by the sheriff, was accepted as evidence. A little vial containing bits of hair and skull was shown to the jury. The evidence was found by Grant Clayton on the highway at the place the alleged shooting occurred.

A burned lining of a cap and a shirt were produced along with a piece of a coat. The branch of a tree bearing brains and blood was exhibited. This was introduced to prove that an explosion had taken place. Two sticks of dynamite were

also exhibited as being found near the wreck.

Scalp Exhibited.

The piece of scalp with the gray hair, one of the most important bits of evidence, was introduced. At this point in the proceedings the spectators craned their necks and fought in their seats.

The portion of scalp clipped from the body was also introduced. It contained hair similar to the kind on the first piece of scalp. Both bunches of hair had been washed out and dried by the coroner for a comparison of color. The coroner said he did not believe the neck of the body had been shaved. The finger nails on the body had the appearance of being well-kept—they were polished and clipped.

"I have had considerable experience in handling bodies," said the coroner. "I do not believe there was enough heat on the body in the wreck to cause it to swell or shrink. The body could be extended by gas and caused to swell. The body could continue to swell for several days. The toe nails on the body were well kept and appeared turned under. This might have been caused by the heat. There were no marks of identification on the body that I could see."

Owing to the fact that the jury had viewed the body, it was unnecessary to go into details about the appearance of it.

The piece of scalp found near the wreck was located some distance from the body, the coroner testified. Deputy Sheriff Webb found the scalp the night of the wreck. The feet on the body were heavily calloused. Coroner Ritter stated. He drew the jury's attention to this fact. When the coroner visited the dental office on Thursday he said he found a straw hat and a pair of light trousers hanging there.

"In Dennis Russell's cabin I found two belts, both bearing the initial 'D,'" the coroner said. "The belt buckle found in the wreck had no initials."

"The only time I visited the Brumfield home was on the night of the wreck to notify Mrs. Brumfield."

Deputy Webb on Stand.

Deputy Sheriff Webb testified similar to Coroner Ritter, having accompanied him at the time the body was found. He said a part of the overalls was clinging to the body as it was raised to the top of the culvert.

Edward Kohlhaugen Saw Car.

"I was on the corner of Mosher and Jackson streets at 8:30 diversifying traffic so that it would not interfere with the carnival being given by the Presbyterian ladies," Edward Kohlhaugen said. "I know the Brumfield car and I saw the machine turn from Main street into Mosher. I thought it was going to turn into Jackson street and I ran to the corner. It was traveling at a high rate of speed and dashed past me down Mosher street. I do not know who was driving. The man had on a hat but I cannot say for sure it was Dr. Brumfield, although I thought it was him. He passed at about 10:15 o'clock."

Doctor Was Wearing Hat.

Floyd C. Gurnee was coming to Roseburg at about 7:45 o'clock, he testified. He was trying to get to Roseburg for an appointment and had taken notice of the time. He stated he was familiar with Dr. Brumfield's car and that he passed the machine at the Hanan Aviation field. Mr. Gurnee said he recognized the doctor, who was driving at a rate of about 20 miles an hour. Gurnee said he believes the doctor was wearing a straw hat and was dressed in a gray suit.

Mrs. Gurnee was called and substantiated her husband's statement. She was not sure that he was wearing a straw hat but stated that she was positive he was wearing a gray coat. There was no one else in the car, she said.

Found Portions of Ballet.

Grant Clayton, of Dillard, was next called. He stated that he was acquainted with Dennis Russell, but not with Dr. Brumfield.

"On Thursday morning we drove along the highway and ran over a pool of blood," Mr. Clayton said. "I thought nothing of it until I read the paper that night. I went back and found the big pool which was about five feet long and two feet wide. In the center there was a big thick pool of dried blood. I found several pieces of scalp bone and portions of hair, which made me positive a murder had been committed. I also found a small piece of bullet."

Mr. Clayton says he returned later after the blood had been cleared away and that he found a small portion of copper jacket imbedded in the pavement, also several hairs, which were turned over to the sheriff.

He was shown the portion of copper jacket, which he readily identified.

Mr. Clayton testified to meeting Russell on Sunday. Russell was dressed in overalls and wore a vest. Mr. Clayton said. He was wearing a light colored hat.

"I viewed the body at the morgue on Friday," Mr. Clayton said, "and

Movie Workers Are on Strike

LOS ANGELES, July 29.—With 850 skilled studio workers striking, two more large producing companies are slated for the strike list tomorrow and a general tieup of the motion picture industry is impending. The dollar per day wage reduction was the cause of the strike.

Jap Melon Pickers Deported From Calif.

TURLOCK, Cal., July 29.—The deportation of 58 Japanese melon pickers and loading them on a north bound train followed the anger of union white melon pickers at the growers for employing Japs to white exclusion. This caused the wholesale flight of Japs from the Turlock fruit territory. Word concerning the midnight raid spread quickly and the effect was immediate. Hundreds fled, leaving only those working on their own land. No violence was reported.

After the Scalp Fed. Reserve Board

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Tom Watson, Georgia senator, after the federal reserve board's scalp, declares that Harding should fire the present members of the board and appoint not the "servants of Morgan, the Standard Oil, the packers and other legalized marauders." According to Watson the "unscrupulous secondhands caused ten thousand business failures and their criminal and arbitrary deflation of currency cost the American people thirty-two billion dollars, the amount of the German indemnity. They have done what the U-boats failed to do. The atrocious Lusitania sinking was no worse in moral turpitude than the board's criminal policy."

Military Campaign May Be Launched

(By United Press.)
LONDON, July 29.—With Irish peace negotiations dangerously balanced, it was learned authoritatively if the conference failed the British will inaugurate an unparalleled campaign of military repression in Ireland. Such is the contingency which the British are contemplating.

Declaration of martial law in all Sinn Fein sections; military garrisons and posts in all cities in the country; restrictions on Irish citizens to undergo passport identification; restrict all travel; deal summarily with disloyal government employees; issue no passports to enter or leave Ireland; deal drastically with the rebel sympathizers; scour the country for rebels with troop dragnets.

White Sox Players Outwit Gamblers

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, July 29.—The Chicago White Sox players, after agreeing to throw the 1919 series to Cincinnati for one hundred thousand dollars, became sick of their deal when they were not paid the bribes promised, and at a meeting held before the third game agreed to try and play their best and win the series. Bill Burns, second baseman in the alleged deal, and the state's star witness testified today in the baseball trial. The players were urged by the alleged "fixer" to win the third game to improve the betting odds. The players said they had lost to two regulars, Cioe and Williams, and would not win from a "Busher." Dick Keer, Burns said. Then feeling they had been crossed by the gamblers, they doubled-crossed their bribers by telling them they would lose the third game, but instead of doing this won it three to nothing with Kerr pitching.

Bonus Problems Very Knotty

SALEM, Or., July 19.—Knotty problems, that surround the making of city and farm loans under the state bonus law, were tackled today by the world war veterans' aid commission, in an all-day session held in the executive offices. The session considered a policy to be followed in making loans and also worked out a mass of detailed plans for setting the complicated machinery in motion throughout the state.

That the problem of making loans up to 75 per cent of the value of the security offered and at the same time safeguard the interests of the

state is one that will require the highest class personnel in the work of appraisal, was the opinion expressed by the entire commission.

It was decided that the most careful study of the qualification, business connections and standing of every applicant for county appraiser shall precede appointment of these functionaries. The same rule will be followed in selection of attorneys to examine titles.

Commissioners Are Pleased.

All commissioners expressed themselves as pleased with the progress that is being made. The initial printed forms were on hand and a general scheme of operation was pretty definitely formulated, although there are some serious problems yet to be solved.

"It is doubtful if many people realize the magnitude of the task said one of the members. "Every step in the undertaking has to be weighed with care and deliberation. Were our only problem that of a cash bonus, our task would be quite simple. But the loan feature is something quite new and where the loan is made on such a narrow margin as 75 per cent of the value of the security caution has to be taken."

Shortest Delay Is Urged.

"Every commission is keenly anxious for disbursements to be made with the shortest possible delay. But were we to rush pell-mell into loan disbursements it might prove a later calamity to the state."

Comparatively few letters of inquiry have been received by the commission, it developed at today's meeting, and it was said that the ex-service men generally are aware of the fact that the building of a \$30,000,000 loan and building association cannot be accomplished overnight.

It developed that the attorney-general will be called on for a number of decisions on the meaning and intent of different sections of the law, although the commissioners declined to comment upon this detail. Governor Olcott presided at the meeting, which was attended by all the commissioners.

PHONE RATE REHEARING ENLIVENED BY CLASHES; GRANGE MASTER THERE

C. E. Spence Takes Stand and Conducts Own Investigation by Discussing Economic Problems Facing the Farmers and the Need of Lower Phone Rate.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT PROMINENT.

(By United Press.)
SALEM, July 29.—Accumulated public sentiment adversely affected the telephone commission today during the rehearing of the rate case before the public service commission today.

Technical discussions will not be reached until the state complaints concerning the alleged unsatisfactory service is heard in detail. Scores of witnesses hurried to the state capital for testimony, taking advantage of the opportunity to flay the Pacific company for the rural rates, disproportionate to excellent service.

SALEM, Or., July 19.—Rehearing of the telephone rate case before the state public service commission was enlivened today by tilts between attorneys representing the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and those representing the people.

A feature of the day's session was the examination by Miss Cecilia Gavin, city attorney of The Dalles, of her father John Gavin, pioneer lawyer of The Dalles. Questioned by his daughter he told of telephoning conditions in his home city.

The young woman lawyer could not suppress a smile when her father took the stand and she asked him what his name was, where he lived and what his business was. All of those questions he answered without a hint of a smile and as if he were an utter stranger to his questioner. Included in his testimony was the story of how the Oregon Telephone company, last predecessor of the Pacific company, and which, according to attorneys representing the public, was an arm of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, had made an offer of free telephones as long as there was no competition in the city. This offer, the witness averred, practically put the competing concern out of business.

"In 1911 when the old Senter-Condon company was about out," said Mr. Gavin, "a campaign was made by the purchasers with the argument that one system would be more economical than two. I was skeptical, however, and refused to take out my old phone. I said the time might come when one phone might cost as much as two. I was a true prophet, for the time is now here when we pay more."

Other witnesses complained of the increased rates and of the service. Attorneys declared it would be impossible to complete the Salem end of the rehearing this week. Trucks from New York, filled with company exhibits for the rehearing, were brought to the capital on trucks today and stored for use when needed.

Mr. Spence Testified.

Mr. Spence, who was called as a witness for the Oregon telephone federation, conducted his own examination by simply discussing the farmers' economic condition and the interrelation of this condition with the increased costs of telephone service.

"The farmers of Oregon are being

hit on all sides" he testified. "The federal reserve bank has ruled that he must sell his products as quickly as they are ready for market, otherwise he is in the class of a speculator and cannot receive financial assistance from the government. The freight rates have been increased, the materials required by the farmers have not decreased in price materially, while the products of the farmer have dropped 53 per cent."

Rate Increase Is Analyzed.

"The telephone rate increase means that under existing market conditions it takes \$18 worth of goods raised on the farm to pay a telephone bill for one year. If comparison is made with the rates and present prices with those of two years ago:

"Two years ago the farmer's telephone bill could be paid by two and one-half bushels of wheat and now it takes nine bushels. Formerly he could pay his bill with nine dozen eggs, now it takes 25 dozen. Formerly nine pounds of wool would care for the year's bill, now if he can get 15 cents a pound, which he cannot, it would take 60 pounds of wool to cover the telephone charges."

"Well I think that a reasonable rate at this time for the telephone company would be one which would force them to bear a loss not to exceed 50 per cent. Others are bearing their share. Why not the telephone company?"

In cross-examining the witness, Attorney Shaw developed the fact that Mr. Spence had made no study of the rate decision or any of the evidence presented at the first rehearing, but presented his testimony today relying upon information gained from newspapers and from talking with farmers who are subscribers to the telephone service.

Marine Strikers Return To Work

The Marine engineers here voted to return to work on the privately owned vessels. The vote was taken Saturday but the announcement was withheld until the results of the San Francisco vote, which was for a return to work. Seattle will vote tomorrow. The engineers on the shipping board vessels recently returned. The strike started on May first.

New Supplies Fit Men For Action

The local unit of the National Guard has just received a consignment of four machine guns, four gun carriages, four ammunition carts, and 81 pistols, together with 15,000 rounds of rifle and machine gun ammunition. This material will be turned to the company in condition to take the field in active service at 24 hours' notice, according to Captain C. L. Stoddard. Horses and mules are being requisitioned to make the company complete in every sense of the word.

Lieutenant Osborne is making a survey of the target range east of the city and it is to be put in first-class condition, both for rifle and pistol practice and for machine gun target work. Target practice will begin as soon as the range is put in order.

Bellview Club Holds Meeting

The Bellview Social Neighborhood Club met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Pearce on Deer creek, Thursday afternoon, July 14. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by the president and business matters of importance were discussed. Mrs. William Bell of Roseburg, was present and talked to the members of the club. After the business session the afternoon was spent with music and sewing. Definite refreshments were served by Mrs. Pearce.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Kester, on the second Thursday of August.

To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

W. S. Howard will leave this evening for Spokane where he will be present at the golden wedding anniversary of his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard, residents of that city.

Mr. Howard has not seen his parents for 17 years. There are seven children living, all of whom will be present at the Howard home on Saturday to enjoy the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard also will be guests of honor at an Eastern Star entertainment in Spokane Saturday evening celebrating their anniversary.

New Operator to Handle Murder News

H. C. Hart, Western Union telegraph operator, arrived in this city today from Portland to handle the news filed on the murder mystery. Since the sensational case developed the outside news agencies and publications have been increasing their demands for more details and the information sent out by wire through the News-Review has grown to such an extent that in spite of long extra hours, R. E. Hodge, the local manager was unable to keep up with the work. Mr. Hart will devote practically all of his time to handling the press matter on the murder case, while Mr. Hodge will attend to the regular duties of the office. Mr. Hart is an expert telegrapher and will be able to rapidly flash the information sent out from Roseburg to all parts of the country.

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Carr and Mrs. Carr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sheldon returned last night from Newport where they have been spending two weeks on their vacation.

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