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PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND CRIME.

It is not the purpose or intention of this paper to convict an innocent person charged with a heinous crime. On the contrary, we are willing to let the law take its course just so long as the law is not prostituted by public sentiment.

In the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, charged with the murder of Dennis Russell, there seems a likelihood of mushy sentimentality getting the better judgment of many people, and right here is the point that is likely to defeat the ends of justice.

Guilty or not guilty, Brumfield is charged with one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this county, in fact, nothing its equal in the annals of this state has ever before been recorded, viewing the crime from every angle. It was a most diabolical act and the perpetrator of the dastardly crime should be brought to the surface and justice swiftly executed.

The case for Brumfield ended with his apprehension at Calgary, Canada. Since his arrest there has not been a single point of evidence produced that he is any more innocent of the crime today than he was when the warrant for his arrest was issued, the day after the alleged crime was committed.

His plea of "lapse of memory" for a week previous to the death of Russell, followed by a like condition up to and including several days after his arrest at Calgary, falls with a dead, sickening thud on the ears of an intelligent public.

Brumfield knew enough to make a good getaway. He was wise enough to formulate plans and carry them into execution that came near defeating the ends of justice. He has now fully recovered his alleged "lapse of memory" and is just as clever in assembling a bulwark of defense to prove himself an innocent party to the murder charged against him as he was in planning its execution, as alleged by the officers prosecuting the case.

This is no time for mushy sentimentality in connection with the case of Dr. Brumfield. He is no better than any other man charged with a like crime. His social and business connections count for naught in the alleged murder charge placed against him.

What the loyal citizens of this community expect and will demand is that the ends of justice be not defeated by any camouflage methods brought about through a sympathetic movement staged in "honor" of the defendant. The officers have done their duty. They have "landed" their man. The prosecuting attorney has assembled a great mass of evidence and has been persistent in his efforts to fasten the crime where it rightfully belongs.

If Dr. Brumfield is not guilty of the murder of Dennis Russell, no fair-minded person wishes an innocent man to suffer. If he is proven the author of the murder-mystery the penalty should certainly be in accordance with the enormity of the crime.

There is no other alternative, no matter how much regard or respect we formerly held for the accused man.

The deer season opened today. Up to the time of going to press not a single "mistaken identity" has been reported to the coroner. Wonder who will be the first victim.

When you feel a desire coming on to reform the world it indicates either that you are very young or somebody has "stung" you.

Still, even the man who is "wise in his own conceit" seems to get a good deal of pleasure out of it.

A gossip without imagination would be as impossible as an automobile without an engine.

We all hate people who "see through" us.

Furniture Stolen From Salem Home

SALEM, Aug. 20.—Under the cover of darkness some time Wednesday or Thursday night, thieves operating with a motor truck entered the home of Mrs. William Patrick, a half mile north of William in Polk county, on the Wallace road, ransacked the place and removed everything in the house with the exception of the kitchen range and dining room table, according to Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt, of Salem, who was called by Polk county officials to assist in the case this morning.

Just what the value of the articles taken by the thieves will amount to the officers are unable to estimate, as Mrs. Patrick and her daughters, Rose Bodayle, are at Newport, where they went several days ago to spend their vacation. Investigation revealed the tracks of the truck where it had been drawn up beside the fence in front of the house. The fence had been broken down, indicating that the thieves had carried the furniture and other articles out of the house and across the yard.

When Mrs. Patrick left she had the electric power turned off, and the

burned matches with which the floor was strewn indicate by what light the thieves worked. Everything of value in the house was taken, including furniture, dishes, silverware, clothing and other articles.

Most of the articles stolen were new, the officers believe, as Mrs. Patrick had recently moved into the house from her former home in Dallas.

Neighbors neither saw the truck or the thieves and have been unable to throw any light on the case.

D. D. Matthews, an ex-newspaper man of this city, has been appointed special representative of the United Press Association to cover the trial of Dr. R. M. Brumfield. The United Press is one of the largest news services and reaches many papers throughout the country.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Jones of this city left this afternoon by automobile for Petaluma, Calif., where they will spend the next month or six weeks visiting with Mrs. Jones' parents, who reside at that place.

Goodrich Tire Service. See us. L. Lockwood Motor Co.

Day Fruit Market Co., Marshfield, Ore., ships Chinook salmon, prepaid, parcel post, for 16c per pound in first three zones.

PRESS COMMENT ON BRUMFIELD CASE

SYMPATHY MUST BE FORGOTTEN

(Portland Oregonian.)

Suicide, said a great lawyer in a famous murder case, is confession. So is flight. No innocent man is likely to flee from the consequences of a crime he may be falsely charged with having committed. If he does, he invites a strong presumption that he is guilty and he can remove it only by a complete and convincing showing that he had some other reason for running away.

Why should an innocent man run away from anybody or anything? They do not have innocent men on mere presumption. They hang guilty men—in those rare instances where they are hanged—only on the most absolute showing of accountability. Generally the easiest and safest way is to admit the deed and dead instantly or self-defense. If there can be no plausible showing of self-defense, there is always a good chance to plead and prove mental irresponsibility. It is a pretty fair technical substitute for moral irresponsibility.

It is not necessary to say dogmatically that Dr. Brumfield slew Dennis Russell in order to affirm the entire validity of the above observations. He should have the ordinary benefit of the doubt, and here arises a local doubt until the jury has rendered its verdict. But obviously the doctor is in a tight fix. There was an atrocious murder at Roseburg, with many unquestionable circumstances connecting him with the crime. He disappeared at once. There was confusion about whose charred body it was that was found at the roadside in the wrecked and burned automobile, until the coroner's jury definitely declared it to be Dennis Russell's. If anyone still had a question about it, it was fully answered when Dr. Brumfield was arrested in Canada. The outcome shows that the contention that it was not Russell's remains was not only futile but foolish.

The theory of the authorities that Dr. Brumfield slew Russell, and surrounded the crime with such evidence as would indicate that it was not a murder of Russell but a murder or suicide of Brumfield, or an accident, has up to this time met with no disconcerting attacks, or apparent failures. That is now the problem of Dr. Brumfield. He is sent back to Roseburg in manacles and he is to stand trial. He must successfully resist a prosecution which will seek to show that Dennis Russell was foully murdered and that Dr. Brumfield was the murderer or he will be hanged or go to prison for life unless indeed he admits the charge and makes good a plea of insanity.

There are puzzling factors in the case, even if it be agreed that Dennis Russell was slain by Dr. Brumfield. The common theory is that Brumfield was in financial straits, that his life was heavily insured, that he devised a plot to kill himself and comparatively richly insured man, and arranged to make it appear that the body was his own (Brumfield's), intending to effect the insurance, said to amount to \$25,000. But how collect the insurance? His wife was the beneficiary, and any suspicion that she was a party to such a horrible conspiracy is excluded by common sense, by her character, and supported by no development before or since the deed. This is what the heriff of Douglas county doubtless has in mind when he says that he is at a loss to find a motive. If Brumfield conceived the whole atrocious plan to get the money due his wife after his own supposed death, it is clear that, whatever his idea was, it would be most difficult to realize.

Living in Roseburg might make anyone crave, but Roseburg can prove an alibi and shift the blame onto society in general, which shackled the artistic temperament of the criminal into the narrow and humdrum sphere of a tooth-tinker, with the added burdens of a devoted wife, happy children and adequate income. He remained there of his own volition, and hence was "driven to the brink of madness." How rosy life would have been if he had only fallen for the allurement of Oregon's "Main Street" metropolis!

By the slight creaking of the floor which he made as he walked with rubber soled shoes. "He had located me and was keeping as quiet as possible till he made his exit, which he could have done if he had known that one door opened with a spring lock. He came in under a transom and could not get out that way. "After looking through the front part of the store and finding no one, I came back and tried to convince myself I had been mistaken, when a man rose up about eight feet in front of me and by the dim light that came in through a side window I saw him raise his arm, and I fired before a word was spoken by either the burglar or myself. "He had gathered up clothing, shoes, etc. but had made no attempt to get anything to eat. "Also Dr. Canibus took the man to the hospital and returned; the man has not been under his care."

It is plausible but not very convincing, that he may have desired to give her all the benefit of his insurance and to disappear forever. No man who commits murder is entirely sane, no matter how calculating and calm he may be in his premeditation, and how careful in his execution. Murder is one awful expression of vicious abnormality, of overwhelming passion, of diabolical hatred, of inhuman cruelty. But what of that? There may be lack of balance, weakness of control, or failure of reasoning powers, but there is still and must be accountability. Murder is murder, and no plea that the murderer was unable to reason the thing clear through is adequate to acquit him. It is only when his unreason reaches the point that he does not know right from wrong, and is utterly unable to control his impulses, however, homicidal, that he must be dealt with as one without mind or conscience, and put away where he can do no further harm. That is the way it should be, but too often is not.

Whatever sympathy may be felt for the pitiable condition of one accused of murder, or the sorrows of his family, it must not be forgotten that an appalling crime was committed near Roseburg one night in July and that someone did it, and the law should take its course.

MUSHY SENTIMENTALITY VS. COMMONSENSE. Commenting on the recent murder mystery originating in this city, the Salem Journal has the following to say:

As there is nothing romantic about being dead, the living soon transfer their interest from the victim of a crime to the perpetrators, and mushy sentimentality replaces commonsense.

We are given an instance of this unusual occurrence in the capture of Dr. Brumfield, the accused Roseburg dentist, who is being returned for the murder of Dennis Russell, the hermit rancher. All sort of speculation is being indulged in to account for an unaccountable crime. One hypothesis advanced (by a city friend, of course) is as follows:

"By inclination, Dr. Richard M. Brumfield was a follower of the arts, a worshipper at the shrine of culture, a passionate devotee of music, painting and literature. By force of circumstances, he was a small-town dentist with a growing family and a dwindling prospect—a prospect which contained nothing except years of humdrum domesticity and tooth-filling. Driven to the brink of madness by his self-forged chains, he determined to free himself in one ruthless and desperate stroke."

Changes In Road Detours North Between Oakland and Sutherlin, the new highway leading south from Oakland will be thrown open to traffic on Monday, August 22, eliminating the present detour, according to Resident Engineer G. E. Farnsworth. Some detouring around through the streets of Oakland will be necessary for the next week, while first street is being paved. These detours will be fully marked by signs, and it is hoped there will be no delays to traffic.

Between Sutherlin and Wilbur the paving operations having reached the "bell crossing," where the old county road joins the highway, it is now necessary to hold traffic until the regular times for passing thru, which are at 10 a. m., 12 to 1 o'clock and 2 p. m. Traffic may pass at any time between 6 p. m. and 8 a. m. in order to safeguard the public, as well as the working forces, drivers are urged to use great care when approaching any construction work and be prepared to stop on short notice. If any desire to go through without waiting for the scheduled time, they can drive around by the Davis hill route, turning off the highway to the left at Wilbur and getting back at Sutherlin.

ACCOUNT OF BURGLARY. "With your permission I would like to correct in some particulars your account of the burglary that took place in my store Monday night last," says N. D. Cool, of Drain, in a letter received today by the News-Review. "You state that he was shot as he was making an entrance into the store. The facts are he was in the store a half hour before I awoke. There was much noise on the street that night till midnight and I had been asleep only a short time when it became quiet, and I was awakened

Prunes Commence Rapid Movement

SALEM, Aug. 20.—(Special to the News-Review.)—Buyers are taking hold of the 1921 crop of prunes at the opening prices announced yesterday by the Oregon Growers Cooperative association and since that time seven carloads of prunes have been sold by the association from the new crop.

Combining these sales with those of the Washington Packers Packing corporation, whose opening prices are the same, the total sales in the 24 hours following the announcement amounted to nearly a million pounds.

These figures are significant when they are compared with the total estimated crop of 22 million pounds of prunes to be produced in the northwest this year. The prospect should be very pleasing to the grower.

All sizes of prunes are represented in the sales and buyers from widely separated markets are asking for the fruit. Several large buyers of small prunes are in the market for several hundred tons but it is probable, however, that they will look to the independent packers who are buying prunes at low prices from independent growers and are thus enabled to sell at a fraction of a cent under the prices quoted by the association and yet make a good profit.

Dr. R. P. and Pearl M. Bradford, Chiropractic Physicians, Ten years in practice. Consultation free. Suite 224, Perkins Bldg., Roseburg, Ore. 1000.

Mr. Clanton, who has been overseeing the work now being done at the fish hatchery, spent last evening in this city attending to various business matters.

WILL DELIVER LUMBER. Maynard and Jenks of Glendale will deliver rough or dressed lumber for \$20 per 1000.

CITY NEWS

Moore Music Studio opens Sept. 1

Arundel, piano tuner, phone 189-L

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July 31 has been changed to 24, stand in front of Peoples Supply Store, S. E. Meeminger.

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VOICE DEPARTMENT. Instructor, Mrs. Charles Brand, of New England Conservatory, and eminent Boston teacher.

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ALL NEW CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE FOUND ON LAST PAGE UNDER HEADING "NEW TODAY."

WANTED.—Furnished house by Sept. 1. No children, that is 5-7 no smoking.

WANTED.—Woman of 30 to do general housework. Phone 272.

Girl wants housework. Write Box 1135, Roseburg.

GOYD MAN WANTED to drive team; must help with chores. Phone 1-175.

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