

WEATHER: Highest yesterday 80, Lowest last night 51, Tonight and Tuesday Fair.

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BRUMFIELD IN RAGE AS QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE MURDER ARE ASKED OF HIM

Shakes Fist In Face of News-Review Representative Who Visits Cell This Morning In Hopes of Obtaining More News On The Alleged Murder—Prisoners Refuse To Discuss Case

"My mind is not a blank now," he retorted.

"But do you remember anything about the murder?"

"I refuse to discuss anything about that," he answered.

"Do you mean to stand there, Doc, and tell me you don't know anything about that murder you committed?" was the next question flung at him.

"I don't have to tell you anything," he answered, as his piercing black eyes glared through the bars and fairly shone with anger.

"No, you don't have to tell me anything, but I want to tell you that you've got a whole lot of things to explain and the world is clamoring to learn of the events connected with the murder and your explanation of your part in it. What have you to say?"

"I stand on my constitutional rights and will not talk with you," he replied. He paced the floor continuously and his face flushed at each question. "I have told George Neuner everything I know about the affair and I think that explanation is clear enough. Has he told you about it?"

"Yes, he has told us all about what you said, but the statements you made are not satisfactory. We want to know more about it."

"You will never learn anything more from me," he answered angrily.

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"I'm reading 'Money, Money'—have you ever read it?"

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SHERIFF STARMER TALKS.

The reason I moved Dr. Brumfield from the cell on the upper floor of the jail to one of the inner cells down below is because I feared that someone might take a shot at the prisoner in the upper room," said Sheriff Starmar this afternoon.

The sheriff said that it would have been very easy for some one to shoot directly into the upper room from Fowler street or the alley on the east side of the court house. "It is my duty to protect the prisoner and keep him for trial and that I am attempting to do the best of my ability," the sheriff said. "As far as the story going around that the upper cell is better than those on the lower floor, I would prefer to stay down below if I was the prisoner and I liked it better on the lower floor. Had it not been for my fear of some one taking his life I would have kept him in solitary confinement."

Like an enraged tiger in a steel cage, Dr. Brumfield flew to the bars this morning and shook his fist in the face of a News-Review representative, who appeared with Sheriff Starmar for the purpose of securing an interview. This was one of the first displays of a fine temper made by the accused man, and at the conclusion of his morning's exhibition he seemed utterly exhausted.

Brumfield was pacing the cold cement floor of the cell, munching some fruit which had been furnished him by his wife only a short time before. As the sheriff and the News-Review man appeared at the bars, Brumfield glanced up and nodded a "hello." His face took on a worried look when he learned that an interview was desired, but he willingly answered the first few questions asked.

"How do you like your new quarters?" he was asked.

"I like them much better than the ones up above," he said. "I have more company," he added, glancing in the direction of two other prisoners, who didn't seem to care whether they associated with him or not.

"Were you sick yesterday, doctor?" was the next question.

"Yes, they fed us some bad meat and we were all sick in here," he answered. Between questions he took large bites from a banana and spread out upon the table before him were many delicacies. The two other prisoners looked on as if to say, "Why be so d— hungry, Doc?"

"Well, Doc, does your mind still remain a blank?" asked the News-Review representative.

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Douglas Growers Meet and Adopt Standard Wage Scale For Coming Prune Harvest

A meeting of the prune growers of the county was held Saturday afternoon in the city hall for the purpose of agreeing upon a wage scale for the handling of the prune crop this fall.

The final scale as adopted at the meeting provides that all men employed for the harvest except the pickers and the head drier man are to receive \$3 per day and board or \$4 per day without board. The head drier man is to receive \$4 a day and board or \$5 without board. These wages are for a ten hour day, except for drier hands, who work on a 12 hour shift.

After considerable discussion and argument it was decided to pay the pickers six cents a box for Italian prunes with a two cents per box bonus if the pickers remain throughout the entire season. For Petite prunes the scale has been set at eight cents with the same bonus provision of two cents. These are to be the standard wages for pickers, but an amendment was added to the resolution whereby they could be increased if because of the character of the ground or the thinness of the crop, the picking presented unusual difficulties. The standard weight of a box of prunes is considered in these resolutions to be 60 pounds.

At the same meeting an effort was made to fix the rate for commercial drying, but opinion was so varied that no decision could be reached. Many of the growers have driers with a capacity large enough to take care of more than their own crops, and are able to dry their neighbors' prunes as an accommodation, and at a much lower rate than if a contract is signed guaranteeing to handle a certain amount.

One grower said that if he were sure of getting 1 1/2 cents for all the prunes he could dry, he would quit raising them and go into the drier business exclusively; and a moment later a commercial drier said that if he could not get 2 1/2 cents, he would give up the drying business.

From all appearances labor will be plentiful during the prune harvest, and many of the growers already have their crews lined up and ready to begin work. The scale of wages adopted this year corresponds very closely with those in force in the Willamette valley.

GREAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Great Britain's formal acceptance of the invitation to participate in the Washington conference for limitation of armament and the Far East questions, has been received by Secretary Hughes.

FAILURE IS ANNOUNCED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Failure of Tripp & Co. was announced on the New York stock exchange. The firm has been active in motor and tire shares within the last year. In all four stock exchange firms have failed. One was recently reinstated, having discharged its obligations.

AWAITING PEACE REPLY.

DUBLIN, Aug. 22.—Dail Eireann is in secret session to hear the Sinn Fein cabinet's report on the proposed reply to Lloyd George's peace offer, which, it is thought, will not be ready before Friday. Meanwhile Ireland appears confident America sympathizes with the Irish viewpoint. Harry Boland, De Valera's secretary, told an interviewer that "America favors peace between England and Ireland and approves the claims for a separate Irish nation."

ARIZONA FLOODS RAGING.

PHOENIX, Arizona, Aug. 22.—Floods threaten a vast destruction again, with Cace creek outside its banks, flooding the state capitol, and covering farm lands about the city. Valuable records in the capitol building were ruined by the waters, and it is estimated the loss generally already has reached a half million dollars.

LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

GREENBORO, N. C., Aug. 22.—Federal Judge Boyd has held that the new federal child labor law is unconstitutional. Judge Boyd two years ago also held an unconstitutional the Owen-Keating child labor law and the supreme court of the United States upheld that ruling.

THREE PERSONS LOSE LIVES IN FIRE TODAY.

MACON, Ga., Aug. 22.—Three persons are known to have lost their lives in a fire today, which destroyed the Brown House, a frame hotel, early this morning, and firemen expressed the belief that the death list would be materially increased when the ruins were searched. Twenty guests were injured, many jumping from the building to avoid being reached by the flames. Men on the sidewalk saved many women by catching them in their arms as they jumped to the sidewalk.

Normal School Head Selected

(By United Press.)
SALEM, Aug. 22.—Professor J. S. Landers, head of the schools at Las Vegas, New Mexico, normal school, has accepted the post as head of the Oregon normal school at Monmouth. He was at one time instructor and city superintendent of the schools at The Dalles, Oregon, and was also city superintendent of schools at Pendleton. From Pendleton, Landers went to the University of Colorado, and then to the University of New Mexico, where he headed the department of philosophy and psychology.

Pioneer Stage Driver Visits City

George W. Roberts, aged 78 years, a resident of Ashland, was in Roseburg Saturday attending to business matters. Mr. Roberts claims to be the oldest living stage driver on the Oregon-California stage line. For 16 years he drove a six-horse stage between Levins Station, which is now known as Galesville, and Roseburg. That was in the days before the railroad. When Roseburg was the southern terminus of the road he still drove into this city, making connections with the train. Travel was very heavy and he was forced to carry mail and valuable express, but was never held up on this section. When the railroad put the stage out of commission he went to California and for 15 years drove stage in the Yosemite Valley district. He was held up twice there by "Black Bart" the notorious stage bandit. He later went into the Pendleton district and was held up there once. He has now retired and is living at Ashland. Mr. Roberts crossed the plains with his parents when two years old and has been a resident of Oregon for most of the time since 1845.

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. H. Marsters were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel of the undertaking parlors. Mrs. Sylvia Hendrickson of the Christian Science church had charge of the services. Burial followed in the Looking Glass cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ockelman and little daughter have returned from a camping trip to Rock creek.

Murder Suspect Taken At Tacoma

TACOMA, Aug. 23.—Mrs. William H. Stubbs, wife of a local hotel proprietor, is being detained here by the police on suspicion that the woman is Maude Moore, wanted at Knoxville, Tenn., for the murder of Leroy D. Harth, automobile dealer, Sept. 8, 1919. It is said the girl jumped a \$10,000 appeal bond after having been sentenced to 20 years. Mrs. Stubbs denies that she is Maude Moore and declares she will be released when two men enroute from Knoxville arrive to identify her.

Blackmail Plot Nipped In Bud

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—A blackmailing plot involving Dr. Mark Mathews, Presbyterian clergyman, and four prominent business men of Seattle, was broken today with the arrest of Michael Placania, an alleged member of the "Good Killers," a New York murder gang. A letter threatening "kick through, hypocrites, or go to heaven via the dynamite route," led the police to fake submissions on the part of one of the victims, who dropped a bundle of fake money, resulting in Placania's arrest. The letters were signed, "Avenging Angel."

Three Murders Confront Officers

(By United Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Three alleged murders now confront the Oregon authorities. In Roseburg, Dr. R. M. Brumfield is held for the murder of Dennis Russell, arraigned on charges of first degree murder. The grand jury hearing is set for August 29th.

In Pendleton two murders confront the authorities. Fred Patterson is held in connection with the murder of Matt Jepson, found in a well on his ranch, while Jess Brun awaits examination on the charge of killing Louis Raczak near Pilot Rock late Saturday night. Brun is the only one admitting the killing, claiming self-defense.

Civil War Veteran Sustains Injury

J. C. Swartzout, a civil war veteran, and a familiar figure on the streets of Roseburg, is confined in the hospital at the Oregon Soldiers Home as the result of an injury sustained, evidently from a fall, the latter part of last week.

The aged man lives in a tent near the end of East Lane street. Although neighbors missed seeing his bent figure all of Friday and Saturday, they heard him talking incessantly to himself as is his habit, and supposed nothing was amiss. Early Sunday morning, however, they heard him calling loudly for "Harry," one of his neighbors who has befriended him.

The call was answered, and the old man was found lying on the bed in delirium, covered with blood from a wound sustained by a fall. The tent was in disorder, clothing scattered about, and furniture broken. He had evidently been out of his head for two days.

Neighbors took charge of him, gave him a warm breakfast and finally secured him a place in the hospital at the Soldiers Home. He has no relatives in Roseburg, but has a son living in New York, who has repeatedly tried to get the aged man to come to the east. Mr. Swartzout has hitherto refused to go, but says he will now go as soon as he recovers from his illness.

COSTA RICA TAKES HOLD OF PANAMA TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—While 400 marines sailed southward today on the battleship Pennsylvania to stand by when Costa Rica marches her forces into a bit of territory whose ownership Panama has contested. Officials state they do not expect trouble. Secretary Hughes' note to Panama declared the state department knows no reason for Costa Rica to further delay occupation of the territory.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyers and Miss Gertrude East left Saturday for Rainier National Park in the latter's machine. They also expect to visit with friends in Victoria, B. C., before their return here.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Cattle market is strong today, with hogs about steady. The sheep market also shows very strong condition; eggs are unchanged; butter is 2 cents higher, with extra cubs selling at 46 cents.

TO STIMULATE EXPORTATION.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—With several amendments the senate bill making a billion dollars available through the war finance corporation for stimulating exportation of agricultural products passed the house today.

INSPECTS IRRIGATION PROJECT.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 22.—Secretary of Interior Fall today inspected the irrigation projects near this city and had the further possibilities explained on his first visit. He will complete his Oregon tour at Portland Wednesday and will then go into Washington, according to the present plans.

MURDERER DRINKS POISON.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., Aug. 22.—William Alexander, sought as the murderer of Mrs. Ermin Bachman when she failed to choose him in preference to her lawfully espoused husband, drank poison when surrounded by the posse today and died. Alexander told Mrs. Bachman to choose between him and her husband, and when she chose to stay with her husband he shot her dead.

WHITNEY CHORUS GOES HOME.

Fifty boys, the remainder of the Whitney Boys Chorus, passed through Roseburg yesterday enroute to their homes in Portland and Seattle. The chorus failed to make expenses on their trip and most of the boys returned to Portland several weeks ago, the fifty best performers continuing the journey south. These two went "broke," and are returning in a Ford truck, giving concerts at various points along the highway. Those who have returned to Portland were reorganized and have been very successful with concerts at the smaller towns around Portland.

MANY HUNTERS IN FOREST

With the opening of the deer season Saturday many hunters took advantage of their annual vacation and are roaming all over Douglas county in quest of a little deer meat. Those who only spent Sunday in the forests met with good success and several fine specimens of deer were brought to this city last evening. It is the general opinion of hunters that game is plentiful this season. However, the forests are very dry and it is no easy matter to get your full quota without considerable hard work.

Federal Appointments Announced

(News-Review Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Oregon's federal patronage has been finally agreed upon by Senators McNary and Stanford and the recommendations to the president will be as follows, confirming the forecast of several days ago in The Telegram dispatches from Washington.

Collector of internal revenue, Clyde A. Huntley, Oregon City.

Collector of customs, George U. Piper, Portland.

Appraiser of merchandise, Edward N. Wheeler, Portland.

United States Marshal, Major Clarence R. Hotchkiss, Portland.

Federal prohibition director, Dr. Joseph Linville, Carlton.

Receiver, land office, Roseburg, Dr. Fred W. Haynes, Roseburg.

Receiver, land office, Vale, George M. Love, Vale.

Register of land office, The Dalles, Dr. L. W. Donnelly, Arlington.

Receiver of land office, The Dalles, T. C. Queen, Dufr.

Register land office, La Grande, Carl W. Lelin, Stanfield.

Receiver, land office La Grande, John H. Peare, La Grande.

Register land office, Lakeview, Frank P. Light, Lakeview.

Appraisers and examiner, federal farm loan bank, Spokane, Asa B. Thompson.

MURDERER WANTED A Man, Preferably A Hermit, and Russell Was Victim

If Dr. Brumfield did kill Dennis Russell and use his body as a substitute for his own in the auto wreck on the Melrose road the night of July 13, did he have any particular reason for selecting Russell as the victim? This question cannot be answered definitely but it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that the murderer was searching for some one as the victim who would not be easily missed. Russell lived the life of a hermit. He did not mingle with his fellow men and his dog was practically his only companion. Naturally a man living as he did could disappear and not be missed for perhaps a week or ten days. In fact the day following the murder when it was learned that letters and clothing belonging to Russell had been found in the wreckage of Brumfield's car, many of Russell's friends in the Dillard district were notified of the discovery. They said that perhaps even if Russell was missing from his cabin he may be in the hills on a hunting trip, and attached little importance to the fact that he was missing from his place of abode.

There are persistent rumors on the street that several days prior to the murder Dr. Brumfield visited the shack of a hermit in the Looking Glass district and visited for some time with the occupant. It is said that he told the man he would return within a few days for another visit. True to his word, he did return, but the hermit's brother was at the cabin and Brumfield did not remain long, probably thinking that "two's company and three's a crowd." The murderer wanted a man. Preferably the man should be a hermit or one whose life was a secluded one. Unfortunately for Dennis Russell, he was the man.

MRS. BRUMFIELD COMPLAINS OF TREATMENT ACCORDED HUSBAND IN COUNTY JAIL

Says He Is Not Getting Right Kind of Food—Is Allowed Short Visit With Accused Man This Morning—Meeting Was Tearful—Small Son Accompanies Mother To Fathers Cell

Mrs. R. M. Brumfield, wife of the accused dentist, appeared at the county jail bright and early this morning carrying a basket loaded with delicacies for the prisoner. Her visits with her husband have now been limited to thirty minutes and according to her statements made this morning to a News-Review representative, she is "not going to stand for it." She seems to think that she should be allowed to visit with the doctor as long as she desires and says that she will stand on those rights. The officers, however, are of a different belief. Brumfield has been removed from the cell on the top floor to one of the interior dark cells on the lower floor and it was here that he greeted his wife upon her visit this morning.

Accompanying Mrs. Brumfield to the jail, was her son Richard. The young boy does not seem to realize the charges placed against his father for as he kissed the prisoner this morning he smiled a smile of happiness to be again in the arms of his father. Dr. Brumfield, hugged the younger close to him and kissed him again and again. He then kissed his wife and the family reunion in the jail was a happy one. At the appearance of his wife and young son at the door of the cell this morning Brumfield broke down and cried like a child. His life then broke into tears and it was some time before they were able to calm themselves and engage in conversation. When they were able to talk, the conversation drifted along on common subjects, such as health, weather, etc., and no mention was made of the crime or any thing connected with Brumfield's flight from this city.

Mrs. Brumfield carried a basket containing fruit, a bottle of milk and three books of fiction. She stood outside of the jail for a considerable length of time this morning awaiting the arrival of the sheriff. She appeared very nervous and when approached by a News-Review representative she attempted to avoid any conversation. However, at last she talked freely concerning her husband's incarceration in the jail and in speaking of the treatment accorded the alleged murderer she appeared to be very excited.

"They are starving him to death," she said. "Why how can they expect him to recover his normal senses when he doesn't get the sort of food he needs. Yesterday they fed the prisoners some breakfast and they did not get another thing to eat until late last night. The meat they had for breakfast was tainted and made the doctor very sick throughout the day. He was feeling quite badly last night."

When asked whether or not her husband appeared to be in the normal senses he possessed prior to the crime she said: "No, he is not the same man. He is changed considerably. He does not talk normally now."

Jurors Drawn For Circuit Court

The jurors for the special term of the circuit court to hear the Brumfield case were drawn today by County Clerk Riddle and Sheriff Starmar. The list of thirty names drawn are as follows:

Jim Marvin	Sutherland
W. J. Shoupe	Sutherland
George Hall	Oakland
Walter Haines	Eikton
C. S. Hunt	Oakland
Amos B. Crisp	Riddle
John Sutton	Days Creek
C. L. Chenoweth	Oakland
Harry Larkins	Oakland
Walter G. Coates	Ohalla
H. H. Strong	Sutherland
George B. Best	Looking Glass
Jesse R. Clayton	Umpqua
John C. Bacon	Umpqua
Elijah Hatfield	Dixonville
Q. W. Hartshorn	Sutherland
W. Miller	Looking Glass
John Turpin	Yoncalla
John O. Lystul	Glendale
T. J. Medley	Oakland
Miner Applegate	Yoncalla
Sam Creechlow	Elkhead
J. A. Jacques	Glendale
M. H. Payne	Elkhead
J. I. Roach	Glide
C. P. Kesterson	Kellogg
H. E. Krouger	Oakland
John H. Herstine	Ohalla
A. L. Butler	Scottsburg
George C. Perkins	Gardiner
R. D. Way	Myrtle Creek

ARMED MEN LACK LEADER.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 22.—Lack of a leader at the head of the armed demonstration against martial law proclaimed some time ago in the Mingo mine industrial section, holding a force of armed miners which were concentrated at Market 12 miles away, is inactive, according to authorities. The latter are now prepared for what they believe to be a resumption of the bloody fighting of three months ago.