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Highest yesterday 82
Lowest last night 48
Tonight and Wednesday Unsettled.

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DR. BRUMFIELD APPEARS AS SPHINX IN PRISON CELL AND REFUSES TO UTTER ONE WORD

Avoids Conversation With News-Review Representative Today—Has Fine Appetite and Looks Good—Is Examined By Dr. Houck For Insanity Today

Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, the "mystery man," whom some declare is as easy to see through "as a screen door," and who is at the same time puzzling many, maintained a stolid silence today and true to his declaration yesterday that he would not make any statements to newspaper men, he refused to even nod his usual "hello" this morning.

When the News-Review representative, who had so riled the doctor yesterday, appeared at the cell door this morning with Sheriff Starmer, Dr. Brumfield was busily engaged building a fire in the little stove in his cell. As the two men appeared on the outside of the bars, the doctor glanced up and seeing a newspaper man present, he ducked his head and continued the operations of his building. He stoutly refused to answer any questions today except those asked by his attorney, Dexter Rice. Of course during his interview with the attorney no newspaper man was present.

The sphinx-like attitude of Brumfield was not changed late this afternoon and throughout the day he sat with lips pressed tight together as if he were defying anyone to coax him into uttering one word. He evidently regrets his actions of yesterday when he lost his temper during an interview and is no doubt guarding against a recurrence of such a thing. At each and every question asked of him the faint trace of a smile flickers across his face but he makes no sound of a voice in answer.

The prisoner was up bright and early this morning, and had the fire built and the jail cleaned out before the other two men, who are in the same room with him, had crawled from beneath their covers. When Sheriff Starmer appeared with the breakfast for the prisoners, Brumfield exhibited a wonderful appetite and showed no trace of the illness he had complained of the day previous. When Sheriff Starmer said, "How're you feeling today, Doc?" Brumfield muttered, "Oh, just a little better."

Brumfield made away with his share of the meat and then asked the sheriff if a barber could be brought to his cell and shave him. This request was granted and shortly after noon today, A. S. Hunt, a local tonsorial artist, appeared at the jail and was admitted. Brumfield, with a three days' growth of beard on his face, smiled as the barber was led into the cell and seemed pleased to know that he would soon present the same neat appearance he had always maintained during his residence in this city.

One of the other prisoners also took advantage of the barber's presence and submitted to a shave. Dr. George E. Houck made a very thorough examination of Dr. Brumfield's physical and mental condition this morning. The examination was made in a room adjoining the sheriff's office and no one was allowed in the room with the exception of Brumfield, the doctor and the sheriff. In commenting on the examination this afternoon, Dr. Houck said that he found the prisoner to be

Aged Woman Loses Way and Wanders Three Miles; Says She Knows The Way

The whole north side was thrown into a state of excitement last night by the disappearance of Mrs. M. Martens, an aged lady residing at 1622 N. Jackson. After several hours of search she was found several miles out of town on the road toward Brown's bridge, where she had wandered after becoming lost on the way home from a neighbor's.

About 7 o'clock Mrs. Martens started to a neighbor's house three blocks away to get a bucket of eggs. An hour passed and she did not return, whereupon her daughter, Miss Martens, went to the neighbor's place to bring her home. Upon her arrival Mrs. Martens was informed that her mother had come shortly after 7 o'clock, purchased the eggs and left again before dark.

Miss Martens, thinking the woman had perhaps wandered onto a strange street and become lost, started with a few friends to search the immediate neighborhood. No trace was found of her, and after an hour's

Deficiency Measure Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The shipping board deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$45,500,000 for the use of the board this year, and with the elimination of all restrictions regarding what salaries might be paid officers and counsel, passed the senate today.

Germany Expected To Sign Treaty

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Final instructions relative to the peace treaty between the United States and Germany have been received from Secretary Hughes by Ellis Loring Dresel, United States commissioner here. The treaty is expected to be signed in a few days at a special meeting of the German cabinet.

Large Oregon Holdings Are Sold Today

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 23.—A majority of the stock and holdings in the Oregon American Lumber Co., owning 24,900 acres of timber in northwestern Oregon counties, and its subsidiaries, the Portland, Astoria & Pacific Railway and Nehalem Boom Co., has been purchased by the Central Coal and Coke Co., according to a wire from D. C. Eccles, president of the lumber company, who is now in Kansas City handling the negotiations. Chas. S. Keith, president of the Central Coal & Coke Co., recently inspected the properties. He is a large southern pine operator. The deal represents his entry into the western field.

BILL HALTS GAMBLING IN GRAIN, OTHER PRODUCTS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The senate adopted the conference report on the Capper-Tichner grain bill shortly after the house took similar action, securing final enactment. The bill now goes to the president for his signature and if it is signed will halt gambling in grain, cotton and futures, and place such restrictions under the authority of the secretary of agriculture.

PROCEDURE IMPRACTICABLE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The administration believes it impracticable to negotiate treaties properly in "mass meetings," the White House intimated today, in response to a question of the Germany treaty. This, it is believed, is also construed as an answer to a debate in the senate today on an open session for the Washington disarmament conference.

ROAD BEING IMPROVED.

With the work that is now being done on the road between Dixonville and Glide, it should be easily passable for cars all winter long. All summer a big crew of men has been at work in Blackwood Hollow and much of the new road is already in use. The new road follows the valley and will have almost a river grade all the way. Work is also being done on the road between Glide and Peel.

SENATOR IS RAPPED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The house adopted a resolution today censuring Senator Reed for his speech last week referring to Representative Volstead, the prohibition act author.

SHERIFF STARMER GETS DEATH THREAT

Portland I.W.W.'s Send Letter Official Written in Blood--Sam Not Worried

OBJECT TO TREATMENT

Portland Reds Declare That Brumfield Should be Treated Like Any Other Prisoner--Tears the Letter to Bits.

A threat of death was received this morning by Sheriff Starmer in the form of a letter written in red ink, indicative of blood, and signed "Portland I. W. W." The letter, which was written in a scrawling hand and hardly legible, rambled on in an abusive way and alleged the sheriff on account of the alleged fine treatment of Dr. Brumfield. Accompanying the letter was a lengthy clipping from the Portland Journal. The clipping was a story written by a Portland correspondent who has been here and who alleged that the sheriff had been according Brumfield treatment fit for a king. Evidently the Portland Reds, upon reading the article, became highly agitated, with the result that they decided to write a threatening letter to the sheriff and attempt to frighten him.

The letter said that "the I. W. W. a seven million strong, would come to Roseburg and take care of the sheriff" if he did not treat Brumfield "like any other prisoner."

Upon receipt of the letter Sheriff Starmer glanced over it and then tore it to bits and consigned it to a nearby waste basket. When questioned concerning it he said: "Such bunk as that certainly doesn't excite me. The false reports that Brumfield is getting better treatment than the other prisoners is undoubtedly arousing I. W. W. sentiment, but if those Reds want to come down here and take care of me, let them come. I'm ready for them at any time and they'll certainly get a mighty warm reception if they attempt to stage any of their high-handed games in this county. The erroneous reports concerning the interior of the county jail and the treatment of Brumfield have no doubt found a welcome harbor with the I. W. W.s, but those fellows don't worry us any. The circulation of such reports is merely an attempt to defeat the ends of justice, but the wheels will go round just the same and we'll convict our man."

Sheriff Starmer says this letter is not the first one he has received recently from the I. W. W. classes and although he is not worried over the contents of the messages, he declares that an effort will be made to nab those responsible for the writing.

The sheriff corrected several false statements which had been made recently. The so-called "steerage" of the jail is not one whit better than the upper floor, where Brumfield was first incarcerated. In fact all of the prisoners in the jail have repeatedly said they would rather be on the lower floor. There is no running water in the rooms above, while the cells below have such conven-

Fly Time



Dublin Framing Any British

DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—Members of the Irish republican parliament meeting here today to frame a reply to the British offer of a dominion status for Ireland divided activities today between a secret parliament session and a meeting of the executive committee of the Sinn Fein.

Federal Prohibition Officer Killed

DULUTH, Aug. 23.—Frank Hicks, a federal prohibition agent, was killed in a battle today with a band of alleged rum runners near International Falls on the Canadian border. The bootlegger who killed Hicks was slain an instant later by George King, a federal agent.

U.S. Will Not Permit Any Hostilities

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The state department in a note forwarded to Panama stated emphatically that the United States will not permit any hostilities growing out of the occupation of the Coto region by Costa Rica.

The Panama cabinet today is considering its reply to the latest American note in which Panama was told that disputed territory along the Costa Rican frontier of Panama would be placed under Costa Rica's jurisdiction. It is possible the reply will be delivered Wednesday of this week. Troops have been dispatched to a town some distance from the border, but it is understood the Panama government will await further advice from Washington before taking any decided steps.

Funeral Services Held Tomorrow

The body of Mrs. Hannah Daniels of Reno, Nevada, arrived here this afternoon. Mrs. Daniels is the mother of Myrick T. Daniels of this city, and visited in this city for several months prior to her leaving for Nevada. The death came as a great shock to the family, for Mrs. Daniels was apparently in good health at the time of her departure. Mrs. William Fitzgerald of Reno, daughter of Mrs. Daniels, accompanied the body here. The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 from the parlors, and interment will follow at the Melrose cemetery. The many friends of the family wish to extend their sympathy during this hour of sorrow.

E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector, spent the forenoon in Sutherlin looking over shipments of prunes. Sutherlin is shipping many carloads of prunes to eastern markets, he reports.

The two prisoners in the cell with Brumfield occupy small beds, while Brumfield sleeps in a hammock. It was reported that the prisoners were forced to give up their quarters to the newcomer. Such is not the case. Brumfield was forced to take what was left. It is a case of first come, first served.

ROSEBURG CITIZENS AROUSED OVER BRUMFIELD MURDER CASE; PETITION GOV. OLCOTT

Business Men and Others Ask That No Effort Be Spared To Convict Murderer of Dennis Russell—Feel That Ends of Justice May Be Defeated

That the citizens of Roseburg are aroused over the ultimate outcome of the alleged Brumfield murder case was evidenced today when leading business men took the initiative in gathering signatures to a petition to be presented to Governor Olcott asking that the attorney general or one of his assistants be retained to assist District Attorney George Neuner in gathering evidence and prosecuting Brumfield on the charge of murdering Dennis Russell on the night of July 13th.

Feeling is running high in this city in reference to the recent murder mystery and the people are determined that the ends of justice shall not be defeated for the lack of the best legal talent available. They feel that nothing should be left undone to give District Attorney Neuner all the help possible in ferreting out the details of the crime, and with this thought in mind will petition the governor to supply the best legal talent possible for the prosecution.

There seems to be a general feeling prevalent that the accused man is feigning insanity, or a "lapso of memory," to cover up the crime of which he has been accused of committing and that to avoid any possible chance of a miscarriage of justice no expense should be spared in securing sufficient legal talent to place every detail connected with the atrocious crime before the jury empaneled to hear the case in a most clear and comprehensive manner.

Three petitions were in the field today and were being readily signed by business men and others, which is evidence of the interest being taken in the case locally to relieve any possible chance of the man responsible for the diabolical crime escaping the full penalty for his act.

Following is the complete text of the petition which carries the names of men and women in all walks of life:

To the Honorable Ben W. Olcott, Governor of the State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon.

Whereas, the case of R. M. Brumfield, charged with the murder of Dennis Russell in Douglas county, Oregon, on the 13th day of July, 1921, is attracting nation-wide attention, and

Whereas, the people of the whole United States are looking to the state of Oregon for a vigorous and thorough prosecution of said case, and

Whereas, the good name of the state of Oregon for the administration of justice will suffer from a failure to use every honorable means to vigorously and thoroughly prosecute said case, and

Whereas, Section 2774, Oregon Laws, authorizes the Governor to require the Attorney General to attend grand jury sessions and terms of circuit court, either in person or by one of his assistants,

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of Douglas county, Oregon, do hereby respectfully petition and request that you direct the

Attorney General of the state of Oregon to attend in person, or by one of his assistants, the session of the grand jury of Douglas county, Oregon, on the 25th day of August, 1921, and the term of the circuit court for said county to be held immediately following said session of said grand jury, for the purpose of assisting in managing and conducting the grand jury investigation and the prosecution of the case of the state of Oregon vs. R. M. Brumfield, wherein said defendant is charged with the murder of Dennis Russell.

When asked this afternoon in regard to the petition in circulation for the purpose of supplying additional legal talent to prosecute Dr. R. M. Brumfield, alleged murderer of Dennis Russell, District Attorney George Neuner said: "I understand such a petition is being circulated, but whether or not any action will be taken I cannot say. The matter rests entirely with the county court. I have been elected by the people to carry out the duties of the office of district attorney and will leave no stone unturned to secure a conviction in this notorious case. All my individual efforts will be directed on the murder case and there is much important evidence yet to be assembled which will have a direct bearing to fasten the guilt on the party responsible for the death of Dennis Russell. This is now being accomplished. If the county court deems that additional assistance be given this office in the prosecution of Brumfield, I will accept their decision. There is a great mass of evidence, the details of which are untouched in some instances, and action along the line of additional legal help may be considered by the county court."

Mrs. McCurdy of Drain spent the morning in this city attending to various business matters.

Former Roseburg Man Died In Idaho

(By United Press.) BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 23.—Fred Flood, a Boise newspaper man, died here today following a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was born at Roseburg, Oregon, and was the nephew of the late Senator Lane. He came to Boise in the year 1900, and for many years thereafter was editor of the Boise Capital News. At the time of his death he was a publisher of the New Freedom. He was active in politics and ran for congress once on the democratic ticket. Mr. Flood will be remembered by many old timers in this city prior to going to Boise. He was associated with the Review before locating in Idaho.

Gigantic Six Million Dollar Swindling Plot Unearthed In Chicago By The Police

(By United Press.) CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Rudolph Kohn, vice-president of the American Rubber company, arrested here, has made a complete confession of the alleged gigantic six million dollar swindling plot, according to the police, involving Leslie French and John Worthington recently taken into custody, and other leaders in similar nefarious schemes. The gang operated by selling fake securities and notes which carried forged signatures of prominent men, one of whom is Z. W. Davis, the Cleveland millionaire. It is estimated they cleaned up two and one-half million dollars. Kohn was caught with the "goods," according to the police, while attempting to dispose of \$20,000 worth of notes Davis signed. Davis wrote French, the "Wolf of La Salle street," he would kill himself unless French gave him back the money. The police caught into possession of the letter and the arrest of the members of the gang resulted.

Mrs. Volney Eden and daughter, Marguerite, left for Portland this afternoon to spend several weeks visiting with friends.

Two Bootleggers Captured Here

Two men who gave their names as H. William Duncan and Ben Konig, riding in a Hudson car, were arrested here last night at 10 o'clock by Sheriff Starmer and night officer Wilcox. Duncan was held on a warrant from the Coos Bay officers on a charge of bootlegging. A search of Konig revealed two quarts of moonshine, which the officers confiscated, and the car and driver are being held. Duncan will be returned to Marshfield for trial, and Konig will be held here. It is said that they were both very active in bootlegging circles in the Bay city.