

WEATHER  
Highest yesterday 73  
Lowest last night 44  
Tonight and Thursday Fair

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## OFFICERS SEARCH SWAMPS FOR PLACE WHERE BRUMFIELD PASSED NIGHT AFTER MURDER

### Straw Bed, Mentioned in Letter Found on Brumfield, Was Located In Heavily Wooded Spot Just South of Sutherlin—Fugitive Probably Spent Day and Night There.

County Judge George Quine and Constable Finis Dillard spent the entire morning searching the lands along the railroad tracks just south of Sutherlin. These two officials made the search in the belief that Dr. Brumfield remained in the brush along the little creek in that vicinity on the day and night following the murder and caught the train from there for the north. Information that such was the case was contained in the letter found on Brumfield at the time he was arrested in Calgary. The letter was signed "Dennis Russell" and had been written by Brumfield in order to throw the officers of the trail and lead them to believe that the dead man was Dr. Brumfield, and Russell the fugitive. The letter gave a detailed description of the murderer's flight from this city on the night of the murder, and although it was written to sound as though Russell had committed the crime, the officers are of the belief that Brumfield narrated his own flight.

The letter stated that the murderer, following the wrecking of the auto on the night of July 13th, struck a match to look for "Russell's" head and that the match caught the car afire and the murderer was forced to flee from the scene. The officers have a large coal of ash which was found near the wreckage of the auto on the following morning and they believe that Brumfield sprinkled the oil over the car and body and then set fire to it. It then undoubtedly changed his clothes near the scene and tossed his old garments into the flames and dressed a new suit of clothes. It will be remembered that wearing apparel belonging to both Brumfield and Russell was found in the wreckage. Brumfield, in his haste to change his clothes and get away from the scene of the wreck, probably dropped his belt from the package of clothes he carried with him. This belt was found near the wreck and near it was a newspaper and some string which had probably been used to wrap up the new clothing.

The officers in following out the contents of the letter found on Brumfield are led to believe that he crossed the river near the wreck and made his way to the railway track north of here and started walking. It was so stated in the letter and the writer went on to say that he walked until daylight and then left the railroad tracks and went into a swamp and slept on a pile of straw. It was this pile of straw mentioned in the letter that Judge Quine and Constable Dillard were searching for this morning and they believe they were successful in finding the "bed" mentioned by Brumfield in his "decoy" letter.

About one-quarter of a mile south of Sutherlin in a heavily wooded section of the swamp was found the pile of straw. It was an ideal place to

hide and the fugitive could have spent a day and a night there without being detected. It was close to the Sutherlin station and he would have been able to catch the early morning train with little trouble as it stopped there.

Judge Quine is firm in his belief that the letter is a very important bit of evidence and from reading it one would naturally look at it as a complete confession, inasmuch as Brumfield attempted to parade under the name of Russell at the time he was apprehended. He evidently intended to mislead the officers by sending the letter but his capture was effected before he could mail it. No old clothes were found near the straw bed this morning, but a crew of section men who are working in that district and who are cleaning out the swamps have promised to be on the lookout for any articles of clothing.

## Alleged Reformer Now Bootlegger

MEDFORD, Aug. 23.—Wig Jacks, a well known resident of Eagle Point and former marshal of that town, was arrested by Sheriff Terrill and special agents of the state at his home Monday night charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Jacks was arrested shortly after he had returned from an auto trip to Crescent City and other California coast points. It was thought that Jacks was camping in the Huckleberry mountain district. A force of special agents and deputy sheriffs left Friday morning on a still hunt for him, and up to early this afternoon had not returned from the region famous for its big huckleberries and deer hunting.

According to the police, Jacks was active in reform work last spring during the Bulgin meetings, and it is alleged that he gathered evidence for the evangelist. The authorities say that more than one complaint will be filed against him.

## DR. HAYNES APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(Special to News-Review.)—President Harding today nominated Dr. Fred T. Haynes, receiver of public monies at the United States land office at Roseburg, Oregon. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the two United States senators from Oregon, made to the president last week.

## TWO KILLED IN WRECK

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Aug. 24.—Engineer Douglas Armstrong and one passenger were killed early this morning and over 25 persons injured as a result of a wreck on the Rio Grande Western near Gale. The train crashed into a creek where a bridge had been washed out by cloudbursts.

## 17 COMPANIES INVOLVED.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Spurious stock transactions involving \$20,000,000 were carried out by the gigantic swindling organization headed by Charles W. French, "Wolf of LaSalle street," covering all parts of the country, according to reliable information compiled over night by department of justice officials. It is believed that the market has been flooded with fake stocks, notes and other papers to which the names of prominent men and various companies had been forged. The evidence so far at hand shows that at least seventeen companies are involved in the big swindle.

## Hildeburns Return Roseburg

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hildeburn and daughter Gertrude returned Saturday evening from an extended tour of the States. They left this city May 1, going the southern route to San Diego, Arizona and New Mexico and through to the eastern coast. Here they visited Philadelphia, enjoyed a two weeks' stay at Atlantic City, and spent a short while in New York City. They met many old acquaintances and their trip proved to be a most enjoyable one.

Mr. Lander and son, who were making the trip with the Hildeburn party left them at Washington, Penn. On their return trip the Hildeburn party came by way of Ohio state and Detroit, Mich. While in Michigan they visited the big Hudson and Essex factory, and had their machines thoroughly inspected. They also had the pleasure of seeing Henry Ford. He was riding in a beautiful Cadillac machine. The trip through the Yellowstone National Park on their return is one that will not be forgotten soon. In this trip which covered four months, they visited all the principal cities and most interesting sections of the States.

## ERECTING \$10,000 GARAGE.

Leas & Son, who are erecting a \$10,000 garage at Oakland, Oregon, are making very good progress and expect to move in by September 10. When completed this will be one of the finest garages in southern Oregon.

All modern conveniences for the public will be installed. A new and rather unique idea in garage building will be a large mission fire-place in the waiting room, which no doubt will appeal to the traveling public as well as their large local trade.

## BRUMFIELD LIKE STATUE IN CELL

### Silence Is Deeper As Prisoner Takes To Reading Fiction—Refuses Greet Officers

## IS SULLEN AND MOROSE

### Ducks Head In Book When Any Appears at Cell Bars for Interview—Scowls at Each Question but Refuses Answer.

Silence is supreme in the lower cell of the county jail where Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, accused of the murder of Dennis Russell, is now living. The "mystery man" is more of a mystery now than ever. He keeps apart from the two prisoners in the cell with him, refuses to even speak to Sheriff Starmer, and keeps his head buried in a book whenever anyone enters the jail to speak to him.

Sheriff Starmer said today that Brumfield arises from his bed very early in the morning, builds a fire and then picks up a book of fiction and starts reading. He continues to read throughout the day, stopping only at meal time. Until yesterday Brumfield appeared very friendly towards the officers, but his attitude towards them has changed considerably and he refuses to even extend a word of greeting to them when they appear in the cell.

The officers have a great deal of valuable evidence in the case which they refuse to make public until the trial. It was learned today, however, that they are following out the report that Brumfield visited Coquille several years ago at the time a man by the name of LaFrance was arrested there and sent to the penitentiary on a charge very similar to the one with which Brumfield is charged. It seems that LaFrance attempted to collect insurance by the same means alleged to have been adopted by Brumfield but was caught. He is now serving a life term for his acts. At the time LaFrance was held in the Coquille jail awaiting trial, it is said that Brumfield left Roseburg and visited LaFrance for the purpose of learning the details of the crime. Close friends of Brumfield declare that he has always followed out great criminal cases in the newspapers very closely and was always willing to discuss them at length. From this it seems that the man was a student of criminology.

The silence Dr. Brumfield vowed to maintain between himself and newspaper reporters was not broken today. He refused to say one word to a News-Review representative who appeared at the usual time for the interview he expected to—but did not get.

Millard Meredith and Alonzo Spencer, relatives by marriage of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, appeared at the county jail late this afternoon and requested permission of Sheriff Starmer to see the prisoner. They were informed that it would be necessary to get the permission from the district attorney and they soon afterwards returned.

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## MINISTER STILL MISSING.

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Rev. Jesse T. Anderson, Methodist minister, who stopped at the Clyde hotel here for a few days last week, and who has been missing since Saturday, has not yet been located, although the police have been expending every effort to find him. Anderson is in poor health, it is understood by the police.

## CONGRESS READY ADJOURN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Congress launched its final legislative drive with a recess scheduled for tonight. Enough legislation is on hand to keep both houses in session two weeks longer but the congressmen are determined to leave town. The beer bill which threatened to prevent a recess has been virtually abandoned for action when congress meets a month hence. The McNary bill is now serving as a block to the vacation, the conferees being unable to agree on the broader powers for the war finance corporation.

## Minister Charged, As "Male Vampire"

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 23.—The Rev. John Spencer, former Fulton, California, Presbyterian minister, left San Jose in company with a deputy sheriff at 11:04 a. m. today enroute to Lakeport, Lake county, to face a charge of murdering his wife.

"Male Vampire" Is Charge. SANTA ROSA, CAL., Aug. 23.—"He's a male vampire," was the answer Mrs. E. N. Palmer made today to the charges of the Rev. John Spencer that she is responsible for his arrest for the alleged murder of his wife.

"I am ready to confront him right here in Santa Rosa or go on the witness stand and swear to what I know about him, even if I knew it meant he would hang," she said.

Spencer was formally arrested yesterday charged with killing his wife.

Mrs. Palmer made the following charges against the minister: "That the trouble started over a 'Mrs. Duncks' to whom, Mrs. Palmer told authorities and newspaper men, Spencer gave 'treatments' by means of the 'laying on of hands' while he and Mrs. Duncks were in the kitchen and Mrs. Duncks was in the parlor of the Duncks home.

That Mrs. Spencer often left the Duncks home with her husband in a hysterical condition.

That Spencer, in the presence of Mrs. Palmer, threatened to "murder to gain my ends."

That Spencer had a knowledge of drugs and kept his wife under the influence of drugs on many occasions.

That the minister cursed his wife.

Mrs. Palmer declared that Mrs. Spencer was warned not to accompany her husband to Lake county on the trip during which she died.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hannah Daniels was held this afternoon at the undertaking parlors. Rev. Caldwell of the Baptist church read the services. Burial followed at the Melrose cemetery.

## INTIMATION THAT CHANGE OF VENUE IN BRUMFIELD TRIAL WILL BE ASKED FOR

### Much Publicity Given Case Has Resulted In Prejudice and Bias It Is Asserted—Grand Jury Will Meet Saturday to Return Indictment.

That a change of venue in the Brumfield murder trial will be asked when the circuit court convenes on next Monday was intimated today and reports were circulated that the defense attorneys were considering such a move on account of the publicity which has been given the case in Douglas county. When the grand jury meets on next Saturday and returns an indictment, as they undoubtedly will, charging Dr. Brumfield with first degree murder, the attorneys for the accused man will probably make a motion for a change of venue. In the event the motion is granted by Judge Hamilton, the trial will probably be held in Lane county and the jury selected from that section of the state. The cost of conducting the trial under those circumstances would be a great deal more, however, as large numbers of witnesses would have to be furnished with transportation to the adjoining county. It is reported that District Attorney Neuner will oppose a change of venue.

It is freely admitted by the officers and attorneys for the defense that the task of selecting a jury to hear the famous Brumfield case will be a difficult one. On account of the widespread publicity given the murder through the newspapers and the editorial comments made of late concerning the guilt or innocence of the defendant has tended to bring about a biased or prejudiced state of mind in the majority of people.

When the grand jury convenes Saturday to hear the testimony for the purpose of returning an indictment it is very probable that Dr. Brumfield will not even appear before that body for questioning. This is not necessary, the attorneys state. The grand jury may not be able to return the indictment before Monday or Tuesday, and in that case the circuit court will be delayed in its sessions.

The accused man may not even be placed on the witness stand during the circuit court session. If the attorneys for the defense refuse to place him on the stand it will be impossible for the district attorney to take that action. Naturally the majority of the people are interested in the story Dr. Brumfield is going to tell, but from the present turn of affairs it appears as though he may not be allowed to make any statements regarding the alleged murder.

The Brumfield case will cost the county nearly \$8000. It was estimated by County Judge Quine this morning. Douglas county has been the scene of several big trials of late and the county officials state that unless the crime were lessened in this locality, the county's finances will be badly depleted.

On next Monday morning the county courthouse will be the scene of much excitement and from all appearances the crowds planning to attend the Brumfield trial will be larger than any in the history of the

circuit court here. Hundreds of people are expected from all parts of the state and standing room in the circuit court room will be at a premium. Intense interest has been displayed in the defense to be made by Brumfield's attorneys, but the majority seem to be concerned with the prosecution of the case.

District Attorney Neuner has made the statement that he will ask for conviction of murder in the first degree and capital punishment as the sentence. "There must be no half-way verdict," says the district attorney. "We are assembling enough evidence to convict the man and will be ready for the trial to open Monday morning."

Attorneys Rice and Orcutt refuse to discuss the case further than to state they will ask for only justice. In the event a change of venue is granted, the state of excitement would be removed from Roseburg to Eugene.

## Members of Umpqua Post Picnic

The Umpqua Post of American Legion and the Auxiliary held an informal get-together party last evening at the forks of the river, in the form of a swimming party and picnic.

However, owing to the cool evening the swim was not indulged in, but a real picnic was enjoyed. The Auxiliary had prepared a lovely lunch and were assisted by the boys in serving. Stories and games were enjoyed throughout the evening.

This was the last meeting of both organizations for the summer, but many plans have been made for work this winter, which will be resumed as soon as all members return from their vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers and son, of Hood River, are visiting at Looking Glass at the W. E. Clingempeel residence. They will remain for several days.

## ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FATAL.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—Horace Box, county jail prisoner, was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs this morning in a gun fight after Box was discovered in an attempted jail break. The prisoner struck the deputy over the head with the leg from a cot and seized his gun. Another deputy standing near shot the criminal and he dropped dead.

## New Giant American Dirigible Exploded Today In Trial Trip; Fifty Lives Lost

(By United Press.)  
LONDON, Aug. 24.—The new American dirigible ZR-2 exploded over Hull today with 50 lives estimated as lost, including 21 Americans. The plane broke in half following the explosion. Only two men, descending safely in parachutes, are believed saved. Rescue workers are combing the waters of the Humber river for the remaining passengers. The airship which was manufactured for the United States government, was on a trial trip, and the crew were attempting to remedy reported defects before they should attempt a flight across the Atlantic. General Mastland, England's foremost air authority, is believed to have been on board the ship. The airship had just started when they would attempt a speed trial before descending when the big bag broke and the dirigible was enveloped in a cloud of smoke, immediately after which the plane fell in to the sea.

Sunbeam "Coronet" totalling 2,100 horsepower; normal crew, officers and men, 36.  
She had six propellers, her structure contained fourteen compartments in each of which is a giant goldbeater-skin gas bag, and she could cruise 6,500 miles. Aluminum petrol tanks, water tanks, and bomb magazines lined the long steel corridors of the ship, and here, in the corridors are the living and sleeping quarters of the crew, who worked in watches during the trip, just as crews of our big battleships work at sea. The crew had all been allotted their bunks. All of them had been given fur-lined sleeping bags. Nights are chilly over the Atlantic, and the great ship rushing through the clouds and mist becomes freezing cold to the unprotected.

Commander Maxfield, U. S. N., had his crew of American air sailors trained down to the finest point. Each man had his allotted task, and each one of them knew exactly what to do when the orders are rung down from the captain's "dash" cabin, where wireless and telephones and indicators are fixed in amazing array as in the conning tower of a big fighting ship.

## If He Would Only Be Reasonable



## Formal Peace Between U. S. and Germany Probably Be Declared Today or Tomorrow

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Details of the peace treaty between the United States and Germany were laid before the republican members of the foreign relations committee by the president and Secretary Hughes today at the White House. A majority of the members reported they had given the terms cordial approval. President Harding hopes for a ratification at an early date, but will not oppose a thirty day recess of congress to begin tonight, inasmuch as it is desired that the reichstag and senate consider the treaty simultaneously, and the German body does not convene until September 20. The treaty is reported comparatively short as compared with the recent primary treaty. The ratification will be followed by a treaty of commerce and amity. The text of the treaty will not be published until signed today by American Commissioner Dressel and German Foreign Minister Rosen.

The German peace treaty is based on the Knox peace resolution, according to the senators in touch with the negotiations. Germany has accepted all provisions of the treaty, according to authoritative information, and Berlin advices indicate that Germany will sign the treaty late today or tomorrow.

This step will declare formal peace between the two countries. With the exception of some commercial understanding no further treaty is contemplated, it has been definitely stated.

## Treaty Signed Late Today.

VIENNA, Aug. 24.—(By A. P.)—The treaty of peace with the United States was signed late this afternoon. This country is now at peace with Germany and before the war relations with the foreign country are now in operation.

## GEORGIA MINSTRELS COMING.

It has been so long since we have had a real old fashioned minstrel show that the announcement that the famous Georgia Minstrels will be here Wednesday, August 31, will take on the aspect of a novelty. Time was when the minstrels were good for two or three visits a season, but of late years they have seemed to be scarce, but from the reports of the leading theatrical papers minstrelsy has taken a new lease of life, and there is no less than a half dozen large minstrel shows touring the country and all reports are that they are playing to packed houses everywhere.