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WEATHER
Forecast for today: Partly cloudy. High 58. Low 45. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. High 55. Low 40. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High 55. Low 40. Thursday: Partly cloudy. High 55. Low 40.

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RELATIVES DENY DENNIS RUSSELL TESTIFY

PROSECUTION ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY HEADLESS BODY IN BRUMFIELD AUTO WRECK

Sister of Dennis Russell Sobs Aloud When Portions of Scalp are Examined—Brumfield Shows No Signs of Remorse—Sits as Sphinx and Eyes Witnesses.

"Sterner, sterner, come here a minute," said Richard Brumfield, when he was brought into the court room and seated at the side of his wife for the afternoon session.

Sheriff Starmer got up and walked over to the prisoner. "Say, Starmer, I wish you'd get me the sporting page out of some of the papers and let me look it over. I want to get some hope on the world's news," was the request made by the prisoner.

Starmer said he would get a sporting edition for him and Brumfield smiled broadly.

Mrs. Brumfield grinned pleasantly at the officer and then at her husband. She had a brand new book of fiction lying on the table in front of her and fanned her husband that he could take it to the cell with him tonight to read.

Apparently Brumfield is more concerned in the outcome of the world's series ball games than he is with the trial which will decide the longevity of his life.

Sobbing as though her heart would break, Mrs. Julia Smith, sister of Dennis Russell, the alleged murder victim, took the witness stand this morning and pressing the two portions of dried scalp and gray hair to her cheek, cried out: "It is my brother."

This dramatic scene caused a ripple of excitement in the courtroom. The defendant and his wife eyed the woman and then turned to each other and exchanged smiles.

Nothing Yet Proved. When the court adjourned at noon many of the state's star witnesses had been examined and yet no proof had been introduced to the effect that the headless body was that of Dennis Russell, or no testimony had been introduced tending to show that the man met his death at the hands of Brumfield.

Must Be Proven. These allegations contained in the indictment charging Brumfield with first degree murder must be proven to the jury beyond all shadow of a reasonable doubt. If the state fails to convince the jurors that Brumfield killed Russell and that the decapitated form found amid the wreckage of the Brumfield car was the man met his death at the hands of Brumfield.

Defense Attempts to Disprove. The defense this morning attempted in their cross-examination to prove that the body was not that of Dennis Russell. Each and every witness who testified to viewing the body in the morgue was asked by what means they could make identification.

Identification of the headless and charred body taken from the wreckage of the Brumfield auto wreck on the night of July 13th occupied a major portion of the time at the Brumfield murder trial today and many witnesses were called by the state in an attempt to definitely fix the identity of the nude form.

The state is required to again identify the body, even though the witness's jury returned a verdict that the body was that of Dennis Russell. The trial jury must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the body is that of Russell and that he was his death not in the auto wreck but at the hands of Dr. Brumfield.

The majority of the witnesses appearing at the coroner's inquest last July were summoned today and reiterated their statements that the body greatly resembled the form of Dennis Russell.

Brumfield Enters Court. At three minutes before the hour of the trial this morning Dr. Richard M. Brumfield was led from his cell and taken into the courtroom. He appeared at first to be slightly nervous, but regained his composure upon entering the crowded courtroom and when greeted by one of

his attorneys he said that he was feeling fine. For the first time since the trial began the prisoner wore a soft collar. He wore the same dark blue suit, and the customary white shirt. As his wife entered the courtroom he arose to his feet and remained standing until after she was seated. She smiled bravely at him and spoke a few low words.

The courtroom was well filled when court convened, and before the morning had passed, only standing room was available. Percy Webb Testifies. Deputy Sheriff Percy Webb was the first witness called this morning. He was one of the men who visited the wrecked auto on the night of July 13. He told of finding the decapitated body beside the automobile. It was wedged in the culvert so tightly, he said, that it took force to remove it. The shoulders had evidently scraped down the side of the culvert, for there was a broad streak of blood a short distance back from the mouth of the culvert. The body was stiff when removed, he said.

He stated that the water was dammed up behind the body to a slight depth, and that when it was freed two sticks of dynamite floated down, which he picked up. He was handed three sticks of the explosive in court this morning, but was unable to determine which were the ones he had found. He also told of finding a bunch of keys under the body, and these he identified in court. He also identified a burnt cigar, which he said he first saw lying a short distance from the car, and on a higher elevation than the car, upon his arrival at the scene of the wreck. He also told of picking up the fountain pen, pipe, papers, letters, etc., all of which he identified in court. He testified that the car was in second gear. When examined by the attorneys he repeated that the car was in second gear. When asked if he had ever driven an Elgin car, he replied that he had once. He said he did not know whether it had a universal gear shift or not. He also testified, upon cross-examination, that many people visited the wreck the next morning and "fussed" around.

He also said there were shells in the burnt gun when it was found, but that he did not examine them or take them out.

Dynamite Removed From Court. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Webb's testimony, Judge Ringham requested that the three sticks of dynamite be removed from the courtroom, but agreed to their being kept in the jail. Brumfield did not smile at this. Although the judge was informed that there was no danger of the sticks exploding, still he insisted on their removal, and delegated Sheriff Starmer to take them from the room.

Russell's Sister Breaks Down. Mrs. Julia Smith, a sister of Dennis Russell, was the next to take the stand. She identified the handwriting in the diary as that of her brother. The witness broke down on the stand, and in a voice choked with sobs, she asked for a drink of water. This was handed to her and she continued her testimony.

When handed the two pieces of scalp for identification she sobbed aloud and pressed them lovingly to her cheek. When asked if she recognized the hair, she said: "Yes, it's the hair of my brother."

As the woman cried bitterly on the witness stand, Mrs. Brumfield turned and smiled at her husband who, however, merely glanced at her and then fixed his attention again on the witness.

Lucy Russell Called. Lucy Russell, wife of Ed Russell, and a sister-in-law to the victim of the murder, next took the stand. She identified the fountain pen and pipe as those of her brother-in-law, and also said the hat was the one he wore the last time she saw him. She underwent a strenuous cross-examination by Attorney Rice and admitted that there were no peculiar marks of identification on the watch, pipe, or fountain pen, and no marks other than the initials on the band by which she could identify the hat.

Russell's Barber Testifies. A. J. Willard, a local barber, was the next witness called. He stated that he had known Dennis Russell for about six years, and had done most of his tonsorial work during that period, having cut his hair last on the 25th of June. He positively identified the hair, and said that both pieces of scalp were from the same person.

The attorneys for the defense tried to break the witness down by strenuous cross-examination. He was asked if he could tell the difference between human hair and animal hair and replied that he could, but was unable to explain the difference when asked to do so. He stated positively that this was Dennis Russell's hair. He testified that Russell always had his neck shaved round, and that the back portion of the neck which was still attached to the body had been shaved round. Upon cross-examination he stated that less than 40 per cent of his customers had their necks shaved round.

Gasps were heard from the spectators as the witness was handed the baked ear for identification. He admitted that the gruesome object was the one he had seen at the coroner's inquest.

J. E. Rose Testifies. J. E. Rose, a resident of the Winston district, took the witness stand and testified that he had been acquainted with Dennis Russell for about 35 years. He said that he had been a boyhood friend of the victim. Mr. Rose said that he last saw Dennis Russell about one week before the alleged murder.

Mr. Rose testified that after he had viewed the headless body at the morgue he was able to identify it positively as that of Russell. He also said that he was familiar with Russell's handwriting and when shown the diary found in the auto wreck, stated that it was the orthography of the dead man.

Upon cross-examination Mr. Rose said that the body was in a bad state of decomposition when he examined it and that an autopsy had been performed upon it.

Ed. Russell on Stand. Brumfield today for the first time faced the brother of the man whom he is accused of murdering. Ed. Russell, brother of Dennis Russell, took the stand and testified to identification of the headless body in the morgue and of it later being claimed and buried by him as his brother.

Brumfield faced the brother of the murder victim without batting an eye. The shiny eyes of the accused man stared fixedly in the direction of the witness stand. He did not move a muscle and his jaws were set. Ed. Russell only once let his eyes wander in the direction of the defendant. There was no gleam of hatred in his eyes as one might imagine there would be.

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DAILY MARKET REPORT

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Cattle and hogs reported steady; sheep steady. Lamba twenty-five higher. East of the mountains lamba quoted at \$6.57. Eggs unsettled. Butter firm.

CASE GOES TO JURY

(By United Press.)
REDWOOD CITY, Oct. 12.—The case of William Hightower, accused of the murder of Faith or Patrick Heslin, will probably go to the jury Thursday. There was no court session today on account of a holiday.

GIANTS TAKE LEAD IN WORLD SERIES CONTEST BY WINNING SEVENTH GAME

Ward's Error Loses Game For Yankees In Seventh Inning—Game Featured by Close Playing on Part of Players of Both Teams.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Douglas and Mays fought a royal battle today, one of the fastest and tensest of the world series, the Giants winning by a score of two to one making the series four to three in their favor. The Yankees drew first blood in the second inning when Pipp got around the bags for the opening score. The innings were then scoreless until the fourth when the Giants evened accounts. Young making the circuit, scoring on Meusel's single. The fast sixth inning was marked by three putouts in succession by Ward. The Giants forged ahead in the seventh when Rawlings got on by Ward's error and scored on Snyder's two batter.

First Inning.
YANKEES—Douglas and Strider.
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Second Inning.
YANKEES—Fawceter flied out to Young who made a nice running catch against the wall. Peckinpah got a long hit to left for two bases. Frisch threw out Miller. Douglas knocked down Meusel's grounder and threw him out. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Third Inning.
YANKEES—Baker got a double into left. Frisch flied out to Miller. Bancroft went to third on the catch. Mays robbed Young of a hit and threw him out. No runs; one hit; no errors.

Fourth Inning.
YANKEES—Pipp grounded out to Kelly unassisted. Douglas teased out Ward. "Home Run" Baker the old home run king was given a big hand when he came to bat. He flied out to Frisch. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Fifth Inning.
YANKEES—Douglas threw out Schang. Rawlings threw out Mays. Fawceter fanned. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Sixth Inning.
YANKEES—Snyder flied out to Miller. Douglas grounded to Pipp. Burns got a two base hit but was out trying to stretch it. Miller to Ward to Baker. No runs; one hit; no errors.

Seventh Inning.
YANKEES—Pipp lined out to Douglas. Ward flied to Burns. Baker singled to center. Schang singled to center. Baker going to third. Schang went to second on a wild pitch. Rawlings threw out Mays. No runs; two hits; no errors.

Eighth Inning.
YANKEES—Douglas threw out Fawceter. Peck struck out. Miller walked. Bancroft threw out Meusel. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Ninth Inning.
YANKEES—Rawlings threw out Pipp. Ward flied out to Burns. Baker got a single through Kelly's legs. Devornier ran for Baker. Douglas threw out Schang. No runs; one hit; no errors.

Final Score:
TEAM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E
YANKEES 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 8 1
GIANTS 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 8 1

FOREST FIRES REPORTED

The forest fires in the vicinity of Tillamook have caused the forest service to continue its fire fighting season several weeks over the usual time. The fires although not large have been quite stubborn and it was necessary to put several men on the job of extinguishing them. The forest service is preparing its annual report, but will not be able to file this report until after the regular date as the data on these two fires will not be obtainable until the patrolman's report is in.

HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD

According to City Health Officer B. R. Shoemaker, there is only one contagious disease in Roseburg at the present time. That is a combined case of scarlet fever and chicken pox, but it is not serious. The case is under quarantine and there is no danger of its spread. There is a general epidemic of colds some of them quite severe but nothing which would indicate the return of flu.

TAX RUSH ON

The usual October tax rush is on and the related taxpayers are causing considerable work at the tax collecting department. Some trouble is being experienced over the new high school tax which is not understood by many taxpayers. This law passed by the recent legislature makes a decided change in the method of raising funds for the support of high schools of the state.

In from Myrtle Creek—Mrs. Stuart Mitchell and son, Stuart, of Myrtle Creek are spending a few days in this city visiting with friends and relatives.

In from Dixonville—Mrs. T. O. Dixon and daughter, Betty, are spending a few days in town shopping and visiting with friends and relatives.

In from South Deer Creek—Mrs. Roy Hatfield and sister, Grace Gilham, of South Deer Creek spent the day in town shopping and attending to business matters.

Going to California—J. A. Worley and wife are preparing to leave soon on an auto trip through Cow and Curry counties and down the coast to California in which state they expect to spend the winter.

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