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PINK SKIRT STARTS COMMOTION

STATE SCORES HEAVILY BY TESTIMONY INTRODUCED IN MURDER TRIAL TODAY

at Clayton, Looking Straight Into the Eyes of the Accused Dentist, Stated, "I Say This Is the Hair of Dennis Russell," After Examining Portions of the Dead Man's Head.

The famous pink skirt which caused Dr. Brumfield no end of trouble—including capture following his flight from Roseburg, was lifted out of the big mystery box this afternoon by District Attorney Nemmer and held up to the view of the defendant.

Richard Brumfield leaned forward in his chair, gave it the "once over," and then smiled. In fact, he almost laughed aloud.

Mrs. Burchard was on the witness stand and it was then that the mystery box, said to be shipped by Brumfield from Myrtle Creek on the day of the alleged murder, was introduced.

Mrs. Burchard testified that the pink skirt was the identical one purchased by a strange woman in her store at noon of July 13th.

She also testified that Brumfield entered the store at the time the skirt was being purchased, bowed low to the strange woman and asked Mrs. Burchard for an empty box.

Mrs. Burchard testified he then went to the rear of the store and secured a box containing property of Mrs. Burchard. He evidently left by the back way of the store for he did not come out the front door, she testified.

The perspiring crowd in the courtroom stopped swatting flies long enough to crane their necks and get a glimpse of the skirt.

Brumfield and his wife enjoyed the scene immensely. They smiled and joked about the lingerie and the mussed condition of the skirt.

The hoodoo "13," if such a hoodoo there be, must have sat grinning and exultant on the back of the hair of the sober-faced prisoner today as witness after witness pulled lighter and tighter the meshes of the net with which the state is endeavoring to drag Dr. Brumfield to the gallows. It was on the 13th day of July when the murder was committed. Had it not been for an unusual amount of interference the murderer of Dennis Russell would probably have succeeded in his attempt, and no one would have questioned the headless body as being that of Doctor Brumfield.

On August 13, Dr. Brumfield lay weak and sick in his cell in the Calgary jail, his first day behind the bars. It was on the 13th day of October the state is introducing the sensational testimony which they hope will be sufficient to procure a verdict of death by hanging.

State Scores Heavily. The grinning hoodoo 13 spread its wings wider and wider as the state called their witnesses to the stand. The finger of suspicion was thrust under the very nose of the accused dentist when Grant Clayton, star witness for the state, held up the pink portions with hair and peering straight at Brumfield said: "I say this is the hair of Dennis Russell."

When I saw that pool of blood I knew a murder had been committed.

The defense attorneys in their attempt to break down the witness called completely and if anything, a more firm impression in favor of the state was made following their series of questions.

Brumfield Serious Today. Dr. Brumfield, more often dubbed the "town fashion plate," was a close rival to the sphinx again today.

Wearing a soft collar, the same blue suit and cravat to match, with the familiar white socks, the alleged murderer was marched to the courtroom at shortly before nine o'clock this morning.

At his side, no doubt, skipped along the little jinx. Both of the prisoner's hands were

thrust into his coat pockets and he did not glance to either side. Large crowds lined the sidewalk from the jail to the court house. The corridor of the building was jammed and the courtroom was filled to the limit. Cars began parking at eight o'clock this morning.

Faithful Wife Present. Mrs. Brumfield was greeted with a smile when first seen by the prisoner today. They did not clasp hands during the morning session and carried on practically no conversation as the witnesses were being examined.

William Moore Testifies. William M. Moore, a farmer of Ruckles, was the first witness to take the stand this morning. He said he had known Dennis Russell for 25 or 30 years. He employed Russell as a sheep-herder, and let Russell live in a small cabin that he owned along the highway. Mr. Moore said that he was with Russell last on June 29. When shown the pieces of scalp he identified them at once as Russell's. He also identified the hat and shoe as Russell's.

Upon cross-examination he stated that Russell's hair was of a peculiar gray color, and that this scalp was of the same color. He also stated that there was a crack in the toe of the shoe, and that it was turned a little to the left.

"I saw the crack on the shoe the last time I saw Russell," he said, "and it's right there now," indicating a small crack in the toe of the state's exhibit. "I know it was there the last time I saw him," he repeated.

Found Two Pools of Blood. Ed Weaver, who resides about two miles past Myrtle Creek, was then called upon to testify. His place is about a mile and a half from the Pacific highway, on a wagon road. He said he was sitting on the porch of his house about 9:30 on the night of July 13, when a car drove up to within fifty yards of the house. Mr. Weaver described it as being a "moon-shiny" night.

He said the car went past the house, then turned around, switched on the lights, which were off when it came up the road, and headed back in the direction of the highway. He said that it sounded like the car killed its engine in turning around, and that he thought it was some of the family and started toward it, just as it started up. He could see it was a large car.

Next day he was walking up the wagon road about 9 o'clock and about a half mile north of the house a flock of birds flew up from a wet place in the road. It was a place about the size of a saucer and was covered with flies. He took a stick and stirred it up and determined that it was blood. It was between the wheel tracks of the road. The witness said he did not know whether any other cars had passed that way during the night or the early morning, but that the road was very little traveled.

On the 15th of July, after he had heard about the auto wreck, he found another pool of blood in the wagon road about one-fourth mile further north than the first pool.

Upon cross-examination he said that the car which came into his private road looked and sounded like a large car. He could not tell whether or not the car was open.

Upon being asked what kind of a car he operated, Mr. Weaver replied that he ran a Ford.

"Is the county commissioner allowed to run a Ford?" he was asked. "Yes, the taxayers get after us if we run anything else," was his answer.

Murder Car Seen in Town. Edward Kohlhaugen, a Roseburg youth, took the witness stand next and testified that he saw the Brumfield car in Roseburg on the night of July 13th at about 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Kohlhaugen testified that he had known Brumfield for about five years and knew the kind of car he owned. He stated that on the night of July 13th he was at the head of

Jackson street at the Mosher street intersection. He testified that the Brumfield car was first seen by him headed down Main street and that it turned into Mosher. He tried to stop the car, fearing it would turn on Jackson street. He was stationed at that point to guard off traffic as a protective measure against two lawn parties in progress near by. The red Elgin car sped past him, he stated. He could not positively identify the driver, but said the man was wearing a light straw hat and either a white shirt or light coat.

"I was close to the car when it passed and knew that it was the Brumfield auto," he said. "The car was going about twenty-five miles an hour."

Car Near Oak Street Bridge. Virgil McMullen, a railroad trainman, took the stand. He testified that on the night of July 13 he was in a movie show until shortly after 10 o'clock and that he was on his way to his home in West Roseburg. He had just left the west end of the Oak street bridge when he heard a car coming back of him at a terrific speed. He turned to see who was driving so fast and stated that the Brumfield car dashed off the bridge approach and cut the corner to Military avenue. He could not see the driver but was positive it was the Brumfield car. He said he was about 40 feet from it when the car passed him. The driver was hitting it up at about 30 miles an hour, he said. Instead of turning on the road towards the ball park, which is the best and most traveled road, the car kept straight ahead over the hill towards the school house. This road is much rougher than the other one. He fixed the time that the car passed him at about 10:40 o'clock.

Upon cross examination Mr. McMullen stated that he would not swear that the driver of the car was Dr. Brumfield, but that he was certain it was the doctor's auto.

Itney Driver Testifies. Andy Friend, local Itney driver, testified to passing the Brumfield car on the night of July 13th on the Melrose road just north of the Cloake school house. He was headed towards Roseburg and he said the dentist's car was going in the direction of Melrose. He could not see the driver plainly, he said, although he was within three feet of him when he passed. The Brumfield car was traveling about 25 miles per hour, he said. He said he saw the car at about 11 o'clock.

The defense did not cross-examine Mr. Friend.

Saw Feet Hanging Out. Mrs. W. F. Bowman, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Roseburg, was called and said that she was not well acquainted with Dr. Brumfield, but had spoken to him once. She said that she and her husband were going to a dance at Riddle on the night of July 13, and that she saw the defendant on the Pacific highway just past the Booth place. She said that part of the time the lights were on his car, and part of the time they were off. She testified that the Bowman car came so close to the other car that the fenders nearly met, and that Mr. Bowman cried, "Look out, Doc."

The defendant was in the car with one hand on the steering wheel, she said. His car was stopped, and we stopped our car. "I just started to say, 'Do you need any help,' when he started up," the witness said. It was a red car with disc wheels. It went first to the left, then swerved back to the right. The witness said she saw only one person in the car, but when it swerved first to the left and then back to the right, she saw a pair of legs hanging out of the front door, which was open. She took then to be a man's legs, because they were big and rough. She then noticed the hand of the party driving the car trying to close the door, but could not because the feet were in the way. This took place while the car was in motion, she said.

"When my husband said, 'Look out, Doc,' he looked up at us but did not say anything, or at least I did not hear him," she said.

The witness was rigidly examined by Attorney Dexter Rice.

"Have you talked this matter over with your husband—what you have seen, what you have testified to, and what you are going to testify to," he asked.

"Yes, sir," was the answer. She stated further that she at the time discussed with her husband whether or not it was a woman in the car. She said the defendant looked excited, and that she thought he was drunk. All in the car agreed that something was the matter, she said.

Saw Hat and Pool of Blood. B. E. Hargiss, of Myrtle Creek, testified to finding the pool of blood and hat bearing Dennis Russell's initials on the highway near the Booth orchard on the morning of July 14th. Mr. Hargiss stated that he was on

his way to work at the Shady Point rock crusher at about 8:30 o'clock in the morning. As he neared a spot near the Booth orchard he noticed a large pool of blood about two feet long and 18 inches wide. He stopped his car and made an examination. The hat which he identified as the one worn by Russell was found close to the blood. He also found an empty .30 automatic cartridge shell and he picked it up. He thought at first that someone had killed a deer there.

He identified the hat and shell on the witness stand this morning.

Was With Mr. Hargiss. M. H. Shelton, who was with Mr. Hargiss when the blood was found, was the next witness. He testified to picking up the hat and finding the initials "W. D. R." in it. He said he knew it was Russell's hat at that time and placed it on a fence post. He stated that he later saw the same hat in the hands of the sheriff, who was standing in front of the Russell cabin with some other officials.

Prisoner Is Calm. Dr. Brumfield sat throughout the morning session as quiet as a Quaker. He did not bat an eye and only once let the flicker of a smile appear on his face. Mrs. Brumfield was more anxious today than at any time. She did not smile at anything, but paid attention to everything each witness stated.

Brumfield Enjoys Conversation. During the ten minutes recess this morning Dr. Brumfield "snapped out" of his rigid posture. He hitched his chair closer to his wife, bent over, and engaged in a low-voiced conversation with her and Attorney Orcutt. Most of the time during this conversation both the doctor's and Mrs. Brumfield's faces were wreathed in smiles, especially the doctor's.

He appeared as much at home as if he were sitting in the parlor of his home near Melrose, discussing plans for a picnic the following Sunday. He seemed to be entirely oblivious of the fact that immediately behind his back was a throng of interested spectators, and that just across the table were two attorneys, their heads together, discussing evidence by which they will endeavor to send him to the gallows.

After a few moments Attorney Orcutt left and Brumfield's sister, Mrs. Patrick, came up. She shook hands with Mrs. Brumfield and engaged in a low conversation with the two of them. The subject matter was evidently more serious, however, for the dentist no longer smiled. This conversation took place in the presence of a deputy. When court convened the defendant resumed his position of rigid attention.

Saw Brumfield at Myrtle Creek. J. H. Hogan, a trainman, who was coming north on the Shasta on the afternoon of July 13, stated that he saw Dr. Brumfield coming out of the Myrtle Creek depot and going towards Roseburg. This was at 1:48 p. m., the witness said. He stated that he was standing in the open vestibule of the rear car and was within 12 or 14 feet of the dentist. He wore a light hat at that time, the witness said. He testified that he spoke to Brumfield at the time, but did not know whether he answered or not, as the train was going about fifteen miles per hour.

Grant Clayton on Stand. Grant S. Clayton, who resides about one-half of a mile west of Dillard, testified this morning that he had known Dennis Russell for about 25 years.

Mr. Clayton was one of the star witnesses for the state. He testified to finding the large oblong-shaped pool of blood near the Booth orchard on the Pacific highway about nine-tenths of a mile south of the Russell cabin. He said he found the blood on the evening of July 14th. He measured the pool and it was five feet in length. At one end of it the blood was in thick clots. When he found it several cars had passed through it and the blood was splattered.

On the morning of July 15th, Mr. Clayton in company with Rodney Knott and Sam Moore, went to the spot and made a more thorough investigation. In the pool he testified that he found some gray hairs, a bit of a head bullet and pieces of skull bone. He stated that this evidence was brought to Roseburg and placed in the hands of the sheriff. He made another trip to the place on the evening of the 15th and said that the blood had been scraped away by someone. Mr. Clayton said he got down on his hands and knees and examined the pavement beneath the blood very closely. He found a dent in it and at the bottom of the small hole he dug out the copper jacket of a bullet and several other shreds of gray hair.

Two vials containing bits of gray hair were introduced by the state as evidence following Mr. Clayton's identification of them as the hair he

found in the blood. He said the hair was the same color as the hair of Dennis Russell.

Clayton Cross Examined. Although the defense attorney, Dexter Rice, made a desperate attempt to break down the witness upon cross-examination, he was unable to do so. Mr. Clayton did not change his story in the least and it tallied exactly with his testimony before the coroner's inquest.

The Roseburg News-Review received some real publicity during Mr. Clayton's examination. Attorney Rice asked the witness why he had made such an examination of the pool of blood. Mr. Clayton answered: "Well, I read of the murder in the News-Review and I happened to think about the blood out there on the pavement."

"Yes, we'll admit you're liable to read anything in the News-Review," was the sarcastic remark of the defense attorney.

His alleged wit fell with the well known "dull, sickening thud."

Looked Like a Murder. Mr. Clayton stated that when he first noticed the pool of blood it looked as though something about the shape of a human head had been lying in it. The bullet hole in the pavement gave the appearance that the bullet had been fired downward at an angle, "possibly passing thru Dennis Russell's head," concluded the witness. The witness said he was positive that the bone found there was human bone. He said he had viewed the headless body at the morgue but could identify it as the body of Dennis Russell. The hair on the scalp, he said, he could positively identify as the hair of Dennis Russell.

"I say that is the hair of Dennis Russell," said the witness when he was shown the two portions of scalp with gray hair.

When the hair was again produced Mrs. Julia Smith, sister of Dennis Russell, was sobbing in the audience.

Dr. Brumfield did not move in his chair. His eyes were glued to the witness stand.

Evidence Was Strong. The testimony of Grant Clayton was undoubtedly the strongest yet introduced by the state. A clear impression was left that Dennis Russell had been murdered at the spot where blood was found on the Pacific highway.

Sheriff Testifies. Sheriff Sam Starmer was called to the witness stand. Prosecutor Neuner asked the witness if he knew the defendant. "Yes, I have known him personally since August 15th," was the sheriff's answer.

The sheriff testified that he had been acquainted with Dennis Russell for the past 25 years.

Sheriff Starmer was only on the stand a short time this morning, and will be recalled to testify later, and will be recalled to testify later, and will be recalled to testify later.

He told of being called to the vicinity of the Russell cabin to inspect the pool of blood and of finding Dennis Russell's hat there. He said he had scraped up some of the dried blood and sent a part of it to Dr. F. R. Menne in Portland for analysis. When asked if he had any of the blood with him now the sheriff reached in his coat pocket and produced a small bottle of dried blood.

The spectators craned their necks to get a glimpse of the blood of Dennis Russell.

Brumfield also took a good long look, but did not change his expression.

Physician Is Called. Dr. Frank R. Menne, Portland physician and professor of pathology at the University of Oregon medical school in Portland, was the next witness. Dr. Menne testified that a vial containing some substance had been received by him on September 15 from Sheriff Starmer. He testified to making a chemical analysis of the substance and found it to be human blood. In making the analysis, Dr. Menne stated, he used a method to determine the presence of red blood cells and then tried the animal inoculation test. The substance was found to be the blood of a human, as a positive reaction was secured. The state introduced the vials containing the dried blood in evidence, but withdrew the exhibit

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PIEMER LLOYD GEORGE TO ATTEND ARMS PARLEY (By Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 13.—Premier Lloyd George is preparing to go to Washington to attend the armament and far eastern conference, and unless unforeseen difficulties arise he will be there for the first session.

GIANTS WIN WORLD SERIES BY DEFEATING YANKS IN 8TH GAME; SCORE 1 TO 0

Base on Balls and Errors in First Inning Cost Yankees Game Which Gives Series For Giants—Ruth Tries to Turn Defeat by Mighty Wallop but Fails.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The New York Giants won the world baseball series by defeating the New York Yankees today by a score of one to nothing. The game was a hard fought contest and suspense was kept to the final play. Babe Ruth crippled, and disabled, and barred from further participation in the series by the doctor's orders, took the bat in the ninth inning in the forlorn hope of swinging one of his mighty homers to tie the score, but a grounder was his best effort and his out spelled defeat to the Americans.

The giants began auspiciously with a run by Bancroft in the first inning. Bancroft was given a base on balls and scored on Peckinpaugh's error, when the Yankee shortstop let Kelly's grounder get by. The team was on the verge of scoring and the spectators were kept on the edge of their seats.

The Yanks got two on bases in their half of the first and it looked as if their score was to be tied, but the runners failed to get around. The Giants were deprived of a run in the fourth when Rawlings, after getting his second double of the game, reached third, but Burns fanned and the side was retired in the same inning. The Yanks filled the bases but they lost out when Schang flew out to Burns.

Batteries. Giants: Neff and Snyder. Yankees: Hoyt and Schang.

First Inning. Giants—Baker playing third for the Yanks threw out Burns. Bancroft walked. Frisch fouled out to Pipp. Young walked. Hoyt vigorously kicked on the umpire's decision in giving Young a base on balls. Bancroft scored and Young went to third when Peckinpaugh let Kelly's grounder go through him. Hoyt threw out Meusel at first. One run; no hits; one error.

YANKES—Ruth went out on the third base coaching line. Fawcett struck out. Peckinpaugh walked. Miller singled into right. Peck at second. Meusel stayed out to Kelly and on a wild pitch both runners advanced. Pipp fanned. No runs; one hit; no errors.

Second Inning. Giants—Rawlings got a two-bagger to left. Snyder sacrificed Hoyt to Pipp. Rawlings was out at the plate when Peckinpaugh took Neff's grounder and threw to Schang. Burns knocked a foul which was nearly a home run, going foul by a foot. Burns got a single into left. Neff going to second. Peckinpaugh hit out Bancroft at first. No runs; two hits; no errors.

YANKES—Ward fouled out to Snyder. Rawlings threw out Baker, making a nice play. Bancroft threw out Schang. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Third Inning. Giants—Frisch fied out to Miller. Young walked again. Kelly popped out to Peck. Young stole third. Meusel struck out. No runs; no hits; no errors.

YANKES—Frisch threw out Hoyt. Fawcett walked. Peckinpaugh hit into a double play. Bancroft to Rawlings to Kelly. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Fourth Inning. Giants—Rawlings got a hit into left for two bases making his second double. Snyder sacrificed Baker to Pipp. Neff fied to Meusel. Rawlings holding third. Burns fanned. No runs; one hit; no errors.

YANKES—Frisch threw out Miller. Burns took Meusel's long drive. Pipp got a Texas leaser into left. Ward got a single into center Pipp going to second. Baker walked and the bases were full. Schang fied to Burns. No runs; two hits; no errors.

Fifth Inning. Giants—Bancroft fied out to Fawcett. Ward tossed out Frisch. Young got a single over the middle bag. Kelly struck out. No runs; one hit; no errors.

YANKES—Hoyt fouled out to Kelly. Fawcett fouled out to Kelly.

Peckinpaugh walked. Miller forced Peck. Frisch to Rawlings. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Sixth Inning. Giants—Umpire Chihl sent Coach Burckett from the Giant bench, also Tony and Douglas. Meusel got a single over second. Meusel was out stealing. Schang to Peckinpaugh. Rawlings got a single into right. Snyder struck out. Neff fouled to Baker. No runs; two hits; no errors.

YANKES—Meusel lined to Rawlings. Bancroft threw out Pipp. Bancroft threw out Ward. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Seventh Inning. Giants—Burns walked. Bancroft struck out. Frisch fied out to Meusel. Fawcett robbed Young of a hit. No runs; no hits; no errors.

YANKES—Baker fouled out to Frisch. Schang fied out to Meusel. Hoyt singled over Neff. Rawlings took Fawcett's grounder and touched second, forcing Hoyt. No runs; one hit; no errors.

Eighth Inning. Giants—Kelly struck out. Meusel grounded out to Pipp. Unassisted Ward threw out Rawlings. No runs; one hit; no errors.

YANKES—Rawlings threw out Peckinpaugh. Miller fied out to Burns. Meusel struck out. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Ninth Inning. Giants—Baker threw out Snyder. Neff fanned. Hoyt threw out Burns. No runs; no hits; no errors.

YANKES—Ruth batting for Pipp grounded out to Kelly unassisted. Ward walked. Rawlings threw out Baker at first. Ward was thrown out trying for third. Kelly to Frisch. No runs; no hits; no errors.

Score by Innings.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	E
Giants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

BOY HURT IN HOBO TRICK. GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 13.—"If you were a hobo, this is what I would do to you," said a cousin of Robert Jennings of Glendale.

Robert was brought to this city to have a deep wound caused by a jackknife blade between his ribs dressed by a local physician.

The accident occurred while the boys were at play, and no intent to injure Robert was intended by the other lad.

DEBS NOT PARDONED (By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Eugene V. Debs has not been offered a conditional pardon, the department of justice officially stated today.

The Fullerton Parent-Teachers association will hold a meeting tomorrow evening. A musical program has been planned after the business meeting. They will make plans for their annual Halloween social which they will have in the near future.

G. W. RIDDLE COMMANDANT SALEM, Oct. 12.—(Special to the News-Review)—George W. Riddle, of Riddle, was today appointed by Governor Olcott as Commandant of the Oregon Soldiers Home to take the place of S. W. Taylor, whose resignation has been accepted by the governor.

DAILY MARKET REPORT. (By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Oct. 13.—Cattle and hogs are reported steady. Valley lambs fifty cents higher; sheep and lambs east of the mountains steady. Butter three cents higher, extra cubes 45 and 46 cents. Wheat \$1.03 to \$1.07.