

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NEUNER MAKES STRONG ARGUMENT BEFORE BRUMFIELD JURY

Denunciation of Murderer of Dennis Russell Most Bitter—Brumfield Eyes Prosecutor With Face Twisted in Contortions—Courtroom Crowded to Capacity.

District Attorney Neuner's closing argument before the Brumfield jury was a masterpiece and his denunciation of the accused man was most bitter.

The courtroom was crowded to capacity but during the entire argument, District Attorney Neuner, who had been on the stand since 3:45 p. m., until 4:20 p. m., there was no disturbance and everyone seemed intensely interested in the discourse of Douglas Neuner's prosecuting attorney.

Time after time, Attorney Neuner would turn and face the defendant, pointing his finger straight at him, and his face, Brumfield sat motionless in his face, staring straight at the district attorney, with his mouth twisted into sort of a contortion.

Mrs. Brumfield smiled frequently at her husband and would often smile in the direction of the district attorney, who was miming no words in describing the crime with which the defendant was charged.

At the close of Neuner's argument, Mrs. Brumfield yawned and told her husband that she was sleepy.

Before entering the courtroom for the afternoon session, Brumfield asked for two aspirin tablets, stating that he feared he might take sick during the afternoon. Once or twice during Neuner's arguments his face paled, but otherwise he showed no outward signs of worry.

"If I can say one word that will save another Dennis Russell from being murdered, or if I can say one word that will save another Richard Melvin Brumfield from deviating from the straight and narrow path, I shall feel that I have not spoken in vain," he said.

"I will show you, gentlemen of the jury, that this was a murder committed; I will show you that the victim of that murder was William Dennis Russell; and I will show you that the man who committed that murder was Richard Melvin Brumfield. I will show you that there was a motive for that crime, and that the plan was the product of a master criminal mind."

"In the first place I want to say to you that the state must prove that the body was the body of W. Dennis Russell. We must establish that to your satisfaction beyond reasonable doubt. We must prove to you also that the killer was the defendant."

"The body was mutilated and desecrated. The slayer was not satisfied with killing, but after that he mutilated, disfigured, and stripped it of its identification so that it would not be recognized. The doctors said it was a body of a man five feet ten inches tall. We do not know how high the heels of his shoes were when the measurements were taken. Neither do we know how much the body contracted from the time it was found until it was measured several days later."

"Pieces of hair were found attached to that body. Therefore it must have been human hair. It could not have been animal hair, because the body was not that of an animal."

"When this sister got up on the stand and pressed those gruesome pieces of scalp to her lips, it was just as dear to her as the black hair it was to the relatives of the defendant."

"Shows Brumfield's Movements. Here the attorney summarized the testimony of the various witnesses who said they had met Brumfield at the aviation field at Green school house, at Caldera, and at Dillard."

"It does not matter whether he was wearing a straw hat or a cap," he said. "This defendant was the only man that any of these persons met who was driving a car with red disc wheels."

"Then we have that little cabin, almost a dog house, out there by the roadside, now with a little piece of rope hanging on its door, mourning for the man who was known and loved by everybody in that neighborhood—"

"a man who used to sit out there on his porch each evening, smoking his pipe, with his faithful dog by his side. He wasn't a social leader—he didn't belong to any music club—he was only a poor 'boob.' But he was a poor, innocent man with a big heart, even though he hadn't made any big accomplishment in this world. Where is he now? Buried down near Myrtle Creek under the blue canopy of the heavens."

"We have the defendant after 8 o'clock within four miles of that lonely cabin. We next see him south of the Booth place. Where had he come from? He had come down the road past the Brumfield cabin, and not more than a few minutes later two shots were heard. A few seconds, or it may have been minutes, later a car was heard—not a car coming—but a car starting up—starting up like an airplane. A few hundred yards behind it came another car."

"Explains Bowman's Story. "What had that first car been doing? Undoubtedly, in my opinion, something had gone wrong with the car. I don't care whether it was a woman in the car or not; the fact remains that it was a red car with red disc wheels, and this defendant was the operator of that car!"

"There is only one reasonable deduction to make from the testimony in this connection. When the shots were fired into the head of Dennis Russell, the Bowman car was in close proximity. The defendant heard the car coming—his mind worked abnormally. If it had worked normally, he would have put the body in the back of the car. But no, he put it into the front end of the car. He loaded the lifeless body of Dennis Russell into his car and dashed away like a mad man. Then something went wrong with his car."

"This man here is the man who was in that car, according to Mrs. Bowman's testimony. She said that when the car dashed across the road he tried to hold the door shut with his right hand and steer the car with his left hand. Did he have his wife with him? He most certainly did, for if he hadn't, the car and the two occupants would have been found beside the Pacific highway."

"Then there was found by the side of the road the hat of Dennis Russell. He was seen alive at 8 o'clock, and within an hour of that time that hat was lying down beside that pool of blood on the highway."

"All these things are so conclusive that it seems to me to be almost an insult to your intelligence to dwell upon them longer. There is not a cent of evidence to connect any other parties in this transaction than William Dennis Russell and Richard Melvin Brumfield."

"Says Brumfield Removed Teeth. "The slayer of William Dennis Russell placed the property of Richard Melvin Brumfield upon that body, destroyed the identification of that body by removing its head and—what would a dentist naturally do—removed the teeth so the body could not be identified in that manner. The doctors testify that the head was removed by force. An explosion was heard. Dynamite was found near the scene of the wreck."

"On the 13th day of July the defendant recognized a mysterious woman who bought a skirt. If he was insane by reason of the fact that he shipped the skirt, then the woman that bought the skirt was also insane."

"Who Mrs. Norman M. Whitney Is I do not know. There are only two who do know. One is Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, and the other is God Almighty—and I have no way of making either of them tell."

"From my deductions there was a Mrs. Norman Whitney."

"If there wasn't, what was the necessity of sending a package to her? He could have just as well sent it to Norman M. Whitney. And he went into the telephone office to Lake Louise and gave Miss Currie one hundred dollars with instructions to send it to his wife in Seattle when she wired for it."

"That wire never came—because Mrs. Norman M. Whitney got cold feet!"

"Wrote About Box. "The letter to the express company in Seattle signed 'Mrs. Norman M. Whitney,' asking that the package be held, was written in a hand disguised to be feminine. Why did he write that letter? I will tell you. He knew if that box was not called for within thirty days, that it would be returned to Myrtle Creek—but if it were held two months until he got to Australia, he didn't care what became of it."

"His Plan Failed. "He goes up to Calgary and grows a mustache and becomes a farmer by proxy. But his plan was foiled. He knew he needed so much money to get to Australia, so he got a job on a farm. But his plan had failed. The sentinels of God Almighty were stationed along the Pacific highway that night, and they saw him mutilate and rob that body of its identity."

"Insanity Only Defense. "I don't blame him for this defense—it is the only thing he has got. If he hadn't had the defense

of insanity, my God, what would he have had?"

"If you think from the facts that he was insane, go out and return a verdict of 'not guilty' and turn him loose! But Dr. Scalfie didn't know what he was talking about. That alienist couldn't even tell the form of insanity he had. If Dr. Scalfie and Dr. Shoenmaker had lived in the time of Christ, no doubt Judas Iscariot would have been declared insane."

"When the defendant was confronted by Sergeant Waugh did I attack the officer like a maniac? Did he stare vacantly into space? He did what all criminals do—he said he had no statement to make. He knew he had been foiled!"

"Knew Name in Calgary. "He was sane in Calgary for two days, and did not become insane until examined by the expert on the 14th of August. When he was taken upstairs in the prison and his photograph and finger prints taken, what did he say. He said, 'Must I submit to this indignity?' He was Richard Melvin Brumfield, the man whom the people of Roseburg had mourned for on the 14th of July. Why should he submit to such indignity for the killing of a 'poor boob'?"

"He said he would tell the district attorney 'down there' everything. What did he have to tell?"

"Discusses 'Confession Letter.' "Why did he write the alphabet on the envelope of this 'confession letter'? Because he wanted the letter to appear to be the handwriting of Dennis Russell. And the contents of the letter itself—'I changed clothes'—spelled the way old Dennis Russell would have spelled it—not 'clothes' like the polished Richard Brumfield would have written."

"Here the attorney went on to show that the reference to collecting money from the Nixon girl was to account for his going to Myrtle Creek on that day. The shots fired to try out the gun, were to explain the shots heard by Ronk. His 'busting his nose on the pavement' was responsible for the blood spot on the highway."

"When he was in jail in Calgary he heard bells ringing, and heard groans and moans. No wonder! He heard bells ringing in mourning for his victim, and he heard the groans and groans of Dennis Russell. It was the first time he was confined alone in his cell with the spirit of Dennis Russell."

"Brumfield Made Mistake. "The only mistake the defendant made was that he didn't go back far enough. When he tied his loss of memory to the 10th day of July, he didn't know that another piece of evidence had been discovered dated prior to the 10th of July. There was no date on the letter written by him to the steamship company, but Mr. Bagnall told us on the stand that they received that letter on the 4th day of July, and we have a right to assume that it was written before it was received. If it was received on the 4th day of July, then it wasn't written after the 10th."

"Mrs. Whitney to Go With Him. "He inquired regarding the cost of shipping a Studebaker car. The doctor never had a Studebaker car, nor had he ever discussed buying one. I don't know whether or not Mrs. Norman M. Whitney had a Studebaker."

"He says in the letter, 'Will passports be necessary?' He didn't say 'passport,' but he said 'passports'—a passport for Mrs. Norman M. Whitney as well as himself."

"A sailing schedule of the Canadian Australasian Steamship company, found in his possession, shows that the steamer Niagara would sail on September 10. This was the date he told the chambermaid in Lake Louise that he would sail for Australia."

"Hits Toooley Hard. Attorney Neuner denounced J. P. Toooley, the man who claimed he came into Brumfield's office about the first of July and found him staring into space, and that when he called to him, Brumfield crouched behind his chair and stared at him with an insane expression."

"The defense brings in a man who says he was suffering from tooth ache and went in to get the tooth pulled—a man who reported the night he saw, not until the 14th day of October—the man who after that didn't have time to have his tooth pulled."

"He is a man, in my opinion, who would swear to anything in order to get the \$50 and to come down here at the expense of the state of Oregon." Here the attorney consulted the office calendar of Brumfield and pointed out that the dentist had appointments at all the hours when it would have been possible for this to happen, according to the testimony given by that witness, who did not know the exact day but knew the time of day."

"The testimony of a degenerate like this should be thrown out," he continued. "Perhaps when the defendant was thinking so hard, gazing into space, he was planning this letter to the steamship company."

"Only One Fit Thrown. Here the attorney commented on the testimony to the effect that Brumfield was sometimes boisterous and hilarious around his office. 'He wasn't throwing any fits around the Perkins building, according to the testimony of Mr. Perkins. The only fit that was thrown was thrown out there on the highway by poor Dennis Russell.'

"Bids Jury Do Their Duty. "The only thing I ask of you gentlemen of the jury, is that you do your duty. I know you will. Remember that the state has presented a case of extraordinary strong circumstances and facts, and has proven every material allegation of this indictment beyond reasonable doubt and beyond moral certainty. We have proved that the body was that of Dennis Russell. We have proved that this defendant killed Dennis Russell. We have proved that he did it deliberately and premeditatedly."

PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The senate last night ratified the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary. The exchange of ratifications of the "treaty of Berlin" will be the next step.

BERGDOLL PAPERS STOLEN.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—A box containing the Bergdoll investigation papers stolen from the office of Representative Johnson of Kentucky, were found this morning on the fifth floor of the house office building. Important documents, however, were missing.

The only question is, have the defense made out the defendant's insanity?

"We have shown you by the best medical skill obtainable that the defendant was not insane on July 12. We have shown beyond a doubt that the defendant was sane at all times, and we are therefore entitled to your verdict."

"The eyes of the nation are on you tonight. It is up to you whether you vindicate the honor of your state and the soil of old Douglas county. Gentlemen, do your duty."

As he spoke these concluding words, the attorney turned away from the jury and his gaze met that of the defendant. Those strange black eyes which have been pictured and described throughout the newspapers of the Pacific coast, were fixed steadily upon the face of the man who was trying to persuade the jury to send him to the gallows. For a full sixty seconds the eyes of the accused and those of the accuser held each other like two rattlesnakes. The spectators sat on the edges of their chairs and the newspaper reporters held their breath.

Then, as he spoke the final words, "Gentlemen, do your duty," the attorney turned again to the jury and the prisoner closed his eyes for the fraction of a second.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion met Tuesday night at the Parish House. At the business meeting they decided to appoint a committee to look up all the members that are delinquent in their dues, and if not paid by a certain date will be dropped from membership.

Mrs. Jane W. Winton and Mrs. Bert Bates were appointed on a committee to see all the members and have them get a new member that will be eligible to the Auxiliary by Armistice Day. Those that are eligible are mothers, daughters, sisters and wives. The next business meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday in November. On the first Tuesday in November will be a social night and the American Legion will entertain the Auxiliary.

The most dazzling assortment of jewels and gowns ever worn by Anita Stewart will be seen when her latest First National picture, "Harriet and Piper," at the Majestic tonight. In one scene she appears as a "Queen of Greenwich Village," wearing a bizarre princess costume, heavily laden with gems and beads, and displaying a brilliant feathered headdress. The settings, which are true reproductions of Greenwich Village studios, were arranged by Director Bertram Bracken, who made a special trip to New York's famous Bohemian quarter to get atmosphere for the production.

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Appeal Filed In Umpqua Park Case

O. J. Lindsey and wife, today filed notice of appeal to the Circuit Court of damages allowed by the county court in confiscating their property on the West Side of the South Umpqua, where the court is proceeding to construct a road to Umpqua Park addition. This appeal is a part of the fight which has been in progress for several months in regard to the bridge site and the location of a road.

The controversy first started over the site of a proposed bridge to replace the old Alexander Bridge leading to the Umpqua Park Addition. The city's application for a crossing over the railroad tracks was denied, but prior to the decision the city announced that it would not use the crossing should it be granted. This placed in jeopardy the city's opportunity to obtain a park site.

The park was offered free to the city contingent upon the construction of a bridge. Since then, however, Mr. Evans, the owner of the land and the prospective donor of the park has given an option on the land, it is understood, the park property being withheld in the event the city builds the bridge. If, however, the bridge is not built, a legal tangle is apt to result as the city will probably be able to acquire the land only by condemnation.

After the crossing application was denied, the county court announced its determination to construct a road up the west side of the river in compliance with a petition presented by a number of the property owners. The location of the road was objected to by Mr. Lindsey on the ground that it took away some of his best orchard property and he protested the amount of damages allowed by the court.

The order adopting the route was made, however, and now the property owner is appealing to the Circuit court from the amount of damages allowed. This litigation will probably hold proceedings up for several months to come. Attorney B. L. Eddy is representing the plaintiff in the matter.

Legion Post Holds Meeting

A very enthusiastic meeting of Umpqua post of the American Legion was held at the armory last night. There was a good attendance and much interest displayed. Commander Leo Devaney was presented with a fine wedding gift in the form of an electric percolator.

The members voted to go to Dr. on Saturday, October 29, and meet with the ex-service men of that place. The train men will be given an opportunity to hear an outline of the Armistice Day program and make any suggestions which they may have to offer for this big celebration.

The committee in charge of the celebration announced that plans are moving forward rapidly and that a big time may be expected.

Miss Jennie Buick Is Entertained

CORVALLIS, Oct. 19.—A luncheon was given in honor of Miss Jennie Buick of Roseburg by the Delta Delta Delta sorority where she is acting as housemother. The guest list included all the housemothers on the campus and Mrs. J. B. Hornfamous, a former resident of Roseburg.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

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