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Lowest Last Night 38
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MENTAL STRESS GOADS SLAYERS TO CONFESSION

Youthful Oregon Convicts, in for Burglary, Tell of Graver Crime.

NOOSE NOT FEARED

Killed and Robbed Drunken Companion, Then Silent Until His Skeleton Was Found.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 28.—State Penitentiary Warden Dalrymple today confirmed the identity of the two convicts who confessed to a recent murder and robbery in Washington state as Armond B. Dornier and James W. Mack.

SALEM, Ore., March 28.—Declaring that they prefer to pay the penalty even death by the rope, rather than bear any longer the mental burden of unconfessed guilt, two youthful prisoners in the state penitentiary yesterday voluntarily confessed to Warden Dalrymple that they murdered the man whose skeleton was found last Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Joe Coleman at Chehalis, Wash., on Tilton river, 28 miles east of that city. A bullet hole in the skull indicated murder, but the mystery was complete, with the skeleton unidentified and suspicion held against no man.

The prison authorities refused to make public the names of the two men, but stated they were received at the state prison about four months ago from Jackson county to do five years each for burglary. Dispatches from Medford indicate that the two are Armond B. Dornier and James W. Mack.

V. Starrett, state parole officer, who also heard the confession of the two men, stated that he was working at the Jackson county court house at the time they were convicted and that he distinctly remembered that they were members of a party of five who were traveling south. They are 22 and 24 years old.

According to the story told by the two men to the warden, they had stolen an automobile in Seattle, the latter part of last May and started south in the car a short distance out of Seattle they overtook a stranger who wanted a ride. They allowed him to get into their car. He was drunk, according to their story, wore a diamond stickpin and talked as if he had money. He spoke of working in logging camps.

The two automobile thieves rode in the front seat, the stranger in the rear. Under some pretext one of the fugitives got into the rear seat with the stranger, so the story to Warden Dalrymple goes, and watching his opportunity, attempted to take the diamond stickpin from the stranger. A fight followed and the stranger, though intoxicated, was getting rough on the two.

Union Pacific Pleads Enormous Operating Deficit in Opposing Oregon's Demand for Extension

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—The Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad asked the interstate commerce commission today for permission to build 140 miles of new railroad in Oregon. No estimates of costs were included. The line would extend in two directions from Sprague river to the present terminus of the Oregon-California and Eastern's system. One branch would run to Silver Lake and the other to Lakeview.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Railroads wound up today before the interstate commerce commission, their argument in opposition to the demand of the State of Oregon that more than 400 miles of new lines to be constructed through its Central and Eastern portions. After brief rejoinders by attorneys representing the state and localities interested, the issue was taken under consideration by the commission.

A. G. Spencer, general solicitor for the Oregon-Pacific Railroad and Navigation company, the Union Pacific's subsidiary which would be obliged to undertake a large portion of the expenditure, was in no financial condition to assume the burden.

FIGHT FOR BAIL RENEWED IN THE SHEPHERD CASE

Attorney for Accused Heir of McClintock Attacks State's Methods.

BLACKMAIL CHARGED

Confession Held Drawn From Faimean by Immunity from Trial for Malpractice.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—Charges of blackmail and of intimidation and bribery were exchanged as counsel for William D. Shepherd, charged with murder, renewed the fight for bail for the accused. In an affidavit in support of a motion that Judge Jacob Hopkins reconsider his denial of bail, it was charged that the confession of C. C. Faimean that he taught Shepherd how to kill Shepherd's ward, William N. McClintock, with typhoid germs, was obtained by a blackmail scheme.

After filing the affidavit with Judge Hopkins, Attorney William Scott Stewart, who himself swore to the affidavit, announced that Earl Clark a former agent for Faimean's university of sciences, had been arrested by the state's attorneys men last night and that Clark's wife also was held in custody.

Assistant State's Attorney Geo. E. Gorman stated to the court that it was true that Clark and his wife were held and declared that all witnesses against whom intimidations or bribery was attempted, would be taken into custody for their own protection as was Clark.

Clark was represented in the affidavit as having told Attorney Stewart that Faimean had once operated illegally upon a woman who died afterwards and that the prosecution had caused him to make his confession accusing Shepherd.

Judge Hopkins postponed hearing on the defense motion until Tuesday when the new fight by Shepherd's counsel will be pressed in court.

The affidavit set forth that according to Earl Clark, a former agent for Faimean's school, the woman was taken to the school by a man and then an operation for some disease was performed by Faimean and that the death followed.

Further the affidavit deposed that he had information and belief that John Sbarbaro, assistant state attorney, had promised immunity to Faimean who was indicted with Shepherd, but who had been held in a hotel by the state's attorneys men and had not yet been arrested on the indictment or put in jail, also it was stated that his school would not be interfered with and further stated that the affidavit believed that when J. P. Marchand, the name by which a former agent of Faimean's school was known, and had said Shepherd wrote a letter applying for a course in bacteriology, which Faimean spoke of in his confession, that it was in reference to the alleged operation. It was asserted that Marchand was threatening to divulge information of the operation unless Faimean would tell the state's attorney about the alleged study of germs by Shepherd at Faimean's school.

The affidavit charged that Faimean's confession was obtained by and alleged blackmail scheme, in connection with the encounter with Marchand and the alleged operation. Clark, the affidavit alleged, told the affiant that he had a certain conversation with Marchand regarding the letter of application Marchand and Faimean say was sent to the school, and that the affiant sought advice from C. C. Bartlett, an attorney, in the fear that some blackmail charge might arise. Marchand has testified that he once made the remark that the letter ought to be worth \$50,000 or \$100,000.

CHICAGO, March 28.—An affidavit charging that C. C. Faimean, whose confession has been made the principal evidence against William Shepherd, charged with murder, once operated illegally upon a woman in his science school and that the woman died, was taken into criminal court today by Shepherd's counsel.

"God Help Ireland" Is Cry When Crop and Stock Failures Force People to Subsist on Leaves

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SURVEY BEING MADE

New Mains and Pipe Lines to Be Laid to Serve Patrons—Vice-President Here.

Medford, Ore., Mar. 28.—The motion of the First Baptist church of Ashland, through its trustees, that the name of the pastor, the Rev. B. C. Miller, be stricken out as a defendant in the suit of the Ashland Baptist church for possession of the church property, was denied in an order handed down by Circuit Judge Charles M. Thomas yesterday.

Further pleas of the motion that the complaint more specifically state the financial responsibility of the trustees, and whether they were defendants collectively or individually, was also denied as was the plea that certain paragraphs be stricken.

The suit is the outgrowth of a split in the Baptist congregation of Ashland following the "Dr. Price Divine Healing Meetings," two or three years ago, which attracted wide attention at the time.

Umpqua Post of the American Legion put over a fun bazaar at the army last night for the first time since the "Dr. Price" swept the boys off their feet. By eight o'clock the army was packed and the crowd staid until midnight. It was undoubtedly the most successful event of its kind in the history of the legion post and tonight's show will see larger crowds than ever. Some band new features are planned for tonight and the vaudeville program at 7:30 o'clock will be well worth attending.

The little dancers, pupils of Miss Evelyn Nolan of the Helaine Conservatory, proved to be a great hit. They danced merrily and the happy throngs cheered them to an echo. Their skill in the art of dancing was remarkable and tonight they will put on a brand new program for the show. Miss Elinor Wilson whistled two delightful solos. She is always a big hit on any program and last night received deafening applause. The Kwanza Kanoo band was a knock out and Irv Rynn exhibited some pleasing technique on his drum. The aggregation of fun makers will be on hand again tonight. Shorty Schneider, in a blackface skit, rattled a mean pair of bones. His act was a pippin and will be repeated with variations this evening. Shorty can make the old bones sing.

The surprise feature of the evening was the appearance of the Douglas County Concert Band. The band boys, anxious to show their cooperation with the American Legion, volunteered their services and paraded the main streets last night. The band was led by their conductor, the army where they cut loose with some of the snappiest march pieces ever heard. They were cheered and cheered and the legion boys were agreeably surprised at their sudden appearance. Tonight the band will be attired in true cowboy style and will be featuring the show and then entered the army where they cut loose with some of the snappiest march pieces ever heard. They were cheered and cheered and the legion boys were agreeably surprised at their sudden appearance.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28.—Willamette valley cherries are being contracted. Buyers are already in the field signing up for the new crop of Bing and Lambertson a guaranty-price-plus basis. Approximately 900 tons have been signed up around McMinnville, Sheridan, Salem, Albany, Portland and The Dalles, figured on last year's tonnage as a basis.

R. R. Hurst, representing Denney and company of Chicago, reports that the contract proposition is popular among the growers, and should net them a fancy price if the cherry deal is as good as last year.

GROWERS are being schooled on the proper spraying to insure the cherries a good shipping quality and to eliminate insect and worm damage.

OTTAWA, Ill., Mar. 28.—A gas explosion and fire practically destroyed one of the plants of the National Fire Proofing company here today. Three men, employed in the plant where seventy men were working were injured. Damage to the plant was estimated at \$200,000.

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Thomas D. Petch, vice president and general manager of the Southern Oregon Gas company, is in Roseburg for a few days making a survey of the field with the purpose of making a number of substantial changes, particularly in the method of manufacturing gas. He is accompanied by Mrs. Petch, who is aiding him in the reorganization work here.

They have just returned from Portland after placing an order for a number of the new style smooth-top ranges, which have been developed increasing the efficiency of gas for domestic use. A large shipment of these stoves will be received in Roseburg within a few days, Mrs. Petch states.

The machinery at the local plant is to be altered in such a way that coal instead of oil can be used for fuel. Mr. Petch has made a determined effort to have the freight costs on oil reduced to a point where the plants could continue to use oil for fuel, but he has been unable to accomplish nothing in this regard, and so, after a series of successful experiments, is changing the style of the manufacturing plants so that local fuels can be used.

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The experiment has been watched very carefully by gas men all over the country, and Mr. Petch's plan may make a decided change in the process of making gas.

Mr. Petch as far as possible is using local coal. At Medford and Grants Pass coal from the mines in southern Oregon is being used exclusively, and he hopes to be able to do the same here, cutting the costs of fuel to the lowest possible figure.

He is investigating Melrose coal and also other coal deposits in Douglas county, in the hope of developing a mine where fuel can be obtained to operate the plant in this city. The change will necessitate a number of new mains and other improvements and engineers will make a careful survey of the city for the purpose of deciding where the new mains are to be located.

Mr. Petch hopes to be able to increase the use of gas in Roseburg for cooking and illuminating purposes, and at the same time be able to give this service at the lowest possible cost, by eliminating the freight costs which are now making the business unprofitable because of the great overhead expense.

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The land secured for the enlargement of their track, was leased from A. F. Stearns and B. E. Leas. It lies on the west side of the track which will give an opportunity of making the curves wider, which will add a great deal of speed to the track.

The Gobblers are planning for a great celebration on July 4, and already have their plans well in hand. It is possible that they will give a preliminary race program on the 3rd, but this has not yet been definitely determined. On the 4th, however, there will be a full race program, augmented by foot races and other sports, with a baseball game, and athletic contests. A patriotic program will be given in the morning.

The city park will be open for picnics, and all paid attractions will be within the bounds of the Gobblers' field. Last year the crowd which thronged Oakland for the celebration was greater than had been expected, and this year the Gobblers expect to make arrangements to provide accommodations for a great crowd, and will probably enlarge the grandstand to provide greater seating capacity.

The racing card promises to be the best seen in many years. Already the committee has received more inquiries than ever before. The Oakland track is becoming more known, and the owners of racing strings like to run their horses on that course. The Myrtle Point horses are to appear at Oakland this season ahead of any other celebration, while other well known strings will doubtless compete at the Oakland track.

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