

## Brumfield Must Hang for Murder

### BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS VERY OPTIMISTIC

Preliminary Meeting This Morning is Encouraging

### A. F. OF L. MAN INSISTS ON STRIKE

Washington is All Agog Over The Probabilities of The Coming Strike; Preparing For Situation

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Chief of the Big Four brotherhoods and of the switchmen's union held a conference preparatory to the meeting this afternoon with the railroad labor board. Union headquarters are optimistic and there was strongly evident a feeling that there will be no strike unless something unexpected occurs.

J. N. McGrath, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, however, declared that he thought the strike was certain.

Interest Keen. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Interest here in the strike situation was centered Wednesday in the conference of railroad leaders and the railroad labor board Thursday in Chicago. Hope that a definite program to avert the strike would result was general in government circles.

Attorney General Daugherty said that the department of justice was giving "considerable attention to the matter" of the threatened strike. He declined to elaborate, but there have been reports that department agents have submitted reports based on investigation of the activity of both sides.

Decision Today. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The interstate commerce commission is expected to announce today a decision in the pending cases requesting rate cuts in grain, hay, feed and lumber, following a conference being held with the president.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—The leaders of the railroad union said today that the strike cannot be postponed but that it can be settled.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Plans for the movement of essential commodities in case of a general railroad strike have been completed by the department of commerce, Secretary Hoover announced.

CONTINUAL WORK. CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—A fair wage scale with regular work is better than a high scale on paper with no work, Harry N. Taylor, Kansas City coal operator, told the American mining congress today.

CLUE DISCOVERED. PARIS, Oct. 20.—French experts found a clue to the bomb sent to Ambassador Herrick in the handwriting on the threatening letter, which they declare was similar to that of the address on the package.

### Atmosphere of Other Days Is Brought Out

What appears, after the first cursory inspection of gate receipts to be the biggest first night in the history of the Elks' 49 show, marks the opening of the 1921 benefit entertainment looking toward fitting visitation to La Grande next Christmas Day by Santa Claus. After the procession of marching Elks and horsemen typifying the early day had stormed the street, the doors swung open. However, several features planned for the parade fell down at the last moment.

That La Grande never tires of seeing and smelling and listening to the complex atmosphere of an old-fashioned gambling hall was evidenced last evening. The wheels spun, the dice were danced, the fiddlers played, and the crowd milled around—all in rapid one last evening.

### Death Takes Mary Warnick

Following a Lingered Illness Prominent Woman Passes On.

Miss Mary Antoinette Warnick died at her home, 1103 Sixth street, at 11:40 Wednesday morning, following a lingering illness of three months due to heart trouble.

She was a girl of unusual ability and strength of purpose, sacrificing her own personal comforts and pleasures to thinking of, and caring for others.

At an early age, the care of an invalid mother fell upon her, which duty she faithfully, patiently and lovingly performed for more than seven years.

After the death of her mother she remained the homemaker for her father for many years, a dutiful daughter in every sense of the word.

Being a daughter of pioneer parents, she was a typical western woman, generous in hospitality, ready to give aid to those in need, to comfort the afflicted and sympathize with the sorrowing.

The community has been made better by the example of her life and her death in the prime of her usefulness is to be deplored by all.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a devoted brother, Lee Warnick, and family, several relatives and a host of friends, to whom the sympathy of the entire community is extended.

Deceased was born in La Grande on August 1, 1873, and belonged to one of the pioneer families in the valley. Miss Warnick was prominently connected with the early development of the community.

For a period of fourteen years she was secretary of the local chapter of Eastern Star and at all times she has been prominently connected with that organization.

The funeral will be held from the Episcopal church, of which she was a member during her entire lifetime, at two o'clock Friday afternoon.

### LYCEUM COURSE IS ARRANGED

With the rapid approach of the first date of the winter lyceum course, the city-wide committee made up of 10 different organizations of La Grande that strive for the betterment of the community is bestirring itself for perfected plans for the year.

The course has four numbers, and will be well blended with music and lectures.

The committee has inaugurated a campaign of education toward enlarging attendance at the different numbers. Frequently ticket holders let a lyceum number pass without attending, especially if the date interferes with any other attraction, and it is this condition that the committee would like to cure. To develop a feeling of city-wide loyalty toward the lyceum course, and an equally emphatic policy of letting the lyceum come first in the way of entertainment, is one of the tasks before the committee.

MONSTER FINES. JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 20.—Chancellor V. J. Stricker Wednesday issued a decree in Hinds county chancery court, imposing fines aggregating nearly \$9,500,000 on fire insurance companies formerly doing business in this state. Thirty-three companies were fined \$195,875 each. Others were fined from \$1000 upwards.

Goldfish have been known to live for sixty years.

### Banquet Feature of Meeting of Missionary Synod

State Meeting Being Held Here With Delegates From All Parts of the State; Closing Session Tonight

The meeting of the women's synodical home and foreign missionary society of the Presbyterian church opened here yesterday. A large number of delegates from all parts of the state are in attendance. The feature of yesterday's session was the mothers' and daughters' banquet at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn responded to the mothers' toast, "What the Mothers Owe the Daughters," and Miss Helen McDonald responded to the daughters' toast, "What the Daughters Owe the Mothers," both speakers bring out the necessity for mutual confidences between mother and daughter.

The delegates attending include many leading women in the state, the entire state being represented at the meeting. Rev. E. T. Allen of Walla Walla is among the guests of honor. Other guests of honor include Mrs. Charles W. Williams, executive secretary of the North Pacific district, and Miss Lucy H. Dawson, general secretary of the women's board of home missions of New York City.

The meetings close tonight.

### KNOCKED OUT IN THIRD

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Denver Ed Martin knocked out Sergeant Ray Smith in the third round last night.

### WANT VACATION

OMAHA, Oct. 20.—Eighty-five per cent of the packing plant employees of Omaha, who voted in the recent strike referendum favored authorizing the executive board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America to call a strike in the packing industry if such action is deemed necessary to protect interests of the employees, according to J. W. Burns, secretary of the union's district council No. 5.

### BIG LOOT

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Oct. 20.—Thirty thousand dollars was the loot obtained by the lone robber who held up the express messenger on a train yesterday.

### G. A. R. MAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Capt. Americus Whelton, vice-commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here Tuesday night, aged 81 years. He was visiting a daughter here at the time of his death. The body will be sent to Lexington, Ky., Captain Whelton's home, for burial.

### FLOUR PRICES TUMBLING

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 20.—Following yesterday's decline in wheat, flour broke to new low levels today, touching \$7.40 a barrel for the first time in about six years.

Mills posted prices of \$7 to \$7.15 a barrel for family patents today, a reduction of 40 to 45 cents from yesterday.

### VICTORY WAY COMPLETION TO BE RUSHED

City Commission Orders Bids Advertised for Monday

### COST AT THIS TIME OF YEAR VERY LOW

Commission Also Decides to Curb Slot Machine Gambling if Facts Are Reported

The grading of the Victory Way is to be completed this fall, according to a decision made by the city commission last night. Bids are to be opened on next Monday, October 24, and the work is to be rushed to completion so that the Neighborhood Club ladies can plant the trees this fall.

According to the estimate of City Manager George Garrett there will be approximately 4500 cubic yards of excavation and 1000 cubic yards of fill to be made and the estimated cost will be \$2500.

### Best Time for Work

When Mr. Garrett announced his estimate on the cost, one of the ladies from the Neighborhood Club committee present declared that she thought the work would be done "terribly cheap" at the estimate made. Mr. Garrett explained that the work can be done much cheaper now than it could have been done before the rain of the past week. All summer long the ground was hard and this would have greatly increased the expense. By doing the work at this time it will be completed before the ground freezes, thus keeping the cost down when compared with what it would cost if done later in the year.

Gambling was also discussed by the city commission at its meeting. Commissioner J. D. McKennon reported that the father of a boy in town reported to him that he gave the boy \$4 to go to the express office and pay some expressage. The lad said he lost all the money in a slot machine and didn't get the express package. This

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### Germany May Now be Preparing for Another Big War

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The Munich correspondent of the London Times has informed that the Germans have perfected a triple-barreled machine gun, electrically operated, weighing 22 pounds and capable of spreading 2000 rounds per minute in a circle. The three barrels could be operated by a gunner a half mile distant.

This is cited as instances how German industries are devising engines of war, and the correspondent declares Germany is concealing her armies under civilian guise and that chemists are conducting researches into poisonous gases and bacteriological possibilities of destruction.

### Money Making Is Being Speeded Up at Frisco Mint

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Approximately 260,000 silver dollars are being made daily at the San Francisco mint under recent instructions to speed up production, according to Superintendent M. J. Kelly.

Every department is working to its full capacity and the mint is so busy that the plant officials have suspended for a time the rules permitting visitors to inspect the establishment.

According to Mr. Kelly, the coinage of silver dollars is being increased in order that the government might have interest on short term treasury notes.

### Oregon Professor in Philippines

MANILA, P. I., Oct. 20.—Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology of the University of Oregon, has been granted an extension of leave to study his work in the Philippine islands. Dr. Smith has for several years been chief of the division of mines in the bureau of science in the Philippines, but his contract expired recently. He has obtained an extension of leave from the Oregon institution and the council of state of the Philippines has just renewed his contract for another year.

### HOUSE TO BE REPRODUCED

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 20.—A reproduction of Elkhorn, the North Dakota ranch house in which Theodore Roosevelt for three years lived the life of a cowboy, is being by Boy Scouts of America as their contribution to Roosevelt Memorial Park.

If the project develops scout troops from all over the country will supply the wood and the house will be built under the direction of "Bill" Sewall, Roosevelt's friend, guide and fellow ranchman.

It is proposed to have the original cornerstones of the ranch house carried by relays of scouts from Little Missouri River to Oyster Bay.

PORTLAND WHEAT. PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Wheat closed here at 95 to \$1.00 today.

### Auto Accident Victim Improves

Everett Walker Hurt Last Night on North Fir Street

The condition of Everett Walker, who was run down by an automobile driven by F. A. Selig last evening, is reported as very encouraging and un- less complications set in his full recovery is hoped for. He is suffering from injuries to his head and to one of his legs.

The accident happened on North Fir street near V avenue. According to Selig, he was driving at a speed near 20 miles per hour and Walker bobbed up in front of his car suddenly. He was running, Selig said, and as he was so close to the car he was not within the range of the lights on the machine and the driver could not see him. Apparently he tried to run across in front of the machine. He was running diagonally across the street. Walker was struck by the fender of the machine.

Immediately after the accident Selig rushed Walker to the hospital and secured medical aid and then reported to the police. There were two witnesses to the accident, A. L. Selig, a brother of the man driving the car, who was in the machine, and F. L. Worin, who saw the accident from the sidewalk. Both corroborate the driver's statements, according to the police.

Selig lives at 1018 Y and Walker lives at 1519 W.

### FUR-TOP STOCKINGS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—These rolled-down stockings that the young women have been wearing have been giving the orthodox quite a jolt. They got another the other day when a New York girl returning from France exhibited some lacy thrills with which Parisians are crowning the rolls. It's getting a bit late for such summery frills, but a fur top for stockings is now under consideration for the coming winter.

### Shakes Dice and Pays \$10 Fine in Court in Morning

P. Trakas, owner of a cigar stand, was fined \$10 this morning in municipal court for gambling. He pleaded guilty to the charge. The complaint against Trakas was filed by City Attorney James D. Slater. Mr. Slater was passing by the Trakas stand when he heard a friendly argument about a game of dice. Slater determined that the men were playing for money and asked Trakas to report in police court this morning where a complaint would be waiting for him.

### WANTS TO RECOVER MONEY LOST ON GAMBLING DEALS

SPOKANE, Oct. 20.—Charges that \$200,000 of the funds of the late Jas. E. Callahan, wealthy Idaho mining man, wrongfully appropriated by the defunct bond firm of Milholland & Hough, were lost in alleged "gambling deals" through the brokerage firm of Walter J. Nicholls & Co., are made in a suit filed here by D. R. Glasgow, administrator of the Callahan estate, to recover the money.

The suit is brought against Nicholls and his wife and C. E. McBroom, assignee. The company recently made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

### WANTS CONGRESS TO HURRY

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 20.—Speedy action on the part of congress to relieve unemployment condition in this state, which were declared to be "acute," was urged in a telegram sent to Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, by acting Governor W. J. Coyle, who arrived here with members of the state park commission. The telegram was sent in response to an inquiry from Secretary Hoover as to whether the state highway program could be enlarged if federal aid were forthcoming.

Fee bald-headed men die of consumption.

### Three Shot In Tong War At The Dalles Last Night

THE DALLES, Oct. 20.—The entire police force and the fire department were called out after Chief of Police Heater was shot last night in a tong outbreak as he ran to assist Patrolman Dunmore, who was fired on by three Chinese.

Thirty shots were fired during the fray. Heater was not seriously wounded. Rob Sanders, a fireman, was shot in the hip. A Chinese was also wounded.

### BRUMFIELD MUST HANG IS JURY VERDICT

Shortly Before Midnight Verdict Was Read; Sentence Saturday

### MRS. BRUMFIELD SUFFERS COLLAPSE

Man Accused And Convicted Still Maintains He Didn't do it But Says Evidence Is Strong

ROSEBURG, Oct. 20.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, charged with the slaying of Dennis Russell near here July 13, is guilty of murder of the first degree, according to the verdict brought in by the jury at 11:50 last night. The penalty is his death by hanging.

Sentence is to be passed Saturday morning. Mrs. Brumfield collapsed when the verdict was read. The prisoner showed no emotion.

"As sure as there is a God in heaven I am innocent," said Brumfield this morning, eight hours after the jury convicted him of first degree murder for the death of Dennis Russell. "I am just as innocent as anybody could be, but I was not surprised at the verdict because I wasn't able to help my lawyers and the evidence was as damning as it could be. I know the story I told sounded awfully wild, but it was facts, and the only thing I know."

Mrs. Brumfield was still in a state of collapse this morning. The iron nerve of Brumfield, exhibited at the trial which ended last night, broke today when his wife arrived at the jail with a clean shirt for him. He could not speak to her. She told him to "brace up, this thing is not through."

He broke into tears and later told the sheriff that it was more than he could stand. Argument for a new trial will be heard Saturday. His attorneys plan an appeal.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 20.—In conclusion Special Prosecutor Hammersley yesterday afternoon asked the death penalty for Dr. Brumfield. A. N. Orcutt, Brumfield's attorney, reviewed the evidence to show the weakness of the state's case, contending that it had not been proved that there had been a murder and that Brumfield was the murderer.

"They have given us a few scattered hints, a pool of blood, a hat, a wrecked automobile, a fraternity pin, but they do not tell us how, nor where, nor why. We have been looking for the state to tell us how and where Dennis Russell was murdered. But we haven't been told," Orcutt said. He paid little attention to the insanity theory.

Without explaining what he meant to prove by it, Orcutt read the following letter taken from Russell's ex-hilited possessions: "Mr. W. D. Russell: Please don't send any more letters to me. I am a married woman and I don't care to hear from you at all. You claim to be a man, but I do not think so. If you was you would pay your honest bills. I do not care to have you waste paper on me. I am a married woman and live a clean life and I have the best husband in the world, so keep your letters." The signature was not read.

