

Murder Suspect Is Questioned

QUIZ UNDER WAY NOW AT PENDLETON

Sheriff Breshears and District Attorney Helm in Round-Up City.

SMITH SHOT FIVE TIMES WITH A .32

Nearly 70 Men Questioned So Far in Connection With Killing of Railroad Detective.

Although nearly 70 men have been questioned already by officers in connection with the killing of Eldon L. Smith, Union Pacific railroad detective, near Hilgard Thursday night, investigators today still were not sure they had their hands on the slayer. One suspect was being questioned at Pendleton today with a great deal of secrecy attending the quiz. Even when he was in jail here for more questioning. Over 30 had been questioned previously at Pendleton, 17 in Baker and seven in La Grande, most of whom have been released.

An autopsy last night established that Mr. Smith was shot to death with a .32 caliber revolver, although two .38 caliber shells were found near the site of the killing. A .45 caliber shell, similar to the kind the detective used in his gun, also was found by local officers, bringing up the possibility that he may have shot one or twice during the scuffle. Today, officers thought that possibly the finding of the .38 shells had no significance, as a result of the findings of the autopsy.

Information received by Pendleton police believe is valuable but which they would not disclose has been received from one of the transients who was riding the freight near Hilgard Thursday night. This announcement was made in Pendleton today and Sheriff Jesse Breshears and District Attorney Carl Helm to Pendleton to be present for further questioning of the man. Before leaving here, Mr. Breshears said he understood the man held was a partner of the person who shot Mr. Smith to death.

Search for "Shorty"
Meanwhile the search for a young man known only as "Shorty" continued, although police believe he had succeeded in getting through Pendleton to the west. His companions told police he was known to have had a revolver on the train.

A red sweater and a blue cap with a green visor, similar to those which the man called "Shorty" is known to have been wearing, were found in a yard near the railroad tracks here late Friday.

The local officers questioned seven more men arrested last night near Hilgard and these prisoners said they

Dean W. L. Powers Here on Friday

Dean W. L. Powers, director of all extension work for the Oregon system of higher education, was in La Grande yesterday. He is president of the H. E. Inlow of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and also visiting the institution. His duties include directing of summer schools.

Dean Powers left yesterday afternoon accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw, who are going into Wallowa county. While here they are making pointings of certain scenes in the Union-Wallowa district. It is reported.

Elgin Is Again Visited by Fire; Home Burned

Barn Also Destroyed; School House Roof Damaged—Whirlwind Starts Flames Spreading.

By Mrs. Iona Hill (Observer Correspondent)
ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—Elgin, the scene of many damaging fires in recent years, had another one yesterday, and as usual, the flames broke loose on a windy day.

Walter Rose was home from Portland to pack his mother's household property preparatory to her moving to the Rose city. He was burning trash in the yard and a whirlwind picked up the burning material and scattered it over a considerable area, setting the grass on fire and flames also attacked the Rose home.

The flames, carried by the wind, spread quickly into a stand of pine trees. The sparks were carried to the school house, then attacked Fred Terpany's barn which is one block south and one block east of the Rose house.

Barn Destroyed
After destroying the barn, valued at \$600 and insured for \$400, the flames jumped to the Don Moore home on the next block east. The home was saved, but the spread of the fire continued, next attacking the Presbyterian church in the next block. Here again the flames were extinguished.

Holes were burned in the roof of the school house before the fire was controlled. The amount of loss was not given but the building probably will require re-roofing.

The Rose home was a small house and only partially furnished, it is reported. There was no insurance.

Much trouble was encountered at the school house, bringing up the possibility that the fire was so high and the water pressure so low that firemen had to climb up to ricks of wood nearby to get water onto the flames.

Concert Given Friday by Band Pleases Crowd

A melodious, dreamlike concert was given last night by the La Grande band at the Triangle park, with the starsy summer sky and a new moon adding a sweetness to the program. Those who follow the band's concerts faithfully found old friends in the numbers last night, and the selections were played so beautifully and with so much grace that the music was a mellow quality that was delightful.

Director Andrew Loney Jr., opened the concert with a march, "The Cantonians" by Alexander. A lively, briskly given selection. The favorite suite "Atlantis," of Safranek with its "Nocturne and Morning Hymn of Praise," "A Court Function," "I Love Thee," and "Destruction of Atlantis" had all the vigor life and color that

FINN RINNER BLOCKS HILL TO WIN RACE

Klamath Falls Man, Officially Sharing Record, Will Not Protest.

CARR WINS OVER EASTMAN IN 400

By Allan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 (AP)—On a day that calls for a big hand for a great little guy, Bill Carr, for his marvelous 490-meter triumph over Eastman in 4:2 seconds, and that also might have been given over to Paenas for America's first Olympic 5000-meter champion, the tenth Olympiad was rocked today by reverberations of the greatest upheaval since the battle of 1908.

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Bank President Kidnaped; Death Plot Is Feared

Two Suspects, With Bloody Clothing, Held While Officers Search For Missing Man.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 6 (AP)—Kidnaping and slaying of John B. Colegrove, a Taylorville banker recently convicted of causing his bank to fail, were charged by warrant today against James Gammon-tini, 33, a disgruntled former depositor in Colegrove's institution.

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BROWNELL IS FREED; COURT TAKES ACTION

'I Cannot See That Any Crime Has Been Committed,' Judge Declares

FUTURE ACTION HELD POSSIBLE

Hearing Fails to Disclose Who is Promoting Bill to Consolidate U. of O. and O. S. C.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—On the court's motion, the county charge against Cyril G. Brownell, prominent Portland business man, was dismissed in district court here late Friday, and Brownell who had been accused of the theft of petitions bearing 20,500 signatures urging consolidation of the University of Oregon and Oregon State College, was released from bail.

"I have tried," District Judge Means ruled, "to get a line on the responsibility and to find to whom the missing property belonged. No witnesses told, and none said for whom he was working. The court has not been informed who promoted the project, and so long as the state has not seen fit to furnish this information, I cannot see that any crime has been committed."

Future Action up to D. A.
Whether the court's action in releasing Brownell concludes the case depends upon the attitude taken by the Multnomah county district attorney, George Mowry, chief deputy attorney who conducted the case. He declined to comment as to future action in the case "would be very premature at this time." Lotus Langley, district attorney, referred questioners to Mowry.

The deputy attorney said as far as to any charges dismissed in preliminary hearings sometimes are taken to the grand jury at the request of the complainant, who in this instance was the Oregon State Board of Education. Alphonse J. Phelan is one of the sponsors of the school consolidation bill. He could not be reached for a statement this morning.

John Collier, one of the attorneys for Brownell, cross-examined Henry Zorn, president, and John Ramage, treasurer of the Marlon County Tax Equalization League in a persistent attempt to learn who was behind the league which officially sponsored the Zorn-MacPherson proposal to consolidate Oregon's system of higher learning.

Nothing Disclosed
Both men testified most of the money used in the campaign came from the law firm of Ridgeway, Johnson & Kendall. Neither could or would disclose who had contributed the money. Zorn at one time said a group of Portland men whom he was unable to identify, had volunteered through the law firm to provide all necessary finances to place the initiative proposal on the November ballot.

Zorn used the remark "I don't know," repeatedly in answer to cross-examination questions, making that statement eight times in one series of queries pronounced by Collier who was trying to determine who was responsible for financing the consolidation movement.

In the closing arguments of the defense the story of Robert Tallman, a Bolivian patrol fired on an outpost of Port Presidente Ayala late yesterday, but the attack was repulsed, the report said.

Wheat Price Up Three Cents

GIRL SLAIN

Mrs. Reynolds To Surrender, Her Father Declares

Will Return "Voluntarily" Soon to Answer the Charge of Murder of Her Husband.

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Aug. 6 (AP)—Libby Holman Reynolds, fugitive torch singer, will return "voluntarily" to North Carolina "within a very few days" to answer the charge of husband's murder.

This assurance by her father, Alfred Holman, did not deter officers in Ohio, Delaware and New York today from making the search for the actress who is under indictment here for the slaying of young Smith Reynolds a month ago.

Refracts were begun today to obtain a penning trial, for Albert (Ab) Walker, 19-year-old chum of the dead man, who is under indictment with Mrs. Reynolds for the murder.

Although Holman and Libby's local counsel had planned to go before Judge M. Black in superior court today in an effort to secure bail for her, it was believed this move would be postponed for her arrival.

Reynolds' father had said he believed her father would be obtained without the physical presence here of the defendant.

Libby Reported III
Miss Holman's illness, which has been given as a reason for her failure to surrender, was ascribed by her father, a Cincinnati lawyer, to shock and to the fact that she is an expectant mother.

A formal statement by counsel for the former actress contained the first public announcement that Mrs. Reynolds expected a child.

Richard J. (Dick) Reynolds, bearer of the name of his father who has had the huge tobacco fortune here and elder brother of 20-year-old Smith, is en route home from South America by boat. He said he would receive word of his father's return.

JUMP WORTH \$30,000 ON LOCAL FARMS

Value of Union County Crop of Grain Increases \$75,000 Since July 18.

BEARS IN PANIC IN WALL STREET

Stampede of Buying Sends Issues Much Higher—More Signs of Recovery Are Noted.

Following a three-cent jump in the price of wheat today, Grande Ronde valley farmers, now in the midst of harvest operations, were in a more optimistic frame of mind.

Here's why: Yesterday the 1,000,000 estimated bushels of wheat in this county were worth just \$30,000 less than today!

And, since July 18 when a low point was reached, the value of the Union county crop has increased approximately \$75,000.

Figuring further, still on the 1,000,000-bushel basis, the value today of the Union county wheat crop is \$380,000 as the local cash price is 35 cents.

The La Grande prices are based on the Portland market and September closed at 63 1/2 and December at 64 1/2 cents in Portland today. Cash wheat here listed Big Bend bluestem at 63 cents.

BEARS IN PANIC
NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—A stampede of buying today bears into a panic in today's stock market and brought one of the most spectacular upsurges of prices in months.

Prices of many prominent issues surged up 2 to 13 points to the best levels since March. There were numerous recessions of about 1 to 4 in the final dealings, however. Sales reached the impressive total for a two-hour session of about \$,000,000, about duplicating the turnover of Feb. 13, when the list had a

Recluse, Others Are Questioned In Murder Case

NATCHEZ, Miss., Aug. 6 (AP)—The scientific recluse, Richard Dana, was among seven persons questioned today in the inquiry into the slaying of the equally scientific Janet Surget Merrill, spinster.

Arrested with him was his housekeeper-guardian, Miss Octavia Dockery. They live on a plantation which adjoins that of Mrs. Merrill. In addition, police held three white men and two negroes.

The list comprised besides Dana and Dockery, the following men: John Geiger, logger who identified a coat found in the Merrill home as his property; Odell Ferguson, and T. W. Carr, white, and George Sims and E. Norman Merriam, negroes, arrested by bloodhounds.

Dana and Miss Dockery had had an argument with the slain woman in recent days, police heard, over damage done to the Merrill property by Miss Dockery's herd of goats.

The body of the spinster, with three bullet wounds, was found in a clump of bushes 200 yards from the dwelling.

Authorities scouted a robbery theory on the claim that Miss Merrill had little money left from the one-time estate of her father, Ayres Merrill, former ambassador to Belgium and southern planter.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday but fog on the coast; somewhat cooler in the north-west portion; moderate north-west winds offshore.
Outlook for week: Fair weather but fog on coast and occasional thunder storms in mountain districts; normal temperatures.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—President Hoover today appointed Franklin W. Fort, Newark, N. J., to be chairman of the federal board of loan bank board.
Fort is a Republican. The president also appointed other members of the new board as follows:
Nathan Adams, Democrat, Dallas, Tex.; William E. Best, Republican, Pittsburgh; H. Morton Bodfish, Democrat, Chicago; and Dr. John W. Gries, Republican, Rosewood, Ohio.

Margaret Slocum Named Secretary
BAKER, Ore., Aug. 6 (Special)—Mrs. Margaret Slocum, acting secretary of the Baker county chamber of commerce, today resigned the position of Secretary. O. G. Hughson, was appointed secretary at a meeting of the board of directors in the Hotel Baker Thursday evening.

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