# FAMILY SPURNS ACCUSED SLAYER

Testimony Is Dark for Young Robbins, for Even Sweetheart Deserts Him.

# REMANDED TO GRAND JURY

Prisoner Breaks Sullen Silence and Admits Semblance of Guilt. Views Dead Body Without Quiver-Is in Dalles Jail.

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the jail when told the privilege would hard feelings voiced against the alleged murderer, his 15-year-old sweetheart, meeting him on the way to the undertaking pariors, said: "George, you can take your watch back." "Never mind now, Grace," he said, "return it to me

# Crime Was Bloodless.

woman to death, as first reported, her fatal injuries consisting of a shuttered windpipe caused by choking, and a crushed chest, evidently administered by the murderer, who apparently knelt on her breast as he clutched her about the neck

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A second new feature was the announcement by District Attorney Wilson that William Robbins, the employer of the weman murdered, was in no way connected with the crime. Although weak suspicion for a time hinted at a possible pact between him and his son to make away with his housekeeper this suspicion was dispelled by a neighbor who testined Robbins. Sr. picaded with Mrs. Castoe to accompany him to town when he had received the fake message telling him his daughter from Goble would mest him at the depot.

With these points two others were brought out, one by the prisoner's father and the second by young Robbins himself in attempts at defense.

Robbins, Sr., declared he could not convince himself that his son was innocent but believed he was entitled to the investigation of an accident theory. At his home he pointed to the steps leading to Mrs. Castoe's room as being wobbly and declared a crushed weed nearly might be evidence of the woman having fallen in mounting or descending the stairs. He also serized upon a sangulnary-looking red spot on the porch intimating that the woman in reaching her room after her fall stained her path with blood. The red smetch proved to be a strawberry stain and two doctors who held the post mortem examination declared it would have been impossible for the woman to have walked after receiving the injuries that ended her life.

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# Prisoner Accuses Woman.

Young Robbins' only point of defense is that his father's fourth wife, who is separated from him and lives about a mile from the Robbins' home threatened last berry-picking time" to kill Mrs. Castoe for usurping his place in the Robbins household. The accuration is secured by District Attorney Wilson, Sheriff Morse and many neighbors of Robbins, who infimate it would have been impossible for Mrs. Robbins to visit the Robbins home on the afternoon been impossible for Mrs. Robbins to visit the Robbins home on the afternoon of the murder without their knowledge. In any event the testimony adduced shows that young Robbins tied his team in a thicket within a stone's throw of the scene of death and was absent from the play more than ten minutes during the scene of death and was absent from the rig more than ten minutes during the time the murder is supposed to have been committed. One neighbor living in a tent nearby testified that Robbins drove past her excitedly and whipped up his horse to gain Methodist lane, the highway he is said to have followed in returning to From the testimony given against me

this morning, it certainly seems a case of guilt," was the opening statement of young Robbins in the first interview given since his arrest in Portland.

# Prisoner Says They Lied.

"To you mean to say every man and woman who testified against you this morning fled?" he was asked. "I do," he replied, "they all fled, except full Garger, and he was mistaken when he said I "Jerked" when told I was accused of murder." Minus the questions that evoked answers as to his movements on and before the day of the murder, the interview was as follows:

I hired the rig in the afternoon before "I hired the rig in the afternoon before I o'clock and started out to visit a girl friend of mine who lives in the Crapper School district. She has my watch and I wanted to get it. On the way to her home I took the Christian Church road and passed Brayford's store, but I dld not get out and telephone, as he and his wife say I dld. I drove slowly to where the girl lived and finally changing my mind to let her have the watch until the Fourth. I drove back to the livery stable and turned in the rig, reaching there about 5 o'clock." in the rig, reaching there about 5 o'clock."
"You got off at Brayford's about 1 o'clock when you phoned, didn't you?"

# Prisoner Contradicts Himself.

"It was about that time-"
"But you said you did not enter Bray-

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"Well, I meant I passed Brayford's about I o'clock."
This contradiction is characteristic of many he made throughout his denial of the murder. He continued:
"I have nothing to own up to. If they hang me they will idil an innocent man, it will all come out later. A man did not do the killing, it was a woman, a member of our family, and I can bring a woman witness who will swear she heard the other woman threaten last berry-

the other woman threaten last berry-picking time to kill Mrs. Castoe. I will not say yet that I accuse my father's last wife.

always got along fine with Mrs. Castoe and she and I were like mother and son. Hanging is too good for the person who killed her. I accounted to the men who arrested me for every cent they found on me. I never knew Mrs. Castoe to keep money about her clothes and if I did I would not fouch it.

# Took Train at Hood River.

a box factory there. I could not find her and tried to locate a family named Patterson, who picked berries for my father. I could not find either, so returned to Portland and was arrested early in the afternoon."

Robbins is deathly afraid that District Attorney Wilson plans to have him hypnotized and when this course was brouched, he sat up in his bunk, paled and declared he would kill the hypnotist who would dare to get him under his spell.

### Fears to Be Hypnotized.

"I am not afraid of telling anything."
he said. "but I have heard that people after being hypnotized go crazy, and I do not want that to happen to me."
Today for the first time since the murder of his housekseper and the subsequent arrest of his youngest son charged with the crime. William Robbins gave his opinion of the case.
"It is hard to acknowledge," said the aged parent, "but I must say the case against my son is strong, and I know he is lying about it.

# Father Hints at Quarrel.

"George has always been a confirmed llar, frequently telling me things about my own affairs that I knew to be absolutely false. As to defending him I feel that I must say I cannot take part. I do not own my farm but control it, and do not feel like sacrifleing it for a reckless lad. Of course I can't say George killed Mrs. Castoe, and when you see the house and hear what I have to say you may have little doubts too. They say that my son was the only one at the house or at least on my property between 4 and 6 o'clock the afternoon of the murder. That is not so, as Chance Maynard, a distant relative, works within 200 yards of my house, and I know he and Mrs. Castoe quarreled a few days before over money affairs and an insulting story repeated by Maynard.

"My fourth wife had nothing to do with the murder and has not set her foot in less lad. Of course I can't say George

Crime Was Bloodless.

Four important points developed today in the Hood River bloodless murder case—bloodless, for, despite the
aged victim's blood was shed in the
struggle that ended in her death. Investigation by the Coroner and District
Attorney Wilson proved that a stone
had not been wielded in beating the
woman to death, as first reported, her

Where Did Prisoner Get Money?

Complete as the case seems to be, where young Robbins got the \$259 found in his possession at the time of als arrest has not been clearly settled and may continue to be a disputed point to the end, owing to the involuntary burning of a woolen skirt the murdered woman wore at the time of the crime. This skirt, say her relatives living in Hoed River and Columbus, Wash., bore all the money she had not banked.

Mrs. Castoe was an eccentric woman whose main hobby was the hoarding of money and collecting scraps of every

Among the pack of trash left behind by the woman and buried as if an at-tempt were made to conceal them were two bank books and a certificate of de-posit for \$300. One of the bank books shows the deposit of \$300 in the First National Bank of Hood River, and the other credits her with \$430.48 in the State Bank of Ramona, Oklahoma.

The murdered woman was born in Knoxville, Tenn., being at the time of her death 61 years 2 months and 5 days old. She lived most of her life in Adams County, Illinois, where, by an accident never referred to by her, her left hand was broken, crippling her for life.

The Robbins home is situated about bree miles from Hood River in the Barthree miles from Hood River in the Bar-rett district, and is reached by travers-ing winding roads, which make the trip fully and hour and a half from town. Two hundred feet from the house is the only uncleared spot of the whole district. It was here that young Robbins' buggy was seen tied to a pine tree during the time the murder was supposed to have been

# Woman Saw Robbins' Buggy.

Mrs. Mary Anderson living in a tent but a few steps from this thicket testified she saw Robbins enter the secluded spot and upon her return from Grange Park with her children a few minutes later saw the horse tied up walting for its driver.

Mrs. Louise Norders, the neighbor having the only telephone in the vicin-ity, testified to receiving a message from an unknown man requesting her to in-form Robbins, Sr. his daughter would expect him at the depot between 4 and 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Harmer testified she saw Robbins driving about the vicinity of the murder, as if waiting for some reason or another Russell Clark, a youth, testified Robbins falsified in saying part of the \$250 in his possession when arrested belonged to

Young Robbins' testimony that he had Young Robbins' testimony that he had earned the money and had received part of it from friends indebted to him was shattered by the testimony of E. Brayford and others, who asserted Robbins but a week ago declared he was broke.

Last October the accused murderer was arrested for forging a check for \$25, and soon thereafter he was again in the toils for raising a bank check from a minor soon thereafter he was again in the toils for raising a bank check from a minor sum to \$130. The youth's aged father and brothers came to his assistance in both these difficulties, and after he confessed wrongdoing, he was given his freedor

# BALLOON TOSSED BY GALE Aeronauts Almost Freeze at Alti-

tude of 10,000 Feet.

ST. LOUIS, June 25 .- Whipped help ST. LOUIS. June 25.—Whipped helplessly to and fro by a 60-mile gale in
a dense, black storm cloud, 10,000 feet
above the earth, John Berry and M. A.
Helmann today were very near death.
Berry, winner of the Indianapolis distance cup, and Helmann, who is seeking
a balloon pilot's license, ascended in
the balloon Melba shortly after noon.
They were carried swiftly to an altitude
of 10,000 feet into a thunder storm.
Here the frail bag was dashed about by
a hurricane.

hurricane.
At times the balloon lay on a leve with the basket as the wicker was bitched high up by the wind. The two nen, coatless and freezing, threw out

pitched high up by the wind. The two men, coatless and freezing, threw out all ballast, yet the bailoon would not ascend. Berry climbed aloft on the frail cords and tied the appendix, but in spite of this the bag telescoped and the balloon came down as a parachute. They landed safely. Describing his experience, Berry sald:

"When we entered the storm cloud at a height of 10.000 feet the atmosphere was so black we could scarcely see the swaying bag above us. The feeling of being carried helplessly toward what appeared to be certain destruction was one I hope never to experience again. After we entered the cloud we were in a cold, penetrating mist which nearly froze us.

"Although we tried several times to go above or below the storm, the air pressure around us held us firm. The sale, him to go above or below the storm, the air pressure around us held us firm. The sale, when the wind would strike the bag and send it to one side it would force the gas out of it, and we lost fully half of our gas in this way."

"Early Caldwell Resident Dies."

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"I did not hobe from The Dalles to Portland as a brakeman said I did. After I turned in the rig I rot Russel Clark to so to the depot with me and told him I would be back Sunday or Monday.

"When I arrived in Portland I went to St. John to look up a widow friend of mine, Mrs. Bert Thauer, who works in brother.

CALDWELL. Idaho. June 29.—(Special Deports or cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigarette wrappers shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Through inadvertence of the enrolling clerks the words "with intent to sell, give came to America in 1852 and to Caldwell in 1883. He leaves two sisters and one brother.

Under the rulings of the Supreme Court

Conference for Passage of

Ruth Wants to Divide Members of Probe Committee and Governor Favors Move, but Supporters Are Stubborn.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 29 .- (Staff Correspondent.)-Attempts at a compromise which would dispose of J. H. Shively by abolishing his office as State Insurance Commissioner, and would bring the present special session of the legislature to a quick termination, failed today through the indisposition of the administration orces to go into the deal.

Negotiations have been carried on with the foregoing end in view between A. S. Ruth, president of the Senate, on the one side, and Senator J. D. Bassett, of Adams County, an administration man. In these onferences, T. Dockwell and G. Frost, members of the State Tax commission,

### presented the governor. Ruth Would Divide Committee.

Ruth's proposition was that an investigating committee be appointed, the presnt committee to continue the work of in-cestigating the state officers and a new ominittee to investigate the state in-itutions. Ruth offered to divide evenly the Senate appointees on the new com-mittee between the two factions, and to submit the names to the House adminis-tration leaders before finally appointing

from the passaage of the Palmer House bill abolishing the Insurance Commissioner's office, Ruth would not pledge his own vote or that of any of his supporters, but agreed to submit the names of several Senators who were known to be somewhat favorable to the plan, and to release them from any obligation to stand by himself against the Palmer bill.

# House Members Are Opposed.

Governor Hay, it is said, agreed to the plan provided the members of the present investigating committee would do so, but Chairman F. L. Allien expressed vigorous opposition to the compromise, declaring that the appointment of two committees would be a slap at the present one.

member, was favorable. The general terms of the proposed compromise were also submitted to F. C. Jacksan, House member from King County, who polled the House and found the majority of the members opposed to it. The plan is now practically abandoned.

ever, is the understanding that Ruth shall remain undisturbed as presiding officer in the impeachment trial and he will call lawyer members of the Senate to preside at least half of the time and pass the oner around among them.

# Schively's Friends Make Bids.

As a side issue, a proposition is said to have been put up to the Governor and Tax Commission through Senator Willlams, of King, that two additional votes for the Paimer bill would be delivered if S. A. Madge, Schively's deputy, would be retained in office after the Tax Commission assumes control of the department, led in the Palmer bill. Frost and Rockwell refused to retain Madge. J. O'B. Scoby, now a Portland lawyer, but formerly a political power in Olympia and this state, and a former partner of Madge

in the newspaper ousiness, is here today attempting to have Madge retained.

With negotiations for a compromise practically off, plans are being made in the Senate for the impeachment trial. The administration forces tonight have outlined a programma which received. outlined a programme which provides for the beginning of the impeachment trial next Wednesday. The assumption is taken that the House and Senate will taken that the House and Senate will adopt the report of the committee on articles of impeachment tomorrow, and send the report and the committee of managers to the bar of the Senate, A summons for Schively will immediately issue, under the terms of this programme, and he will be given one day to a least a summon of the senate of the se and he will be given one day to plead. The House and Senate will then adjourn until next Wednesday.

# Long Adjournment Wanted.

It is not altogether certain that this programme can be carried out, as some of the members think Schively should be given more time to piead and also more time to prepare for trial. A recess adjournment of not less than 20 days is suggested by Graves, of Spokane, while one or two members suggest 30 to 40 days. Opposition to a long adjournment will be made on the ground that the per diem of the members of the Legislature will run during the recess adjournment.

The administration forces propose bolding night sessions and closing up the case with dispatch.

Some of Schively's close advisors are known to be urging him to resign, but his attorney. George C. Israel, is not one of them. Governor Hay said today that if Schively tendered his resignation he would not accept it unless requested to do so by the Legislature. It is not altogether certain that this

requested to do so by the Legislature.

MAY AMEND CIGARETTE LAW

Permission to Smoke Likely to Be Granted by Solons.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 29.—(Staff Correspondent.)—An attempt is to be made to change the anti-cigarette law, which, as amended in the criminal code adopted in the regular session this year, makes possession of "the makings"

The change proposed is an amendment which will make possession of cigarette papers or cigarettes "with intent to sell, give away or distribute" only unlawful. This would leave the anti-cigarette law of this state practically as it was before the criminal code was adopted, and would have the effect simply of prohibiting the sale, but not the smoking.

Investigations made today in the Secretary of State's office reveal that the ban now on cigarettes even that the

ban'now on cigarettes crept into the code through an error of the Senate enrolling committee. The section of the code as it actually passed the Senate reads as fol-Every person who shall manufacture,

sell, give away or distribute or bave in his possession with intent to sell, give away or distribute any cigarettes, cigar-

of this state the court will not go back of the record, and the law as it was signed is in force. Members who are strongly opposed to the sale of cigarettes believe that the section in its present form is unconstitutional and that if the matter were brought to a legal test the state would have no valid anti-cigarette law except that found in another section of the code, which prohibits the sale of tobacco in any form to minors.

The object of the movement started today is to save the anti-cigarette section and an agreement has practically been reached among the Senate members to restore the section to its original form and to refuse to reopen any other phase of the cigarette controversy.

A big round zero represents the actual work done by the Legislature today. The House convened at if A. M. and upon announcement that the impeachment committee would not have the charges ready for presentation until it o'clock tomorrow morning, adjourned until that time.

The Senate met in the morning and adjourned until 2 P. M. to await a report from the House. In the afternoon an immediate adjournment was taken upon convening until 11:20 tomorrow.

Senator Hunchinson gave further notice of a motion to reconsider the vote by which his "scatter-gun" resolution, providing for three investigating committees, was lost.

## AT THE HOTELS.

coles, N. P. Duncan, Rey West; A. Strunk, New York; Margaret Darling, Spokaner, E. A. McLennox and wife, E. S. Hudler, Corvallis; R. H. Colling, Des Moines; B. Wilson and wife, H. H. Colling, Des Moines; B. Wilson and wife, L. H. Colling, Des Moines; B. Wilson and wife, H. H. Colling, Des Moines; B. Wilson and vice, Independence.

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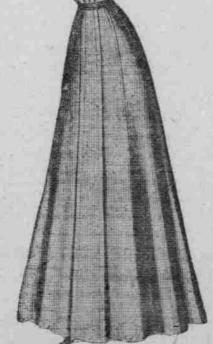
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