

SMITH BELIEVED SEEKS IMMUNITY

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NOTEBOOK FAILS OF CLEW

Though Sheriff at Roseburg Doubts Man's Story, Questioning Today by Portland Official Likely to Lead to Revelations.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—That Harry Smith, alias Stange, recently arrested at Marshfield on a charge of horse-stealing, either possesses valuable information as to the identity of the persons responsible for the murder of the Hill family near Portland a few weeks ago, or is playing an unusual and well-planned game whereby he expects to gain a promise of immunity at the hands of the officers and thereby escape prosecution on the present charge, is apparent from statements made by Smith following his arrival here tonight.

Visited at the county jail, Smith was found crouched on a bed in one of the inner cells, and at first declined to be interviewed.

"I was interviewed twice and time again during my incarceration at Marshfield," said Smith, angrily, "and I understand that my statements have been greatly exaggerated. I am not disposed to withhold information regarding the Hill case, as charged in the newspapers, and much less than to make statements which I cannot substantiate."

Knowledge of Case Admitted. "I told the Marshfield officers that I possessed knowledge as to the identity of the persons who participated in the horrible murder, but nothing further. A United States marshal, who charged me to be in Marshfield at the time of my arrest, appropriated all of my personal effects, including a notebook, in which were written a number of names. I understand that the notebook has been forwarded to the Portland police, as have excerpts of statements made by me following my arrest."

Persistent questioning as to how he came into possession of information regarding the Hill case brought forth little news, other than that he overheard a conversation between the persons whom he suspects of the crime.

"Would you consider a bargain whereby you would escape prosecution on the present charge in the event you divulged the names of the persons whom you accuse of the murder, Smith was asked.

Thought Never Entered Mind. "I have never thought of such a thing," declared the prisoner, "inasmuch as the statements I made were voluntary and were not the result of promises upon the part of the officers." In further conversation Smith declared that he was 300 miles from Portland at the time of the Hill murder, but notwithstanding that he could make good his statement.

Sheriff Quine said tonight that he placed little credence in Smith's story, and was inclined to believe that he connected the narrative with a view of gaining immunity.

"Smith spoke to me several times today regarding the murder," said the sheriff, "and upon each occasion intimated that he desired a promise of immunity on account of these statements that I doubt his story."

Quine admitted, however, that both the Marshfield and Portland officers believed they have important information, and the notebook taken from the prisoner's pocket eventually will reveal evidence of value. Quine says he did not see the notebook, but that it was closely guarded and taken to Portland by a United States Marshal. A Portland officer probably will arrive here tomorrow, when Smith will be interrogated regarding his statements.

NOTEBOOK CLEW FAILS, TOO Portland Address Given Does Not Reveal Expected Results.

The only palpable clew in Portland as the result of Smith's arrest at Marshfield, gave out after a steady search which lasted most of Saturday night and continued Sunday. The only address in Portland which offered results was run down and it was found that the man of the name given in Smith's notebook was a railroad car, who had moved away from Portland to Roseburg. Railway officials will be appealed to, to locate this man.

In the little book now in the possession of Sheriff Mass are computations of logs and also figures of mine shafts which bear out Smith's statement that he is a miner. If telephone co-operation with Sheriff Quine, of Roseburg, does not result in giving some definite turn to the case, Mr. Mass will go to Roseburg today to further examine Smith.

SERVE WARRANT ON MAYOR Gold Hill's Executive Charged With Assault on School Board Member.

hop harvest in Washington County will about equal that of last year. Although in some instances it is reported that the hop blossom is not as large as in previous years, on the whole the crop is in good condition, free from blights and the red spider, due to careful spraying in the Spring.

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Fort Stevens Ready to Repel Invaders Attacking by Land and Sea.

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Valiant Fourth Oregon Guards Defenses While Intrepid Third Is Determined to Capture Land Batteries by Assault.

COLUMBIA BEACH, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Intent on capturing the defenses at the mouth of the Columbia River and controlling the water and rail approaches to Portland and the whole of the rich Oregon country, the Third Oregon Infantry and Battery A field artillery will march on Fort Stevens tomorrow at daylight.

The fortifications will be defended by the Fourth Oregon Infantry, supported by a battalion of United States coast artillerymen, acting as infantry. A battery of field artillery, a battery of 12-inch mortars and two 10-inch all-around fire rifles will also figure in the defense.

Observations Will Be Made. There are those who contend that the artillery position can be taken readily by a regiment or two, while other military men are equally certain that with a single regiment to act as infantry supports, the garrison can stand off a brigade. Although blank ammunition cannot settle the matter finally and beyond question, yet the day's maneuvers will make way for valuable deductions.

Not until late at night will the problem they are to face tomorrow be handed to the commanding officers. It is learned, however, that the attacking force, comprising a provisional brigade under Colonel T. N. Dunbar, of Portland, will represent part of a hostile division that has been covertly landed near Seaside.

The division is supposed to have occupied Seaside, seizing the railroad and cutting off communication by telegraph. Portland is the objective of this tactical division, and in order that supplies may be brought up to Portland by boat and the city kept in complete subjection by a few cruisers, the provisional brigade is put out hurriedly to take Fort Stevens; at the same time a hostile fleet is supposed to make a demonstration in front of the fortifications, in order to keep the artillerymen reasonably occupied in that direction.

No Advance Maps Allowed. When Colonel Dunbar moves out with his brigade he will have to make a thorough reconnaissance of the territory between Columbia Beach and Fort Stevens, with the nature of which district he is supposed to be unacquainted. His command will not be permitted to have maps secured in advance.

While troops at Fort Stevens know that an attack is to be made on their position some time tomorrow, the nature of the attack and its direction will not be communicated until early in the morning. Then they will be told merely that there is an hostile division at Seaside, and the deduction will be obvious that an attack may be looked for.

The force at the garrison is precisely what would be on hand should such an emergency arise in warfare and the Portland troops be hurried down by rail.

Conditions of actual campaigning will be simulated so far as possible. The troops will carry field rations and advance in heavy marching order from Columbia Beach. Forward stations will be established immediately in the rear of the first strong action, and a number of men will be indicated as having received wounds in order that the hospital detachments may have practical instruction work. Rations will be issued to the men tonight, and each man will be required to cook his own ration at the first fall in the action after the noon hour.

Yoran to Command Defenders. The outcome of the maneuver will be determined by the disposition of the troops after the problem has been worked up to its final stage. Adjutant-General Finzer and Major C. T. Denier, United States Army, will act as umpires. Colonel George O. Eugene, of Eugene, will command the forces defending Fort Stevens.

Following an arduous week of instruction work, the troops on Tuesday quietly in camp and along the beach. Religious services were conducted in camp at 1:30 P. M. by Chaplain Gilbert, of the Third Regiment. He established a splendid talk on the moral needs of the soldier.

That war is inevitable from time to time, regardless of the position taken by peace, was the position taken by Chaplain Gilbert, who quoted history as showing that a war has occurred every 25 years in our history, and that a sudden cessation of the barbarous practice of the nations need not be expected so long as human beings are human beings.

Notwithstanding the fact that soldiers are accredited in many quarters with being a bad lot, Chaplain Gilbert said he had found them to be superior to people at large. After his long experience in the Third Regiment and with the Second Oregon in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection, he was convinced that it takes superior moral courage and stamina to face bullets in action, and that while soldiers might be rough at times in their conduct, yet they stand in the main for the right and honorable.

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On Tuesday the maneuvers will be of a minor nature, the camps taking the field independent of one another and engaging in work of instruction. Wednesday the whole force will strike camp and entrain for home stations.

The members of the various companies comprising the Fourth Infantry, Oregon National Guard, are enjoying the outing greatly. The outing has been of great value to the guardsmen owing to the valuable instruction given them by the regulars stationed at Fort Stevens, consisting of the 23d, 34th and 169th companies of Coast Artillery.

Company G, Fourth Infantry, of Albany, will occupy the most important positions when the big guns are fired tomorrow. The positions of observer, reader and all places in the plotting room were given to the Albany company for the expert manner in which they handled them. This company, which is in command of Captain Stan-

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IDAHO FARMER DIES TRYING TO SAVE YOUNG MERCHANT.

Woman Sees Two Men Go Down in Clearwater River and Bodies Are Recovered Later.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—While bathing this afternoon at Thompson's sawmill on the north fork of the Clearwater River, about one and one-half miles above Ahsahka, Idaho, William Crow, aged 51 years, a farmer of the Teakcan district, and William Choate, aged 23, son of Fred Choate, a Teakcan merchant, were drowned.

The bodies were recovered about an hour after the accident by a party of five drivers, notified by Mrs. Frank Marquette, who witnessed the drowning from the opposite side of the river, but was unable to render assistance. They were found lying on the bed of the stream above where Mrs. Marquette saw the men sink, their outstretched hands touching each other.

Mrs. Marquette heard a call for help and saw Choate struggling in the water. Crow running down the bank toward him. Crow dived and brought Choate to the surface, where they were seen struggling for several minutes before they again disappeared. Crow leaves a wife and several small children.

GENERAL LEA BENEDICT

AUTHOR-SOLDIER TAKES HIS STENOGRAPHER AS BRIDE.

Couple to Spend Honeymoon in Germany While Doctors Work to Save Bridegroom's Sight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Word was received here today by friends of General Homer Lea, world-famous as an author and soldier, of his marriage to Miss Ethel Powers, who for many years has acted as his companion, nurse and stenographer at the General's home in Vista del Mar, a suburb of Los Angeles.

The wedding took place at Memphis, the old home of the bride, whither General Lea journeyed en route to Wiesbaden, Germany. He was ordered to the German resort for optical trouble, surgeons in this city having told him that only the greatest oculists in the world could save his eyesight.

The couple expect to remain in Germany until the General's health is thoroughly restored, following which they will return to their California home.

TRAFFIC EAST IS HEAVY

Rates Offered by Northwestern Line Draw Travel.

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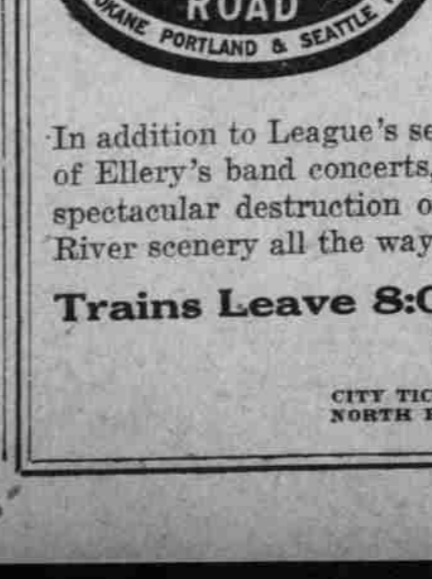
More often it is wind in the stomach and bowels, caused by the fermentation of food because it will not digest. Fermentation causes the wind, the wind causes the pain of the stomach, and the pain causes the heart. That's the real cause of the trouble.

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