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JEALOUSY MURDER CAUSE

"Slave," Known as Choi San, Now Being Sought by Police—Portland Expressman Who Took Trunk to Depot Found.

That said Bing, nephew of Seid Back, wealthy Portland Chinese, whose mutilated body was found in a trunk yesterday in Seattle, was in a dining room on the second floor of a Chinese hotel at 197 Fourth street, this city, by a 19-year-old Chinese girl named Choi San and a tall, thin Chinaman, whose name has not been learned, is the opinion of the police, detectives and others working on the mystery.

While detectives here, in Seattle and San Francisco are working on the case, members of the Seid family have left for those points to identify the trunk quarters and to look at the Chinese passengers on all outgoing and incoming trains and steamers.

Hobbery Believed Cause

Hobbery is given as the most probable cause of the crime, although a jealous fight between Seid and the unidentified Chinaman, it is said, may have led up to it. The robbery theory is based on the fact that the trunk contained about \$200 worth of diamonds, which Seid was known to have had a short time prior to the murder.

Trunk Unusually Heavy

"I told her I could and refused her request that I get someone to help me. The trunk was extremely heavy and I could tell it was not filled with clothing. I took it to the depot and checked it in Seattle. It weighed 175 pounds and I had to pay an excess baggage fee amounting to 25 cents.

Choi San Identified

When shown the picture of the Choi San girl Starfas positively identified her as the girl for whom he had hauled the trunk.

Choi San came to Portland two years ago from San Francisco, where she is known to have been driven away from home by her parents. It is said she was one of the "slaves" of the Chinese underworld and lived in one of the dens of that class in Chinese women.

It is asserted here that Seid Bing often visited her and finally adopted her as his "slave." About December 1, it is believed, the crime became known and an appearance and won the affections of the girl. This circumstance is said to have been the cause of a quarrel between Seid and the girl about December 15.

The supposition is that the unidentified man was in the girl's room on the evening of that date and that he called. That the murder was prearranged seems almost certain, because of the fact that the body was packed in rock salt, cotton, flour, matches and sawdust. When last seen Seid had \$300 in money and wore diamonds worth \$300, all of which are missing.

Seid Prominent Here

Seid Bing was a member of the Seid family of Chinese, which includes some of the wealthiest Chinese in Portland. Among them is Seid Back. The Seids held a meeting soon after the facts of the crime became known and decided to assist in every way possible to capture the murderers. A fund of \$200 was turned over to the police to be used in the quest. One member of the family left last night for San Francisco and another went to Seattle to assist in the search for the murderers.

Members of the Seid family have been searching for Bing since he disappeared December 29 and for several days have suspected murder.

That the Chinese girl and the unidentified man will be captured is most probable, according to the belief of Detective Day, who has traced the girl from Portland to The Dalles and from there to Seattle.

Day left last night for Seattle to bring back the mutilated body of Bing and turn it over to the coroner. He was accompanied by a member of the Seid family, who will assist in the search for the girl and the mysterious man in Seattle's Chinatown.

BODY IN TRUNK CUT TO BITS

Victim of Murder Dressed in Height of American Fashion.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 24.—The mutilated body of Seid Bing, who had been a timekeeper of Chinese salmon cannery crews at Empire City and Astoria, Or., and in Alaska, and who was a nephew of Seid Back, the Portland Chinese millionaire, was found in a trunk in a passenger station baggage-room today in a trunk that arrived here from Portland December 21.

It was remembered today that a Chinaman who handled the trunk on the day it was found in the baggage room called the attention of a baggage man to blood that oozed from it, but about Christmas time much

CLARK COUNTY BOY SCOUTS AND PUPILS IN SCHOOL WAGON.



ABOVE, BOY SCOUTS OF RIDGEFIELD, D IN FIRING DRILL. CENTER, CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WAGON WITH COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT JAY FISKE SECOND FROM LEFT. BELOW, BOY SCOUTS AT REST ARMS.

game and meat is sent in trunks, and the baggage man paid no attention to the blood which oozed from the trunk.

No inquiry ever was made concerning the trunk and it would have been checked on a ticket purchased by Starfas at the depot.

"I was at my stand on Gilean street on the morning of December 21," said Starfas yesterday. "I saw a man and a woman come to me and asked if I would buy her a ticket to Seattle and haul a trunk to the depot for her. I took the money for the ticket and the trunk out of the trunk of 107 Fourth street I was led up to the second floor and back through a long hall. The girl asked me to wait and she showed the trunk out of the trunk and asked if I could carry it alone.

Several letters were found in a coat pocket one of the letters was from Bertha Martin, of Empire City, Or., Captain of Detectives Tennant, who promptly mailed all the documents to the Portland police, and that the letter related to a love affair. Another letter was signed "Florence," and was postmarked at Astoria.

Company A has been invited to go to Portland February 8 and 9 to be inspected by Colonel Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement. They will parade during Rose Festival week in Portland, with the other school children. Their uniforms cost \$5 each, and they carry wooden guns now. There is a bill before Congress to equip them with Krag-Jorgensen rifles.

The first school bus to be used in this county to take the pupils of a one-room school to a six-room building, where grade and high school pupils are taught, made its initial trip from Ridgefield, to that place Monday. Besides the 22 pupils and their teachers, two of the directors rode in the bus.

Bus Operated Cheaply

The bus was bought for \$225 and its operation costs \$50 monthly. The children are picked up along the way and taken home at night. The bus reaches Ridgefield in 30 minutes from the time it starts.

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BOY SCOUTS ACTIVE

Ridgefield School Has Well-Drilled Company.

SUMMER OUTING IS HELD

With One Organization in Southwestern Washington—Plan on Foot to Form Companies in Neighboring Towns.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Company A, Boy Scouts of America, of Ridgefield, are the first to be organized in Clark County, and in Southwestern Washington. There are 25 boys in the company and they range in age from 12 to 18 years, and are under the leadership of Captain E. E. Jones, principal of the school, and Lieutenant Clarence Brunkow, Professor Jones, who is a graduate of the University of Oregon, is patrol leader for Southwestern Washington.

More Companies to be Formed.

It is the plan of Jay V. Fiske, County Superintendent of Schools, to call meetings of the principals of the schools of Washougal, Camas, Yacolt, Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield and Vancouver, and formulate plans to organize Boy Scouts in each of those schools, and another company is to be organized in Ridgefield. Then county and southwestern Washington encampments will be held each Summer at suitable places.

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Robinson, 281 Fourteenth street, January 22, a daughter.

PROCTOR—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Proctor, 423 Fifth street, January 1, a son.

WHITE—To Mr. and Mrs. P. S. White, 494 Locust street, January 19, a son.

BLOMSTADT—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Blomstardt, 2095 East Stark street, January 16, a daughter.

ANDERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson, 1415 Clinton street, January 23, a daughter.

WALTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Joel Walton, 870 Division street, January 23, a daughter.

KNIGHT—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Knight, 444 Union avenue, January 23, a son.

MULLISTEAD—To Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McAllister, 1140 Vernon avenue, January 22, a son.

LEPLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lepley, East Seventy-sixth and Broadway, January 1, a son.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 11 degrees. River stage, 8 A. M., 0.2 feet; change in last 24 hours, 3 foot fall. Total rainfall 5.24 inches. Wind, S. 30 to 40 m.p.h.; gusts to 50 m.p.h.; normal rainfall since September 1, 24.75 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1911, 4.25 inches. Total sunshine, none; possible sunshine, 2 hours 51 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 9 P. M., 30.44 inches.

THE WEATHER.

Table with columns: Station, Maximum, Minimum, Wind, State of Weather. Lists weather conditions for various cities like Boise, Boston, Chicago, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm noted yesterday as approaching the Washington coast is still central at sea, but it is rapidly moving westward and by morning will have passed well inland over this district. It is one of the most severe storms of the season and the warnings are continued at all stations on the coast.

FORECASTS.

Oregon and vicinity—Rain; high south to southwest winds.

Oregon and Washington—Rain; high southeast shifting to southwest winds interior and strong southeast shifting to west at sea.

Idaho—Rain south; rain or snow north generally heavy.

California coast as far south as San Francisco. Unusually mild temperatures prevail generally everywhere west of the Mississippi River, but the temperatures in the Pacific region, Middle Atlantic and New England States are below the seasonal average.

The conditions are favorable for rain in this district Thursday, with high winds in the interior and with a strong southeast shifting to southwest gale along the coast.

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