

SLAYER'S BROTHER ALSO CONFESSES

Charles T. Humphrys Tells His Part in Murder of Mrs. Ella Griffith.

STORY OF HORROR RELATED

Two Men Bind Widow, Then Commit Awful Crime, Choke Her to Death, Then Ransack House of Their Victim.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 19.—(Special.)—Charles T. Humphrys, youngest brother of George M. Humphrys, at 10 o'clock last night signed a graphic and complete confession branding himself as a companion of his brother in the murder of Mrs. Ella Griffith, aged 34, at Philomath, Benton County, on the night of June 1, and he is sharing today the County Jail of Washington County, awaiting the formal charge of murder in the first degree.

The prisoner was brought to Hillsboro today by Sheriff Hancock and taken before Deputy District Attorney Tongue this evening. In the presence of Mr. Tongue, Sheriff Hancock, and two or three witnesses, Humphrys detailed, step by step, one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in this state.

BROTHERS TIE WOMAN

The prisoner at first denied any knowledge of the crime, but weakened when pressed by the officials and finally told all the details of the tragedy. He testified that he and his brother went to the Griffith ranch late at night and that before entering the house George procured a rope with which they entered the room and strangled Mrs. Griffith from behind, while George ran in front of her and tied her hands. Then the younger brother held the victim while Charles, the elder, attacked her. Then Charles held the woman while the younger brother committed a like offense.

ROBBERY NOT PRIME MOTIVE

In making the trip from the house to the water they rested but once, Humphrys was questioned closely as to motive, and while he stated that they knew the woman might have some money in the house, the thought of robbery did not occur to him until after Mrs. Griffith was dead. This talk with the confession of his brother George, now awaiting trial at Corvallis, with the exception of George's confession entirely shields Charles.

TON HELD PROPER LOAD

Horses Declared to Slip Only Because Wagons Are Too Heavy.

Slippery streets are not so much to blame as horses losing their footing and falling to the pavements as are the heavy loads they are compelled to haul, according to a statement made yesterday by Alex. Davidson, superintendent of the street-cleaning department. He said he will recommend an ordinance making the maximum load for one horse one ton in any direction, and that at no time is any horse should be made to haul.

SIX LIVES MAY BE LOST

Overturned Boat Off Coast May Be Gasoline Schooner Randolph.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 19.—(Special.)—It is feared here that possibly the derelict reported off this coast may be the Randolph, a small gasoline schooner of Coos Bay, Ore. The vessel when seen bottom side up was green, the color of the Randolph, and the general description seems to tally.

BIG REWARD POSTPONED

Possé Now Seeking Alleged Murderer of Four Men.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The County Commissioners today declined to post a big reward for the capture of John Torow, now believed to be the murderer of four, his nephews and Deputy Sheriff Colin McKenna and A. V. Elmer, stating they thought it best to wait until the posse now seeking the two officers, who disappeared a week ago last Saturday, had reported. The report is expected tomorrow or by Wednesday at the latest.

POLICE ARREST GAMBLERS

Officers Find Black Jack Game in Labor Temple.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 19.—Much bitter feeling was engendered among members of the Arizona Bar Association in a meeting at the Capitol today, when a resolution recommending Governor Sloan for the Federal Judgeship in Arizona was passed by a viva voce vote. Sloan's appointment and awaiting confirmation by the United States Senate.

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