Now Believed Murder Suspect Has Admitted Killing Hastings and Stewart.

PRISONER FEARS GALLOWS

Explanation Thought to Be That ex-Convict Meant to Shoot Low When Auto Party Refused to Halt.

Breaking down before the mass of evidence collected by Sheriff Stevens, H. E .Roberts is said to have made a H. E. Roberts is said to have made a clean breast of the fact that he killed George Hastings and Donald M. Stewart, as the two young men and three associates sped by him in an automobile on the Whitehouse road. No announcement of the confession has been made, but circumstances arising in the case yesterday leave little doubt that the officials have a definite admission of

am positive that we have the right man.
The evidence is so conclusive that there is no chance for a mistake."

Frederick H. Whitfield, whom Judge Kavannugh says he probably will appoint attorney in the case, is equally reticent. He refuses either to deny or admit that Roberts has made a con-

Following receipt of a message from Oregon City, saying that Roberts' rel atives have requested the appointing of Whitfield to defend him, Judge Kav-anaugh said he would comply with their wishes if Roberts also desired.

Confession Details Unknown. Just when and under what condition

Roberts' confession was made are not known. Nor is it known whether those who are in possession of the informa-tion will be ready to give it out before Roberts comes up for trial.

It is believed, however, that his statement is complete, at least so far as his

movements are concerned. He is said to have traced his steps up to the crime and after its commission, all of his movements corresponding to the theory worked out by the officers. In fact there was little to add to the information that had been gathered, except the admission by Roberts that he fired the fatal shot.

The report that Roberts had con-fessed became current following a trip yesterday to the home of his mother east of Oregon City. Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Sheriff Leonard had Roberts in custody, and with them were Attorney Whitfield, who probably will be Robefts' counsel. Sheriff Mass, of Oregon City, and two friends of the family. The automobiles of Roy King and Henry Jasger, driven by these men. took the party to the Clackamas County

Roberts Shows Auxlety. Further evidence showing Roberts' anxiety to Jearn all possible about newspaper accounts of the crime was newspaper accounts of the crime was secured by Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Leonard yesterday. It was learned that he reached Clarks, in the mountains, 36-odd miles from the scene of the attempted hold-up and murder, Saturday night, and on Sunday morning. ing, it was learned, he inquired again, this time of the rural mail carrier, saying he would "give his interest in the next world" to get a Sunday morn-ing newspaper.

Failing to secure one at that time, he is said to have gone, Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, to the home of Fred Marshall and asked for the newspaper a third time. He was offered a Friday afternoon paper, but refused this, say-ing. "No, I don't want to see that paper. What I want to see is in the Sunday paper." Sheriff Stevens points out that the paper had gone to press Friday afternoon before the time of the murder.

Attorney Whitfield, Sheriff Stevens. Sheriff Mass and Deputy Leonard had a long conference in the afternoon at the home of Roberts' relatives. The case was discussed pro and con, and Roberts was urged by the officers and his mother to make a clean breast of

The trip to the ranch and back to Portland was made by the party in about six hours.

WHITFIELD MAY BE SELECTED Roberts' Parents Favor His Appoint-

ment as Son's Attorney.

OBEGON CITY, Or. April 2.—(Special.)—Following a conference this afternoon at the home of H. E. Roberts' mother and step-father about 12 miles east of this city, it was learned that the parents of the accused man are in favor of the appointment of Frederick H. Whitfield, of Portland, as Roberts Stevens was asked attorney. Sheriff Stevens was asked to convey to Presiding Circuit Judge Kavanaugh their wishes, and said he would present the matter to Judge Kavanaugh tomerrow morning.

Judge Kavanaugh, when seen last night, said if Attorney Whitfield is acceptable to Roberts, he will be ap-pointed. "If Mr. Whitheld is not ac-ceptable," said the judge. "I should have to consider the matter. I cannot now say whether I would appoint him ar not. It would depend upon circum-stances."

thing I do is done with the thought in mind that constantly I must work hard if I would have success. This role of Rebecca is easy for me now—I only act myself. I never saw Edith Tallaferro play it, and now I'm glad I did not, because since this is only my second season—last year I was in Blue Bird. you know—I might have unconsciously imitated her as Rebecca. And please put in the paper that it isn't that I'm meney-mad like a great many people in my profession," she said this with childish dignity. "But, honestly, the money part is the least of it." T. R. CLAIMS HELD FALSE

Taft Headquarters Makes Light of Charges Made in Kentucky.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—In a de-tailed statement on the Kentucky str-uation, given out by the Taft head-quarters today. United States Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, asserts that the claims of the Roesevelt managers are "utterly unreliable, because they are entirely false in many respects and partiy false in others."

partly false in others." Senator Dixon amounced that he had heights."

prepared charges to be filed at once "What's the next question." I asked.

against internal revenue department employes and other Federal office hold-ers, whom the Roosevelt managers charge with undue political activity in the Kentucky delegate elections last

Saturday.

The statement made by Senator Bradley is in part as follows:

They (the Roosevelt managers) have inaugurated contests in many districtions. have inaugurated contests in many counties without excuse and with the sole purpose of preventing the contesting delegates from voting and procuring enough votes to control the district and thus without rhyme or reason disfranchise Taft delegates."

Two delegates from each of the First, Second and Sixth Kentucky. Districts, were selected. The six delegates were instructed for Taft.

T. R. SPEAKER BADLY WANTED

Oregon Directors of Colonel's Campaign After Orator.

With the speechmaking campaigns that will be conducted in this state by Senator La Follette and representa-tives of President Taft, F. W. Mulkey and his associates, who are directing the Roosevelt campaign in this state, have concluded that it is imperative that one or more prominent Eastern men be sent to Oregon in behalf of the ex-President during the concluding week of the campaign. They have again appealed earnestly to the Na-tional Roosevelt committee to send

apeakers to this state.

The Roosevelt organization here has expressed a preference for ex-Senator Beveridge, of Indiana. If his services are not available, the committee insists that some other man be sent.

Mr. Mulkey yesterday received the following pro-Roosevelt telegram from Joseph M. Dixon, National chairman of

but circumstances arising in the case yesterday leave little doubt that the officials have a definite admission of Roberts' guilt.

While admitting that he killed Hastings and Stewart, Roberts, in his confession, is said to have maintained stoutly that he is innocent of deliberate murder. His explanation, it is believed, is that he intended to shoot low and had no intention of wounding or killing the young men who thwarted his attempt to rob them. The eitre statement and Roberts' explanation of the shooting were made, it is supposed in the hope of receiving a penitentiary sentence and escaping the death penalty.

Sheriff Stevens, his deputies and others connected with the case, declined last night to discuss the rumored confession.

Stevens Not Talkative.

"I have nothing to announce," was the only answer Sheriff Stevens would give when pressed for an admission that Roberts had confessed his guilt. "You can say for me, however, that I sm positive that we have the right man. The evidence is so conclusive that there is no chance for a mistake."

Frederick H. Whiffield, whom Judge Kavanaugh says he probably will ap-

CONVENTION PLANS MADE

Sunday School Association Arranges for Big Meeting Next Week.

a meeting of officers and teachers of the Multnomah County Sunday School Association Monday eventing. Final arrangements were perfected for the forthcoming county convention at the Grace Methodist Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday. April 18, 19 and 29, Mrs. Mary Foster Brynen, of Chicago, and Professor E. C. Knapp, of Spokane, with a number of other specialists will participate. The vested choir of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian Sunday School Orchestra, the Sunnyside Congregational Orchestra, the Pacific Male Quarter and Ladies' Harmony Chorus will furnish the music.

Plans are on foot for a great automobile parade of the Sunday schools in connection with the Rose Festival.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Mother St. George, only it isn't St. George at all, it's Mackarness, is the brake that regulates the incessant chatter of the perfectly charming Rebecca of the Sunnybrook rural estate.

Off stage Rebecca is Ursula St. George, the one ewe lamb of the Mack-arness family. And she's identical with

the little stage character even when

thing but the beaucheous character she

thing but the beaucheous character she portrays when she's garbed for the street, and it's only by some affected eccentricity of dress or manner that she'd be picked out from her sisters. Ursula-Rebecca is conspicuous by her avoidance of being conspicuous. She

wears simple things. Yesterday at this three-handed interview she wore a dear little black and white bounet that covered only the crown of her

pretty head, and shadowed her great serious eyes, eyes that appear to be looking seven miles beyond anything

in her vicinity. She's a dreamer, but

for all that a dreamer. The first thing interviewers do is "The first thing in the sent used to a

The first thing interviewers do in to ask me my age." she smilled at me.
"Well then, if you've got used to a certain set of rules, we musin't change," I suggested, "what is it?"
"My age? Oh, why I'm not nearly seventeen yet." So you see she isn't a bromide or she'd have sprung that

awful sweet sixteen thing.
"What's the next question?" I asked
her, pencil poised to put down the

Why, next they always ask me if I'm ambitious and what sort of roles I want to do."

Rebecca-Ursula or Ursula-Rebecca, it's one and the same, flashed a radiant smile at mother as if to say, "See how

nicely I'm conducting my own interview."

"About my plans? Oh, I'm so ambi-tious I believe I'm Lady Macbeth in reincarnated form, only that I have more worthy alms than she. Every-thing I do is done with the thought

"Still you are on hand, aren't you, when they pass out the pay en-velope" I queried. "Of course she is." laughed "Mother" as she looked keenly into the indignant

as she looked keenly into the indignant face of her very youthful daughter. "When one is so young as Ursula, fame is an electric-lighted sign that obstructs visions of anything else. Still, I'm glad she is anxious to succeed for the success itself. I have always told her it is better to work for the top of the tree for then if she drops she is sure to jand somewhere around the heights."

'Well give me the answer," I sug-

The average actress looks like any-

FIRM ASKS GRANT

New Electric Company Seeks Entrance--City Offered Percentage Gross Earnings.

WORK TO START IN YEAR

New Concern Will Furnish Electricity for Light, Heat and Power, Directors Men of Almost Unlimited Financial Worth,

hacker and Herbert Fleishhacker are president and vice-president, respectively, operates the electric company in San Francisco. While they have been more prominently identified with this concern than with any other, they have many banking connections in California and are interested in many other enterprises in that state. Both are vicepresidents of the Crown-Columbia Paper Company, operating plants at Camas, Wash., Oregon City and Floriston, Cal.

Work Alrendy Started. The Northwestern Electric Company already has started the construction of a 15,000 horsepower hydro-electric plant on the White Salmon River. Part of this energy is to be utilized to operate the Camas paper mills, which now run by steam power from oil-burning

As soon as the City Council grants the company the franchise to do business in Portland, active steps will be taken to enter the local field in a com netitive way.

In addition to its North Salmon power sites, the company owns sites on the Lowis and Klickitst Rivers, aggregating more than 100,000 horsepower of potential electric energy. These will be developed as rapidly as the needs of the company demand. The power

will be transmitted to Portland through a high-tension line of insulated copper wires borne on high steel towers. The required substations and transformer stations will be built in accordance with the most modern plans. So that regular and constant service may be insured the company will equip com Important business was transacted at | plete plants of machinery in triplicate meeting of officers and teachers of It will be possible to put them into im

"Oh, they always want to know if I spend my time like other little girls."
"Why do you say "little girls so scornfully" quoth I. "You're only a little girl not quite grown up, you know. Why, even your hair is in a —""
"Then't you dark say playing the

"Don't you dare say pig-tail," she wailed in mock protest as she shook out the thick mane of bronze-brown

hair that fell to her waist in a straight

braid. "And the last thing they ask me is

if I cat midnight suppers and enjoy all the other excitements incident to this

Which you do not," I answer for

"Which you do not," I answer for her, taking note of the lovely radiance of her skin, the bright eyes and the poise of her splendid young body.

Ursula-Rebecca exchanged a look of complete understanding with "Mother."

"We must have no hanky-panky tricks," said Mrs. Mackarness, who is an older and plumper edition of her daughter. "My aim is to keep her natural. This sort of work is quite as much a question of character as of genius. Fortunately, Ursula is of sufficient moral fiber to withstand these so-called allurements incident to stage

so-called allurements incident to stage work. She has one asset that I dally thank my stars for, and that is plain

"The immediate delights of late sup-pers and silly dissipations pale into utter insignificance to Ursuin beside the more important privilege of get-ting her full quota of refreshing sleep, and nourishing food served at regular hours."

hours.

After her season in "Rebecca" is fin-ished, little Miss St. George goes to visit the author, Kate Douglas Wiggin, at her country place at Hollis, Me., after which she will go to London to

meet for the first time a great family circle of kinsmen, for she is an English maiden, though she is "glad she

happened to be born in the United

level-hendedness

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we secure the necessary permission from the local authorities we will be ready to do business here in Portland at that time.

"Our standard is efficiency. Our serv-

"Our standard is efficiency. Our service and our rates are based entirely apon that platform. Whenever we can improve our service or reduce our rates without lowering our standard of efficiency, we expect to take such action." Positive announcement is made by Mr. Fleishbacker that the capital stock Mr. Fleishbacker that the capital stock of the company all has been subscribed and paid for to the treasurer. It is not a stock jobbing scheme as not one share will be offered to the general public. The Anglo & London-Paris National Bank, of San Francisco, is the principal depository of the company.

Stone & Webster, of Boston, the well-known engineering firm that has operated extensively in Portland and other marts of the Northwest in recent years.

parts of the Northwest in recent years, has charge of all construction work. B. C. Condit will be the resident engineer for the company and expects to establish headquarters in Portland within the next few days.

Mayor Favors Plan. Mayor Favors Plan.

Mayor Rushlight is understood to be favorable to allowing any company to do business here that will provide fair, legitimate and reasonable competition. Members of the City Council last night expressed themselves in favor of competition in the lighting, heating and power business. Not having read the ordinance they could not declare definitely whether they will be ready to vote for it when it comes up for passage. passage,

However, most of them say that if the measure contains provision for the city to collect a percentage of the company's gross earnings and imposes reasonable restrictions they will be ready to consider it favorably.

Directors Approved by Bankers. Portland bankers who have had busi-ness relations with the San Francisco men connected with the enterprise, speak in the highest terms of their financial responsibility and their ability to carry out the terms of the franchise which they seek.

All the members of the company are well known in financial circles in all parts of the country. They have been negotiating for an invasion of the Portland field for several months. On his recent trip to San Francisco, Mayor Rushlight, who had learned of their desire, visited the Fleishhackers and decreased the situation with others and discussed the situation with

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 9,—(Special.)—The Independent Electric Company, capital stock \$50,000, has filed articles of incorporation. The incorporators are H. G. Fleischhauer and M. F. Brady, of Portland, and H. K. Lugger, of Vancouver. The principal place of business is Vancouver, though an office may be retained in Portland.

FAMINE LETTER DEFENDED

A. W. Lawrence Insists Labor Council Is Essentialy Right in Position.

Following an informal reply to a let-ter sent from the office of the State immigration Commission, calling at-tention to a second "famine letter" which had been issued from the Portland Labor Council and published in be ma sent to State Immigration Agent C. C. Chapman a formal letter in which he

reiterates his declaration that the La-bor Council has not broken faith with

bor Council has not broken faith with
the immigration authorities, since the
letter was mailed prior to the conference called by Governor West.

Mr. Lawrence, however, defends the
Labor Council in its action in having
sent out the letter and asserts that the
essentials stated in it are true. He impiles that the immigration agent is trying "to inject a two-months-oid affair
into a political campaign."

Judge William Colvig, president
and manager of the Medford Commercial Club, visiting in Portland yesterday, said that a letter similar to the
"famine letter" sent out by the Portland Labor Council was sent out from
Medford some time ago, warning people away from that city. Since that
time, he says, the movement has fallen
into bad favor with many members of
the labor associations and that the typographical and plumbers' unions have pographical and plumbers' unions have both withdrawn their support from the campaign of unfavorable publicity and several other unions have indicated their purpose to do likewise.

Golden Couple Wed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 9 .- (Spedal.)-Golden, Or., is the name of a town from whence came two persons to be married in Vancouver today. They are John Jackson and Mrs. Christina



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