

EFFORTS TO FIX SUSPECTED MURDER

No Trace of Whereabouts of Portland Railway Man Found by Searchers.

SUSPECTS WILL NOT TALK

Strenuous Hunt Made by Authorities to Find George M. Fenton, Who Disappeared Suddenly While at Cello.

Though George Monroe Fenton, a Portland railroad man with a family living here, is believed to have been slain at Cello, last January, and though circumstantial evidence points to three men as being concerned in his disappearance, secret efforts which have been carried on for the last six months to fix the supposed crime on its perpetrators were abandoned last week, because of the apparent hopelessness of producing the body, without which, in the absence of eye-witnesses to the killing, the crime cannot be proved.

Engaged in the search have been Governor West, the Albany local of Elks, of which Fenton was a member, the brothers of the missing man and private detectives. They were able to show that Fenton last was seen in a resort at Cello, two days before the time when he was to have been a material witness against the place. Within 48 hours after his disappearance, all connected with the resort vanished, leaving unprotected property worth at least \$1000 and a ball bond of \$500.

Body Concealed, Is Belief. In the sand dunes of the Columbia, or in the Big Eddy of that stream, it is believed, the body lies concealed.

During all the time of the search four men have been kept under surveillance at scattered points, but now the espionage has been withdrawn. One of the four was all but an eye-witness to the supposed crime, and months have been passed in fruitless attempts to extort from him a repetition of incoherent revelations he once made when in his cups.

George Monroe Fenton was employed as a railroad man at the Cello canal project. His wife and two children are living with relatives in the northeast section of the city. Fred Fenton, a painter, living in St. Johns and Ernest Fenton, a carman, living at 192 Couch street, are brothers, and it was they who directed the search.

The events which led to the supposed murder of Fenton began some weeks before, when inmates of the dive engaged in a quarrel over a Mexican woman. A fight ensued in which the one who was worsted took his rifle and lay in wait outside of a "soft-drink" establishment for his opponent. Fenton chanced along, sensed the situation and reported to the police, the postmaster, and a deputy sheriff.

Kynston deputized Fenton and the two arrested one of the fighters. He explained an extension that he had drunk and was pressed to tell where he obtained the liquor, confessed that the place where he was harbored was a "blind pig." Complaints were issued against the manager, the place and Fenton was to have appeared as a witness against them Monday, January 29.

On the Friday preceding, Fenton is known to have gone to Astoria, just across the river on the Washington side, to Cello, and direct to the saloon. He never was seen again. Before Sunday he had returned to the resort and the Mexican woman was missing and their valuable establishment was left unguarded, and stocked with goods.

What happened after Fenton entered the saloon is dimly shown by a statement made by Joe Mafrois, a swimmer in the saloon, to D. M. Ferry, of The Dalles. Mafrois passed the place, on entering the place, was given a drink of liquor and at once became sick. He was supported to a bunk in the back of the place, from which an outside stairway under the house communicated with the sands below. Under this bunk, said Mafrois, was a heavy piece of railroad iron.

"I saw what was coming, and I got out," said Mafrois to Ferry. "I didn't want to see it." When he returned, an hour later, he said that Fenton was gone, the railroad iron was gone, and a blanket was missing from the bed. The bunk had been freshly made up.

Detectives' Work Fruitless. This disclosure was the opening point of the investigation. Fred Fenton went to The Dalles and remained several weeks, seeking information. He engaged the services of Patrick Bruin, formerly captain of police in Portland. Allan McDonald, a private investigator of Portland, also worked independently.

F. G. Dillon, manager of a detective agency of this city, was engaged by the Fentons, and spent many days at Cello investigating. What appeared at one time to be a hopeful clue was the discovery that an Elks' charm belonging to Fenton had been reclaimed at a Portland jewelry store by a stranger. The Elks' charm, a description of him which is entirely different from that of Fenton.

Twice since the hunt commenced reports have reached the city that Fenton had been seen alive. These, when traced down, were found to be baseless.

AUTO PARADE IS SUCCESS

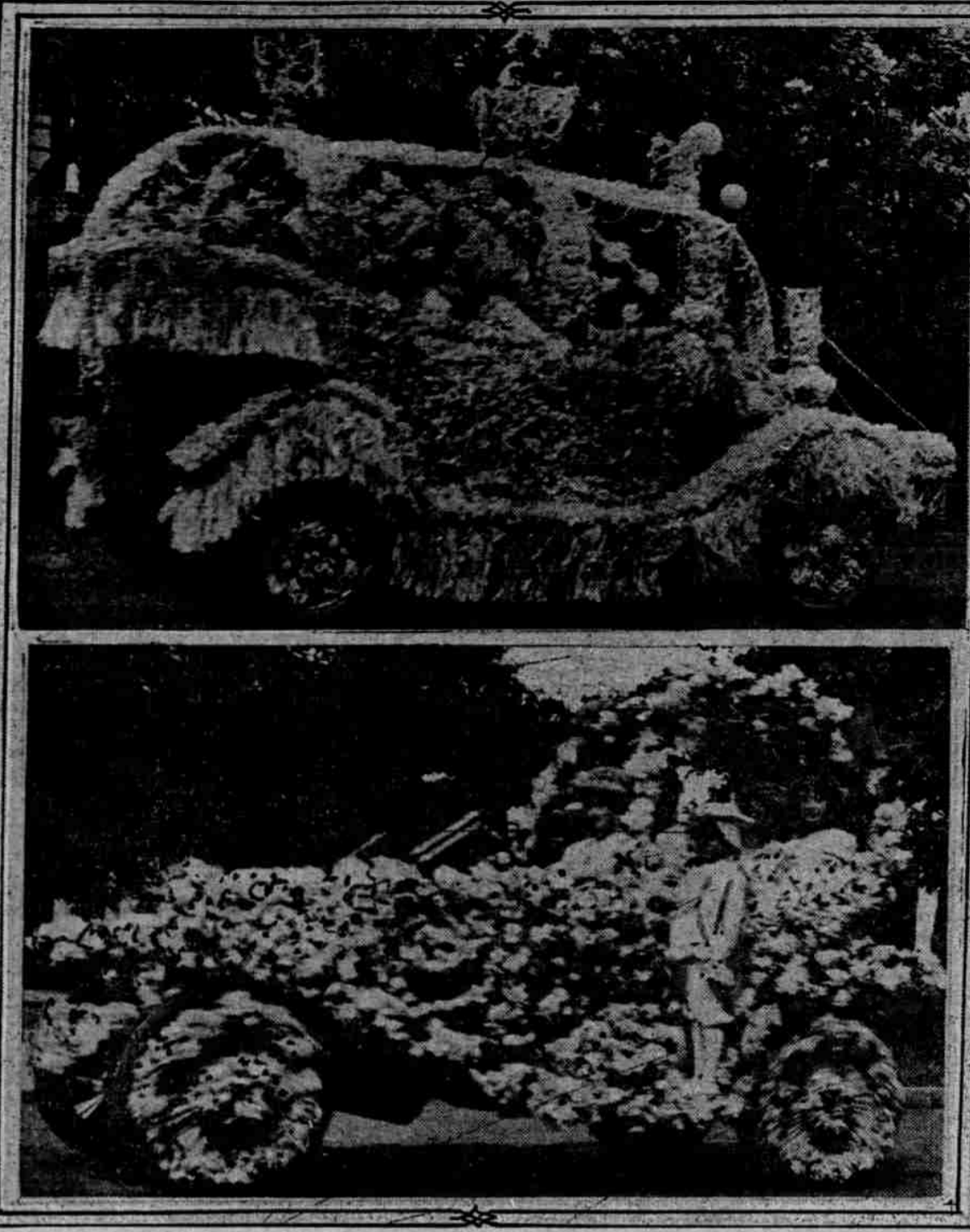
Salem Cars Are Decorated in Most Elaborate Manner.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The success of Saturday's automobile parade in the closing day of the Cherry Fair is the talk of the town today. Not only were the prize winners gems of color and artistic design, but all the cars in the parade were beautiful.

The car driven by Miss Priscilla Fleming, which was awarded the first prize, was decorated with pink roses, which entirely concealed the car. One of the best of the cars was that of John J. Roberts, typical of Elkdom. In addition to the purple and white decorations, which covered the car, were two little girls, one on each of the head lamps, and in the rear was a little boy in the purple and white suit of a clown peeping at the crowd from a mass of pretty decorations.

Girl of 14 Hart, Drives Ten Miles. VANCOUVER, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Although suffering severely from a fall which resulted in a deep gash on her arm, the 14-year-old daughter of J. R. Duback, of Fishers, drove 10 miles to the office of a Vancouver physician today. The cut, while painful, will not prove serious.

TWO FLOATS IN SALEM CHEBBY FAIR PARADE OF LAST SATURDAY.



ABOVE, R. H. WHITESIDE CAR DECORATED WITH PINK PAPER—BELOW, MISS PRISCILLA FLEMING'S CAR, WHICH WON FIRST PRIZE.

GODLY MEN LAUDED

Lloyd-George Holds Future of England, Says Pastor.

BAPTIST CONVENTION ENDS

Dr. Hinson Talks at Morning Session of Annual Meeting of Young People of Church—Other Preachers Are Heard.

England can afford to lose 50 of her statesmen or prominent men of affairs, rather than lose Lloyd-George, according to the statement made by Dr. W. B. Hinson in his sermon at the White Temple yesterday morning. His subject was "The future of America is in the hands of godly men, just as the future of England is largely in the hands of a godly man, Lloyd-George."

The surprise prayer meeting on Council Crest at 6:30 yesterday morning was a feature of the convention. It was led by J. L. Soule. About 50 young persons were present. The Sunday school at 10 A. M. was largely attended.

"Marring One's Inheritance" was the subject of Dr. H. Wyse Jones, of McMinnville, at the meeting at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Bible story of Ruth was made the basis of the sermon.

J. D. Springston conducted a unique prayer and testimony service just before the morning session. The song service was led by Dr. W. A. Lindsay. Mr. and Mrs. E. Burton rendered a duet, and the selection by the male quartet of the Highland Baptist Church was well received.

A mass meeting of the young people was held at 6:30 o'clock last night in the White Temple Sunday school room. A. E. Fatche, until recently pastor of Grace Baptist Church, at Montavilla, led the meeting.

Dr. D. D. MacLaurin, of Walla Walla, Wash., preached the closing sermon last night. His subject was "The Most Majestic Expression" and was an eloquent setting forth of the deity of Christ.

By reason of the necessary departure of the president of the young people's societies, William H. Groat, Arthur L. Wadsworth, the vice-president, presided. The Scripture was read by Idell D. Wood, of Bremerton, Wash. The convention adjourned at 9:30 last night with the singing of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." Next year's meeting will be held in Seattle.

Professor F. G. Boughton, of McMinnville College, made the closing prayer. The convention was well attended by delegates from Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona and Montana.

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PRUNE CROP TO BE LIGHT

PACKER SAYS HARVEST IS FAR BELOW AVERAGE.

Yield 200 Cars Short of Normal and Growers Are Holding for Advance in Prices.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—The prune crop of the entire Northwest will not exceed 200 cars, one-fourth the normal output, according to a conservative estimate made by Scott Swetland, representing the Armbury Packing Company, one of the largest in the Pacific Coast. The crop in Clark County is still lighter, and the yield will not be more than one-eighth the normal output, Mr. Swetland said tonight. Clark County usually produces about 250 cars of the finest prunes in the Northwest.

The highest price paid for prunes last year was 85 cents a pound, dried. The price this year has not been determined. There is said to be a heavy holdover supply of prunes in the East. Growers are not anxious to sell, firm in the belief that the price will go higher. Buyers, hoping for a break in the market, are not quick to sign up contracts.

The net weight of a carload of prunes is 37,000 pounds, or 42,000 pounds including boxes. The estimated output this year will be 7,500,000 pounds, against an average crop of 30,000,000 pounds.

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YOUNG GIRLS RUN AWAY

Two 14-Year-Old Woodland Youngsters Land in Vancouver, Returned.

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They started Friday evening, but passed the first night near their home. When they finally reached Vancouver late Saturday afternoon they were completely worn out and repentantly confessed their story to the Sisters of Mercy of Providence Academy, where they went for shelter. Chief of Police Secrist was notified, as well as the parents of the girls. The latter came to Vancouver by rail and the girls were taken back to their homes in Woodland today.

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LAKE IS ASSURED.

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