

CUMMINGS' LETTER ADDS TO MYSTERY

Distracted Pendleton Mother Thinks Missive Trick and Is Fearful.

SLAVERY BELIEF STRONG

"Something Radically Wrong Has Befallen My Girl," Moans Former Portlander, Whose Daughter's Disappearance Is Strange.

PENDLETON, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—After two months of anxious waiting to hear from her daughter, during which time the police of San Francisco and Los Angeles have been busily engaged trying to throw some light on the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Pearl Cummings, who left on October 11 with \$40,000 in cash, to pay her people a visit, Mrs. M. S. Hutchinson, residing on West Alta street in this city, today testified in court that she had been written by her missing daughter from Hotel Georgetown, Seattle, prior to sailing to the Northland, under date of March 10, as follows:—

"I am writing before leaving for Alaska again. I am very sorry I could not go home. It is just as much of a disappointment to me as it will be to you. I have to go back sooner than I expected to go, as business that I have to look after right away is urgent, but I may be back next fall. I sent you something by mail. I am enclosing you \$5, will write on the boat and tell you everything. Lovingly your Pearl."

Mrs. Hutchinson, when interviewed by a representative of The Oregonian, said:

Mother Feels Concern. "My daughter, Pearl Cummings, has been in Alaska for the past seven years, making it her custom to come home once a year for a visit, usually about this season. She has always been a loyal and dependable girl and has been a great help and comfort to me. I have never had occasion to mistrust her, or worry about her. Owing to business she was unable to get away last year, so I have not seen her since a year ago the second of last December, when she visited me at our old home in Portland. I have never seen her since that time, since I received a letter written from Douglas, on her way out last fall, because the handwriting did not seem to be hers. This unknown handwriting comprised the address of a man in San Francisco and the one which came to me today. I have been so worried I haven't known what I thought, but as time goes on I have become more and more fully convinced that something is wrong, either the lonely, desolate life in Alaska has affected her mind or she has become a victim of white slavery, and I am much inclined to believe the latter."

"I heard from her from Berry, just after she left Ester Creek, and that letter was her own writing, but perhaps she met someone on the trip, down that has brought trouble upon us. Something radically wrong has befallen my girl or I would have heard from her, but I do not know for a certainty what it is, but I am sure it is something connected with the affair."

White Slavery Theory Voiced. To bear out her theory as to white slavery Mrs. Hutchinson stated that in recent conversations with the San Francisco police they found where her daughter had stayed at the Stuart Hotel in company with some man who signed himself "John Johnson" and "H. M. Johnson and wife." Mrs. Cummings was divorced from her husband several years ago and has contracted a marriage since that time, according to her mother.

Mrs. Hutchinson is living modestly earning her living by keeping boarders and lodgers, and a single, middle-aged woman. She lived in this city a little more than a year ago from her old home, Portland, where she raised three children. Before going to Alaska, Mrs. Pearl Cummings was head waitress in the Barr Hotel, Portland, at that time owned by Barr Bros., and when the rush to Alaska started she went to seek her fortune in the interior, prospecting and roughing it alone, as the average Alaskan miner did. She amassed quite a fortune in the interior country, and the latest stake was in the Ester Creek country. She is not quite 25 years old, is a striking brunette, and according to Mrs. Hutchinson, looks like a younger woman. The sealskin coat spoken of in the recent account of Mrs. Cummings' disappearance was one for which she paid \$325 in Alaska, and a photograph, in which she wore the same, was forwarded to San Francisco police to aid in identifying the woman.

Mother Has Hope. Mrs. Hutchinson believes her daughter is headed for Fairbanks, as a package sent from San Francisco, to which she alludes in the letter above, to her mother, and was returned to her on the return of the same to Fairbanks, Alaska.

"I will never give up the search for my child," said Mrs. Hutchinson, "and will hunt for her as long as I live, but I have no money with which to place detectives on the case."

"I am sure if my girl gets an opportunity she will relieve my suspense, for she has always been a good girl to me, and I know she will tell me what has happened whenever she can."

CROP PESTS DISCUSSED

300-Page Book Issued by O. A. C. of Much Interest to Growers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 14.—(Special.)—Results of the last two years' work in crop pest investigations and experimental work has been published by the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station and is being published in bulletin form and the first copies of the 300-page book have been delivered to the college by the State Printer.

Special features of the work are accounts of investigations made by the college experts to determine the influence of bud scales on the fruit markings; an exhaustive treatise on the several forms of aphides which cause Oregon agriculturists so much trouble, and a discussion of the work of the San Jose scale on pears. These treatises are illustrated by color plates.

DAVIS EX-RANGE WARRIOR

"Diamond Field Jack" Shot by Mexicans, Has Record in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, March 14.—(Special.)—The shooting of "Diamond Field Jack" Davis, a pioneer mining and cattle man

HENRY'S CALM AS DEATH TALE TOLD

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ALBANY, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—On trial for murder in the first degree, Ralph Henry, of Newport, sat in the courtroom here today and heard witnesses recount to the jury in Judge Kelly's department of the State Circuit Court the story of how he shot and killed George Dodd on a raft in the Willamette River opposite Corvallis on October 31.

Henry was apparently unmoved during the recital of the details of the shooting. He showed neither sorrow nor anger at the various phases of the killing which were brought forth. He was calm during all of the testimony, and even smiled once or twice when some incident caused a ripple of amusement in the courtroom.

Witnesses to the shooting told how Henry was rowed out to the raft on which Dodd was at work; how Dodd, struck by the first bullet fired, fell off the raft into the river; how he caught hold of a board on the draw rest of the bridge to which the raft was tied when he rose to the surface of the water and how Henry fired twice more, the second shot striking the man struggling in the water and the other missing. Dodd then threw his arms up and Henry tossed his revolver into the stream.

Defense Would Show Insanity. Cross-examination of the state's witnesses brought out one point to support the defense that Henry was insane when the shooting occurred; that, after shooting, Henry stood still, with arms folded, practically without changing position for 20 minutes until officers arrived.

Other testimony combated the insanity theory, however. M. M. Long, a Corvallis merchant from whom Henry bought a .38-caliber revolver with which he killed Dodd, testified that there was nothing unusual in his appearance while buying the weapon. He showed Henry a small-caliber weapon, he said, but Henry asked for a larger gun. The people who were in the boat with Henry when he was rowed out to the raft on which the shooting occurred, testified that nothing unusual in his conduct at that time.

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CITIES IN LEGAL FIGHT

CENTRALIA AND CHEHALIS WAR OVER HEADWATER TRACT.

Sites for Proposed Municipal Gravity Water Systems' Intake Involved in Cases Opened in Court.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—What promises to develop into a long-drawn-out legal battle between the cities of Centralia and Chehalis for possession of an 83-acre tract of land near the headwaters of the north fork of the Newaukum River as a site for an intake for their proposed municipal gravity water systems, opened in the Lewis County Superior Court today. Judge Black, of Clark County, is occupying the bench, having been especially appointed to hear the present case.

The City Commissions of the respective cities at the present time are working in harmony on a proposition of joint ownership of the property desired for intake purposes and water sufficient to supply both cities. Though some hitch these friendly relations were broken, however. The City of Chehalis abandoned the original plan and filed condemnation suits against the City of Centralia and other interested parties in an apparent effort to secure sole ownership of both the site and the water.

A counter suit was filed by Centralia late in the afternoon, and was set before Judge Black today.

IDAHO ROAD BILLS SIGNED

One Measure Provides for Uniform Highway System.

BOISE, Idaho, May 14.—The first authorized movement, backed by financial aid, to construct a state highway from Boise to the entrance to the Yellowstone Park, was taken tonight when Governor Haines signed the bill creating a \$10,000 bond issue to start work on the new highway. The Governor also signed the \$200,000 State Highway Commission bond issue to start work on a uniform highway system in this state.

The Governor tonight vetoed House bill No. 136, relating to the certification to the county taxpayers of the percentage or number of mills on the dollar levied for all city or village purposes.

House bill No. 136, relating to the appointment of and the duties of County Road Supervisors, also was vetoed.

Sister Mary D. Sales Dies.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Sister Mary D. Sales, of the Sisters of Charity House of Providence, died Thursday at Providence Academy here, after being ill for more than a year. She was 37 years old, having been in the religious work for 11 years. Before she took the veil she was known as Miss Margaret Armas and was native of Iowa. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the convent chapel. Father Felix Verburgh officiating, and interment will be in the sisters' section of the Catholic cemetery.

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OLD INDIAN GRAVE OPENED

Rifle and Other Relics 100 Years Old Are Discovered.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—While digging a drain ditch on the west bank of the Willamette river about a mile south of Oregon City, workmen uncovered an old Indian grave.

In the grave, which from its position is known to be at least 100 years old, were found an old bear trap and a flint lock rifle, both of which bore the mark of the Hudson Bay Company. The bear trap is in a good state of preservation, but the rifle has been rusted into three pieces. Besides the rifle and trap, there also were found 50 feet of glass and copper beads and a stone tomahawk. Upon the discovery of the relics, the workmen notified Eugene Young, Indian agent, and collector of Indian relics, who investigated the grave and its contents.

INDIAN CLAMBAKE IS PLAN

Tillamook Bay Folk Prepare for Fourth of July Celebration.

BAY CITY, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—A big clam bake was decided upon as the leading feature of the Fourth of July celebration to be held in this city. The general committee met last night and it was decided to secure the services of the Indians of the county to prepare something that will probably be the last native clam bake of this county. The Tillamook natives have been famous for their preparation of this sea product and Bay City will have the real thing on the Fourth.

Many new and novel attractions are also planned, which will be held tentatively a Tillamook Bay affair. The city and bay people have much to celebrate this year and they are going to do it all at once. Plans are also being made to include a day at the resorts along Garibaldi Beach if railroad arrangements can be completed.

WOMAN ASKED TO ENTER

Ann Whiteaker Is Requested to Be Candidate for Eugene Council.

EUGENE, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Friends of Ann Whiteaker, daughter of Oregon's first Governor, are making a strong effort to induce her to become a candidate to represent her ward in the City Council. She has had charge of the Whiteaker estate ever since her father died, and is of recognized business ability.

She has not yet yielded to the wishes of her friends to become a pioneer woman candidate for Council as her parents were pioneers in the settlement of Oregon.

West Says Fund Not Depleted. SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Governor West said today that the provisions of an act passed by the last Legislature providing for creating a revolving fund on the face of it shows that assertions to the effect that the Penitentiary revolving fund has been depleted are without foundation. He says that the bill itself, which was passed, shows that \$461,833 unexpended earnings of the state prison was in the revolving fund at the end of the year.



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tends making the big corporations pay their proportion of taxes. Wiley made his statement today, when informed that the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company had paid \$82,000 of its tax share of the water tax, approximately \$60,000. Wiley says the taxes paid was on the timber which was cruised at a lower estimate or near the county \$72,000 and the low cruises would offset any high ones, but when a company takes this advantage I propose to cruise their low lands, if they have any in new high ones. I am of the opinion that the recruits will pay for itself."

DEDICATION TO BE EASTER

First Methodist Episcopal Church to Be Formally Opened.

EUGENE, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—All the former pastors of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Eugene are invited to attend the dedication, Easter Sunday, of the new \$100,000 church building. The program will include three services Easter, and events on five of the days of the week following. Bishop R. J. Cook will preach the dedicatory sermon on Sunday morning, and in the afternoon there will be a fellowship meeting, with addresses by pastors of Eugene churches.

Rev. D. H. Trimble, of Portland, will preach the evening sermon, Monday night there will be a reception to the former pastors and Wednesday night there will be a banquet given by the women of the church to the men's organization. Thursday night there will be a praise service, followed on Friday by the oratorio, "The Messiah."

Bishop F. J. McConnell and Rev. F. H. Wright, superintendent of Italian missions, will be the principal speakers of the services on Sunday, March 30.

REV. T. T. VINCENT IS DEAD

Woodburn Pastor Succumbs on 58th Birthday Anniversary.

WOODBURN, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Rev. T. T. Vincent, for the last three years pastor of the Woodburn Presbyterian Church, died here today, the 58th anniversary of his birth. Rev. Mr. Vincent was born in Allen County, Ohio, March 14, 1855, and married Alice Countryman in Minnesota, October 14, 1875, moving to Oregon immediately after. He taught school for some years and held the office of Superintendent of Schools in Washington County. Later he served as Recorder and also County Clerk of Benton County.

Since entering the ministry he has held pastorates in Portland and in Polk.

HUMPHRYS ARE TO HANG

Brothers Convicted of Murdering Mrs. Eliza Griffith to Go to Gallows March 22, Says West.

SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—George and Charles Humphrys will hang Saturday, March 22, to pay the penalty for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith near Philomath. No clemency will be extended by Governor West to these men. The executive made a definite and final statement to this effect today.

Dr. Blalock were to have been hanged on Friday, March 21, at the request of Barr G. Lee, pastor of the Episcopal Church of this city, the Governor agreed to grant them a reprieve for one day.

The date originally set for the execution falls on Good Friday, and, inasmuch as the relatives of the Humphrys are Episcopalians and the Rev. Mr. Lee is to officiate at the execution, the request for the reprieve was made.

The two men have retained their child-like attitude since their incarceration in the Penitentiary, and, aside from garrulous pleadings on the part of George Humphrys, the talkative one of the two brothers, have given little indication that they are close to death's door.

The Governor made no formal statement as to the Humphrys' reprieve, nor said anything in declaring that the men will hang further than to state the fact and that absolutely no clemency need be expected for them.

"While we feel that the concern is going to be a good thing for the Washington district," says Mr. Sieg, "we feel that we do not need the benefits of such an organization. We can do our best work by co-operation here and not by joining hands with them."

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—While it is improbable that Hood River fruit men will enter the Northwest Fruit Distributors' Association, which was formed last fall at Spokane, Wilmer Sieg, manager of the Apple Growers' Union, and H. E. Davidson, president of the Davidson Fruit Company, will attend a meeting of the officers of the concern at Spokane next week, and give the Washington fruit men the benefit of information they gathered recently while visiting the marketing centers in the East and Middle West. Mr. Davidson is a member of the board of directors of the Northwestern Distributors.

It is asserted that "it will be the largest city on the Pacific Coast." After failing to find the townsite on the map, Mr. Flues communicated with the secretary of the South Bend Commercial Club, who has also failed to find trace of the townsite, no deed having been filed with the Pacific County Auditor. It is the intention of the South Bend Club to expose the apparent fraud.

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LOSS IS FELT BY SECTION

Man, Whose Faith in Waterways for Vast Development of Washington and Oregon Was Great, Succumbs to Paralysis.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Dr. Nelson G. Blalock, pioneer citizen of Walla Walla, died today of paralysis following a stroke yesterday afternoon at his office. He was 77 years old and had practiced medicine for 40 years. He was a surgeon with the Illinois One Hundred and Fifteenth Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

Dr. Blalock was the first man to raise wheat in the foothills. He planted Blalock orchard west of the city, and was engaged in the lumber business on Blalock Mountain. He formerly owned Blalock Island in the Columbia River.

He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1889, served two terms as Mayor of Walla Walla, was a member of the city school board for eight years, and for 30 years was the track-laying crew in well on its way to Monroe. At the present time Bridge timbers for the 1906-foot trestle across the Long Tom strait, between the "Wheat City," the first to start the crusade are the Sisters of the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, who are having the school grounds laid out for walks, trees, shrubbery and lawn. An expert gardener has charge of the work and as soon as this improvement is completed he will transform the spacious grounds of the St. Thomas Academy School, which are also to be adorned with trees and shrubbery.

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CONDON BEING BEAUTIFIED

Citizens Inbued With Spirit of Civic Pride and Work Begun.

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REALLY FRAUD SCENTED

"Port Washington" Exploitation Is Cause for Investigation.

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Headache

"How are your bowels?" This is generally the first question the doctor asks. He knows that headaches, bilious attacks, indigestion, impure blood, are often due to a sluggish liver. Ask him if he approves of Ayer's Pills.

DOCTORS DID NOT HELP HER

But Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Mrs. LeClear's Health—Her Own Statement.

Detroit, Mich.—"I am glad to discover a remedy that relieves me from my suffering and pains. For two years I suffered bearing down pains and got all run down. I was under a nervous strain and could not sleep at night. I went to doctors here in the city but they did not do me any good."

"Seeing Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advertised, I tried it. My health improved wonderfully and I am now quite well again. No woman suffering from female ills will regret it if she takes this medicine."—Mrs. JAMES G. LECLEAR, 336 Hunt St., Detroit, Mich.



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