

MURDER SUSPECTS ALIBI IS UNCOVERED

Bennett Thompson at Home Night of Jennings Crime, Says Sister-in-Law.

OFFICERS STILL CONFIDENT

Woman Complains of Police Repeatedly Searching Her Home; Shirt She Washed Was Not Bloodstained, She Declares.

The alibi that Bennett Thompson, ex-convict, suspect under arrest for the murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings near Sherwood, Or., and the putative murderer of Fred Ristman, chauffeur, who has disappeared, has promised probably will be that he was at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. James Thompson, in the Mount Scott district, Monday night, May 15, the night of the tragedy.

Whether neighbors saw him early that evening or the next morning is a point which the authorities of Washington and Multnomah counties will seek to have Roscoe P. Hurst, attorney for the ex-convict, prove when the blame is formally placed on Thompson, as these authorities indicated yesterday it would be. Attorney Hurst says that Thompson has a perfect alibi.

Mrs. Thompson says she knows of no others who would be called in to prove Thompson's whereabouts on the night in question.

Deputy Expresses Confidence. "I am more than confident that we have the right man," commented Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips, of Portland, last night. Sheriff Reeves, of Washington county, expressed himself yesterday as well satisfied with the progress made.

The officers believe they can produce at Thompson's trial authoritative testimony to prove that he was not at his sister-in-law's home that night. The jilted wife of the murderer was corroborated by a similar experiment to be made with newer chemicals this week, this may be a most damaging bit of evidence against Thompson.

"Yes, it was Ben's shirt," admitted Mrs. Thompson yesterday. She added quickly, "But there were no blood stains on it when I washed it last Wednesday. The officers found it hanging on the line. If there were any bloodstains they must have been put there after the men took it away."

Surer Way Is Cited. The murder was Monday night. The shirt was washed Wednesday, said Mrs. Thompson. "If Ben had done such a thing, and the shirt had been stained with blood, do you suppose we would have washed it?" she asked.

"What would you have done; burned it?" she was asked.

"Why, I guess so," Mrs. Thompson answered. Mrs. Thompson is a woman probably in her early 20s. She has dark, wavy brown hair, regular features, and is not unattractive. She smiled easily. She had a ready sympathy for the bereaved wife of the murderer.

"Poor woman, she must be almost wild," commented Mrs. Thompson. She knew that Thompson had been well acquainted with Mrs. Jennings. "He must have known her for two or three years," she said. "She liked him, and he could have had anything he wanted from Mrs. Jennings without killing her."

Mrs. Thompson appeared quite positive that the man under arrest could not have done the killing. "He was home that night," she asserted. "He went to bed early, and I am sure he was not out of the house all night. No, no one saw him that night, I suppose, for no one called on us. I don't know how he could have been there except by my own word."

Prisoner's Calmness Recited. "Was there no chance of his going out during the night without your knowing it?" she was asked.

"No," she answered, with conviction. "If he is guilty he must have gone there and back during the daytime. Mrs. Thompson commented on the fact that had already attracted the notice of the authorities—the cool unconcern of Thompson, when arrested. "Do you suppose he could have showed such unconcern if he had done such a thing?" she queried.

Mrs. Thompson said that she did not always know when Ben had been working, but said that he had been out of work for some weeks, and that they had been in distressing circumstances. She was taken into the home of a kindly neighbor yesterday for dinner.

PART OF BIG SEARCH PARTY WHO HUNTED FOR FRED RISTMAN'S BODY YESTERDAY, AND HOME OF BENNETT THOMPSON, EX-CONVICT UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER OF MRS. HELEN JENNINGS, WHERE NEW EVIDENCE WAS COLLECTED.



sympathy for Mrs. Thompson. The little woman has a fund of affection for the accused man, and the investigators appreciate this fact. For that reason they have not asked that she be detained in jail as a material witness. She has a young baby, and there is little likelihood of her disappearing.

The chemicals used in the test Saturday were old and slow in giving the reaction for the blood test. Bertillon Expert Hunter, of the city police bureau, intends to make a second test on the stained undershirt as soon as fresh acids can be secured. This probably will be the latter part of the week. Mr. Hunter does not care to announce positively that the shirt has ever been stained with human blood without the confirmation of fresh chemicals on which he can rely absolutely.

Attorney Hurst announced last night that he would begin habeas corpus proceedings shortly unless a charge is filed against the man in jail at Hillsboro.

SEARCH FOR BODY FRUITLESS. Nearly Score of Auto Loads of Portland Men Seek Missing Man.

The most systematic search for the missing chauffeur, Fred Ristman, since the finding of his blood-stained and stained Panama hat last week, was organized yesterday, when Oddfellows of Portland, Tualatin and Sherwood joined with Portland automobile men, chiefly friends of Ristman, and swept the Tualatin Valley and dynamited the river fruitlessly.

A rumor was current at an early hour last night that the body of the missing man had been found, but confirmation was fifteen auto parties with hand-axes and grappling hooks and two autos and an auto truck carrying 20 Oddfellows, at the home of Henry S. Westbrook, deputy grand master of the Oddfellows of Oregon, were joined by fellow lodge members from Sherwood and Tualatin.

District Attorney Evans, of Portland, went to the Old Gore farm, where Mrs. Helen Jennings was found dead Monday night, and conferred with District Attorney Tongue, of Washington County, concerning the impending prosecution of Thompson for the murder.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips, of Portland, and City Detective Howell went from this city to the scene.

Dark doings at the house of Harry K. Fawkes, salesman, who lives on East Twenty-ninth street, at the southwest corner of Stephens street, the dread despot of the mysterious "XYZ" has marked down Mr. Fawkes.

Mr. Fawkes and family after an evening at the theater. At the click of a button the electric lights in the shadows of night. Now look upon a household that has suffered the threatened visitation of the "XYZ." Chairs lie prone upon the floor, tables are overturned, from kitchen to front hall the home resembles the trail of a tornado.

And there, pinned on the portiere, is the white slip of paper, scrawled with capital letters: Read it: "You have disobeyed the command of the 'XYZ' but we forgive you this time. We will send you another note in a few days. In this we will instruct you what to do to regain our good will. By—Ralah and Rustum, head of the 'XYZ.'"

The hitherto patient Mr. Fawkes weaned and telephoned to detective headquarters. City Detectives Royle and Vaughn will look for two boys who have been reading Arabian Nights entertainments and newspaper reports of Black Hand operations.

A pair of cuff links has been missed by Mr. Fawkes, but it is not considered certain that "Ralah" and "Rustum" are the culprits.

PERSONAL MENTION. C. S. Moody, of Seattle, is at the Oregon. C. A. Baggett, of Tacoma, is at the Eaton. J. Klings, of Newport, is at the Cornellus. A. D. Kerr, of Corvallis, is at the Oregon. J. A. Hudson, of Chicago, is at the Portland. L. Winchester, of Tacoma, is at the Cornellus. C. P. Condon, of Eugene, is at the Imperial. S. Paisley is at the Eaton, registered from Banks.

J. H. Gowdy, of Silver Lake, is at the Perkins. A. E. Parsons, of Bend, is registered at the Perkins. A. M. Devey, of Cordova, Alaska, is at the Portland. H. W. Foster, of Manila, is registered at the Portland. J. N. Knight is registered at the Perkins from Gervais. J. E. Larson, of Corvallis, is registered at the Seward. Mrs. H. B. Taylor and Mrs. R. Ham-

FOOD TO BE TOPIC

Mrs. Vaughn Will Give Series of Lectures Next Week.

AID TO HOUSEWIVES AIM

Effort of "Queen of Cooks" Is to Make Every-Day Work in Home One of Pleasure and of Profit to All Family.

"Better Foods—Better Homes" will be the motto of the series of lectures to be given in the Eleventh-street Playhouse next week by Mrs. Kate B. Vaughn, "queen of the cooks," who will come to Portland to give a course of six lectures.

Mrs. Vaughn was here last year, and she made so many friends at that time that she was besieged with requests for a return engagement, and at last consented.

The series this year will be practical. The lectures are utilitarian yet idealistic. This clever lecturer and teacher knows just how to combine the practical and the ideal. While she teaches actual cookery processes from day to day, and suggests easy methods and short cuts and usable means of economizing, still it is her biggest aim to set women to thinking about the real value of their everyday work in the home, and urge and encourage them to carry on this work in the best manner possible, to avail themselves of every means of learning how to give their families the sort of food that will build up strong bodies and active minds and create worth while manhood and womanhood.

The lectures will be held at 2:30, are free, and women who heard Mrs. Vaughn last season and those who did not, have that opportunity will be all cordially welcome.

Of Mrs. Vaughn's message to housewives a well-known California authority on domestic science, said recently:

"To be able to accomplish things in every normal woman's ambition, and to show her that there is much to accomplish in the everyday life in the home in the cheerful doing of duties that seem in themselves humdrum, monotonous and uninteresting, because they result in big things, is what Mrs. Vaughn hopes to accomplish by her 'Better Foods—Better Homes' work. That she is doing this is evidenced by many homes throughout the country that are better homes because of her influence, and hundreds of women that are happier in their home duties because of her encouragement and inspiration."

L. D. ROBERTS LADED

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TAKES PRINCIPAL PART.

Resolutions Adopted and Copy Is Sent to School Board—Pupils Take Similar Action.

At a special meeting of the executive committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Holman School last Friday resolutions relative to the trial of L. D. Roberts, principal of the school, were unanimously adopted. The resolutions read:

"Whereas, much unpleasant notoriety has been brought upon and great injustice shown our principal, L. D. Roberts, and our school in the newspaper accounts of the alleged 'inhumane' punishment administered to an unruly pupil of the school; and

"Whereas, Professor Roberts, during his principality of said school, has been most just, kind and humane in his relations with the pupils of the school, and has exhibited great forbearance and tact in dealing with them; and

"Whereas, his work has always been along conservative lines and for the best good of the school and the community in which it is located; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the executive committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of Holman School express the deep regret we feel over the unnecessary publicity given the incident.

The spirit of this association go on record as having full confidence in Mr. Roberts and in his methods of handling our children and the pupils of the Holman School.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Professor Roberts, to L. R. Alderman, superintendent of schools, to the Board of Education, School District No. 1, and to the daily press, and be spread upon the minutes of this association.

Mrs. Percy Stowell, president; Mrs. E. M. McKay, past president, and Mrs. N. A. Boddy signed the resolutions. The report of the committee recently expressed similar sentiments.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.



1—One of 10 Search Parties Composed of Friends of Fred Ristman, the Missing Chauffeur, That Combed the Woods and Dragged the River in the Tualatin Valley Yesterday. Reading From Left to Right: George Hense, R. C. Vance, Fred Kiler, Carl Hense, Louis Tavell. 2—Clothing in Rear of Thompson Home, 7100 Forty-second Avenue Southeast, on Which Blood Stained, but Washed, Undershirt Was Discovered. 3—Home of Mrs. James Thompson, Sister-in-Law of Ben Thompson, Where the Suspect Had Been Living.

Hton, of Prineville, are registered at the Cornellus. H. E. Smith is registered at the Seward from Eugene. Lyman Chase is registered at the Eaton from Spokane.

R. Alexander, of Pendleton, is registered at the Imperial. E. E. Hyland is registered at the Oregon from Eugene. J. C. Hadley is registered at the Portland from Marion, Ind. Carl G. Helm is registered at the Imperial from Stanfield. O. D. Doane is at the Imperial, registered from The Dalles.

John Sorenson, of Spokane, is registered at the Cornellus. W. A. Gellatly, Sheriff of Benton County, is at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edgington, of Seattle, are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carter are registered at the Eaton from Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. William Sieg, of Hood River, are registered at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gehlen are registered at the Oregon from Station.

ART AWARDS ARE MADE

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION GIVES PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

First Honors for Second Year Students Go to Miss Agnes Nixon. First Year Winners Tie.

The list of prizes and scholarships awarded this term to students in the school of the Portland Art Association, Museum of Art, was announced yesterday. The first honor scholarship for second-year students was awarded to Miss Agnes Nixon.

The work this year in all departments shows improvement. In rank the Portland Art School is recognized as being the best in the country. Following is the complete list of awards:

Arts and Crafts Society prizes for design awarded on specific pieces of work—First prize, Catherine Mackenzie, on cathedral poster; second prize, Clara Manny, on block-printed velvet bag; third prize, Sallie Hart, on Autumn textile design.

Prizes for students in the life and portrait classes, awarded on groups of students' work—First prize, Dorothy Gilbert; second prize, Edna Barrell; third prize, Edith Morgan.

STUDENTS SHOW TALENT

EXCELLENT VAUDEVILLE GIVEN AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL.

Programme Presented by June Class of 1916 Covers Wide Range of Acts of Real Merit.

For all-round excellence the vaudeville performance given by the June class of 1916 of Lincoln High School, Friday and Saturday has not been surpassed by any amateur show this year.

All the sparkle and freshness of youth was added to genuine talent and the whole was blended by the hand of good management. Melville Brown and Balis Allen won laurels in a song and dance specialty; and Russell Sewell and Alice Green were star attractions in a lively, tuneful act.

Interpretive dancing by Margaret Cundy was a brilliant number on the bill. Her Egyptian dance was, perhaps, the favorite.

Miss Margaret Mansfield, accompanied by her brother, Stanley Mansfield, pianist, sang several solos, including "Japanese Love Songs" (Clayton Thomas), "Little Boy Blue" (Florence Joyce), "Olivette" selections and others. Eugene Rosenberg and Newton Krew assisted in an operatic selection.

The Lincoln High Orchestra, directed by Miss Constance Piper, had an important part in the success of the performance. Allan Slade was business manager and Robert Coggriff stage manager.

Seaside Board Names Architect. SEASIDE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—The new Union High School Board has confirmed the appointment of Ernest Kroneer, of Portland, as architect.

Read The Oregonian's classified ads.

TODAY AT Meier & Frank's

The Quality Store of Portland

Did You Read Sunday's Full Page Announcement "Festival of Bargains"

—If not and you cannot secure the page of our advertisement of Sunday we will have several thousand at each of the six entrances to this store, so you can have one this morning.

A \$50 Bohn Syphon Refrigerator FREE

Contest Open to Residents of Portland and Vicinity. —Visit our Refrigerator Shop on the Sixth Floor today, learn the simple rules of this contest and see the demonstration of this up-to-date Refrigerator. Don't put it off—investigate the possibilities at once.—Refrigerator Shop, Sixth Floor.

Eastern Hams 20 1/2 c

—A Monday special—carefully selected, superior quality Eastern hams, whole or half, pound 20 1/2 c. Baker's Coconut, freshly grated with milk, can for 15c. Sage or Tapioca, best quality, 5-lb. cloth sacks 30c. Jersey Butter, well-liked brand, roll 50c. Fancy Teas, choice 60c varieties, lb. 40c. Tea Room Coffee, richly flavored, lb. 35c. Fancy Asparagus, 25c No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$2.25, can 20c.

Kitchen and Laundry Supplies

Cleaning Powder, "Sun-brite," 6 cans 25c. Washing Powder, Mount Hood, large packages, at 18c. Gloss Starch, Kingsford's, 6-lb. wooden boxes, 60c. Telephone Orders Taken by Competent Grocery Saleswomen Starting at 8 A. M. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.



to the aid of the mother and her little daughter Doris. One sum was donated by an out-of-town contributor. A case of canned food was sent. The immediate future now holds no dread for little Doris and her mother. The mother is on the high road to recovery, and they feel certain that their problem is being solved.

PARADE MEETING TONIGHT

Judge Gantenbein to Be in Charge of Preparedness Demonstration.

Judge C. U. Gantenbein, who has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of preparations for the observance of "Preparedness day," June 2, has called a meeting for tonight of the committee and representatives of the various organizations which will participate in the celebration. The meeting will be held in Judge Gantenbein's chambers at the Courthouse at 7:30.

HOW MRS. DEAN MET THE CRISIS

Carried Safely Through Change of Life by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Nashville, Tenn.—"When I was going through the Change of Life I had a tumor as large as a child's head. The doctor said it was three years coming and gave me medicine for it until I was called away from the city for some time. Of course I could not go to him then, so my sister-in-law told me that she thought that the Change of Life and the tumor and when I got home I did not need the doctor. I took the Pinkham remedies until the tumor was gone, the doctor said, and I have not felt it since. I tell every one now I was cured. If this letter will help others you are welcome to use it."

—Mrs. E. H. BEAN, 625 Joseph Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a pure remedy containing the extractive properties of good old fashioned roots and herbs, meets the needs of woman's system at this critical period of her life. Try it. If there is any symptom in your case which puzzles you, write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

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KRYPTOKS advertisement featuring an image of a woman's face and text describing the optical products and services.