

TELEGRAMS PROMISE TO CLEAR MYSTERY

Light Thrown on Michigan Murder Case.

THEORY INVOLVES WOMEN

Messages Sent From Battle Creek Before Brown Was Slain on Lonely Road.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Two telegrams found in the telegraph office here by Police Chief Straight today promised to clarify the mystery surrounding the slaying of J. Stanley Brown, near here a week ago tonight. Both messages were sent from Battle Creek before Brown was shot to death on a lonely road.

The first, addressed to him, read: "If you desire me home I will be on 11:15 Interurban Wednesday afternoon—D. Bennett."

The other, addressed to Lloyd Provost, a friend of Brown, read: "What fare at once care W. U. Will come tomorrow—Beatrice." D. Bennett is believed to be "Dollie" Bennett of Battle Creek, with whom Brown was friendly. The Bennett woman came here the day following the murder, was questioned and released. She was arrested again on Saturday, but was released on Monday.

The "Beatrice" who wired to Provost is believed to be Beatrice Workman, also known as Cecile Beatrice Vester, who was expected to arrive here today to face a charge of slaying. The officials here received word that she had been arrested in Kalamazoo, where she was visiting her grandmother.

Sheriff Caldwell was informed that she declared she could prove an alibi. Although she admitted having been on "parties" with Brown and Lloyd Provost, cousin of Brown's wife, she said the last time she saw Brown was three weeks ago.

A blood-stained feather, strands of blonde hair and a pair of woman's slippers were found today in the "death car" in which Brown was killed by Chief Straight. His examination of the automobile revealed bloodstains on the rear of the machine and on the back seat cushions. The chief believes that after Brown was killed his body was placed in the front seat.

John Bannow, a druggist, told Sheriff Caldwell and Chief Straight that Mrs. Ruth Stanley Brown, wife of the slain man, suggested to purchase prussic acid in his store two or three months ago. Asked why she wanted the poison she replied, according to Bannow: "Because he has the goods on me. I don't propose to be cut off with a puttance."

Brown at the time was suing her for divorce.

BAD FOOD HALTS STUDIES

MENTALITY IN PORTLAND SCHOOLS HIGHLY RATED.

Alienist Tells Rotary Club Grit Indicated by Square Jaw, Hard Fist and Big Brain Base.

Fifty thousand school children in America are unable to pursue their studies because of a lack of the right kind of food, the Rotary club learned yesterday from Professor Leslie E. Mutch, criminal alienist and student of educational standards, who was the speaker at the regular weekly meeting held in the Hotel Benson.

"Only in a few cities of the country can the children be compared with those in the Portland schools in general mental control," Professor Mutch said. "This is due in part to excellent methods of discipline, and partly to the combined benefit of low altitude and large annual rainfall."

WOMEN'S COUNCIL ELECTS

Miss Lillian Tingle of University Chosen by Educators.

At the dinner of the Oregon council of Administrative Women in Education at the Benson hotel last night, election of officers for the coming year took place. Miss Lillian Tingle, of the University of Oregon, was chosen president; Mrs. Mary Fawcett, of Oregon Agricultural college, vice-president; Dean Elizabeth Fox, of the university, secretary; and Mrs. W. De Thomas, principal of Ainsworth school, treasurer.

Miss Tingle, who was re-elected, presided and made an address on the aims of the council. Talks were made by Miss Fox on exchange of students and teachers between America and Europe and by Miss Ava B. Milan of Corvallis. Mrs. George Gerlinger and Mrs. Elliott Corbett, of the Benson, spoke on the work of the child welfare commission. Miss Edna Groves was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet. Covers were laid for about 40.

WOMAN'S SEAT PROBLEM

Wasco Republican Chairman Says Mrs. Thompson Loses by Moving.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Will the district of Wasco and Hood River counties be minus one representative when the legislature convenes in special session on January 12? This is the question brought forth by the district's woman representative, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, formerly a resident of The Dalles, who has taken up her abode in Multnomah county.

NEW YORK AVERTS BIG CATASTROPHE

20,000 Saved From Poisoning by Wood Alcohol.

CLUES USED BY AGENTS

Twenty Arrests Made at Chicopee, Mass.—More Fatalities Reported—Public Warned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Special)—A clue picked up by two revenue agents possessed of the faculty of keeping their ears open at all times apparently has saved New York city from a terrible life-taking by wood alcohol.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Twenty arrests had been made today in this state and Connecticut in connection with the distribution of liquor containing wood alcohol, which has caused the death of at least 37 men and women in this vicinity since Christmas.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 30.—Two deaths from wood alcohol poisoning were reported here today.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Sam Darling and Max Saunders, Hartford truckmen, were arrested by Marshal Alfred T. Caron of the Chicopee police tonight on charges of manslaughter, growing out of the large number of deaths in the Connecticut valley as a result of drinking whiskey containing wood alcohol. They were held under \$10,000 bond each.

THE LEGION SHOW IS TONIGHT

PORTLAND TALENT TO PRESENT 10 ACTS AT HELLEG.

CAUTION

Wrappers of the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian tomorrow will bear this label:

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Morning Oregonian
Portland, Oregon

Price will be 10 cents a copy; postage, 7 cents in the United States and possessions. All other foreign postage will be 14 cents.

warned yesterday that the men had been selling wine and beer to fishermen. Accordingly Deputy Sheriff Bakewich and Inspector Rand of the internal revenue department, raided the store last night. They seized liquor and still.

PROHIBITION IS ASSAILED

Sweeping indictment drawn by Catholic Foresters' League.

ROGUE BILL TO COME UP

JACKSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT FISHING.

Senator Thomas Makes Sensational Charge Relative to Lobbying at Former Session.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Jackson County Fish and Game Protective association tonight the Jackson county delegation was instructed to reintroduce the Rogue river fish bill in the coming special session of the legislature and make a fight for its adoption. The Jackson county delegation was present and unanimously agreed to this programme.

During the discussion a sensational charge was made by Senator Thomas when he said he had been informed that a former member of the state senate had been paid \$5000 to use his influence toward persuading the late Governor Withycombe to veto the Rogue river fish bill passed at the last session of the legislature. Senator Thomas said he intended to make a personal effort in the coming session to have this matter investigated and the facts put down in black and white.

The meeting went on record in favor of working out a practical plan for regulating fishing through the zone system, but before such a constitutional amendment could be secured it was thought advisable to secure the passage of the Rogue river bill and also initiate a bill for the next general election providing a constitutional amendment to close the Rogue river to commercial fishing entirely.

Former State Biologist Finley also was invited to come to Medford in the near future and show the pictures he recently showed at the Sportmen's league meeting held in Portland.

On account of Governor Olcott's recent announcement concerning the appointment of a new fish and game commission, a resolution formerly adopted condemning the discharge of Biologist Finley was not acted upon. It was announced at the meeting that the Josephine county delegation had agreed to join with Jackson county delegation on the programme outlined.

A New Year's watch party and informal dance will be held at the parish house of Grace Morning Episcopal church tonight, with Rev. and Mrs. Oswald W. Taylor in charge of the programme. They have arranged special features for the occasion, and the event promises to be an interesting one.

Watch Party Announced.

AGED MAN IS HIT BY AUTO

Frank Hinds Injured by Machine Driven by Lloyd Leslie.

FRANK HINDS, 70, who lives at 711 1/2 Front street, an employe of the street cleaning department, received a serious fracture of the skull yesterday morning when he was struck by an automobile driven by Lloyd Leslie, 194 West Webster street, at the intersection of Mississippi avenue and Stanton street.

He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was reported he had a badly lacerated head. An X-ray but used to determine if he received a fracture of the skull.

Mr. Leslie reported that he was driving south on Mississippi avenue at the time of the accident. He said Hinds started to cross the street ahead of him and apparently became confused and stepped back. He said his right front fender struck the man and knocked him down.

Public Is Warned.

"As a citizen mindful of other citizens' lives, not merely as a government official, I want to warn all persons to be careful of what they drink at this time," Colonel Porter said, "because we know there are large quantities of wood alcohol ready for sale in the guise of whiskey."

As he was speaking he learned of five deaths and eight serious poisoning cases in Passaic, N. J., and two deaths and three other serious cases in Jersey City. From points further away deaths were reported, too, but there seemed to be none in New York yesterday.

Location of Alcohol Told.

Health Commissioner Copeland received scores of anonymous letters yesterday telling him where wood alcohol was being served in whisky, but his deputy, Ole Salthe, and a squad of investigators were unable, he said, to find any of the alcohol at numerous places they visited.



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