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## TRUNK MURDER MYSTERY IN PORTLAND QUICKLY RUN DOWN

Man and Woman Arrested For Killing and Robbing a Stranger in Hotel.

WOMAN PARTLY CONFESSES STORY.

Six-Year-Old Boy May Furnish Principal Evidence Against Pair.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, June 21.—Jesse P. Webb and Mrs. William A. Johnson were arrested at the Willamette Rooming House early to-day on suspicion of having murdered the husband of the woman, William A. Johnson, at the Grand Central Hotel yesterday afternoon. Johnson's body was discovered in a trunk at the Union Depot, from which blood was seen trickling. The trunk was opened and the body of the man discovered. The head had been terribly battered and he had been shot and choked to death. The expression man who took the trunk to the depot was found and took a detective to the Grand Central room occupied by the Johnsons. The room was broken into and showed signs of a terrible struggle. Blood was everywhere. Detectives then started to locate the woman and Webb, who had registered at the hotel under the name of Powers. They were traced to the Willamette rooming house, where a little son of Johnson's was found. At daylight this morning, Webb and the woman rode up to the place in an auto and were taken into custody. The woman had \$1,900 in her possession.

**Woman Confesses.**  
The woman, held as Mrs. W. A. Johnson, the supposed wife of the murdered man, has confessed that she is Mrs. D. W. Kersh, wife of a city employee of Seattle named Bert Kersh, whom she left a year ago to run away with Webb. She has been travelling and in many places during the interval. She states she knew Johnson in Seattle and later met him in Spokane, where he promised her if she would leave Webb to set her up in the lodging house business in Portland. She agreed and they left Spokane Sunday night. She did not know Webb was on the train until they all got aboard the same hotel bus at the depot. The hotel register of the New Grand Central shows Webb registered as "Powers." Johnson and the woman registered as man and wife. The woman says she knows nothing of the murder.

According to her story, the men patched up their difference and began drinking. Johnson went to his room in the afternoon to sleep off the effects of the liquor and she and Webb devoted their time to packing Johnson's trunk, he having announced he was going to Seattle last night. After the trunk was packed, she took her son "Willie," and went to the Willamette rooming house. She does not explain why she changed her place of abode. At 10 o'clock Webb called for her in an auto and they went for a joy ride. She supposed Johnson had gone to Seattle. She says she knows nothing of the murder.

The boy is six years old and says the woman is his mother and Webb is his father. The boy has been taught to call Webb "father." The little fellow says Webb and Johnson had a serious quarrel yesterday afternoon and later he was forbidden to enter Johnson's room because Johnson was "sick." So far as the police can ascertain, there is no Mrs. Johnson.

The police have ascertained Webb is a victim of the chloral habits. Webb denies crime, but he insists he knows nothing of the murder. "I never hurt anybody in my life," he declared, "to say nothing of having killed Johnson." He professed to recollect nothing of his doings since his arrival here from Spokane, and declares he has been "on a drunk" for several days. When arrested, Mrs. Kersh had \$1,900 in her possession, which, she

## TAFT TO MAKE BILL ISSUE

President Will Endeavor to Force Campaign Publicity Measure.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 20.—President Taft decided to-day to make an issue of the passage by Congress before the adjournment at the present session of the bill providing for publicity of contributions in all campaigns affecting federal offices. At 12:30 o'clock to-day Vice-President Sherman affixed his signature to the Statehood bill, which is a step in progress of the legislation before the measure goes to the President for his approval. President Taft signed the Statehood bill at 1:40 p. m.

**TAFT TO FIGHT HARD.**  
President Will Endeavor to Secure Postal Savings Bank Legislation.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Receiving information from the Senate to-day that a "filibuster" was proposed by some of the insurgents against the postal savings bank bill, President Taft decided to abandon his projected visit to New Haven to see his son graduate to-morrow. The President said he would stay in Washington "all summer" if necessary to look after the postal bank measure. He desires the House bill to be adopted by the Senate without amendment.

**GILLETTE BILL PASSES.**

Will Permit Justice Moody to Retire on Full Pay.  
(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 20.—The Gillette bill to permit Justice Moody to retire on full pay on account of his long continued illness, passed the House to-day by unanimous consent.

## ONE KILLED IN BAD RUNAWAY

California Stage Line Near Fort Bragg Has Serious Accident.

(By Associated Press.)  
FORT BRAGG, Calif., June 21.—L. J. Miller of San Francisco was killed, and Richard Conns of Lime River, Guy Redwine of Ukiah, Mr. and Mrs. Ren of Westport, were injured last evening when the stage from Wiletta to Muir Junction ran away, following the fracture of the brakes.

declared, Johnson gave her yesterday afternoon.

**RECORD IN SPOKANE.**  
Jesse P. Webb Was Composer on Papers Recently.

(By Associated Press.)  
SPOKANE, Wash., June 21.—Jesse P. Webb, who was arrested in Portland on suspicion of connection with the murder of Johnson, left here Sunday after having lived here two months. He worked as a compositor on local papers. During the one month stay here, he lived with a small blond woman whom he introduced as his wife. He said he had been separated from her, living in Alaska many years, and met her by accident on his return. Quarrels between the two were frequent and a week ago Webb gave up the furnished house the two occupied, saying his wife had left him. This house was 315 Wall street, the same address given as that of "Miss May Webster," on the cards found on the body of the murdered man.

## RENO, NEV. GETS THE BIG BOUT

Tex Rickard Announces That Jeffries-Johnson Match Will Be Pulled Off in Nevada Town July 4.

(By Associated Press.)  
RENO, Nev., June 21.—The Jeffries-Johnson world's championship bout will be held in Reno. This announcement was authorized to-day by Tex Rickard, promoter of the affair.

It will be on July 4. The building of the arena, special train service, etc., will start at once, so that there is no danger of further delays.

**GOVERNOR WON'T INTERFERE.**

Chief Executive of Nevada Gives Attitude on Fight.  
(By Associated Press.)  
OGDEN, Utah, June 21.—Governor Dickerson of Nevada, who is in Ogden to-day, declared he would not interfere with the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

## COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

New Series of Games Opens in the Coast League To-Day.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, June 21.—A new series of games opens in the Coast League to-day. Oakland will play Los Angeles at Los Angeles the balance of the week. Vernon plays San Francisco at San Francisco and Portland opens at Sacramento. Yesterday's only game was between Vernon and Portland and resulted 4 to 0 in Portland's favor.

## STRANGE EVENT AT A HOSPITAL

Patients, Surgeon and Nurse All Sisters—Known in Marshfield.

St. Vincent's hospital at Portland was last week the scene of two operations under extraordinary circumstances, the nurses, physicians and patients being all of one family. It is also of interest here because Mrs. Baumbaugh, one of the patients, was formerly a resident of Marshfield and is a sister of Mrs. Blyvens, whose husband is proprietor of the Turkish Bath parlors in the Coos building here now. Concerning the affair, a Portland paper says:

The center of interest at St. Vincent's Hospital is room No. 77, into which sisters, nurses and physicians are tiptoeing on visits of inquiry and solicitation, while baskets and bouquets of roses and other flowers are continually arriving. It is rather a remarkable situation which prevails in room No. 77, one in which four enterprising and ambitious daughters of an old Oregon family figure interestingly.

Two of the sisters are the patients, having undergone serious operations. A third sister, who is a practicing physician and surgeon, performed the operations, and the fourth sister, who is a trained nurse, just finishing her course at St. Vincent's, is the attending nurse. One of the patients is a physician herself, and the other is a photographer's expert retoucher. Incidentally, the operations were performed and the patients are being cared for in a hospital founded and managed in its every detail by women.

Dr. Elsie Deputy Patton, the eldest of the four sisters, operated on Miss Helen Lea (daughter of a second marriage) for appendicitis, and immediately afterward performed an operation on Mrs. Bertha Patton Baumbaugh, being assisted in the surgery by Miss Bessie Lea, the nurse who has the two patients in charge.

Inquiry by telephone as to how things were going in No. 77 elicited the information that both operations had been entirely successful and that the two patients were "doing beautifully, thank you!" At 9 a. m. the two patients were propped up on pillows daintily sniffing roses and sipping at chicken broth, while the white-capped nurse hovered about and the businesslike physician was just in the act of bustling out with her black medicine grip and case of surgical instruments.

**COOS COUNTY FOR SOCIALISM.**

## SENATE WILL ALLOW MORE

Public Building Bill Allowance in House Increased by Senate Committee.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The public buildings bill which passed the House early this morning was reported to the Senate to-day by the Senate Committee carrying authorizations for about \$5,000,000 additional. The House bill authorizing the retirement of Justice Moody was passed by the Senate to-day. It is now up to the President for his signature.

## BIG MORTGAGE IS RECORDED

Instrument Involving \$1,500,000 Filed by Smith Companies at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 20.—A mortgage for \$1,500,000 was filed with County Clerk Lenox here. It was given by the Linn and Lane Timber Company and the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company to the Union Trust Company and Frederick H. Ransom, trustees. It covers all of the immense rich timber holdings of the Smith interests in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln and Linn counties.

The mortgage is given to secure the six per cent gold bonds of the Linn and Lane Timber Company for \$1,500,000. These bonds fall due in sections of from 25 to 50, semi-annually, from 1911 to 1927, and the real estate covered in the mortgage is to secure the payment of each bond as it falls due.

The instrument was signed in Hennepin Co., Minnesota, June 6, 1910, C. A. Smith signing it as president and Charles L. Trabert as secretary of both of the companies giving the mortgage. The instrument is printed and bound into a small pamphlet. It contains 24,500 words and the filing fee in the clerk's office here was \$43.

## SULU SULTAN GOES ABROAD

Eastern Potentate Who Sought Alice Roosevelt Will Sell His Jewels.

(By Associated Press.)  
MANILA, P. I., June 21.—The Sultan of Sulu, who once offered his hand in marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt, is to visit America. He announced the chief object of his trip abroad is to dispose of a collection of pearls valued something like \$250,000, the proceeds of which will be devoted to improving the condition of his people. He will be accompanied by fourteen prominent Moros. He has already sailed for India, and thence goes to Europe, visiting some of the principal cities.

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## ASTORIA MILLIONAIRE KILLED IN LOS ANGELES ACCIDENT

## LARGE CROWD AT ELECTION

Over 300 Participate in Annual School Meeting in Marshfield.

By a vote of 177 to 112, Dr. J. T. McCormac was last night reelected director of the Marshfield schools for a term of three years, Tom Coke being the only other candidate. Judge John F. Hall was reelected clerk. There was a lengthy discussion on resolutions relating to Prof. F. A. Golden, but none were adopted, a motion to adjourn prevailing before the clash over the resolutions was finished.

The crowd was the largest that ever turned out to a school election in Marshfield, there being upwards of three hundred in attendance. They assembled early, many arriving at the High School building shortly after 7 o'clock, although the meeting was not called until 8.

The large crowd was partly due to an active campaign that was made yesterday afternoon, the alumni being especially active in behalf of Prof. Golden and Tom Coke. Late in the afternoon, they distributed a lengthy circular replying to the statement of the school board concerning Prof. Golden. During the evening, they had automobiles carrying supporters to the election.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. McCormac, president of the school board, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Clerk John F. Hall. Also the yearly report, both of which were approved. Next came the election of a clerk for one year. J. W. Bennett nominated John F. Hall to succeed himself, and the nomination was seconded by F. M. Friedberg. There were no other nominees and the chairman was instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Mr. Hall.

**Contest for Director.**

Following the election of the clerk, nominations for director were declared in order. Hugh McLain nominated Tom Coke, and J. W. Bennett seconded the nomination. In his seconding speech, Mr. Bennett said that one question was uppermost in the selection of a director—whether or not Prof. Golden should be retained in the schools. He praised Mr. Golden's work during the twenty years or more that he has been at the head of the schools, pointed out the developments made in that time and also to the record established by Marshfield boys and girls in the higher institutions of learning. He said that these things showed Mr. Golden's efficiency and that when they were taken into consideration, "you had to take your hat off to Mr. Golden." Mr. Bennett said that the direction of school work was the superintendent's duty and that the duty of the directors was to look after the finances and see that the school work was inspected. He pointed out that Mr. Coke was the alumni choice for director and that a vote for him would be counted as a vote for Prof. Golden.

Dr. E. Mingus nominated Dr. McCormac for director in a short talk in which he pointed out the long and successful service in school work, the interest he had taken and the effort he had put forth in behalf of the public. Dr. Mingus said that the meeting was for the purpose of electing a director and not a superintendent. F. S. Dow warmly seconded Dr. McCormac's nomination, praising from personal knowledge and from a parent's standpoint of what he had accomplished.

There being no other nominations, Tom Bennett, John Kronholm, F. S. Dow and Dr. G. W. Leslie were appointed tellers. John F. Hall read the State law citing the qualifications of voters at school elections and the ballot was taken, the name of each voter being registered as he or she

Samuel Elmore, Noted Salmon Packer, and Woman Companion Dead.

AUTO RIDE'S END IS DISASTROUS.

Victim's Widow Who Is Critically Ill May Not Survive the Shock.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, June 21.—The body of Samuel Elmore, the millionaire salmon packer of Astoria, who was killed, together with Mrs. W. L. Garretson while auto riding near Florencia Park last night, will be prepared for shipment to Portland. The disposition of the body of Mrs. Garretson has not yet been arranged, but it is believed it also will be sent North.

Mrs. Elmore, who is critically ill at Pasadena, may not recover from the shock of her husband's death. Her condition is precarious to-day.

**TAFT URGES BILL.**

President Confers With Leaders About Campaign Publicity.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—President Taft sent for the party leaders of both the House and the Senate and told them his views regarding the campaign publicity legislation. The President said he had made a personal pledge during the last Presidential campaign to do what he could toward furthering the enactment of the publicity bill. The President had hesitated to add this bill to his program, however, while Congress was devoting itself to those measures which the party had definitely committed itself to in its platform. Now that the program is practically completed, he has decided to bring all his influence to bear in behalf of the publicity bill, soon to be called up. Members of both houses are inclined to the view that adjournment will be had between Thursday and Saturday of this week.

## WHEAT SCARE BOOSTS PRICE

Crop Flurry Comes a Month Early Owing to Unusual Hot, Dry Spell.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PAUL, June 21.—The annual crop scare arrived about a month early this year as a result of an unusual hot, dry spell in Minnesota and Dakota. While conditions are not desperate, a soaking rain would do a vast amount of good.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Orders to buy filled the wheat pit to-day. The fact that no general rains were reported nowhere in the northwest was a big factor in causing a rush of buyers. Reports from the grain districts in the Northwest are not encouraging, but a general rain would help matters considerably. Prices went up.

**THE WHEAT MARKET.**

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, June 20.—Wheat unchanged.  
CHICAGO, June 20.—The wheat market closed as follows: July, 95 1/2c; September, 99 1/2c; December, 95 1/2c.

TACOMA, June 20.—Bluestem Wheat, 80c; Club, 77c; Red Ruslan, 75c.

**MILLINERY REDUCTION SALE** still continues at Mrs. J. H. Somers, designer.

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