

WATCHMAN IS KILLED BY ROBBER

M. C. Rasmussen Meets With Foul Play Aboard Steam Schooner Washington at St. Johns—Found With Skull Crushed In.

M. C. Rasmussen, watchman on the steam schooner Washington, lying at the St. Johns drydock, was brutally murdered by an unknown man Wednesday afternoon. Robbery seems to have been the motive of the crime. The authorities have no good clue to the murderer's identity.

Rasmussen was found about 6 o'clock last night lying across the main shaft in the engine-room of the vessel, his skull crushed by a blow from some heavy weapon, probably a wrench or other tool of the engine-room. His pockets were turned inside out and his watch and money were gone.

It is supposed that the murder was committed by a man with whom Rasmussen was seen talking aboard the Washington Wednesday. Sailors from the British ship Leyland Brothers, which lies near the schooner, found the body last evening, having instituted search for Rasmussen on account of their not having seen him for more than 24 hours.

Rasmussen, as the only man aboard the Washington, and being lonely, had been in the habit of going aboard the neighboring ship frequently to talk to the sailors. As he had not been over to see them as usual, and had not been seen aboard the Washington, C. L. Johnson, foreman of the drydock, and Joseph Spragg, Edward Dempsey and David Evans, seamen on board the Leyland Brothers, boarded the Washington last

Multnomah Boosters Prefer Site at Hancock Street for New Bridge

Portland, Or., Nov. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—We notice in last Sunday's Journal an article under the headline, "Albina Banker Tells Why High Bridge Will Help City Grow," which is misleading in part. In said article the writer claims that the Broadway location (which by the way, is too close to the steel bridge) would serve more people than all the other bridges together. This assertion is absurd. The people living south of Hassalo street would have no use for it as it would be out of their way in going to the city. By way of bridges already provided, there is but one cat line (the Irvington) that would use it from that part of the city, and that only by a roundabout way. So it may be set down that the people living east of Union avenue and south of Hassalo street have no use for the Broadway bridge.

The Broadway street car line at the present time uses the most direct line to the center of the city over Union avenue and Broadway street. From this line they can reach the city over this route in much less time than they could over the proposed expensive \$2,000,000 Broadway bridge. The car line would use it, if it were built. The St. Johns, Upper and Lower Albina cars, and Hancock street, farther north, would be better for them. Then again the Hancock location would supply that part of the city, both east and west of the city. It is without a doubt a bridge, and at much less cost to the taxpayer, we should judge in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to \$750,000. Then again, as we need to preserve our harbor limits, and turning basin for ocean vessels, the Broadway location is the worst that can be conceived. It is at this point is nearly twice as deep as farther north. As far as pilots are concerned they would like to see the bridges placed in the river. Then again,

night and made a search of the vessel. They found the body of the watchman. Stranger Seen Wednesday.

It is their theory, and the theory of the sheriff's department, that Rasmussen was murdered for his money by a stranger who was seen talking with him Wednesday morning and again Wednesday afternoon. Joseph Spragg, one of the seamen who found the body, says that in the forenoon of that day he saw a man, apparently about 30 years old, well dressed, wearing a light gray fedora hat, long, dark gray overcoat, and with a thin, smooth-shaven face, board the Washington, coming from the main shaft, until about noon, when he left. At 2 o'clock he returned and found Rasmussen washing the woodwork on the main shaft. The vessel was raining heavily at the time, and the watchman had on an oilskin coat. This coat was later found lying beside his body.

Rasmussen and the stranger walked ashore and entered the engine-room. It is not believed that Rasmussen ever left it. A short time later the launch Falmer No. 2 arrived with supplies for the vessel. Rasmussen, however, did not come out to receive them as might have been expected, but instead the watchman boarded the launch, closing the door behind him, and took the supplies. Soon after that he went down the ladder leading to the dock and disappeared. The launch returned, closing the door behind him, and took the supplies. Soon after that he went down the ladder leading to the dock and disappeared. The launch returned, closing the door behind him, and took the supplies. Soon after that he went down the ladder leading to the dock and disappeared.

Rasmussen's non-appearance. Resembling Cat Robbers. The rather indefinite description of this stranger, which the sailors of the Leyland Brothers are able to give is the only clue the authorities have to work upon. It corresponds in general way with that of one of the thugs who, two nights in succession, held up and robbed the crews of the schooner. The police seem unable to capture the street robbers, the information seems of little value.

This is the second atrocious crime that has been committed at St. Johns within the past month. The little community has hardly yet recovered from the murder of Harry T. Butterworth, the jeweler, who was shot to death almost at his own gate a few weeks ago by a footpad, and now comes the murder of Rasmussen, apparently from similar motives.

Rasmussen was supposed to have some money, which probably led to his death. He was a Dane, 24 years of age, and a member of the sailors' union at San Francisco, in which city he is said to have relatives. The letters found among his effects, however, do not give the address of any one of them. The letters are written in Danish. Up to the time the vessel went into drydock Rasmussen was winch-driver aboard the schooner. When the crew was discharged he was retained as watchman.

Received Share of Salvage. The Washington is the vessel which towed the wrecked steam schooner Minnie K. Keaton up from Astoria. The underwriters paid the claim for insurance of the latter vessel, and Rasmussen's share of the salvage is thought to have been about \$10, which he received November 14. His pay as watchman was not due until the day after the murder was committed.

In his haste to escape from the scene of his crime the murderer overlooked a purse containing \$25.10. Rasmussen's revolver was also found among his effects. The coroner has taken charge of the body and of the dead man's personal effects. An inquest will probably be held.

Deputies from the sheriff's office are in St. Johns today endeavoring to find some tangible clue to the murderer. The Portland city detective department has also detailed men to keep an eye out for the suspect.

COP STOPS SPOONERS IN SCHOOLHOUSE

No matter how cold the night or how rainy the weather, Dan Cupid piles his calling. Patrolman Small was pacing his beat near the Hawthorne school last night when he thought he heard a noise. It sounded like the calling of a bird, and the minion of the law was prepared to stumble upon a flock of doves upon entering the basement of the school, but when he flashed his searchlight under the steps he discerned a happy quartet. Two young men held strangle holds on two blushing damsels. All of them flushed at the presence of the law's representative. Small had been taught that under the schoolhouse steps was not the place for spooning and after taking the names of the youthful four he advised them to go home. They did—and that very promptly.

THREE IMPROVEMENT COMPANIES FORMED

William A. Leet, Thomas R. Sheridan, Percy C. Heald and Reuben F. Robinson have filed articles of incorporation of the Michigan Land & Timber company with the county clerk. The capital stock is \$250,000. The East Goodnow Notland company has been incorporated by Fred A. Jacobs, J. R. Shepard and Frank W. Power. The capital is \$10,000. H. C. Ross, D. C. McLeod Jr. and M. Whitehouse have filed articles of the Realty Holding company, capitalized for \$2,000.

FROM A CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Tells How He Was Cured of Rheumatism After Fifteen Years of Suffering

Mr. John D. Laughlin, whose address is R. F. D. No. 1, Burns City, Martin county, Ind., is known and highly respected throughout that county and has lived on his own farm for 30 years. During the civil war Mr. Laughlin served in Company B, 27th Indiana volunteer infantry, and has the great result of the hardships of the war. After years of pain he found a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and his statements should be read by every rheumatist sufferer.

"I was discharged from the army in September, 1864, a physical wreck, weighing only 117 pounds. By and soon after became seriously afflicted with rheumatism. My feet and ankles were swollen and my arms were drawn up stiff and at times I could not lift them, for they felt lifeless. There were darting pains that shifted from one part of my body to another and kept me in misery all the time. At night I could not sleep and my heart troubled me. I was frequently confined to my bed.

"I tried several doctors, but got little help, and no encouragement from them, for they said I could not expect to live for more than a year or so, even with the best of care, and advised me not to try and work. I then tried many remedies, but with little benefit until I began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had been sick for about fifteen years before I read about these pills and bought two boxes for my trial. These helped me some, so I kept on taking them until cured. I always keep them on hand to take occasionally if I feel I need a tonic. I gained in weight and have done as much work as most of my neighbors. I often recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for I can't help speaking well of them.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic for the blood and nerves and have been used by the people of all ages and growing girls. They were used extensively in private medical practice and, proving efficient in a wide range of diseases, and absolutely safe in all cases, were placed upon general sale with directions for use prepared by the doctor himself.

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of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes, and in position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference.

The wording of this is easily understood, continued Mr. Fields, "and I know from my official position that every signer of it understood its meaning, as the matter was threshed over very carefully with all candidates, and general having filed amended statements."

You ask what I think about it personally, said Mr. Fields, "I thought the question, 'Well,' he said, 'I thought at the time the candidates were making this pledge that Chamberlain stood a good show of receiving the highest number of votes, and under those circumstances I would not have subscribed to this pledge. I voted for Mr. C. at the primary election, and Mr. C. at the general election, but I cannot be a party to a pledge that breaks his pledge, that he made voluntarily in his statement No. 1, and I am not in the least bit worried that any of them will do it."

SHOW TEAM IDLE, SO SUE THE ESPEE

Harry Holmes and Maude Holmes are now wigless, whiskered, silk hatless, skotchless, and many other kinds of less, according to a complaint filed by them in the circuit court. Harry and Maude have been doing a stunt in Vancouver, but they allege that since September 24 they have been deprived of a livelihood by the loss of their trunk. The Southern Pacific is held to blame, and they want the railroad to pay them \$1,000 damages, with \$121 more for the trunk and its contents. The complaint enumerates the loss of a large number of articles of stageland, including grease paint, burnt cork, \$20 worth of photographs, a misfit suit worth \$45, other stage apparel and even the manuscript of their sketch, which is valued at \$50. The pair say that they were getting \$100 per week, and have been unable to do their stunt since they lost the trunk, which was entrusted to the railroad to ship to Albany from Portland September 24.

HUSBAND SLAIN; HOUSE SET FIRE

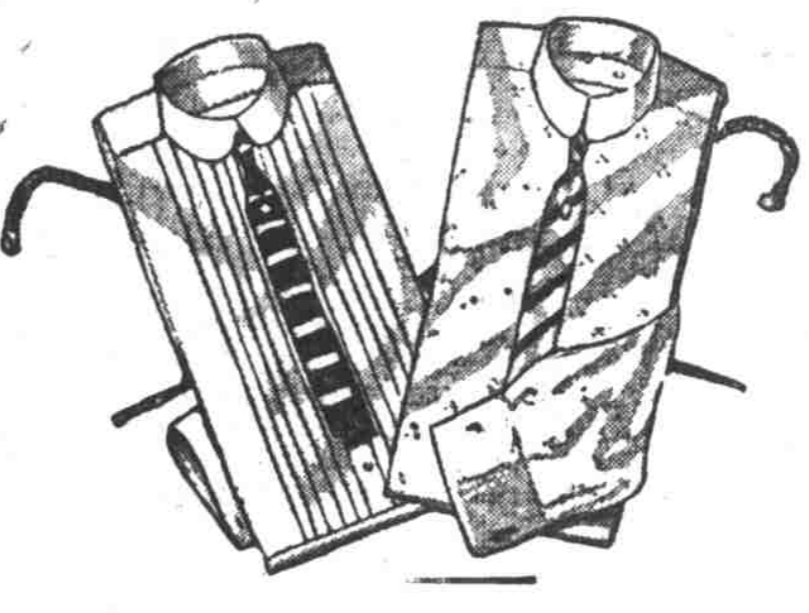
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lewiston, Nov. 20.—The trial of Nancy Bachus for the murder of her husband, J. B. Bachus, was begun in the district court today. It appears that the state has gone to the trial of the case not so much to convict the defendant as to disclose if possible the identity of the person who assisted the young wife to complete the deed. Her confession, with several variations, is already in possession of the state's attorney and it is rumored that she was willing to plead guilty to manslaughter, if the state would accept the plea, and take sentence, but the state elects to try the case. The crime was committed in the home of the deceased on the night of September 4, 1908, and an incident to the murder was the burning of the house and nearly all its contents. A notable exception being a trunk belonging to the young wife, which the state's attorney in his opening statement alleges was filled with all her clothing, closely packed together with her best table linen and table silver and personal trinkets. The wife's first story was that an accidental overturning of a lamp at the stand where the husband was reading started the fire and she ran to the neighbor's, taking the child, and explaining her husband's death from the explosion of cartridges in the cupboard. It was found lying across a sack of sugar. He had evidently just succeeded in getting from the burning building.

TICKEY TO SERVE FOUR MONTHS MORE

Joseph Tickey was sentenced to serve four months in jail by Judge Bronough in the circuit court this morning. He was convicted of assault by a jury a few days ago, and has already been behind the bars for several months.

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BURBANK TO BE SPEAKER

Will Be Invited to Deliver Rose Planting Day Oration February 22.

Luther Burbank, the wizard of horticulture, will be the principal speaker at the next rose planting day of the Rose Festival association, if the plan of the president of the Rose Festival association, Ralph W. Hoyt, is carried out. Washington's birthday, February

22, as been decided on as rose planting day, and will, it is believed, be far more generally observed than last year.

President Hoyt has asked Secretary Emmet Drake to act as chairman of the rose planting committee and Dr. Drake today announced the appointment of his associates on the committee. The first meeting for organization will be held next Tuesday night.

The following is a copy of the letter sent out:

"Dear Sir—I wish to inform you that the Portland Rose Festival has designated February 22, Washington's Birthday, as our annual rose planting day in the Rose City.

"I desire further to inform you that you have been appointed a member of the Rose planting day committee, of which Dr. Emmet Drake is chairman.

"Luther Burbank, the famous roscarian and wizard of horticulture and floriculture will be invited to lend his presence to our next day of rose planting, and to discourse upon the best methods for propagation of the rose.

There will be a meeting of the Rose planting day committee at the Rose Festival headquarters Tuesday evening

at 8 o'clock, November 24, 1908. Important. Please attend.

"THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL." "Ralph W. Hoyt, President." The following is the committee: Dr. Emmet Drake, chairman; W. M. Davis, E. W. Rowe, E. B. Piper, Archbishop Alexander Christie, E. B. McFarland, Mrs. J. M. Minto, J. C. Carroll, C. A. Biegelow, Mrs. Ralph W. Hoyt, W. J. Peddicord, J. H. Nolte, Herman Wittenberg, Mrs. Herbert Holman, W. Wynn Johnson, Henry Metzger, Mrs. S. B. Vincent, James N. Davis, O. W. Taylor, Polinius McDonald.

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