

BRUMFIELD SLIPS FARTHER FROM FORMER STATION

Evidence Is That During Stay in
Calgary Dentist Formed Warm
Friendship for Chambermaid.

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lapses before. He escaped with a life sentence to the penitentiary.

Employment by the state of an alienist to make a separate report on Brumfield's condition was forecasted as a probable development Monday.

Monday, also, the grand jury before which Brumfield's case is to be placed will be summoned. The presentation of the state's evidence will probably occupy Tuesday and part of Wednesday. If an indictment is brought at once, the case will probably go to trial in 10 days.

DEFENSE MOVES SECRETLY

There are several possible moves on the part of the defense, however, which might delay it. One would be a request for an insanity commission to examine the client; another, a fight for a change of venue. Regarding both of these possibilities, Brumfield's attorneys have preserved the same attitude of secrecy which has characterized them since they were called into the case.

A recent decision of the supreme court lessens the likelihood of the granting of a change of venue if it is asked.

This decision leaves such questions almost entirely to the discretion of the presiding judge. Even if public feeling is strong against the accused, the decision holds, the court may properly refuse the application for a transfer of the trial to another county. A change, in a case like the Brumfield one, would cost the county thousands of dollars, and such a move will be bitterly fought by the state.

SKIRT MYSTERY REMAINS

The rumored revelations of Brumfield's friendship with women other than his wife are considered of importance only as strengthening the motive for the slaying of Russell and the dentist's subsequent flight. They do not explain why the dentist shipped a box of women's underwear to Seattle, Wash., the day of the murder—and, a month later, betrayed his whereabouts by writing the express company a wholly unnecessary letter telling them to hold it.

Neither do they throw light on the identity of the woman who, an hour before the box was shipped, bought a pink skirt which was later found among its contents.

SEARCH TO CONTINUE

The finding of the dentist's shoe is considered of importance because it will probably lead to a new search of the "ratte" neighborhood of the spot where the car was wrecked. It was thought that every available clue had been found by the authorities, but today's discovery led to the conclusion that, perhaps, the first search had not been thorough.

Confirmation by Brumfield's attorneys of "The Journal's" story of his huge debts at Roseburg is of value as establishing a motive for the dentist's sudden departure by blood stained ways for lands he meant to remain unknown. The official statement shows that the dentist owed \$20,000. This insurance his wife would have collected, if the attempt to substitute Russell's body had not been a failure, would have amounted to \$20,000.

A blackmail theory advanced during the day was dismissed by District Attorney Neuner as without basis.

Neuner is all ready for court action to begin.

"We are ready to submit the case to the grand jury Monday," the district attorney said.

Brumfield's attorneys would not answer positively one way or another regarding the possibility of a motion for a change of venue.

CROWD AT "HARRY'S"

TALKS BRUMFIELD CASE

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more than a "bunch"—that it is a democratic and free assemblage in which about everyone worth knowing in Roseburg is included.

HARRY IS GUIDING SPIRIT

Harry is covertly the guiding spirit. But the fact is carefully concealed. The "bunch" strolls in and sits all over his counters and chairs, and says what it has to say. If Harry becomes obstreperous with a hammer and harness punch, he is advised to make less noise. By quiet agreement, an elaborate pretense is maintained that Harry is only permitted to run the harness shop because it amuses him, his real mission in life being to provide a meeting place for the "bunch." Harry assents. But, you observe after a time, it is Harry who provides the atmosphere of quiet good fellowship which welds all these diverse elements of Roseburg society together.

DIVERSE AND DEMOCRATIC

Diverse they are. There is "Burn'em" Hyland, who runs the Standard Oil agency; "Cock Your Cannon" Cannon; "Gene Parrot," former sheriff; "Two Gun" Hopkins, present deputy; A. R. Marsh (nickname misplaced), who sells tractors; Bob Stevens, who runs

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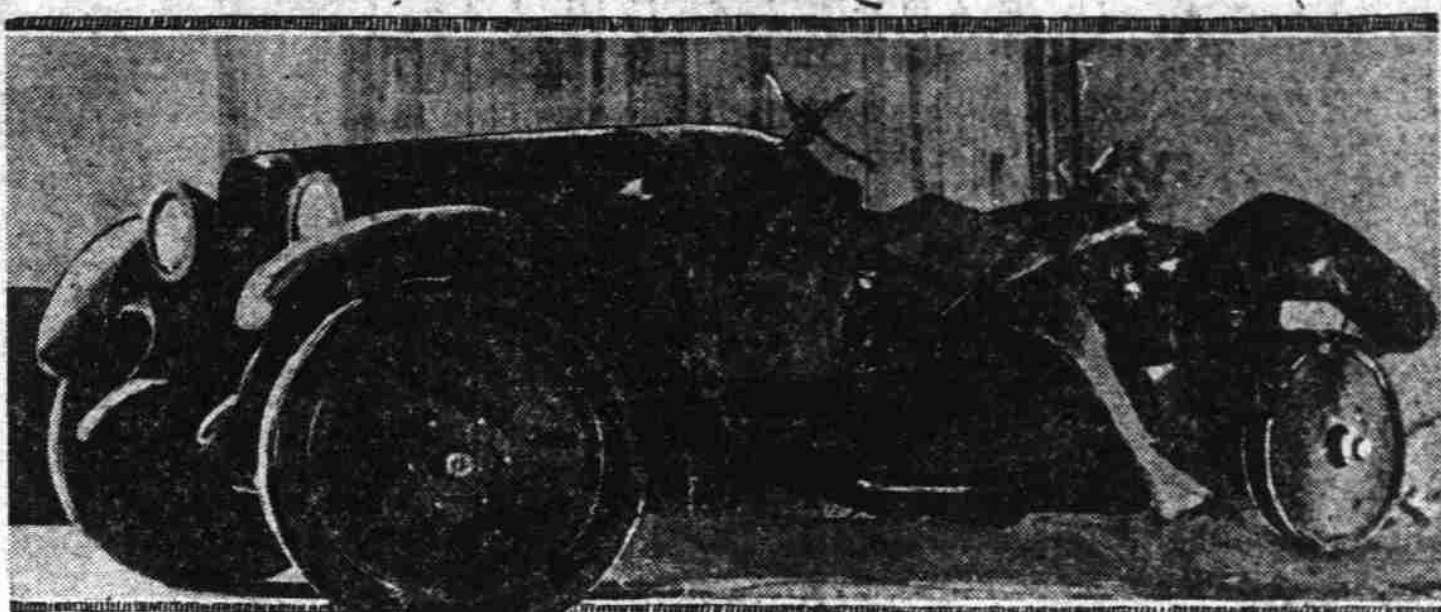
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HERE IS THE BRUMFIELD "MURDER CAR"



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a shoe store; "Doc" Matthews, automobile man; "Cowboy George" Ward, cattleman; Jess Hodges, rancher; "Cowboy" Cressen, whose father is worth millions and who will labor in the prime harvest just the same; "Joe" Murphy, timber-cruiser; Judge D. J. Stewart, formerly on the county bench; "Sham" Shambrook, chief of police, and 50 or 60 others. They drop in and drop out, each contributing his opinion and absorbing someone else's; criticizing this or that public official; deciding this or that public question. Every man says what he thinks and every other man lets him say it, and the result is about what the framers of the American constitution meant it should be when they decreed that "the right of the people to peaceably assemble," etc., should not be abridged.

BRUMFIELD NOT CALLER

The "bunch" got in the Brumfield case at the start. Brumfield didn't hang out at Harry's—it wasn't in the professor-dentist line—but he had some good friends in the regular crowd. One of them was Harry.

"Why," said Harry, on the morning after the "Doc's" car crashed with Russell's body into a ravine west of Roseburg, "that's funny. He nearly ran into me up by the Boomer Hill road last night. Must have been about 9 o'clock. He was certainly hitting her up, too. First time I ever saw the Doc in such a hurry."

Then there arose the other clues which indicated that it was not so funny. The near-collision had occurred not far from the point on the Pacific highway where Russell's blood-stained hat was found—and where Brumfield was seen dragging a limp body into his car.

GEORGE DECIDES QUICKLY

"George" Quine, who was sheriff before he became county judge, went to the scene of the wreck, and decided within a few minutes that the body was not that of Brumfield. He reported at Harry's. The other evidence floated in. It became evident that murder had been committed.

"Nobody can hang this on Doc Brumfield," said the dentist's supporters. "He wouldn't kill anybody. The Doc's probably lying out in the brush somewhere, and where Brumfield was seen dragging a limp body into his car."

But the Doc wasn't lying out in the brush. "Burn'em" Hyland and Doc Matthews, and some of the others looked all through the brush and found no trace of the missing dentist.

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one had been stealing their turkeys. Ora and Kenneth live on the Booth ranch, about a half mile south of Dennis Russell's cabin.

When Ora and Kenneth heard a pair of rifle shots about 9 o'clock on the night of July 12, Ora said:

"Somebody's after our turkeys. Let's get him."

They reached the road just in time to see Brumfield's red car dashing away at tremendous speed. The next morning they learned that there had been bigger game than turkeys hunted that night. Russell's blood stained hat had been found at about the point whence the shots had come. Because Ora and Kenneth missed their turkeys, there will be two more witnesses against Brumfield at the trial.

Three times on the night of Russell's murder destiny almost caught up with Dr. Brumfield. Once it was when the car of a Roseburg restaurant keeper drew up beside that of Brumfield just as the dentist was pushing a limp figure into the front of the automobile. Again, it was when a machine driven by Harry Pearce, Roseburg harness dealer, almost collided with that of the dentist as it was coming out of the Boomer Hill road. A third time, as when a car, presumably Brumfield's, got its rear wheel over a bank on the Weaver road. In the morning investigators found Russell's hat where the restaurant man had seen the dentist, blood stains at the scene of the near-collision, and more blood stains on the Weaver. On his way to help when the dentist finally got back on the road.

There is one incident which Brumfield will have a hard time explaining when he tells a jury of his alleged "lapse of memory."

It happened just after the dentist had been arrested at Calgary, where he was working under the name of Norman Whitney—the alias he used throughout his flight. The prisoner had suddenly shown signs of insanity, and was declaring persistently that he was none other than his victim, Dennis Russell.

Deputy Sheriff Percy Webb wanted to settle up Brumfield's account with a Calgary bank, where the dentist had \$750 deposited under the name of Norman E. Whitney. He made out the check, and turned to Brumfield.

"Just sign it here," he said. Brumfield read the check carefully. Then, without a suggestion, he wrote "Norman Whitney." A moment later, he was protesting again that he was Dennis Russell.

"That hog suit!" he says. "Why, I've got it all figured out now. George just had a lapse of memory. Say, I hear that Brumfield—"

And Harry's goes into session.

Sidelights in the Brumfield Case

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 27.—French win-

dows are the first thing you notice about the farmhouse Dr. Richard M. Brumfield was converting into a modern country residence when he suddenly elected to flee Roseburg, leaving the body of a murdered man in his stead.

The house is eight miles west of Roseburg on the Melrose road. You will wander far out the Melrose road without finding any other French windows. You will find few in Roseburg. But Brumfield, you learn, always had them—even on his two previous houses which burned down.

The rest of Roseburg seems pretty well satisfied with the old fashioned type of push-and-pull window. But not Brumfield. He had a taste for the aesthetic in windows, just as he had it in music, literature and the arts.

"Did Brumfield," one might ask, "looking through his French windows, become deeply and suddenly weary of this plain little town in which destiny had set him—so weary that he was ready to commit murder to get away—away to some land of French windows?"

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