

MURDERER TRAPPED BY MECHANISM

'Lie Detector' and 'Truth Serum' Used by Seattle Officers to Gain Confession From Prisoner—Location of Body Is Sought by Diggers—Method Restrained by Court.

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Sheriff's deputies began digging in a plot at the Bothell cemetery, 15 miles northeast of here early today in search of the body of James Eugene Bassett, missing since September 5, 1925, after Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin announced he had obtained a confession from DeCaste Earl Mayer in jail as a habitual criminal that he had slain the missing man. Colvin said he had obtained the confession through the use of a "lie detector" and injections of "truth serum." Henry Clay Annew, attorney for Mayer, yesterday obtained a temporary court order restraining the prosecutor from further use of these methods to obtain a statement from the prisoner.

Arrested in California.

Mayer was arrested in California in possession of Bassett's automobile a few days after Bassett disappeared. He was tried and convicted of larceny of the automobile but authorities were convinced that Mayer could explain the mystery of Bassett's disappearance.

Bassett had come to the state from Baltimore, Md. He met Mayer when the latter responded to an advertisement for the sale of Bassett's automobile.

Mayer, the prisoner, regarded use of the "lie detector" as a lark, at first, Colvin said. Use of the contrivance began November 14 and for seven days Mayer was bombarded with questions, most of them having to do with the whereabouts of Bassett's body. All questions were answered with "I don't know, sir" or "no, sir" until attention was focused on cemeteries in or near Bothell. Sunday, Colvin said, Mayer smashed the "lie detector" when he was pressed for answers in regard to the Bothell cemetery and thereafter he was shackled and required to wear an "Oregon boot" while being questioned.

Note Reactions.

By noting the reactions on the registering device of the "lie detector," the search for Bassett's body was narrowed down to an area of two square miles, including both Bothell cemeteries, deep woods adjacent to one of them and a small white house on which Mayer had paid a \$10 rent deposit at the time of Bassett's disappearance.

The "truth serum" which was said to produce the effect of an anesthetic by which the patient is numb in all faculties except that of speech, was injected hypodermically after Mayer became recalcitrant. The "lie detector" consists of leather covered plates on a chain placed around the suspect's chest, to record respiration, and a rubber tube wrapped around an arm to record blood pressure. Movement of both parts of the device are registered on a drum of ruled paper, which when completed, is said to show a chart of emotional reactions.

The "lie detector" which is known scientifically as a pneumocardi sphygmometer, was brought here from Joliet penitentiary in Illinois.

WILLIAMS CREEK HIGH BUILDING COMPLETED

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., Nov. 22.—(Special)—The new high school addition to the Williams school, has been turned over to the board by the carpenters and is now ready for the painters and the equipment.

TABLE ROCK FARMERS IN NEED OF MOISTURE

TABLE ROCK, Ore., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Seedling of grain has been finished on several ranches here and farmers are anxiously awaiting some moisture and a change in temperature so that the seed will sprout.

BELLVIEW CLUB WILL HAVE CLEAN-UP DAY

BELLVIEW, Ore., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Friday afternoon has been set aside as clean-up day at Bellview. The club house will undergo a thorough cleaning. All the ladies are urged to be present as many hands make light work.

Butte Falls Taxpayers Wield Heavy Axe on School Budget; Expense List Cut to \$20,000

(By Mary Greiner.)
History was made in the Butte Falls district last night—to be exact, between the hours of 8 and 12. The school budget of last year was held up for clinical observation and the taxpayers, on the job for the first time this year, decided the operator. It was 12 o'clock before the final dressings were removed and the patient survived nicely, following the removal of \$14,000 in the aggregate, hewed from its manifold organs.

Last year the expenditures incurred by the school district amounted to \$35,000, practically the entire amount of which was paid out in taxes. At that, a deficit of \$7,000 faced the district this year.

As the result of last night's meeting, the budget for next year allows for \$20,000.

The tax levy for part of 1929 and 1930 will be reduced from over \$20,000 to \$11,000.

Cut Salaries.

The principal cut last night was made in teachers' salaries, which were reduced throughout the high school and grammar school to a maximum of \$1,350 a year, with the exception of one high school teacher who, because of her outstanding ability, was allowed \$1,545. The service of another teacher was entirely eliminated. The principal of the grammar school was found unnecessary, and hence forth, the principal of the high school will supervise both institutions, the latter receiving a reduction in salary of from \$2,160 to \$2,000.

When the present high school principal voiced her protestations of such "railroading" on the part of the taxpayers, she was gently but firmly reminded that four applications for her "job" are now awaiting our acceptance in the county clerk's office. The taxpayers were having their say, and the operation progressed amidst the groans of the affected members.

The first item which came up before the voters was the matter of whether or not to pay board of students in attendance from outside the district.

Mrs. Gillis Courtright, who fought the battle of the taxpayer with relentless vigor throughout the evening, jumped to her feet.

Stop Board Payment.

"I move that the district do not pay board for outside students in attendance," she said. Her motion was seconded. The crowd of two or three factions, with a representation of injured employees of the school district as well as hearing hours owners and others similarly affected by the motion, were not only ready for the question. They were set for a debate. Mrs. Courtright rose to a point of order several times in vain. Finally the matter was put to a vote, and Butte Falls' famous system of balloting began.

A hat was turned upside down on the desk. Two tellers were appointed, and the qualifications of a voter were read by Clerk Al Hildreth, punctuated by supplementary explanations given over the top of his horn-rimmed spectacles. The voters were asked to form a line on the left side of the schoolhouse and cast their ballots in the hat.

After the first few ballots were cast, Mrs. Courtright jumped to her feet and challenged the vote of a certain woman in line. The woman was not a taxpayer, she said, nor was she the head of a family. A few seconds later she was on her feet again challenging the vote of Miss VanGross, high school principal, whose ballot was suspended in the air.

The hat was pulled back by Chairman Gillis Courtright, and the line held up. Miss VanGross, with flashing eyes, demanded to know upon what ground her vote was challenged. She produced some stock in the California Oregon Power company. Mrs. Courtright explained that the power company did not have any assessable prop-

erty listed on the present tax roll. Read Your List.

To allay all doubts, the chairman had the clerk read the long list of eligible voters in the district. The handful of ballots were dumped into the stove and the vote was taken again. One vote decided that the Butte Falls district was not to pay board for the outsiders. The result stood 22 to 21.

After this, the meeting was adjourned and another meeting called to order. The budget for last year was held up for close scrutiny.

Declaring their anxiety to get home and their distaste for long drawn out meetings, the Butte Falls folks voted upon whether to take up the proposed new budget item by item, or to vote upon it as a whole. They decided upon the former.

The clerk made a few preliminary remarks to the effect that his salary should be justly raised from \$50 to \$100 a year. This caused another debate between the salaried people and the taxpayers. Mrs. Courtright quoted her Oregon school law from memory and apprised the voters of the information that it was illegal to pay the clerk more than \$50.

Clerk Gets \$50.

Pete Stoddard moved that the clerk be allowed \$100, and amended his motion to the effect that if \$50 was all the law allowed, the other \$50 be provided by some other means. The taxpayers laughed outright. Pete Stoddard resented his motion with the latter part eliminated. The clerk was allowed the \$50 salary.

Transportation for high school students, which last year cost the school district \$2,500, was found dispensable in this year's budget. The emergency fund was cut from \$2,000 to \$1,000; insurance was cut, and there appeared to exist a general impression that the formerly overworked word "miscellaneous" wasn't adequately interpreted in the Oregon school law.

SARDINE CREEK

SARDINE CREEK, Ore., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Isaac Householder of Los Angeles visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Nina Dusenberry and family. After spending a few days here and with his son Ralph in Medford, he expects to motor on to Portland to visit two daughters there.

Mrs. H. H. Elhart of Ashland spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. P. L. Wait. Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Wait and Mrs. Anna Miller, they made a business trip to Medford.

Mrs. Eva Smith and daughter Marjorie spent Tuesday visiting friends in Medford.

G. L. Dusenberry, who has been camping on Elk creek, where he has a charge of a road crew, was calling on relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Milly Walker and daughter Sybil were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Perry Wait.

Bernard Governor came over from Klamath county and spent last week with his family here.

Lester Dusenberry has been out of school the past two weeks with cold and a slight attack of rheumatism.

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCLAVE, GRANTS PASS

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., Nov. 22.—(Special)—A joint convention of the rural union Sunday schools of Josephine county will be held at the Baptist church at Grants Pass, Wednesday, December 4th beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Basket lunch, cafeteria style, at noon.

Rev. D. D. Randall, of Medford, Union Sunday school missionary, will preside.



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