

MYSTERY IN SLAYING OF BRUNETTE

Fingerprints On Short Piece of Pipe Principal Clue in Murder of Cordelia Gummershimer, 30-Year-Old School Teacher—Letters Show Broken Engagement.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Fingerprints on the short length of pipe used to kill her were the most important clues police had today to the slaying of Miss Cordelia Gummershimer, 30 year old school teacher.

Miss Gummershimer was clubbed to death some time after 11 o'clock Saturday night. Friends seeing her after she had failed to keep an appointment last night, discovered the body, clad in pajamas, lying across the bed of her third floor apartment.

Police today were looking back over Miss Gummershimer's life in quest of a possible motive. The young woman had not been attacked, physicians said, and nothing in the apartment had been disturbed.

Miss Gummershimer had been a teacher of German and dramatic art here for eight years and had a wide circle of friends. Neighbors said she had frequent callers, both men and women, and police found letters and telegrams showing she corresponded with several men.

Had Man Caller
Voices of a man and woman, apparently in friendly conversation, were heard between 8 and 9 p. m. Saturday night. The light in the apartment went out about 11 p. m., and coroner's physicians said the teacher met death shortly afterward.

A book lay open beside the bed, as though she had read until tired. A screen had been removed from a window overlooking a rear porch, and it was by this means, police are sure, that the slayer entered. He probably left by the front door, which was found unlocked.

The teacher's father, J. J. Gummershimer, editor of the Belleview (Ill.) Post-Zeitung until it suspended publication in 1918, knew of no motive. Anyone who have had take his daughter's life.

Engagement Broken
Her father said Miss Gummershimer had been engaged to a canning manufacturer of Porto Rico and New York, but that the engagement had been broken for some time.

The death weapon was an 18-inch pipe picked up from a box of plumber's supplies which had been left on the ground floor by workmen. Miss Gummershimer was struck several blows upon the head. The pipe was found beside the bed.

Police found more than 100 letters in the apartment. Many of them were from Glen Wiseman, vice-president of Fugwell and Wiseman, Inc., with offices at Modeltown, N. Y., and Tarpon Springs, Fla. All were written in an endearing tone and indicated that an engagement had existed, later to be broken. The letters were invariably signed: "Glen 1-2-3."

Miss Gummershimer was described as having been an extremely attractive brunette type of medium height.

EAGLE POINT GRANGE MEETS FOR DEGREES

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The conferring of the first two degrees and the balloting for state grange officers were the main features of the regular grange meeting held Tuesday, December 3. There was a class of candidates from Lake Creek and Eagle Point.

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7:30 to 8 p.m.—The Empire Builders (transcontinental). NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFL.

8 to 9 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Shell Symphonists. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFL.

8:30 to 8:45 p.m.—Amos 'n' Andy (transcontinental). NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFL.

8:45 to 9 p.m.—Studio program—NBC service to KOMO, KECA.

9 to 9:30 p.m.—Voice of Firestone. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFL, KSL, KOA.

9:30 to 10 p.m.—The Cigar Band. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFL.

10 to 11 p.m.—Slumber Hour. NBC service to KGO, KSY, KOA.

11 to 12 p.m.—Laughner-Harris Hotel St. Francis Dance Orchestra. NBC service to KGO.

ANNOUNCE DATES TEACHER'S EXAMS

Notice is given that the county superintendent of Jackson county, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the court house in Medford as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, Dec. 21, 1929 at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—U. S. history, writing (penmanship).
Wednesday afternoon—Physiology, reading, composition, methods in reading, methods in arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography.
Thursday afternoon—Grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography (spelling), physical geography, English literature, chemistry.
Friday afternoon—School law, algebra, geology, civil government, bookkeeping.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, botany.
Saturday afternoon—General history.

Shasta Splatters Provisions Along Track, Dish Saved

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—An automobile owned by Odin Monjay, a store proprietor at Goshen, was reduced to junk yesterday when it stalled on the railroad track at Goshen and was struck by the Shasta limited of the Southern Pacific.

Monjay, who heard the train whistle while his car was stalled, tried to flag the train, but dense fog is said to have prevented it. Groceries and eggs were splattered over the area, but a plerium dish was found—unbroken.

GRUNDY CHOICE FOR VARE'S VACANT SEAT

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.—(AP)—All indications today pointed to the appointment of Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers association, as junior senator from this state to fill the vacancy caused by the rejection of William S. Vare. Whether he will accept the appointment remained in doubt.

LOCAL RABBITS LAUDED BY SWIFT CO. MANAGER NEED GREATER SUPPLY

"Southern Oregon produces superior rabbits to the California product," says Mr. Campbell, manager of Swift & Co., of Medford.

Speaking before the members of the Southern Oregon Mutual Rabbit Breeders' association at their regular meeting last night, Mr. Campbell congratulated the members on the quality of their rabbits which he has regularly been shipping out of the state. "Everywhere our customers are well pleased, and as soon as you can assure us that you can produce a greater supply of the same quality, we can handle them beyond a doubt. We have scarcely started to work up a rabbit market, although, as you know, our demand is increasing, our price holds up and in the face of a cheap turkey market, I consider that remarkable," he said.

"The association has obligated itself to supply Swift & Co. with rabbits of the highest standard at 22c and its need will have prior consideration to other buyers and in return they promise to buy only from association members. "Hundreds of thousands of dollars of local produce is shipped out of the state by us for which spot cash is paid. A larger proportion of this should be in rabbits and it is up to you to supply them," said Mr. Campbell.

An initiation fee of \$5.00 for all new members joining the association after January 1st was voted.

C. C. Althouse of Medford was elected president, Mr. Woodford of Gold Hill, vice-president and Mrs. W. Lawson of Medford, secretary-treasurer for the year 1929.

PATTERSON PLANS BUDGET CONCLAVE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Through a letter to the other governors of the western states, Governor Patterson has initiated a movement for a conference on the subject of budget making. To be held at one of the western capitals, probably in January. He suggests Boise as a good place for the meeting.

Replies received from the governors of California, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are all favorable to the plan.

Governor Patterson believes the budgetary and accounting systems of the states should be according to a uniform plan, so that their costs of operation might be compared. He sees economy in the idea. Comparisons at present are not possible, he says.

NO COUNTY FUNDS TO MAINTAIN G. P. PORT

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—(AP) After having borne the brunt of criticism leveled at the Josephine county commission by civic clubs and associations not in favor of the commission's plan to appropriate funds for the maintenance of the airport, L. R. Conklin has struck back.

In a statement to the county, the commissioners declared the county court is denied a right by law to use the public money for the maintenance of the airport. He refers his critics to Oregon state laws.

"The Viking" at Rialto Theatre

"The Viking" opened at the Rialto theatre yesterday. The picture is an artistic triumph in color photography and Technicolor, who produced it, should be proud of their achievement.

The story is told with vim and gusto. It is a swashbuckling, adventurous tale of bold Vikings, who roamed the unknown seas and took captive weaker people, over a thousand years ago. It has its foundation on an episode in history, namely, the pre-Columbus discovery of America by Leif Ericson.

"The Viking" would be an out-of-the-ordinary production in black and white, but with its lovely, natural coloring, it becomes an artistic gem and a milestone in motion picture production.

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Parrot Learns Call For Help; Gets Fire Boys

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Mildred Bumann's parrot, has learned a new word.

Mrs. Bumann ran the needle of her sewing machine through her hand and, unable to extricate herself, attempted to call for help. "Maggie" cocked her head one side, digested the new syllable and went into action.

Help immediately was plentiful, including the fire department. Mrs. Bumann was extricated and taken to a hospital for treatment.

More Readers in Oregon
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The demands for service from the state library, received by mail, are about 25 per cent greater than in any previous year, according to Virginia Heaver Bacon, state librarian.

Eighty-two postoffices in all parts of the state, were represented in requests received on December 1.

Old Pine Needles Place of Strange History Torn Down in Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—(AP)—The "Old Pine Needles" place, a landmark of Grants Pass, is being torn down. And therein lies a story, which if told interestingly must interweave intrigue and persistence with failure, mystery and probably murder.

It was nearly 40 years ago, according to recollections of those in Grants Pass who keep a memory book of past events, since a German family by the name of Schmidts came to Grants Pass. Nothing much was ever learned of the family. Nothing, at least, until neighbors one morning discovered the Germans no longer lived there. Records found scattered in the house indicated the head of the household had at one time enjoyed the favors of royalty.

Then came a time back in Germany, according to the story told now, when his name was linked with a woman of high standing. It was about that time, records found indicated that the family, taking a new name of Schmidts, came to America.

The Schmidts family gathered pine needles—gathered them by the hundreds of tons. They then

dipped them in a secret solution which always was guarded. Although it was never known definitely in Grants Pass, it was reported the pine needles found their way to sanitariums in Germany where it was said patients suffering from tuberculosis slept upon them and inhaled the fumes coming from the mysterious extract.

After the strange disappearance of the Schmidts, the house was never occupied. Tramps put strange markings on the posts. Finally it became a regular winter hangout for hoboes and one cold night strange cries came from the old house. Neighbors said a bundle not unlike a man was carried from the house.

That ended the hobo's stronghold. Now it is being torn down by the city. Long ago the lot on which it stood was sold for taxes, but no one wanted it.

Oregon Weather
Oregon: Rain tonight and Tuesday in the mountains, moderate temperature. Moderate to fresh southerly winds on the coast.

EAGLE POINT TO GIVE TWO WEEKS SCHOOL HOLIDAY

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special)—At a regular meeting of the school board Friday, November 29, it was decided to give the teachers and students two weeks' vacation at Christmas time. School will close Friday, December 20, and resume Monday, January 6.

Miss Mildred L. Burr will spend her Christmas vacation in Berkeley, Cal. Miss Helen G. Miller will visit with her mother in Seattle, Washington. Miss Wanda Barnielle will spend her vacation at her home in Medford. Miss Ruth Altken will act as county delegate to the Oregon State Teachers' convention and will be in Portland, Oregon, during the holidays. Clarence M. Huan will spend the Yuletide at his home in Ashland.

The co-operation of the community is asked to make the shower campaign a success. This problem of showers is one of great importance. After playing the games the young people are worn and tired and if they could take a shower it would prevent a number of colds.

Eagle Point has a new high school, modern in most respects, but the problem of athletic equipment has been neglected. The merchants and members of the community are asked to help remedy this defect by donating funds for this purpose and put Eagle Point on the list of the best equipped schools of this district.

John Barrymore at the Craterian

Thrill, a love quadrangle that provides the strangest clash of passions, and superlative acting combine to make "Eternal Love," the attraction at the Craterian theatre today, a good entertainment in which the genius of Ernest Lubitsch, director and of John Barrymore, star, reach new heights.

The Lubitsch triumph presents Barrymore in the role of a Swiss—an Alpine mountaineer and daredevil, an uncouth hunter. Although the picture is rich in spectacle and humor, a deep spiritual love sweeps through the story as the predominant note.

The locale of the story, the high Swiss Alps, is familiar ground to Lubitsch, to Hans Kraly, who adapted the tale from "Der Koenig der Bernina," and to Barrymore. It is not generally known that Barrymore who has a certificate from the Swiss government for his feat in climbing Mount Blanc.

EYE FACTS

It is a fact that many persons continue to wear old lenses long after they should be changed. And that many a person is right now suffering the penalty for neglected eye strain that a thorough examination of the eyes would reveal.

Every investigation of this subject that has been made has indicated that a large percentage of those who would be wonderfully more comfortable and better off in every way if their ocular defects were corrected, do not even suspect that the lack of proper glasses is the reason for their discomfort.

The conscientious reputable Optometrist advises people daily that they do not need glasses. This advice, of course, is given after the eyes have been examined, meaning that there are a great number of people who consult Optometrists to find out that their eyes are all right. Statistics, however, prove that there are a great host of Americans who are neglecting their eyes.

Out of this vast number we find that at one time their eye troubles could have been corrected very easily. But, having deferred having their eyes examined, they are in such shape that the correction of their defect is much more difficult and tedious than would have been had the case sought proper advice at an earlier date, so the old adage holds true about the ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure.

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