

MURDER ORGY PLAN CHARGED TO ASTROLOGER

Covell And Nephew, Indicted For Murder, Proposed Series of 12 Killings

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—Declaring he had turned over evidence to Oregon authorities revealing a series of 12 planned killings and a number of arson crimes said to have been contemplated by Arthur Covell, 46, noted astrologer and a cripple, who with his nephew, Alton Covell, 16, were indicted in Marshfield yesterday for slaying Mrs. Fred Covell, wife of a Bandon chiropractor, Luke S. May Seattle professional criminologist, who was called into the case, has returned to Seattle. May says that after decoding a number of Covell's mysterious horoscopes he will submit to Marshfield authorities evidence that the crippled astrologist planned the murder of E. J. Pressey, wealthy Oregon dairyman, his wife and three children, together with the burning of bodies by firing their residence. Robbery was to be the motive for the crimes.

GAINS SLIGHTLY FARM RENTING

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 13.—Farm tenancy in the United States increased but one percent during the last decade, contrary to the general belief that agricultural lands were rapidly passing into the hands of owner-operators into the hands of tenants, judging by a report of the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities. This body, directed by Dr. Richard H. K. K. well-known economist, is organized specifically to conduct research in land problems.

Based on its conclusions upon 1920 census figures, the Institute concludes that "an increase in tenancy can be expected in the normal development of a nation, a fact neglected by many who look upon tenant farming as something absolutely undesirable."

The report showed that tenants operated approximately one-fourth of the farms of the country in 1880, with a jump to 28 percent in 1890, and to 35 percent in 1900. A more gradual increase came in the next two decades, the proportion in 1910 being 37 percent and in 1920, 38 percent.

Measured in terms of acreage of land in farms, about 28 percent of farm land is being cultivated by tenants, according to the institute statement. Measured in terms of improved acreage, tenants are said to occupy almost 35 percent of the improved land.

The South is shown to have had a steady increase in tenant farms, with some states showing over 60 percent of farm tenancy.

"The reason must be sought in the prevalence of one crop farming, particularly cotton and tobacco, and in the human factor," the report declared. "Three-fourths of the negro farmers and a large proportion of the whites are renters. The boll weevil and the migration of negro labor to the North is bound to produce great changes in the present renting arrangements."

"However, in the last decade seven states in the South have had a decrease or else practically no change in the proportion of tenants to owners. They are: Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland."

"Ever since 1880 there has been a steady increase in farm tenancy in the Corn Belt. Missouri alone is an exception. In the Corn Belt, economic forces determining tenancy have had full play. Farms have increased in size ever since 1880. Agricultural machinery has made possible a larger acreage per man. The tractor has had a powerful influence in the same direction. Land is at a premium and its values often inflated, making ownership more difficult."

"Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas have had the most remarkable increases in the proportion of tenants to owners during the last decade. Western Minnesota shares in this increase with the Dakotas. North Dakota had only 14 percent of tenancy in 1910, but now has over 25 percent, while South Dakota jumped from 25 to 35 percent."

Who Will Get Them?



Robert Howard, Jr., 2, and Catherine Bruce Gamble, 3, are now, according to wire reports, with their father, Robert Howard Gamble, in Florida. He refuses to give them up to his wife who obtained a divorce from him last July in Paris. She maintains he took them from her home at Huntington, L. I., without her consent.

One crop agriculture, large scale operations and the many farms held for speculation are features that partly explain this rapid rise in tenancy.

"Notable declines in tenancy operated farms have persisted in the Eastern states on the Atlantic seaboard from Virginia northward."

Only New York had a larger proportion of tenants in 1920 than it had in 1880, and even then in 1920 less than one-fifth of its farms were tenant operated.

"Western states have such a variety of conditions that tenancy figures are not significant. The agriculture ranges from irrigated land

to ranching. Now farms are still being created from the public domain, and these are practically all in the hands of owners. This fact tends to obscure the increase in tenant farms."

"Utah has the lowest rate of tenancy in the United States outside of New England and Nevada, although it is one of the oldest of the western states and has a well developed agriculture. The peculiar social and religious institutions of the Mormons have to be examined to explain this."

Holding that it is the automobilist's duty to slow up when old persons or children are near his line of travel, a Detroit judge denied a motion to dismiss the complaint of negligent homicide against a careless driver whose car ran over and killed an elderly woman. The defendant's attorney moved to dismiss the complaint because no criminal intent was evident in his

client's actions. Testimony showed that the woman stepped off the curb into the path of the defendant's car. The judge held it is the duty of the driver to stop when children or old persons are in the way.

Artificially colored flowers must not be sold in Rome. The pure food law was applied to flowers, and those who sell "faked" flowers will lose their licenses.

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Property Tax Facts

All Property Taxes Levied in 1923 in Oregon—State, County, City, School, Road and other Local

Source—	Property Taxes.	Per Ct.
Property inside limits of cities, including railroads and public utilities	\$22,026,211	53.7
Farms	10,015,421	24.4
Timber lands and lumber industry outside of cities	5,611,990	13.7
All other property outside of cities, including railroads and public utilities	3,385,010	8.2
Total	\$41,038,632	100.0

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The Operation of an Income Tax Department Why The State Income Tax is Detrimental to The Progress of Industry

Income From Oregon Industries

Sources of Income From Which Taxes Are Paid — Duplications Eliminated — Each Item Shows Total and Per Cent of State Income Obtained by All the People Engaged in That Line

Agriculture	\$166,400,000	26.3	\$111,270,000	20.8
Mining, quarrying and fishing	3,316,000	.5	2,100,000	.4
Manufacturing, including lumber	137,640,000	21.8	115,260,000	21.6
Construction, including road, railroad and public utility	31,000,000	4.9	34,000,000	6.4
Automotive industry	21,000,000	3.3	28,000,000	5.2
Personal service, including restaurants, amusements, laundries, dyers and cleaners, milliners, etc.	27,000,000	4.3	25,000,000	4.7
Rail and water transportation and public utilities	38,000,000	6.0	41,000,000	7.7
Trade—wholesale, retail, foreign	77,000,000	12.2	62,000,000	11.6
Financial institutions, insurance and realty dealers	13,500,000	2.2	12,500,000	2.3
Rents, royalties, interest, pensions and miscellaneous	76,000,000	12.0	61,000,000	11.4
Professions	18,000,000	2.9	16,500,000	3.1
Governmental service, federal, state and local	23,100,000	3.7	26,000,000	4.9
Total	\$631,956,000	100.0	\$534,630,000	100.0

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WHY

did they exempt corporation dividends from income taxation?
Why did they exempt banks, insurance companies and corporations handling real estate?

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