

The Daily Capital Journal

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1912.

NO. 69.

HUMPHREY'S BROTHER CONFESSES TO PART IN KILLING MRS. GRIFFITH

BOTH ASSAULTED THE WOMAN CHARLES HELD HER WHILE GEORGE CHOKED HER TO DEATH

After Each Had Accomplished His Vile Purpose They Deliberately Strangled the Woman to Death--They Ransacked the House, Getting \$35, Then Carried the Body to Mill Pond, Where It Was Afterwards Found--George Also Says His Brother Had Confessed to Him That He Killed George W. Selby, Near Dallas, in 1908.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Hillsboro, Ore., March 20.—Charles T. Humphreys, youngest brother of George M. Humphreys, at 10 o'clock Monday night signed a graphic and complete confession, branding himself as a companion of his brother in the murder of Mrs. Ella Griffith, aged 64, at Philomath, Benton county, on the night of June 1, and he is now lodged in the county jail of Washington county, awaiting the formal charge of murder in the first degree. The prisoner was brought to Hillsboro Tuesday by Sheriff Hancock and taken before Deputy District Attorney Tongue. In the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Tongue, Sheriff Hancock and two other witnesses, Humphreys detailed step by step, one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in the state.

Brothers Tie Woman.
The prisoner at first denied any knowledge of the crime, but weakened when pressed by the officials and finally told the details of the tragedy. He testified that he and his brother went to the Griffith ranch late at night, and, before entering the house, George procured a rope from the barn. They entered the door without giving any alarm. Charles grasped Mrs. Griffith from behind, while George ran in front of her and tied her hands to her body. The younger brother then held the victim while Charles, the elder, attacked her.

SHOOTS TWO AND THEN HIMSELF

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, March 20.—Entering the office of Dr. W. T. Akey and Dr. Samuel Fuskim at First and Cherry streets late this morning, A. A. Anderson, a man about 40 years old, opened fire on the physicians, fatally wounding both.

Anderson dashed downstairs, ran along the street for two or three blocks and then stopping, he sent a bullet into his own body. The two doctors and the would-be murderer were rushed to the city hospital, where they are all reported to be in a dying condition. The man was a patient of the doctors. Akey and Fuskim died at the emergency hospital. Anderson, who was a patient of the men he killed, died at noon.

COMPANY HAD TO PAY FOR THE TEETH

New York, March 20.—Axel Homestead, aged 25 years, is minus eight teeth today, but he is "in" exactly \$12,000. Homestead lost his eight incisors when a Brooklyn rapid transit guard, apparently for no reason, walked up to Axel and swatted them out of their auxiliary grips. Homestead sued the company and a jury ordered the E. R. T. to pay him \$1,500 for each tooth.

A Shirtless City.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Bernardino, Cal., March 20.—This city is shirtless because a soaking vat in a laundry burst, and scores of shirts escaped into a sewer. The sewer is clogged and the health authorities threaten action.

Then Charles held the woman while the younger brother committed a like offense.

When released Mrs. Griffith struggled to her feet, and Charles grasped her and held her while George strangled her to death with his hands. They then left the lifeless body in the room and went upstairs and ransacked the bureau, finding \$35 in Mrs. Griffith's purse, hidden beneath some of her clothing in the bottom drawer. They returned to the lower floor, and, after another search of the house, the two carried her to the mill pond, Charles holding the feet and George the arms.

Robbery Not Prime Motive.
In making the trip from the house to the water they rested but once. Humphreys was questioned closely as to motive, and, while he said that they knew the woman might have some money in the house, the thought of robbery did not occur to them until after Mrs. Griffith was dead. This tallies with the confession of his brother, George, now awaiting trial at Corvallis, with the exception that George's confession entirely shields Charles.

The prisoner drew a rough sketch of the Griffith house and traced their movements in the building, step by step. While going over details of the crime he did not falter and was moved but little. When the stenographic notes were read to him he signed them without reluctance and three witnesses affixed their signatures to the instrument.

Humphreys is 32 years of age and was born in Colorado. The two brothers have always been poverty-stricken and the only windfall they have experienced was when an uncle in New Zealand left them \$500 each a few years ago. With this money they bought a small place near Dallas, after selling and going to Yoncalla finally drifting to Philomath. The confession recites that they sold out the Philomath ranch at a loss of \$400, in order to get away from the scene of their crime.

Arrest Follows Interview.
The arrest of Charles followed as a result of the conversation with a reporter of the Oregonian last Friday, when, in response to the information that George had confessed to murder, Charles, instead of expressing surprise, said: "Where did he leave the horse" referring to the animal George had taken to Forest Grove the day he was arrested. District Attorney Tongue and his deputy conferred for a short time, and then instructed the officers to bring the younger brother before them.

Chas. Humphreys' confession bears out the theory expressed when George confessed—that he was shielding the younger brother. Lee, another brother, is now at his home in Moscow, Idaho.

In appearance the murderer is more prepossessing than his elder brother. He is about five feet, ten, and is of sallow complexion. He talked with less hesitancy than his brother. He will be held here until the officials from Benton county arrive to take him to Corvallis.

George Murdered Selby.
Hillsboro, Ore., March 19.—Charles E. Humphrey, who yesterday confessed to having participated with his brother, George, in the murder of Mrs. Ella Griffith, near Philomath, last June, today added to his tale of horror when he told the officers that his brother, George, had murdered George W. Selby, at Selby's ranch, near Dallas, in the fall of 1908.

(Continued on Page 5.)

HERE IS EASY MONEY.

Seattle, March 20.—Mrs. Mary E. Cannon will get \$100,000 if she remains single for the next 10 years. This was the provision made in the will of John Cannon, who died on March 14. Cannon was proprietor of the Grand Union hotel here and owned other valuable property. The widow, a daughter and a brother are each given \$10,000 immediately. Other small bequests to relatives are made, and the remainder is left for the widow. The deceased also left instructions to have his body removed to Ireland.

EAST SIDE SOCIETY IS SHAKEN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 20.—Social skirmishes and clashes are raging today in the upper East Side as a result of David Kidansky breaking his engagement with Sadie Fishel. Kidansky wanted his presents back, but Sadie's father said: "No," and the former has taken the case into the court. Each faction has a large following, and the East Side is an uproar. Exhibit A was a letter from Kidansky to Fishel. It read: "Sir: 'Understand' your daughter Sadie and me have broken it our engagement. I want the presents what I give Sadie back." Fishel replied: "Sir: In reply to your request for them presents back what you give Sadie, I write: The dinners I have give you on lots of times amounts to more than the value of your presents. Sadie can keep them."

LEG BROKEN BY FALLING SCAFFOLD

This morning about 10 o'clock a scaffold collapsed at the garage of B. E. Edwards, at State and Nineteenth streets, and E. L. Briggs and J. O. C. Wimer were thrown to the cement sidewalk. Mr. Briggs' left leg being broken at the ankle. Mr. Briggs was removed to his home at No. 354 South Nineteenth street. Dr. Robertson was called and made an examination of the fracture, finding that it was a very bad break. The injured man was taken to the Willamette sanatorium. The bone was broken in such a way as to protrude through the flesh, and as Mr. Briggs is 69 years old, and on account of his injury being so close to his foot he is likely to be permanently crippled as a result of the accident. Mr. Wimer was not injured beyond a good shaking up, as he was able to be around within an hour after he fell.

A Seven-Hour Stunt

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Tulare, Cal., March 17.—Because Tulare has no jail, Officer Wheeler compelled a wobbly citizen to walk his beat with him seven hours. W. C. was in a sober and penitent mood at the end of the Marathon.

John Got Warm.

Portland, Ore., March 20.—John Spubbs, slightly elevated, felt cold. So he built a fire in his bed. When roused he was thoroughly warmed.

Weather Forecast.

Salem and Vicinity—Fair tonight, with heavy frost. Thursday fair. Northeasterly winds.

LA FOLLETTE WINS OUT IN DAKOTA TAFT GETS ONLY 3,000 OUT OF 65,000

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fargo, N. D., March 20.—Returned from 1167 of the 1800 precincts in the state show that Senator La Follette's plurality for the Republican nomination in yesterday's presidential primary election will be at least 15,000. These precincts give La Follette 34,159 against 22,877 for Roosevelt. The vote for President Taft is estimated at 3000.

NINETY ARE BURIED IN COAL MINE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Bernardino, Cal., March 20.—News of a desperate revolver battle in which two bandits who attempted to loot the Central Lode mining company's office at Owl Springs of bullion valued at \$20,000, were fatally wounded and Watchman Henry Preston was shot through the shoulder, was brought here today. The bandits are H. Langley, known as "Slim," and Bert Lane, desert teamsters. Each man is reported to have been shot twice through the chest.

Owl Springs is an isolated camp in the Randsburg mining district. Officers of the company, including President James R. Buckley and treasurer Charles Phillips, had just arrived at Owl Springs to superintend the shipment of bullion to Randsburg. Preston surprised the men working over the safe where the treasure was stored, and opened fire. He will recover.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—A telephone report received here says the San Bois Coal company's mine at McCurtain, Okla., was blown up by gas today, and is now on fire. According to the report, 85 men are entombed and are believed to have lost their lives. Further details are as yet unobtainable.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—Ninety miners, according to later reports, were entombed today in the No. 2 mines of the San Bois Coal company at McCurtain, Okla., as the result of a gas explosion. One miner was rescued alive and one body found.

FIREBUGS ARE BUSY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Nelson, B. C., March 20.—Following a series of incendiary fires in the last few months which have completely baffled the police, the arson bug got busy again last night and as a result the big Yale Columbia sawmill is a mass of smoldering ruins with a loss of \$75,000. The fire was discovered early this morning after it had gained considerable headway and but for the lucky fact that the wind was blowing off shore, part of the town would surely have been wiped out. About 100,000 feet of lumber were destroyed.

STRIKE GROWS WARM AT GRAYS HARBOR

Hoguan, Wash., March 20.—Violence today was narrowly averted in the Grays Harbor Lumber strike. Jesse Lewis kept 300 strikers off the property of the Coas Shingle mill at the point of a rifle. The clash occurred when the strikers attempted to persuade non-union employees at the mill to quit work.

Opens Show With Prayer.

Colfax, Wash., March 20.—City council ordained that moving picture shows shall be dark on Sunday nights. Alton Tredick, who runs one, says no, and will evade the dictum by opening the show with prayer.

LA FOLLETTE WINS OUT IN DAKOTA TAFT GETS ONLY 3,000 OUT OF 65,000

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, March 20.—"I believe the real progressives will hold the balance of power in the Chicago convention against both President Taft and Roosevelt. That is what we are going to fight for—the balance of power, dictating the really progressive platform, and put really progressive candidates upon it."

BANDITS KILLED BY WATCHMAN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Bernardino, Cal., March 20.—News of a desperate revolver battle in which two bandits who attempted to loot the Central Lode mining company's office at Owl Springs of bullion valued at \$20,000, were fatally wounded and Watchman Henry Preston was shot through the shoulder, was brought here today. The bandits are H. Langley, known as "Slim," and Bert Lane, desert teamsters. Each man is reported to have been shot twice through the chest.

Owl Springs is an isolated camp in the Randsburg mining district. Officers of the company, including President James R. Buckley and treasurer Charles Phillips, had just arrived at Owl Springs to superintend the shipment of bullion to Randsburg. Preston surprised the men working over the safe where the treasure was stored, and opened fire. He will recover.

ROOSEVELT A GOOD SECOND ELECTION IS A LAND SLIDE PROGRESSIVES DELIGHTED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, March 20.—"I believe the real progressives will hold the balance of power in the Chicago convention against both President Taft and Roosevelt. That is what we are going to fight for—the balance of power, dictating the really progressive platform, and put really progressive candidates upon it."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fargo, N. D., March 20.—Practically complete returns from 33 counties late this afternoon have given La Follette a plurality of 8,146 over Roosevelt for the Republican presidential nomination. Roosevelt carried 13 counties. He ran much stronger in the cow counties than the rest of the state. Everybody Totes a Gun. Centralla, Wash., March 20.—"Every body totes a gun in Virginia, and I can't quit the habit," pleaded Blaine Prensall. The judge fined him \$25.

LA FOLLETTE WINS OUT IN DAKOTA TAFT GETS ONLY 3,000 OUT OF 65,000

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, March 20.—"I believe the real progressives will hold the balance of power in the Chicago convention against both President Taft and Roosevelt. That is what we are going to fight for—the balance of power, dictating the really progressive platform, and put really progressive candidates upon it."

BANDITS KILLED BY WATCHMAN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Bernardino, Cal., March 20.—News of a desperate revolver battle in which two bandits who attempted to loot the Central Lode mining company's office at Owl Springs of bullion valued at \$20,000, were fatally wounded and Watchman Henry Preston was shot through the shoulder, was brought here today. The bandits are H. Langley, known as "Slim," and Bert Lane, desert teamsters. Each man is reported to have been shot twice through the chest.

Owl Springs is an isolated camp in the Randsburg mining district. Officers of the company, including President James R. Buckley and treasurer Charles Phillips, had just arrived at Owl Springs to superintend the shipment of bullion to Randsburg. Preston surprised the men working over the safe where the treasure was stored, and opened fire. He will recover.

ROOSEVELT A GOOD SECOND ELECTION IS A LAND SLIDE PROGRESSIVES DELIGHTED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, March 20.—"I believe the real progressives will hold the balance of power in the Chicago convention against both President Taft and Roosevelt. That is what we are going to fight for—the balance of power, dictating the really progressive platform, and put really progressive candidates upon it."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fargo, N. D., March 20.—Practically complete returns from 33 counties late this afternoon have given La Follette a plurality of 8,146 over Roosevelt for the Republican presidential nomination. Roosevelt carried 13 counties. He ran much stronger in the cow counties than the rest of the state. Everybody Totes a Gun. Centralla, Wash., March 20.—"Every body totes a gun in Virginia, and I can't quit the habit," pleaded Blaine Prensall. The judge fined him \$25.

You Can Be Certain

of finding here the kind of clothes you will be proud to possess, and at prices that you'll be glad to pay.

QUALITY

Our name on every one of our garments is a "guarantee" to back up all we claim for "Bishop's Ready Tailored Clothes." Assortments are large, styles the very newest---qualities the best, prices to suit all.



Shoes

that you will enjoy wearing because they fit. They are stylish, and they are the best values we can comprehend at the prices. Tans and blacks, button and lace

\$12.00 to \$30.00 is what we charge for clothes that fit.

The Just Wright SHOE

\$4 to \$6

SALEM WOOLEN MILLS STORE

Pressing and Cleaning, Telephone 166