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## WINE TELLS BOOZE DEALS

Friend of Daughters  
Authority to Take  
Whiskey From Bond.

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Drug Company  
He Purchased  
Withdrawal Permits  
From Orr's Partner.

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## HAIR MAID IS BOLD BAD BANDIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, March 21.—Numerous victims of a bobbed haired bandit in Brooklyn and Manhattan are ready to appear in court and try to identify a pretty bobbed hair blonde captured last night after an attempt to hold up a Manhattan saloon.

FARM BOY IS FREED

SEATTLE, March 21.—John Groger, 17, farm boy of the Kittitas valley, eastern Washington, was free today of a first degree murder charge with the admonition fresh in his mind to "go back to Ellensburg, stay there and keep off freight trains."

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## SEEK TO PIERCE VEIL OF MYSTERY

Negro Is Held Charged With Slaying Kansas City Woman Doctor.

## BROTHER IS ARRESTED

Threats of Death Had Been Previously Made, Police Say, in Trying to Solve Mystery Case.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21.—Dr. Zoe Wilkins, slain osteopath, had feared a plot against her life by Charles Wilkins, a brother, and another man, her attorney, J. E. James, testified at the inquest today.

"Dr. Wilkins," he said, "feared two men whom she named. They had made demands on her, she told me, and said if she did not comply, they would murder her."

James testified that one was Charles Wilkins but refused to name the other, saying he had furnished the name to the police. He said Wilkins was under arrest but the second man was not. In this connection it was recalled that police had asked Denver authorities to arrest Charles Smith, who came here in December with the slain woman's brother. Other witnesses have told detectives that Dr. Wilkins feared a man named Smith.

James, who is a son of the late Jesse James, the outlaw, said he became Dr. Wilkins' attorney late in February. He said she had asked his advice regarding a will she had drawn up.

"I want you to look over this will," James quoted Dr. Wilkins as having said, "and tell me if my brother Charles can get a penny of my estate if he murders me."

James said Dr. Wilkins distrusted Banks and told him she had given \$70,000 in cash to a former husband, A. W. Marksheffel, garage proprietor of Colorado Springs. Dr. Wilkins, James said, had shown him a certificate of trust purporting to be signed by Marksheffel and two letters from him begging her for more time to return the money. This certificate was kept in a strong box, now missing. The box, James said, also contained securities valued at more than \$100,000.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—Seeking to pierce the veil of mystery which surrounds the slaying of Dr. Zoe Wilkins, whose gaming at love and intrigue ended in gruesome death, police today faced a number of unfolding leads. These involved a mystery quartet whom the woman feared, and equally mysterious Sanitarium "deal" and the knowledge that Dillard Davies, negro janitor, wielded "an unexplained influence over Dr. Wilkins. But all the avenues pursued revolved in some manner about the negro who had heard his employer talk about jewels and valuable papers and who is alleged to have owned the rusty pocket knife found beside her mutilated body. Davies is known to have dominated the woman on certain occasions and once, it is alleged, attempted to assault her.

The negro is under arrest, and according to J. B. Wainston, chief of detectives is tightly emmeshed by a chain of circumstantial evidence.

Besides the negro, Charles Wilkins, a brother of the slain woman, and B. F. Tarpley, a devotee of the pretty adventuress are held.

The negro who had been the cause of a quarrel between Dr. Wilkins and her brother, Charles, is the last person reported to have been with the woman before her death. He was at the Wilkins home late Saturday night which police have set as the time of the slaying.

When, on Saturday night, Dr. Wilkins was distraught with fear that "four persons would kill her unless she put through a sanitarium deal" of which the police have been unable to learn anything, the negro offered Dr. Wilkins to disengage a woman who had been summoned to the house as a companion.

It was to this woman, whose name has not been divulged, that Dr. Wilkins confided her fear that she would be killed by the mystery quartet.

"Get this woman out of the house before it is too late," the negro is said to have exclaimed. "I won't wait any longer. I can't." The woman left and the negro remained, arriving home the woman telephoned but was told the receiver of Dr. Wilkins telephone was off the hook. The next day she called and found the house apparently deserted.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Wilkins' body was found on the floor of her parlor. In a long grilling Davies steadfastly maintained that he had

## CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO SELL LIBRARY BONDS

At a special meeting of the city council at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the library bond vote was canvassed and an ordinance passed authorizing the sale of \$12,000 in city bonds for the purchase and improvement of the Marsters site and for its maintenance as a public library. Of the \$12,000 in bonds \$2,300 will be left after the purchase price of the property, which will provide ample funds for improving the building and placing it in condition for a library. The street lighting committee was also authorized to secure estimates on the cost of installing one of the new street lights in front of the building and it is expected that this improvement will be made at once. The bonds will be sold about April 7th and the Marsters property will be turned over to the city soon thereafter.

## COOLIDGE MAINTAINS LEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
FARGO, N. D., March 21.—Returns from 1,924 precincts out of 2,058 in North Dakota, for republican presidential preference give:  
Coolidge 59,529; La Follette, 37,052; Johnson 20,924.

## POSSE AND CAR THIEF IN DUEL

A great deal of excitement occurred at Sutherland today in the arrest of George Milliken, John Shay and John Billings, three ex-convicts, who were arrested as auto thief suspects. A civilian, who is believed to be the actual thief of the car, eluded the officers, and was being sought by a large armed posse this afternoon.

Chief Ketch this morning saw a large car going north through town. He believed the car to be stolen, and looked it up on his bulletins, finding that his surmise was correct. He was unable to get in touch with Sheriff Starmer, but left word for him, and with City Recorder R. L. Whipple immediately started north in pursuit.

The four men in the car reached Oakland, Deputy Sheriff Neas became suspicious of them there, and tried to get them into his garage, but they turned back towards Sutherland. Word was telephoned ahead and they were stopped when they reached that city. The civilian drew a revolver and started firing, and the quartet then abandoned the machine and struck off east through the orchards. The civilian fired several shots but fortunately struck no one.

Within a few minutes Chief Ketch and Recorder Whipple arrived on the scene, closely followed by Sheriff Starmer. In the meantime several citizens armed themselves and started in pursuit of the fugitives. The three sailors surrendered after several shots had been fired at them, but the civilian succeeded in reaching the brush. The three young men were brought back to Roseburg in Whipple's car and placed in the county jail.

They did not know the name of the man driving the machine, but said that they joined him at Ashland.

## PROF. HORNER TO GIVE LECTURE TONIGHT

All Roseburg residents are urged to attend the meeting to be held at the high school tonight, at which time Professor J. H. Horner, dean of history at the Oregon Agricultural College, will give his illustrated lecture on Oregon. Professor Horner is one of the leading authorities on the early history of this state, and his lecture will bring out many interesting facts regarding the state. The entertainment is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association, and no admission will be charged.

Mrs. A. W. Heam and daughter of Glide are spending a few days in this city shopping and visiting with friends. They are registered at the Hotel Grand.

L. Older of Medford arrived in this city last evening to spend the next few days here attending to business matters. Mr. Older is registered at the Hotel Grand.

not been at Dr. Wilkins' since 5 o'clock Saturday. He denied any knowledge of the slaying.

Arthur Wilkins, another brother of the slain woman, came here last night from Colorado Springs, Colorado, to aid the police. He talked to the brother under arrest, but their meeting was cold.

## STATEMENT MADE FOR CITY COUNCIL

Attorney Wimberly Explains Reasons for Resubmitting Fire Truck Bond Issue.

## COMPETITION WANTED

Council Desires to Exclude No Company and After Investigation Will Choose Apparatus.

That the city council feels that in resubmitting the fire truck bonds to the voters of the city it will save the city a large sum of money, and will open the negotiations for the purchase of a fire truck to all responsible companies, was in effect a statement made today by Mayor N. Rice and City Attorney Carl Wimberly.

There has been a great deal of talk on both sides of this proposition, and much agitation, and the council desires to have its position clearly understood.

The amendment as originally adopted provides for a triple-combination fire engine of standard make, having a pumping capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute.

By triple combination is meant a fire engine serving three purposes, that of a pump, a chemical engine and a hose cart. The present fire truck owned by the city is merely a combination truck being a chemical engine and hose cart. In the triple-combination engine, the water pump, chemical tanks and hose bed would all be carried on one truck.

By standard make it is meant that this fire engine must be manufactured by a company which puts out the complete engine. Under this clause it would not be possible to purchase an assembled piece of apparatus. For instance, a company might manufacture a good truck, and another company a good pump, and a third a good chemical engine, and these three could be brought together and assembled into one machine, which, however, would not be standard.

Another restriction in the amendment is that of a 1,000 gallon pumper. A 1,500 gallon pump can be operated at any capacity up to that amount, but it is a large sized machine, and only a few companies put out such apparatus.

The passage of the original amendment, it is claimed, restricts the council to the purchase of a machine from only about four big companies, as these are the only companies that can qualify under the provisions of the measure adopted by the voters.

"The council believes that a combination exists between the manufacturers of these engines," City Attorney Wimberly stated. "This combination, it is believed, exists for the purpose of keeping up the price. All quotations which have been brought to the attention of the council place the cost at about \$12,000 which the council believes to be exorbitant."

"The council has received information that included in the price are between \$2,000 and \$4,000 which has been added to promote the sale of such apparatus. The council does not say that this is true, but such reports have been received."

"The council wants the matter of the purchase of a fire truck to be fair and open. It does not want to shut out any company which may be able to provide adequate equipment. Neither is it desired that the matter of capacity be definitely fixed. It is hoped that the matter can be presented in such a manner that no company will be excluded and all manufacturers of fire apparatus will be allowed to submit propositions."

"The council has received numerous statements from various companies stating that they would like to submit bids on their make of engine, but that they cannot do so owing to the fact that they have assembled equipment instead of standard."

"After all the proposals have been received and the bids opened and considered, the council expects to make a complete and thorough investigation, after such an investigation, the council finds that the American La France, or the Seagraves, or the Stutz or any other such engine is the one best needed for the city, then the city has no prejudice against any of these engines and will proceed to purchase the one deemed to be the best. In all events the council will select nothing but the best equipment."

"The council feels that to people of Roseburg should have confidence that the council will do what is best for the city, and can be safely trusted to secure adequate and first class fire equipment. If the people have not such confidence in the council,

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## DEMENTED DOCTOR HOLDING PRISONER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
MIAMI, Fla., March 21.—Police today are expected to follow up the belief expressed last night that Arthur Burdell, Brooklyn contractor, was being detained by a demented physician, with a thorough investigation of two anonymous messages relative to his detention. Burdell disappeared from here a week ago and nothing has been learned since regarding his whereabouts. Mrs. Burdell last Monday received a telephone call from a man who gave his name as Dr. Van Housen and who told her that he had given him a "shot of dope" and that "he was taking him to Atlanta."

## NOT INSTRUCT DELEGATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Sufficient signatures have been obtained to place an uninstructed democratic presidential delegation on the primary ballot in California, and the petitions bearing these signatures will be filed with the county clerk of ten counties tomorrow and Monday. It was announced here today by W. W. Redford, secretary of the progressive democratic league. The delegate ticket was selected by the league.

While there are actually but 2,500 signatures, the number counts for 75,000, as each of the 2,500 signed for everyone of the thirty names on the delegate list. Telegrams were sent out from the league headquarters today asking that the work of obtaining more names be suspended.

The delegation was selected in protest to the action of the democratic state central committee in endorsing the candidacy of William G. McAdoo.

## STRAY BULLET HITS WORKER IN THE EYE

PORTLAND, March 21.—W. H. Seales, 24, cement contractor, was struck in the left eye by a bullet, thought to have been shot from a small caliber rifle, while working on a house here late yesterday. He is in a hospital in a serious condition according to attendants. Police have been unable to learn who fired the shot. Newton Nance, who was working with Seales at the time of the accident, and who took him to a hospital, told the police that after Seales was struck he looked around but saw nobody. Police believe the shot was fired by boys.

## WIFE OF JUSTICE BURNETT IS DEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SALEM, March 21.—Mrs. George H. Burnett, wife of Justice Burnett of the state supreme court, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a long illness. The funeral will be held here at the Webb Funeral Chapel Saturday at 10:30 a. m. and cremation will take place in Portland. Mrs. Burnett was the first matron of Chadwick chapter number 37, order of Eastern Star, which will have full charge of the services at the chapel. There will be no service in Portland.

Mrs. Burnett was born April 6, 1856, and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Belt. She married to George H. Burnett December 31, 1879, and three years later they made their home on North High Street, Salem, where they have always lived since. There are no children.

## PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO AGED EDUCATOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21.—Service to country, joy in work and early marriage were enjoined on Harvard under-graduates by President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot in an address which closed the public tribute to the aged educator in honor of his 90th birthday yesterday.

"Serve the country," he said, "serve her in peace as well as in war; serve her by sacrificing money, for example, high professional earnings in order to take public offices elective or appointive office. Use the opportunity of selecting studies which you have at Harvard to find out why you are here in what work, in what profession you can find joy in your work."

"Do not put off marriage too much. Do not wait until you think you can offer the girl you want to marry all the luxuries and privileges to which in her father's home she is accustomed. When you have made up your mind give the girl a chance to tell you hers."

## OIL COMMITTEE WANTS SINCLAIR

Counsel for Oil Magnate Takes Stand and Challenges Committee's Right

## ADJOURNMENT IS TAKEN

Attorney Demands That Sinclair Be Excused but Argument Makes Little Impression.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The right of the oil committee to proceed with its inquiry into the leasing of Teapot Dome and related subjects was challenged today by counsel for Harry F. Sinclair, when he returned to the witness stand for questioning about his possible relations to the dramatic disclosures of recent weeks.

Attorneys for the operator based their objection on the Walsh resolution adopted by congress directing annulment of the oil leases. They pointed out that the resolution declared that the leases were made under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption and said that if this be true, the committee has ascertained what it was directed to ascertain.

In a long argument, Martin Littleton of the Sinclair counsel, contended that by the resolution congress not only had brought to an end the jurisdiction of the committee, but had defined the policy of the government on that subject. He contended that the oil shall be preserved for the government.

"You have passed upon the validity of these leases," Littleton said. "And as far as the legislative indication can be effective, you have legislated the leases to be void and have legislatively imposed an injunction with regard to the property."

"You have established a policy of the government on this subject; and anything you claim would be only a detail which would not warrant the further examination of my client in this matter."

"You not only say that the leases were void but the language you use is very broad and the policy you have established is very definite. You have declared the policy of this government is that the oil should be maintained in the ground as a great reserve supply to meet a national emergency."

"You have thus discharged all the duties placed in your hands. "What is it your committee is investigating that entitles it to take my client, who has been here time and again with his books and papers and say 'You must testify further?'"

"Have you any jurisdiction which entitles you to do so under the standard and precedents of the American government?"

The right of congressional committees to call witnesses and papers from all over the country to aid in framing legislation, the attorney argued, never had been sustained by the courts.

"Has it ever been denied?" Senator Walsh asked.

"No, but it has been questioned," was the reply.

There was a long colloquy between Littleton and Senators as to the rights of congressional committees to summon witnesses. Sinclair's counsel contended that the committee was without power.

"If your idea should prevail," said Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, "this committee might as well close its doors and quit."

"It should either quit or do its work in a constitutional fashion," replied Littleton.

The argument grew more and more heated. Finally Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, suggested that the power of congress to compel attendance of witnesses should be passed on as quickly as possible. Littleton agreed.

Calling attention that the government had brought civil suit in Wyoming against the Mammoth Oil company in which fraud was charged against Sinclair, Littleton said this was another reason why his client should not be questioned further.

"He (Sinclair) is personally charged in this bill (the government bill of complaint) with a conspiracy to defraud the government," Littleton said, adding that it was doubtful that Sinclair could be compelled to testify even in a court because of that charge.

Announcement of the government (Continued on page 7.)