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HUGESWINDLE RIVALS PONZI MONEY DEALS

Raymond J. Bischoff, Chicago Youth, Got Millions

CLAIMS HIS SCHEME WAS NOT ILLEGAL

Mob Storms His Offices as He is Being Quizzed by Jude Landis on His Operations.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Raymond J. Bischoff, aged 25, is detained in connection with a shortage of four and a half million dollars as the result of dealings with six thousand residents of the "back of the yards" district.

It is said he began with a lucky deal with a friend with \$200 and this friend begged him to play the market with the money. He consented and succeeded in doubling his money in a week.

He told all his friends and immediately "I was besieged with similar requests. That was the beginning of it," he declared.

Office Stormed.

While Bischoff was explaining to Jude Landis what became of the money entrusted to him several hundred persons today stormed Bischoff's office, searching for the boy speculator whom they declared brought them financial ruin. The police are seeking Bischoff's sister, believed to be on the Pacific coast, to question her regarding \$500 in liberty bonds entrusted to Bischoff by customers wishing to speculate in oil.

Bischoff, whose financial operations apparently rival those of Charles Ponzi, the Boston "wizard," breathed a huge sigh of relief when taken into custody.

The Central Trust company was appointed receiver for Bischoff. Felix Strejckmann, attorney for the creditors, said he believed Bischoff's liabilities will run near \$7,000,000.

Played Old Game. Bischoff, by paying large returns on money borrowed in a few particular instances, gained a reputation as a financial wizard among the people with whom he dealt, according to federal agents. Profits of 40 per cent on short-term loans were said to be common and Bischoff was said to have paid as high as 100 per cent interest.

According to Mr. Strejckmann, only the creditors that objected to long waits were paid in actual cash. The rest, he said, were content to accept their alleged earnings in more notes. Some of the people sold almost all they owned to give Bischoff money.

Mr. Strejckmann said, "One man, he said, sold his home for \$7000 and turned over \$6200 to Bischoff.

Claims Scheme Legal. James J. Kelly, attorney for Bischoff, today asserted that his client had violated no law, but has simply lost money by speculation.

"The mails were not used," Mr. Kelly said. "The notes he gave to investors were simply promissory notes, and a man can't be imprisoned for failure to pay such a note if he hasn't the money."

May Go Free. Creditors may receive 10 cents on the dollar, Mr. Kelly said, when Bischoff's holdings are liquidated. (Continued on page three)

J. D. McKennon Died Suddenly Yesterday After Short Illness

SENATOR HALL NOT DECIDED HE DECLARES

Endorsement Given Him by "Patriotic Federation" But he Doesn't know if He Wants Governor's Chair.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield is to be offered the gubernatorial endorsement of the federation of patriotic societies, this decision having been made Saturday night when the organization met in a special session for the purpose of making its choice of a republican candidate for governor.

"I am naturally glad to receive such an endorsement as this, but as yet I am not ready to announce that I will run for governor," said Senator Hall yesterday afternoon at the Benson hotel where he left for his home in the Coos bay city.

"This offer, when officially made, will of course cause me to give serious consideration to the idea of running for governor. I have in truth never seriously considered it, but have been content to let my friends keep talking in my behalf."

Ad Club to Honor Memory of Lincoln at Lunch Tuesday

Program Curtailed Because of Passing of J. D. McKennon Yesterday; Bean to Be Speaker.

At the ad club luncheon tomorrow noon all entertainment features that had been planned will be eliminated and the meeting will be strictly confined to revering the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Announcement to this effect was made this morning by J. H. Pearce, chairman for the luncheon, the elimination of the entertainment features being due to a wish to honor the late J. D. McKennon, who passed away yesterday. It was thought inadvisable to postpone the entire program because of the visit here of Louis E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives and candidate for governor, who is one of the speakers of the day.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. church. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

All old-world monkeys, with one exception, have the same number of teeth as man.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Uncle Joe Cannon announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection to the house of representatives from the eighteenth Illinois district.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Chinese tongmen throughout the west are under cover as the result of the outbreak of a tong war last night. Two Chinese were killed in Seattle, one in Butte and one was shot, probably fatally, in San Jose.

(By Associated Press) SILVERTON, Feb. 13.—Dave Collins was killed by a bullet from a gun being cleaned by Dick Itadovich, who occupied a bunk house next to Collins, according to a report from Silver Falls timber camp.

Pope Pius XI Crowned Sunday at St. Peter's

(By Associated Press) ROME, Feb. 13.—Pius XI was crowned pope in the basilica of St. Peter's Sunday amid scenes of pomp and enthusiasm and in the presence of princes and dignitaries of the church, the diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, members of the Roman aristocracy and a vast assemblage filling the great structure to the very doors.

The ancient custom was carried out with impressive ceremonies and the newly elected pontiff now occupies the throne of the first pope reported crowned, Leo III, who reigned from 745 to 816.

Pope Pius XI signed his name to the papal bull of St. Peter's and the people thronged the balcony to see the pontiff. The pontiff's reception accorded him by the people was equal to that of his predecessor, Pius XI.

Was a Merchant Here for Many Years and for the Past Seven Years has Been a Member of the City (Commission of La Grande.

J. D. McKennon, one of La Grande's best known citizens, passed away at his home here yesterday afternoon at about 4:30, following a short illness. Mr. McKennon's death came as a shock to his many friends, having been in the best of health and attending to business until about 1 o'clock Saturday evening, when he was taken with a chill. Although he passed a somewhat restless night, he was apparently feeling better during the morning and not until shortly before noon did his condition become grave, a sudden change setting in at that time. Death was due to pneumonia complicated by heart trouble.

Mr. McKennon has been a resident of La Grande for 34 years, at which time he came here from his former home in Arkansas. He opened a grocery store when he first arrived here and was for over 20 years in this business. For a number of years he has been engaged in the real estate and grain business.

He has at all times taken an interest in community affairs and at the time of his death was a member of the city commission. Beginning last January he entered his seventh consecutive year as city commissioner. During that time he was for several years president of the commission. He was also a member of the old councilmanic form of government about 20 years ago.

Mr. McKennon was a member of various Masonic lodges and a member of the Elks. In both he played a prominent part in their affairs.

Deceased was born in Berryville, Arkansas, in 1877, being 63 years of age at the time of his death. He was raised on a farm but, although he was the owner of a number of farms in the Grande Ronde valley, he has always made his interests in the city the object of his personal attention.

His wife and two children mourn his passing. The children are Mrs. John Dobbin and Raymond McKennon, who reside on adjoining ranches in the valley. L. L. McKennon of this city is a brother. Dr. A. M. McKennon, of Clarkville, Arkansas, is another brother. Mrs. J. M. Berry, of Portland, and Mrs. B. A. Hamilton are sisters. Mr. McKennon also leaves a number of grandchildren and nieces and nephews to mourn his loss.

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AGED PIONEER LADY PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Last Call Answered by Mrs. Jennie C. Currey of This City

CAME TO OREGON IN THE YEAR 1845

Has Been a Resident of La Grande Since 1882; Death Came as Climax to Long Years of Suffering.

Sunday morning, February 12, 1922, the life of Jennie C. Currey, one of the early pioneers of Oregon passed on at the Grande Ronde hospital, where she had been lovingly cared for during the last nine years.

Eleven years ago, while visiting relatives in Seattle, Mrs. Currey attended the Washington State Pioneer Association, where she and her sister, Mrs. Amanda S. Rhinehart, held the honor of being the oldest pioneers present. The next day Mrs. Currey suffered a paralytic stroke and has since been unable to either walk or talk, although keeping the rest of her faculties. Notwithstanding her affliction her general health continued unusually good, while her reading kept her well informed. A cheerful disposition, characteristic of her life, was held to the end.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, in July 23, 1843, Mrs. Currey came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaines, in 1845, via the Old Oregon Trail, which passes through La Grande, and crossed the Cascades over the Old Barlow Road, settling first in Oregon City.

December 15, 1864, Mrs. Currey married the late Col. Geo. B. Currey, who was then Commander of the Department of the Columbia. After the conclusion of the Civil War they resided for several years in the Willamette valley and in 1873 moved to Canyon City, Oregon, where they made their home until moving to La Grande in 1882. In 1885, they lived in Southern Oregon, returning to La Grande in 1897, where they resided the rest of their lives. Col. Currey passing away on March 2, 1908.

Surviving are her sister, Amanda S. Rhinehart, of Seattle, a brother, Frank Gaines, of Texas; two sons, G. H. Currey, of La Grande, and Fred B. Currey, of Portland, and six grandchildren, George Huntington Currey and Mrs. Helen Clair Farley, of Baker; Roy B. Currey and Albert R. (Continued on page three)

Lincoln's Spirit Lives on In Legion, Head Says

By Hanford MacNider National Commander, the American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13.—Abraham Lincoln typifies to every American the rugged honesty and high integrity we like to associate with our ideals for our country and its institutions.

The men and women of the American Legion, offering as they do, voluntarily, insurance to the nation for the preservation of its lawful government, have no other ambition than to serve as useful constructive citizens, than to be guided by principles and precepts of the man we honor today.

Lincoln's endeavors were ever to strengthen the moral fabric of this republic to counteract those forces that weaken and destroy. He felt the proper care and consideration for the veterans who fought the battles for America's defense one of the most important and constructive forces to that end.

The American Legion has for its principal reason for being that America stay the way we fought that it might stay—American.

We propose to do this constructively — through education and example, through a real and right-



HANFORD MACNIDER enns consciousness of our duties as American citizens that the principles of which Lincoln has given us such high example may be ever strengthened and maintained.

STATEMENT IS MADE BY MISS MINTER TODAY

Declares She Has Told All She Knows Regarding Taylor

SANDS CONTINUES TO BE MYSTERY MAN

Investigating Fails to Bring to Light Any Evidence That Might Lead to Discovery of Slayer.

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Mary Miles Minter issued a statement through her attorneys declaring that she had told investigators all she knew of William Desmond Taylor, the murdered film director.

"I cannot conceive the character of a person who would voluntarily wrong Mr. Taylor or cause his death."

Thorough Check.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—The investigation of the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, proceeding Sunday with what chiefs of the inquiry described as "a checking up of remote possibilities." Detectives of the police department, district attorneys and sheriff's offices were dispatched upon a score or more of missions of this kind and most of them had reached the same blank wall that has been reached in every previous activity of investigation.

Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, said he had been in touch with most of the investigators during the day and felt that little progress had been made, so far as any indication of who actually fired the shot which killed Taylor was concerned.

"We have several lines of investigation upon which a check will be made, probably Sunday night, but it is impossible to state whether they are vital to the case," the district attorney said.

No Light Seen.

"I have been at home practically all day waiting to hear from the various groups of investigators, but up to the present time have had absolutely no report which gives any additional light."

Both the district attorney and Capt. David L. Adams, head of the detective bureau, said the man they were most anxious to locate was Edward F. Sands, former secretary and butler of Taylor, who has been missing since last August. Captain Adams said he thought there could be no doubt now that Sands "is hiding for some good reason of his own."

Missing Witness is Believed to Have Escaped From Hotel

Zey Prevozt was Believed to Have Been Cornered By Detectives But Manages to Drop Out of Sight.

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—A pretty young woman, thought by the police to be Zey Prevozt, missing Aruba witness, escaped from a hotel today while detectives were waiting in the hotel lobby for authority from San Francisco to take her into custody. She was said to have lowered herself on a rope from a third story window to a court yard.

NAVY CUTS TO SAVE A LARGE SUM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby appeared before the house naval committee today and recommended the navy personnel for the next fiscal year be 90,000 men and 6,000 apprentices, compared with 100,000 men and 6,000 apprentices now authorized. He recommended that 100 devices in use now be placed out of commission. It is estimated that the program would effect a saving of \$70,000,000 in next year's budget.

Alleged Assault Was Only Friendly Bout Says Jury

A. L. Waite, the defendant in the case of State of Oregon vs. A. L. Waite, was found not guilty Saturday afternoon. The trial was short and the jury arrived at their decision in a short time.

Mr. Waite was charged with assault and battery by Wm. Shaw, the alleged assault having taken place in the Depot Pool Hall several weeks ago. The decision was that the supposed assault and battery was merely a friendly wrestling bout.

BALLASTING TO BEGIN ON MARCH FIRST

The O. W. R. & N. expects to commence ballasting between Crook and La Grande about the first of March, according to announcement made by the division offices here. The work of ballasting the roadbed on the second division was begun last year but not completed, the exceptionally heavy traffic during the crop moving season in the fall making it necessary to stop the work then in order to release the equipment in use hauling gravel.

Hotel Robbery Yielded \$100,000 in Jewelry

(By Associated Press) ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Jewelry estimated to be worth \$100,000 was stolen when bandits early today looted safety deposit boxes in the Washington hotel. H. A. Crofton, night clerk, was compelled at the point of a revolver to open the safe. The jewelry belonged to the guests.

Mazamas Are Swept Down Peak in Slide and Many Buried

One Woman Injured When Snow Slide Strikes Party; All Rescued by Those Not Buried.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Mazamas were swept by snow slides 200 feet down Mary's peak, 10 miles west of Corvallis Sunday. One woman was carried at terrific speed, burying many. Other members of the party dug out those buried and constructed a stretcher to carry out the injured woman, Susan Kellert.

Two-Year Old Boy Passed on Sunday

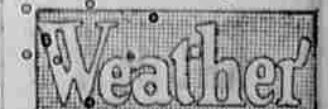
Kenneth William Kennedy, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kennedy, passed away early Sunday morning at the home of his parents following a brief illness. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the Bohnekamp chapel. Rev. Geo. Quinley officiated. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Bruce Cox to Enter Business in Wallowa

Bruce Cox, who has been connected with the La Grande Grocery for the past ten years, announces that he has purchased a share of the stock in the Wallowa Hardware Co., and will take a position in the management with E. L. Holmes, who has been with that concern for a number of years, about the first of March.

Mr. Cox formerly made his home in Wallowa and was connected with the same company that he is leaving at present. He became connected with the La Grande Grocery company about ten years ago, accepting a position as traveling salesman, handling the Wallowa Union county territory. He remained there for a number of months and has been very successful.

The Wallowa Hardware Co. will at present handle only hardware and implements. Later on, when conditions permit, the company will branch out and carry a full line of general merchandise. Mr. Cox was formerly employed by E. A. Holmes, father of E. L. Holmes, who is now manager. Mr. Cox's family will not move to Wallowa until after the close of school and will then join him at his new location.



Light and Tuesday, Feb. 14