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COVES BURNED AGAIN

NORA ELLIS NOT GUILTY; HELD INSANE

Jury Returns Verdict After Two and One-Half Hour Deliberation

SENSATIONAL TRIAL ENDED

Miss Ellis Admits Killing Mettie During Trial; Judge to Decide Regarding Her Disposition.

PENDLETON (AP). —

"Not guilty by reason of insanity." Such was the verdict of the jury last night trying Miss Nora Ellis for the murder of Gordon Mettie, near Ukiah, a few months ago. The jury was out two and one-half hours before they returned with their verdict of not guilty due to insanity.

Judge Phelps will decide today regarding the disposition of Miss Ellis.

PENDLETON, Or. (Special)—

After a three day trial during which the defendant has maintained the attitude that she is guilty of the murder of Gordon Mettie and that she is willing to pay the penalty for the killing, the Nora Ellis case went to the jury yesterday at 4:47.

The defense rested its case at 10 o'clock after the cross-examination of Miss Ellis had been concluded by the state and Miss Lucille Fisher, a neighbor of the defendant and Dr. H. S. Garfield, had testified. Miss Fisher, who is a cattle rancher, said she had

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BAND TO GIVE DANCE FRIDAY

The La Grande Municipal Band will give a dance Friday evening, January 25, in the Zehner hall. The organization has been rehearsing a number of new selections in the past few weeks and both in the pre-dance program and during the dancing, several selections will be played by the entire band personnel.

The band will meet at the intersection of Adams and Depot streets at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening and then march to the dance hall. A 45-minute concert will be played before the dancing begins. The band will play at the dance one hour and then a band orchestra will play during the remainder of the evening.

Wheat Meeting Will Be Held Here on Saturday

That the proposed plan for lifting the price of wheat is receiving the attention it deserves in Union is quite plain from the great interest being shown by wheat raisers, bankers, merchants and professional men.

A. H. Hunter, director for Union county, accompanied by County Agent Harry Avery have visited many sections of the wheat belt of the county and they find a general anxiety to know more about the McNary-Haugen bill which is before congress carrying the intricate plan in detail.

In view of this fact a meeting has been called for the city hall in La Grande on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at which time speakers will versed in the

\$8 a Week



William H. Vanderbilt (above) son of one of America's wealthiest families, heir to about \$20,000,000, is working in Boston as an office boy—for \$8 a week. But he admits his salary doesn't pay his expenses. He wants to learn the brokerage business.

AUTO WRECK PROVES FATAL

Dr. Sherman Loughridge, Aged 70, Passed on at Portland This Morning

PORTLAND. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sherman Loughridge, aged 70, of Grants, Pass, Or., died in a hospital here early today as the result of injuries suffered Monday when he was crushed beneath his automobile which plunged 20 feet to the ground from a bridge over Rogue river.

ASTORIA RAISES KRATZ' SALARY

ASTORIA, Or.—The city commission at a meeting entered into a contract with O. A. Kratz, city manager, to continue in that position during the coming two years at a salary of \$550 per month.

This is an increase of \$50 over the manager's salary for the past year.

ENGLISH STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS STILL FAR AWAY

LONDON. (By the Associated Press)—A proposed conference for the settlement of the locomotive engineers has fallen through, according to J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, who said that he regretted the strike must continue.

GERMANY TORN WITH DISORDER DUE TO STRIKES

ELBERSFELD, Germany. (By the Associated Press)—Disorder in connection with the strike of textile workers in the Elbersfeld-Barren region involving more than 50,000 employes are reported. Conflicts between the strikers and the police at Werdon, Lennep and Harment, with some firing by both sides resulting in many persons wounded and many arrests, have occurred.

CONFIRMATION OF THREE IS NOT FAVORED

Federal Farm Board Members Meet Opposition in Hearing Today.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—Confirmation of three members of the federal farm loan board was opposed at public hearings today before the senate banking and currency committee. Those appearing included Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Abbe Dole, of the farm loan association.

NON-PARTISANS TO BOOST FOR LA FOLLETTE

FALGO, N. D. (By the Associated Press)—Four of the non-partisan league county conventions held yesterday throughout North Dakota instructed delegates to the state league convention at Bismarck February 6th to work for and vote for the endorsement of Senator LaFollette for president by that convention.

LIFE SPAN HELD 12 YEARS LONGER

PORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—The children of today will live an average of 12 years longer than their grandmothers, according to Dr. Allan Craig of Chicago, assistant director of the American College of Surgeons, who is here attending a meeting of the Texas-Oklahoma-New Mexico section of the American College of Surgeons. Quoting figures to show the modern tendency toward longevity, Doctor Craig said that "if we had the same rate today as we had in 1830, there would have been 75,000 more deaths in the United States than there were."

ALLIED EXPERTS PROGRESSING IN FINANCIAL PROBE

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Experts implicating Germany's financial and economic condition are preparing to go to Berlin Monday. The conference men and their staff, numbering more than one hundred, expect to go by a special train.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The second committee of experts investigating Germany's financial and economic situation

This committee, which is headed by Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the British exchequer announced in an official communication at the end of the day's session that it proposed to go to Berlin soon to continue its investigations in the German capital. The first committee, headed by Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, was engaged Wednesday in a continuation of consideration of plans for the formation of a gold bank in Germany.

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Legion Feed Is Tonight In K. P. Hall

Banquet to Be Followed by Initiation of Newly Made Legionnaires.

"When do we eat?" And the answer is at— "Six-thirty o'clock tonight in the K. of P. hall."

Tonight at that hour the members of the La Grande American Legion post No. 43 will gather at a banquet to be served by the Ladies Auxiliary, and to be furnished the Legionnaires by those members of the "red" membership team that came in second in the recent campaign for new members that brought the total personnel of the post to 220.

All members, both renewed and new, will gather at the banquet board and following the dinner the newly made members will "ride the goat" and become full fledged Legionnaires in every respect of the word.

Frederic Kiddle, of Inland City, commander of the state Legion, will be present and will address the Legion. Harold Warner, of Pendleton, state executive officer of the Legion, is also expected. If Mr. Warner arrives he will deliver the main address of the evening. Several local Legion officials and members will be called upon to respond with short talks. A. V. Lindgren will speak to the "goat-riders."

MUSICIANS UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Musicians' Union of La Grande met recently at a banquet at the Norris Grill with about 55 members present. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. J. G. Snodgrass was elected president, Ira A. Snyder vice president, Mrs. L. J. Gates secretary and E. R. Parker treasurer. Frank White, Frank Robinson and Andrew Loney were named on the executive committee.

BAKER PLAYS HERE TONIGHT

Queen City Tossers to Invade Blue and White Domain; Close Contest Predicted.

(By Special) With guards, guard, off the team due to failure to maintain the required scholastic standing, the La Grande high school tossers will meet Baker high school this evening in the local gymnasium in a basketball contest that promises to be a repeat with thrills and fast playing.

ANIMAL LIFE IS DESTROYED DUE TO FOREST FIRE

MIRRSOLA, Mont. (AP)—Forest fires that swept throughout the Deep creek country, west of here last year, took a heavy toll of wild bird and animal life, according to a recent survey of the territory which has revealed more clearly the effect than any previous investigations. Game birds also suffered in the locality, trout having been reduced 50 per cent, due to lack of shade, lack of vegetation and other causes. An abundance of deer has been reported and there is no evidence that their ranks have been depleted. Bird life apparently suffered the most, the investigation proved, the fires having wiped out numerous birds besides nests and vegetation necessary to their habitat. A scarcity of pheasants and blue grouse is reported.

CONTRACT IS AWARDED BY COMMISSION

Warren Construction Co. to Improve M Avenue and Ninth Street District.

Only one bid was received by the city commissioners in session last evening for the improvement of District No. 125, embracing M avenue from Eight street to Washington avenue and Ninth street from M to N avenue. Warren Construction company submitted a bid of \$14,351.83 which was accepted by the commissioners and resolutions were passed authorizing the drawing up of contracts covering the matter.

The district will be improved completely by laying pavement, installing concrete sidewalks, building gutters, etc. Last evening was also the time for the hearing of objections, remonstrances and claims of grievances on improvement district No. 122. Some objections were heard but as they were not representative of the entire district, were over ruled and the city recorder was authorized to advertise for bids to be received on February 5 by the commissioners.

The city recorder was also authorized to issue warrants in favor of the Warren Construction company covering the balance of 10 per cent held upon on the final estimates of districts No. 123, 124 and 125.

Application Denied. Application by Sam Harris to secure a permit to repair a building on Madison and Fir streets that was damaged by fire and condemned some time ago was denied partly. Mr. Harris was ordered by the commission to remove the part of the house that was burned.

Jury Disagrees

PORTLAND. (AP)—The federal court jury disagreed today after a two week trial of LeRoy C. Bigelow and John O'Connor, charged with misuse of the mails in connection with oil leases in Jackson county.

Rebels Victors

EL PASO. (AP)—President Obregon was forced to return to California and is at present gathering his forces in an attempt to cut through the rebel troops holding an important railway junction.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—

Federal forces will be in possession of Guadalupe not later than Friday, according to official reports today from Mexico City.

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—

Reports of the capture of Colaja by revolutionists, an important railway junction and the scene of historic battles, was confirmed today by unofficial advices. No trains can reach Juarez from Mexico City.

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—

Montgomery and Sabille remain loyal to the Obregon government according to a telegram to the Associated Press denying reports that those cities had been captured by the rebels.

Fire of Unknown Origin Sweeps Business Block

Figures in Strange Case



This is Miss Helen J. French, 23-year-old brunette of New York City, who has begun a suit for \$1,000,000 damages in New York supreme court. One of the defendants in the case is her own mother. She alleges she was drugged, spirited away and forcibly detained, all part of an alleged "plot" to force her "into silence." Her mother and others involved deny all charges.

20-Year Period in U. S. Shows Immense Growth

National Progress Great, Manufacturing and Mining 230 Per Cent Greater

CHICAGO. (AP)—The manufacturing and mining output of the United States is at present 230 per cent greater than it was 20 years ago, according to the first report by the Research Council of the National Transportation Institute made public here today. Despite shortened hours of labor, the country enjoys 60 per cent per capita more manufactured goods than in 1904, the report said.

In agriculture, improved use of capital and development of more efficient methods made possible an output 25 per cent greater with an increase of less than 5 per cent in the number of workers, continued the report, which is made by Edgar E. Clark, chairman of the council and former chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. "This maintained the food supply of the nation and the export surplus, and left the great mass of additions to the working population free to engage in mining, manufacturing, trade and transportation.

As a consequence the workers engaged in manufacturing doubled while the mine workers increased.

Petition Denied

SALEM, Or.—The case of the State of Oregon versus Stillwell, a petition for a rehearing, was denied by the supreme court here Wednesday.

CLAN SECRETARY OF TACOMA STILL IS MISSING TODAY

TACOMA. (By the Associated Press)—Mystery surrounds the supposed disappearance of H. W. Butler, aged 32, reported to be secretary of the Tacoma Ku Klux Klan, who has been missing about a week. Klansmen are divided in opinions as to whether Butler has been a victim of foul play. Butler's books were found in excellent shape.

TWO INJURED IN BATTLING THE FLAMES

Entire Business Block Burns; Loss \$20,000; Partly Insured

CITY RECORDS ARE DESTROYED

Poolhall, City Hall Buildings, Drug Store and Empty Building Were Burned to Ground Early Today.

COVE (Special). — Fire that swept the main business block in this city early today resulted in damage estimated this morning at \$20,000 or more, and the loss of city records that were highly valuable to the community. Two men, Giggs Alexander and Dwight Marten, were seriously burned by a chemical explosion occurring in a drug store in the burned block as they were attempting to remove furniture from the building. Their burns are not thought of a fatal nature.

For the third time in the last decade, Cove, located about eight miles from Union and about 17 miles from La Grande, was swept by a fire of major proportions. The town was awakened at two o'clock this morning by the clangor of the firebell and within a few seconds the entire community had been aroused. The spectacle that greeted their eyes was that of an

Late News Flashes

DOHENY TESTIFIES IN PROBE. WASHINGTON (AP).—E. L. Doheny, California oil operator, testified today to the senate Teapot Dome committee that he loaned \$100,000 to former Secretary of the Interior Fall, November 30, 1921.

Doheny added that the loan was made by him personally and the money did not belong to any oil company in which he was interested. The purpose of the loan, Doheny said, was to enable Fall to enlarge his ranch holdings in New Mexico.

Doheny, who obtained a naval oil lease in Elk Hills, Calif., from Fall, appeared voluntarily. He declared in his testimony that during the loan negotiations nothing was said of any contract between the government and the Doheny oil interests and that the loan had no relations to any subsequent transaction relating to oil leases and also said that none of the officers of his company knew anything about the loan and that it was a purely "personal matter."

TRUSTY ROBBED SALEM PEOPLE

SALEM (AP).—William Barrows, lifer sent from Roseburg for a statutory offence, confessed to prison officials that he robbed five or six Salem residents while out of prison in the role of a trusty.

GETS TEN YEAR TERM

PORTLAND (AP).—Peter Mulberg, said to have posed as a foreign count, was sentenced to 10 years at McNeils for raising \$1 bills to \$20 bills. John Lennon, a youth implicated with Mulberg, got nine months in the county jail.