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BIG PROBLEM BEFORE 7TH CONFERENCE

Union County People Eagerly Awaiting Opening Here Next Monday

COLLEGES WATCH LOCAL RESULTS

Home Marketing Survey to be Considered—Business Men Take an Active Interest.

Union county people—farmers, business men, professional men, and others—are eagerly awaiting the opening of the seventh annual economic conference, which will convene at the La Grande hotel Monday at 10 o'clock for a three-day session.

Because of the importance attached to the conference, the Union county chamber of commerce worked in such careful detail looking toward representation and attendance of its members while Frank McKinnon, Harry G. Avery, Dr. W. T. Phyl and many others are striving to bring producer interest to a peak. Local people are hoping that the roads will be easily traveled at the time of the conference, so as to insure the greatest attendance possible.

According to A. W. Nelson, president of the chamber, the conference this year has national significance in that it will be observed and analyzed by government and agricultural colleges. It is the first of its kind to be held in the United States, and in other respects is the first of its kind west of the Rockies. It will also mark the first attempt in the nation to cooperatively conduct a survey of local economic problems of production, marketing and consumption, and then to level down the discovered troubles by joint deliberations of producer and consumer.

In explaining the operations of the conference, the chamber of commerce today issued the following:

First of all, students and professional men are particularly urged to sit in on the opening session as an evidence of their interest in the matter. Later will come the conference where the real deliberations will occur.

Merchants particularly interested in home marketing as it relates to the retailing problem, will naturally sit in on those conferences at the home stipulated, and those interested in vegetables, small fruits, etc., will each seek out the group that touches his line there.

This is the first time that the hook-up in these conferences has been so close. Formerly, the discussions were largely of a production nature—this year the retailing appears in the picture and for that reason the importance of business men attending is apparent.

A committee consisting of Ralph Hiron, Oscar Warnock, H. H. Richardson, Chase Bohlenkamp, Dr. H. S. Brown, Fred Henning, J. L. Hedden, R. W. Casper, Marguerite Bousch, Roy Murphy and Max Sargent will have direct charge of contacting the merchants and professional men in their particular blocks, looking toward widespread representation at the respective meetings.

Final Reports Wednesday At 2 o'clock Wednesday, the report will be made.

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TEN CHICKENS STOLEN FROM LOCAL PASTOR

Thieves broke into the chicken house owned by the Rev. Frank Hopkins, pastor of the South Methodist church last night and carried away about ten barred rock hens, about as many as one man could carry away in both hands. The chicken house was securely locked, but the lock had been picked off with some instrument and both lock and staple are missing. It required quite an effort to break the lock, Mr. Hopkins believes, saying that this indicated it was the work of a thief knowing how to do such things. The gate to the chicken yard was left open by the intruder, as he would have had to lay the chickens down to close it. Both the city police and the sheriff's office are making the investigations. Mr. Hopkins offers \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

WEATHER TODAY 7.30 a. m.—13 above. Minimum—One reading since 7.30 a. m. yesterday when recording was 4 below.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 17, minimum 5 below. Condition: clear.

WEATHER JAN. 24, 1930 Maximum 22, minimum 4 above. Condition: snow 10 inches, moisture .89 of inch.

Weather Not So Cold But "Thaw" Still Far Away

Mercury Fails to Touch Zero Mark During Night—Reading at 7:30 Shows 13 Above.

Moderating slowly, La Grande passed through its first night in several days without the mercury plunging below zero. The exact minimum temperature is unknown, as no official reading was made between 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning and the same time today, so that the thermometer showed a low for the 24-hour period of four below, the set maximum at 7:30 Thursday. However, street thermometers showed between 3 and 13 above throughout the night, and at 7:30 this morning, the official mercury was at 13 above, with the sky cloudy and a few flakes of snow occasionally drifting down.

Cold Wave in 20th Day Since early this week when the reading at 7:30 showed 18 below zero, the mercury has advanced gradually until this morning it was 23 degrees warmer than the former mark.

Although the gain is promising to local people, weather men have not predicted an end to the record-breaking cold wave, now in its 20th day in Eastern Oregon. Of these 20 days, eight registered below zero weather. The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is "generally fair, no change in temperature."

More Cars in Use More cars were in use this morning than for several days, and fewer cases of frozen water pipes were reported. Yesterday the city crew was striving to thaw out pipes connecting quite a number of homes, somewhat handicapped by a previous temporary shortage of pumps, according to city officials. The situation was expected to be thoroughly under control before nightfall, however.

The first potential breath of spring to breeze into Portland and immediate vicinity came today on the heels of rising temperature, clear skies and universal sigh from all concerned that winter had come and spring was not far behind.

Although the weather bureau yesterday predicted no immediate change in conditions, it was much milder this morning and the observers said fair skies would prevail Saturday also.

The highest within the past 24 hours was 26 degrees above which compared to the colder temperature of the last two weeks was a welcome relief.

The later weather of the past 10 days began a gradual break-up.

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Mrs. Harris Is Dead At Cove; Short Illness

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore., Jan. 24 (Special)—Mrs. Amanda Harris died at the home of her grandson, Thomas H. Harris, Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at the D. S. church at Cove Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

Miss Amanda Bohan was born in Rowan county, Virginia, on Sept. 5, 1841, and in 1866 was married to Grest Harris. The couple came west in 1901 and settled in Cove. Mr. Harris passed away in 1904.

Mrs. Harris is survived by a son, William E., five grand-children; Thomas and Mrs. Okazoss, of Cove; James of Sunnyside, Wash.; Bertha Monowich, of Seattle, and Ben, of Corvallis, and three great-grandchildren.

Business Grows; Store Remodeled

Owing to growing business in their ready-to-wear department the New York store is doing considerable remodeling and redecorating especially in the lobby, which will be entirely devoted to ladies ready to wear. The stock in that department will also be increased.

New fixtures and furniture are being installed on the main floor. The improvement work is expected to be completed in a few days, and Michael Albert, manager, plans to announce the opening soon.

First Ward Wins From Baker Five The First Ward basketball team remains undefeated today following its seventh game this season, which took place last night in Baker. La Grande winning 26 to 21.

WINS SUIT



It was "a triumph for American wives" when a United States Customs Court in New York decided that Mme. Ganna Wabka lives in Paris and her husband, Harold F. McCormick, lives in Chicago. For now the famed opera singer, pictured here, won't have to pay the \$1,000,000 in duties which customs officials sought to assess against her when she disembarked from a trans-Atlantic liner in New York a year ago last September with \$2,500,000 worth of jewelry and clothes. The court's decision, probably without precedent, upheld her contention that a wife may maintain a domicile separate from her husband's.

MONMOUTH WINS THRILLING GAME

Score Tied Twice in Second Half After E. O. N. Outsourced in First.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—The Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball quintet of La Grande met defeat here last night at the hands of the Oregon Normal school squad by the score of 27 to 28. The local team took an early lead and held it throughout the first half which ended 15 to 7 in its favor. During the second part of the game, the Eastern Oregon team began whittling down the lead and finally managed to get a 25 to 25 tie. The count was knotted again at 27-all, then Monmouth began a sprint which put it safely in the lead.

The two teams play a second game late today.

Summary: E. O. N. N. Roundball (12) P. (2) Carden Edwards P. (4) Sullivan Holt (7) G. (12) Crawford Ashby (5) G. (6) Sargent Watkins (5) G. (2) Fosdy Meyer (8) S. (2) Houchens (8) S. (4) Price

The game at Monmouth last night was the second of a Western Oregon trip, with the Eastern Oregon team defeating Albany college the night before 52 to 25. Crawford, E. O. N. center, and Roundball, Monmouth forward, tied for high point honors with a dozen each.

Two Sentenced To Six Months In Jail

Yaughn Mayfield and Ivan Churchill, arrested last Saturday on charges of possession of a still, were taken before County Judge U. G. Couch yesterday, who sentenced them to six months in jail and fined each \$1.

C. J. Karkovitsos Funeral Tomorrow

Constantinos J. Karkovitsos, aged 52, died here this morning after a short illness. He was an employe of the Mt. Emily Lumber company.

An Orthodox Greek priest is to come to La Grande to conduct funeral services tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

INDIANS URGED AS AIDS IN U. S. NATIONAL PARKS WASHINGTON (AP)—Tourists who stop at lodges and hotels of the national parks next summer may see shy Indian maidens serving their meals and making their beds while Indian boys run errands and operate elevators.

OPPOSITION DEVELOPS TO HOOVER PLAN

Question of Taking Over 13,000,000 Acres of Land Considered.

GOVERNOR WILL NAME COMMITTEE

Restoration of Public Lands, Timber Removal and Reclamation Problems Involved.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—An exhaustive study of President Hoover's plan to turn over to the state great tracts of federal land, but retaining for the government timber, oil and mineral rights, will be undertaken by a committee to be appointed by Governor Norblad. This decision was reached at a conference here yesterday of prominent bankers, educators, foresters, agriculturists, publishers and business men who were called together by the governor to discuss the effect of the proposed gift.

Questions raised at the meeting indicated considerable opposition to the plan. Among these questions were: Who will pay for restoration of public lands which have depreciated through neglect and lack of regulation by the federal government? Should the return of such lands to the state be considered an adequate compensation for natural resources such as timber which have been removed from state by the federal government for the benefit of the entire nation? What effect would the proposed gift have on reclamation lands and their future development?

13,000,000 Acres Involved It was pointed out that more than 13,000,000 acres, representing a quarter of the area of the state, was involved in Oregon. All but one million acres of this land lie in the southeastern part of the state.

In speaking of this land in southeastern Oregon P. N. Kavanaugh, grazing expert of the forestry department, said improper use of the lands had prevented natural re-seeding. If this land is restored to its prime condition he said, it would be capable of supporting 200,000 cattle and 600,000 sheep. J. D. Billingsley of Ontario disagreed with Kavanaugh and questioned the value of the lands.

Five Years to Restore Grazing Judge R. C. Grosbeck, president of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce, said some of the grazing land in Klamath county would require five years to restore. Rhea Laper, state engineer, said mineral resources of the lands involved.

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Legation From Mexico To Quit Soviet Russia

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24 (AP)—The entire staff of the Mexican legation at Moscow has been ordered by the Mexican government to leave Soviet Russia as a protest against communist activity against the Mexico City regime both at home and abroad.

MOSCOW, Jan. 24 (AP)—Russian diplomatic circles today expressed surprise at the announcement that the Mexican government had recalled its entire legation staff in Moscow because of recent communist demonstrations in front of Mexican legations in Washington, Buenos Aires and Rio Janeiro.

Baker And La Grande Play Tonight; Thrilling Contest Is Anticipated

With both teams anticipating a thrilling battle, and with local interest in the game at a high point, the Baker and La Grande high school basketball teams will meet at 8 o'clock in the L. D. R. recreational hall tonight.

Coach George Scott, of Baker, stated yesterday in Baker that the game "will be a battle regardless of the fact that La Grande has been taking it on the chin this season."

Coach Ira Woodie, and his squad of Tigers, expected to do their utmost to chalk up a win, but fans, although hopeful, are not overly optimistic of a victory.

Baker Squad Listed Reporters for Baker are that the Bulldogs are in good condition, except McKim, who has had a severe cold. McKim is unable to play because of an infected foot and will not make the trip. The Baker squad will consist of Howard, McWaters, McKim, Eddy, H. Joslin, W. Joslin, Mack, Crawford, Chaffin, Calder, J. York, Frisbie, Staley, L. York, Ryder, Parker and Zimmerman.

PLANES DROP FOOD, FUEL IN ARKANSAS

Water-Bound, Ice-Blocked Families are Aided by Aviators.

ALL OTHER MEANS OF RESCUE CLOSED

Floods and Cold Weather Maroon Many Persons—30 Living in one Small Cabin.

(Note: The following story of the water-bound, ice-blocked area near Big Lake, Ark., was written by Jack Bondurant, reporter for the Memphis Evening Appeal. He and William Day, photographer, flew with Charles Hays over the isolated area and dropped food and fuel to the suffering families.)

By Jack Bondurant MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24 (AP)—From a plane—the only method of contact—food and fuel have been dropped for the first time to some of the more than 200 families held prisoners by flood and ice in the inundated Big Lake area of northeastern Arkansas.

And through crude signals arranged by notes attached to blocks of wood and hurled down at cabin doors, we learned that the families face near starvation unless help reaches them soon.

In the ship there were sacks of charcoal and small sacks of flour, bought at Blytheville when we learned we couldn't reach the red cross food supply yesterday.

A house where no smoke was seen coming from chimneys was

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Six Burned Today In Mid-West Fires

PORTSMOUTH, Mich., Jan. 24 (AP)—A father and son lost their lives and a second son was seriously burned shortly after midnight today in a fire which destroyed their home in Galewood, a suburb.

The mother, Mrs. Arminia Routsaw, who works night shift in a factory, was not at home at the time.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Jan. 24 (AP)—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perry of Otway, 25 miles west of here, were burned to death when the home was destroyed by fire early today.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry rescued eight of their 12 children but the other four were trapped in their rooms. Four of the children who escaped were burned seriously.

Norwegians Ready To Give Byrd Aid

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 24 (AP)—Replying to a request through the United States minister for Norwegian whalers to assist the Byrd expedition in the Antarctic, the Norwegian government today informed the American government it would do its best.

The Norwegian reply said the government had approached the Whalers' association which had expressed the opinion that the ice barrier cutting off Byrd's camp from the sea, and his supply, will break up as it has done in previous years.

The association, however, stated that if Admiral Byrd were short of provisions a whaling factory ship would be sent in an effort to give assistance.

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NOT AFRAID



Pneumonia, the rare malady contracted from handling parrots, which has caused two deaths in the United States, holds no fears for Senorita Rosalmaria Colomo, employed at the Pan-American Union building at Washington. She is shown here with "Gold Soak," Secretary of State Stimson's pet parrot, which has been placed in the Pan-American building while Stimson is attending the London naval conference.

Stimson was voted down 10 to 3. Aside from the expenditures hearing, a house judiciary subcommittee considered the proposal for United States commissioners to try minor liquor law cases. Later this phase was discussed on the house floor by Representative Stobbs, republican, Massachusetts, who said the recommendation of the national law enforcement commission such power had been misconstrued throughout the country to mean that it had recommended the taking away of the right of trial by a jury.

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RACIAL HATRED SEETHING AGAIN

More Clashes Take Place Between California Men and Filipinos.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Jan. 24 (AP)—Racial hatred, inflamed by the employment of white dancing girls in a Filipino club here, seethed against the Sunbe Clara valley today as the result of two clashes at San Jose, in which one white man was stabbed and four Filipino badly beaten.

The outbreak at San Jose, which occurred last night, came while armed patrols were guarding the streets and highways here to prevent any possible recurrence of the fighting which has raged intermittently for five days, resulting in the death of one Filipino, the flooding of several others, and the arrest of seven white men on rioting charges.

White Men the Aggressors Alfred Johnson, 22, was stabbed twice in the back and critically wounded while he was watching a clash between Filipinos and whites at San Jose. There were two fights, two Filipinos having been beaten in each. Police said white men were the aggressors in each case.

Discovery of an alleged Filipino pamphlet called "The Torch" to which was attributed the statement that "Filipinos have as much right to American girls as Americans," was reported to peace officers.

The body of Fernin Tejera, 22, a Filipino, was found in a bunk house east of here yesterday. He had been shot through the heart. Authorities said shots had been

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DARING FLIGHT GIVES GIRL, 9, MEDICAL HELP

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—A nine-year-old girl today stood an excellent chance of recovering from a five-day attack of pneumonia after medical science and aviation combined last night to save her life on a snowbound village on an island in the Mid-Columbia Valley.

It was reported that Miss McGivray, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGivray, Longview, Wash., was seriously ill on Puget Island, between Cathlamet, Wash., and Westport, Ore., the Oregonian arranged to take Dr. Ernest L. Boylen, Portland physician, to the island by plane.

With intermittent snowstorms hiding the contour of the land and with temperatures slightly above the freezing point, Rankin and the physician flew the 80 miles from Portland to Puget Island where they made a safe landing on dangerous ground.

Key to Announce Plans On Feb. 1

SALTM, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—In an interview published in the Salem Statesman today, State Treasurer T. B. Kay said that he will announce on February 1, his decision whether or not he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. He said it would not be before nor after that date.

"You may be assured," Kay said, "that if I do make the race my health will permit me to make a strenuous campaign."

Mrs. Willebrandt To Be Called By House Committee

Charge of "Gag Rule" Enlivens Discussion—Overrides its Chairman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—After a charge of "gag rule" had enlivened discussion, the house expenditures committee today overrode its chairman and voted 8 to 7 to call Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant attorney general, for testimony on the Williamson bill to prohibit prohibition enforcement unit from the treasury to the justice department.

Representative Schafer, republican, Wisconsin, made the charge of "gag rule" procedure after Chairman Williamson had held an out of order a motion by Schafer to call Mrs. Willebrandt, who for years directed prohibition prosecutions for the government.

Schafer's motion then was put to a vote. It was sustained and Williamson said the decision of the committee to call her would be carried out.

Previously the committee had indulged in sharp debate over a motion by Representative Cochran, democrat, Missouri, to broaden the hearings to include any testimony that might bear on whether the treasury and justice department in anyway had failed to enforce the law.

Cochran was voted down 10 to 3. Aside from the expenditures hearing, a house judiciary subcommittee considered the proposal for United States commissioners to try minor liquor law cases. Later this phase was discussed on the house floor by Representative Stobbs, republican, Massachusetts, who said the recommendation of the national law enforcement commission such power had been misconstrued throughout the country to mean that it had recommended the taking away of the right of trial by a jury.

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Salem Minister Faces Assault Complaint Today

SALTM, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—Alleging that the Rev. Robert L. Payne attempted to assault Virgil O'Neil, first with a stick of wood and then a chair, a complaint against the pastor of the First Baptist church was filed in justice court late last night. Mr. Payne has not yet been arrested.

The meeting was called Thursday night to ask Mr. Payne to resign. Mr. Payne has often been at odds with his congregation since coming here about two years ago from Missouri. Soon after his arrival the congregation split and a second church organization was formed.

The latest difficulty with Mr. Payne was in connection with the departure of his wife several weeks ago for Los Angeles. This followed her appearance at the O'Neil home with a story of abuse at her husband's hands. O'Neil admitted that he helped her to get away.

In the course of the argument last night witnesses say Mr. Payne shouted at O'Neil: "You are the man who ran away with my wife," and branded him with an epithet which is considered to bring on a fight, unless, according to a Western classic, it is accompanied by a smile. From all accounts Mr. Payne wasn't in a smiling mood, and brandished a stick of wood at O'Neil when the latter inquired on reading a letter that his wife had received from Mr. Payne's sister-in-law in Los Angeles. The stick was taken away from the preacher and then he seized a chair. Mr. Payne recently went to Los Angeles and brought Mrs. Payne back to Salem. She was present at the meeting last night.

Trucks Buck Snow To Isolated Town

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—Two trucks loaded with mail, brought Cathlamet, Wash., today the first general news of the outside world the town had received for more than a week during which time it was isolated by impassable snowdrifts on highways and a treacherous ice filled river, through which boats could not pass.

The trucks bucked drifts all day yesterday and aided by townspeople with tractors and snowplows managed to open the road from Kelso to Cathlamet.

Senate Rejects Oddie Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The senate late today voted to keep hides, leather and shoes on the free list.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The senate today rejected the Oddie proposal to increase the tariff on hides above the ten per cent ad valorem rate carried in the Hawley-Smoot bill. Hides are now on the free list.

The vote was 59 to 31. Stewer and McNary, of Oregon, both voted for the Oddie amendment.

CONFERENCE FIRST FACES PARITY TEST

Troublesome Cruiser Problem to be Considered in London Meet.

"BIG FIVE" WILL CONVENE MONDAY

Italy's Demands not Aimed at France Alone—Russia, Germany are Also Building.

(Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Delegates to the five-power naval conference virtually wound up their first week's work today with a whirl of activity bringing Anglo-American parity sharply to the fore for the first time and pointing out to publicity for all future full meetings of the conference.

At the suggestion of Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of state, the troublesome cruiser problem which wrecked the Geneva conference seemed certain to be the first taken up in arranging details of parity of the British and American navies.

The move for the admission of correspondents at future conference meetings such as that of yesterday at St. James' Palace also originated in the American delegation. Senator Robinson strongly urged such a step and Senator Reed supported him.

Italian Demand Talked The day's round of conferences also kept the Italian demand for parity with the French and Anglo-French disagreements over the scope of the conference constantly under the microscope.

The French went to No. 10 Downing street this morning where the British delegates, they examined at length a memorandum prepared by Rene Massigli of the French delegation, and Robert Leslie Craigie, of the British foreign office, dealing with points of difference.

Dino Grandi, Italian foreign minister, also saw Mr. MacDonald and then hurried away for an appointment with Secretary Stimson. The quick succession of conference negotiations changing rapidly.

The American delegates, meeting in their conference room five stories above Piccadilly in the Ritz this afternoon engaged in a general weekend roundup of a half dozen important subjects in which the Americans were interested.

The meeting was held without the presence of naval experts, however. Secretary Stimson keeping the principal decisions in the hands of the delegates.

Next Meeting Monday Although the various international groups of experts have been meeting daily, all their findings are to pass through the hands of the "Big Five" which meets again Monday.

There will be a weekend luncheon with Secretary Stimson and Prime Minister MacDonald both getting away to the country although Premier Tardieu had abandoned his trip to Paris in order to be on hand for the Monday session.

The general activity however, led to some predictions that the conference would make faster progress than had first been expected, Premier Tardieu even predicting an adjournment by the end of February.

Lesser Meetings Secret The virtual decision to have a limited number of newspaper men present at the conference sessions applies only to full meetings at which all the delegates are present and not to the many lesser consultations proceeding constantly. In order to arrange this, the American delegation is willing to give up the seats of a few of their experts in the comparatively small conference room at St. James' Palace. Details of the discussions

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NEGRO WOMAN EXECUTED IN KILBY PRISON

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 24 (AP)—Silena Gilmore, negro, the first woman to be electrocuted in the electric chair at Kilby prison today.

The woman was convicted of the murder of Horace Johnson, Hie Birmingham restaurant operator, last June. She was said to have entered the restaurant operated by Johnson and after he requested her to leave to have obtained a gun and shot him to death.

WIDOW SEES EXECUTION

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 24 (AP)—The widow, a daughter and a brother of Perry Miller, city marshal of Dewitt, Ark., stood in the death chamber at the state prison here today and watched the execution of his slayer in the electric chair.

The murderer was Ben Evers, a 22-year-old negro. Miller was slain in attempting to arrest the negro for a minor offense.