

Urschell Kidnapers Found Guilty By Federal Jury

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COVE MURDERER SENTENCED TO PEN

STEVENS, 20, ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

Second Degree Charge Acceptable to State and Court Acts.

JUDGE KNOWLES PASSES SENTENCE

Brings to Close Investigation of Slaying of J. A. Allen, 83-Year-Old Cove Recluse.

Louis Stevens, 20, pleaded guilty to second degree murder in circuit court this morning and a few minutes later heard Judge J. W. Knowles sentence him to serve a life term in the state penitentiary.

The action, coming as a surprise to the public, thus abruptly brought to a conclusion the legal phases of the case of the slaying of J. A. Allen, 83-year-old Cove recluse Sept. 8, with robbery indicated as the motive.

First degree murder charges were placed against Stevens by H. E. Dixon, acting district attorney, but Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, after talking with the youth, reported that he stood ready to plead guilty to second degree charges. If first degree charges had been maintained, the Oregon law makes a trial mandatory, but sentence may be passed on second degree cases when the defendant pleads guilty. The sentence in such cases is set by law as life.

Stevens did not talk to Mr. Dixon, other than ask questions as to certain phases of the Oregon law, which questions were answered.

Mr. Allen, who lived a quarter of a mile from Cove in a lonely farm house, was found dead Sunday, Sept. 10 by his son, Royal. The house showed evidence of having been searched, thus establishing robbery as the motive, although only a few dollars were missing.

Suspicion was directed at Stevens, when Sheriff Breshears learned that a "killing" in Cove was started in Union the day before the body was found, and these rumors were traced to Stevens. In the meantime, he left Union bound for Ashland.

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Indian Summer Here; Mercury Below Freezing

Indian summer has made its official debut in La Grande, and with it the first of the clear, crisp nights that mark October weather in this valley.

Early today the mercury dropped to 31 above, the first below-freezing weather here since April 13. But indications were that the mercury would reach the 70-above mark this afternoon. The weather forecast is for continued fair weather with more frost in Eastern Oregon tonight and warmer weather Sunday.

A heavy frost occurred during the night, killing some tender vegetation over the valley. It was the first frost of importance this fall in La Grande.

OLGA SMITH, ELGIN IS ESSAY WINNER

As the Merchants Essay and Misspelled Word Contest nears a close, interest continues to mount, and it is expected in the final weeks, it will reach successive high peaks each Saturday.

This week the contest subject was "Why the Dutch Shop is Entitled to the Patronage of the La Grande Community," and many, many entries were received.

Olga G. Smith, Box 207, of Elgin, emerged as the winner of first prize of \$3, with Mrs. Stanley Fogelquist, of 504 M avenue, La Grande, second. Reta Connor, 101 Second street, La Grande, was third. Second prize is \$2 and third \$1.

Honorable mention and a complimentary ticket to the Liberty theatre given through the courtesy of Manager C. M. Wight, was awarded to Mrs. Ralph Baker, R. F. D. No. 1, La Grande; Mrs. A. W. Leffel, 900 Main avenue, La Grande; Edwin Bracher, 903 M avenue, La Grande, and Mrs. G. B. Richardson, 803 Adams avenue.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 30.—There is so many bona fide colonels of Kentucky that they have formed an association and have been split up into zones. Irvin Cobb (who can't return to Paducah) has been commander in chief of the colonels east of the Mississippi river, and I have been appointed to direct all Kentucky colonels west of the river. A war of extermination of Kentucky colonels may be just what the country needs, so nothing would please me better than to meet Irvin and his fat, gouty, worn-out, negro-dialect, old colonels with my bunch of young, agile, alert boys that reside on the progressive side of the river. Our men are colonels through achievement and not just through appetite. Yours,

Will Rogers

E. O. N. FOOTBALL SEASON OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

STARTING LINEUPS

Whitworth	Pos.	Normal School
S. Chatterton	REL	E. Bredow
E. Miller	REL	D. Banks
A. Bender	REL	H. Hayden
H. Kaiser	REL	R. Berney
H. Vickers	REL	J. Hayden
B. Davis	REL	W. Pearson
Hodgins	C	H. Owsley
Whiteside	REL	F. Peterson
T. Ventris	REL	C. Crawford
T. Moore	REL	T. Hodgins
B. Gray	REL	J. Burnett

Officials: C. H. Reynolds, referee; J. W. King, umpire; C. Posey, head linesman.

Time of game: 2:30 p. m., at E. O. N. gridiron.

Snowy Gustafson and his 26 Whitworth college gridirers arrived in La Grande.

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PONDOSA INVITES LA GRANDERS ON NEXT THURSDAY

La Grande business and professional men, through the medium of the La Grande chamber of commerce, have been invited to visit Pondosa and next Thursday, Oct. 5, has been set as a tentative date for the trip. The tour will be in the form of a good will trip and they will visit points of interest in Pondosa, including the Grande Ronde Pine Co.

George Winslow Makes Visit To I. O. O. F. Lodge

George P. Winslow, grand master of the Odd Fellows lodge of Tillamook, paid his official visit to the lodge of La Grande, Elgin and Summerville last night at 7:30 o'clock at the local hall. Mr. Winslow addressed the gathering and his talk was an inspirational and instructive study of Odd Fellowship.

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Idaho Royalty



Fern Skoglund, Coeur d'Alene high school student, chosen Queen of North Idaho at a beauty contest held in that city.

GRANGE FAIR CLOSING WITH FRIDAY SHOW

Evening Program 1st Phase of Successful Day Show Here.

The most successful Grange and Home Products show ever held in La Grande closed last night after several hundred spectators had examined the wealth of exhibits entered by more than 300 Union county producers. La Grande placed first in the community exhibits, while Mr. Fanny Grange was ranked as first in quality in the grange exhibits, which filled the center of the floor at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, where the fair was held. For artistic arrangement of display, Pleasant Grove grange was named first, while Mt. Fannie ranked second.

The closing program of the two-day fair last night featured Congressman Walter M. Pierce and G. R. Hyalop, head of the farm crops department of Oregon State college, as the principal speakers. Mr. Pierce spoke on the NRA, while Mr. Hyalop discussed local farm problems and especially praised the standard of the exhibits at the fair. D. W. Hall gave a 10-minute organ concert and Gene Gassett and Bert Wardell, of Cove, furnished an excellent program of cowboy and old-time music, both at the tabernacle and at the hall.

Clarence Carter, program chairman of the county fair board, presided at both the evening and the afternoon meeting. H. E. Cooley, of the poultry department of Oregon State college, discussed poultry problems and co-operative marketing at the afternoon program. B. F. Webb, head of the fair poultry division, spoke briefly.

M. L. Carter, the Sand Ridge poet, read an original appreciation of Mr. Pierce last night and then presented the manuscript to the congressman.

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POTENTATE WILL BE GUEST OCT. 13

Charles C. Hall, potentate of the Al Kacer temple of the Mystic Shrine, will be in La Grande from Portland on Oct. 13, according to word received by the La Grande.

MISS ZABEL RETURNS HOME

Miss Amanda L. Zabel has returned from Valley City, N. D., where she had been for the past week, having been called by the passing of her father. Miss Zabel will meet her English classes at the Eastern Oregon Normal school on Monday.

GILBERT'S NEW LEADING LADY



Introduced the rights Susan Ann Gilbert, the six-week-old young lady at her mother's side, looks on admiringly as Susan Ann makes her camera debut.

PRIZES AWARDED AT G. FAIR ARE ANNOUNCED

Fine displays basement at shown in the Home Products and Fair and divisions being this year, the including

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PRICE-FIXING DECISION IS DUE FROM F.R.

Roosevelt Expected to Decide on Controversial NRA Provisions

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. (AP)—Whether the country's retailers will be permitted to fix minimum prices by code action probably will be decided by President Roosevelt the first of next week.

Officials of the NRA and of the agricultural adjustment administration are at odds as to the "stop loss" provision incorporated in the several codes. Unless there is a last-minute change of mind at NRA, the "master" fraction over a cent a bushel of wheat will be taken to Hyde tomorrow with the provision in effect and a recommendation that it be tried.

George N. Peek, agricultural administrator, who will pass upon the food code covering the thousands of grocery stores, is firmly opposed to the provision, and short of

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

NELSON, MARKS CONFIRMED

LA FOLLETTE MENACED

HOOVER SUPPORTS NRA

ALLEGED KIDNAPER HELD

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30. (AP)—Roscoe Nelson, Portland attorney, and Willard Marks, former president of the state senate, were today unanimously confirmed as members of the state board of higher education.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 30. (AP)—Philip F. La Follette, former Progressive Republican governor of Wisconsin, revealed today that an attempt either to ambush or kidnap him was made by two unidentified men late last night at a cottage in a lonely spot on Lake Geneva in Southern Wisconsin.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30. (AP)—A man who identified himself as William Davis Jr., 27, of Louisiana, was taken into custody by police today after they said New Orleans authorities had informed them that the family of George M. Cox, wealthy ship owner, was believed to have been kidnapped for \$25,000 ransom.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Sept. 30. (AP)—President Roosevelt gave orders today to Harry L. Hopkins, relief administrator, that the substitute be provided this winter with food, clothing and fuel, indicating a federal purchase of coal as well as of foodstuffs and clothing.

PIERCE, DONAUGH FACE ATTACK BY DEMOCRAT GROUP

PORTLAND, Sept. 30. (AP)—A demand that Walter M. Pierce, second district congressman, and Carl C. Donaugh, United States attorney, resign their posts or quit their key positions in the Democratic party, was contained in a resolution adopted by an overwhelming vote at a meeting of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee here last night.

Donaugh was given considerable support by one section of the attendance, but few came to the defense of Pierce.

Howard E. Waterbury was elected Multnomah county delegate to the state Democratic committee, a post vacated by George F. Alexander who recently was appointed federal judge in Alaska.

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Radio Gong Sends Intoxicated Pug Into Action

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30. (AP)—An ex-prizefighter, arrested on a charge of being intoxicated, was escorted to the detective room of the police station here. He sat quietly enough for a while. But adjoining is the police broadcasting room, and a gong sounds just before each call is made.

"Bong!" went the gong, and out of his "corner" bounced the ex-fighter. Detectives were hampered to the four corners until they brought their "guest" under control. He was quiet, till suddenly "Bong!" went the bell, and out he jumped again. Twice was enough. The officers removed him to a remote corner where the sound of the gong could not coax him back to an old habit.

RUSSIAN BALLOON SETS NEW RECORD

MOSCOW, Sept. 30. (AP)—Government wireless stations announced that the balloon "Stratosat" had landed safely in a meadow near Kholmna, 71 miles from Moscow, this evening after having completed a flight which carried it 19,000 meters or 11,800 feet above the earth for a new altitude record.

The three Russian balloonists who took off in the army balloon at 8:41 a. m. were greeted by cheering peasants as they landed.

All appeared in good physical condition and issued a statement saying they were proud to have beaten the world's altitude record of 18,700 meters set by Auguste Piccard in August, 1932.

BAILEY AND BATES ARE CONVICTED

Three Shannons and Two Other Defendants Guilty, Jury Verdict.

DEFENSE TO SEEK NEW TRIAL, REPORT

Case Is First Test of New United States Kidnaping Law; Sentences Up to Judge.

FEDERAL COURTROOM, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 30. (AP)—Harvey Bailey, Albert Bates, the three Shannons and two of the Twin Cities defendants were convicted by the jury in the Charles F. Urschell kidnaping trial today.

Isadore Blumenfeld, Sam Kronick and Sam Kowber, three of the Twin Cities defendants, were acquitted. The other two Twin Cities defendants, Barney Berman and Clifford Skelly, were convicted.

Judge Edgar S. Vaughn immediately announced he would grant three days for motions for retrials for those convicted, congratulated the jury on "your courageous discharge of your duty," and allowed the jurors to depart.

The three Minneapolis men who had been released sighted and settled deeper in their chairs. Berman and Skelly looked dumfounded. They had been confident they would be freed.

Their attorney, J. B. Dudley, of Oklahoma City, immediately announced they would seek a new trial. The trial was the first test of the new federal kidnaping law, enacted largely as a result of the tragic

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Luer Kidnapers Get Terms From Five Years to Life

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., Sept. 30. (AP)—Prison terms ranging from life to five years were assessed here today by a jury when for the kidnapping of August Luer, Alton, Ill., banker.

Eugene Norvell, 33; Percy Michael Fitzgerald, 40, and Mrs. Lillian Chesson, 50, were given life sentences. Other sentences: Mike Musiala, 45, 20 years; Christ Nicola Gitchio, 55, five years; Charles Chesson, 57, five years.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Second quarter: Iowa 0-0; Northwestern 0-0.

Second at Berkeley: California Aggies 0-0; University of California 7-7.

Finals

Drexel 0, Lehigh 19.

Ashland 0, Case 20.

Mercer 0-6, Army 0-19.

Oberlin 12, Rochester 0.

Norwich 0, Dartmouth 41.

First quarter: California Aggies 0, University of California 0.

Albright 0, Fordham 52.

Niagara 28, Buffalo 0.

Clarkson Tech 6, Manhattan 13.

Lowell Textile 6, New Hampshire 7.

Trinity 0, Colby 12.

Urusus 7, Villanova 7 (tie).

Morris Harvey 0, Ohio U 61.

William and Mary 0, Navy 12.

Worcester Tech 0, Coast Guard Academy 25.

Middlebury 0, Boston College 22.

Union 7, Wesleyan 7.

East Stroudsburg 0, Springfield 20.

Grinnell 0, Michigan State 14.

Washington and Jefferson 0, Pittsburgh 9.

