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ARBUCKLE FREE WILL RETURN TO SILVER SCREEN

JURY RETURNS ACQUITTAL VERDICT AFTER FEW MINUTES DELIBERATION

"Fatty" Gets Immediate Re-Engagement and Will Return to Movies in Effort to Regain His Lost Prestige with the Public.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—The third trial of Roscoe Arbuckle came to an end yesterday evening when the jury after having the case under consideration less than ten minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was not unexpected, as the only evidence submitted was the same as that presented at the previous trials, except such as bore on the previous life of the unfortunate Virginia Rappe.

Except the friends of Arbuckle there were not a great many present when the jury brought in its findings. Arbuckle took the result calmly and talked freely to newspaper men.

"I hold no animosity against any man," he said. "I want to get back to work in my life profession. I hope to 'come back.' Pictures are dear to me. But I have no plans just now. I couldn't make any until this cloud was lifted. I'll consult my friends within the next few days."

"FATTY" RE-ENGAGED BY HIS FORMER MANAGER

NEW YORK, April 13.—"Arbuckle will return to the movies immediately, hopeful that the public will restore him to his old-time popularity," was the statement of Joseph Schenck, the comedian's manager. Immediately upon hearing of the verdict he wired Arbuckle to consider himself re-engaged on his former basis.

GERMANY IS REACHING AFTER RUSSIAN TRADE

LONDON, April 13.—Germany is making most strenuous efforts to bring about a revival of trade with Russia, according to authoritative reports received here.

Numerous German organizations have been formed for the purpose of reviving Russian trade, and the operations of these organizations are being anxiously watched in British trade circles.

One of the organizations created in Germany to bring about a Russian trade revival is the German Trust for the Exploitation of Russia, headed by K. Muller, which is understood to be seeking American support. This trust is understood to be opposed to British or French participation, but is anxious to create a German-American fund for the reconstruction of Russian railways, through the house of J. P. Morgan & Company. It is understood that the trust is negotiating with Chicherin and Krassin for concessions.

FORMER OREGONIAN WRITES OF NEW YORK

Ralph W. Ash, a brother of Mrs. George J. Kinz of this city, writes from New York in regard to the price of fruit and various other conditions found there.

Mr. Ash has been living in New York City for the past three years and is quite well acquainted with conditions as they exist in the metropolis and is able to give some facts in this connection. He states that peaches are selling on the market there now at \$5.00 per dozen and a poor variety at that. In Brooklyn they can be bought at 25 cents each at this season of the year. He states that in season, the prices range about ten cents apiece with the culls being sold at five cents.

Mr. Ash is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is quite familiar with the fruit of the Northwest and is among those who enjoy giving a good word for the section of the country where the best fruit in the country is raised.

23,000 APPLICANTS FOR OREGON BONUS

SALEM, April 13.—There have been received at the offices of the world war veterans' state aid commission here a total of 23,000 applications for loans and cash bonus which, if approved in full by the commission, will represent county money allotments aggregating \$30,136,500, according to a report prepared today by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission, for consideration by Governor Olcott and other members of the administrative body.

Of the total applications received, 13,648, or 59.7 per cent, were for cash bonus, while 9206, or 40.3 per cent, sought loans. A total of 146 applications were rejected.

CENTURY BRIDE JILTED AT ALTAR BY OCTOGENARIAN

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—Jilted at the age of 100 years and four months!

Deserted at the very hour of her wedding by the groom-to-be, "Grandma" Emma Ward McMahon rocked in her armchair today, busy with her crocheting, and did not appear to mind her shattered romance of a week or so ago. She sewed merrily on.

Sims T. Berry, a tailor, her impetuous beau of 82, had "walked out" on the wedding just as Justice John George was about to pronounce the wedding ceremony. He fled when he faced a group of newspapermen who pointed a battery of cameras in his direction.

RENO MARRIAGE CLERK HAS NOTHING TO DO

RENO, Nev., April 13.—With one-third of April gone, not a single marriage license has been issued by County Clerk Beemer since March 31. The period is the longest in the annals of the county court in which no marriage license has been issued. Marriage licenses are usually issued at the rate of two per day. On the other hand, the month promises to record the largest number of divorce cases filed for the present year.

PANAMA WORKERS MUST PAY RENT

NEW ORLEANS, April 13.—Three thousand government employees of the Panama canal and the Panama railway must pay the government rent for the use of their houses in the Panama Canal Zone. The court of appeals so decided here today.

WOMAN HEADS GRAND JURY IN JOSEPHINE CO.

GRANTS PASS, April 13.—With the appointment of Edna L. Allison as foreman of the grand jury which will convene September 5, setting a precedent in the history of the state, and two women, Jessie L. Allyn, who was appointed foreman of the jury engaged in the circuit court, and Millie Macfarlane, women are taking an active part in the legal affairs of Josephine county.

SUSANVILLE PUTS BAN ON ALL GAMBLING

SUSANVILLE, April 12.—An anti-gambling ordinance which does away with licensed and public games of chance, was adopted by the Susanville voters yesterday by a margin of eight votes. This puts the ban on all card games, slot machines and punch boards.

NEW PLANT AT GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 13.—An appropriation of \$7500 has been decided upon by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association for the erection of a fruit packing plant, work on the structure to begin in about two weeks. The building will be of concrete and 60 by 90 feet in dimensions. The basement will permit the placing of ten carloads of fruit in cold storage.

WETS SEE HOPE OF MODIFYING VOLSTEAD LAW

BELIEF GROWING THAT SENTIMENT IS FORESHADOWED IN ELECTIONS

Return of Noted Liberals Indicate to "Dry" Congressmen that Public Sentiment May Mean Modification to Allow Light Wines and Beer.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—For the first time since the Anti-Saloon league blew its hot, dry breath across the United States, sweeping everything before it, a small "liberal" element in congress seriously believes the tide of popular favor is turning against the Volstead law so strongly that something can soon be done towards modifying the law—probably along the line of light wines and beer.

Anti-Volsteaders have said before that sentiment was turning against Volsteadism, but they said it as a matter of principle and were not sure of their ground. This time they seriously believe it, and their belief is shared by a surprisingly large number of "dry" congressmen, who claim they see the handwriting on the wall in that three noted "liberals" scored victories at the polls this week.

BURGLAR STEALS A BABY BUGGY AND SHOTGUN

RED BLUFF, Calif., April 13.—Even a baby buggy now is not safe from burglars. One of these little carriages was stolen the other night from the farm home of Plummer Edgar, a short distance west of Red Bluff. The thief also took a shotgun from the Edgar place, making a rather odd combination for a person to steal.

The local officers have what may develop to be a clue to the identity of the baby buggy burglar.

DUMB BEGGAR GIVEN SPEECH BY NIGHT WATCH

DUNSMUIR, April 13.—Harry Barr, night policeman, has proved the efficacy of the laying on of hands to cure the deaf and dumb. The patient was one Reynold Reid, whom he met on one of the business streets, exhibiting documentary evidence that he was dumb, and getting deaf fast. This was in the form of type-written affidavits, on the strength of which Reynold was foxily soliciting pecuniary aid, in order that he might have the wherewithal to attend a sanitarium.

Barr hastily diagnosed his case, and during the physical examination, found some cartridges in the dumb man's pockets. When Barr asked for the gun the patient shook his head. Barr then massaged his subject gently on the jaw with his closed fist, and the result was instantaneous. "Here it is," said the dummy, drawing out the gun. And since the speech has been fully restored to the sufferer, who can now swear fluently in several languages.

FIRE IN SUSANVILLE DESTROYS LODGING HOUSE

SUSANVILLE, Calif., April 13.—The Commercial hotel, a Main street lodging house of 22 rooms, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The flames originated from a cigarette thrown on the floor. Some of the contents were saved. William Grebe and R. H. Browne were the owners.

A good woodmen always puts out his camp fire and cleans up his camp before he leaves.

BRITISH GIRLS FLOCK TO COLORED LINGERIE

LONDON, April 13.—Spring is ushering in a riot of colors in women's clothes. This has extended even to lingerie.

Colored lingerie in the past has favored pale shades, but now dainty garments in deep orange, rich red, purple and magenta have made their appearance.

Magpie tints, too, are becoming popular for evening wear, and it is possible to have corsets made to match.

SISKIYOU UNIT STATE HIGHWAY OPENS THIS FALL

DUNSMUIR, April 13.—With weather conditions favorable, the large rock crusher at Upton will be operating by the middle of this month, and this will likely mean that work will start by the first of May. It is estimated, with weather conditions favorable, that it will take 90 days to complete the contract for the link on the state highway between Dunsmuir and Sisson. This will be the first paved road in Siskiyou county. This means that we will be able to travel on this new highway some time in the month of September.

SILICA COMPANY BEGINS WORK IN EASTERN SHASTA

WEED, Calif., April 13.—The Mt. Shasta Silica company will start excavating work on its claims in Eastern Shasta county right away. It is stated that the company will be in full operation this summer. There is a great demand for diatomaceous earth, and the industries are finding new uses for it every day. J. B. West, cashier of the Weed National bank, is president of the new company, which is composed almost wholly of investors living in Weed.

W. S. PEPPERS IS WINNER OF STOVE

The largest crowd that has ever attended a sale of any kind in Ashland in recent years was present yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the drawing for the Universal heating stove given away by the Swenson and McRae Furniture company, took place.

The last tickets were placed in the box at a few minutes after 4 by some late arrivals, and the book was then declared closed. There were 506 persons who registered in the contest, and fully 300 of these were present at the time of the drawing. It was staged in a truck belonging to the company standing in front of the store. A small child drew a ticket out and it was handed to Mr. Peeples, who announced the ticket as belonging to A. E. Erickson, but upon his failure to answer to his name, another ticket bearing the name of W. S. Peppers was then drawn, and Mr. Peppers answered when his name was called, and was awarded the stove.

It was tough on Mr. Erickson, an employee at the Standard Oil station, who had left the crowd only a short time before his name was announced as the winner. But there was no alternative. The time ETA ET EE alternative. The firm had announced a rule to govern the drawing, and it was lived up to.

The first ticket drawn was registered as number 272, and the second ticket was number 62, showing they were well mixed.

Mr. Peppers is a resident of Ashland, living at 495 Beach street, and is registered as a fruit grower.

Tuesday, April 18, is the last day to register. If you have not registered, or if you have changed your residence since you registered, or if you have changed your politics, register at once at the Billings office, 41 East Main street. 189-2

Fresh chicken tamales. If you like 'em—call us up. If you don't like 'em, call us down. Call anyway. Plaza Confectionery. 189-1.
L-I-S-T-E-N! Don't miss that dance at Kingsbury Springs Saturday night. 189-3

AVIATOR KILLED ON EVE OF HIS WORLD FLIGHT

TITLED AIRMAN AND PILOT MET DEATH WHILE TRYING OUT PLANE

Sirr Ross Smith One of Best Aviators in England—Machine Got Into Flat Spin, Took Nose Dive and Shattered Against Hangar.

LONDON, April 13.—Sirr Ross Smith and J. H. Bennett were killed at the Brooklands flying field while testing an airplane for a contemplated round-the-world trip.

They had been in the air for 15 minutes when the machine got into a flat spin, and took a nose dive, landing on top of a hangar.

Smith, who is one of the best known aviators in Great Britain, and whose motto was, "Safety first; never take a chance," was killed instantly as the airplane shattered to bits against the shed.

Bennett lingered for several moments. The only explanation of the disaster was bad weather, as there was a gusty wind blowing during the fatal flight.

The tourist won't stop long if forest fire smoke hides the scenery.

STRIKE BROKEN IS CLAIM OF WEED MILLS

KLAMATH FALLS, April 13.—J. M. White, manager of the Weed Lumber company, at Weed, in an interview by telephone this morning, said three out of the four bands in the saw mill were operating with 260 men employed in all plants of the company.

He said men were returning daily and that the strike appeared broken, although the plant is not operating at anything near normal capacity.

DEATH CALLS MRS. DARLING THIS MORNING

Mrs. William Darling died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of her son, C. C. Darling, on North Main street.

Mrs. Darling was a native of Nebraska, but came to Oregon 34 years ago with her husband, living at Gold Hill until his death a few years ago. About three years ago she came to Ashland to make her home with her son, but as she was confined to a wheel chair, she was seldom seen outside the house. She had suffered for several years from rheumatism, and the last six years were spent in a wheel chair. Her death was not unexpected, as she had gradually become weaker until it could be seen that death was near.

She leaves to mourn her loss, four sons, one living in Klamath county, one in Sacramento, Calif., one at Elma, Wash., and C. C. Darling of this city.

The funeral will be held at Gold Hill Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and burial will be in the Gold Hill cemetery. J. P. Dodge and Sons have charge of the interment.

SEVEN ARE INITIATED BY A. L. AUXILIARY

A class of seven was initiated at the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Friday last. There will be a larger class to take the obligation at the next meeting, April 28.

The parish house has been secured as a place of meeting until the club house for the Legion, with its corner Plaza Confectionery, has become a fact rather than a rumor. The ladies are planning a formal tea at an early date, but that is another story, of which more will appear hereafter.

CONAN DOYLE SAYS THAT AFFINITIES MATE IN HEAVEN

NEW YORK, April 12.—There are marriages in the spirit world, but no births, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle declared yesterday.

The celebrated English creator of "Sherlock Holmes," who has come to America to lecture on matters psychic, made this statement in giving reporters a more intimate view of the next world as he conceived it, than on his arrival Sunday on the steamer Baltic.

Marriages, he said, were on a higher level than in this world. They constitute the mating of affinities, he added, and always continue happily. Indeed, he said, there was a very complex form of society of the world hereafter.

BIG NITRO PLANT DESTROYED BY BLAZING RABBIT

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., April 13.—A race with death was run by a rabbit and a man at what was the Eastern Torpedo company's nitroglycerine plant four miles from here. R. G. Camblin was firing up the boiler in the plant when a cottontail rabbit, which had made its way into the boiler box for an afternoon's siesta, dashed out with its fur saturated with oil and on fire, and darted under the flooring.

Camblin knew that there were 40 quarts of "let go" in the tanks. He raced from the plant and had covered a quarter of a mile when there came a roaring explosion which shook Bartlesville, four miles away and completely wiped out the plant. The cotton-tail had done its work.

STATE OF NOTED FEUDIST ERECTED

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13.—"Devil Anse" Hatfield, West Virginia's most noted feudist, has been memorialized by a life-size statue shipped here from Carrara, Italy, where it was carved by a world-famous sculptor. The statue shows Hatfield standing erect in the typical garb of the mountains. It is cut from Italian marble from a design furnished by F. C. McColm of this city. The statue is 13 feet high. It has been erected in the Hatfield family cemetery, on Main Island creek, Logan county, near the old feudist's home. The statue was made at the request of the widow and children of "Devil Anse." On the front of it is inscribed:

"Captain Anderson Hatfield, 1839-1921." On the opposite side is engraved the names of his 13 children.

DUNSMUIR'S ELECTRIC PLANT MONEY-MAKER

DUNSMUIR, April 13.—Dunsmuir advocates of public utilities are calling attention to what Redding is doing apropos of which it is reported that the Redding city council has ordered that \$2000 more be taken from the electric light fund and turned into the general fund, from which \$10,000 was borrowed last December, when the lighting system was purchased of the power company for \$57,000.

This makes \$6000 that has been refunded. Paying back the borrowed money at the rate of \$2000 a month is considered a good record.

\$61,000 FOR GOOD ROADS IS AWARDED IN DOUGLAS

ROSEBURG, Or., April 13.—Road contracts amounting in all to the sum of \$61,381.79, were allowed at the last meeting of the county court on ten road projects. There were in reality thirteen projects to be bid on, as several sections were for bids on grade and gravel separately. In practically every case the bids were very close to the engineer's estimate, but on two projects the bids were deemed excessive and the county has taken the work by force account.

It pays to read the classified page.

STORM RAVAGING MIDDLE STATES THREATEN CROPS

WORST EXPERIENCED IN YEARS OVER A WIDE RANGE OF COUNTRY

Extends from the Lakes to the Gulf and Almost from Coast to Coast. While in Many Sections Residents Fight Menace of Floods.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Reports received here tell of flood dangers in many sections, particularly throughout Illinois, and many Michigan and Wisconsin towns are fighting to stem the floods which are threatening serious damage.

From the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes, from the Canadian border almost down to the Gulf of Mexico, the central section of the United States is experiencing one of the most disastrous seasons recorded in years.

Damage, running into the millions, has already resulted, and the menace of floods, cold weather and high winds has not abated. Serious apprehension still exists that unfavorable weather conditions will retard planting crops to the extent of curtailing this year's output of grain and other foodstuffs.

LABORITES IN ROSEVILLE WIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ROSEVILLE, Calif., April 13.—Dr. Bradford Woodbridge, mayor of Roseville for many years, and Trustee W. L. Patrick were swept out of office and three labor candidates elected trustees in the election here. At the same time municipal water bonds of \$155,000 were beaten, a two-thirds vote being required to carry, 738 for and 579 against.

VINING TO BE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Vining theater within the next few days will be taken over by a new management, was the announcement made today by O. Bergner. He stated that he has sold his interest in the theater to H. B. Hurst and his nephew, Fred Cushing, of Portland. Mr. Hurst for the past twelve years has been engaged in the moving picture business, and is thoroughly experienced in catering to the public along those lines. He will be in Ashland within the next few days and will then make a formal announcement of his plans.

MAIL MESSENGER IS WANTED FOR ASHLAND POST OFFICE

The second assistant postmaster general is asking for bids for mail messenger service between the Ashland post office and the railroad station connecting with all trains carrying mail. The proposal is posted in the post office lobby. All concerned will call on Postmaster Kaiser and secure an idea of the work to be performed before submitting their bids. The bids are to be submitted to the local postmaster sealed, and will be opened by the second assistant postmaster general at Washington, D. C.

PROPERTY ATTACHED IS SOLD TUESDAY

The property on Fourth street formerly belonging to J. J. Pickford, but which was recently attached by O. C. Goodlett, was sold by order of the court Tuesday, being bid in by Mr. Goodlett. Pickford seemingly departed for parts unknown, his whereabouts being unknown at the present time.

SISSON ELECTS ENTIRE SET OF CITY OFFICERS

SISSON, Calif., April 12.—For the first time since the town was incorporated Sisson yesterday elected a complete new set of trustees, as, through resignations and otherwise, all the terms expired this month.