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DR. SWEENEY IS HELD ON PERJURY COUNT

Alleged Mistatements Made During Trial of Omar Murphy for Murder

BOND IS ARRANGED
Medford Physician to be Arraigned Tomorrow Afternoon. Immediate Trial is Promised

As an aftermath of the trial of Omar W. Murphy, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of his wife last spring, Dr. Charles T. Sweeney, prominent Medford physician, was arrested yesterday. The charge against Dr. Sweeney is perjury and his arrest followed an indictment by the grand jury. Dr. Sweeney was a witness for the defense in the Murphy case, his testimony having to do with the post mortem held on Mrs. Murphy's body some time after her death.

The post mortem was held at the instance of District Attorney Chaney and was conducted by Deputy Coroner Walker, at whose request Drs. Thayer and Clancy performed the actual work of examining the body. At some time during the post mortem it is alleged Dr. Sweeney appeared on the scene, and in his evidence on the witness stand he claimed that he was requested to attend by the brother of Omar Murphy, the defendant. District Attorney Chaney who filed the perjury complaint, says the testimony of Drs. Thayer and Clancy and Deputy Coroner Walker was to the effect that while it took from an hour and a half to two hours to make the post mortem, Dr. Sweeney was in the room for not more than fifteen minutes and that he had little or no part in the actual work. Dr. Sweeney's own statement is said to have conveyed a different impression, and the divergence in the testimony is believed to have caused his indictment and arrest.

Dr. Sweeney has been released on \$2,000 bond, pending his arraignment tomorrow afternoon. District Attorney Chaney, who instigated the investigation declares that the case "will be brought to immediate trial."

This is the second case of perjury in the county this year. "I am endeavoring to keep all perjured testimony out of the courts, and this work is in line with my efforts," Chaney declared this morning.

CABINET AGREES ON DOUMER FINANCES

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—The French cabinet today approved the tax projects of Finance Minister Doumer. None of the ministers resigned, as was feared might be the case.

NORMAL SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPENED HERE ON MAY 1

In spite of rumors, and published statements, alleged to have come from authoritative sources, the Southern Oregon Normal school here will not be opened on May 1, J. H. Fuller, one of the members of the board of normal regents declared this morning.

"The contract for the construction of the building specifies that the structure shall be completed and ready for occupancy by May 1 of next year, but that does not signify that the school will be opened on that date," Fuller declared.

The first regular school sessions will probably start in the new building on or about June 1, Fuller indicated. This will be the regular summer session of the normal. The summer session usually lasts twelve weeks, and the school will then be opened

Two Men Swim As Temperature is Five Below

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 29.—The Milwaukee Polar Bear club opened the winter season here today.

With the mercury at five below at noon, James G. Brazell, president of the club, and M. J. Orth dived into the icy waters of Lake Michigan for a swim. The two men plunged in and out of the water for 10 minutes.

These little dips in the lake at zero of a wintry morning are a panacea for all ills, and a winter sport supreme, according to Brazell. He has been taking them for many years.

304 COWS ARE TESTED DURING MONTH OF OCT.

McCracken Has High Pure Bred Herd, With Poyer Heading Grade Herds

A total of 304 cows were tested during the month of October in the Rogue River Valley Cow Testing association, according to a report received from the Cooperative Extension in Agriculture and Home Economics of the Oregon Agricultural College.

In the pure bred herd class, J. R. McCracken had the highest herd for the month, his eight cows averaging 824.8 pounds of milk and 43.64 pounds of butterfat during the month. A. F. Long, with ten cows took second place, his stock averaging 827.3 pounds of milk and 31.04 pounds of butterfat.

In the grade herd division E. B. Poyer, local dairyman had the high test herd, his eight cows averaging 803 pounds of milk and 41.58 pounds of butterfat. J. E. Judy, with nine cows was second, his cattle averaging 777 pounds of milk and 40.65 pounds of butterfat, while the J. W. Fish herd averaged 823 pounds of milk and 42.01 pounds of butterfat. Fish was rated third because he had but two cattle tested.

PERSHING'S RETURN STARTS MANY RUMORS

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—The impending return of the Tacuarcuna chairman General John J. Pershing to America for health reasons, caused a sensation in diplomatic circles here today.

It was rumored as well that the necessity for a closer discussion of the situation with President Coolidge may be the real reason for forcing Pershing's return.

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Mrs. Whelpley was represented by Attorney L. A. Roberts of Ashland.

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Believe It or Not

The signs are wonderfully favorable for America

The Prince of Wales will be married in 1926

A king will die in 1926. He is head of a great nation

Crops will be bountiful, and farmers will prosper

SHRINE HEAD TO VISIT CITY NEXT MONDAY

James C. Burger to Visit Hillah Temple on Official Trip

The Shriners of Hillah Temple of Ashland are to have a notable banquet at the Lithia Springs hotel in this city next Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock in honor of the visit of their Imperial Pontentate, James C. Burger, of Denver, who is to pay his official respects to the local temple on that date.

Preceding the banquet there will be a gathering at Masonic Temple to meet the visitor at 4 o'clock. Mr. Burger, who will arrive at 11:10 a. m., on Monday and leave at 6:40 p. m., is accompanied by his wife and his secretary. About 200 Shriners from various sections of Southern Oregon are expected to be in Ashland on the occasion of the forthcoming visit of the head of the order.

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WOMAN IS HURT IN SISKIYOU WRECK

Miss Jeanne LaMathe of Los Angeles, narrowly escaped death last night, when her car, skidding from the road on the Siskiyou, rolled over an embankment for almost fifty feet.

Miss LaMathe escaped without injury, but her car was almost totally demolished.

'ROCK OF MARNE' IS VISITOR HERE

General U. S. McAlexander, known during the world war as "the Rock of the Marne" was an overnight visitor here last night at the Lithia Springs hotel.

McAlexander, before the entrance of this country into the war was commandant of the R. O. T. C. school at the Oregon Agricultural College. He was in command of one of the American divisions which blocked the advance of the Germans on the Marne, and thus gained his name.

McAlexander is on his way to Corvallis for a visit with friends there.

SHERIFF TAKES FIVE PRISONERS TO SALEM

Sheriff Ralph Jennings left this morning for Salem, taking with him five prisoners who will serve sentences in the state prison and at Kelly Butte. The prisoners were: Joe Lutz, sentenced to one year on a burglary count, W. L. Blakeley, sentenced to five years on a liquor charge, Don Hall, auto thief, who was given a ten year sentence and Manzie Biden and Verne Williams, confessed bootleggers, who were fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in prison. Biden and Williams will serve their time on Kelly Butte, while the remainder of the prisoners will be taken to the state penitentiary.

LEGISLATURE PASSES BILLS OVER VETO

OLYMPIA, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—The Washington House had before it today for consideration four Senate bills, vetoed by Governor Hartley, which were repassed over his veto yesterday by the Senate.

The upper house did not waste words on the matter, but crammed the four bills through in approximately twenty minutes. They included a bill which would make available a capital outlay for five state institutions of higher learning; a tax millage bill; a bill permitting cities of more than 20,000 population to build public auditoriums, and a bill to establish law libraries in small counties.

STUDENTS HAVE DAY AT LUNCH OF CHAMBER

Over 40 students of institutions of higher education were guests of the chamber of commerce at the forum luncheon, held at the Lithia Springs hotel today.

Each of the schools had a representative, who spoke for a short time in the merits of their schools. Practically every major institution in Oregon was represented.

Music for the program was given by Miss Pauline Plummer, a student at the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music, who played a piano solo, and Harvey Woods, violinist, student of the University of Oregon. Woods was accompanied by George Francis Baron, also a student at Oregon.

The speakers and their colleges were: Don Frazier, University of Oregon; Walter Miksch, Linfield; Miss Plummer, Los Angeles Conservatory of Music; Earl Pemberton, Willamette; Beth Johnson, San Jose State Teachers college; Margaret McCoy, Oregon Ag; Dwight Gregg, University of Oregon Medical School and Verne Blue, University of California.

COLONEL COOLIDGE REPORTED UNCHANGED

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—Colonel Coolidge, father of the President, was reported "unchanged" today, following a fairly comfortable night. Mrs. May Johnson, the Colonel's niece, said the patient slept rather well, generally speaking, throughout the night, and had a quiet, restful night.

SCRIBBLES POEM THEN KILLS SELF

MOSCOW, Dec. — (U. P.)—Leaving his last poem scribbled in blood, Sergeessenin, eccentric poet husband of Isadora Duncan, committed suicide in Leningrad yesterday.

WEATHER

Generally cloudy, with light variable winds along the coast.

STARS HOLD GOOD THINGS FOR AMERICA

Astrologist Predicts U. S. Will Enjoy Prosperous Year During 1926

WALES TO MARRY

Great King Will Die. Russia Will be Recognized and Mitchell to Come Into Own

BY GEORGE BRITT
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—List to the words of the prophetess! "The air will be filled with flying ships, our people will be content, peace will soothe all nations, the sellers and the buyers of acres in the land of flowers will prosper; the Prince of Wales at least will marry and death will strike a great king. These are a few of the things that will happen in 1926. Just wait and see.

If you have any superstitions at all, if you ever crossed a gypsy's palm with silver, or watched your step on Friday the thirteenth, or knocked on wood or gazed in a mirror on Hallowe'en — here may be a chance to justify your faith in the super-natural.

And if you are a skeptic and say all fortune telling is the bunk, maybe these predictions will prove your points. In either case, this forecast will be interesting to check on a year from now if you have saved it.

The seeress is Mrs. Martha Spencer, one of the best known consultants in things occult in the nation's capital. Her method is astrology, coupled in personal readings with psychology. She has been asking the stars about the New Year.

"The influence of Venus will be predominant and controlling almost throughout 1926," says Mrs. Spencer. "That means peace, quiet and prosperity everywhere, so far as it is possible to generalize for the whole world. The signs are wonderfully favorable for America in particular.

"The United States Senate will not agree to our joining the world court without very extreme reservations. The administration tax bill will be adopted by the Senate with but little change from the way it was passed by the house, and the people will like it.

"There will be upheavals in both the War and Navy Departments, particularly in the navy. I should not be surprised to see the heads of both these departments changed.

"Col. Mitchell will be recognized more than ever as an able patriot. Out of his agitation will develop an air service which will be equal to any on earth.

"The Prince of Wales will be married in 1926. I can not tell exactly who his bride will be, but she will be a princess from one of the smaller nations of Europe.

"A king will die in 1926. He is popular and the head of a great nation. His successor will not wield the influence he does, and democracy will progress by his passing.

"Russia will be granted recognition by the United States.

"Crops will be bountiful, and farmers will prosper more than they have for several years. Business conditions generally will be better than they were in 1925.

"A French debt settlement will be agreed upon in 1926.

"The Florida boom will continue throughout the year. I think it has two years yet to go. After that will come a slump.

"It will be a year of discovery of new talent and of unusual accomplishment in literature and art. In the theatre they will put on a few more clothes, but there won't be any modification of snappy lines.

"President Coolidge will not be elected president again. His successor will be a Republican."

And that is the future according to Martha Spencer. You can take it or leave it.

A New Lark



Burke Adams of Omaha, the young man who induced steamship companies to carry tourists to Europe in rehabilitated steerage quarters, and thus made it possible for thousands of Americans to tour Europe at a minimum of expense, is going to try to go from Cairo to Capetown, the full length of Africa, by automobile.

It never has been done before.

PROSPECT MAN NEAR DEATH FROM SHOOTING

Accidental Shooting May Cost Life of Harvey Aikins

Harvey Aikins, prominent prospect rapher, lies near death in a Medford hospital today, as the result of an accidental shooting, which occurred on the Crater Lake highway last night; it was learned today.

Aikins had visited Medford, bringing his sister into the city. Upon his return home, he got out of his car, and in doing so, dislodged a revolver from his pocket. The gun, falling on the running board of the machine, was discharged, and the bullet struck Aikins in the right hip. It ranged upward through the body, finally stopping in the right lung.

Although badly wounded, and weakened from loss of blood, Aikins attempted to return to Medford. In the fog and in his weakened condition, he lost his way, and was found near the 401 Ranch, in a serious condition.

He was immediately taken to Medford, where medical attention was given him, but because of the loss of blood, attending physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

SAYS ACOUSTICS OF LOCAL BUILDING CAN BE CORRECTED

That the acoustics of the Chautauqua building can be remedied, and the cost would be about \$3500 is the statement of Claude R. Fountain, professor of physics at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

Fountain, a former Ashland boy, who is now one of the leading acoustic engineers of the country, has been employed at many of the large auditoriums throughout the country to correct the acoustics; and his work has met with remarkable success.

In a letter to his grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Russell of this city, Fountain says:

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MERCURY RISES IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO COLD

Nineteen Have Died During Three Days of Cold in Chicago

TO REMAIN COLD

New York Weather to Warm; Says Bureau, While Middle West Will Freeze

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—The mercury rose today, and New York was freed from the icy grip of winter, which has held for the past two weeks, although cold winds continued to sweep the city. A still further moderation in the weather was predicted for today by the weather bureau here.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—A final check taken early today showed that the days of sub-zero weather of the past three days had taken a toll of nineteen lives.

Temperatures about the middle Western States registered a gradual rise today, but it will remain cold until after New Years day. The weather bureau indicated that there would be slight moderations in the extreme cold of the past three days, however.

FRANK GOOLEY, WELL KNOWN MAN, DIES

Frank Gooley, aged 57 years, died this morning at a local hospital after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Gooley was a bridge carpenter in the employ of the State Highway Commission, his last work being done with Mr. H. H. Flanagan's crew on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway. For many years he was a railroad carpenter in the east, but since coming here from Denver he was engaged in highway bridge work. His nearest relatives are a cousin in San Francisco and another in Gloversville, N. Y. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

JURY RECOMMENDS SUPREME PENALTY

TACOMA, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—Death by hanging was the jury recommendation in the case of Jessy Ingraham, itinerant teamster, found guilty at 10 a. m. today of the murder of Joseph C. Hedges, young Seattle lawyer, on September 19. This is the first Pierce county jury in 25 years to recommend the death penalty.

Ingraham fatally wounded young Hedges near Camp Lewis, following an altercation on the highway, when Hedges automobile was bumped by Ingraham's team.

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much more efficient and less expensive than the present methods and yet not spoil the architectural beauty of the dome. I believe I can furnish all of the acoustical absorbing material and will supply the detailed drawings as to the installation of it for about \$3500.

"In regard to the 'reflecting stage,' I believe I can improve somewhat on that also. I suggested before that the walls and ceiling of this stage should be made of plaster. That would be the most efficient substance, but it will not stand as much abuse as wood, nor will it stand moving if occasional demand it. I am recommending, therefore, that both the walls and the ceiling be made of tongue and groove ceiling or flooring and given a hard finish of varnish or paint.

"The fresh soft dirt put on the floor would certainly reduce the reverberation, but I cannot believe it will help the echoes very much."