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## OSAGE INDIAN SLAYING RING IS BROKEN UP

Redskin Wards of U. S. Pawns in Bloody Game With Much at Stake

### AGENTS ARE ACTIVE

Several Ranchers of Wealth to be Brought to Trial Soon for Murder

PAWHUSKA, Okla., June 24. —(UP)—The Osage Indian murder ring has been broken.

Federal agents of the department of justice, heartened by the first success in years of investigation have redoubled their efforts to complete their case against the band of conspirators to whose activities are attributed 16 murders.

Frank Burkhart, white husband of Mollie "Q" heir apparent to all the rich headrights of the Osage commonwealth, was sentenced to life imprisonment Monday, following his confession to the murder of W. F. Spith.

**Millionaire Implicated**  
W. K. Hale, wealthy rancher and uncle of Burkhart, was implicated in the confession and is believed by many to have been the leader in the business of mulcting the red men of their wealth. Hale and John Ramsey, another rancher named by Burkhart, will be brought to trial in September.

The federal government, stirred by the proof that its ignorant wards had been the pawns in a bloody game with several million dollars at the stake, has made plans for the most sweeping probe ever conducted into Indian affairs.

**U. S. Grand Jury**  
Judge Robert L. Williams of the United States district court and former governor of Oklahoma has sent summons for the convening of a new federal grand jury.

Edwin Brown, special assistant to the United States attorney general, who distinguished himself in the recent probe will aid in running to earth those who stole the wealth of the Osage nation. Smith, whose murder Burkhart has confessed, was killed with his wife, Rita Smith, and a maid servant when their home in Fairfax, Okla., was dynamited. It was not the life of Smith, however, which the plotters sought, but that of his wife. For Rita was the sister of Anna Brown, wealthy Osage woman who was shot to death and to Rita had descended rich head rights.

## Members of Crew Perish in Blaze Off Sable Island

GLOUCESTER, Mass., June 24. —(UP)—Thirteen members of the crew of the schooner Fal-mouth out of Gloucester are believed to have been drowned when the boat was destroyed off Sable Island. Details of the tragedy were learned today when Captain Eric Carlson and eight men landed on Sable Island.

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## GENERAL WHITE AND STAFF WILL ATTEND BIG BANQUET HERE

Plans for Dedication Ceremonies at Normal School Are All Completed

Brigadier General George A. White and 35 staff officers will be among the guests at the banquet at the armory Saturday night which will be the final feature of the dedication of the new Southern Oregon State normal school.

Reservations for the banquet are coming in hourly at the chamber of commerce offices and it is expected that nearly 500 people will be in attendance.

The laying of the cornerstone and speech of dedication will be held at the normal school, starting at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Dr. Henry Suzzalo, president of the University of Washington, as chief speaker. Governor Pierce and other state officials will speak at the banquet in the evening.

More than 200 students have now registered for the summer session at the normal and the work is progressing splendidly.

## POLITICIAN BEATEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

Authorities Seeking Identity of Man Who Knocks Solon Unconscious

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 24. — Physical violence, which disrupted a county republican meeting here Monday, today was climaxed by the "back office" beating of one of the county political solons.

Authorities are seeking the identity of two masked men who slipped into the office of A. A. Luther, supporter of Representative Harry K. Worsbach, faction head, and beat him into unconsciousness last night.

The men demanded that Luther give them the records of the executive committee, taken from the secretary during the committee meeting riot Monday. Luther refused to open the safe where the records were.

## ART SCHOOL WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Instructors for Summer Course to Arrive the Last of This Week

The Ashland Art School starts Monday, June 28th, in the Junior High School, North Main St., the instructors arriving from New York the last of this week. Ashland folks, whether beginners or more advanced in art work will do well to take advantage of the opportunity that is offered. Any who are interested should register at once at the Chamber of Commerce or with Mrs. Victor V. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Brenckler of Santa Ana, Calif., arrived today to take work in the summer Art School.

Instructors in the Art School are: Miss Belle Cady White, Pratt Institute of Art, Miss Emily Grace Hanks, Mr. Felix A. Payant, Miss Elsie Weigtmann.

## Retired Farmer Taken by Death

John S. Rasor, retired farmer, aged 74, died last evening at 9:30. Funeral services are in charge of the H. C. Stokk Undertaking Parlors and arrangements have not been made.

Mr. Rasor was born in Indiana August 5, 1852 and lived in Ashland the past 17 years. Mrs. Rasor died in March.

He is survived by three sons, Frank Rasor in Aberdeen, Washington, Earl Rasor and Walter Rasor in North Carolina and one daughter, Edith, in North Carolina.

## SPOKANE MAN MAY BE DEAD IN PORTLAND

Murder Mystery Being Probed Following Discovery of Peculiar Note

### POLICE SKEPTICAL

Letter Found at Railroad Station Indicates Robbery; Police Think

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4. —(UP)—Police were investigating today a mysterious note found in a wallet at the union station intimating that M. M. Yeager, a visitor from Spokane, Wash., had been robbed and murdered.

Yeager checked out at a local hotel yesterday afternoon and has not been seen since. Late yesterday a scrawled note was turned over to the police by a man who found it in the station here.

The note said: "Jim," we got Yeager this morning. He will never see Spokane again. He sure had a nice pile of money on him."

As the handwriting in the note resembled Yeager's hotel signature, the local investigators were somewhat skeptical about a murder theory.

## STANNARD FUNERAL WILL BE TOMORROW

Services for Former Ashland Resident Will be Held at Dodge Chapel

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Stannard, who died in Los Angeles, Tuesday, will be held from the Dodge chapel tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. Pemberton officiating. Interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery. The body arrived last night.

Mrs. Stannard was born in Hawick, Minnesota, December 17, 1879 and was a graduate of the St. Cloud State Teachers College of St. Cloud, Minnesota. She was a teacher for several years in Minnesota before coming to Ashland in 1906, where she taught in the Talent, Phoenix and Ashland schools. For the past six years Mrs. Stannard lived in Los Angeles.

She is survived by one son, Dr. George E. Stannard, of Los Angeles, one brother, William J. Libby, Boise, Idaho, and two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Clark of Ashland, and Mrs. Eva E. Norris of Hawick, Minnesota.

## KLAMATH WILL SEND DELEGATE SATURDAY

Fred Peterson, School Head, Will be Here for Normal School Opening

Fred Peterson, county superintendent of schools, will head an official delegation from the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce as representatives to the dedication of the Southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland which will occur on Saturday afternoon and evening of this week.

Mr. Peterson was selected yesterday by the directors of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce at their weekly luncheon, and several of those present made it known that they would be present if press of business did not interfere with present plans.

## Grants Pass Boy Drowns in River

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 24. —(UP)—The Rogue River claimed another victim last night when Bennie Rehkopf, aged 15, was drowned while attempting to swim the treacherous White Rock Rapids. The youth made a brave fight against the swift current but was carried away before his friends on the shore were able to rescue him.

## Peaches and Carrots



Vivian and Hilda Niberg are hiking from Los Angeles to Chicago. And they've agreed to eat nothing but carrots all the way. Vivian, at the left, is examining the gun which Hilda hopes they won't have to use.

## LAKE O' THE WOODS WILL HAVE NEW SWISS MOUNTAIN HUTS FOR VACATION FOLKS

Near the north end of The Lake O' The Woods, on the shore of Rain Bow Bay, there is a busy colony at work. This colony is clearing and laying out the site of the new Lake O' The Woods Chalets.

There are to be a number of these chalets, or Swiss mountain huts, for the accommodation of visitors. Each chalet will be furnished complete, with camping equipment and double floored to protect against cold weather.

Later on there will be a larger building; a Lodge that will serve as a hotel. Mr. Gleason, who is promoting and supervising this enterprise, is a man of vision and originality. His plan is to keep an all the year round resort. Fishing, boating, and bathing for the summer's attraction, with hunting, skating, ice-boating and skeeving for the winter's sport.

The location at the point of the lake, is ideal, as the dense evergreen trees give a fine sense of seclusion and protection. There is very little undergrowth here, and the sand beach at the end of the lake is easily reached by a tramp through the cool, shady woods.

## BRITISH WOMAN IS HANGED FOR MURDER

Mother of Three Children Pays Extreme Penalty for Killing Landlady

MANCHESTER, Eng., June 24. —(UP)—Mrs. Louise Calvert, 33 years old and mother of 3 children, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning for the murder of her landlady whom she strangled to death. This is the first time in three years that a woman has been executed in England.

## Unsolved Alaskan Murder Recalled By Court Action

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24. —(UP)—Homer Leonard, Alaskan seafarer, was murdered in the Yukon country in 1914, but legally he lived until this month. Legal acknowledgement of the miner's death came about when his brother, Silas M. Leonard of Portland, brought proceedings to clear the estate.

Leonard reported that his brother started on a long trip in the Yukon country in 1914 and was carrying considerable money. Two men followed him. He was never heard from again nor was his body ever recovered.

## VISIT LITHIA PARK

While you are a guest in our city, be certain to visit Lithia Park, a playground of many acres, with the main entrance at the Plaza, where Nature's dearest beauties are found along the walks that lead you through the forest bordering on Ashland creek.

## SHERIFF HAS SOLUTION OF GIRL'S DEATH

Mysterious Murder of Sylvia Gaines Near Seattle Solved, is Word

### WITNESS IS JAILED

Friend of Dead Girl's Father Held Following Extended Grilling

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24. —(UP)—How a witness could be held while the principal was released was only partially explained today by Ed Colvin, King county prosecutor, who said: "Whatever we are doing to Louis Stern is being done at his own request."

He intimated that Stern is being guarded against molestation. It is on a startling affidavit made by Stern that the sheriff's case depends, the sheriff admitted. The nature of this statement has been closely guarded but it is believed to be a statement regarding the whereabouts of "Bob" Gaines on the night Sylvia was murdered.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24. —(UP)—In a startling statement late last night, Sheriff Matt Starwich announced that he had solved the mysterious murder of Sylvia Gaines, 22-year-old Smith college graduate.

The announcement was made after a three-hour grilling of Wallace "Bob" Gaines, father of the girl. Starwich did not elaborate on his statement.

"I feel certain I have a case," said the sheriff. "I have proved the fiend theory in the Gaines mystery all bunk."

The statement followed a long session last night in which deputies of the sheriff's office questioned Bob Gaines and his friend, Louis Stern. Stern previously had made statements to the police concerning Gaines' whereabouts on the night of June 16, the night that Sylvia was slain on the shores of Green lake.

At the end of the examination, Stern was held by authorities as a witness while Gaines was permitted to go home with his brother, William Gaines, county commissioner.

## BEND WATER RIGHTS OF DOUBTFUL VALUE

Trade With Irrigation District Not Equitable, is Lawyer's Claim

BEND, Ore., June 24. —Doubt as to the value of water rights in the Deschutes river traded for an equal amount of water from Tumalo creek by the city of Bend, is expressed by N. G. Wallace, attorney of the Tumalo district.

In a year of less than normal flow, there are priorities which would leave the city dry. Another question is raised as to the possibility of forfeiture of such rights as were purchased from the North Canal company.

## Abandon Raising Of Undersea Boat

ABOARD U. S. S. VESTAL, off Block Island, R. I., June 24. —Unfavorable weather and the breaking away of pontoons lashed to the hull yesterday forced postponement for two weeks of the attempts to raise the sunken submarine S-51.

## Great Religious Congress Closes

MUNDELEIN, Ill., June 24. —(UP)—A singing and praying multitude of a million people gathered here from all corners of the earth today to conclude the Eucharistic congress. It has been one of the greatest religious manifestations in all history.

## MRS. M. PHEPHER GO TO LOS ANGELES AND PREACH SUNDAY

Phantom Evangelist Will Return to Her Flock Aboard Special Train

DOUGLAS, Arizona, June 24. —(UP)—Plans for a "billion dollar kidnaping syndicate" were projected by the abductors of Almee Semle McPherson, with motion picture stars marked for the victims, according to a story told today by the Los Angeles evangelist. She said she overheard plans to kidnap Mary Pickford upon her return from Europe and hold her for a million dollar ransom.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, June 24. —(UP)—Almee Semle McPherson, the "phantom evangelist," will leave here within the next 24 hours on a special train, returning to her flock at Los Angeles in time to preach the Sunday sermon at Angelus temple.

Chief of Detectives Herman Cline and Deputy District Attorney Joe Ryan arrived here from Los Angeles this morning aboard the same train which brought Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Mrs. McPherson.

Mrs. McPherson's story of her captivity in Mexico at the hands of ransom brigands will be thoroughly investigated.

## COOLIDGE APPROVES BIG AIRCRAFT BILL

Building Program Amounting to \$85,000,000 Signed By President

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24. —(UP)—President Coolidge today signed the naval aircraft bill appropriating \$85,000,000 for a five-year building program which will provide for 1300 airships and two dirigibles.

## DEMOCRATS WOULD MAKE REDUCTIONS

Abolition of Automobile and Amusement Taxes Proposed in Congress

WASHINGTON, June 24. —A move to force an immediate tax reduction including a rebate on this year's payment and abolition of automobile, amusement and all other nuisance taxes was made today by democrats in congress.

Representative Jacobstein, democrat, of New York, with the approval of Representative Cordell Hull, former democratic national chairman, will introduce late today a resolution directing the ways and means committee to meet a month or two before congress reconvenes December 5, to draft a tax cut bill to absorb the present \$390,000,000 treasury surplus and other revenues.

## Visitor Praises Jackson Springs

"This is one of the most ideal places we have visited on our extended tour of the Pacific northwest."

This was the comment at Jackson Hot Springs last night of Alexander Mosslin, prominent San Francisco attorney, who, with his wife, is enroute home by motor after a tour north as far as British Columbia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mosslin said they would spend most of their vacation next year right here in Jackson county.

Mr. Mosslin was the attorney for Dorothy Ellingsen, the "jaz girl" who killed her mother two years ago.

**THE WEATHER**  
Oregon—Unsettled tonight and Friday, with probable showers along the coast and in mountain ranges. Cooler in the west portion.

## FRAUD CHARGE TOLD PROBERS BY CANDIDATE

E. E. Beidleman, Wet Aspirant in Penn., Says He Was Counted Out

### RECOUNT IS SOUGHT

Says He Was Running Well Ahead of His Opponent Until the Third Day

WASHINGTON, June 21. —(UP)—A charge that he had been counted out of the nomination for governor of Pennsylvania at the recent primary election was made to the senate campaign fund by E. E. Beidleman, the Vore candidate.

Beidleman told the committee that if he could have had a recount in Pittsburgh he would have been elected.

Too Many Votes  
"One of my watchers went to lunch for 20 minutes at one polling place when 25 votes had been cast, and when he came back 20 minutes later there were 453 votes in the ballot box," he said.

Beidleman made an effort to get the ballot boxes opened, but the technicalities of the law were such that this could not be done and he dropped the contest rather than make an expensive legal fight, he said. He was running well ahead in the count, until, on the third day after the election, late returns from some of the Pittsburgh districts began to come in and his lead was rapidly wiped out and John S. Fisher, the Mellon candidate for governor, was declared nominated.

Would Increase Vote  
Questioned further, Beidleman said that he never had seen the tally sheets.

Reed then asked directly if he believed that a recount would show him to have been elected. "I believe it would materially have increased my vote," Beidleman replied.

Pinchot representatives previously had charged that the nomination was stolen from Beidleman. There have been rumors of a secret deal whereby the result was arranged so that the Mellon candidate would be nominated.

A suggestion of possible legal action growing out of the disclosures in the Pennsylvania primary investigation was made Monday for the first time.

## FARM RELIEF BILL BEATEN IN SENATE

McNary-Haugen Measure is Killed by Close Vote; New Measure Considered

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24. —(UP)—The senate this afternoon defeated the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill. The vote was 45 against the bill to 39 for it. It already had been defeated in the house.

The defeat of the measure now paves the way for consideration of the administration's substitute bill.

## Ashland The Starting Point For Tourists!

Spend a few days here and visit the following scenic wonders within a day's driving distance:

- Lake of The Woods
- Klamath Falls
- Oregon Caves
- Rogue River Fishing Spots
- Klamath River—Fishing
- Jacksonville—County Seat
- Crater Lake—Open Later
- Beautiful Siskiyou Mountains
- Diamond Lake—Fishing