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THE WEATHER
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OFFICE CLERK TAKES BLAME FOR BIG DEAL

Star Defense Witness Gives Account of Lease On Life

TESTIMONY STARTLES

George E. Williams Tell Jury He Is Responsible in German Case

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—George E. Williams, manager of the alien property custodian's office in 1921, took full responsibility Thursday for the return of the American Metal Company's \$7,000,000 impounded assets to the Societe Suisse.

As first witness for the defense in the \$441,000 graft conspiracy trial of Harry M. Daugherty and Colonel Thomas W. Miller, who was the alien property custodian at that time, Williams testified that Miller never had given him instructions regarding the handling of the claim.

He Wrote Letter

The letter to the department of justice, signed by Miller, and recommending allowance of the \$7,000,000 claim was written by Williams and signed by Miller on the strength of the managing director's personal investigation of the claim, Williams said.

Admitting that the Swiss claim was expedited by taking it out of the regular order in which it had been filed and according to a special order for audit, Williams explained this action was taken because of the size of the sum involved and because the claimant was losing \$1,000 a day interest.

Although he was for six years in the alien property custodian's office and was in constant contact with officials of the attorney general's office, Williams never saw Daugherty until he came to federal court here.

FIRE ON VESSEL IS NOW UNDER CONTROL

Steamer New Britain Not in Need of Escort, is Wireless Word

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—(UP)—The fire aboard the steamer New Britain off Savannah, Ga., is under control and no longer needs an escort, the navy department was advised by the transport Chaumont. The Chaumont got in touch with the burning ship racing for port during the night to ascertain if she needed aid.

CRATER LAKE ROAD CONTRACT AWARDED

Medford Firm Has Low Bid for Highway to Government Camp

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Vander Hellen and Pierson, Medford, Ore., have been given the contract for a road of one and one third miles, connecting Crater Lake rim road with the government camp, at an estimated cost of \$35,420.

The only other bid was about \$10,000 higher. The bureau of public roads recommended the contract and will supervise the work.

Gasoline Prices Are Slashed Here

In common with motorists up and down the Pacific coast, Ashland folks today enjoyed purchasing gasoline, as all the big oil companies announced a price reduction of 4 cents per gallon. The price per gallon here is 23 cents, including the war tax. The oil companies are now engaged in a price slashing war and the motorists are reaping the benefit for the time being.

APPLICATIONS FOR BIG FOOTBALL GAME ARRIVE IN ASHLAND

Applications for the annual northwest football classic between the Universities of Oregon and Washington in Portland, October 9, have been mailed to W. H. Perkins of The Tidings by Jack Benefiel, graduate manager of the Associated Students, University of Oregon and will be distributed to fans here who wish to reserve seats for the game. In order that grid enthusiasts over the state may have an opportunity to secure choice seats equal to that of Portland fans the applications will be filled in the order received at the Stadium office in Portland. The best available seats will be used to fill out of town applications.

Nearly 20,000 of the original 28,000 tickets printed are still available, and there is room around the field for 12,000 additional circus seats which can be erected upon a moment's notice. This leaves nearly 30,000 excellent seats not yet taken.

The 8,000 tickets already issued will make a very small hole in the stands. They were released to holders of seat plaques and to alumni of the University.

The applications permit a preference of covered or uncovered seats. By choosing the uncovered location the fans can get nearer the center of the field.

SIX ARE KILLED IN CRASH AT CROSSING

San Francisco - Portland Auto Bus Collides With S. P. Train

DIXON, Cal., Oct. 1.—(UP)—Six dead was the toll of collision here today shortly before noon between Southern Pacific Overland Limited No. 1 and a west-bound motor bus. The bus is thought to have been an interstate passenger traffic between San Francisco and Portland.

The collision occurred at the west end of the Dixon railroad yards just as the train was gaining speed for the outward pull.

An undetermined number of passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage of the bus. Four were said to be seriously injured. Dixon is on the main line of the Southern Pacific, 21 miles from Sacramento.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR TICKET SALES

Normal School Will Sponsor Moroni Olsen Players Here Oct. 16

The ticket campaign for appearance here of the Moroni-Olsen players was launched at the Southern Oregon state normal school this morning at a rousing assembly of the student body. This group of nation-noted players will appear at the normal school auditorium on the evening of Oct. 16, presenting J. M. Barrie's famous play, "Dear Brutus". They will appear in a return engagement during February and season tickets for both performances will be sold.

The entertainment committee headed by Miss Elizabeth Richardson, President J. A. Churchill, Verne V. Caldwell and Mrs. Allen, president of the student body. All of the speakers urged cooperation in filling the auditorium for both shows as the Moroni-Olsen players are being brought here at great expense.

English Swimmer Gives up Attempt

DOVER, Eng., Oct. 1.—(UP)—Miss E. L. Marriott of England abandoned her fourth attempt to swim the English channel at 7:53 this morning within three miles of her goal.

WEIRD DRAMA OF FAR NORTH GIVEN PUBLIC

Officer Battles Alaska Storm and Lands Prisoner Safely

TRADER PROVES HERO

White Man Faces Death in Order to Preserve Justice in Unalaska

UNLASKA, Alaska, Oct. 1.—In the face of a southwesterly gale that roared down over the Aleutian islands through sleet and heavy seas, a white trader of Unalaska with a prisoner who is accused of murder.

The characters in this strange drama of the north are Pete Olsen, trader, storekeeper and leading spirit of the Indian settlement on Makushin island; Peter Simikansky, sullen captive, and a straggling band of natives who wanted to see the white man's justice in operation.

Story of Crime

The story that Olsen told to United States Deputy Marshal Dan Ross was that Simikansky had been drinking with his stepfather, Walter Rose, cannery watchman. Rose remonstrated with Simikansky for drinking heavily, whereupon the younger man left the room, returning with a repeating rifle and pumped three bullets into Rose's body at close range. Rose died 11 hours later, and Olsen, "governor" of the island in the eyes of the natives, placed Simikansky under arrest. With the natives he started for the nearest federal officer, 80 miles away.

For 10 hours the solemn cortege battled Alaskan willows and the howling gale. The trip across the narrow neck of water separating Unalaska island from Makushin, made the greatest of peril, huge combers threatening time and again to capsize the small fishing dory.

Fight Icy Winds

The trail from the Makushin landing over the row of low mountains was slippery with a sleety rain, and as the party crossed the backbone of the ridge to commence the rush down the Unalaska side it was all its members could do to retain their footing against the winds.

Upon arriving here Thursday Olsen took his prisoner before Deputy Marshal Ross, where a formal complaint charging murder was executed.

Simikansky was placed in jail and today the United States coast-guard cutter Algonquini will leave for Makushin to conduct an investigation, reporting the results to Deputy Marshal Ross.

CONDEMNED SLAYER BATTLES TO DEATH

Man in Butte Fights Jailers Who Prepare Him for Death March

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 1.—(UP)—Subdued by tear gas after he became violent and attacked the jailers, Tony Vetter was hanged today for the murder of Antone Savere. Vetter attacked Deputy Sheriff D. C. Robinson who entered his cell to prepare him for death. He was carried to the scaffold with his arms and legs trussed. He was pronounced dead in six minutes.

Federal Sleuths Involved in Plot

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 1.—(UP)—Charges that U. S. department of justice agents were involved in the Mexican revolutionary plot alleged to have been engineers by Generals Estranda were made here by Lorrin Andrews, attorney for the accused rebel leader. Estranda and his reputed aides will be arraigned in federal court here Monday on charges of violating the American neutrality law.

THAT THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

Believing that it has a public duty to its readers as well as the great mass of voters generally, The Tidings, starting next Monday, will endeavor to give the public every available fact concerning the solution of the water problem which will be offered to the voters at the general election in November.

The people of Ashland are almost a unit in the belief that Ashland must have a more adequate water supply. They are willing to vote the required sum of money to improve the municipal water system if it is their best judgment that the plan offered by the mayor and city council is the most practical and at the same time the most economical.

In this coming series of articles The Tidings will endeavor to answer questions which might now be in the minds of the voters. It will state the facts honestly and impartially just as they are recorded in the reports of the engineers and the proceedings of the council.

To the minds of many of the voters and taxpayers, a bond issue of \$465,000 might seem a staggering sum. There might be many who now feel that a bond issue of this amount is too ambitious for a city the size of Ashland. But the voters are asked to disregard this feature of the bond issue until the entire series of articles have been completed.

This is one point they should remember at all times: **This bond issue will not increase the general taxes of the people of Ashland one cent.**

In due time, during the course of this series of articles, The Tidings will explain in detail how and why both the principal and interest on these water bonds can and must be paid out of the net earnings of the water department. It believes it will be able to convince the most skeptical that this can and will be done, and that your general taxes will not be increased if you should decide to give approval to this projected water improvement program.

All of us recall the distressing days of two and three months ago. In common with the rest of the state, Ashland experienced an unusually dry summer. City officials were compelled to make restrictions. As the season wore on these became more stringent until even today we are permitted to use water for our lawns and gardens but one day a week.

We likewise recall that everywhere about the city the cry went forth that something must be done to insure this city an adequate water supply. The demand then was universal. The agitation is still fresh in our minds. We can recall how various delegations called upon the mayor and city council, urging immediate action.

There's another thing we recall, too; a direct slap at the intelligence of the people of this city.

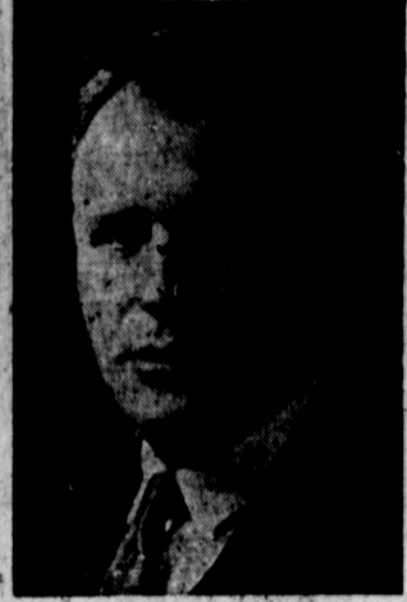
"Make 'em vote the water bonds while they're still crying for water," a few doubters urged the council. "After Ashland gets a few good rains a lot of these people won't be so keen for a decent water system."

This was an infamous and untruthful indictment against the common sense and good judgment of the people of this city. Residents of Ashland are proud of their city. They've proven their faith and their loyalty many, many times. They stand ready today to vote for an improved water system if it is their judgment that the solution now being offered is the proper one. That is why The Tidings will place all facts before them. It is the people's inherent right to decide for themselves. The Tidings seeks only to aid them to arrive at all possible facts.

G. O. P. VICTORY IS PREDICTED HERE BY FREDERICK STELWER

Republican Candidate for U. S. Senator Visits in Ashland

Basing his opinion upon the numerous favorable reports coming to him and upon the many manifestations of support voluntarily given at every place he stopped, Republican United States Senatorial Nominee Fred Stelwer, who spent a few hours in Ashland today and who was the guest of the Kiwanis club at their regular noon day meeting, expressed himself as being exceptionally well



Fred Stelwer

pleased with the outlook for a general republican victory in Oregon this fall, and was particularly optimistic over the prospects of this state retaining a republican in the United States senate.

"With the possible exception of two or three counties," Mr. Stelwer told the Tidings today, "the disposition of the Oregon people seems to be to support and uphold the Republican administration at the national capitol. The achievements of the present and preceding administration have won great favor with thoughtful people of all political faith."

"In 1920 America was in the

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CHAIN AGAINST EVANGELIST BEING FORGED IN LOS ANGELES COURT

Chain Against Evangelist Being Forged in Los Angeles Court

MORE EVIDENCE GIVEN

Excerpts From Sermon and Book Found at Carmel Playing Big Part

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—A damning chain of circumstances by which the state will attempt to prove that Aimee Semple McPherson perpetrated the most sensational hoax in religious history, is being forged link by link as each day some new bit of damaging testimony is introduced into the preliminary trial.

New dramatic heights were reached late Thursday when the famous evangelist uncoiled her wealth of auburn hair and combed out the flaming tresses in the municipal courtroom. The move came as a surprise on the part of the defense.

W. I. Gilbert, attorney for the Bible teacher, made the request and Mrs. McPherson stood up before the courtroom and took down her hair.

No fake tresses

It fell in a shower around her shoulders and she began combing it "so that all could see that she used no artificial 'rats' or puffs," as the defense attorney claimed had been rumored.

With skillful fingers the evangelist then readjusted her "crowning glory" without the aid of a mirror, while feminine spectators looked on in admiration.

The famous "light and darkness" sermon, founded Mrs. McPherson's Bible, following her disappearance on the ocean beach loomed as a formidable weapon in the hands of the prosecution as Mrs. Emma Schaefer, secretary to the evangelist, was called to the stand.

Notes for Sermon

Notes for the sermon were found in the Bible on the beach and the secretary was questioned as to her knowledge of where the text of the sermon was obtained. She declared that Mrs. McPherson used a book while preparing the sermon, and on being pressed as to where the book was, answered, with some hesitation that it could be found in the McPherson library.

A book "The Mind Unmasked" found in the Carmel-by-the-Sea "love cottage," where the state contends Mrs. McPherson and her radio operator, Kenneth G. Ormiston, spent a number of days during the time she claims she was held by kidnapers will be the basis for the states attack, it was said.

Religious Books Found

According to testimony this book and a number of other psychological and theological treatises were left in the bungalow by Ormiston and "Miss X." The state will contend, it is reported that notes taken for the "light and darkness" sermon contain sentences taken from the second chapter of the book, "The Mind Unmasked."

Walter B. Lambert was the states star witness of the day. Lambert testified that he saw both Mrs. McPherson and Ormiston enter a hotel at the beach, five hours before an alarm was sounded that she had been drowned.

Aimee Identified

Lambert positively identified Mrs. McPherson, and stated that she was carrying a brief case with her name printed in gold letters across it.

He testified that less than two minutes after the evangelist entered the hotel, a man he identified from photographs as Ormiston, entered. He said he particularly noticed that the man limped.

The bitter feeling that has characterized the case since its inception was seen in evidence when defense attorney Gilbert

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A Sun-Spot Jag



M'SWIGGEN SLAYER CANNOT BE LOCATED

Chicago Grand Jury Unable to Make Progress in Death Case

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—After spending an appropriation of \$50,000, the fifth grand jury called to investigate the machine gun shooting of William S. McSwiggen, Chicago "hanging prosecutor," adjourns "with solving the mystery. It is announced that jurors were able to obtain no new clues, and that they will not even issue a formal report.

Novel Vest Made By Local Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reid have just recently completed a cowboy's vest, on which they have spent three weeks of actual work.

The background of the vest is black and white kid, which is exquisitely headed with a profusion of brightly colored flowers in their natural sizes. The vest is valued at \$100.

Mr. Reid is an employe of the Overland Shoe Shop, and just recently moved to this city.

Former Champion Is Sick in Bed

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—(UP)—Jack Dempsey, dethroned heavyweight champion, passed a restless night but at noon was reported as feeling better than yesterday. He is suffering from boils and skin rash contracted during his training.