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BORDER RIDER TESTIFIES IN AIMEE'S CASE

Douglas, Arizona Police Captain Brands Her Story as False

ORMISTON SEEN AGAIN

Alleged Consort of Evangelist Reputedly Located at Prineville

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8. (United News) — A veteran border rider of the "old west," from the desert wastes of Arizona took the witness stand again Thursday in the Aimee Semple McPherson perjury hearing and in drawing lines that told of stubborn self composure, branded the evangelist's story of kidnaping as "impossible."

A. R. Murchison, picturesque police captain of Douglas, Ariz., the town on the edge of the Mexican desert where the police of two nations searched for the "kidnapers" shack which was never found, made the declaration in answer to a long hypothetical question.

Question Asked
The substance of the question which covered the entire alleged kidnaping episode from the time Mrs. McPherson disappeared from the Venice beach until she walked into the Mexican village of Agua Prieta five weeks later, was as follows:

"Could a woman, 35 years old, mother of two children, undergo the trials claimed by this defendant and then walk 20 miles, as she says she did, for 18 and one-half hours without water and without showing afterward even the slightest signs of exhaustion?"

"I don't know of any one who could do it," was the former cowboy's answer as defense attorney Gilbert attempted to disqualify Murchison as a desert expert.

No Evidence Seen
Murchison admitted that a woman could have made such a trip as Mrs. McPherson claims to have made, but he qualified this by declaring that her physical condition would have been much worse and her clothing would have shown the effects of the trip in marks of perspiration, rips or tears and signs of wear on the shoes.

Secrecy Attacked
Murchison's testimony attacked the evangelist's story before the grand jury from a number of angles. He said the evangelist could have seen the 350 foot smokestacks of the Douglas smelter along the route she claims to have taken in escaping from the "kidnap" shack.

According to the evangelist she was on the lookout for some signs of civilization during her long walk, but never saw the smokestacks which Murchison testified could be seen for 50 miles.

He testified further that after hearing Mrs. McPherson's story on her arrival in Douglas he and his men searched the desert for a radius of 50 to 60 miles and never found a trace of the shack she described.

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That The People May Know

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

A substantial Ashland business man, noted for his progressive ideas and his genuine interest in the welfare and future of the city, approached the writer several days ago and said, in effect:

"I am in favor of a more adequate water supply. So far as I am concerned, I, personally, am not interested in where dams or reservoirs are built or what other steps are taken to procure this needed water supply.

"BUT WHAT I AM INTERESTED IN, AND THERE ARE MANY WHO AGREE WITH ME, ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MAN OR MEN WHO ARE DECIDING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. WHO IS THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDING THESE VARIOUS PROPOSALS? WHAT ARE HIS QUALIFICATIONS? CAN WE RELY IMPLICITLY UPON HIS JUDGEMENT?"

In answer to this question which is certain to be asked many times during the course of the campaign, The Tidings has the following to report to its readers and to the voters generally:

The consulting engineer in charge of all these water investigations is Frank Dillard, a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1905.

Mr. Dillard is the engineer who had complete charge of the construction of the Talent Irrigation District.

At the present time he is in complete charge of Medford's big municipal water project, one of the most ambitious municipal water projects ever attempted in Oregon outside of Portland.

He has done considerable general engineering and hydraulic engineering work for the federal government, and is known among the engineering profession of the Pacific coast as being both competent and conscientious to a high degree.

Mr. Dillard is being employed by the city of Ashland in a consulting capacity alone.

But he consented to make this water investigation for the people of Ashland. He has and now is investigating every possible source of a water supply for Ashland and will recommend only those projects which he considers entirely feasible.

His report, a complete written compilation, will be in readiness within a week, according to members of the council, and the city officials have enough confidence in him to ask the voters to approve what ever recommendations he may see fit to make.

The report of Mr. Dillard will apply only to the procuring of additional water to enlarge the municipal system. Other proposals, such as building the Crowson Hill reservoir, the improvement of the city distribution system and similar projects are those which present city officials believe are needed, and which they are recommending to the voters.

It is the theory of business, both private and public, that the best men obtainable should be procured. The mayor and members of the council believe that in the retention of Mr. Dillard they were able to procure the best available engineer to carry on their investigative work. They invite a complete inquiry into his qualifications and standing as a water engineer, and will endeavor to supply any further information concerning him which may properly be sought.

GORE WILL BE PAID FOR LAND TAX WORK

Jackson Co. Court Agrees to Give Him One Percent of Money

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 8. (UP)—The Jackson county court yesterday adopted a resolution pledging to pay W. H. Gore one percent of all money refunded the county through passage of Senator Stanfield's tax refund bill. A copy of the resolution will be sent to each of the 17 other counties which will benefit by the bill.

Commissioner is Named By Pierce

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 8. (United News)—Governor Pierce Thursday named F. C. Kent of Corvallis as a member of the state text book commission to fill the vacancy created when R. R. Turner of Dallas was appointed state superintendent of public instruction several months ago.

Kent is a member of the staff at O. A. C.

BOOST ASHLAND BY ENTERING CONTEST

Letter Writers Urged to Get Busy and Compete for Cash Prizes

Have you started to write that letter about Ashland? Just remember that The Tidings' letter writing contest opens next Monday and continues for two weeks, and \$30 in cash prizes will be given the winners.

The rules are simple. Any person over 15 years of age is asked to write to some friend outside of Ashland and write about this city. The letter awarded first prize by the judges will win \$15 in cash for its author. The second prize is \$10 and the third prize, \$5. Just send a copy of the letter to the contest editor of The Tidings. Letters are limited to 250 words and must be written on one side of the paper only. If possible, have your letters typewritten, although this is not essential.

Classified Ads Bring Results

ASHLAND MEN GET AIRPLANE LANDING SITES

Holders of Air Mail Contract Inspect Land South of City

IS OUT OF FOG BIND

This City Freed as Agency Klamath if Change is to be Made

While Klamath Falls continued to send out columns of publicity advancing arguments as to why it should be designated as a stopping place for the Pacific coast air mail service, officials of the Pacific Air Transport company, holders of the air mail contract, were quietly inspecting proposed landing sites in Ashland yesterday, it became known today.

Sesley Hall, one of the high officials of the air transport company, accompanied by Captain Starbuck, one of his pilots, and Secretary Boyd of the Medford chamber of commerce, spent yesterday afternoon in and around Ashland and inspected several tentative sites for a landing field. No Fog Here

They were accompanied on their inspection by Secretary Fuller of the local chamber of commerce.

Due to the presence of fog lower in the valley during the fall and winter months, Klamath Falls, through its chamber of commerce, has been urging the removal of the air mail from Medford to Klamath. The Medford people, however, favor Ashland, if fog conditions, become

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Not Guilty Plea Made by Trapper

THE DALLES, Oct. 8. (United News)—Dewey A. Simons, Eadesby trapper, and Yankee sharpshooter during the world war, has entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment charging him with first degree murder in connection with the shooting of Harry Gahniser, local rancher, September 22.

TEXAS LAW MAKERS KILL RESOLUTION TO FORCE "MA" OUT

Plan to Compel Mrs. Ferguson to Resign Squelched in Senate

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 8.—A resolution, asking Governor Miriam Ferguson to resign in accordance with a pre-primary pledge, came to naught in the Texas legislature when the upper house killed the measure on a point of order that the subject was not included in the governor's call for the special session.

The resolution had previously passed the lower house.

The resolution was the result of the woman executive's pledge to quit office if Dan Moody, her successful opponent, led her by one vote in the gubernatorial primary.

Moody was nominated by a two to one majority and the governor refused to resign.

NEGROES LYNCHED BY SOUTHERN MOB

Trio Taken From Jail Early Today and Hanged to Nearby Tree

AIKEN, S. C., Oct. 8. (UP)—A mob of several hundred persons entered the county jail early today, seized two negroes and one negro convicted of the murder of Sheriff H. H. Howard, last year, and hanged them to a nearby tree. The victims were Damon Leman, 41; his sister, Bertha Leman, 27; and a cousin, Clarence Leman, 16.

Missing Father Is Sought Here

Postmaster Wagner has a letter of inquiry as to the whereabouts of William Heaton, supposed to have resided in this region at one time, if not now. The letter is from a daughter who lives at Grass Valley, Cal., and has had no trace of her father since she was a small child 26 years ago.

RUNAWAY BOY PAYS PENALTY FOR SLAYING

Alfonse Rincon Executed Today After Relatives Find Him

DOUBLE HANGING HELD

Tragic Story Unfolded in Execution of Two Wayward Youths

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 8. (United News) — A boy who ran away from his home 15 years ago has been found, by two sisters and a brother who had searched for him since 1911.

The runaway youth was Alfonse Rincon, 22, who died on the gallows of San Quentin penitentiary today.

Fred Rincon and the two sisters had sought Alfonse in vain until a newspaper account of the approaching execution came to their attention. There was a tearful reunion in the prison today.

Killed Hermit

Rincon and Willie Adams, a farm youth, were sentenced to hang for killing T. K. Ullman, Los Angeles county rancher, to rob him of six dollars. The crime occurred in May, 1925.

Rincon had remained calm throughout the pre-execution ordeal, and Adams, who at first showed signs of mental strain, was resigned to his fate. Rincon was of Mexican parentage.

Standing side by side, the two youths dropped through the trap to their death this morning. The execution was without untoward incident.

Regent to Visit Oregon Chapters

Mrs. Gordon McCracken, state regent of the D. A. R. leaves Sunday for Astoria, where she will visit that chapter of the organization. From there she will go to The Dalles, Portland and McMinnville and Salem, where she will visit those chapters. She expects to be gone for about two weeks.

ASHLAND HIGH TO PLAY FIRST GAME AGAINST KLAMATH

Football Season Will Get Under Way Here Tomorrow at 2:30

Ashland high school's 1926 football team will get its first real test of the season tomorrow afternoon when it faces the heavy and experienced Klamath high on the local grounds, starting at 2:30.

Coach Cripe has been working hard with his charges since the alumni game last week and believes he now has the team rounded into good condition for a hard season. Klamath high is recognized as one of the hardest teams to beat in the Southern Oregon conference, and for that reason the full strength of the local high school gridsters will be thrown into the fray if needed.

Competition for places on the team has been more than ordinarily keen this year, and approximately 20 players will be in uniform and ready to step into the lineup at any moment.

The squad was announced today as follows:

Ends—Ruger, Cator, Garnett and Beeson.
Tackles—Neeley, McGee, Nims, Hill.
Guards—Hitchcock, Paris, Abbott, McCracken.
Center—Sam Prescott, captain.
Halfbacks—Gandee, Joe Harrell, Ben Harrell, Dunn, Leedom and Clary.

Quarterbacks—Nutter and Cotter.
Fullbacks—Al Parr, Madden, and Kleinhammer.

The team will average close to 155 pounds, according to Coach Cripe.

Scheffel of Medford will referee, but the other officials had not been named definitely today.

"PEACHES" MAY GO ON STAGE SHORTLY

Girl-Wife of Gotham Millionaire is Offered \$2000 Per Week

CHICAGO, Oct. 8. (United News)—"Peaches" Browning, in fact Mr. Lemaire has a skit already written for "Peaches" and has instructed his New York agent to get her name on a contract at \$2,000 a week.

"I believe well get her," Lemaire said here, where he is producing an extravagant revue, "Lemaire's Affairs."
"I just talked to my man in New York and he seemed hopeful."

In this producer's show "Peaches" would appear in a skit revealing the already well revealed story of her spring and winter love affair with the New York millionaire.

WITNESS CLAIMS HE WAS SPIRITED AWAY

Jim Stayton Says Crooked Prohi Cops Threatened His Life

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8. (UP)—Rumors circulated during the Christiansen-Smith brothers liquor conspiracy trial that Jim Stayton, a material witness, had been kidnaped, were verified by Stayton today from his cell in the county jail where he faces contempt charges for failing to appear for the trial.

Stayton was arrested recently in George and brought back here last night. He said he was bound and gagged and held until the trial was over and then told to leave the state or be killed.

Christiansen and the Smith brothers, former state and federal dry agents, were convicted. Stayton is alleged to be the bootlegger who bought the seized liquor from the agents.

THINK HOOVER MAY SUCCEED CAL COOLIDGE

Secretary of Commerce to Start on Big Campaign Trip Soon

TO DOUBTFUL STATES

Some Believe He is Planning to Get Ready for the Presidency

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Has the administration set out to sell Herbert Hoover to the country? He has just announced a political itinerary that will take him across the continent on a stumping trip for republican candidates.

There is a suspicion in some quarters here that this trip had other purposes as important as its immediate ones, for Hoover is regarded as Coolidge's heir apparent. It has been the impression that he is being groomed to succeed to the Coolidge political estate when the president decides to step out. Hoover leaves shortly on a speaking trip that will carry him to the Pacific coast. He will appear in Louisville, Ky., Columbus and Springfield, Ohio; Duluth, Minn.; Tulsa, Okla.; Denver, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Angeles, Cal.

Building Self Up

This route takes him into the doubtful states of Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Colorado and Utah and several others. For some time Hoover has been engaged in building himself up in the middle west, where he formerly was weak because of his part in holding down grain prices during the war. He has been doing this largely through a series of speeches at strategic points on his projected trip.

He has laid particular emphasis on the necessity of linking up a five point development program that would include the Boulder dam power project on the Colorado river, the Columbia river irrigation program, linking up the great lakes and Mississippi and Missouri river inland waterway systems and full utilization of Muscle Shoals in the south.

Republican senators from the west report that Hoover's waterway plan is a source of great hope to farmers who are trapped with their products because of the high railroad freight rates. Hoover already has made innumerable favorable contacts in the business world through his many activities in the department of commerce, including development of trade associations, elimination of waste, standardization of staple commodities, encouragement of radio and commercial aviation, and his organized quest for foreign markets for American products.

New Political Note

Now, after six years of quiet labor—carried on with little advertising, Hoover is introducing a more distinctly political note.

He is regarded here as a brilliant administrator, but lacking the political contacts necessary to make him fully effective as a candidate. Coolidge tried to have him named as vice-president at Cleveland two years ago, but Hoover did not have enough influence in the convention to win the nomination, even with White House backing. He is no popular among professional politicians of a certain type, and this constitutes the only shadow across his path.

DIVORCE GRANTED

MEDFORD, Oct. 6. (Special)—A decree of divorce was granted to Estle Hammack against Hugh T. Hammack by Judge Tamm yesterday on the charge of desertion.

