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**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight and Sunday but local fog in west portion. Gentle easterly winds.

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Every good citizen should cast his or her ballot next Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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## RICH RANCHER IS CONVICTED AS MURDERER

W. K. Hale, Prominent Oklahoma Man, Found Guilty by Jury

TO SERVE LIVE TERM

Cowboy Accomplices Also Guilty of Murdering Osage Indians

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 30.—(United News)—W. K. Hale, Oklahoma ranchman, and John Romsey, a former cowboy, were found guilty Friday by a federal jury on charges of murdering Henry Roahorse, wealthy Osage Indian.

The jury said that they should not hang, and Federal Judge Pollock sentenced the two men to life imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Reign of Terror

The "reign of terror" in which 26 Osage Indians were mysteriously killed, began in 1920. Little was thought of it until 1922, when the murders broke out in earnest. It was then that Anna Brown was found dead in a lonely ravine on Three Mile creek with a bullet hole in her head. It was generally known that she was wealthy, and in addition she was getting a huge amount of money annually from her oil holdings.

Some little stir was made to solve the mystery of her death and then the matter was dropped. In that part of the country an Indian more or less amounts to very little.

Another Death

A short time after this Henry Roahorse, a cousin of Anna, was found dead in an automobile, with a bullet hole through his head. The following week Henry Whitehorse, another relative of Anna's, was found lying in a pool of his own blood, dead. George Bigheart, another Indian of wealth, complained of feeling ill and was taken to the hospital. Certain powerful cattlemen insisted on coming to see him against the Indian's wishes. Bigheart called a lawyer but no one has learned what took place in that room. The Indian died the next day, frothing at the mouth.

The day after that his lawyer left for Pawhuska, but never arrived there. His body was found on the railroad right of way with a bullet hole through the head. So the plague of mysterious death continued to stalk through the Osage nation.

Family Killed

In 1923 W. E. Smith, his wife and their servant girl were killed when their home in Fairview was dynamited.

The government finally woke up to the fact that something ought to be done about this continuation of crime. Accordingly on January 4, 1926, a federal grand jury convened at Guthrie to ferret out the master mind behind all these Indian deaths.

## R. P. Watkins Is Called By Death

Rannus Perrine Watkins passed away at the home of his son, Charles B. Watkins, in Medford, October 29, from heart trouble, aged 77 years. He was born at Leonidas, Michigan, January 12, 1849. He had been a resident of Ashland for sixteen years and came to Medford about a year ago making his home with his son. He was married to Mary Jane Graham at Sharron, Michigan, May 20, 1874. And to this union were born two sons, May 20, 1924, they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mr. Watkins had been a member of the I. O. O. F. at Manchester, Mich., for many years. He was a member of the Episcopal church of Ashland. He leaves his wife, Mary Jane, and one son, Charles B. Watkins and one grandson Joan R. Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. F. K. Hammond, officiating. Interment in Phoenix Cemetery.

## That The People May Know

### A FINAL APPEAL

Before making positive decision to run for the office of mayor I was assured from many sources there would likely be no opposition if I would promptly declare my candidacy. Such has proven to be the result, which I can only take as a mark of confidence, that the majority of Ashland voters believe I can be trusted to promote a strictly business administration, to keep attention centered on the all important water development, to be a factor in securing harmonious continued action along this line, and in close cooperation with a water board and council, to safeguard the expenditure of so large an amount of money as is called for in the bond issue.

For five years I have known and admired Engineer Frank Dillard, have often conferred with him on Ashland's water problems and I know personally of his excellent record before he came to Southern Oregon from a brother civil engineer of considerable prominence. We all know what he has accomplished in our midst, how capably he handled the building of Hiatt Prairie and Emigrant Creek dams and other minor projects for Talent Irrigation District, and how more recently as engineer-manager he has brought a certain orderly development of a water system for Medford from an uncertain, chaotic condition.

We have the utmost confidence in Mr. Dillard's ability and integrity, and now in his supplemental report published in Monday's issue of The Tidings, he comes out positively for the elimination of all other sites and projects and declares himself for a dam at the best site obtainable in Ashland Canyon, for the purchase of 200 additional acre-feet of Talent water, to which proposition I am most emphatically sold by reason of my long service on the council and contact with the subject from its very inception until now. He also urges the installation of a better distribution system and for gradual metering of the entire city, to all of which I now pledge my hearty support, and urge every friend, every voter, to set aside for the time being all factional or personal feelings and prejudices, and to believe that all matters of engineering, actual construction and administration of all these several projects will be at all times handled honestly and capably. I sincerely trust that everyone will turn out and pile up the biggest vote on record next Tuesday to indicate to your public servants full confidence and moral support.

You will never be disappointed. You will never regret such hearty support.

If these measures fail to carry Nov. 2 I stand committed to re-open the subject full blast January 1st and to work and campaign incessantly until something is accomplished. At this writing I feel sure I should two months later sustain the reports and findings of Engineer Dillard, the present mayor and council, Kiwanis, Lithians, American Legion and chamber of commerce, just the same as now, and the next campaign for water would be almost identical to the one just ending. Much valuable time of the new council would be required for each new water campaign, to the detriment of other city business. It also would entail the extra cost of special elections and the further chance that much turmoil and dissension would eventually discount the sale of our bonds several points below the handsome premium we are sure to get if the bond measures carry at the coming election next Tuesday.

Even if some modification of present plans and projects later seems necessary, please be assured there will be good and intelligent men on the job eager to do their full duty.

If I knew how to make a stronger guarantee to you to secure the speedy fulfillment of water development, I should certainly put every ounce of my personal self into this plea for harmony and complete support of the present water projects substantially as recommended in Mr. Dillard's latest report.

CHARLES H. PIERCE,

## Money Is Sought For Phone Probe

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 30.—(United News)—Governor Pierce has requested Secretary of State Sam Koser to call a meeting of the emergency board on November 3, or as soon thereafter as possible to vote sufficient funds for Attorney General Van Winkle to investigate the telephone rates and charges in Oregon.

### THANKSGIVING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30.—(UP)—President Coolidge today issued a proclamation declaring Thursday, Nov. 25th, as Thanksgiving Day.

## Speed Of Trains May Be Lowered

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 30.—(United News)—An ordinance to limit the speed of trains within the city limits has been proposed by Councilman Fred Bloom as a result of the rail crossing accident Tuesday in which William A. Buchner, Benton farmer, was killed.

Bloom brought up the matter at the city council meeting and a committee was delegated to investigate and recommend action.

More than half a ton of snails was shipped from France to the United States last year.

## POLICE FIND TRUNK OWNED BY ORMISTON

Personal Effects of Wealthy Operator Shipped to Los Angeles

MAY PLAY BIG PART

District Attorney Awaiting Arrival of Washrobe Finding Decision

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30.—(United News)—Although the district attorney's office continued to attach great significance to the finding of Kenneth G. Ormiston's trunk in New York, Attorney Semple McPherson and her counsel will take no cognizance of the existence when the final stages of the evangelist's preliminary hearing is enacted here next Wednesday.

Members of the district attorney's staff anxiously awaited the arrival of the trunk while District Attorney Keyes bustled himself with plans for a microscopic comparison of a strand of hair purportedly found in the trunk, with a sample of the evangelist's tresses.

The trunk and its contents, especially colorful as they may be, will in no manner affect the defense case, Attorney W. I. Gilbert declared today. From a legal standpoint any information gained in examination of the container, will have no bearing on the present hearing, it is said.

However, much of the miscellany it contains probably will be introduced if the case goes to superior court. Two widely different items, in addition to the hair caught in a bonnet cap, are understood to be the most damaging articles.

One of these, an imported French gown purchased at a local department store, is said to correspond in every detail with a dress Mrs. McPherson wore on at least one occasion. The temple leader, however, has registered a vigorous denial that the clothing is hers. Documents in the famous piece of baggage are expected to prove that even while Ormiston, known then as Herbert Cornell, was registered at the Maryland hotel in Pasadena last May 6, the evangelist cabled to England in an effort to secure a minister presumably to take her place at the temple for a two months service campaign.

## DRUM RUNNERS FIRE ON PROH SLEUTHS WITH MACHINE GUN

Federal Men in California Have Narrow Escape in Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—(United News)—Mistaken for hijackers when they sought to prevent the landing of a liquor cargo on the Marin county shore three federal prohibition agents were fired upon by drum runners who used a machine gun to cover their retreat.

Agents Carl Ahlin, William Paget and George Hard described the encounter when they returned here today. Three shots passed through Hard's hat, while another bullet grazed Paget's arm.

The three smugglers put out to sea, with their cargo after the battle.

## BRIDGE CREW FINDS GOLD IN DIGGINGS

Gold Hill Workers Strike Pay Dirt While Working on Bridge

GOLD HILL, Ore., Oct. 30.—(United News)—Construction records on the new highway bridge at Gold Hill are being shattered and no wonder.

Every time a shovel full of the earth is turned up there is the possibility of it containing a day's pay in grains of gold. At the present time the foundations of the bridge rest on gold quartz, and also every hole that is dug shows color, and there is not a man in the crew who hasn't obtained a few grains of the precious metal.

But the big gold yield is expected when concrete pouring starts, as gravel and crushed rock will come from the river bed just below the bridge and old timers maintain that this is the source of the gold.

## Effort Is Made To Save Slayer

SALEM, Oct. 30.—(United News)—Will R. King, attorney for Wilsworth Kelley, today presented a petition for a writ of error on which to base an appeal to the United States supreme court, to Chief Justice McBride of the Oregon supreme court.

## YOUNG MATRON IN NEW YORK IS STRANGLER

Another Apartment House Murder is Averted Just in Time

ATTORNEY IS SLEUTH

When Fair Client Falls to Show Up, He Breaks Down Her Door

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(United News)—Mrs. Marie Mabel of St. Louis didn't appear in court Friday to press charges against a real estate broker she accused of falsely obtaining \$12,000 from her, because she was bound and gagged in a chair in her west side apartment.

The young woman, who is 28 years old, was near death from strangulation when she was found. After she had been revived by a physician she said that she had been choking and helpless for nearly eight hours, since opening the door supposedly to admit a Western Union messenger boy at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Narrowly Escapes Police say that Mrs. Mabel narrowly escaped the fate of Louise Lawson, the young music student, who died of strangulation by apartment invaders in the same neighborhood.

When a clerk from the office of her attorney knocked for ten minutes at her door without arousing her, Mrs. Mabel's attorney in her suit against Leonard Hades, a real estate broker, postponed and hurried to his client's apartment. The lawyer, Frederick Goldsmith, prevailed upon the janitor to unlock the door.

## File Injunction On County Seat

An injunction seeking to prevent the county clerk from counting the ballots and canvassing the vote on the county seat removal question was filed in Jacksonville yesterday by attorneys representing the Jacksonville county seat committee. It is alleged in the complaint that those seeking the removal of the county seat to Medford fall to comply with the law.

## EIGHT MEN KILLED AS RIFLE FIRED INTO MINE TUNNEL

Another Underground Disaster Reported Today in Pennsylvania

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 30.—(UP)—Eight men met instant death today in a mine explosion at Nanticoke, near here. Two hours after the blast rescue workers reported they had brought the last victims to the surface but the search is being continued for more casualties.

The explosion occurred in No. 7 colliery of the Susquehanna Colliers company. The eight men were working together in the same vein when a terrific explosion swept the tunnel. The miners were scattered about 1 1/2 k duck pins.

Company officials said they were unable to say whether the blast was due to gas or powder which might have become ignited. Several thousand people, including hundreds of relatives of the men at work, gathered at the gates during the morning.

## COQUILLE YOUTH IS TRIED FOR SLAYING

Clifford Elford Faces Jury For Alleged Murder Of Uncle

COQUILLE, Ore., Oct. 30.—(UP)—With the jury now selected, the murder trial of Clifford Elford, 20, of Powers, accused of slaying his uncle, William Whorbrey, last June, opened in earnest yesterday afternoon.

The jurors were taken to the lonely spot where the elderly man was battered to death with an automobile jack. Elford has stuck to his story that an unknown man attacked him and his uncle while on their way home. The state contends he killed his uncle because of financial differences.

## Ashland Voters Given Reminder By Legion Post

The local American Legion post is doing its part to help get out a representative vote at the general election next Tuesday. The post printed several hundred little placards addressed to the mothers and fathers of all Ashland school children and had them distributed in all public schools of this city and Talent. The cards urged all men and women to go to the polls next Tuesday and cast their vote. The legion did not urge a vote for any candidate or any measure, but simply asked that voters exercise their right of suffrage.

## Horton Washer Now In Ashland

Yearly models in automobiles are something the buying public is entirely familiar with, but this idea as applied to "washing and ironing machines is something new. It is the Washer Wilson, Inc., organization that has adapted this policy to the sale of their product.

"Father no longer has anything on mother. When father Roll-along, mother can go shopping, for her new 1927 Horton goes out to buy his new 1927 washer and ironer," declares V. R. Milam, branch manager. "The fact that we have absolutely the latest improved washers and ironers on the market, guaranteed 1927 models, is making a big hit with our purchasers. There is a great deal of satisfaction to use that we can actually cut the washing time in half. Much of the success of the Horton is due to the clean washing it turns out without the slightest damage to even the most fragile articles.

"The first Hortons were manufactured in 1871, and Washer Wilson Inc., was established 18 years ago. It is now the largest organization of this type in the west, maintaining over 100 stores."

## ARGUMENTS IN COUNTY SEAT FIGHT GIVEN

'Pop' Gates and Gus Newberry Address Local Mass Meeting

CLAIMS ARE RIDDLED

Men Favoring Site at Medford Tell Why Change Should Be Made

Gus Newberry, attorney of Medford, and C. E. Gates, former Medford mayor, riddled the claims of the people of Jacksonville concerning the county seat removal at a public mass meeting at the local armory last night.

Mr. Newberry took up the subject from the standpoint of a citizen and taxpayer, asserting that it would mean a saving of money to every resident of Jackson county to move the county seat to Medford, closer to the center of population.

Free Building The offer of the city council of Medford in furnishing the county with a court house for a five-year period without one cent of rental was given as one of the big reasons why the move should be made at this time.

"Competent contractors have estimated it would cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000 to repair the present antiquated and unsafe building in Jacksonville," he said. "This money cannot be raised by bond issue. It must be raised by direct taxation and would mean an immediate increase in your taxes."

He then went on to explain that the county court, if the Medford site were chosen, would levy one mill per year for a period of five years, and then, when the five-year free rental at Medford was at an end, the county would have more than \$200,000 for the construction of a new court house, and the burden would be so distributed that it would not be felt by the taxpayers. He further brought home the fact that the city of Medford has guaranteed to donate the site for the building at any point the county court might designate.

Punctures Claims

Mr. Gates took up much of his time to exploding what he declared to be the unfair and extravagant claims of the opposition. Jacksonville people, he said, are claiming that the county court would levy 10 mills for 10 years for a new court house. He showed this to be out of reason by explaining that such a tax would provide more than \$3,000,000 for a court house.

Mr. Gates declared that sentiment along is actuating those who oppose the removal of the county seat to Medford. He went back into history and painted a picture of Jacksonville 40 years ago when it was the largest city in Southern Oregon, with approximately 3,000 people. Now it has only about 400 people. Only one of the present county officials lives at Jacksonville, he said.

V. V. Mills presided as chairman. E. D. Briggs of this city, was to have spoken but, because of the lateness of the hour, he gave his time to the two Medford speakers.

## Will Contest In Portland Decided

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(United News)—After deliberating several hours the jury in the Brigham will case reached a verdict late Friday.

The jury decided that Mrs. Mercedes Wadsworth, 47, of The Falls, was John R. Brigham, Portland capitalist's daughter, but that Brigham and her mother never were legally married.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

REDDING, Cal., Oct. 30.—(UP)—Claude P. Enslow, 45, prominent business man, shot his wife Ruth, to death early today and then killed himself. The tragedy recurred in their bedroom. Two children survive.

## The Hunting Season Opens

