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## FATE TAKES A HAND IN DESTINY OF SHALE OIL INDUSTRY

Hundreds of Acres of Land rich in Shale is Seized

### MEET DIFFICULTIES

Ambitious Program Originally Adopted Discourages Early Pioneers

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the shale industry and the difficulties that have beset the paths of those who would develop it. The next will appear tomorrow.  
(By C. J. Read)

Fate deals some peculiar hands, sitting as it does, high above their game of life, looking down upon the gaming table around which is gathered humanity's players. It deals its cards sometimes with a smile that bids good fortune for the recipient thereof, and again with a sardonic twist on its face, the smile is changed to a frown and the cards that fall do not fit into the winning hand, that the player had so breathlessly hoped and prayed for. However, as he shoves his chair back from the game there are always others to take his place, to pick up the cards that he had thrown down in disgust, only to rearrange them into a winning combination or to call for an entirely new deal.

Such a prologue seems to fit an Ashland enterprise, one that has been tempting fate for four years, the players of the game as they picked up their cards, rushed out and secured others to back them up as each card that fell seemed to spell success, until in their mad scramble for a winning hand they became immersed in difficulties, threw their hands down in disgust and left the table only to have their cards picked up, by other players, with the courage to go ahead, and attempt to sort, out of discard, a combination that would bring profit out of ruin. That in an analogous way, depicts somewhat the fortunes of the shale oil industry as it applies to Ashland.

Years and years ago, it was decreed that in a certain spot some twelve miles away from here, nature, in a capricious manner should hide away acres and acres of shale. In her effort to erect a barrier sufficient to test the courage of man, she placed it in an inaccessible place as possible. Not satisfied with this, she covered it over with several feet of soil, and caused to grow thereon, a veritable forest, so dense that it was impossible to penetrate except on foot. She must have smiled a smile of satisfaction, for she had done her work well. Divine providence or call it what you may, became interested in the game, and brought men in to view the handwork of nature. Man is a curious animal at best. He viewed the forest with admiration, but did not stop at that. No, he wanted to see what was beneath the soil, to discover, if possible, the motive for so carefully building a natural barrier, into this particular region. He dug down, and there came upon this shale, some of it was black, some was of rich chocolate hue, while some was the color of ordinary granite, as the earth, not resting comfortably, turned over, so to speak, and left great cracks exposed to the elements, and now fate proceeded to deal another card, for in some unexplainable manner it was found that this shale would burn, yes, burn and produce such an intense heat that ordinary metal would not withstand its vicious charges. There must be a cause for this, there must be something within this ordinary rocky looking substance that would cause it to respond so rapidly to heat, reasoned man, and here fate dealt another card for upon analysis, it was discovered that the shale contained black gold, that daughter of fortune, that coy, young lady that

### HERE IS AN ARGUMENT THAT WAS OVERLOOKED

A good Tidings subscriber in what he terms a bit of nonsense has submitted the following as being an argument which Medford advocates of the county city overlooked in presenting their argument for increased efficiency, with the removal of the county seat. Jacksonville, he has figured out, has twelve letters in it, while Medford is in a more abbreviated form, needing but seven to complete its identity. This subscriber is authority for the statement that at least hundreds of bottles of ink, hours of time, and unnamed amount of saving in the wear and tear on the elbow of a suit of clothes could be made with the shorter name. This suggestion he submits, and in the event there should be another campaign, is of the opinion that it could be used most effectively as a convincing argument.

### WILL TRY TO MAKE AN "INDIAN GIVER"

#### Government Claims Indian is Being Imposed Upon

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—(United News)—The effort of the United States government to make "Indian giver" out of Jackson Barnett, an elderly Cree tribesman of Muskogee, Okla., will begin before Federal Judge Knox here Tuesday.

Barnett promised to give \$55,000 to the American Baptist mission and \$200,000 to his white wife—little trifling tokens from his wealth of a million dollars or more. But his guardian—which is Uncle Sam, contends that the old fellow is being imposed upon.

So Barnett, who appeared in court Monday, is busy selecting another shade of red tie for the hearing Tuesday. Persons who crowded into the courtroom, expecting to see blankets and feathers were disappointed at his first appearance. Light English tweeds set off the 75 year old form of the millionaire Indian.

A flaming tie embellished his shirtfront. But Barnett's supreme disregard of Indian tradition was a mustache, black and sturdy as the late Mr. Mennen's. Barnett's troubles and money started to accumulate when the government assigned him to a patch of Oklahoma land with the expectation that he would set tie down and grow potatoes. Instead he struck oil and married a woman half his age, who is his companion in court here.

### Financier Makes Visit To Oregon

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—(United News)—Arthur Curtis James, New York financier, popularly rated as the largest individual owner of railroad stocks in America, arrived this morning in a special train enroute to Klamath Falls and San Francisco. He expressed a personal and professional interest in the proposed extension of the Oregon Trunk line from Bend to Klamath, emphasizing that the building of such a road would be a highly desirable step toward tapping the timber resources of southeastern Oregon and northern California. The only rumored activity of the Hill lines, which he actually denied, was the report that the northern lines had recently acquired terminal sites on the Oakland side of San Francisco bay. "That is going somewhat too far," said James. "At least I have no knowledge of any such purchase being considered." Later with Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, to back him, James repeated his statement that the so-called northern of Hill lines had no intention of making extensions into the San Francisco territory. Work begins on Baker-Halfway highway, eliminating miles of dangerous road.

## GOAL IS NEAR IN DRIVE FOR YMCA FUNDS

Workers Report Total Subscription of \$1213.50 for Mornings Work

### TO FINISH WEDNESDAY

Chairman Carson Predicts Total Amount to be Raised Will be in Soon  
Smashing all previous records for a community campaign six team captains working under the direction of O. F. Carson, chairman of the finance campaign for the Y. M. C. A. reported at the Chamber of Commerce noonday luncheon today that for the first half day a total subscription of \$1213.50 had been made with the amount already on hand, gives the Y. M. C. A. assurance that all but \$944.50 of the required amount in the budget had been raised.

The report from the team captains was as follows:  
Team No. 1, Lou Hanson Captain, \$81.50; Team No. 2, V. O. N. Smith Captain, \$275.50; Team No. 3, G. A. Briscoe Captain, \$413.00; Team No. 4, H. T. Mitchellmore Captain, \$173.50; Team No. 5, H. O. Anderson Captain, \$114.00; Team No. 6, S. D. Taylor Captain, \$153. Total \$1213.50.

Amount previously subscribed, \$1443.00, total amount to be raised, \$3601.00, amount still to come, \$944.50.

During today's luncheon O. F. Carson, chairman of the drive, made the statement that all of the required money would be raised by Wednesday noon.

Proceeding the general drive, a "Kick Off" banquet was held in the Presbyterian church last night, and attended by over thirty workers. Speeches by President of the Y. M. C. A. Homer Billings, Secretary Walters, Finance Chairman, Carson, and team commanders, H. C. Galey and John O. Rigg, as well as a general explanatory talk by J. H. Ruddy in charge of the town and country work for this district did much to place the workers in the frame of mind that means success for the movement.

### FILE SUIT AGAINST MEDFORD DISTRICT

#### Restraining Order is Denied, on Sale of Bonds

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16.—(United News)—Federal Judge Bean Monday denied P. Welch, Spokane, a restraining order to prevent the Medford irrigation district selling to other bidders \$70,000 worth of bonds which Welch contended he had contracted to buy. According to Welch's suit the district advertised a \$1,250,000 bond issue in 1921 and \$140,000 worth of the bonds were unsold. Welch declares that he entered into an agreement to dispose of the unsold bonds but the irrigation district was contemplating the sale of half the amount for improvement purposes. Welch's suit asked that the bonds be turned over only to him.

### BUCKS ARE FOUND WITH HORNS LOCKED

#### Two Deer Who Had Fought Duel to Death Located in Hills

Two big bucks with their horns locked in mortal combat were found yesterday on Crain Mountain Prairie by Fred Patton of this city, who was hunting bear in that section. The two bucks, apparently, had been dead for several days and lay side by side in a small clearing where they had fought the duel to death. The heads were exhibited last night and this morning at Ninninger's and attracted widespread attention.

## Here is the Second Prize Winner in The Tidings Letter Contest

It Was Won by Mrs. A. Segsworth

Ashland, Oregon, Oct. 20, 1926.

Dear Cousin:  
Your letter of recent date was received for we are still in Ashland and hope to be for years to come.

Mr. S. has traveled east, west, north and south and has lived in Canada, Florida, Cuba, Idaho, Wash., Calif., and Oregon, but never found an ideal location until he came to Ashland. We fell in love with the place at first sight, and now after fifteen months residence here we like it even more than at first.

Ashland is located in the famous Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon, about twenty miles from the California border, and is primarily a city of schools, homes and churches, with a population of about 5500 people.

The climate is delightful with mild winters and long pleasant summers. The scenery is unsurpassed; and no where in the world can a greater variety of excellent fruits, vegetables and beautiful flowers be produced. Hundreds of acres are planted to orchards that yield immense crops of fine fruits. Alfalfa and grain are also grown with general conditions favorable for dairying and poultry raising.

The next time you are threatened with a nervous breakdown, come to our golden west for a rest in the delightful, health-giving, scenic town of Ashland and a few month's rest will so renew your body and mind that you won't want to spend any more of your life in Okla., or the south.

Your cousin,  
MRS. A. SEGSWORTH.  
(494 Holly St.)

### Girl Attempts To Take Her Own Life

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—(United News)—Without funds and jobless, Miss Ruby La Mar of Klamath Falls, Ore., attempted suicide here Monday. Her life was saved by prompt measures at the emergency hospital.

Miss La Mar arranged a "suicide party" to precede her attempt at self-destruction. A friend, James O'Donnell, accompanied her on a cabaret excursion, where the girl danced, apparently in the best of spirits. After returning home, Miss La Mar entered her bathroom and swallowed tablets she had purchased with a borrowed half-dollar.

O'Donnell, suspecting her suicidal intentions, broke into the room and called an ambulance. Lane county assessed valuation is \$33,193.95.

### YOUNG BOY IS HELD FOR GIRL'S MURDER

SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Ralph Springer, alias Jackson, sixteen years old, has been arrested in connection with the murder of Letitia Whitehall, fourteen-year-old Kirkland high school girl, whose body was found Sunday in Sammamish slough. Officers believe the girl was assaulted before being struck over the head.

Springer admits taking the girl for a ride a week before she disappeared on October 30th, but claims that he did not see her then. He was arrested, when he failed to account for all of his movements that day. Springer was convicted a year ago on a charge involving his three and half year old sister, but was paroled from the Chehalis training school.

### Dedicate Plaque To An Early Pioneer

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—(United News)—With figures in the lurid costume of caballeros and other types of the days before railroads and telegraph, passing in colorful pageantry, a memorial plaque to "Snowshoe" Thompson was dedicated here recently. "Snowshoe" was the first letter carrier of the Pacific coast and an old-time mail cart and pony express presented a study in the giant strides made by the postal service since his time. For 20 years, "Snowshoe" braved the winter storms as by day and night he traversed the high Sierras on foot, where airplanes now speed overhead carrying the mails. Dedication of the bronze plaque was made by the Native Sons of the Golden West, assisted by the Historical Society of Southern California.

### INDIANS PREPARED FOR MEX. SOLDIERS

#### Renegade Yaqui Are Firmly Entrenched in Heart of Mountains

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 16.—(United News)—Firmly entrenched in the mountains south of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, hundreds of renegade Yaqui Indians were preparing Monday to withstand a terrific onslaught by Mexican federal troops, following a battle Saturday in which both sides suffer heavy casualties.

As a result of the fighting in which eight other officers were killed, the Mexican government, according to dispatches received here, has ordered a massed movement of troops in a desperate effort to exterminate the warring Indians.

Immense amounts of ammunition, machine guns and airplanes were rolling into the Sonora desert Monday night in preparation for the "campaign of extermination" which is expected to get under way in a few days, led by General Alvarez Obregon.

The rebellious redskins are in a favorable position to resist the attack with machine guns manned by a number of white men, it was reported, guarding the mountain passes. The federal troops were saved from massacre only by the timely arrival of reserves, who were rushed to the scene and routed the attacking band of 500.

Both sides suffered heavy losses, but as the Indians carried off their dead and wounded their loss could not be estimated. Aside from the officers killed, many soldiers were killed and wounded.

General Obregon, former president of Mexico, in command of troop movements will probably lead the attack on the Yaquis which will result in their surrender or extermination.

### EVOLUTION STARTS NEW CONTROVERSY

#### Professor Asks That Anti-Evolution Laws be Not Passed in Kansas

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 16.—(United News)—After slumbering for several months, controversy on the evolutionary theory appears to have broken out again in Kansas.

The Rev. Charles Francis Potter, recently of New York, and now professor of comparative religion at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who spoke at the Topeka forum, held in the First Unitarian church tonight, said he hoped the educated of Kansas would see to it "that the state did not disgrace itself by passing anti-evolution legislation." The subject for his address was "Does Education Educate?" Mr. Potter's address was something of an answer to the Defenders, a group of anti-evolution fundamentalists, who met in convention in Kansas last week and planned a legislative campaign against the teaching of evolution in schools and colleges.

Potter referred to the Defenders as "conceited canutes endeavoring with their puny brooms of superstition and prejudice to sweep back the ocean of scientific progress."

### NORMAL SCHOOL PLAY NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

#### Dramatic Society of School To Present "The Trusting Place"

Monday evening, November 22, Alpha Tau, dramatic society of the Southern State Normal school, will present their initial program "The Trusting Place" by Booth Tarkington under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Richardson of the Normal faculty. This program, which will be given in the Normal auditorium, is free to the public, everyone is invited, and urged to attend.

## MANY TENDER LOVE LETTERS ARE READ AT MURDER TRIAL

### More Epistles Between the Pastor and Choir Singer Introduced

#### TRAGEDY UNFOUNDED

Plans for Their Elopement to Japan Are Related by Witnesses  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 16.—(United News)—Passionate letters which led to the tragedy beneath the crabapple tree at Phillip's farm four years ago, were read into the record of the Hall-Mills murder trial Monday. They were the letters of Mrs. Eleanor Mills, written to the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, and found in fragments between the bodies of the slain couple.

In striking contrast to the letters written by the murdered minister to his choir girl sweetheart, which were read last Saturday, those of Mrs. Mills speak more frankly of the desires which are alleged to have brought violent death to her and Dr. Hall.

Woman is Frank Whereas the pastor wrote of the symbolism of "red, red roses," and such, his fellow victim, the sexton's wife, cried out in her letters: "Darling, darling boy; I love you most when you do as you did today."

All the while letters were being read, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, the accused widow, sat tense and white faced, but otherwise displayed no emotion. Her brothers, "Willie" and Harry, likewise on trial for Mrs. Hall's murder, appeared indifferent.

In a dull monotone, the outpouring of the simple choir singer's heart was read to the court and jury by Prosecutor Francis L. Burgin, of Somerset county, a witness for the state. The most burning passages, which spoke of the illicit love of the slain pastor for his sexton's wife, were alluded over, while the women spectators, who crowded the little courtroom to capacity, leaned forward to catch every word. Before the eleventh day of the sensational trial reached an end, Cara Wixon, a New Jersey salesman, had given evidence which the state regarded as important—namely that a fellow salesman, E. K. Soper, a week after the murder, had told of seeing the three defendants at Phillips farm on the night Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were slain.

Sister Testifies Previous to the unexpected testimony at Wixon, a sister of the murdered woman had testified that the pastor and choir singer had planned to elope to Japan and that she had heard Mrs. Mills say she "thought more of Dr. Hall's little finger than of Jimmy's whole hand."

James Mills, the slain woman's husband, listened indifferently, as did his daughter, Charlotte, who created a minor sensation over the Sunday recess by accusing Robert McCarter, chief of the defense counsel, of conversing with her juror.

McCarter has explained that while he did exchange words with a juror, it was merely to give the man information as to the whereabouts of Judge Parker, who is presiding at the trial.

### Says Traffic Cop Will Be Supplanted

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—(United News)—A mathematician will supplant the traffic cop, taxes will become astonishingly low, but noise will increase in the big city of the future, as envisioned by Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, in the current issue of the Forum magazine. Cities of the present-day, the inventor declares, have outworn their usefulness, as skyscrapers and automobiles have resulted in such a congestion of traffic as to cause the loss of an immense amount of time.

