

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

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NO PAPER will be printed tomorrow. The office will be closed all day.

THE WEATHER Oregon: Unsettled, with rain tonight and Thursday; Slight change in temperature.

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WILLIE MAKES GOOD WITNESS FOR THE HALL-MILLS DEFENSE

Speaks From Stand on Behalf of Proud Stevens Clan Yesterday

SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

Eccentric Defendant Declares He Knew Nothing of Crime

SOMERSET COURTHOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 24.—William Stevens, the man called "Willie", spoke from the witness stand, on behalf of the proud Stevens clan today.

Lucidly, emphatically and with not a trace of the mental eccentricity that had been attributed to him, "Willie" denied that he and his brother and sister murdered the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, for 10 years of whom he had brought shame upon their family.

"Willie" proved by all odds his own best witness. The impression created by his intent, affable demeanor, his unflinching courtesy toward the peppery little prosecutor, his occasional flashes of wit and his obvious sincerity were tremendously in his favor.

This man, who had been referred to as "feeble minded," showed a lucid mind, a nice sense of English as it is not always spoken in this melodramatic Hall-Mills trial, and an altogether higher grade of intelligence than 99 per cent of the witnesses who have preceded him upon the stand.

Even the unusual appearance of the defendant, as depicted in his photographs, seemed to leave him as he testified for an hour and 20 minutes. And the learning spectators saw only a dignified man attesting to his innocence and affirming his affection for the murdered rector.

At times "Willie" turned to Judge Parker and made little inaudible asides, smiling broadly beneath his bushy mustache. Once he showed a flash of temper when he told of vicious "third degree methods used in the dead of night by the present investigators.

As the questioning proceeded, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall's face, which had been tense with worry as her brother walked to the witness stand, relaxed into a smile. A look of confidence such as the accused widow has not worn since the trial began was upon her pale countenance.

FALL-DOHENY DEFENSE MAKES UNUSUAL CLAIM

Says if Hayes Had Not Left Cabinet There Would Be No Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—If Will Hays had not resigned as postmaster general in the Harding cabinet to take a high salaried job with the movies, the Fall-Doheny conspiracy case would never have come to trial, according to an inference tossed toward the jury by defense counsel in their opening statement today.

The trial moved swiftly on its second day. The government opened with a forty-five minute case of what the prosecution expects to prove. Frank G. Hogan, representing Doheny replied with a three hour statement, a defense of the case, revealing a new set of circumstances, which he hopes will change the complexion of the case.

Hogan told some inside history of the Harding administration. He said that when Doheny sent Fall \$100,000 on November 21, 1921, in a brown satchel, not a little black bag—Doheny under-

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Ashland's Thanksgiving

Tomorrow we join in commemoration of a day sacred to the memory of liberty-loving Americans. Founded in 1621 at Plymouth, by the Pilgrim Fathers, the festival has come down through the years as a holiday set aside by Americans as their day of thanks.

As we look back over the swiftly fleeting months, we of Ashland can truly say that we have much for which we can be truly thankful.

First and foremost, we should thank the Omnipotent for the natural blessings which are ours; for the healthful, invigorating climate; for the pure, cold mountain water which purls down rocky canyons to our very doors; for the moderation of sun and rain and wind; for the rich soil, pregnant with nature's bounty.

These benefactions are the handiwork of nature. Heritages they are which have come unbidden, but none the less precious because of it. It is meet and proper that Ashland, on each succeeding Thanksgiving Day, should bow its head in reverent thanks for these natural blessings.

But Ashland and her people on this Thanksgiving Day have further cause for rejoicing. Since last we observed this day a new and lasting monument to the indomitable spirit of Ashland has been reared within the confines of the city. We refer to the new Southern Oregon State Normal school, which is again an actuality after many years indefatigable effort on the part of Ashland citizens. It is an institution of which Ashland and all of Oregon might well be proud; and the people of Ashland tomorrow should offer up a prayer of thanks for the realization of this civic dream.

In the recent months that now are gone, Ashland experienced a decided shortage of water, in common with many other cities in the Pacific Northwest. But as we view this temporary inconvenience in retrospect we can look upon it with a philosophical mood and believe that it was all for the best.

For this water shortage served to bring home to the people the vital need of a more adequate water supply, and another civic accomplishment for which Ashland can be devoutly thankful was the passage of the \$450,000 water bond issue.

The people of Ashland tomorrow should make it in every respect a day of thanks. They can well rejoice over the strides which have been taken during the present year. She can be thankful, too, that she has men and women of vision who are now looking on into the future, planning and building for the betterment of the city.

The Tidings commends the people of Ashland for the splendid cooperative spirit they have displayed during the present year. For our part, we prophesy that the future will be even more glowing than the past. We want to play our part in city building; to march, stride by stride, with those who are building a bigger and a better Ashland.

It is with this expression of hope and confidence that we wish every man, woman and child in Ashland a genuinely happy Thanksgiving Day.

WILL STAGE LARGEST YELL RALLY OF YEAR

Pan-Enthusiasts Asked to Meet at Library at 7:00 P. M. Tonight

A gigantic yell rally, expected to be the largest staged by the Ashland high school for some time, will get under way promptly at 7:30 this evening.

The enthusiastic procession will start from the library, continue through the main section of town, circle the Plaza, snake back through the business section and return to their starting place where the football boys and Coach Russell Cripe will give interesting speeches. At the Plaza there will be a monstrous bonfire and the high school students will give their yells.

Members of the Lithians, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis have promised their never-failing support and if they are out tonight, every student in the high school should at least attend this rally.

Sutherland — California-Oregon Power company buys local light and power system, and will lower rates and increase service.

Thanksgiving At The Churches

Union services at the Presbyterian church, and a special Thanksgiving service at the Trinity Episcopal church will mark the general observance in Ashland of Thanksgiving Day, tomorrow. The union service will start at ten o'clock, and the Episcopal service will start at eleven. Rev. Woodworth, of the Baptist church will be the speaker at the union service, with the Methodist Presbyterian, congregational, Nazarene Christian and Baptist churches participating.

Minstrel Show Is Planned By Bellview Club

A real minstrel show with the best talent in Ashland and the Bellview community will be given by the Bellview Community Club and Bellview Parent-Teacher circle in the new Bellview club house on the evening of Dec. 17.

Plans for the big show are now being made and the promise is given that it will be an entertainment well worth while.

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME TO DRAW LARGE CROWD

Everything in Readiness for Ashland-Medford Clash Tomorrow

What promises to be the largest football crowd in the history of Ashland is anxiously awaiting the call of the referee's whistle which will send Ashland high school and Medford high school together in the final game of the season on the local athletic field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Thanksgiving holiday spirit will prevail throughout the city, and the big new grandstand is expected to be alive with festive colors and cheering partisans of the rival teams.

Medford defeated Ashland 45 to 9, in their clash at Medford earlier in the season, but in spite of this setback the local boys have been working hard for the last big game, and they are determined to battle their heavier and more experienced opponents every inch of the way.

Coach Cripe plans to use his regular lineup and most of the boys are in good condition for a hard fight.

MONEY IS DONATED FOR NEW GRANDSTAND

Chamber of Commerce Directors Pledge Support to Park Board

The chamber of commerce directors at a special meeting last night voted to appropriate up to \$250 for the new grandstand at the high school athletic field which has been completed this week by the Lithians.

The park board met with the directors and urged full cooperation in plans for improving the cottages in Lithia park auto camp. Louis Dodge said that the new cabins had proved to be a good investment, while the old cabins not only were financial liabilities but likewise gave the city a bad name. The directors pledged themselves to work in harmony with the park board in any project which might be undertaken for the betterment of the park.

No Paper Tomorrow

Following its annual custom, The Tidings will not publish a paper tomorrow, in order that its employes might enjoy Thanksgiving day at home with their families. The Tidings extends to its hosts of friends and readers best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving Day.

SISKIYOU MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE

First Normal Newspaper Proves to be Excellent One

The Siskiyou, Southern Oregon Normal schools official publication and the newest entry in journalistic circles made its appearance today. The paper is a news sheet reflecting in a splendid manner the spirit of the school, as well as the various activities that prevail there.

It is five columns wide, printed on book paper and the first issue carries several illustrations. The staff of the paper, according to the official announcement at the head of the editorial column is, Lawrence Mitchelmore, Editor; Albie Beck, Manager; Lois Knapp Assistant Editor; Ruth Aiken, Assistant Manager; John Churchman, News Editor; Katherine Parsons, Society; John Galey, Sports; Eva L. Harris, Literary; Garnett Burkhardt, Exchange; Edith Duell, Features, and Victor Phelps, Faye Arthur, Margaret Hargus, Gladys Rice, Joe Mercer, Sarah Mosier, and Earl Horsell, are listed as reporters. Warren Doremus is the advertising manager and Mella Brandon is assistant.

The paper will be published bi-weekly.

STATE GAME COMMISSION

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(U. N.)—One of the outstanding accomplishments of the state game commission, as shown by the biennial report of the commission was the planting of 18,551,303 game fish in Oregon streams from December 1, 1924, to September 30. Of this number 5,000 were brought in from other states by the United States bureau of fisheries.

EXPECT BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATION WITH MEXICO TODAY

Enforcing of Alien Land Laws is Basis For Action

TAKE AWAY RIGHTS

Claim that Laws Would Remove All Title to American Owned Land

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(U. N.)—Secretary of State Kellogg virtually has threatened a break in diplomatic relations with Mexico if the Mexican government enforces its alien land and oil laws which this government regards as confiscatory.

Under the oil law Americans would be deprived of their rights in oil lands in Mexico, unless they exchange before January 1, their title to these lands for "fifty year concessions" granted by the Mexican government, and the test thus will come at the first of the year.

More than a billion dollars investment in Mexican property is involved in the dispute over the land and oil laws. This government's final word, regarded as practically an ultimatum of a diplomatic rupture is given in the last note from Kellogg, dated, October 30, which was made public today by the state department with three other recent notes, one other from Kellogg and two in answer from Foreign Minister Aaron Saenz of Mexico.

The four notes show the two governments in wide disagreement over the oil and lands laws and their application, with both insisting upon their interpretation and refusing to give way.

EIKS DANCE POSTPONED

The Eiks dance which was to have been a Thanksgiving day event in Ashland has been postponed until a later date according to the committee having this in charge.

Glendale — Repairs being made, on Quines Creek and Cow Creek bridges.

CLUB GIRLS AND BOYS WIN HONORS

Local Girl Named Best All-Around Club Member in State

Club boys and girls of Ashland have once more demonstrated that they are carrying on a type of club work that stands out favorably as compared with the club work over the whole state.

Mary Galey has gained the distinction of being the best all-around club girl in the state of Oregon. She was named for her work at the Chicago State Normal school.

Miss Galey was one of the two Ashland girls who were the high-scoring girls of the state, Adena Joy being the other girl who gained this place. At that time the girls were awarded wrist watches and this last summer were entertained for one week at Crater Lake by Richard Price, manager of the Lithia Springs Hotel and the Crater Lake Lodge.

Miss Galey makes the fourth Ashland girl in the past three years who has won the Chicago trip. In 1924 Frances and Rosina Gallatin were taken to the eastern city to put on a prune bread demonstration, last year Adena Joy was sent as the outstanding club girl in the state, and again this year Ashland should be proud to know that Miss Galey has, by her fine work, brought this honor to our city.

The trips of the Misses Joy and Galey were made possible by Montgomery Ward & Company. This company takes an active interest in club work and contributes generously to encourage boys and girls to excel.

The state will hear from Ashland in the future. Irwanda Bateman and Beth Joy put on a canning demonstration at state fair placing second. Because of their good work at the state fair they were asked to put on the same demonstration at the Pacific International, where they made a good showing in competition with teams from all over the Northwest.

At the state fair Lorraine Sparr and Dorothy Stevens received first money on their serving and Beth Joy placed first in prune bread.

A large group of Ashland boys and girls carried one or more projects for the first time last year and from past experience we feel assured that they will give a good account of themselves in years to come.

Miss Galey is now on her way to the Windy City. The trip will extend over three weeks. She will be shown every possible consideration while enroute and at Chicago.

MAN ACT VIOLATORS CLAIM MUTUAL LOVE

Bishops Granddaughter and Foreign Officer Are Held in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—(U. N.)—Basing their defense upon their mutual love and admitting all charges against them, a bishop's granddaughter and an Italian world war officer are awaiting hearings for violation of the Mann act, the outgrowth of a transcontinental elopement which ended with arrest here.

"I love him because he's the finest man in the world," said Mrs. Isabel Kaye Burch, wife of Lyndon Walkup Burch of Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. She referred to Captain Arnaldo Marson, held in jail pending the couple's hearing Wednesday.

Marson married Lyndon Burch's mother, Mrs. Grace Burch, only daughter of the late Bishop Charles Sumner Burch, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, in 1920. The marriage brought him in contact with his wife's daughter-in-law.

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QUEEN MARIE LEAVES FOR HER HOME IN THE BALKANS

Steamer Leaves for Europe at Ten O'clock This Morning

OCCUPIES ROYAL SUITE

Attends Exclusive Farewell Dinner Party and Broadcasts Final Message

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Queen Marie has left for her home in the Balkans on the liner Berengaria which left for Europe at ten a. m. today. She occupied the royal suite.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(U. N.)—Just like many Americans sailing for abroad, Queen Marie of Rumania tonight attended an exclusive farewell dinner and then left the table with her New York friends to hurry down to the Cunard liner Berengaria on which she has passage.

Before her final party the Rumanian ruler broadcast a message to the people of the United States thanking them for their courtesies and promising that she would return.

The message was sent from the library of William Nelson Cromwell's home, where the queen had attended a tea.

"Do not let any thought enter your mind that I came here for anything else but what I said I came for—to thank you for everything America has done for Rumania," the queen said. "I did not come for business reasons or for politics.

"You made me feel as though I were not a stranger in your midst. You showed me love wherever I went."

In referring to her recall to Rumania because of the king's illness, she said, "God tells us when we must leave and the greatest good is to be done at this moment by going to those who are anxious."

She paid tribute to practically everything American, including the great institutions, the beautiful buildings and the people of all types.

"We will come back because we want to come back and because we think that you want us to come back. I cannot say how hard it is to leave now, and when I talk my voice trembles with emotion. It seems to me I see your faces once more. I send greetings. I am a friend of America and my one dream will be to come back."

CITY PURCHASES NEW FIRE TRUCK

Fire Chief Baughman and Councilman Taylor Back From Portland

Plans for marked improvement in Ashland's fire fighting equipment are now being made by Fire Chief Clint Baughman, following his return from Portland last evening, where he purchased a new fire truck. He was accompanied to Portland by S. D. Taylor, chairman of the council fire committee.

They purchase a Reo chassis for which a special body is now being constructed by the Howard Cooper company of Portland. The completed fire truck will be ready for delivery about December 30.

Plans are now being made to remodel the fire station in order that both trucks might be ready to leave on a fire call at the same time. The present truck will be operated by the volunteer firemen and will be held in readiness for all second alarm fires.

Myrtle Point — Plans table form for modern hotel.

