

FIELDS' ACQUITTAL CHEERED

FIELDS FREED ON DEFENSE PLEA IN MOW'S SHOOTING

LOUD CHEERS and general hand-clapping early Thursday evening greeted a "not guilty" verdict returned by a circuit court jury in the case of William J. Fields, 65, accused of second degree murder of Marvin M. Mow, Ashland laborer, at the Jacksonville home of Mrs. Fields February 6.

The case went to the jury shortly after 4 p. m., following the final address for the state by District Attorney Frank J. Newman, and an hour's instructions by Judge H. D. Norton. Defense counsel was Newbury and Newbury of Medford.

The jury, upon entering its chamber, elected J. H. Hardy foreman and declared unanimously for acquittal on the first ballot, returning in a few minutes to the packed court room where a tense crowd anxiously awaited the verdict.

The eight men and four women on the jury included Foreman Hardy, A. H. Pracht, Laura M. Applegate and Sadie D. Stratton, Ashland; Rose Kyle, J. E. Stewart, Carl J. Brommer and John E. Wilkinson, Medford; Doris R. Nealon, Central Point; Walter E. Allen, Talent; Cecil B. Johnson, Gold Hill, and Theodore J. Fish, Phoenix. The verdict was based on Fields' plea of self-defense.

Tuesday's hearing of the case featured the startling testimony of the defendant's four young sons against their father, painting Mow as the protector of the family and Fields as the improvident father who forced his family to resort to relief agencies for support and who carried the right to the victim.

Their testimony was refuted (Continued on page 8)

Premature Sale Of Fireworks Banned

Chief of Police C. P. Talent yesterday warned all fireworks dealers to refrain from the sale of noisemakers until the first week in July.

A ban on all fireworks was threatened by Talent if reports of premature celebration continue to come into the police station, the sale being a violation of an agreement to withhold the explosives until July 1, the date stipulated by the city council.

SEEN in a DAZE



CLIFF (Handsome Thing) BROMLEY dunking his torso in the Coggins mill pond and then blaming a little kid for it.

ANDY McCALLISTER arriving in Red Gap in time, but forgetting the serum.

GEORGE HALL getting trunk by mistake.

Ice cream socialtes claiming PAT DUNN it with his little flashlight.

CHUCK TONNER dressed for a circus.

FLOYD CLARK still watching the police lights.

OSCAR (Paleface) JOELSON on a brief sojourn from his teepee on the reservation, woo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo!

BOB INGLE'S car paying more than a visit to Yreka.

ELLIOTT MAC CRACKEN regretting the fact that he neglected to take his physics class to inspect the sewage disposal plant.

WINNIFRED BARKER busy as a flea.

DALE MORRIS and EMILY MANSFIELD joining a general sit-down strike at the army skating rink Thursday night.

Sloan and His Successor



William S. Knudsen, left, was elected president of the \$400,000,000 General Motors corporation, to succeed Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., right. Sloan was chosen chairman of the board of directors in place of Lamont duPont, who declined re-election. Knudsen had been executive vice president of the corporation and in that capacity, was largely instrumental in the settlement of the recent disastrous strike that tied up the huge plants of the company and its subsidiaries.

Scribe Takes Bows From Hip Hooray!

IT BETOKENS our heart throbs to make a feeling acknowledgement (and give ourselves a few happily administered pats on the back) for the charming response to the brainstorm of last week's *Miner* which, after refusal by the news department and the sports section, finally wound up in a fitting position of honor in our perfectly appointed but rather spasmodic society column, and the social life of baseball players became an open book to our readers in Patagonia, Sweden, Ireland and other far reaches of the globe.

A subscription from San Francisco spoke most eloquently in charming heartfelt appreciation of our humble efforts—and so, to you, and you, and especially YOU, we say "Thank you! Gracias!! Merc!!! Etc.

BAND CONCERTS ARE POSTPONED

Inclement weather caused postponement of the first of the series of 1937 summer band concerts which was scheduled for 8 o'clock last night in Lithia park, according to Director Ward V. Croft.

Next Thursday night is the time now set for the initial appearance of the municipal musicians, Croft said late last night.

The director was loud in his praise and appreciation of the efforts of local persons who make up membership of the musical organization, their cooperation in both concerts and rehearsals making the events possible.

Personnel of 31 musicians is as follows, although the list may be subject to late season changes:

W. S. Bolger, Nixon Denton, Dr. Marcus Woods, S. B. Parker, Dr. R. L. Burdick, Bruce DeMers, A. Bert Freeman, Edgar Blake, Dr. H. A. Woods, H. G. Enders, Dewey Van Curler, Earl Newbry, Dale Kaegi, Billy Willetts, Jack Merritt, C. A. Thomas.

Herbert Davis, George Icenhower, Roy Frazier, LeRoy Lindner, J. C. Hamaker, V. O. N. Smith, Howard Mayberry, A. J. McCallen, O. F. Carson, Frank Jordan, Lonnie Scroggins, J. G. Anderson, Charles Robertson, Robert Heath and W. Loomis.

FEATURE FOR THE FOURTH

We would suggest to the Fourth of July committee that a program of patriotic exercises be included in the celebration this year. The reading of the Declaration of Independence, an appropriate address with vocal and instrumental music would be an inspiration and an attractive feature of the fete.

CHARLES FRITZE.

Pig-Latin Is Ancient Mode of Double-Talk

HEADING last week's *Seen* in a Daze column were a couple of lines in an ancient tongue which, when set up in print, closely resembles printers' pi. That baffling little thing was what is known as Pig Latin.

No authentic source has been discovered of the origin of Pig Latin, but folk-lore states that the jargon was invented by a swineherd as he called his porkers along the River Tiber, viz: "Pig! Pig! Iggpay! Iggpay! Pay-eeeee!" Since that time all keyhole columnists have been doing as the Roman did.

As can be seen by this illustration, to transpose any English word into Pig Latin, one has only to remove the initial consonants from the word, place them after the last letter, add "ay," thus "scram" becomes "Amseray!" and "Nuts to you!" when rolled across the tongue with a soft south Brooklyn accent, becomes "Ertsnay stay ouyay Erniehay Urraymay ouyay ig-bay uffblay." Get it?

IMPROVEMENTS WILL FEATURE PLAY SETTINGS

TWO new thousand-watt spotlights will enrich the stage of the Elizabethan theater in Lithia park for the third annual Shakespearean festival tentatively set for the first week in August. Until this year the forestage has been lighted only by white lights which contrasted noticeably with the richer, colored lighting of the main stage. These new lights will make it possible to play these same colors on the forestage, increasing the beauty of the costumes and making more effective the scenes played there.

According to Technical Director Bob Stedman, many other improvements will be made at the theater this year. Volunteers for this work are needed and any men willing to help are urged to communicate with Stedman or with Angus Bowmer, director of the festival.

Costs for the plays are not yet complete, but all three of the plays to be given have gone into preliminary rehearsal. Mr. Bowmer, besides supervising the entire festival, will direct "The Taming of the Shrew," Shakespeare's delightful tale of the subduing of a much too spirited and impudent young lady. Mrs. Bowmer, who is assisting in the production of the plays, states that costumes for (Continued on page 8)

SONS Training School Opens For Summer

The summer session at Lincoln training school and first half of the summer quarter at Southern Oregon Normal school started Monday morning.

Students from the first eight grades will study until July 16 at the training school which is supervised by Miss Ida O'Brien, supervisor of training, and Mrs. Margaret Cason, principal. No tuition is charged for the work which will emphasize recreational activities and literature, art and music appreciation.

Second session at the normal will begin July 19 and end August 20.

OREGONIANS TO VOTE ON SEVEN REFERENDUMS

By A. L. LINDBECK
State Capitol News Bureau of the Southern Oregon Miner

SALEM—Oregon voters were assured of seven measures on the 1938 general election ballot when sponsors of three referendum moves completed their petitions last week. Two of these referendums were sponsored by the Oregon Merchants Legislative League. One strikes at the Carney bill which declares slot machines to be public nuisances and authorizes their confiscation. The other is aimed at the so-called Martin bill which seeks to outlaw pin ball games and similar games of chance. The third referendum petition, sponsored by George C. Stanley of Eugene, strikes at the so-called "fair trade" bill of the recent session. By completing the referendum petitions on these measures before June 7 all three acts are estopped from becoming operative unless and until approved by the voters in November, 1938.

Four other measures were referred to the voters by the lawmakers themselves. Three of these involve proposed constitutional amendments. One of these would extend the time during which the governor may pass upon a legislative act from five days to 20 days. Another would increase the pay of legislators to \$6 a day and increase the number of paid days for a regular session from 40 as at present to 50. A third would repeal the present provision providing for the payment of double liability by stock holders in defunct state banks. A fourth referred measure has for its purpose the extension of the physical examination prior to marriage to the prospective bride as well as to the prospective groom.

Syphilis could be wiped out in six months time if the people would only lose their "false pride," according to John C. Evans, superintendent (Continued on page 5)

Addis Drug Store Sold To Newcomers

Purchase of the Addis Drug store, 275 East Main street, from Mrs. Glenn H. Addis, who had operated the store since death of her husband March 30, was completed early this week by Pell Broady and John C. Broady, brothers, both registered pharmacists.

For a time the business will be actively managed by Pell Broady, who recently sold a store in Pullman, Wash. His brother, at present proprietor of a pharmacy in Newport, will come here permanently at some time in the future. Present firm name will be retained temporarily.

Mrs. Addis plans an indefinite vacation but will continue to make her home in this city.

Legion Auxiliary Will Elect Officers June 15

All members of the American Legion auxiliary are urged to attend the meeting at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. Farlow, 131 Church street.

Mrs. Walter Redford and Mrs. Don Lowe will act as hostesses during the afternoon when election of officers will be held.

ATTENTION, WEATHERMAN!

By LARRY HUNTER

I suppose that there's a lift
To every farmer's crop,
And a label "Heaven's Gift"
On every splashing drop,
On every splashing drop,
But I don't like the rain, by heck!
For me, turn on the sun!
A cloudburst running down my neck
Has ceased to be much fun!

The Editor Speaking

ALTHOUGH they both left their native countries in search of the same thing—privacy—Windsor was sent away while Lindbergh chose to desert.

The season's only deserving coronation was at Lebanon over the week-end, when a strawberry queen was crowned. Oregon is one of those favored spots where you get plenty of strawberries on your shortcake.

Mrs. Windsor (nee Wallis) dyed her hair blue for her wedding, which is nothing new, except that she's the first woman who ever did it purposely.

Perhaps the most vicious cycle of all is the bicycle left sprawled across the sidewalk.

The only investment we ever made and liked it when we got soaked was the time we bought a season ticket for swimming.

It's easy to understand why politicians are so free with the government's money, not their vault when the treasury runs dry.

The question arises, too, as to just how much plumbers have had to do with origin of the phrase, "plumb forgot."

About the only time talkative fellows are men of few words is when they send a telegram.

A congressional committee has revealed that those citizens most able to pay their taxes have been outstandingly agile at dodging them.

Roosevelt is seeking ten million dollars to build up the American merchant marine, and a barrage from administration opponents is expected to start rocking the boat plan at any moment.

Trouble with a lot of these ambitious people you read about is it's hard to tell whether they're trying to get ahead in the world, or just trying to get a headline.

A joint investigating committee is interviewing nearly everybody in the country concerning child labor but the kids who are victims.

You might say that a fellow who'll even walk across the street to play a pin-ball machine is suffering from squanderlust.

Park Playground To Get Full Time Care

For the first time this year, supervision will be available in mornings for children at Lithia park playground under the direction of Miss Dorothy Bergstrom, who took over duties Sunday.

Supervision will be in effect from 10 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. seven days a week for the remainder of the summer, according to C. N. Gilmore of the park board, who emphasized the fact that the board cannot be held responsible for any accidents which occur, but stated that close observance of all rules and regulations will result in a maximum of safety with the well kept equipment and facilities offered by the park recreation center.

Church Heads Vote Summer Union Rites

A plan to rotate union services among participating churches during the summer months between June 27 and September 5 was approved at a recent meeting of the Ashland Ministerial association.

The association also moved to discourage Sunday funerals on the grounds that they placed too much of a load on ministers who have regular church services on that day.