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**THE DENVER CONFERENCE**  
 The following article in the New Reclamation Era is in part, the view point and intention of Dr. Elwood Mead concerning the postponement and writing off of debts in the various projects, as discussed at the Denver conference March 13.

The first day's general session was called to order by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner, who discussed the present day aspects of Federal reclamation. He touched on the question of the pressure for new projects and the limitations on our revenues, pointing out that the continuation of payments is of more than usual importance if we are able to maintain the rate at which we are carrying on the work. Dr. Mead stated that during the past year we have had the usual requests for postponements or complete writing off of debts. On some projects there is a real difficulty in meeting obligations, not so much to the government, as taxes, store bills and other debts. In all such cases we have stated that the law does not give the Secretary any discretionary power to modify the contracts.

During the coming summer, on those projects where it is believed conditions could be bettered, it is planned to make an economic survey and report to congress; such a survey to comprise a cross section of conditions through a personal investigation of, say, 50 representative farmers on each such project. This should give us a fair idea of economic conditions on the less prosperous projects.

Dr. Mead stated that the engineering operations of reclamation are pretty well thought out; but that we are still drifting in our attention to those things that bring contentment and earning power. He spoke of the erroneous idea that the reclamation projects adds to the surplus, when, as a matter of fact, they create a demand for eastern farm and industrial products, adding that we are planning to make up a complete report of the commerce of the projects to show what they buy and what they sell. "We must begin to be educators along this line," he said.

**COURTESY NEEDED ON BOTH SIDES**

To draw in business from outside towns need to give a very courteous welcome to shoppers and all visitors particularly those who come by automobile. It should not be assumed that automobile drivers mean to violate traffic and parking regulations unless such infractions are quite clearly due to reckless defiance of the law. People who do something wrong out of ignorance of local regulations, should have the situation courteously explained to them.

But when the courtesy is shown, it can be asked in return. Too many automobile drivers fail to pay the slightest regard to the regulations of the town which they visit. When they show this arrogant spirit, they are entitled to little courtesy in return. A few words of courtesy to such violators from the business men of this town create a pleasant memory of our city in the minds of our guests, where on the other hand a visit to the judge leaves a "to hell" with those little burrs.

You can catch more customers with advertising than you can by standing out in front of the store and complaining about how rotten business is.

As a means of identification, Oxford students' automobiles must display green lights. Headline. It's different in America. You can tell a student's car when it carries green intellectual lights.

The next feat to be attempted by aviators, will be a non-stop flight around Paul Whiteman.

Accept our congratulations April 10 to 13.

**IMAGE IN EYE SOLVES CRIME**

**Unusual Evidence Convicts Polish Woman of Slaying Her Rival.**

Warsaw.—One of the favorite moving picture plots of the vanished nickelodeon days, itself borrowed from a fifty year old French romance, has been re-enacted here, a woman having just been convicted of murder on the evidence of her image photographed on the retina of her victim's eye. What makes the story even more remarkable is the evidence which local scientists are giving to evidence more likely to convince a jury than an eye specialist.

The murder occurred more than a year ago, on October 17, 1927, in the city of Minsk, Mazowiecki, when Adeline Jankowska, twenty-eight, was found dead with 27 knife wounds in her body. The kitchen knife with which the crime was committed was found nearby.

The only clue was a lock of blond hair clutched in the dead woman's hand, from which it was concluded that the killer was another woman. But all efforts to trace her failed until Mary Nowowiejska, thirty, gave herself up in Warsaw several months later.

**Admits Killing.**  
 Confessing to the crime, she said that conscience prevented her from keeping silent any longer, although she believed herself safe from detection. She killed the victim because of her husband's infatuation for her.

"My husband and I were happy until he met this woman," Mme. Nowowiejska told the police. "When I married my husband was earning very little money and I had to support him. Then I learned that he had a sweetheart and was giving her part of the money that I supplied him. After he knew that I had learned the truth he left me often, going to Minsk to stay with the other woman and supporting her from my earnings. Finally I learned that the other woman had a child. I visited Janowska in Minsk and told her that I would bring my husband to see her and he must choose between us in the presence of both of us.

"When I told Steve, my husband, he was furious. He refused to accompany me. So I went to Minsk again alone to ask Janowska to return to Warsaw with me to confront my husband. She refused. She said Steve would return to her in any case. I suited me, and ordered me out of her house. I don't know just what happened then. There was a struggle, I picked up the knife and struck her after time. Then I ran away."

The Warsaw District court condemned Mme. Nowowiejska to six years in prison, but, frightened at the prospect, she appealed, and offered the defense that her statements had been forced from her by third degree methods and that she did not know Janowska. It was before the Appellate court that the evidence of the image in the victim's eye was presented.

**Discover Image in Eye.**  
 In accordance with standard practice a series of pictures of the murdered woman had been taken by the police immediately after the discovery of the body. In enlarging one of them the police believed that they saw an image of the figure of a woman holding a knife in her outstretched hand. The figure was so small that finding a resemblance was practically impossible. Other enlargements produced no better results. But the evidence was nevertheless produced, and how ever deficient it might have appeared to others, it was sufficient to make Mme. Nowowiejska break down and confirm her first confession. The sentence of the lower court was confirmed.

But the most extraordinary part of the story is the belief accorded it by scientists. Prof. Casimir Nolszewski, Warsaw university oculist, told the press that pictures are "very often" fixed in the eyes of murdered persons and may be photographed. He pointed out that such a photograph could not be taken in full daylight when the eyes would be reflecting other images.

Professor Nolszewski based his statement on the theory that the retina of the eye undergoes actual discoloration when light strikes it, referring to the statement of Bull that the retina of many animals and human beings becomes purple in darkness. If a rabbit previously kept in the dark is turned toward a window, the parts of the retina on which the light from the window is reflected lose their purplish coloration.

From this Professor Nolszewski concluded that although images left on the eyes of dead persons would be very small, it might be possible to recognize them from photographs made of such eyes.

**MINNEHAHA NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. M. T. Matott, Correspondent  
 In the death of Mr. Hesser the community deeply feels the loss of a staunch friend and old neighbor, and extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McFalls made a business trip to Pendleton last week.

Pat Flannigan received baby chicks last Monday.

Miles Beasley who spent the winter with his sister, Mrs. Chester Beasley, left for Idaho the first of last week.

Mrs. C. M. Jackson went to Pendleton Friday to be with her mother who is seriously ill. She returned to her home Saturday.

Wm. Kreager, who recently purchased the Clyde McElroy place is having the house finished and improved. He intends to move his family down here from Pendleton this fall.

Rosella Matott was hostess Saturday to the girls of the sewing club. They carried through their usual program, having their former work inspected, cards filled out and signed and their business meeting. Lunch was served. Mary Jane Sheridan is president and Grace Rodda secretary.

C. M. Jackson has everything in readiness for the arrival of baby chicks. Mr. Jackson built an unusually fine chicken house last fall. It is of the unit type and will be added to as he enlarges his flock. He aims to have two thousand layers, eventually.

O. K. Mudge just finished redecorating his home at Hinkle. Perhaps he anticipates a rush season this fall. His friends especially enjoy his radio when the world series baseball is on or the big prizefights.

Miss Julia Colpitts and Miss Besie Cleghorne of Stanfield, spent Sunday at the M. T. Matott home where they visited Miss Velma Colpitts, a sister of Miss Julia.

R. E. McFalls has just sold the last of his weaned pigs. They were an unusually fine bunch of small porkers.

Chester Harris intends to plant about two more acres to artemesia this spring. He also has the hay land on the old Chas. McElroy place leased for this year.

William Rodda, who has been working on the J. B. Saylor place up Butter creek is now employed by the Pac. Tel. ad Tel. Co.

Harvey DeMoss, in a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeMoss, informed them that he would be employed by the U. S. Forestry service this summer. Harvey graduated from Hermiston high last year and is now studying pedagogy at the Monmouth normal. On completing this course he plans to teach in Alaska.


Wiley Pearson motored to Pendleton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Haddox and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Cecil Warner home.

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the clerk and the seal thereof and to day of May, 1927 and the further sum of \$12.46 taxes and \$75 reasonable attorneys fees, costs and disbursements taxed at \$46.50 and whereby it was decreed that a certain mortgage executed by Albert H. Laird to plaintiff on the 6th day of November, 1926, and recorded at page 97 of Book 85 of the Record of Mortgages of Umatilla County, Oregon, be foreclosed and the property therein described, to-wit: The Northeast Quarter of Section 20, in Township Four North of Range Twenty-nine, E. W. M., containing 160 acres, should be sold, and the proceeds applied to day of March, 1929, in favor of D. L. Johnson and against Albert H. Laird and —Laird, his wife, and Archie A. Laird, and whereby plaintiff did recover judgment against said Albert H. Laird for the sum of \$450 with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 6th day directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court on the 23rd day of May, 1927 and the further sum of \$12.46 taxes and \$75 reasonable attorneys fees, costs and disbursements of sale, and that plaintiff's recovery is limited to the amount for which said property is sold.

Now, therefore, I will on the 4th day of May, 1929, at the hour of 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the west door of the County Court house in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, sell all the right, title, interest and estate which said Albert H. Laird, —Laird, his wife, and Archie A. Laird, or any of them and all interest, which any person, claiming by, through or under them had on the 23rd day of March, 1929, or have since acquired therein, or now have in or to the above described real estate and every part thereof, at public auction to the highest and best bidder thereof for cash in hand.

TOM B. GURDANE,  
 Sheriff of Umatilla County, State of Oregon.  
 By Wayne M. Gurdane, Deputy.

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