

CALHOUN HINTS AT DARK PLOT

Asks District Attorney Fickert to Investigate Certain Mysterious Ads Which Appeared in a Frisco Newspaper.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—District Attorney Fickert is working today upon a mysterious series of cryptograms, bearing upon the graft cases, which have been submitted to him by Patrick Calhoun, indicted head of the United Railroads, with a request that they be carefully investigated. The cryptograms were printed in a San Francisco morning paper under the heading of "personal advertisements," between May 23, 1908, and August 4, 1909. William R. Stone, a watchmaker of Oakland, noticed the advertisements and worked out a key by using only the first letter of each word. In this way he found that the messages dealt with the graft cases and included the names of Calhoun, the prospective jurors and other persons prominent in the cases that the investigations showed the advertisements were presented to the Los Angeles papers and were telegraphed here the night before publication. Amman, who made the arrangements, sent the ads to the office by special delivery letters, which were usually posted at the main postoffice in Los Angeles.

Stone followed the messages closely and at length submitted them to Patrick Calhoun, who in turn submitted them to the district attorney. It is asserted that some of the messages referred to threats against Calhoun and others apparently refer to the death of Chief of Police Biggy, who was lost in the bay, when he is supposed to have fallen off the police launch. It is asserted that some of them refer to the dynamiting outrages and other thrilling features of the prosecutions.

It is stated today that the paper in which the advertisements appeared submitted them to Detective William J. Burns and former District Attorney Langdon of the prosecution, and that after going over them Burns declared that they were the work of someone connected with the defense.

There were 46 of the cryptograms in all. The following which appeared July 29, 1909, is an example: "Accounts muddled. Inventory not very essential. Some thing indemnity good. All the items not given. Have instructed stockholders defer every action till hearing." Translation: "Am investigating his death."

The body of S. P. Flynn, historian of the graft prosecution, who is said to have had much valuable information regarding the cases, was found hanging from a pair of clothes hooks in his room in San Jose on July 26, 1909.

He Got Rich Quick.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—George E. Nicholson, who, it is reported, is to marry Mrs. Anderson, a stenographer at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis, has a remarkable business career. Ten years ago he was a day laborer at Iowa, Kan. Two years ago, when he left Kansas to make his home in Kansas City, he was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the Sunflower state. He is now rated at \$4,000,000. Last November, when he applied for \$1,500,000 in a lump, it was said to be the largest application for insurance ever made at one time. Nicholson recently started a movement to merge the cement interests of four states.

PAID TO ENTER HEAVEN: NOT THERE YET, HE SUES

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 23.—In a suit for \$5000, filed against the Rev. William J. Herre of Bellevue, James Annable of Rose Point, Lawrence county, a former parishioner, alleges that he gave land worth this amount to the minister five years ago to insure his admittance to heaven. Annable alleges in his complaint that it was understood the minister was not to dispose of the land until after the soul of Annable had reached heaven. Annable goes on to say that he was forced to take a trip south for his health and that upon his return he found the minister had disposed of the property. He naively ends his complaint by saying he had ascertained there is another method to get to heaven, and that this method is much more sure than entrance by purchasing.

Revival Meetings.

Hear W. Theo. Matlock tonight at the Christian church on "A Poor Bargain and a Wise Choice," 7:30.

Another Shipment

NEWTOWN and SPITZENBERG Apple Trees

Just Arrived From the Dalles Nursery

4000 Comice Pear Trees on Hand 4000
2500 Peach Trees, Best Grade Standard Varieties

Planters are Respectfully Invited to Examine My Stock
at 519 Oakdald Avenue

L. B. Warner

THE PIONEER NURSERYMAN

INSURGENTS HOLD WESTERN NICARAGUA

Officials of Madriz Administration Preparing to Flee From Managua to the Capitol.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Feb. 23.—The provisional army is in complete control of Western Nicaragua and officials of the Madriz administration are preparing to flee from Managua, the capital, according to advices from the front today. Details of operations are lacking because of the slight means of communication.

The only ways of communication are by courier and military telegraph. The telegraph practically is useless because of a strict censorship and a great amount of the news permitted to be carried is colored to sustain the belief of insurgent success.

According to dispatches, the men in the administration army are deserting to the insurgents.

The army of General Estrada, which is believed to be drawing near Managua, is in four divisions, which are advancing under a general plan to besiege the capital.

TOMBSTONES SET AFIRE IN BROOKLYN CEMETERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—"Please, mister," said an excited boy to a Brooklyn policeman, "please come quick. The graveyard is on fire."

"Lead me to it," said the policeman; "I never saw a fire like that."

Sure enough, flames were leaping from broken columns and gates ajar to plain tombstones. Investigation showed that the stones were in reality pine wood treated with a preparation which made them look like marble. The cemetery is largely owned by families too poor to afford even true granite. Some vandal, it is supposed, set the fire.

Hunt's Opinion on High Cost.

A. F. Hunt, the well known livestock dealer and former Ashland resident, is quoted by Portland newspaper as follows: "Instead of all this talk of high priced meat hurting the packer it is stabbing the producer who is the life-blood of our country. Hit him and see how soon the effect of the blow will be felt in the city. The secret of the high cost of living is that there are too many consumers and not enough producers—too many want to live in the cities and towns while the farmer and the ranchers are neglected.—Ashland Tidings.

The people who have "too much of this and too little of that" find each other through the For Sale and Exchange ads.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WILL GIVE DINNER

Special Domestic Science Class Will Serve a Dinner to Invited Guests on Friday.

The girls of the special class in domestic science at the Medford high school will give a demonstration of their skill in the culinary art by serving a dinner to a number of invited guests at the high school building on Friday evening, February 25, at 6 o'clock.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the girls of the class without any assistance or supervision, and will show what Miss McDermott's tutelage has accomplished during the past few months.

An Indian Relic.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 23.—Walter Rick of Savage Creek brought to the Courier office a section of an oak tree which had two bullets deeply embedded in the wood. The finder of this relic of the early history of Savage creek is of the opinion that the bullets were driven into the tree during an Indian raid in that section of the country, and this may be true. These leaden missiles have been hidden away in the oak for many years and it is not impossible that Mr. Rick's speculations are correct.

Back From West Point.

Chester Tolman, younger son of J. Crit Tolman, and a native son, is visiting relatives in Ashland, arriving a few days ago from Seattle, whence he came from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Chester was appointed to the academy from Alaska and successfully passed the entrance examination last year, but his health failed under the strenuous studies of school and he is now off on sick leave with the hope of recuperating and being able to return to school in June.

WESTON IS ONE DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

SUNSHINE, Ariz., Feb. 23.—More than a day ahead of his schedule, Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, left this station early this morning on his eastward journey. Weston intends to walk 35 miles today and spend the night at one of the small stations between Winslow and Holbrook. Weston took his customary Sunday rest on that day, spending the day quietly at the home of a railroad employe at Sunshine. The rest was welcome, as the veteran had covered 43 miles Saturday.

Not to read store ads is not to know "the best place to buy it."

HOSPITAL PATIENT SCALDS TO DEATH

Careless Nurses Let Helpless Man Suffer in Bath Tub in Yreka Institution.

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 23.—William Booth died at the county hospital in this place on February 14 as the result of carelessness on the part of two employes of the institution who let him scald in a bathtub.

The facts have been guarded from the public as much as possible, and have only just become known to the newspaper men.

Booth was past 80 years of age, and was paralyzed from the hips down to such an extent that he could not help himself. He was quite feeble.

Two nurses carried the patient on a sheet to the bathtub and placed him in the tub. The tub was partly filled with water. Both nurses went away for about ten minutes—that is what they told the coroner—and when they returned they found Booth was badly scalded. He was removed from the hot water, and every effort was made to save him, but he died 12 hours later.

NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO INDICT MOB LEADERS

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 22.—It was reported today that no attempt will be made to indict the leaders of the mob that stormed the Cairo jail where a negro purse-snatcher was imprisoned, and precipitated a riot in which Alexander Halliday, son of a former mayor of this city, was killed.

It was hinted that although Sheriff Nellis is in possession of the names of the leaders, he would risk his life if he were to make them known. Feeling here is intense today and it is feared another outbreak will occur.

Rumors that night-riders from Kentucky and Missouri are planning to come to Cairo and lynch the next negro arrested in the city were current today. The authorities are investigating a report that an anti-black society, formed primarily for the protection of those who participated in the riots, is being organized.

To Play at War.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—To assist in testing the vulnerability of the coast defenses of Puget Sound, the private yachts of Seattle and probably Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham and Olympia, will play at war during the joint coast defense exercises to be held at Forts Worden, Casey and Flagler in July.

A placard in the window tells the neighbors about it—a classified ad gets the attention of the prospective tenant, or lodger.

MAN FINED FOR HITTING SMALL BOY

Coyle Johnson, in Trying to Induce Small Boys to Go Home, Commits Technical Assault.

Before ex-officio Mayor Ewert this morning the case of the city of Medford vs. Coyle Johnson was heard.

Monday afternoon four small boys were playing on vacant grounds adjacent to Johnson's premises, among them being two sons of J. W. Anderson.

Mrs. Johnson came out and called to her boy to come home, and the youngsters on the outside mocked her and "sassed her back." Johnson went outside and ordered the boys to go home and was answered in language more forcible than polite. He testified that he simply reached for the young Anderson he was alleged to have assaulted, with the intention of taking him home to be properly disciplined. The two Anderson boys and Harold Fuller all agreed that Frank Anderson was struck by the doubled fist of Johnson, while the 10-year-old lad was facing his opponent, the blow landing on the back of the kid's head.

Johnson admitted that he laid his hands on the boy, which constitutes a technical assault. In the argument Attorney Kelly for the defendant read a lesson to delinquent parents, making his plea from the standpoint that home training and the observance of ordinarily good breeding and manners would relieve householders of the necessity of driving away from their premises obstreperous and profane small boys.

While Judge Ewert appreciated the fact that Johnson had cause for his act, the law was violated, in his opinion, so he imposed the minimum fine of \$10.

Noted Olympia Girl Dead.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 23.—Countess Stavra, whose death is reported in a cablegram from Paris today, was May Tilley, a native of Olympia, known to pioneers as the most beautiful girl ever born here. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Tilley. The father operated the stage line to Kalama and was well-to-do. She was educated in the common schools of Olympia and later attended St. Helen's hall at Portland.

On an eastern trip she met and later married Charles Tilton, a wealthy resident of New York. Tilton died and after a few years she married Count Stavra and had since made her home in Paris. She was 45 years of age.

The auto that stands the wear and tear—the Buick.

BENSON'S BARGAINS

It Will Pay You to Look These Up

Five-room house in Benson addition, facing east; house just completed; price \$800, \$400 cash, balance \$20.00 monthly.

Five-room bungalow on West Tenth street; south front; price \$1350, half cash, balance in one year at 6 per cent. Tenth street will soon be paved.

Five-room modern house and good lot on South Fir street; a snap for a close-in home. We have this for a short time only at \$1800; terms.

We have three five-room bungalows, just completed, in the West End, for rent at \$11 per month.

Lot, 100x100, on South Orange, with small house. The street will be paved this year. This is a close-in property and is a splendid location for a home. It is cheap at \$2200; terms.

Twenty-acre orchard; 16 acres in 7-year-old Newtowns; 4 acres in 2-year-old Bartlett pears; four feet black loam soil; three miles from Medford; price \$13,000, half cash. Best orchard buy in the valley.

Nine and fifty-four one-hundredths acres, within four miles of Medford; near railroad station; 194 20-year-old Spitzenbergs; 40 4-year-old Newtown grafts; 175 4-year-old Bose pears; 85 1-year-old Comice pears and 151 2-year-old Bose and Comice pears; should produce \$4650 in 1910; price \$9540, one-fourth cash, balance in three years at 7 per cent.

Thirty-two acres within two miles of Medford; 27 acres 5, 6 and 7-year-old Bose pears; 4 acres 2-year-old d'Anjou pears; good buildings and about \$2000 worth of personal property; price \$24,000; terms.

Do You Realize

That Medford is one of the fastest growing cities in the country, and that in a year or two any good residence lot is going to be worth from \$1000 up?

Do You Know

That we are selling good residence lots, in the best residence section of the city, surrounded by beautiful homes, where water and sewer mains will soon be laid, at prices that are within the reach of the smallest investor??

Whether you want it for a home or as an investment, why not get in on the ground floor and reap the benefit of the rise that is bound to come?

These Lots Run From \$250 to \$500

A SMALL PAYMENT DOWN AND \$10.00 MONTHLY.

Come to our office and we will be pleased to show you.

Do it Now

List your property with us. We have agents in all parts of the country and can furnish a buyer. We write fire and automobile insurance, sell surety bonds and rent houses. We are properly equipped to handle your business. Give us a trial.

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