

AUTO THIEVES HELD TO GRAND JURY UNDER \$500 BONDS

The alleged automobile thieves, George McConkey and Thomas McDonald, who, it is charged, stole W. H. Lydiard's Ford auto in this city late in October and drove it to Los Angeles, were brought back by Chief of Police J. F. Hittson of Medford, who arrived last night with them, and lodged them in jail here until this morning, when they were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Taylor for a preliminary hearing.

George McConkey pleaded guilty and was held to the grand jury in \$500 bonds. McConkey was out on parole from the Whittier, Cal., reform school, having been confined there for stealing an automobile in southern California. He is about 19 years old and bears a countenance that betokens degeneracy.

Thomas McDonald, who says he is 55 years old and an electrician by trade, desired to make a statement as to why he refused to plead guilty. Prosecuting Attorney Kelly elicited from him the story that he was with McConkey when the Lydiard machine was stolen. He claimed, however, not to know at the time that the auto was being stolen, explaining that a man named Morgan, who was with McConkey when he (McDonald) met the latter in the park in this city, stated that his mother's machine had been obtained for a trip to Los Angeles and invited McDonald to accompany them, after they learned that McDonald was without money and desired to go to southern California. He consented.

Things Stolen at Ashland

When the number on the machine was changed at Ashland, McDonald says he supposed the change was required on passing from one state into another. His suspicion was aroused, however, when other things were taken which he had reason to believe did not belong to McConkey and Morgan. At Bakersfield, in California, a wheel and a grip were stolen. McDonald realized that this was being done unlawfully, but he in no way, he says, participated in the act, more than being present made him an accessory, and, therefore, a party to the use of the things stolen.

After they reached Los Angeles they remained about the streets there for six days before they were picked up by plain clothes men. Then, McDonald says, he learned for the first time that the Medford machine had been stolen. He told the court this morning that his alleged confession to the officers at Los Angeles was the same as his statement here.

McConkey is evidently the aggressive culprit. He has a bad record for a lad of his age, and appears not to be disturbed by the prospect of a term in the penitentiary.

Claims a Good Record

McDonald claims to have worked for eight years for one electric fixture company in the east and with another company in elevator and repair work for three years. He handled money for the former company in districts distant from their main office, and paid company bills, he says. He came this way from Seattle, where he had worked six months as clerk in the Eastlake hotel. Being broke, he was making his way by easy stages to southern California.

The prosecuting attorney's office will investigate these statements.

McDonald, who has the appearance of an artisan of moderately exemplary habits, was also held in bonds of \$500 to the grand jury.

The defendants will be taken to the county jail at Jacksonville today to await the action of the grand jury.

ACADEMY HEARS LECTURE ON MUSIC

The faculty and pupils of St. Mary's academy enjoyed a rare treat in the lecture on the Evolution of Music delivered by Ed Andrews yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the academy. Mr. Andrews' delightful and instructive talk, for so he preferred to call his scholarly study of the development of music, was illustrated with vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Childers. Mr. Andrews is a favorite at the academy, where the senior pupils have enjoyed his direction in different dramatic efforts and he was listened to with rapt attention.

At the close of the lecture Mrs. Andrews favored the enthusiastic and interested audience with two much appreciated vocal solos and Mr. Andrews greatly pleased his hearers, young and old by the rendition of Kingsley's "Three Fishers," and a charming little dialect selection after which by special request he delighted students and teachers with two soliloquies from Shakespeare.

PLAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FOR MEDFORD

The Medford Ministerial association met in regular session at the public library Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. After disposing of some of the regular work of the association the question of having a community Christmas tree was brought before the association by Rev. W. F. Shields and the suggestion made that Christmas music be rendered, presents given out and the altruistic spirit be expressed in the fullest measure possible. Some ladies of the Greater Medford club being present, also heartily approved the idea of a municipal tree and expressed the desire of the club to co-operate in the matter and offered some valuable suggestions.

A motion was passed requesting the association, through its secretary, to give invitations to all the organizations and societies of Medford and to the public in general to co-operate in having a municipal Christmas tree. It was also voted to request that a representative of one from each church be appointed to join with a representative from the Greater Medford club and from all other organizations and societies co-operating as a general committee to make all necessary arrangements for carrying out the plan and disposing of gifts. It was also requested that this committee meet at the public library Monday, December 6, at 7:30 p. m. It was also ordered that the editors of our city papers be invited to attend and be a part of the committee. It was further voted by the association that this general committee be requested to arrange for this community Christmas tree on Christmas eve, December 24. A vote of thanks was given the ladies for their presence and helpful suggestions.

A motion was passed requesting the official bodies of the different churches and five members of the W. C. T. U. and representatives from all other organizations or societies interested to meet at the public library Friday evening, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider the matter of establishing a reading room, recreation rooms, a meeting place, etc., to meet the social need following the closing of the saloons January 1. Dr. Rollins of the Methodist church was appointed to present the matter to the committee and explain the purpose of the meeting.

It is requested by the association that each pastor and congregation aid in stamping out the white plague by emphasizing Red Cross or anti-tuberculosis Sunday, December 12.

INDICTED FOR WIFE MURDER

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tegraphed for mamma's brothers to come and they came, and when they buried mamma, just everybody cried. They took him to jail that day and he is in there yet. They wouldn't let him see her, and when they had the preliminary trial he just turned red all over. He would just look at me and then at Uncle Jim. The main trial is next January.

Tied String to Trigger
"The way he fixed the trick was terrible. He tied a string to the end of her toe from the trigger. The gun was on the left side and she was shot on the right side. The gun was under the cover and it was powder burned on top. One of the shells was still in the gun. The men tried the trick with the string and it wouldn't work."

"He didn't even want to get her a coffin. I guess he wanted to wrap her in a sheet and put her in the ground. They kept a-begging him and so he said he would get a \$25 one. No, they said if he thought anything of her he should get a \$50 one so he did. They sure did put pretty flowers on her grave."

Evidence is Strong

"When they had the trial they said the evidence was stronger than they expected. He is trying to get rid of the place to pay the costs of the trial. If he is guilty I wish they would hang him, but if he isn't, I don't want them to, but I don't ever want to go back and live with him. There is no telling what he might do. I always did love mamma most, and I always will, even if she is dead and gone."

According to the letters received there was then and is yet much talk of lynching McDaniel. There appears to be no doubt in that locality that he did the tragic deed.

The McDaniel family were well known here. He is a giant of a man. Among those who knew them are many who believe that McDaniel was mentally unbalanced. They are watching the case with much interest.

300 ENTOMED IN BOONE COLLIERY BY A BLOW-OUT

BOOMER, W. Va., Nov. 30.—Three hundred miners were entombed today in mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke company here by a blow-out shot followed almost immediately by two other explosions of less violence. All but 25 or 30 of the men had made their way to the open air by three o'clock and Superintendent E. T. Hudders expressed the belief that they would be saved as they were working their way back in the mine beyond where the explosions occurred.

The explosions fired the second north entry and immediately the mine filled with smoke. A majority of the miners, mostly Italians, quickly ran to places of safety.

Rescue parties which had been quickly organized hoped to reach the men still imprisoned before night.

DANUBE CLOSED TO CZAR

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front, involving destruction of a German submarine near the Belgian coast and raids on an aerodrome and ammunition factory behind the German lines. French troops, fighting in the Souchez district, succeeded in driving the Germans from a crater made by a successful mine explosion recorded in the German communication of Saturday.

In Mesopotamia

The varying fortunes which have attended General Townsend's Mesopotamian expedition have not yet been recorded here in sufficient detail to make the situation entirely clear. From the latest official statement it does not appear that there has been any further fighting since the British advance upon the battlefield of Ctesiphon, but the British troops have again fallen back to the Tigris, having been outnumbered by the Turks and are now occupying more easily defended positions in the rear of their former line.

On the north Poland front after crushing German attacks, the Russians have succeeded in making local gains in the neighborhood of Iloukst, occupying an eastern suburb of the town and advancing to the German trenches south of this point.

"The Island of Regeneration" Feature Film at Star Tonight



The Star theatre has for today and tonight's attraction the six-part dramatic masterpiece, "The Island of Regeneration," pictured from the Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady's novel of the same name. Edith Storey, as Kate Brenton, is seen at her best,

both as a society girl whose ideals do not conform to man-made laws and as a castaway upon an island in the South Pacific ocean, when clothed in primitive garments fashioned from material furnished by nature at first hand.

BURGLAR ALARM SAVES ELECTRICIAN'S TURKEY

Lauren Hinman, city electrician, has finally abandoned his purpose to apprehend the would-be thief who tried to select a few of his best layers from his cozy coop on the night before Thanksgiving day—and the item is, therefore, released. Lauren has a burglar alarm attached to his residence at 602 Catherine street. Very early in the morning of the day of grateful feast the burglar machine

"gave notice," but Lauren was dreaming of turkey. The piteous chicken didn't interest him. His mother heard the call for guns, however, and awoke the slumbering Lauren, who plunged into the outer darkness attired only in his pajamas. The mother meantime procured the revolver and on giving it to Lauren, urged him not to use it. But Lauren did use it. He fired a shot into the lower compartment of the hen house, in response to which the woodhouse door was flung open and a man fled away into the black night. The chicken burglar had evidently mistaken the woodhouse for the chicken coop; but

LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN ADDRESS ASHLAND AUDIENCE

ASHLAND, Nov. 30.—Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived here Monday noon from Portland and in the evening addressed a large audience at the Ellis temple. The topic of the marquis was "Reminiscences of a Viceroy," a theme with which he was evidently familiar from the fact that he has held the positions of lord lieutenant of Ireland and governor-general of Canada under appointment of the British crown. Lady Aberdeen spoke on "A Civic Awakening," dealing with phases of universal suffrage and the betterment of social conditions, the result of the advent of woman's influence as a factor in shaping political and economic problems.

The visitors' appearance here was under auspices of the ladies of the Civic Improvement club. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund. They were introduced by Rev. R. W. Farouhar, pastor of the Congregational church, formerly a resident of Aberdeen and a native son of And Scotland, whose brief remarks were most felicitous. A reception to the visitors followed their formal addresses.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen are both plain and unassuming, essentially democratic in their manners and tastes. They travel in an ordinary Pullman without ostentation, accompanied by a valet and maid.

Monday afternoon Lord Aberdeen was taken for a drive about the city, accompanied by Publicity Manager Duryea and Secretary Norris of the Commercial club. The visitors left Tuesday morning on the Shasta limited for San Francisco.

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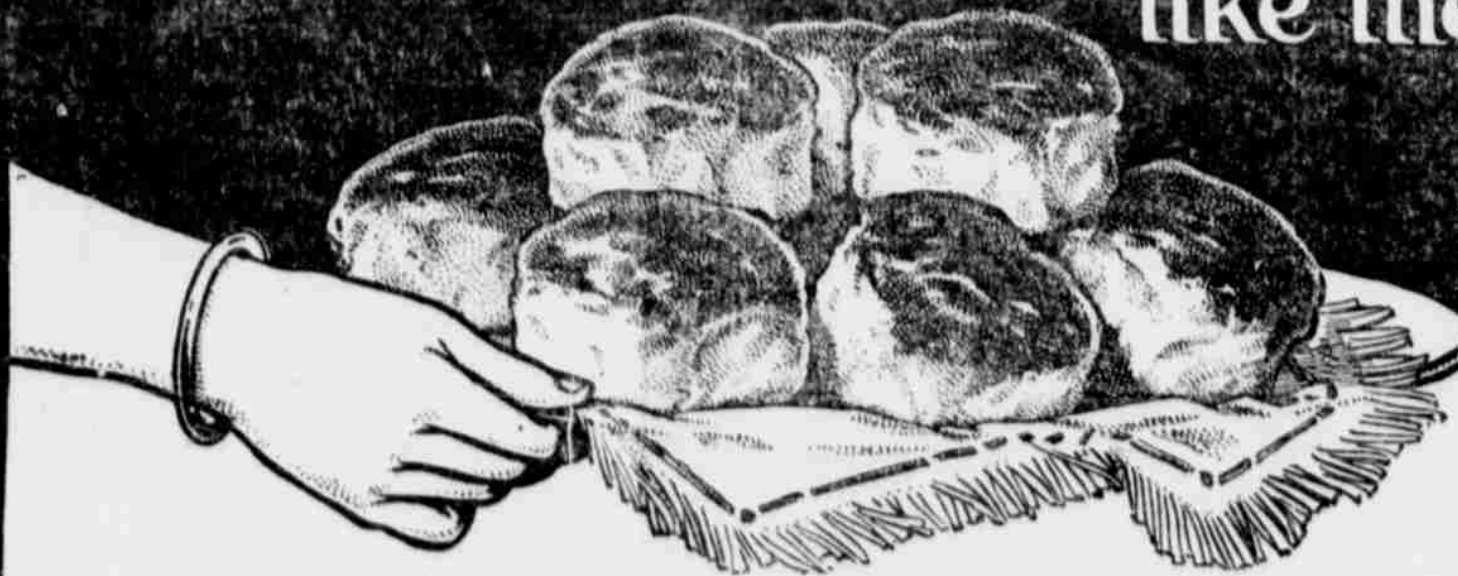
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