

WAS TAIL LIGHT LIT? IMPORTANT POINT IN TRIAL

Details of the auto accident on the Pacific highway near Talent on Christmas eve, 1920, resulting in the death of Mrs. Nona Jennings, and for which W. F. DeWitt, Ashland jitney driver is on trial in the circuit court on a charge of manslaughter, were told by witnesses this morning.

W. H. Evans, of Ashland, an eye witness to the tragedy was the first witness called by the state. Evans told of the incidents immediately preceding the accident, when the Jennings and Provost cars were in a minor accident. Mrs. Jennings lost her life in a crash that occurred when efforts were being made to pull out the Jennings car.

Under cross examination, Evans testified that he did not say to DeWitt, after the accident: "Bill, you hit the chain." The witness was also examined at great length by Attorney Roberts relative to the condition of the tail lights and the front lights.

All the witnesses at the morning session testified that it was a bright moonlight night, with objects easily distinguishable at a considerable distance, and that the sky was flecked by scudding clouds.

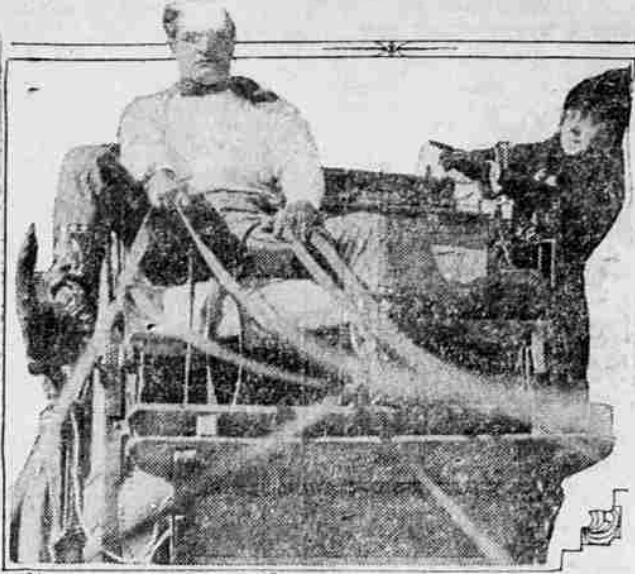
Mrs. W. H. Evans, friend and companion of Mrs. Jennings, and an eye witness of the fatality was the second witness. She told of the first accident, and the details of extricating the ditched car. She stood with Mrs. Jennings at the rear of the car, just before the fatal smash. Mrs. Evans said that the speed of the approaching DeWitt car was between 30 and 40 miles per hour, and efforts to shake her testimony on this point failed. She did not remember whether a tail light was burning on the rear of the car behind which the dead woman was standing or not, counsel for defense reminding her that she recalled all important details other than this. The witness was also questioned regarding how she came to conclusions regarding distances.

Both prosecution and defense stressed the position of the cars, before and after the accident, and whether the tail light was burning when the accident occurred.

Arthur Dressler, a Medford youth was the third witness, and told of particulars surrounding the accident, and the speed of the DeWitt car. The witness and some boy friends were riding in a Ford on the highway at the time.

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was the fourth witness, and testified as to the cause of death of Mrs. Jennings.

Under a ruling of the court, witnesses for both sides were barred from the courtroom during the hearing of the case.

From present indications the case will go to the jury tomorrow morning.

Among the character witnesses called by DeWitt are H. G. Ender of Ashland who will give evidence regarding his reputation and character, and Merton Dailey of Medford, who will be called to testify to his care and skill as an auto driver.

JAPAN CONTROLS MANCHURIA

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chief engineers, anyway. The richest thing so far discovered in all China is the province of Manchuria in which they have certain leased and other interests, and where there are gold, iron, coal, fertile lands and other attractions. In Manchuria the unquestioned Big Boss is Chang Tso-ling, one of the strongest men in China, and it appears, so hard in glove with Japan that Japan can get anything it wants. Chang Tso-ling is now credited with a design to split off Manchuria, make of it and of Mongolia, next toward the west, an independent kingdom with himself as king and claim Japanese protection. In all of which the prophets would see the prelude to another Japanese annexation.

Possibly these delectable prospects would be bettered by Peking's reversion to monarchy; I don't know; I think nobody knows. Possibly, also, the constant intrigues for a monarchic coup may be successful; the kaleidoscope revolves so fast we hardly get a glimpse of one combination before another is whisked up for us, and of course at such a time almost anything is possible. But on one thing I will bet dollars to half-pence. If restoration comes it will not last much longer than overnight, which is about the time it endured when the last excursion of this kind was made four years ago. If somebody doesn't shoot the young emperor or blow him up with a bomb the people will chase him out of his throne before he has had a fair chance to sit down in it.

British Want Monarchy

This is a phase of the situation my British friends seem unable to grasp. Here as at Petrograd in 1917 and Washington at all times, all they can see is officialdom. Now there isn't a doubt on earth that most of the public officers running the government here would set up a monarchy or a soviet or a town meeting or any other old thing that would be to their own personal advantage. Also there is no doubt that some of them are monarchists at heart and that it is with an eye upon a possible restoration that they keep this poor little weakling they call prince handily tucked away in the Forbidden City. They want him where they can use him if a shift in their political fortunes should make such a move advisable. That is why they appropriate \$2,000,000 a year gold for his upkeep and surround him with doctors and wrap him in silk and watch the poor thing lest it should die on their hands.

All this is true enough, but what all that the foreign restorationists may plot to do or try to do will not amount to an old tobacco pipe if the masses of the Chinese people get started on a track of their own. And that is exactly what they promise to be doing before long, if they are not actually at it now.

For this is the only important element in the problem. All these merry exploiters and throne rebuilders proceed upon the theory that the Chinese people are a patient ass and will stand any amount of loading. It is a natural thought in the subjects of a monarchy, and natural too, among those who have been in the exploiting game. The Chinese have stood more than any other people on earth. But patient people are the very ones to be wary of when they think they have stood enough. The Chinese seem to think they are pretty close to that situation now and personally I shouldn't advise inquiring friends to take any long chances on their patience.

It is a pity the British have so much objection to the society of rickshaw men, porters, artisans and peddlers, for these have now about the only tips that count for much. A little time spent in these circles of Chinese society with a trustworthy interpreter will put the restoration in a different

light. If I were in the insurance business I don't think I should wish to insure the young pretender's life at any premium, so fierce is the hatred of him.

Even he seems to understand this better than the British who have lately sent to him a member of their consular staff here to be his tutor and companion and make certain his friendship when he shall be restored. I was talking with Admiral Tsai about this and he said that one of many practical difficulties about effecting a restoration was the uncontrollable terrors of the claimant. He said that at any mention of going outside of the Forbidden City, to say nothing of assuming kingship, this unfortunate youth fell into violent fits of trembling and abject fear and in all probability if you were to try you couldn't get him to the throne in one piece.

A New China

But the greatest of all facts, to remember now is that there is a New China. My British friends will not admit it and many another visitor holds it a dream, and yet it is there all the time. Ostensibly this ancient and sophisticated people rumbles along in the same old paths, unshakable in the belief that nothing amounts to anything except the facts of physical life. The peasants plot, men say, and the workers toil exactly as before. Do they?

Down in Canton they have a provincial assembly honestly elected by the votes of the people. The other day it was discussing a bill to have all local magistrates elected by popular vote instead of appointing them, when along came a great crowd of women, wiled into the assembly chamber and demanded women suffrage. Afterward, they marched to the office of the civil governor and to that of Sun Yat-sen and got from both promises of support.

At their meeting the night before the women displayed banners inscribed with "Equality of the Sexes," "Give us the Vote!" "Woman Suffrage for China!" Another observer may be able to contemplate these and about a hundred other indications and still think China is unchanged, but I cannot.

I can't think that any more than I can think the example of government popular and free from graft that Canton is now giving can fail to be both symptomatic and contagious or that out of all this chaos the sterling Chinese character will fail to find a way without reverting to the jungle.

The present republic is flabby and uncertain, but it is a beginning, the Chinese people are not likely to turn their backs upon it, and any kind of a republic is better than any kind of a monarchy.

AIR BOMB EXPLODES

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Advices from the correspondent of the Baltimore News at Aberdeen state that two enlisted men were killed and that three other soldiers were dying. Captain Joseph E. Hall, the pilot of the plane, which was a Martin bomber, had both eyes blown out and his condition was said to be critical.

Robert Herr, a civilian employe, had his left leg blown off below the knee. The airplane was completely wrecked.

GRAND JURY TO CALL BENNETT ON BANK CASE

The grand jury resumed its sessions this morning after a week's adjournment and continued its probe into the affairs of the defunct Bank of Jacksonville. E. M. Wilson, accountant of Medford was called as a witness, and is said to have submitted a report on the condition of affairs in county offices. It is also said that the grand jury adjourned last week, to allow Wilson to make a short survey of county books.

A final report by the grand jury is not likely for several weeks, and the body may be in session, off and on, until the October term of court. One of the grand jury members stated that they were trying to make a report that would cover every phase of the bank failure, and that new leads had been uncovered, and that it would take a long time to run down the ramifications of the bank's closing, extending back over several years.

The trio of \$40,000 drafts issued by W. H. Johnson to Mrs. Myrtle Blakeley, former county treasurer, were the subject of investigation by the grand jury. The drafts were issued in April, 1920, returned dishonored, and the bank failed in August, 1920. The grand jury desires the appearance of Will H. Bennett, former superintendent of banks, now connected with a Pendleton, Oregon, bank, as a witness. Citizens of Jacksonville have retained Attorney Gug Newbury as their counsel in this phase of the tangled affair.

Beavers work only at night.

Waited Till the Cows Came Home

"I am indeed glad to write you this letter. I was a terrible sufferer from gases in the stomach and colic attacks. The specialist, our family doctor sent me to Philadelphia, gave me no relief, although I took his medicine till the cows came home. He finally said I would have to be operated upon. Luckily I heard of May's Wonderful Remedy then, and although it is new three years since I took a course of it, I have never had a symptom of my old trouble since." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. Adv.

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