

MURDER TRIAL IS STARTED BY THE DEFENDANT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27.—Clara Phillips electrified the court room in which she is being tried for murder today when she interrupted testimony of Peggy Caffee, her chorus girl chum, by stiffening in her chair and saying:

"Peggy, now tell the truth! You bought that hammer."

Peggy turned from the jury and facing Clara shot back:

"Clara Phillips, you bought that yourself!"

The testimony concerned purchase of a hammer with which the state contends Mrs. Alberta Meadows was slain on July 12 on a hillside drive in the city.

Mrs. Meadows with Clara Phillips and Peggy Caffee, went to an automobile park near the bank that afternoon and left in Mrs. Meadows' automobile, according to the testimony of G. A. Cleveland and O. C. Hlekok, employees of the station.

After purchase of the hammer, Peggy testified, Clara said:

"Let's go to _____'s room and get a little drink."

She said she and Mrs. Phillips went to a room, found a girl there but no liquor or bed. They went to Peggy's apartment and Clara told her that she heard from neighbors that her husband, Armour Phillips, was "going with another girl." She testified that Clara said that at times he treated her coldly and refused to talk with her.

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regular service for morning worship at 11 o'clock at which there will be observance of the Lord's supper and reception to new members with a brief message by the pastor. At 6:15 there will be an "equo" meeting of the District Christian Endeavor convention last Saturday and Sunday at Ashland by Phoenix delegates. The delegation of Phoenix was the largest at the convention and they expect a good meeting from the reports. At 7:30 the pastor will speak especially to young people on "Miracles Connected With the Birth of Jesus." This is the first of a series of evening sermons on "The Real Christ."

Another Football Fatality.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Injuries received in football resulted in the death here yesterday of Wayne Howard, 16 years old, ward of the National Training School for Boys here. The youth was carried from the field after making a diving tackle in scrimmage between two of the school teams a week ago. He was said to have ruptured an intestinal blood vessel.

Stanford Leads O. A. C.
CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 28.—End first period: Stanford 6; O. A. C. 0.

TIGERS ARE DEFEATED
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At Geneva, N. Y., final: Hobart 24; City College of New York 0.
At Boston, final: LaFayette 12; Boston college 0.
At Ann Arbor, final: Michigan 24; Illinois 0.
At Ames, Iowa: Ames, 13; Washington 0.

WIFE TELLS OWN STORY
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Hill county. Coroner Holland declared that the facts of the case so plainly indicated murder by Mrs. Carleton and her suicide as to need no inquest.

Acted Like Maniac
Coroner Holland in answer to inquiries as to how Mrs. Carleton acted when she went into the Christler home at 1 o'clock in the morning, stated that she acted like a maniac. Mrs. Christler had told him what happened in the home after the woman came in and preceding the shooting, the coroner said, but he did not think it concerned the public and that he would not give it out unless the mother of the dead woman insisted

THE NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE.

While no one questions the personal honesty of Mr. Lindas, it is nevertheless quite evident that he has allowed himself to become the dupe and tool of men who are attempting to serve their own personal selfish interests at the expense of the city. Everyone knows that Mr. Lindas' principal supporters have been engaged for several years past in attempting to destroy the city's assessment liens and to escape payment of the amounts due the city on account of city assessments. To this end they conceived the notorious Medynski plan and have fought through the courts every effort of the city to collect its assessments, Lindas having been their attorney in a large part of this litigation.

And now they are particularly anxious to gain control of the city in order that they may sell to the city for a large amount an alleged water right of Big Butte waters. Investigation has convinced the mayor and city council that this water right is absolutely worthless, is wholly illegal and valueless. This is the opinion of every attorney who has investigated the matter, and those who are attempting to foist it on the city know they can never hope to get any of the city's money for it from Mr. Gaddis or the business men who are candidates with him for the city council. Therefore, they are attempting to defeat Mr. Gaddis and elect Mr. Lindas.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, BUSINESS MEN'S TICKET.
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upon an inquest and Mrs. Christler was called upon the stand to tell the story herself.

The funeral of the dead minister will be held this afternoon at 5:30 in St. Mark's church, which he built. The body will be shipped to Auburn, N. Y., for burial, accompanied by Mrs. Christler. Bishop Faber of the Episcopal church in Montana will officiate at the services and business houses will be closed for an hour.

"Bishop of All Outdoors"

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 28.—While the Rev. Mr. Christler was best known in northern Montana, his activities had taken him to other parts of the state. He was a familiar figure at Helena, where he served in 1909 as a member of the house from Chouteau county.

When Mr. Christler came to Montana the saloon was an established institution and gambling was not uncommon. The pastor seemed to accept these things as part of the west; indeed, he often was found in bar rooms with friends at all times of the night, and while he did not drink, he seemed to have patience with those who did.

As a missionary, the Rev. Mr. Christler took a pride in his work. His territory embraced a vast area—from Glacier park on the west to the North Dakota line on the east and from the Canadian line on the north to the Missouri river on the south. Roughly speaking, it covered a territory of 600 miles long and 200 miles wide. In it were the Little Rockies, the Bear Paw mountains and other regions notorious for the desperadoes they had produced. He knew the remote camps well and visited them as often as his duties would permit.

KING SIDES WITH ANTI-REDS

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to maintain order in the face of insurrectionary attempts.
Reports received by the cabinet council from a number of points in central Italy show that the fascisti are extending their movement with a view to exerting pressure for the formation of a fascist cabinet.
The Facta ministry, despite its resignation, is acting with energy to re-establish order.

C. M. THOMAS AND THE KU KLUX KLAN

C. M. Thomas, alleged "regular" republican candidate for circuit judge, imposed himself on the party ticket in the May primaries very largely through a policy of "mum as an oyster" on a question then and now the leading political issue before the voters of Jackson and Josephine counties and the state of Oregon.

In his principal primary campaign statement he proclaimed himself, in unctuous phrases, to be "open-minded" and of opinion absolutely unformed on the bed-sheet and pillow-case brigade then, as now, the outstanding issue between the contending candidates for any office within the gift of the electorate to whom Mr. Thomas' pronouncement was addressed. True, his statement in question did not name the Ku Klux Klan; but no other public or private offender against the institutions of orderly government then, or since, stood within the obvious meaning and intent of his announcement—proven beyond controversy by their flocking in to his support. With six of their ringleaders since indicted by name for grave crimes, and sixteen more quaking in their John Doe shoes, Candidate Thomas has publicly advertised precisely the kind of an "open mind" on the subject of their activities which they yearn, with a great longing, to have elevated to the bench. Witness the recent strenuous efforts of their counsel to have their trials put over to the next February term of court!

The favored candidate went on record over his own signature in a full-page advertisement of his position in the Mail-Tribune, flanked and followed by some ninety others, unreservedly endorsing their champion's "open-minded" stand in a symposium of signatures gathered in from the highways and byways and meeting-halls of Jackson and Josephine counties, no less than fifty of whom were members of, or known sympathizers with the Ku Klux Klan—and as for the remainder of the list, it does not contain the name of any man or woman publicly distinguished, then or since, for condemnation of that band of midnight marauders. One of the first-mentioned group of Mr. Thomas' supporters on that noted occasion was so eagerly interested in the alleged beauties of the Ku Klux Klan ritual and that oath of allegiance to the "Invisible Empire" about which Candidate Thomas is so eminently "open-minded," that he wasn't satisfied with one dose of it, but, following his first secret initiation in the regular course of business, he went back two months afterward and had another one, personally advertised and publicly proclaimed, so there could be no mistake about it, or any more concealment than there is about the public support of Mr. Thomas' candidacy by this conspicuous and widely-advertised member of the Ku Klux Klan.

A little later, when the Ku Klux Klan shocked our community by an audacious assault upon the dignity and security of the very position to which Candidate Thomas aspires, by concocting and sending a threatening letter concerning his judicial duties to Judge F. M. Calkins, the members of the bar of Jackson county voiced the righteous indignation felt by every decent citizen in a resolution condemning the outrage. This resolution appeared in the press, followed by the signature of every member of the bar association then in the county, excepting only two, who refused their signatures—and one of the lawyers who so refused to join in this public protest against the Ku Klux Klan was Candidate C. M. Thomas.

Later on, the candidate for judicial honors had another opportunity to demonstrate the quality of his "open mind" toward the Ku Klux Klan, when he actively supported the Klan candidate in the recall election engineered by the "Invisible" institution against Sheriff Terrill, in an attempt to foist one of Candidate Thomas' clients into an office everywhere coveted, for obvious reasons, by the Ku Klux Klan. He went so far in his desire to put Sheriff Terrill out and his Klan candidate in, that he even tried to get the wife of one of Terrill's deputies to vote for the recall ticket!

Upon another recent occasion, Candidate Thomas again promulgated from on high his declaration of "open-mindedness" toward the Ku Klux Klan and all of its works (for what other organization, what other organization, we ask again, calls for such a statement?)—only this time he saw fit not to reproduce the numerous endorsements of his candidacy by Klan members and sympathizers and others which decorated his primary campaign publication.

Upon yet another occasion, the cloak of "invisibility" slipped off from Candidate Thomas' ample shoulders that never wore a uniform, when, in a public address before the Grand Army gathering at Rogue River he came out boldly in support of the Ku Klux Klan's pet piece of legislation; the so-called "Compulsory School Bill," which no other professional man in Jackson or Josephine counties, not a member of or engaged in defending the indicted members of the Ku Klux Klan, has supported or defended, either publicly or privately.

But over and above all else, as evidence in support of the indictment which his own acts publicly draw against the truth of Candidate Thomas' published professions of neutrality toward the Ku Klux Klan, is the fact of his frequent unceasing association with known members and sympathizers of this infamous organization; the fact that he numbers among his supporters in this campaign, as in the primary campaign, precisely those persons who are so known, to their everlasting discredit; the fact that he does not number in his list of backers a single man or woman who has ever been distinguished by any public act or statement that would identify such a one with the opponents of this insidious movement; the fact that every man and woman in the two counties known to be actively and determinedly against the Ku Klux Klan is to be found in the ranks of those who are contesting the elevation to the judicial seat of this Pecksniffian ally of organized riot and disorder C. M. Thomas.

Since the above was prepared for publication, Candidate Thomas, by his own public exhibition, has swept away every vestige of pretense that he is not intimately associated with the Ku Klux Klan, by attending one of his opponent's meetings, at Talent, uninvited and accompanied by a bodyguard composed of men notoriously affiliated with the Klan, who, acting in concert, and with the smirking approval in front of and facing the audience, with one or two of his Klan jackals beside him, publicly and repeatedly insulted an old and respected citizen of Jackson county, Hon. Wm. M. Colvig. And when Mr. Thomas, at his own request, was accorded the courtesy of addressing his opponent's meeting, a courtesy which he flagrantly abused, he missed the most conspicuous opportunity that life will ever present to his experience to play the, to him, unaccustomed part of a gentleman, when he failed to publicly apologize to the people of Talent for the misconduct of his hoodlum escort. He dared not do it—for they were his crowd, his Ku Klux Klan adherents and supporters; and nobody knows better the claims which that association and that support rivet upon him than does C. M. Thomas, the Ku Klux Klan choice for circuit judge.

He seized upon that occasion, however, to address an audience gathered together by his opponent's committee's advertising, in a hall which that committee had rented for the occasion; with the declaration that he refused to sign the bar association's protest against the insult to Judge Calkins because he did not want to have any act, opinion or relation of his to disqualify him, if elected judge, from sitting as the trial judge at the trials of the indicted members of the Ku Klux Klan—and the actual fact is that

Mr. Thomas has been active as an attorney all of the time in advising some of the members of the Klan, who were and are his clients, and who have been charged with taking part in the Klan outrages, upon the conduct of their defense, and he is thereby already disqualified from presiding over the trial of these cases. This is the secret spring of his desire to preside at their trials and of their desire to have him in the judgment seat. INDEPENDENT AMERICAN VOTERS LEAGUE.

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