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ARKANSAS TORTURERS FACE JURY

Mountain Farmers to Hear Evidence in Alleged Burning Alive Connie Franklin On Eve of Wedding—Mother Identifies Long Lost Son Claiming to Be Victim.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A jury of mountain farmers was completed today to try four men on charges of murdering Connie Franklin, farm laborer, near here last March.

In calling the list of state witnesses, Prosecuting Attorney Hugh Williamson revealed that Alex Fuhs, one of the five men charged with murdering Franklin, but not being tried with the other four was to be a witness for the state. He is charged with the same crime as the others, but is named in a separate indictment.

On the list of defense witnesses called appeared the name of "Connie Franklin," the man who says he is the person the four men are accused of murdering.

The star witnesses for the state, Tiller Bunnery, 16-year-old mountain girl, who was to have married Franklin the night he allegedly was slain, and Reuben Horrell, deaf mute youth, who has said he witnessed at least a part of the reported crime, made no public appearance during the first day of the trial. They have been staying at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. Sam Johnson for several days.

Identifies Son.
A mother and her missing son,

a robust farm hand of 33, who sings mountain songs and claims that he is Connie Franklin, have been reunited. Mrs. Lily Baker came here last night from Clarendon, Ark., and embraced the son, whom she had not seen since last Christmas. She said his correct name was Marlon Franklin Rogers, her child by a former marriage and she identified him as the "M. Franklin" who escaped in 1927 from the state hospital for nervous diseases. She said he is married and has three children, but has been separated from his wife for five years. She said he probably changed his name to prevent his wife from knowing his whereabouts and also to prevent capture as an escaped inmate of the hospital. She recognized a newspaper photograph as her son several days ago.

The Franklin state contents was slain has not been established as a former inmate of the hospital. The four men on trial for the "murder" crime are Herman Greenwood, Hubert Hester, Bill Younger and Joe White.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FROM ABROAD TO BE NBC PRESENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—An attempt is to be made to give radio America a Christmas present from abroad.

Plans are being perfected by the National Broadcasting company to pick up programs originating in England, Germany and Holland on Christmas and rebroadcast them through its entire network. Details of the program are being arranged.

In addition NBC will make available to the world via short waves on Christmas eve, a Christmas carol song to be picked up from Madison Square Garden, New York. More than 15,000 singers will participate, with about 400 clubs and societies invited. The program also will go to the American network.

Klamath Falls.—First unit of the Klamath temple recently dedicated.

GROWERS WILL HEAR REPORTS AND PROJECTS

Annual Meeting Is Wednesday at Hotel Medford—Van Hoesenberg to Give Aims Growers' Council—Bosc Report By Wood.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Fruitgrowers league, with a paid-up membership of close to 600 local growers will be held in the basement of the Hotel Medford, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will be a large attendance.

Reports of the year's activity, and discussion of the plans for the future, will be the chief topics before the session, which will be presided over by Albert Burch.

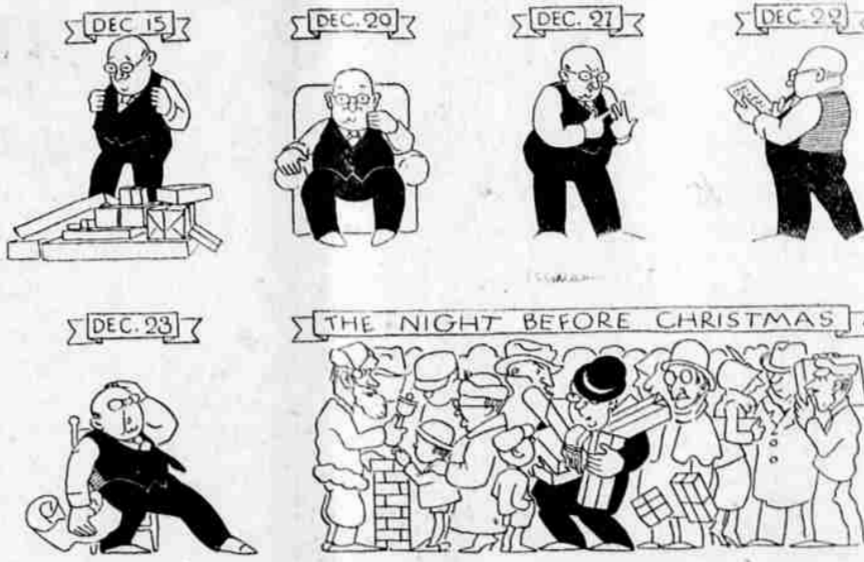
H. Van Hoesenberg, Jr., of the Sams Valley district, will give a plain and frank discussion of the aims and purposes of the recently formed Pacific Fruitgrowers Council. David R. Wood, chairman of the Winter Pear committee will give a financial report on the Bosc campaign in Detroit this season and probably make recommendations for the development of new markets next year.

The Detroit campaign demonstrated to valley orchardists, the wisdom of united action by shippers and growers, in carrying the glories of the Bosc to new territory. The success of the campaign brought much high praise from fruit distributors and growers throughout the land.

A progress report is also expected to be made by Henry Hartman of the Oregon State college, now in New York City gathering data on storage and marketing conditions in eastern markets, for use of local growers in selling their products.

Klamath Falls.—Bus line may be established in this city.

The Man Who Did His Christmas Shopping Early



AX FIEND SLAYS MOTHER AND 7

THREE RIVERS, Que., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Andrew Day and her seven children, ranging in age from one to 14 years, were found dead in their home here today with their throats cut, apparently with an axe.

Day, the father of the family, was found wandering in the streets with his throat cut also.

At the Day home police found the woman and her children in beds in three different rooms. All had received one or more cuts about the throat, as though the perpetrator of the crime had wanted to decapitate his victims.

Day made no statement at the hospital. He is expected to recover.

NEGRO CHAUFFEUR BLAMED IN CRASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP) Cecil A. Scott, 39, Vancouver, Wash., was killed yesterday when an automobile driven by Edward Smith, 29, negro chauffeur, collided with Scott's car. Smith was held without bail on three serious charges following the accident. Police, who arrested Smith on charges of involuntary manslaughter, driving an automobile while intoxicated and failure to give right of way, said the negro drove his car at a high rate of speed down a boulevard and failed to stop at an intersection. The automobile crashed into Scott's car, leaped a curb, knocked down a 12-inch concrete post and smashed into the corner of a small grocery store, shattering

YAQUINA BAY HIT BY WIND STORM

TOLEDO, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A terrific wind and rain storm pounded the Lincoln county coast over the week end, causing damage amounting to several thousand dollars. The huge refuse burner and one of the smoke stacks of the Pacific spruce plant were wrecked and a large industrial crane was upset in the Yaquina bay.

All telephone and telegraph lines were torn down and Newport, Toledo and Waldport were in darkness with all power and light lines out.

ing windows and tearing away a portion of the building.

GATES ASSURED SOLON SUPPORT CRESCENT PORT

Additional support for the Crescent City harbor project was expressed in letters received today by C. E. Gates, president of the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development association, from three California congressmen.

The congressmen are Clarence P. Lea, who has always been favorable to the development; Richard J. Welch, and Albert E. Carter.

Excerpts from their letters, pledging support, follow: Congressman Lea: "Naturally, I would be very glad to see an enlarged harbor providing for deeper draft vessels and greater protection. I will be glad to do anything I can toward that accomplishment."

Congressman Welch: "In accordance with your request of November 29th, I have requested the war department to continue the harbor project at Crescent City, Cal., and to extend the improvement to Round Rock."

Congressman Carter: "I have been much interested in the development of the harbor at Crescent City, and visited the city last summer. You may be assured that I will do everything possible to see that your development work is carried forward."

The report of the district engineer is now on its way to the board of army engineers and will be reviewed as soon as possible. Copies of same were sent to the Oregon and California congressional delegations and the above expressions from a number of the congressmen would indicate that there is a pronounced interest in evidence by western representatives in Washington.

President Gates has sent letters to the senators and congressmen today, urging that they do everything possible during the next week or so to insure a favorable report from the board of army engineers. Officials of the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development

association are much pleased by the manner in which the senators and congressmen of the two states have come forward to the support of the Crescent City harbor project and have every hope that the needed improvements will be authorized immediately.

HAD ABOUT LOST HOPE, SHE STATES

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WM. N. COCHRAN
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