

LA GRANDE TREASURER CONVICTED

Mrs. Fowler Guilty of Embezzling \$108,925 Jury Finds in Short Deliberation—Faces 1 to 15-Year Prison Sentence and Fine

BAKER, Ore., July 3.—(AP)—Convicted of embezzling \$108,925.13 of the city's funds Mrs. Emma Fowler, former La Grande city treasurer, today faced the possibility of a 1 to 15 year prison sentence and a fine of twice the sum for which she failed to account.

Although the first jury that tried Mrs. Fowler disagreed, it took a circuit court jury here last night only an hour and a half to return a verdict convicting her of failure to pay over and of converting to her own use the exact sum charged in the information.

Heavy Fine Looms
Presiding Circuit Judge Hall S. Lusk, who set 1:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon as the hour for passing sentence, said it was mandatory upon him to fine Mrs. Fowler twice the sum she embezzled.

Only two ballots were taken by the jurors. The first, it was reported unofficially, found the jurors divided 10 to 2 for conviction and the second was unanimous.

Mrs. Fowler displayed no emotion when the verdict was read. Defense attorneys did not say whether or not they would appeal the case.

Mrs. Fowler served as La Grande city treasurer for 12 years but her office was eliminated through consolidation early this year.

Filed From Office
She left her office at noon last Feb. 3, the day she was to turn over her books to her successor and when she failed to return in the afternoon a search was instituted. She was arrested at Pendleton.

At the time of her arrest Mrs. Fowler allegedly told officers she was going to Portland to obtain city bonds and other securities which she said were in deposit there and which would balance her books. Investigation failed to reveal any such securities.

District Attorney Carl Helm, Union county; District Attorney Leland S. Finch, Baker county; and Allan A. Smith, special prosecutor retained by the city of La Grande, prosecuted the case.

Green and Hess, La Grande law firm, represented Mrs. Fowler.

The Racket-eers



Mechanics Learned When Post Left Cotton Patch Proved Aid In World Hop

(This is the second of eight installments in a life story of Wiley Post, which will be published daily by the Mail Tribune.)

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PART II
In the fall of 1916, the country boy from Oklahoma who in 1931 was to beat the first round-the-world record of Magellan's ship in 1519 by 1974 days, swung off a day coach in the new union station at Kansas City, Mo.

The money he had made off his father's cotton patch was in his pocket to pay for a three-month course in the principles of mechanics at a Kansas City automotive school. The course cost \$35 and young Post had to work out of school hours to pay his living expenses.

During this course of study the youth who had been indifferent to the textbooks in rural Texas and Oklahoma schools, showed he could be studious if the subject was one close to his heart.

It was here young Wiley learned the fundamentals of mechanics and, in part, satisfied the love to tinker which his mother said she already had noticed.

Parts didn't always fit in those days," explained Emory J. Sweeney, head of the school. "They had to be worked down."

Wiley Post and the other boys in his class, approximately 100, of which not more than five per cent were city bred, made their own tools, learned blacksmithing, welding and other laborious fundamentals of the mechanical art.

Post certainly has now acquired a thorough knowledge. When the "Winnie Mae" was ready for her hop-off at Roosevelt field, Post paid his bill at the storage hangar and that bill told the story of his prowess. "Changing a tire" was one entry and "mechanic to assist on motor" was another. The rest of the charge, the smallest ever run up by distance fliers at Roosevelt field, was for storage.

The "mechanic to assist on motor" helped a Pratt & Whitney motor expert lift the heavy parts of a magnet he was changing. Post made the motor ready himself.

The "Winnie Mae" was "set to go" when she came to Roosevelt field and that impressed the mechanic more than the fact that the globe had been circled in less than ten days.

MONASTERY IS DESTROYED BY SPANISH MOB

Prests in Hiding As Anti-Religious Fever Grips—Rioters in Fierce Battle With Government Forces

CORUNNA, Spain, July 3.—(AP)—Burned by a mob of about 3000 men and women, the Capuchin monastery of San Jose was in smoldering ruins today and its priests were hiding in fear of further anti-religious outbreaks.

The city was under rigid military control with troops and civil guards patrolling the streets in

ELKS TO DANCE WHILE CARAVAN VISITORS HERE

Several Hundred California People Due Today—Open House and Ball at Local Temple — Float Wins

Holiday decorations complete the festive setting at the Elks' temple, where open house is being conducted this afternoon by committees from the local lodge, awaiting the arrival here of the Elks' caravan enroute from Los Angeles to the national convention in Seattle.

The several hundred Elks are expected to arrive this evening and will be the inspiration for much entertaining, preceding the Fourth of July holiday. A dancing party will be held at the local temple for the pleasure of visiting and local Elks and their families. Other dances will be held in their honor at Jackson Hot Springs and in Ashland.

Local committees appointed by Excited Ruler R. E. Kooser, to arrange for the welcoming and entertainment of Elks here, include: Reception committee, C. C. Lemmon, O. O. Alenderfer, C. E. Gates, C. Y. Tenzwald and C. T. Baker; dance and entertainment, Dick Crowson, Stanley Sherwood, Wilson Wait, A. S. Rosenbaum and Earl York; publicity, Herb Grey, H. L. Bromley and E. C. Ferguson.

Win Ashland Honors.
The caravan will be welcomed as a continuation of Elksdom festivities, which have dominated southern Oregon for the past several days, while the state convention was in session in Ashland.

The colorful parade, which marked the close of the convention yesterday afternoon, brought special honors to Medford. The float winning first prize was entered by the local Elks' club and prepared by the Medford Garden club under the leadership of Tom Swen.

It was a beautiful creation of Shasta daisies, purple larkspur, flame colored gladiol and ferns. The back view resembled an empancament of daisies, where flowers were growing so closely the ground beneath could not be glimpsed. Sprays of ferns and gladioli formed the top, where many were tied to posts and arranged to fly as garlands from the great bank of white.

The outside of the car was decorated with ivy and the clock announcing the Elks' traditional hour of 11, was made of pink summer chrysanthemums with center of purple. The Elks' letters, B. P. O. E., were spelled upon the float in purple asters and larkspur.

The three young misses, Adra Edwards, Gertrude Boyle and Frances Mueller, riding in the float, completed the summer garden, attired in diaphanous frocks of lavender, white and pink, and transparent picture hats. Each carried a bouquet of daisies, ferns and flame colored gladiol.

The Legion drum corps and the Elks' band from Medford added much to the line of march, and a walking delegation of 80 Elks also represented the local lodge.

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PARADE FEATURE ASHLAND FOURTH STARTING 10:30

A parade and fireworks will be the leading events in the celebration tomorrow in Ashland, where hundreds of visitors are expected for the holiday from all sections of southern Oregon. The "Kids" will be featured in the parade, their entry being sponsored by the Ashland post of the American Legion, and organized by Mrs. E. G. Bardwell.

The carnival, which has been entertaining during the Elks' convention, which closed last night in the Lithia city, will remain over for the Fourth of July celebration.

The parade will start from Helman street at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The Lithians, headed by Grand High Fix R. L. Burdick, will participate in the celebration. Many of the Elks' floats will be retained as entries in the parade.

A large crowd of Medford people will, in accordance with the custom established many years ago, spend the day in Lithia park.

400 BABY CHICKS DIE WHEN BARN IS BURNED

PORTLAND, July 3.—(AP)—Fire last night destroyed 400 baby chicks when the barn on the Knute Skagan farm near Stanley station burned to the ground.

Brisbane's Today

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There was another table, with men only, you would have studied with interest, with a one man, 5 feet 3 inches high, with light blue eyes, was obviously trying to make himself look four feet high and attract no attention. That was Lindbergh. Only one Christopher Columbus, only one Lindbergh. On his left was Casey Jones, and next that fine pilot, Bert Balchen, who has never had all the credit he deserves for his flight to the North Pole.

There was Fitzmaurice, the Irishman who flew here with the Bremen, and there was Chamberlain, that flew the Atlantic when flying that ocean was a novelty.

Also present were Kent Cooper of the Associated Press, and Paul Block, who owns many papers. Their business is to let the world know about it, after it has been done.

Gatty, skillful navigator, who directed the flight, "sitting back at my ease," as he put it in paying tribute to Post, is a rather thin, tall, very blond, highly intelligent young man, with a high forehead.

Post is an American, who started in Texas, moved to Oklahoma, then suddenly moved around the world. His ancestors were Scotch, who came to this country by way of Ireland, as many others have done. Gatty is an Australian.

Dr. Finley observed that an American navigator took Kingsford-Smith on his great flight, and now a British navigator took the American pilot, Wiley Post, on his flight.

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Post, who knew that his wife was listening, said: "Hello." That was all of his speech, and it was all for her.

Gatty, who knew that his children were listening, said: "Hello, kids." That was all of his speech.

Their "formal talks" at luncheon yesterday were almost a brief. Post talked a minute and a half, thanked Gatty for his fine navigating; Mr. Hall of Oklahoma, for financing the trip; Mayor Walker for his luncheon, and all the people on his little journey around the world that were kind.

"The Russians were absolutely splendid. Alaska turned out in full force. I believe that is all I have to say."

Gatty, equally brief, also praised the Russians. "The Russian Aeronautic Society was wonderful, did everything they could for us." Apparently the Russians can discriminate.

Australia's prime minister sent a friendly message: "Australia is proud of Gatty, and we are sure

that Gatty is proud of Post."

General Ely of the United States army made an excellent short speech, saying that the world's fliers, helping and admiring each other without animosities or jealousies, set a good example to the world's nations. Perhaps by making the world constantly smaller, they will gradually make it more friendly.

He referred to German fliers in the war, dropping flowers on the graves of enemy airmen killed in battle.

In describing a great race, it would be unjust to forget the horse. It was a good airplane that carried those fliers around the world in less than nine days. The Detroit Aircraft Corporation made it, and Karl S. Betts of that corporation, gave a dinner to the fliers last night.

The engine, which is the heart of the plane, the power plant that never stopped, sputtered or complained, doing nearly 150 miles an hour for 15,000 miles, was a "wasp"

engine made by the Pratt-Whitney company. That company, and the engine, and its brother, the "wasp" engine, testify to the sound judgment of those who started the big United Aircraft Corporation.

Charles E. Mitchell, head of the National City Bank, and his associates, Boeing, Rentschler and Deeds.

It is one thing to put one hundred million dollars into a company, another thing to know how to buy with your one hundred millions.

Post and Gatty, and Mr. Hall, the good Oklahoma American with his imagination and dollars, made the flight possible, rendered a great service to the world and to the country.

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