

DAVIS GUILTY IS REPORT GIVEN BY CORONER JURORS

Four of Six Members Sign Report in Investigation of Fatal Street Brawl — Charges to Be Filed

Four out of six members of the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon signed the inquest report, finding C. W. (Chuck) Davis guilty of a crime, in connection with the death Saturday night of Joseph Barron (Bud) Johnston, whom Davis admitted he knocked to the street during an altercation.

Hiram Meader, Charlie Adams, George Carstons and Stanwood Osgood signed the report, while O. Ray and Tom Waterman refused. The coroner's inquest report will be turned over to the justice of the peace in place of an information, and charges will be filed there against Davis.

District Attorney George Coddling conducted the examination of the witnesses, with Coroner Frank Peil assisting them in.

Skull Fractured. Dr. C. I. Drummond, coroner's physician, who with Dr. W. G. Bishop performed the autopsy Sunday, testified first, saying that Johnston had died from a fracture of the skull and cerebral hemorrhage. He said two external wounds, one small one on the left ear and another back of the skull, were also found. He told the condition of the brain and discovery of the blood clot when the scalp was reflected.

John McCoochie, local youth, who was talking to Davis when Johnston was said to have come across the street and pushed Davis, testified he didn't hear what Johnston said to Davis, as he didn't pay any attention to Johnston's name, and said, "You can't get away with that," and struck him a total of five times.

He also said that when Johnston fell to the street, that Davis grabbed his arm and tried to pull him up, and that Davis put Johnston's hat on his head. About that time three or four men suggested they take him into the Allen hotel. McCoochie said he could tell Johnston had been drinking a little, but Davis was sober. Intoxication Claimed.

Starting across the street toward Brown's corner from the Allen hotel corner, where the tragedy occurred, John Wilkinson, local insurance man, testified that he heard a loud thump, and upon turning around saw Johnston lying in the street. Wilkinson said he was just leaving the hotel when Chief of Police Clatous McCredie arrived, and the latter requested him to telephone for a doctor. Someone else telephoned for an ambulance. Wilkinson also testified he had seen Johnston about 4 or 5 o'clock the same afternoon, and that he was intoxicated.

Captain Lee M. Bown said he talked to Davis when he came to the state police office and said he had had a fight with a man on the street. Davis told the captain he did not know the man's name but had seen him on the street several times. He also said he didn't know if Johnston was injured badly or not.

Chief of Police McCredie testified that he wanted to the Hotel Allen corner and took the names of witnesses, and that he went in and listened to Johnston's heart beat, and was holding his wrist when he died. Chief McCredie said he was called to the corner about 7:40 and that Johnston died at 8 o'clock.

Women See Fracas. Mrs. C. R. Warner and Mrs. Alice Kincaid told about going east on Main street at the time of the altercation, and that Mrs. Warner had to step sideways to keep Johnston from falling on her when he was knocked down. She said that she suggested a doctor be called, and Davis said, "He isn't hurt bad."

Society and Clubs Edited by Eva Nealon Hamilton

Mrs. Harvey Honored on 85th Birthday. Mrs. A. L. Harvey, well known pioneer of southern Oregon, who crossed the plains from Springfield, Ill. in 1852, at the age of four, was honored last Sunday by a group of relatives, who gathered in Ashland to join her in celebrating her 85th birthday anniversary. The picnic dinner, with an immense birthday cake the center of interest, was spread in Litchia park, and around the festive board were represented five generations of the Harvey family.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Medford, Mrs. Nate Osterberg of Klamath Falls and J. A. Harvey of Santa Ana, Cal., were the son and daughters celebrating their mother's birthday. The five generations were represented by Mrs. Harvey, her daughter, Mrs. Osterberg, Mrs. Osterberg's daughter, Mrs. Levi McDonald, her daughter, Mrs. Joan Willis, and small daughter, Sharon Wittie.

Several interesting stories of the early days were related by Mrs. Harvey, who is ever proud to recall that her family in Springfield, Ill. lived just across the street from Abraham Lincoln. The complete guest list for the family reunion Sunday included: Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clifford and daughter Florence, and Miss Nadine, all of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Nate Osterberg, Mrs. Harry Goeller and three daughters, and Mrs. Robert Sloan, all of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Levi McDonald, Mrs. Joan Willis and daughter Sharon of Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hillock, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and son Rodney, Jr., Mrs. Leda Parker of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Aldred Beaver and daughter Betty and son Jack of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harvey of Santa Ana, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gey and son Everett and Mrs. A. R. Gregory of Ashland.

Mrs. Dargy and Sons Home from Fair. Mrs. C. C. Darby is among local society folk who have returned from the world's fair. She arrived a few days ago from Chicago with her sons, Junior and Billy.

Mrs. Neff Expected Home from North. Mrs. Francis Neff, who has been visiting in British Columbia for the past month, is expected home today. She will join Mr. Neff, who has been guest of his parents here.

Miss Luy Leaves To Visit Friends. Miss Ruth Marie Luy left yesterday for Roseburg and Corvallis, where she will be guest of friends for a month. In the latter city she will visit Mrs. Byron Bradshaw, who was a guest of Miss Luy here earlier in the summer.

Saying nothing to Johnston at the time, Davis didn't know if Johnston had been drinking, and said that he (Davis) had not had any liquor. He said there wasn't any cause why there should be any feeling between Johnston and himself. All witnesses denied that Davis had anything in his hand at the time he struck Johnston.

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Everett Cole, who was crossing Main street on Front, said he saw Davis strike Johnston twice. Another witness was Dr. Bishop, who verified the report made by Dr. Drummond, and also said that Johnston's stomach had not been testified for alcohol.

At the request of his attorney, Frank DeBouras, Davis took the stand, and demonstrated to the jury how he was standing when Johnston approached, uttered a vile oath, and struck him in the right side. He said he shoved Johnston away, and that when he came back at him, he hit him on the left jaw. Davis was leaning against a lamppost at the time of the fight. He said that he helped carry Johnston to the hotel door, but upon seeing the crowd gather, dashed through Bill O'Hara's pool hall and down the alley to the state police office, where he spoke to Captain Bown.

VETERANS' PICNIC PLANNED SUNDAY IN ASHLAND PARK

So that legionnaires and other veterans from all parts of the state may enjoy a stay in southern Oregon as guests of veterans of Jackson county, plans are being perfected for a picnic to be held in Ashland park, Sunday afternoon, August 13, to which legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish American War veterans, O. A. R., Indian war veterans and their auxiliaries are invited.

Invitations to the picnic are being sent to Governor Meier, Senator Frederick Steiwer, and others, as an extensive program is planned for the afternoon. Speaking will start following the picnic lunch, which will be at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Legionnaires from Medford who will attend the legion convention in Klamath Falls this week plan an extensive campaign there to have legionnaires from all over the state attend the picnic in Ashland on their way home, and are urging that they also remain here for the American Legion Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament that starts at the armory here Monday night.

Commanders of the legion and the V. F. W. have endorsed the plan for the joint picnic, which is expected to be one of the largest picnics ever held in Ashland park. Joint problems of the veterans of all wars will be discussed.

The American Legion, V. F. W., and the Disabled American Veterans and their auxiliaries are giving the picnic. All other veterans of wars are invited to attend.

Meteorological Report August 9, 1933.

Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Thursday fair; little change in temperature. Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday, but overcast on coast; little change in temperature.

Table with columns: City, Precipitation, High Temp, Low Temp, Wind, Clouds. Lists cities like Boston, Cheyenne, Chicago, Eureka, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New Orleans, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Washington, D.C.

FARM BOYS FIND ECONOMIC LOAN IS BANKERS' JOKE

Recently someone brought up the subject to Dean Acheson, acting treasury secretary. He crushed his cigarette into an ash tray and responded: "It will not happen again."

The laugh is not all on the farm boys, however. The treasury has been known to make an error itself now and then. Consider the recent embarrassment of some officials in charge of banks. They sent out the usual bank call. It required each national bank to submit its condition. All responded except 38.

The officials could not understand such an affront to the authority of national banking officials. No bank before had dared to ignore the summons.

So the officials sat down and wrote a somewhat irritated telegram to each of the offenders. It read like a note from a landlord to a tenant whose rent is three months overdue. That brought results.

The missing 38 responded that they had been closed since the bank holiday.

ASHLAND CANNERY STARTS ON BEANS

ASHLAND, Aug. 8.—(Sp.) The Bagley Canning company Tuesday morning began the first of ten days' work in the preparing and packing of string beans. Between 75 and 100 tons of beans will be packed, and shipped to valley points, local merchants, the Willamette valley, and northern California, where ready markets for the product will be found, according to Ralph Kooser, manager of the local plant.

Seventy-five women packers and ten men were employed Tuesday morning, but the number will vary from day to day, according to the intensity of the work. In approximately ten days, the tomato crop will be ready for packing. This will bring about the employment of 200 or more persons, and the work will last between six weeks and two months. The tomato crop has no difficulty in finding ready markets throughout the United States, but the majority of the packed product will be marketed throughout Oregon and northern California.

DISABLED VETERANS TO ATTEND CONCLAVE

The Disabled American Veterans of the World War will attend the American Legion state convention in Klamath Falls this week. It was announced at a meeting of the veterans. Those planning to represent the disabled veterans at the convention are Commander James L. Palmer, Adjutant Lyle Dalley and Captain C. F. Hogan. The Jackson county chapter will be represented by Commander W. J. Walters, Adjutant Arthur E. Salter, W. G. Drummond, Ira Canfield, F. C. Croaslin and others. Adjutant Salter will also represent the American Legion post at the convention.

MRS. ELVA LAIRD PASSES IN S. F.

Mrs. Elva Caster Laird, well known former resident of Jackson county and daughter of a pioneer family, passed away in a San Francisco hospital Tuesday evening, August 8, at the age of 65 years six months.

She was born in Iowa, and came with her parents to Jackson county in early life. Of late, she resided at Dorris, Calif. Her husband passed away in 1928. She leaves four children, C. C. and L. H. Laird of Berkeley, Calif., R. M. Laird and Mrs. Howard Dayton of Dorris, Calif., also six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held from the Conger funeral parlors Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. W. H. Baird will have charge of services and the interment will be made in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

LILLIAN LE MOINE PASSES, AGED 53

Lillian Minerva LeMoine passed away at a local hospital early Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. She was born at Monroe, Utah, November 25, 1879. The family has resided at Rogue River, Ore., for the past nine years. She leaves her husband, Charles LeMoine, three daughters and one son, Mrs. Nola Onie, Mrs. Fay Ragdonie, Donnae Mae LeMoine and son Wallace A. All of Rogue River. Funeral services will be held at the graveside in Rogue River cemetery, Thursday at 2 p. m. Per Funeral Home in charge.

HOP PICKING STARTS SOON FOR HILTONS

Hop picking will start about Aug. 21 at the Hilton hop ranch, six miles below Grants Pass, Mrs. Ben Hilton stated here today, while in the city on business. One hundred pickers will be employed on the 70 acre planting.

A 20 per cent increase in wages was also announced by Mrs. Hilton. The hop fields of the Hiltons, according to the inspectors visiting all in the state, are among the finest in Oregon.

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V. F. W. BACKS NRA BY RESOLUTION

Crater Lake Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars passed the following resolution at the last meeting: "Whereas: The country is suffering from a panic or depression, and thousands of citizens are deprived of a means of earning a livelihood and have had to accept a life of other assistance in order to survive. Whereas: The president of the United States has issued an order to all patriotic citizens to support the N. R. A. and thus provide jobs for thousands, secure shorter working hours, provide a living wage to workers, establish a fair price for farm and other products, and thus restore the purchasing power of its citizens. Therefore, Be it resolved that Crater Lake Post 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, heartily endorse this movement and pledge themselves to support the N. R. A."

NEW CITY DIRECTORY WILL BE READY SOON

Medford's new city directory will soon be off the press and those who wish copies are advised to put in their orders now, for only approximately the number ordered will be of the loose leaf type and therefore will be of a permanent nature, the price of \$8.50 including keeping the directory up to date for a period of time. The directory is being edited by Jesse Bradley of Klamath Falls, who is also getting out directories for a number of other cities in this part of the state, but all the work will be done locally before the money subscribed will be kept at home. Those wishing to place orders and thus be certain of getting the latest list of the residents of Medford, may do so by communicating with Mrs. C. R. Braley, who is in charge of solicitation.

AUTO REGISTRY SHOWS INCREASE

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CAN OF MILK IS EARWIGS UNDOING

A new method of exterminating the earwig, and a very simple one, was offered yesterday by Mrs. C. A. Marshall of Front street. It's tried and true, she announced in the accepted manner of contributing a recipe. And here's how: Place a can of milk in the yard. Don't fill it to the brim and be sure to choose a can with high sides. The next morning you will find many earwigs afloat. Condensed milk is the kind recommended by Mrs. Marshall. She put some out for the neighbor's cat, she said, and in the morning found that what the cat left the earwigs tried to get and lost their lives in the process.

EUGENE PAPER TAKES SLY DIG AT MEDFORD

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 9.—The Eugene Morning News in its Tuesday edition carried an eight column banner across the top of the first page: "Eugene won't feel hurt if the new Medford mess is tried elsewhere."

SEE 'OLD IRONSIDES' AS PATRIOTIC DUTY IS PLEA FROM DAR

In the name of patriotism and historical knowledge, Mrs. M. M. Morris, regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has recommended that all persons in Oregon take advantage of the opportunity offered this month to see "Old Ironsides," the famous American frigate.

The same recommendation is made today by Mrs. O. Q. D'Albini, director of the Children of the American Revolution, who is urging mothers to send their children to Portland this week-end, when the special excursion rates will be in effect. The children will be chaperoned throughout the day in Portland, if their parents do not accompany them, and the complete trip need not cost more than \$4.00 for each child.

Mrs. D'Albini stated today, emphasizing the inspiration to be gained by each child from viewing the famous old battleship. This appearance of the "Constitution," she further pointed out, may be its last on the Pacific coast. Children leaving Medford Friday, when the excursion starts, will be met at the train in Portland by guides. They will be taken to Meier & Frank's for breakfast Saturday morning, and following breakfast will make a tour of the store. They will then continue to Old Ironsides, and after a tour of the frigate will be returned to Meier & Frank's for luncheon.

The opportunity to visit Jantzen Beach, free, will then be offered all members of the party and special rates will be offered by all concessions at the beach. Those preferring will be escorted to theaters for the matinee performances. The battleship Oregon will then be visited and the guests brought back again to Meier & Frank's for dinner in the evening. Those returning to Medford will be escorted to the depot by the guides and started on the homeward journey.

Tank's Affix. NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Police of the marine division today reported to headquarters that an oil tank ship was afire off beach 118th street, Rockaway, Queens.

Mr. Dunlap Calls—Chas. Dunlap of the Table Rock district was a business caller in Medford this morning.

Advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes. Features the slogan 'Just try them' and 'We don't mean by this to tell you what to do. We have no idea of doing that...'. Includes an image of a smiling woman and a pack of Chesterfield cigarettes. Text: 'But we have a cigarette that is milder and tastes better and we honestly believe you will enjoy it. Chesterfield the cigarette that's MILDER the cigarette that TASTES BETTER'.

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