

# FIELDS ON STAND; TELLS OF THREAT BEFORE SHOOTING

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room at the time of the shooting were his wife, Mow, he himself and "little Bobbie" who otherwise was not identified. The four sons who testified against him were on the back porch, he stated. Three of the boys had testified they were in the room at the time.

At the conclusion of Fields' direct testimony a recess was taken. Cross examination of Fields started after the recess.

Defense counsel informed the court this morning that the case probably could not be concluded until tomorrow. Judge Norton replied that the trial could be completed today easily if the attorneys did not bring out so many irrelevant matters.

**Tells Family Life**  
Before testifying to the actual shooting, Fields told of his family life. Mow's visits to his home and numerous threats he said Mow had made against him. He described an attack he said Mow made upon him once when he went to his home, then in Ashland, and found Mow and Mrs. Fields sitting together. Fields said he suffered a broken rib.

Fields stated that he protested Mow's visits to his home and warned him 10 or 15 times to stay away. The defendant said he was a little more than 65 years old. Mow, he stated, was about six feet tall, weighed between 200 and 235 pounds and was between 35 and 40 years old.

Twelve witnesses testified for the defendant yesterday afternoon, including a son of Fields, a daughter by a former marriage, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Four of Fields' young sons have testified against him.

**Police Head Warned**  
Police Chief Charles P. Talent of Ashland told of threats he said he heard Mow make against Fields' life. He said he had refused to deliver to Mow a rifle that Ashland police had taken from the Fields' home, then in Ashland, indicating that he feared Mow might be tempted to use it against Fields. Talent declared considerable trouble was being in the Fields' household at the time and said for this he blamed Mrs. Fields more than anyone else.

Talent related that he advised Mow to go back to work at Crater lake and to stay away from Mrs. Fields. Mow at first contended there was nothing serious between him and the woman whereupon he was confronted with a letter he had written to Mrs. Fields, the letter having been intercepted by Fields and delivered to Talent, the police chief stated.

**Planned Elopement**  
Mow finally admitted he had written the letter and then promised to go back to Crater lake, Talent said. The letter, admitted as evidence, told Mrs. Fields to be prepared to go back to Crater Lake with Mow the next time he came to Ashland. In the note Mow referred to the woman as "honey." A bit of business relating to the division of a small amount of money Mow had enclosed was combined with the elopement plan.

Not long later Talent received a letter from Mow, then at Crater Lake, the chief testified. Among other things, the letter asked Talent to collect \$5 which Mow said Fields owed him for wood. If he did not get the money, Mow wrote, the would "take it out of the old man's hide," the letter stated.

Clint Baughman, Ashland fire chief, told of a conversation he had with Mr. and Mrs. Don Silver of Orland, Calif., Fields' son-in-law and daughter by a former marriage, and Delmar Fields, the defendant's 17-year-old son. Delmar was then in the CCC and threatening to quit, Baughman said.

The fire chief testified that he and the others advised Delmar to remain in the CCC but the youth had replied that he did not propose to have 95 percent of his CCC pay turned over to his mother "because of the life she was leading and keeping Mow." Delmar denied he had ever made any such statement when he testified against his father. Mr. and Mrs. Silver corroborated Chief Baughman regarding the conversation.

Lawrence Smith of Eagle Point told of an attack he said Mow made upon Fields when he drove the latter one day last fall to his Ashland home. Mow being there upon their arrival. Others testified about seeing Mow and Mrs. Fields together several times.

**Overnight Visits Told**  
Ernest Fields, the defendant's 27-year-old son, and his wife, Margaret, testified to Mow's visits to the Fields home in Jacksonville, saying that when he stayed over night Mow occupied Mrs. Fields' bedroom which contained "only one bed."

Janetta Silver, Fields' daughter by a former marriage, and her husband Don told of taking Fields to their Orland home last fall to get him away from his domestic troubles. They brought him back to Jacksonville last Christmas time as he wanted to see his family, they testified.

Mr. and Mrs. Silver both stated that a few moments after Fields, last Christmas, entered the Jacksonville home to get a blanket to take to camp where he was going to work, he came out the front door backwards, with Mow following and threatening to kill him.

Mrs. Ernest Fields, who lives with her husband in Bonanza, stated that one week-end when she arrived late at night at the Fields' Jacksonville home she found Mow occupying the bedroom with Mrs. Fields. She testified that Mrs. Fields spent Delmar's CCC wages largely on herself and Mow.

When one of the first balloons landed in Gonessa, France, in 1783, the superstitious villagers shot it and stabbed it with pitchforks.

# President Roosevelt Takes Drive with Sons



En route to Washington, President Roosevelt spent a day at the Dutch ranch of his son Elliott (right) near Fort Worth, Tex. Here the President (foreground) is shown going for an automobile ride with (left to right) Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, his son, James, and a friend, Mrs. Eloise Park.



MIDDIES' QUEEN. Miss Janet Cunneen of Washington receives a bouquet from Midshipman R. W. Shafer after being chosen "color girl" for the Naval Academy's traditional ceremony.



ROUND UP OF THE 'GATORS. Amid great hissing and swishing, 6,000 alligators were trussed up in Jacksonville, Fla., for removal to a new home in Daytona Beach. Here two men are undertaking the dangerous task of tying the mouth of a 1,400-pound saurian.

# 50 YEAR MEMBERS J'VILLE MASONIC LODGE REWARDED

Warren lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M. of Jacksonville, will celebrate its 52nd anniversary tonight in the Masonic hall in that town, with dinner being served at 8:30 by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Col. Robert A. Miller, Ben Beekman and A. H. Mesley, all of Portland, will be presented 50-year buttons for having been members of the lodge for that length of time. The badges will be presented by R. W. McNeil of Ashland, deputy grand master of this district. All these old Jacksonville residents have received high honors in Masonry. Miller and Beekman are 33rd degree Masons. Col. Miller is the first grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Oregon. It is considered an unusual event in Oregon Masonry that three members of the same lodge should receive

# BURCH BACK FROM MINE BOARD MEET

Albert Burch, southern Oregon member of the state mining board returned today after attending a meeting of that body held in Portland to complete organization of the new mining bureau and to appoint a bureau director. The board appointed Earl K. Nixon as administrator of the bureau. Nixon has for the past two years been managing the Esterly mine near Waido in Josephine county and is well known in mining circles of southern Oregon. Burch swept that Nixon was educated in the universities of Kansas and Minnesota, where he specialized in geology. He was later with the M. K. Hanna Iron company as geologist and engineer, working in Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Venezuela, South America. He has also worked with the Michigan state geology survey.

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# WALKOUT MEXICAN OIL FIELDS ENDED

MEXICO CITY, June 9. — (P) — Mexico's 13-day oil industry strike ended at noon today (1 p. m. E.T.). The nation's motor transport systems, badly crippled the last few days by fuel shortage, returned to normal as the strikers pulled down their red and black strike flag from oil plants and returned to work. Just at noon tank trucks from the refineries began distributing fuel to filling stations to meet the demand of taxicabs, buses and private cars. An hour later, transport conditions were normal in the capital and other cities.

Representatives of the 17 companies, mostly British and American, affected by the strike and of the workers' syndicate awaited notice from the government's arbitration board as to when to reopen negotiations to settle their difficulties. **Hall Near Hood River**  
HOOD RIVER, June 9.—(P)—A freak storm swept Parkdale last night, nearly an inch of rain falling in 30 minutes, followed by hail. Slight damage was reported by fruit growers, who said that hail beyond the orchard area measured two inches deep. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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