

## 'High Noon' Trial Ends in Acquittal

Canyon City —(UPI)—Robert E. Sproul, 44-year-old Mt. Vernon rancher, was acquitted here Friday night of a first degree murder charge in connection with the gunshot slaying of his brother-in-law Harland Link Williams June 21.

After deliberating for one hour and 52 minutes, the foreman of the jury, Erving T. Stanbro of Prairie City read the unanimous verdict of not guilty at 9:38 p.m. before the packed Circuit Court room in the Grant county courthouse here.

District Attorney Mike Mogan told the jury Friday afternoon that the state did not ask the death penalty, but did press for a murder conviction.

**'Bottom Deck'**  
In closing statements before the jury Friday afternoon, Mogan charged that Sproul was "dealing from the bottom of the deck" when he fired nine shots from his Luger pistol without drawing it from his holster.

Mogan charged that "He (Sproul) went out there with an ace in the hole. If Link Williams had fired his rifle first, as the defense contends, Williams couldn't have missed him at that short range."

Sproul, while on the witness stand, had told the jury that as he sidler up to Williams he jumped aside just as Williams fired. A doctor who treated Sproul shortly after the shooting testified that the 44-year-old cattleman had suffered a ruptured ear drum. The doctor said a blast from a rifle could have caused the rupture.

**'Scared To Death'**  
Robert Campbell, John Day attorney, said during fi-

nal arguments that Sproul was torn between two impulses as he kept the rendezvous with Williams at a disputed road site which had touched off the bitter disagreement between the two.

"He (Sproul) knew he had to call Link Williams' bluff," Campbell said, giving the first impulse.

"Second, he was scared to death," the defense attorney said.

## Reserve Major Gets Achievement Award

Maj. Erasmus F. Starr, who recently assumed the post of chief of the reserve personnel division at headquarters of the XI Army corps, reserves, was honored at a recent ceremony when he was awarded the Berlin Command certificate of achievement.

Major Starr is the son of Mrs. Earl B. Winkleman, 505 Scenic dr., Ashland. Mrs. Starr is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Davies, 316 Wilamette ave., Medford.

The certificate was presented Major Starr for his outstanding service as chief of the operations branch, adjutant general division, Berlin command, between September, 1955, and July this year. He was instrumental in reorganizing the branch resulting in a reduction of personnel.

## Hay Chopper Victim Dies At Tulelake

Tulelake, Calif.—(UPI)—George Kurtz, 62, long-time resident of Tulelake, died Friday night in a Klamath Falls hospital from injuries suffered earlier in the day when he was caught in harvesting machinery.

Kurtz and his wife were operating a hay chopper on the ranch of Mrs. Kay Phillips near here. Mrs. Kurtz, who was operating the tractor said she heard her husband call out and turned to see his body passing through the chopper.

George Sand wrote more than 80 novels.

## Cattle Rustling Warrants Issued In Klamath Area

Klamath Falls —(UPI)—Warrants were issued here Friday for the arrest of two men on cattle rustling charges.

District Attorney Arthur Beddoe said Eldon L. Shafer and Robert Wilson, both of Fort Klamath, were accused of rustling cattle from three Klamath county ranches. Beddoe said 14 head of stolen cattle had been recovered after investigation by the State Department of Agriculture.

Beddoe said complaints had been signed by Lorenz Vander Kamp and by Adlai Johnson, both Klamath area ranchers. A third remains to be signed, he said.

O. W. Goakey, deputy district attorney, said "I don't think anyone knows how many cattle have been involved but we have reason to believe there have been a great many stolen."

Brand inspectors earlier this week reported finding several head of Klamath county cattle near Rainier in northwest Oregon and the Agriculture Department said it was investigating reports that some stolen cattle had been marketed in California and Nevada.

## Family Sees Death Of Champion Cyclist

Melbourne —(UPI)—Russell Mockeridge, 30, Australia's greatest professional cyclist, was killed before the horrified eyes of his wife and their young daughter in a road-race accident yesterday.

Mockeridge was swerving out to avoid a stopping car when his bicycle spilled and dumped him in front of a bus. The bus, unable to stop, ran over his head.

Mrs. Mockeridge and her two-year-old daughter were following the race in an automobile.

United States trappers market about one million mink skins in a year while farm-raised skins total about 2.77 million.

## Negro Students Seek To Enter Virginia School

Front Royal, Va. —(UPI)—A group of Negro students tried unsuccessfully yesterday to enroll for classes in Warren County High school, which has been closed down completely to avoid racial integration.

Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. took over full control of the school, its teachers and its pupils Friday night and announced that it was "removed from the public school system" as of next Monday.

Moments later, the county school board rescinded its invitation to 22 Negro pupils to enroll in the school this week end.

Nevertheless, 17 of the Negro students, accompanied by some of their parents, showed up yesterday at the county court house where the school board maintains its offices.

They remained downstairs while Oliver Hill, attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, acting as their spokesman, spent five minutes in a private conference with the School Superintendent Q. D. Gasque and an attorney for the board.

Hill told reporters later that Gasque and the board attorney declined to register the students because of Friday night's actions by Almond and the board.

The first national tennis championship matches played at the Newport (R.I.) Casino were in 1891. An annual invitation tournament continues to make this the oldest tennis tournament in America.

## Director of Motor Vehicles Refutes Hatfield's Remarks

A rebuttal to remarks made by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield here on Aug. 18 was made Friday by James F. Johnson, director of the department of motor vehicles, Salem.

Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, had appeared at a Republican roundup in Hawthorne park.

Hatfield had stated, "If elected, I will not play politics with Oregon's government. An example of this is the motor vehicle department which no longer is in the secretary of state's department."

"I have received many complaints of the poor service. One reason for this inefficiency is that 11 unclassified positions have been removed from the career men who formerly occupied them and have been given to political appointees."

**Eight Positions**  
Johnson refuted this by saying that there were only eight unclassified positions, excluding the director's secretary.

"I have removed only four men from such positions, all for demonstrated incompetence or disloyalty," Johnson stated. "Your assistant (Warne Nunn, former motor vehicle director) will tell you that he planned to fire at least one of them, himself, but didn't get around to it during his six months in office. I replaced these four with three Democrats, and a Republican with 28 years in the department."

"The Republican I kept was the only man among the nine who could truly be called a career-man. All the others were appointed either by your present assistant or by the previous secretary of state. And I have promoted a Republican career man with 23 years experience to an unclassified position, giving me one instead of the two I inherited."

**Others Resigned**  
Three others from the department all resigned to take higher-paying jobs, Johnson added. Including these among the persons removed, it would only leave a total of seven. Most positions eliminated have been those which "served

as political featherbeds," Johnson wrote. The seven \$560 a month jobs eliminated meant a saving of \$93,600.

Of the other 14 higher paid supervisory personnel (all Civil Service) inherited, five have been promoted, six have been kept in the same jobs, one has resigned just before retirement to run for legislature and one has resigned to take a better-paying job and

one has been fired for incompetence, Johnson said.

"Your inference, from complaints made to us, that we are inefficient is as silly as mine would be if I took to heart the complaints I hear about you not keeping the capitol lawns green during the summer," Johnson concluded.

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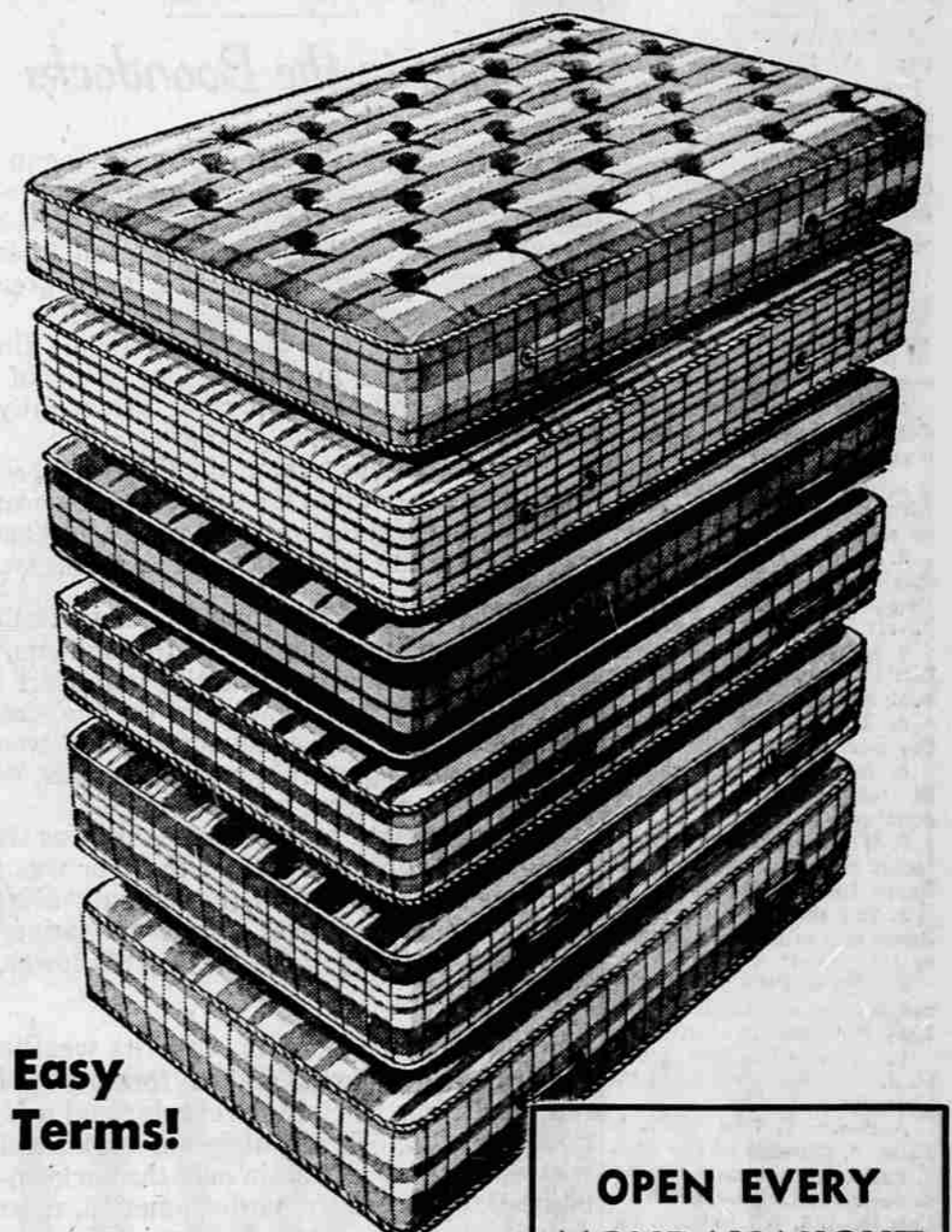
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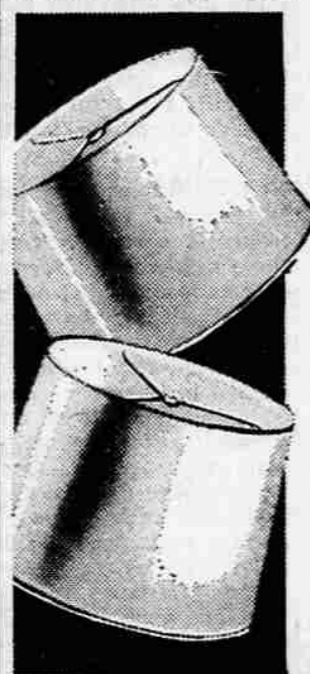
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