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CLARA HAMON ON STAND TELLS A DRAMATIC TALE

ARDMORE, Okla., March 15.—Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon, testified today in her trial, telling the story of incidents on the day and night of November 21, last, when Hamon was shot. She spoke dramatically in a cool, low-pitched voice, hesitating at the point in her story which dealt with the actual shooting.

She left the stand, and taking the pistol with which Hamon was shot, illustrated how the shot was fired. She said she did not intend to do it but the "pistol went off when he struck it, or I pulled the trigger, or something, I know not what."

When she tried to tell how Hamon after he was shot said "I am hit" and had showed her a blood spot forming on his shirt.

She broke down and sobbed into her handkerchief as she told of going for a ride and on returning to the hotel found Hamon sitting in front of the hotel. She said he was drunk, crazy, and cursed her. She entreated him not to curse her before people. She went to her room and Hamon accused her of riding with someone. She said he reached for a knife and she "knew the time had come" and she reached in her purse on the window sill and got her little gun and asked him to let her pass. She said when she turned to unlock the door he switched off the light, raised a chair and struck her and the gun went off.

Clara said that after Hamon was hit she offered to call a doctor. He refused, insisting he would walk to the hospital. After leaving him she said she changed her clothes, which had been torn in the struggle. Before leaving the stand she said she married Colonel Hamon's nephew so she could use the name of Hamon for the colonel's convenience.

Uproar interrupted the sensational trial this morning when Attorney McLean for the defense replied heatedly to Special Prosecutor Brown, who referred to the defendant's mother as "the old woman."

The crowd applauded as the judge ordered the courtroom cleared.

Clara Hamon was led from the room at the conclusion of the scene with tears streaming from her eyes.

Develops Business From Small Start

The removal of the Army Goods store into the building formerly occupied by the Winters jewelry store, marks an advance in the business circles of the city by Max Weiss, a young man who has had quite a remarkable degree of success since coming here. Starting in a modest way on South Sixth street, he has, by careful attention to business and hard work, climbed to success. In his new location he is going to increase his stock and he promises to give to the city another business house that will be a factor in its development.

SERMON ON BANK OPENING

Next Sunday evening at the Emmanuel Baptist church state missionary G. L. Hall will deliver a sermon on the special theme "The Bank That Never Fails."

The congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church will return the call of this congregation which worshipped in the Methodist church last Sunday. This will make a union service with the Methodist and Emmanuel Baptists. All are cordially invited.

OREGON SUFFRAGE PIONEER CHOSEN FOR HALL OF FAME

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Abigail Scott Duniway, "mother of equal suffrage in Oregon," has been chosen by the Oregon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to represent the state in a Hall of Fame to be established at the association's convention in Washington, D. C., next month. Mrs. Duniway, who died in 1915, was a pioneer in the suffrage movement in the Pacific northwest.

Graduate Nurses Will Form Club

The graduate nurses of this city, including those not in active service, will meet in the Chamber of Commerce forum room Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. They will enjoy a tea and then form a club, the object of which will be to actively support public health work. No one can realize the importance of this work in any community as those who have come in contact with this part of life as nurses do. Every graduate nurse in the city is invited to attend this meeting.

CRATER LAKE CO. TO SELL STOCK

At the meeting of the Crater Lake Oil and Gas company last night it was decided to offer \$50,000 worth of stock to the public. The par value is \$1 a share. Permit to market the stock was received from the state commissioner of corporations.

The company is establishing offices at 622 Main street. J. R. Kelley will have charge of the company's business. Pending the completion of the corporation's office, temporary offices will be maintained with Kelley & Bellman at the White Pelican hotel.

Mr. Kelley stated today that active operations will be begun as soon as material arrives. The derrick timber is to be furnished by Lake-side Lumber company of this city. W. C. Lehman, chief of drilling operations, is in California to purchase equipment.

The company has leases on several thousand acres near Merrill. The first rig will be erected within a short distance of Merrill.

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Tonight and Wednesday, occasional rain; warmer tonight in east with increasing southerly winds.

FIVE DIE WHEN PULLMAN CAR CATCHES FIRE

PUEBLO, Colorado, March 15.—Five persons were burned to death when the rear Pullman on the Denver and Rio Grande caught fire early today between Pueblo and Walsenburg.

Seven of the passengers were asleep when the fire started from some undetermined cause. Two persons escaped by jumping from the windows. They were slightly injured.

The Pullman was completely destroyed. The bodies of the victims were dragged out when the train stopped.

MOTHERS MEETING AT CHILOQUIN SCHOOL

A well attended mother's meeting was held at the Chiloquin public school, Friday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Chas. Bowman spoke on "Sleep for Children." Miss Goodner, intermediate teacher spoke on "Attendance," and Miss Kirkham, primary teacher, on "Modern Health Crusade." Orilla Beloit presided.

HELD TO GRAND JURY FOR PELICAN BAY THEFT

William Bradshaw, arrested about a month ago on a charge of robbing the Pelican Bay Lumber company's store, waived examination yesterday and is held to answer to the grand jury under a \$500 bond. Bradshaw's father is his bondsman.

Weather Probabilities

The barometric pressure, as recorded by the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has been rising slightly during the past 24 hours, and being well above the usual storm area, no marked change is expected during the next 24 hours, at least.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Continued warmer, followed by unsettled weather.

MESSENGER IS HURT AS AUTO HITS BICYCLE

Late afternoon report of Lynn Skillington's condition indicated serious possibilities. He had not spoken since regaining consciousness. This afternoon he slept. Physicians expected a crisis in condition at 9 o'clock this evening. Before then they refused to predict the outcome, although the patient's condition was hopeful.

Lynn Skillington, aged about 18, employed as a messenger for the local Western Union office, while coming down Tenth street, toward Main street, on his wheel, about 8:30 this morning, collided with a car driven by W. L. Valentine at the intersection of the streets, and was thrown in front of the car and pushed almost across the street before Mr. Valentine could bring his car to a stop. The lad's wheel fell between him and the car, this circumstance perhaps saving him from more serious injuries. He was picked up by Walter Quimby and Darnell, and taken to the hospital in Fred Dunbar's car, where it was ascertained that while no bones were broken, it is possible that internal injuries have resulted. He was badly bruised about the face. Skillington was unconscious when picked up and did not regain consciousness until about 10:30.

Mr. Valentine employed by the First State and Savings bank, talked frankly about the accident, and regrets it exceedingly. He states that he did not see the boy coming down the hill, and that he used every effort to avoid the collision. Both Mr. Valentine and Skillington have reputations of being very careful in observing auto and cycling road regulations.

Lynn Skillington is a son of Thomas Skillington, an engineer for the Southern Pacific, and has been in the employ of the Western Union several months. He has many friends throughout the city, especially those with whom he came in contact in his work, who are deeply concerned relative to the seriousness of his injuries.

Witnesses of the accident said that Valentine was traveling at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Mr. Valentine said that he was certain that he was not going at an excessive speed.

\$500 Fine Imposed Upon Hunsaker

PORTLAND, March 15.—Jesse Hunsaker, Klamath Falls jitney driver was fined \$500 in the federal court here late yesterday.

Hunsaker and E. A. Quait were recently convicted of conspiracy to steal gasoline from the government reclamation service station here last June. John Flodin, caught while attempting to take the gasoline, is serving a six month's jail sentence.

CATTLE SHIPPED

Six carloads of cattle left Midland today for San Francisco stock yards.

UNIQUE CASE IN BANK HISTORY

Opening of the First State and Savings bank marks the first instance in Oregon banking history where a bank once closed has opened by its own efforts, said Frank C. Branwell, state banking superintendent, today.

Since the state banking laws were passed in 1911 there have been two or three cases where closed banks have been purchased by other institutions and opened, but the local bank occupies the unique position of having opened with its control unchanged.

"It is a remarkable event in state banking history," said Mr. Branwell. "It is the beginning of a better era for Klamath county, and I know of nothing more calculated to create financial confidence throughout the state."

FINE SHORTHORN ARRIVES O. K. FOR THE SALE

Avalon Primrose, the 23-month-old Shorthorn bull from the Avalon farm at Glendale, arrived here last night in care of his owner, C. O. Garrett, and has taken his place at the end of the long line of splendid animals which will be disposed of at the second annual Shorthorn sale on Thursday. This bull is a magnificent animal, with splendid head, good horns and heavy bricket, and typifies in detail the Shorthorn breed. He was sired by Lord Sultan, the bull who topped the sale held here last year, and his mother is a Golden Goods cow. This likely-looking animal is sleek and fat, and Mr. Garrett says that it has been fed only one sack of grain during its life, an indication that it is an "easy keeper."

Three more entries which arrived at the barn yesterday are attracting much attention. They are Baron's Gypsy, a 19-month-old bull, the property of Verle Heselstine; Sailor Boy, about the same age, owned by Orin Reeder, and Mounds Leader, 22 months old, owned by Eliza Kirkpatrick of Merrill. The first two were entered in the big livestock show at Portland last fall, and won places handily, but Mounds Leader was not entered. Baron's Gypsy and Sailor Boy were sired by Radiator of the Hutchinson & Sherman farm, and Mounds Leader was sired by Violet King, the property of W. J. Townley of Union. These animals were sold to their present owners when about six months old, and even though they were deprived of their milk rations, they show that they have had excellent care in other ways, and demonstrate fairly what youngsters can do in the care of stock.

Red Robin, another prize winner at the fair last fall, has been withdrawn from this sale by his owner, Dorothy Short. This withdrawal has disappointed a number of people who are familiar with the bull, and wanted a chance to bid upon him at the sale.

Ricketts Glee Club Will Play for Elks Dance This Evening

The Ricketts Glee club did not disappoint the audience at the Elks Temple last night. In fact, many persons who had the pleasure of hearing the clever musical entertainers, declared that this was the best of the series of Elks entertainments so far. The Ricketts troupe came here with a reputation for being artists of finished versatility and fully lived up to its reputation.

Members of the Elks lodge prevailed upon the glee club to remain over one day in Klamath Falls to furnish music for special Elks dance this evening. It will be an affair that dancers will long remember. As purveyors of jazzy strains the Ricketts orchestra is in a class of its own.

Extra Session of Senate Ends Today

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The senate's extra session, which began March 4, ended shortly before noon today after confirming a few additional nominations.

Personal Mention

An eight-pound young lady, Marjorie Josephine by name, arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bascom, of 240 Lincoln street this morning. Dr. Wright says that mother and daughter are getting along famously.

Mrs. Lindsey Sisemore, of Fort Klamath, reached this city yesterday enroute to her home, after spending several enjoyable weeks with friends in the Rogue River valley.

"Slim" Christian, local promoter of wild west performances, has returned from Los Angeles where he was employed for several months by one of the motion picture producing companies.

Fourth Trial on to Oust Administrator

An action in probate, to remove Benson Dixon as administrator of the estate of Louie B. Dixon on a charge of malfeasance in office, is being heard before County Judge R. H. Bunnell today. This is the fourth time the case has been heard, the other cases having failed.

The estate involves about \$7500 worth of personal property, the widow and four children being the heirs. Benson Dixon, the administrator, is a brother of the late Louie Dixon, and is familiar with the affairs of the estate.

OLD RESIDENT DIES IN SOUTH

Bayliss F. Shepherd, former well-known resident of Klamath Falls, died at his home at Los Angeles, California, March 3, according to information received here. Mr. Shepherd moved from here to Los Angeles ten years ago. He is survived by a widow and two sons Howard F. Shepherd, an attorney, and Bayliss F. Shepherd, Jr., all of Los Angeles. The body was sent to Marshall, Missouri, the decedent's former home, for burial.

Bayliss F. Shepherd resided in Klamath Falls for four or five years. He conducted a loan and investment business. He owned the Lamb block at one time and built the building where the Wilson Abstract company and Bluebird confectionery are now located. His sons founded the abstract company now owned by Arthur Wilson who bought it from them.

Following his removal to Los Angeles Mr. Shepherd was a regular annual visitor, spending his summer vacations at Spring Creek, until about three years ago he ceased coming.

ROADS PROMISE LOWER RATES

PORTLAND, March 15.—Railroads today advised the interstate commerce commission that lower railway freight rates would be placed in effect within five days as an aid toward the rehabilitation of the lumber industry of the northwest.

Appeal Filed in Labaree Will Case

Appeal from the decision of County Judge Bunnell in the Labaree will contest was filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon.

The son and daughter of Oscar Labaree, northwest builder and capitalist, seek to break the will leaving the entire estate to Anita Labaree, the second wife. Judge Bunnell denied the petition to annul the will.

It is said the estate is worth \$100,000 and attorneys for both sides promise to carry the legal battle through all the courts before accepting final decision.

INFANTS FUNERAL

The funeral of Silvan Edgar Merritt, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Merritt, who died yesterday a few hours after birth, took place this afternoon from the family residence, 1213 Sargent avenue. The little one was the grandchild of Chief of Police and Mrs. H. S. Wilson. Its passing marks the first death in the Wilson family.

HUNTING LOST PAY SREAKS IN MINES

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., March 15.—Grizzled miners, who worked in the Eureka-Idaho-Maryland mine here 35 years ago are going back into the long abandoned workings to point out sections from which they took quartz in the early days.

The men, some of whom have been retired for 20 years, are being asked to go into the mine by a company which recently took the property over and which hopes, by the aid of the veterans to locate the lost pay-streaks.

GARAGE MEN PROTEST TOO DRASTIC LAW

Virtually every garage in the city would be closed, declared garage men at the city council meeting last night, if the ordinance forbidding leasing of other than fire proof structures for garage purposes after present leases expire is enforced. The matter was brought up for discussion by Fire Chief Ambrose, who said he sought a ruling from the council to guide his actions in regard to garages. It was the general opinion of the council that the ordinance is too drastic. It was finally referred to the fire committee for study, with a view to modification.

Petition For Paving
Property owners on Jefferson, Lincoln and Fifth streets petitioned for inclusion of a unit, from Third to Fifth, in this year's paving program. The city engineer was instructed to get plans and specifications.

R. C. Groesbeck, president of the Automobile association, asked stricter enforcement of the regulations against open mufflers.

Terminal Site

Mr. Groesbeck also informed the council that the Strahorn railroad has secured property for a terminal site on Oak and Walnut streets between Sixth and Ninth, and asked the council to take cognizance of the fact in planning to pave Oak and Walnut. He indicated that the railway company would ask the vacation of portions of streets in the vicinity.

Disposal of the city garbage, a question that bobs up regularly, was again discussed without definite decision. Removal of unsightly debris left by the Call garage fire, the Argraves hotel and Gem rooming house fires, was ordered.

Condemn Rooming House

The Evans and Wilkins rooming houses, at Conger avenue and Main street, are unsafe reported the fire committee. The fire chief supplemented the report and the council condemned the places for rooming house purposes until the owners make changes conforming with the fire laws and ordinances. Speaking for Mr. Evans, Attorney Groesbeck, said he would make any reasonable change indicated by the council.

No Bids For Bonds

No bids have been received for the \$50,000 Mills addition sewer bonds, it was reported, but a representative of a bond house will arrive in a few days to look local conditions over. Hereafter the city will advertise for improvement bids in the New York Engineering news, a standard trade paper, as well as locally, hoping to secure greater competition.

The Automobile Show management was granted permission to string street banners advertising the show, March 20, 21 and 22.

Report was made that the septic tank has been cleaned for the first time in several years. The job cost \$200 and the bill was allowed.

On behalf of Dr. Bulgin, Portland evangelist, the Rev. E. P. Lawrence secured a permit for the erection of a temporary tabernacle on Pine street, between Seventh and Eighth for the Bulgin meetings, which start March 27. It is planned to construct a building that will seat 2000 persons.

Building permits were granted to Ed Bottomley, five room house, lot 8, block 7, Simpson addition; Fred Weiss, building lot 10, block 4, Darrow addition. Several minor permits were granted.

SEEK OIL IN MONO BASIN

BRIDGEPORT, Cal., March 15.—Waters of Mono lake, near here, which Mark Twain once described as having no parallel in America for acidity, are believed to owe much of their pungency to oil deposits. At times, the scum from the water contains so much oil that it can be burned when freed from the water, it is said.

Oil wells are to be set down soon in the Mono Basin and on Pacha Island in the lake. Several years ago a well 2500 feet deep was driven on the island, but the promoters failed to find the source of the lake's oil supply.