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TONIGHT AND THURSDAY, PROB-
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OF KLAMATH FALLS

WOMAN HELD IN SUMMIT MURDER BROUGHT HERE

Mrs. Mabel Nichols, Self Confessed Slayer Awaits Action of Grand Jury

Mrs. Mabel Nichols, who by her own confession shot and killed her companion, Robert Greer, at the Summit stage station on the Silver Lake road, 20 miles east of Crescent, last Saturday morning, was brought to this city early this morning by Sheriff Low. She will be held for the grand jury, now in session.

An autopsy was held at Crescent Tuesday morning and an inquest in the afternoon, after an investigation had been made of the stage station at Summit. At the inquest it was adjudged that Greer was shot to death by Mrs. Nichols. The inquest was conducted by Coroner Whitlock and was attended by Sheriff Low, Grant M. Raymond, court reporter; E. G. Rourke, deputy sheriff at Crescent; Dr. H. D. L. Stewart, city health officer; H. E. Mittelholz, Greer's employer; Mrs. Nichols and her husband, I. N. Nichols, of Ellensburg; and A. M. Greer, of Ellensburg, a brother of the dead man.

Body Taken to Crescent

Greer's body had been taken to Bend but was returned to Crescent for the inquest. Later it was returned to Bend for burial.

Mittelholz and Rourke returned with local officers, reaching this city early this morning after plowing through from 18 to 20 inches of snow. Rourke's car broke down and the occupants were forced to take the train at Kirk.

Mrs. Nichols' story is that she was coerced from her home by Greer, that she was dragged and when she recovered her senses found herself at The Dalles.

Three notes were found in the fireplace of her home after her departure, according to the officials. Sheriff Low said that he was told that one of the notes said, "Leaving at the point of a pistol." This note had been crumpled and thrown in the fireplace, but had not caught fire. It was believed that the other notes were dictated to her by Greer or some other person.

Drove to Bend

When Mrs. Nichols reached Bend in Greer's car last Saturday she told Sheriff Roberts that she had shot Greer but was not certain that she had killed him. When an investigation was made Greer's body, fully clothed, was found on the bed. A bullet from a .22 calibre automatic revolver had penetrated his right temple. She told the officials there that the two had been moonshining and selling the product in Bend, and that she had been unable to get away. Greer had threatened to lead her into a life of shame at Bend, she was reported to have told Sheriff Roberts. She was anxious to return to her husband and child at Ellensburg, but Greer refused even to let her communicate with them.

Mrs. Nichols was anxious to tell her story to him. Sheriff Low said, but had been advised by Attorney W. P. Myers at Bend to talk to no one. She said she thought she would feel better if she could unburden her mind, but that she feared to break her promise to her attorney.

Mrs. Nichols Is 23

Mrs. Nichols is 23 years of age. She is rather short and plump with black hair which she wears bobbed. She was lodged at the Hall hotel upon arrival here this morning but will probably be taken out to the county infirmary, Sheriff Low said.

Mittelholz, Greer's employer, told county officials that he had noticed no signs of dissension between Greer and Mrs. Nichols and that he believed them to be man and wife. He was not at the Summit station often, he said, having left the place in charge of Greer.

FEDERAL GAME LAW UNDER DISCUSSION BY GAME OFFICIALS

Proposal for U. S. Regulation of Migratory Bird Shooting Fails of Adoption

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 6.—After an all-day discussion, held here Monday, visiting members of the western association of game commissioners, in session at the state capitol failed to reach an agreement on the proposed adoption of a federal act providing for the establishment of public shooting grounds and placing all hunters of water fowl and migratory birds under federal licenses.

Provisions of Act

Under the proposed act, every hunter of migratory birds and water fowl would be forced to pay a federal license fee of \$1. One-half of this would be used for the establishment of public hunting preserves and the other half for overhead expenses.

Opposition was expressed briefly on the ground that the bill would take away the police powers of the state. The proposed act will be taken up again today.

Many in Attendance

Fish and game commissioners of seven western states are attending the session and the California commission is acting as host, not being a member of the association. Views relative to co-operation in the enforcement of game and fish laws were discussed. D. H. Madson, who is president of the organization, presided.

The work of the California commission and ways used to enforce the law were explained by Frank Newbert, president of the California body.

Those at Conference

The following are among those in attendance: D. H. Madson, fish and game commissioner, Salt Lake City, Utah; Roland G. Parvin, game commissioner, Denver, Col.; Otto M. Jones, game warden, Boise, Idaho; George Lawyer, federal game warden; C. A. Jakeways, game warden, Helena, Mont.; A. E. Burghdoff, game commissioner, Portland, Ore.; J. W. Kinney, fish and game supervisor, Seattle, Wash.; George H. Johnston, fish and game protective association, Salt Lake City; Joe V. Prochaska, game warden, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Frank M. Newbert and George Neale, president and executive officer, respectively, California fish and game commission.

L. D. KING PASSES ON

Death Came at Yreka Friday Night; Lived Here Four Years

L. D. King, better known here as "Buck" King, died at Yreka Friday night. The funeral took place there Monday. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Bartle, brother James A. King, and sister, Mrs. Gertrude Vance, all of 398 Michigan avenue, Klamath Falls; a sister, Mrs. W. W. Garrow, Portland, a brother, B. R. King, of Lufkin, Texas, and three children, Ora L. King, the eldest, aged 10 years, and John and Clarabelle King.

The decedent was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, 44 years ago. He came to Oregon in early youth with his family. He had lived in Klamath Falls for about four years, and was an engineer for the Warren Construction company until taken ill two years ago. About two weeks ago he went to Medford in hope that a milder climate would improve his health. He remained a week and was on his way back to Klamath Falls, when his strength failed in Weed and he was taken to the Yreka hospital. His mother was with him before he died.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

At 4 o'clock this morning the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registered a "low" of 29.79. Since that hour the tendency has been upward and this, of course is a favorable sign for clearing. (Owing to the extremely low pressure prevailing a slight turn downward would indicate a renewal of the storm.)

Forecast for next 24 hours: Indications slightly in favor of clearing, with fresh winds tonight and tomorrow.

The Tycas recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High.....27
Low.....27

6 ARE KILLED WHEN 2 PLANES CRASH IN AIR

Army Men Meet Death In Langley Field Accident; Two Burned to Death

NEW PORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Guy L. Gearhart, Captain Benton A. Doyle and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field today when a Martin bomber collided with an airplane while making a landing. The enlisted men were Staff Sergeant Marick and Privates Blunka, Leon Rolas and Thomas Jordan.

The bomber was in air when Major Gearhart took off in a Fokker. The lighter machine struck the tail of the bomber and both machines fell.

Major Gearhart, Captain Doyle and Sergeant Marick were caught in the wreckage and burned to death. Blunka and Jordan were killed almost instantly when they jumped.

BAND IDEA IS RIGHT

Forum Speaker Holds W. F. Cramer Is Showing Proper Spirit

"Klamath Falls at last is on the right track toward securing a band for the city can be proud of," said Earl Shepherd, chairman of the chamber of commerce forum at today's luncheon.

"The former band leaders have been too prone, in my opinion, to consider the band as a job for themselves. But in W. F. Cramer the band has a leader who isn't talking in terms of dollars and cents. He is trying first to produce an organization of quality. I think that the band should have the community's support."

The community has an opportunity to act on the suggestion Friday night, when a benefit dance will be held at the Scandinavian hall.

The ticket sale will start tomorrow. The price is one dollar per couple. Music for the dance will be furnished partly by the band and partly by the orchestra.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Cattle, hogs and sheep steady, lambs weak. Eggs two cents lower, buying prices 44c to 51c, selling 50c to 55c; butter firm.

Hall Case Another 'Unsolved' Crime



PRINCIPALS IN FAMOUS UNSOLVED MYSTERIES. LEFT, THE REV. EDWARD WHEELER HALL (ABOVE) AND JOSEPH ELWELL; RIGHT, DOROTHY ARNOLD.

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NO SIGN OF CLARA

Hammer Slayer Makes Good Her Escape From Prison

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Highway and desert in Lower California, sea and air, are being watched for Mrs. Clara Phillips, Hammer slayer, who escaped yesterday. Her husband is under technical arrest here.

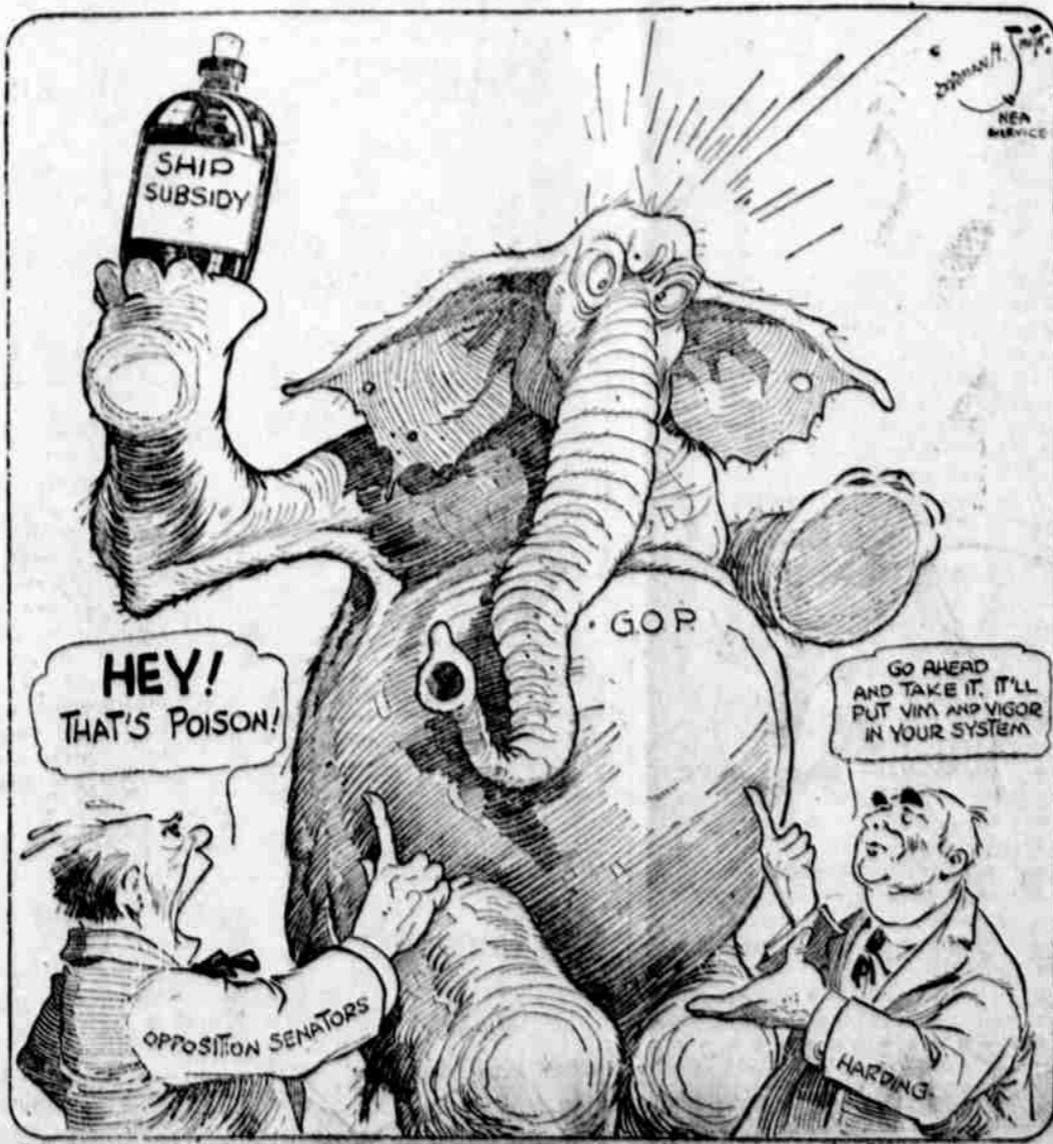
KLEPPER IS OUSTED

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 6.—President Klepper, of the Portland baseball club, was forever barred from national association professional baseball leagues by the action taken today at the baseball meeting here.

He was charged with filing a false statement relative to the capital stock of the Tacoma club.

For two and a half years every effort has failed to solve the mys-

KILL OR CURE?



DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES BRINGS WEALTH TO NATION

Outstanding Developments of Year Listed By Secretary of Interior In Annual Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Use and development of the country's natural resources under control of the interior department have contributed in great measure to national stabilization and prosperity, Secretary Fall declared today in his annual report. The secretary listed the more outstanding of these contributions as opportunities for home making upon the public lands by returned soldiers and other citizens; the discovery of new oil fields; development of existing fields and increasing production of oil and its products; the exploitation of coal deposits, and the opening of mines in the western states.

Bring Cash Returns

Incidentally, the interior secretary declared, these developments have resulted in very substantial cash returns to the federal treasury and to the various states in which these mineral resources have been developed under leading laws.

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HEARING TIME SET

Naturalization Petitions to Come Before Examiner In February

Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt has set February 28 and September 24, 1923, for the hearing on petitions for naturalization for the year 1923.

All soldiers who wish to be naturalized under the soldier act must appear on one of the above dates if they desire to be naturalized during the year 1923. They are not required, however to establish an actual residence, nor need they take out a first paper. But they must appear on one of the above dates, when the examiner is present, and bring with them their discharge papers and two witnesses who know them to be the persons stated in their discharges.

Petitions for naturalization for other aliens, not soldiers, may be filed at any time after their first paper or declaration is two years old, but they are required to establish a five year residence in the United States by means of two witnesses. The hearings on these petitions are also set for the above dates and no hearing will be held on any other dates during the year 1923.

Under the new law a woman must also be naturalized, even if married, regardless of whether or not her husband has naturalization papers, except that wives of persons naturalized and who were married before this act, are not required to be naturalized but take the citizenship of their husbands.

TWO FORCES IN HOT EXCHANGES AT I. C. C. MEET

Both Railroads Accused of Intrigue In Creating Support In West

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Increased competition in railroad service along the Pacific coast would result from a separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific, Van Bernard, chairman of the committee of the California Producers and Shippers association, told the interstate commerce commission today.

During exchanges on cross examination Fred H. Wood, counsel for the Southern Pacific, and Bernard agreed that he was "getting wages" from the Union Pacific for organizing the producers to urge the separation.

Bernard asserted that railroad competition, particularly in California territory, would reduce the car shortage and expand the markets for producers of the state. He said the Southern Pacific, after being ordered by the supreme court to give up control of the Central Pacific, has started a campaign all over the west to influence public opinion and had used threats of discrimination in car supply against shippers, to force them to its support.

Wood, by questions which indicated that he considered the Union Pacific to be entirely responsible for the creation of Bernard's organization, went into its expenditures at considerable length, showing evidence of publication of newspaper advertisements and the issuance of literature.

"As far as I know all the bills contracted by the producers' association have been paid by the Union Pacific," Bernard testified, "and they have made no secret about it."

FORUM DAY CHANGED

Meeting Will Be Held Monday No Riley May Speak

Next week's forum of the chamber of commerce will be held Monday noon, instead of Wednesday, as usual, Secretary Stevenson announced at today's forum, in order that Frank Branch Riley, who is to deliver his famous lecture "The Lure of the Great Northwest," at the Pine Tree theatre Monday night, may be the chief speaker at the forum.

The speaker will talk on a different subject from the evening lecture. Extra tables will be provided and preparations made for accommodations for an unusually large crowd at the forum.

This is the first time since he has been secretary of the chamber that the forum date has been advanced, said Stevenson, but the matter had been discussed by the directors who agreed that the importance of Riley's visit warranted the change.

HORSES AROUSED IRE

Citizen Opens Fire With Shotgun At Stray Stock

Is the city menaced by a scourge of stray horses, cattle, dogs and other homeless animals, who roam at large over lawns and vacant lots? According to reports, some person in the vicinity of Third and Pine seemed to think so last night. Objecting to the presence of several horses in his front yard, this irate citizen opened fire with a shotgun. The horses took the hint and left.

The trouble has been, it appears, that the livery stable where the city formerly lodged stray stock, in lieu of a suitable pound, was unwilling to continue the arrangement. Chief of Police Wilson, who is also poundmaster, placed stray stock in the open corral over near Lake Ewanna. In some mysterious manner, however, the stock escaped as promptly as it was brought there. Whether the more intelligent of the animals removed the bars or whether they had outside accomplices, Wilson was unable to say. Privately, however, he has a theory.

Wilson obtained the promise of the livery stable that they would round up the stray horses at large last night and drive them to the pound.