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# EX-KLAMATH MAN SENTENCED

## JOHNNIE O'SHEA TO BE TRIED AGAIN

### CHARGE OF ROBBERY PENDS

Acquitted in Scandinavian Hall Murder Case in February

Johnnie O'Shea, well known sheep operator who was acquitted last February on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the killing of Oscar Erickson on the morning of January 4, in the basement of the Scandinavian Hall, will be tried next month on the charge of robbery according to persistent reports around the county court house.

According to well authenticated information, the district attorney's office is making preliminary preparation toward gathering of evidence on which to prosecute the charge. O'Shea is still in this country it is known. His sheep interests, however, keep him on the ranges of Klamath and Lake counties for the most part.

**Taylor To Testify**  
When O'Shea was indicted by the grand jury on the first degree murder charge, the jury also returned an indictment against him for robbery. Acquitted of the murder charge, the robbery indictment still held. The robbery indictment is in connection with the same alleged crime committed in the basement of the Scandinavian hall. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the warden of the state penitentiary to release at least John Taylor to testify against O'Shea on behalf of the state.

John Taylor was arrested in the Applegate country two weeks after the brutal murder of Oscar Erickson. After several days of grilling, he confessed to having taken part in the Scandinavian hall hold-up and murder and implicated four others, John O'Shea, Pete Sullivan, Sim Pate and Pete Macyok.

O'Shea, Sullivan and Pate were arrested and tried. Sullivan and Pate were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. O'Shea was acquitted after a sensational trial.

John Taylor pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced the limit by Judge A. L. Leavitt, fifteen years in the penitentiary.

### Survey Board Sees District at First Hand

Inspection of Smaller Projects in Western Klamath Today

With Klamath showing to its best advantage, the Board of Survey and Adjustment was today escorted through eastern Klamath on the second day of general inspection of government reclamation projects in Klamath.

Tomorrow morning, the first hearing of the survey board will open at 9 o'clock in the circuit court rooms of the county court house.

The smaller districts will be heard first. It is understood that they will ask for a postponement of publication of the second notice for payment of construction charges. Not until the second notice is published are they obliged to pay. Then will come the Tule lake homesteaders, who will make their supreme effort against the \$99 an acre construction charges on Tule lake land.

Last but not least, will come the Klamath irrigation district, with the claims of illegal agrandizement of their water power by the California Oregon Power company. This will be the supreme effort of the district to recover what it claims is rightfully its own.

The official party yesterday left Klamath Falls and drove directly to the Lower Lost River diversion dam, two miles below Merrill; then back to Malin and directly to the Clear Lake dam; then back to Malin where luncheon was served and the Malin cheese factory was inspected; then south from Malin across the state line and west through the Tule lake homestead land. Then across the lower Klamath Lake marsh and then back to Klamath Falls, where the party inspected Link River "Power Canyon."

During the trip, M. H. Lapham, of the United States department collected several specimens of soil, particularly in the lower Klamath Lake land.

Ex-Governor Campbell and other members of the board, expressed themselves as greatly impressed with the Klamath irrigation district and the Tule Lake lands.

George M. Crutcher, head of bureau of economics of the department of the interior will arrive in Klamath Falls next month to conduct a comprehensive and far reaching investigation of land settlement problems of the government reclamation projects in Klamath. Mr. Campbell said. He will also investigate the lower Klamath Lake country with the view of ascertaining whether or not it would be advisable to erect certain sections of the lower Klamath Lake country into a bird reserve.

**PIGEONS RACE**  
SEATTLE, May 26.—Pigeons of the Seattle pigeon club racing here from Pendleton, Oregon Sunday averaged close to 27 1/2 miles an hour.

### WORLD AWAITING SOME WORD FROM AMUNDSEN PARTY

Anxiety Increases as no Report is Received From Polar Expedition

RELIEF IS ORGANIZED

Want Explorers Offer Services to go in Search of Missing Men

At 2:30 P. M. New York daylight saving time no word had been received from the Amundsen-Ellsworth flying expedition to the north pole. The explorers hopped off in two flying boats from Spitzbergen on Thursday afternoon. President Coolidge is considering the possibility of sending an American relief expedition. Some Arctic experts began today to express anxiety but generally expressing a note of optimism regarding the fate of the party was maintained. H. E. Perrin, secretary of the Royal Aero club of Great Britain voiced confidence the party will come through safely. Weather reports from the north were less favorable today.

OSLO, Norway, May 26.—(A.P.)—A message received here by the Shipping Gazette from Spitzbergen said the explorer Amundsen had not returned from his North Pole flight this morning. Weather conditions were less favorable, it was reported.

LONDON, May 26.—(A.P.)—Increasing anxiety was felt here today regarding the fate of the Amundsen-Ellsworth flying expedition to the North Pole. Optimism continued to prevail in many quarters and some felt that the lack of news from him merely indicated that he was waiting favorable weather conditions for his return to Spitzbergen.

Nevertheless the general feeling was less confident and more fears were felt that some mishap had left Amundsen and his companions without the use of their flying boats somewhere in the vast stretches of ice in the polar basin. The anxiety was increased by reports from Spitzbergen this morning. (Continued On Page Eight)

### Murphy's Death Laid to Way by Coroner's Jury

Manning and Stone to Face Each Other at Trial

WAY ACCUSED

Frank Way stood accused of the murder of Timothy Murphy in a verdict of the coroner's jury late this afternoon. The jurors found that Murphy came to his death from a fractured skull inflicted by Way during a fight.

Six men, composing a coroner's jury, were listening this afternoon to the different tales of the tragic death of Timothy Murphy, prominent sheep operator of Klamath, and upon their decision will rest what charge—if any—will be preferred against Frank Way, who fought Murphy in the Devil's Garden country shortly before Murphy relaxed into unconsciousness from the effects of a fractured skull.

The coroner's jury is composed of James H. Driscoll, Charles Johnson, L. F. Crawford, L. G. Hoagland, Roy Durbin and S. E. Sullivan. The inquest was being held in the chapel of the coroner's office, this afternoon. Among the witnesses called were Dr. J. G. Patterson, Ben Murphy, the brother of the dead man, Frank Way and deputies from the sheriff's office that investigated the case. The inquest was conducted by County Coroner Earl Whitlock with the assistance of a deputy district attorney.

Yesterday Way, Sheriff Burt Hawkins and a deputy district attorney drove to the scene of the tragic fight between Murphy and Way and amassed certain evidence concerning the case that was to have been submitted to the coroner's jury this afternoon.

Albert Way, Frank Way's brother and partner in the sheep enterprise, arrived in Klamath early this morning after an all night drive from Prineville, his residence.

"It is terrible, the whole situation," Mr. Way said this morning. "However, Timothy Murphy was killed, the fact remains that it is bad. It is simply terrible which ever way you look at it."

Two of the ablest lawyers in southern Oregon will face each other in the prosecution of Way, if the case is ever brought to trial. Judge C. F. Stone has been retained as counsel for Way and friends of Murphy have retained Horace Manning to aid in the prosecution of Way.

Way is still held in jail on an open charge, pending the decision of the coroner's jury this afternoon.

### FIRST NATIONAL AWARDED \$50000 LIBRARY BONDS

Council Opens Bids on Three Street Paving Projects

HEARING TONIGHT

Used Car Dealers Scrap it Out Before City Council

Deliberation of a week by the finance committee of the city council led to the decision last night that the First National Bank of Klamath Falls was the lowest bidder for the city library \$50,000 bond issue. The bid of the local concern was just \$540 lower than the firm of A. D. Wakeman of Portland, Oregon, the finance committee reported. Two of the bids that were opened at the council meeting last week were held over for further action to last evening.

Although, from figures compiled last night, it appeared that the Warren Construction company was the successful bidder on two of the projects and Dunn & Baker company the successful bidder on the third, the council decided to adjourn the meeting till this evening to further consider bids.

On improvement unit No. 36 a, the Warren Construction company appeared to have underbid their No. 36, the Warren concern bid closes competitor by \$5500; on unit No. 37 it appeared that Dunn & Baker made the successful bid, underbidding W. D. Miller. Bids were offered for both warrentite and concrete.

Property holders of unit 36 a, which is the biggest improvement of the three and composes some 29 blocks from Klamath avenue south, petitioned the council last night to designate warrentite not concrete as the type of paving to be used in that unit.

Aggravates Hearing Tonight

A letter of protest against his dismissal from the police force was submitted to the council by J. W. Argaves. Argaves asked for a hearing at which he would make his complaint against the mayor public. C. E. Stuckney, chairman of the police committee moved to hold the hearing at the adjourned meeting of the council tonight.

Argaves, while standing in the back ground with his former work. (Continued On Page Six)

## Horace Greeley Wilson Must Serve 18 Months In White Slave Case

Former Indian Agent on Local Reservation Makes Dramatic Plea to Judge Bean—Severely Criticized by Court

PORTLAND, May 26.—Eighteen months in McNeils Island penitentiary was the sentence imposed today by Federal Judge R. S. Bean upon Horace Greeley Wilson, who last week pleaded guilty to an indictment charging violation of the Federal Mann Act. Wilson was formerly Indian agent at the Klamath reservation, and his home recently was at Roseburg.

"Judge, I take an oath before God I never married that woman, if I did I was crazy," said Wilson in a statement to Judge Bean.

A crowded court room, tense and silent, listened while Wilson pleaded. Wilson stood calmly before court and counsel and dramatically declared he was innocent of a crime to which a few days ago in the same court room he pleaded guilty.

"I do not remember a thing about what Mr. Stearns has said about marrying that woman, your honor," he continued, referring to Aletta V. C. Lindsley of New York City, with whom the government charged he went through a marriage ceremony.

"If I did, there is no question but that I was crazy. But I am not crazy now." He paused a moment. The crowd leaned forward to get every word. Judge Bean moved restlessly in his chair.

"There sits my wife and son and daughter—they can tell you whether or not I have been a good husband and father." Every eye turned to the little family group sitting on the front row of the narrow seats on the east side of the hot court room.

"Mr. Stearns has said many things here, many things I know nothing about, nothing about at all, your honor," said Wilson.

Singular Case

"This is a very singular case," began Judge Bean, speaking quickly and snappy. "The defendant evidently knew what he was doing when he pleaded guilty. And now here—"

Here Wilson raised his right hand and interrupted: "May I say a word, Judge, may I say just a word?"

But the court continued: "The defendant's entire conduct in this case has been very strange. He asked to have the case postponed, which was once done. Then upon the eve of trial, when the government had its witnesses all ready, he comes in and pleads guilty. The court can only recognize this plea, as the defendant did nothing when all was ready for trial but to announce it.

Actions Strange  
"His actions have been strange throughout. He has written letters

Changes His Mind  
Harold Pillar, 22, the youngest (Continued On Page Six)

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## Harry Thaw Entertains Dancer With Champagne Supper; Former Policeman Is Now His Secretary

NEW YORK, May 26.—Two New York papers today say that Harry K. Thaw has appeared on Broadway again, lavishing tips in a cabaret. "Somewhere" says the New York American he had found champagne and had shared several bottles of it with a man companion and with pretty little Fawn Gray, a dancer who graced his table.

The New York World says the man companion was a former policeman who now acts as Thaw's secretary.

Texas Guinan's new club in the "Roaring Forties" is given as the scene of Thaw's appearance for the first time since the quashing of kidnaping indictments removed an obstacle to his visiting New York. Recently he has been a gentleman farmer at Winchester, Va., having been released from an asylum in Pennsylvania after a series of sensational legal battles that began when he killed Stanford White in Madison square garden 19 years ago.

Every pretty woman received a costly corsage bouquet at the club late last Saturday night, the stories relate. A five hundred dollar tip went to the orchestra. Tens, twenties, fifties and even hundreds went to waiters.

## A PROCLAMATION

America has thoughtfully and rightfully set aside a day on which the living may offer reverent tribute to her warrior dead. As one of the patriotic institutions of our land, Memorial Day has been designated by state and nation as a day on which the fires of patriotism shall burn a little brighter; when memories of those who have fought and died for the land we love shall live again in the hearts and minds of a thankful people.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Klamath Falls, I hereby urge and beseech the people of this city to give thoughtful and patriotic observance of the day; to join hands with the nation in this annual memorial to those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our national honor, our institutions and our homes.

I especially urge that all merchants close their places of business at least until the hour of 1 p. m. on Saturday, May 30, that artisan and laborer alike may participate in the memorial which a grateful people will so gladly offer upon the altar of their patriotic devotion.

Done under my hand this 26th day of May, 1926.

FRED R. GODDARD,  
Mayor of the City of Klamath Falls.

## Vagrant Cow Starts Disastrous Fire In Mexican Settlement Of Small Town Near Bisbee, Arizona

BISBEE, Arizona, May 26.—Work of rebuilding its dwellings of tin faced many inhabitants of Tintown, a Mexican colony near here today—all because of the antics of a vagrant cow who wrought havoc to the village in emulating the bovine of Chicago fire fame.

The Tintown conflagration like the disastrous Chicago fire, is supposed to have started yesterday when a cow wandered into the kitchen of a house and kicked over an oil lamp. There being no fire fighting equipment in the village, one entire block was razed. The damage amounted to \$15.

Tintown is inhabited solely by Mexicans of the poorer class, who have built their homes from tin cans, parts of junked automobiles and anything else that could be tacked or glued to railroad ties that form the frame work.