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H. W. POOLE TO BUILD \$200,000 THEATRE HERE

NEW ANGLE IN CHURCH MYSTERY

Police Hunt Man Who Talked With Mrs. McPherson

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 21. —(P)—Police detectives investigating circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Almee Simple McPherson, evangelist, from the beach at Santa Monica Tuesday, centered their efforts around a new angle today when Mrs. S. Oberman, identified as the "blonde woman" mentioned in previous reports to police, told authorities that a man whom Mrs. McPherson called "Danny," conversed with the evangelist at the water's edge just before she disappeared.

Mrs. Oberman said the man, of athletic appearance and about 40 years of age, appeared during one of the absences of Miss Emma Schaffer, secretary to the pastor, and after an earnest conversation, walked away in the direction of Venice. When he looked back, the informant said, Mrs. McPherson waved her hand and called "Goodbye, Danny."

Mrs. McPherson Happy

Mrs. McPherson was in a happy mood, Mrs. Oberman said, and after removing her clothes, revealing a green bathing suit, indulged in a few calisthenics and then stepped into the surf. She swam far out, staying about 20 minutes. When she returned, she donned her bathrobe and sat in the dressing tent talking with her secretary.

Miss Schaffer left and the man appeared, Mrs. Oberman fixed the time of his leaving at 2:20 p. m. Compelled to go home with her baby Mrs. Oberman said, she returned to the beach at 3:20 to find Miss Schaffer alone in the tent. The secretary discovered that the evangelist was missing.

Dress Missing

Mrs. Oberman declared Mrs. McPherson wore a white dress with yellow trimmings. Police officers who arrived first at the tent said the dress described by Mrs. Oberman was not there.

Mrs. W. B. Morgan of Denver was reported as having told police that she saw the evangelist when she arrived at a hotel on the strand between 1 and 1:30 p. m. and that she wore a brown dress.

Tales Vary

Detective Lieutenant M. O. Barnard of Culver City, who reported on Tuesday night that he saw a woman he believed to be Mrs. McPherson in an auto headed for Los Angeles at about the time the evangelist disappeared, said the woman wore a white dress with a blue cape.

Miss Schaffer told police yesterday that she and the Angelus temple pastor did not go via Culver City on their trip to the beach.

Renewed hope fired many of the religious leader's followers today as they continued their search of the beaches on Santa Monica bay for the body they believed would be cast ashore on the third day.

Airplanes, speed-boats, fishing boats and coast guard cutter participated in the search today. Some experienced seamen have expressed the opinion that the body would be washed ashore sometime between the third and ninth day. Others of equal experience declared the sea may never cast up the dead.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 21. —(P)—The result of a chemical analysis of candy from which Almee McPherson is said to have eaten shortly before she disappeared while surfing at Ocean Park Tuesday afternoon, was awaited here today.

Acting upon the possibility that the sweets may have contained some harmful element which would have rendered the noted evangelist help-

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LARGE VOTE IS BEING CAST AT KLAMATH FALLS

Many Judges and Clerks of Election Fail to put in Appearance

CITIZENS SWORN IN

Perfect Day may be Big Factor in Bringing Voters to Precincts

Primary election day dawned bright and clear, giving promise of a record vote cast in this county.

As was expected, voting started in slowly this morning, took a sudden spurt at noon, receded a bit until 2 p. m., and then started the gradual upward trend which will be climaxed by polling places being crowded tonight from 6 to 8 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock, indications were that a new record in number of votes cast, would be set at the election, but the volume from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m., will tell the story.

Polls opened at 8 o'clock sharp, and will remain open until 8 o'clock this evening.

Election Officials Absent

Approximately 20 of the 85 judges and clerks appointed to supervise balloting and count ballots failed to put in an appearance at their respective polling places this morning.

County Clerk C. R. DeLap by dint of hard work filled in the vacancies. Technically speaking, DeLap said, failure of election officials to serve, makes them liable to arrest and fine.

"But I don't suppose there will be anything done about it," he smiled. "There never has been, and I don't suppose there will be this time."

Some confusion has resulted in voters finding their polling places, due to the fact that when city precincts were increased from 10 to 17, precinct boundaries were altered. County Clerk DeLap again announced that any voter, registered or not, who desires to know where he or she shall vote can obtain the necessary information at the county clerk's office.

"Also," County Clerk DeLap said, "there are city maps at each polling place with precinct boundaries marked."

Many Sworn In

Another record will also probably be set at this election; that is the number of non-registered voters sworn in. Hundreds of Klamath Falls citizens lost their registration when the precinct boundaries were changed; that is, the county clerk failed to locate them, and their names were stricken from the registration list.

According to the registration list at the county clerk's office, country districts will exceed Klamath Falls' voting strength by 118 votes. There are 2921 registered voters in Klamath Falls and 3039 in rural sections. There are 5950 registered voters in the county.

But, it is generally conceded, Klamath Falls, because of its large unregistered vote, will probably exceed the country vote.

There are 3929 republicans, 1553 democrats, 172 independent, 211 no-party affiliation, 59 socialists, 27 progressives, four prohibitionists and four laborites.

"Flower Basket" Deprived of Due

Through an error in the name the Flower Basket, located at the corner of 11th and Main, was deprived of the credit to which it was entitled in the matter of donating the basket and flowers which were disposed of for the benefit of Dorothy Hammond Wednesday evening. The idea originated with Mrs. A. E. Roome, owner of the Flower Basket, and the work done by her netted \$72 for the fund. The value of the basket and flowers was placed at \$15.

COOLIDGE ORDERS HIRING OF MORE LIQUOR SLEUTHS

Local State and County Officers to be Put on Federal Payroll

Action Today Will Clothe Great Army of Men with U. S. Authority

WASHINGTON, May 21. —(P)—Addition to the federal prohibition staffs of state, county and municipal officers was made possible today under an executive order issued by President Coolidge.

This move, made at the request of Assistant Secretary Andrews in charge of prohibition enforcement, is expected by him to augment the federal dry forces greatly.

Prohibition officials plan to place the local officers on the federal staff, perhaps as dollar a year men, since they will be serving as federal officers in addition to their regular duties.

While local officers in most states and cities are already co-operating with federal officials in the enforcement of prohibition it was said at the treasury, today's action will clothe them with full federal authority.

It is believed by Andrews to be a big step forward in the dry work. How soon Andrews will take ad-

vantage of his authority and the exact extent of the scope to which he will put it has not been decided. The plan was first suggested by the California prohibition administrator, and it is expected to be put in practice in that area first.

Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, said the executive order could not affect his state, since the courts there have held that when a state officer accepts federal appointment he loses his state salary.

Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, said he regarded the order as an "outrage," and would give public notice of it on the floor of the senate. Appointment of the state and city officers as federal agents will be done only by mutual consent of all parties concerned, Commissioner J. J. Jones of the prohibition bureau said.

Before any appointments are made prohibition officials have asked administrators to conduct a survey and to report as to the extent they wish to and can take advantage of the executive order.

In all states in which it is possible, however, it is planned ultimately to make use of the new authority. How many states have laws which would prevent the appointments is not known at prohibition quarters.

BATHTUB PARTY QUIZ IS BEGUN

Girl was in real Champagne Witness Declares

NEW YORK, May 21. —(P)—Testimony that Joyce Hawley, show girl, actually was in a bath tub from which men drank champagne at a party given by Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, was recorded in his trial for perjury today.

Phillip A. Payne, managing editor of the Daily Mirror, testified. Guests were sitting in orchestra seats, Payne said. The bath tub was in the center of the stage. A girl in negligee approached Carroll who was standing by the tub, he said. Carroll removed from the shoulders of another girl a green cloak and placed it on the girl in the negligee.

As Carroll held the green coat over her shoulders, Payne said, the fluff negligee garments were seen to drop to the floor. With Carroll still holding the green coat, Payne said, the girl stepped into the tub and Carroll removed the cloak.

"The line forms to the right," Payne said Carroll shouted, turning to the guests in the orchestra seats.

Guests formed in a line to the right of the tub, Payne said, and drank from glasses filled with wine from the tub.

Club Caravan to Leave for State College

Sixty Will Represent Klamath Delegation Next Month

An automobile caravan carrying 60 enthusiastic and enterprising members of the Klamath girls and boys clubs will leave Klamath Falls June 12, for Corvallis, where they take the special county club course offered by the Oregon Agricultural college.

This was the announcement this morning of County Club Leader Frank W. Sexton, who will take the large Klamath delegation.

"There is a great deal of interest in the club course in Klamath this year, and I expect fully 60 club members to make the trip," he said. "The course is invaluable to the children, and besides the trip is a vacation that they have enjoyed each year."

The short summer school opens

ANNUAL CHAMBER DINNER TONIGHT

Expect 200 People; Election Returns Promised

Klamath County chamber of commerce will tonight celebrate one of the most successful years in its history when approximately 200 citizens will attend the sixth annual banquet at the White Pelican hotel tonight.

How Klamath stands in the opinion of the Pacific coast will be heard from a man who is qualified to know, Robert Newton Lynch, executive vice-president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, Mr. Lynch arrived in Klamath Falls last night and will deliver the principal address at the chamber dinner.

Nearly 150 tickets to the banquet had been sold up to noon today, and indications were that 200 would attend the banquet tonight.

One of the features of the evening will be the report of A. M. Collier, president of the chamber, on the activities of the chamber during the past 12 months.

Miss Catherine Walton will play several violin solos, and Mrs. C. R. Lucas will sing several numbers. The Pine Tree theatre orchestra, led by Harry Borrel will add to the musical entertainment. The orchestra is being presented by Harry Poole.

Wilson S. Willey will be toastmaster. Arrangements are being made to receive election returns. It is expected that partial returns from city precincts will be received by 9 o'clock.

Building Cave-In Fatal to Worker

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21. (P)—A cavern at the rear of the new Pacific building at Sixth and Yamhill streets, resulted late yesterday in the death of William Wyant, and serious injuries to A. W. Lall, workmen employed by local contractors.

Wyant's body was not recovered for nearly an hour, being buried under seven feet of dirt.

HARRISON, N. J. —(P)—Whiskey is being sold to children in "Hell holes" for fifty cents a pint, it is asserted by the Rev. George Fitzpatrick. Some of the sales are in grocery stores.

On June 13 and closes June 26. Club members from all over the state will be present, and besides studies, athletic competition between the different counties will prevail.

GOOD WEATHER IN STATE AS VOTERS TRAVEL TO POLLS

Roseburg, in Battle Over Sunday Closing, Expects Big Turnout

OFFICES ARE SIDE ISSUE

Eugene Voting Starts Very Light, with Storm Threat in Cloudy Sky

PORTLAND, Ore., May 21. (P)—Republicans and democrats of Oregon went to the polls in a primary today to pick candidates for election next fall. There are 211,658 registered voters in the state. The polls opened at 8 a. m. and will close at 5 p. m.

Not in years has Oregon had such a many-sided contest to decide as that presented by the eight candidates for the republican nomination for United States senator.

There are two candidates for the democratic nomination for senator two for the democratic nomination for governor and three for republican nomination for governor.

The weather in Portland was cloudy. The early voting was heavy. Aside from the candidates to be voted on there was a special city election including a measure for increase of salaries of police and firemen which aroused much local interest.

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 21. (P)—

One of the heaviest votes to be received at any primary election in recent years is expected in Roseburg today. The election is complicated locally by a Sunday closing issue, which has caused a great deal of feeling among the different factions. Practically the entire interest in the election centers around this campaign, nomination of candidates being merely a side issue. Reports from outlying districts are that excellent weather is expected to bring out a fairly heavy vote over the entire county.

PENDLETON, May 21. (P)—

Umatilla county is favored by ideal spring weather for the primary vote which is being cast today. In Pendleton voting during the morning has been slow and infrequent, with indications that more people will cast ballots late in the afternoon after working hours.

EUGENE, Ore., May 21. (P)—

Fair weather greeted voters in Eugene today, though a few dark clouds gave indication that there might be a shower or so later in the day.

Voting was very light in the city this morning. No record vote is expected, though the balloting is expected to be fairly heavy.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19. (P)—

Police detectives here today received a warrant for the arrest of Carl Roston, 21, charged with an attack upon a young woman in Lewis county, Wash.

ONE FOURTH OF VOTERS BALLOT

Twenty five per cent of the registered voters of Klamath Falls had cast their votes by 3 p. m. today, indicating that a record vote may be cast at the May primary election.

At 3 o'clock, 745 votes had been cast, most of which were cast in the down town districts. There are 2921 registered voters in Klamath Falls.

Following are the number of votes cast up to 3 p. m. at each precinct: Precinct one, 46; two, 46; three 43; four, 32; five 73; six 46; seven, 57; eight, 39; nine, 43; ten, 39; eleven, 30; twelve, 75; thirteen, 19; fourteen, 12; fifteen, 46; sixteen, 39; seventeen, 23.

Large Down-Town Tract Gives Site Here For 1600-Seat Playhouse

Local Theater Man Announces Purchase of Valuable Site from D. O. Williams and William Humphrey

By early autumn, construction of a new \$200,000 theatre, one of the finest in the west, will be begun by H. W. Poole, local theatre man, on property acquired by him on Klamath, Main and Eighth streets, he announced today.

Deals were closed late yesterday whereby Mr. Poole became the owner of a site on the corner of Eighth and Klamath, 112 feet fronting on Eighth and 155 feet fronting on Klamath avenue. The property also takes in a 40-foot strip extending to Main street. The property forms an 'L' with the Shell filling station on the inside of the angle.

The corner property on Eighth and Klamath was acquired from William Humphrey and wife, and the adjoining property from D. O. Williams.

Plans will be drawn immediately by Reed Bros. the noted theatre architects of San Francisco. Mr. Poole advised today, and construction will start as soon as Klamath receives lowered freight rates by reason of her main-line status, probably early this fall.

Tells Plans

In discussing his plans, Mr. Poole said:

"Klamath Falls will have a theatre second to none in southern Oregon, and the attractions that will be shown in it will be on a par with the theatre itself."

"Within the past few years a great many Klamath residents have been accustomed to going to Medford to see high-class road shows which because of the rail situation could not be brought to Klamath Falls."

Brings Change

"This will now be changed with construction of the Natron cut-off and erection of this new attraction that now come to the Craterlake in Medford will come to Klamath Falls. Intervals between these travelling attractions will be filled by the showing of special, late-release, moving picture films."

"The new theatre will have a seating capacity of 1600. The Craterlake in Medford will seat 3100, which gives an idea of the comparative sizes of the two houses."

Stores Planned

"On Klamath avenue will be a row of ground floor stores, suitable for auto show rooms or other purposes, 32 feet in depth. The auditorium will be approximately 80x155 feet. At the present time I am undecided whether the entrance will be on Main street next to the Winters' building or on Eighth street."

"It has long been my desire to bring to Klamath Falls road shows and other attractions of a like nature. Klamath Falls is large enough for them, but because of the rail situation this has been impossible."

Big Shows

"Now that Klamath Falls is to become a main line point, the rail problem has adjusted itself and now we must be prepared with stage facilities and seating capacity to take care of the large attractions which will soon come this way."

"Construction of this theatre prior to this time would have been ill-advised, as the larger companies would not consent to the delay attendant upon their leaving the main line to come in here."

"The Liberty and the Pine Tree theatres will be run without change in policy, with the exception of normal changes from time to time that would have taken place regardless."

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a fair trial could not be had in such court.