

Annual Election Held on Monday

HILDEBRAND, June 23.—(Special to The Herald.)—At the annual election of officers of the Spring Valley Telephone company held in Hildebrand on Monday the following officers were elected:
J. N. Drew, president; H. L. Mills,

secretary and treasurer; W. H. Biles, Theodore Plackus and S. K. Hartler, directors.

WAWONA.—John D. Rockefeller Jr., his wife, three children and three friends, spent the night here. They are on an automobile tour and expect to spend several days in Yosemite valley.

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ELECTED DELEGATES

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MRS. McPHERSON HAS RETURNED

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Mrs. McPherson was a plain gray gingham, the same material, nurses recalled, that had been on sale here a day or two ago.

"How did I escape?" she remarked in answer to a question.

"I had been in the last place where they took me for about four days. I was hysterical, frantic; I could not remember days. I do not know what day it was.

"After they got me in the last house I understood that the two men were going to make their final attempt to collect the ransom. They were to get the money Friday, I understood.

How Aimee Escaped

"The woman called Rose said she was going to go for provisions. I begged her not to gag me any more. They had gagged me when they captured me. She promised. With the aid of the men I was tied up with a sort of flat rope.

"When they tied me before they used little round ropes like telephone wires. They cut into my flesh and hurt terribly. The flat rope did not hurt so much.

"After they were all gone I was left locked in the room. There was a syrup can there. I crawled, bound as I was, to that can. I sawed and sawed on the edge until my arms were tired, sore and weak, but God gave me strength. I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

"I sawed on the can until the rope that bound my arms was cut and then I released myself from the ropes that bound me. I got the window open and knocked off the boards. I ran. I ran. God gave me strength. He answered my prayers.

Near Mexicali

"I believe from what I overheard my abductors say that I was being held at some place near Mexicali, if there is such a place by that name. That was as near as I could understand it.

"The woman, Rose, treated me very nicely. She was always with me and the men did not molest me."

Story of Kidnaping

The former evangelist from her cot in the hospital told a story of abduction from Ocean Park, Calif., a trip across the border to Mexico, and of how she escaped about noon yesterday and ran under shell fire yesterday. Finally sighting a mountain which had been identified by officers here as the famous "Nigger Head" mountain, 15 miles south in Sonora, Mexico, she headed for it. Reaching the mountain at dusk, she found a railroad and struggled along, falling from the tie with fatigue. She said she sighted the glare from the slag dumps of the copper smelters in this city as the night wore on. She finally reached the outskirts of Agua Prieta, and approaching a house, occupied by Mexicans, called for help and asked that the police be notified. The Mexicans, she said, offered no assistance, and she went on, falling unconscious before another house.

Brought to Hospital

An American, whose name was not learned, and who was in Agua Prieta, brought her to a hospital here. When she told police who she was, a guard was established about the building.

McCafferty, who had known Mrs. McPherson in Denver, where he had covered her meetings for a newspaper, was recognized. She greeted him with a smile and asked him to notify Los Angeles at once, and to ask Los Angeles police to protect her daughter Roberta, whom she feared the abductors would attempt to kidnap.

While she talked the woman lapsed many times into a semi-conscious state, due to her exhaustion.

Thrilling Story

The story of her abduction as she

related it to McCafferty was:

"I went to Ocean Park with my secretary, Miss Schaeffer. There I changed into my bathing suit and slipped on a dress over it. We went to the beach where we rented a little beach tent. I went in swimming. I sent Miss Schaeffer to get the names of some soloists and some music.

"Before she returned I came back out on the beach. There were life savers drilling there. I went back into the water a short distance, and while I was watching the guards, I heard some one calling: 'Mrs. McPherson!'

Baby Dying!

"I turned to face a woman who exclaimed that her baby was dying and that she wanted me to pray for it. She said her husband had the baby in a car nearby. She had a coat over her arm. I accompanied her to the car, in which there was another woman with a bundle in her arms which I thought was the baby.

"The next thing I knew I was pushed into the car on the floor. The women threw the coat over me and a sweet sickening odor assailed my nostrils and filled the automobile which was a sedan.

Comes to In Cot

"That was the last I knew until I came to, on a bed like a hospital cot. It was in a room with a window almost completely closed. I was violently ill. The woman, who was called 'Rose' was with me. It was dawn. I do not know whether or not it was the next day, but she told me it was the morning following.

"The other woman came in and I asked them what they wanted with me. They said they were holding me for half a million dollars ransom.

"I told them they were foolish. That I did not have that much money, nor did the church have it; but they replied that they knew better, and I was kept there day after day. "Later they told me they had made plans to get the ransom. Then, from the remarks I overheard later, I learned that they had almost been captured in San Francisco when trying to make arrangements to get the money.

Moved Long Distance

"A few days ago I was moved. We were in two autos and traveled long distances. We came to another house and remained there two days.

"The men were not there. Previously they had burned my finger with a cigar to make me answer questions. They said my mother had asked to prove I was alive. They threatened to cut off this finger (the one with the long scar) so that my mother would know when she received it that they did have me captive.

"I refused to talk and while I did answer one question, I would not answer the rest, because I knew my mother, her friends and members of the church would expend every effort to raise and pay the sum of half a million dollars which my captors demanded for my release."

Word received here by the dispatch later today said that Mrs. Kennedy in Los Angeles had received strands of hair cut from the head of her daughter, whose tresses had been shorn when she staggered into Agua Prieta this morning.

At the hospital Mrs. McPherson said her captors had clipped her hair to send to her mother, and later had threatened to cut off her finger to prove that she had been held captive.

"I understood that they had been writing my mother letters," she said, "and from certain portions of the conversations of my abductors which I overheard while they had me in their power I believe that they were to make a final appeal to my mother for ransom money Friday."

Search for Abductors

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 23.—(P)—Two groups of Americans have gone into Mexico south of here to search for trace of the abductors of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist. One group of American officers was accompanied by Mexican officers, while the second group was headed by Folsom Moore, general manager of the El Paso Review, and Patrolman Patterson of Douglas.

Chief of Police Bowden was in conference with the chief of police at Agua Prieta making arrangements for an intensive search for the kidnapers, and the Americans who have gone into Mexico are seeking the house where Mrs. McPherson was held prisoner. The evangelist gave a full description of the men and women who held her prisoner, and officers believe if the trail of the kidnapers can be found it will be easy to find them.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., June 23.—(P)—Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Aimee Semple McPherson, stated today that last night she received a letter containing what purported to be a lock of her daughter's hair and in which were replies to all the questions which she propounded several weeks ago as to

Hennesy Brought Back from South on Check Charge

Sheriff Burt E. Hawkins returned from San Francisco last night with Roy Wetzel, alias Roy Hennesy, accused of theft and forgery of two checks of a fellow worker at the Pelican Bay Lumber company, aggregating approximately \$80.

Wetzel was apprehended by San Francisco officers on telegraphic advice from the Klamath county sheriff's office.

In Sunbury, Pa., thieves carried away a 1000-pound safe, but a pedigree watch dog kept so quiet he wasn't stolen.

Pioneer of Ashland Passes Away Sunday

Another of southern Oregon's pioneers has passed away.

Word of the death of Mrs. Ellen Hiddings of Ashland was received in Klamath Falls this afternoon. Since childhood she had made her home in southern Oregon, a resident of Ashland since 1862. She was the oldest of a family of twelve children and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millions of the valley city.

A sister, Mrs. Alice Baldwin of this city is the only relative surviving her in Klamath Falls.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been made. Death came suddenly as word from relatives in the valley city just yesterday told of her enjoying good health.

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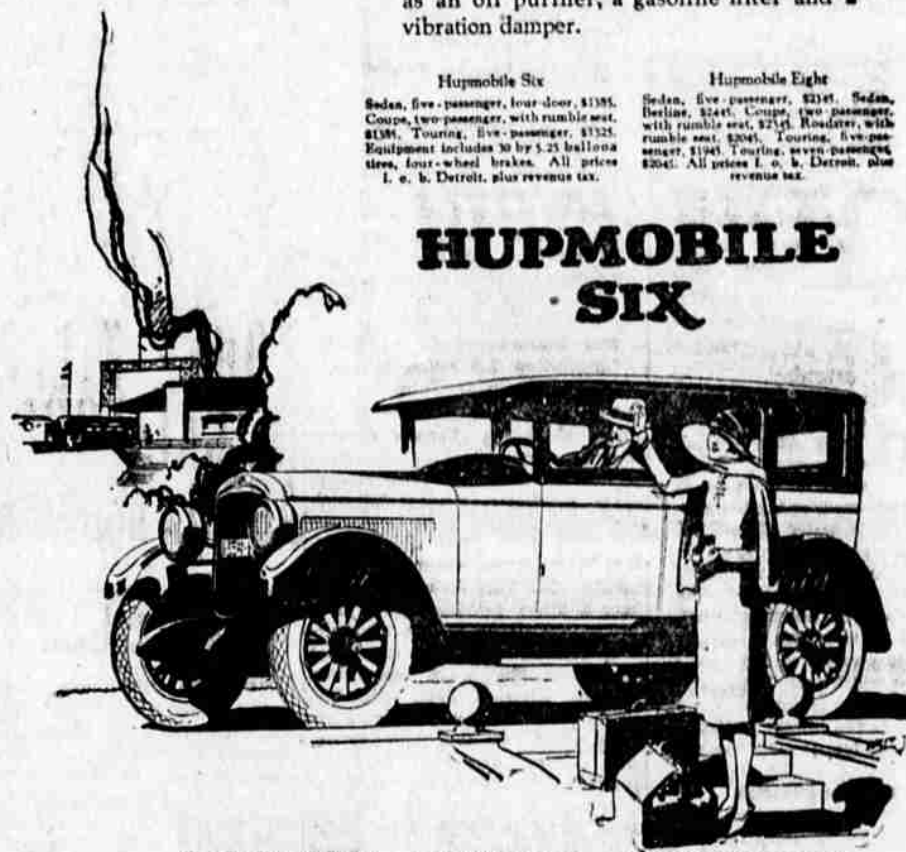
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