

# JURORS QUIZZED IN BILL THOMASON CASE

## RUMORS OF EXTENSION ARE DENIED

Ralph Budd Scouts Report of Construction Into California

SAYS HE IS NOT IN SOUTH TO SEE JAMES

Rumors of Conference Between Three Railway Officials Gave Credence to Rumors That Important Conference Was Under Way in Bay City Over Possible Extensions From Klamath

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21. (AP)—Ralph Budd, President of the Great Northern railway, arrived here Sunday and scouted reports that he had come for a conference with Arthur Curtis James, who controls the Western Pacific, regarding the latter's proposed extensions in California. He said he had come on an ordinary business trip.

"Regarding rumors that the Great Northern may come into California from Klamath Falls, Oregon, the fact is that our extension to Klamath Falls is a finished project. We get along very nicely there with the Southern Pacific and I am confident that the directors have not even discussed extension of the Klamath line into California," said Budd.

T. M. Schmacher, chairman of the Western Pacific's executive committee, is scheduled to arrive today from the east. James has been in San Francisco for several days and the fact that the three railroad chiefs were here simultaneously was responsible for rumors of the conference.

## YOUTH DROWNS IN MILL POND

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21. (AP)—Forrest Dale Dugger, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dugger, was drowned in the Valetta Mill pond while playing in a boat Saturday. The body was recovered and funeral services will be held from Independence Tuesday.

## LARGE LOAD OF PONTIACS WILL ARRIVE ON 1ST

A carload of new Pontiac sixes are due to arrive in Klamath Falls on February first, according to word received here today by La Parle Brothers and Anderson Motor, Inc.

According to Duke O'Neil, sales manager for the company the shipment will contain standard and two door sedans.

### Poor Pa



"It looks like Ma's sisters never can think of anything to write except to tell her how good their husbands are to 'em."

## AIRPLANE AND AUTO IN CRASH

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 21. (AP)—A Sunday morning family of six, including a grandfather, today was describing to their neighbors the frights and thrills of having an airplane swoop out of a snow swirling sky to collide head-on with their automobile—and of how good it was to have escaped with nothing more than a severe jolting.

The lone aviator, who was caught in a raging snowstorm which swirled down from the San Bernardino mountains to the fringes of Southern California's orange groves, likewise was alive and able to tell the unusual tale.

The nuts evidence of the crash—a plane with a broken propeller and wind, and a motor car with a smashed radiator and hood—stood abandoned in the ditch alongside the National Old Trails highway three miles east of here.

On the records of the San Bernardino police station, where the survivors were brought last night (Continued on Page Three)

## MAGDOEL MAN SLAYS HIMSELF

Ira Gerry, 25, well known young man of Magdoel, California took his life late Sunday night, according to word received here this morning.

While little information could be learned of the suicide, it is understood young Gerry shot himself with a revolver.

The remains were laid to rest at Magdoel this afternoon.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home.

## BIRTHS DOUBLE DEATHS DURING YEAR OF 1928

One contributing factor to Klamath's unprecedented increase in population became known today with the announcement from Dr. G. S. Newson, medical director of the Klamath county health unit, that the number of births during the past year was almost twice as much as deaths for the same period.

Records at the county health office reveal that there were 446 births as compared with 223 deaths, almost a two to one majority for the year.

## W. LEE EXTENDS STAY IN SOUTH

W. T. Lee, county assessor, recovering from an attack of sciatic rheumatism at Richardson Springs, Calif., has decided to extend his sojourn at the health resort for several days. Originally the county official had planned to return the forepart of this week.

Mr. Lee is still ill and decided to prolong his stay when he was advised of excessive cold in the Klamath basin.

## Famous Gangster Chief Pays Supreme Penalty

ROCKVIEW PRISON, Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 21. (AP)—Paul Jaworski, notorious bandit chief, and killer, today paid with his life for the part he admitted playing in the death of seven men. He died as he had lived, a man without religion, going to the electric chair here unattended except by two guards.

Directly after Jaworski had been pronounced dead, Calvin D. James, of Upper Darby, was strapped in the chair and paid the toll for having killed a Doylestown bootlegger. Jaworski was given his first shock at 7:02 and was declared dead at 7:06. James took his

## J. GRIMES RESIDENCE DESTROYED

Fire Razes Dwelling on Power Company Williamson River Ranch

NOTHING SAVED IN EARLY SUNDAY FIRE

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grimes Discover Blaze Just in Time to Escape; Walls and Ceiling Cave In; Mr. Grimes in Basement Thawing Out Pipes at Time of Fire

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grimes on Williamson River early Sunday morning. Not even the personal belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were saved from the burning building and all household effects were destroyed.

The home, a two story frame dwelling of 5 large rooms, was owned by The California Oregon Power company. For the past four years Mr. and Mrs. Grimes have lived there, managing the large ranch, located on Williamson River, three miles from the main highway.

The fire, which broke out between the walls of the home, was first discovered by Mr. Grimes as he worked in the basement attempting to thaw out frozen water pipes.

Looking up from his work he saw the place was being swept by flames. His first thought was of Mrs. Grimes whom he found working in the kitchen.

He dashed to the rear of the house grabbed his wife and pushed her out.

## 'DEAD' MAN IS QUITE 'ALIVE'

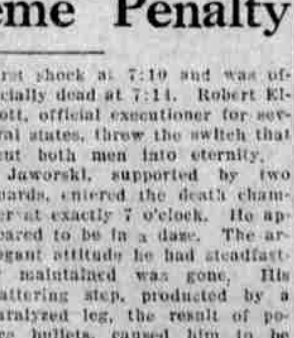
What was reported to be a dead man, turned out to be a very much alive but half-frozen man sitting in the rear seat of a wrecked machine near The Dalles-California highway at Algoma.

Sheriff Law, responding to the call, rushed out to the scene of the accident at 2 a. m. today. The man in the back seat had been waiting for two companions two hours—they had gone into Algoma to secure assistance.

"Two more hours of the zero weather," said the sheriff, "and that man would have been frozen stiff as a board."

The man, who gave his name as Tom House of Algoma, was taken to his home and a very cold and disgusted sheriff started to backtrack towards a comfortable home and warm bed.

## Fortune Left This Dog



Dick, black and white English setter, needs a worry about where his bones and biscuits are coming from. He's settin' pretty, for after the death of his mistress, Miss Minnie Hoover, in Los Angeles recently, her will left her entire estate to provide for Dick's keep and comfort.

## Mercury Drops To Below Zero In Many Oregon Districts

King Doreen's grip on the Klamath country tightened Sunday and Monday while in all sections of the county Klamath citizens shivered in the first zero and sub-zero weather of the winter. Klamath Falls was apparently the luckiest community in south central Oregon, for the mercury yesterday morning stopped its downward flight at zero, and this morning paused at two degrees above. According to reports from Chiloquin and Port Klamath, sub-zero weather prevailed and, out east, the quick silver nearly dropped out of the thermometer. In Sprague River for example, one resident reported that the mercury had sunk to 21 degrees below zero.

The icy blast from the north followed close on the heels of the biggest snow storm of the year Thursday and Friday which carpeted the lowlands with from six inches to eight inches of snow and from one to two feet on the mountain crests.

Continued cold in Klamath's weather men for tonight and tomorrow.

## Annual Cattle Rustling Loss In State Over Half Million

Insofar as the Oregon cattle and horse raising association can determine, annual losses from "motorized" cattle rustling in Oregon total over one half million dollars—in fact, that figure is regarded as exceptionally conservative.

This statement and many more on the same theme were made this morning by C. L. Jamieson, Prineville, vice-president of the Oregon cattle and horse raisers' association. Mr. Jamieson is in south central Oregon for the sole purpose of mobilizing the strength of cattlemen to fight the rustling menace.

Mr. Jamieson will leave Klamath today for Lake county where he plans to deliver an address on the subject.

"You have no idea the extent of this 'motorized' rustling traffic," Mr. Jamieson emphasized. "Why, within a short distance of Prineville, 91 steers were stolen from one range."

Mr. Jamieson said three measures had been submitted by the Cattle Grower's association—

## FINE MAN FOR HAVING LIQUOR

Found guilty of possession of liquor, Tom Worden was fined \$50 or 25 days in the city jail brought before Police Judge, U. S. Bakentine this morning.

He paid the fine of \$50 and was released.

## WAR OPENS ON TARDY DRIVERS

A vigorous campaign was started today by Keith Ambrose, chief of police, with a force of traffic officers, against all operators of motor vehicles observed operating without a 1929 license.

"Any man operating a car without 1929 license plates or without a receipt or temporary 1929 license, will be brought into court to give reasons why they have not secured the new plates," Chief Ambrose said today.

## BUTLER WORKS FOR MONEY TO TUNNEL CANAL

Formal notice that he had introduced the \$200,000 tunnel appropriation bill in congress and that Senator Steiwer had introduced a similar bill in the senate, was received from Robert Butler, congressman from this district, by T. B. Waters, mayor.

The bill provides that \$200,000 should be appropriated to tunnel the main canal of the Klamath irrigation district from Upham street to Alameda.

## HOOVER LEAVES FOR SOUTHLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (AP)—President-elect Hoover left this morning for Florida, where he will remain until his return here for the March 4 inauguration.

Mr. Hoover is going to Belle Isle, near Miami, where he will reside at the J. C. Penney estate. His special train is scheduled to reach Miami tomorrow afternoon.

The president-elect's party included Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the Republican National committee.

## VESSEL ON REEF; SAVE PASSENGERS

Dollar-Line President Garfield Fast on Rocks in Bahama Islands

EIGHTY-ONE TAKEN FROM LARGE LINER

Transfer of Passengers Effected Without Trouble; Loaded Into Wrecked Ship's Lifeboats and Transferred to Pan-America Without Trouble; Calm Sea Aids Rescue

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (AP)—Her 81 passengers transferred to another ship, the Dollar Liner President Garfield was hard aground today on a coral reef in the Bahama Islands.

The passengers, with their baggage and the ship's mail cargo, were taken by the Pan-America to be landed at Nassau, Bahama Islands today.

The Pan-America went to the assistance of the President Garfield when the ship sent out an S O S at 7:25 a. m. yesterday. The distress call was followed by wireless messages saying the Dollar Liner was aground on the Matilla Reef at the northern tip of the Bahama Islands.

Announcement of the safe transfer of the passengers 12 hours later was made by Robert E. Duff, operating manager of the Dollar line here. He said the officers and crew of the President Garfield, numbering 150 had remained aboard their ship, which was not taking water and was in no immediate danger.

When the S O S was received a naval tug put out from Charleston, S. C., and the wrecking tug Warbler was sent from Jacksonville, Florida. Upon receiving word the passengers were safe.

## NEW SEMESTER OPENED TODAY

Spring semester in the city and county schools of Klamath county opened this morning.

At high school twenty-seven eighth grade graduates from Mills and Fremont schools were enrolled by Paul T. Jackson, principal during the past week.

An assembly for the "trash" was held at the high school this morning. A few students, recent arrivals in the city entered in various grades at high school this morning.

In the city schools, children were arranged in their new quarters, many being changed to new rooms with promotions, which were made last Friday.

## Air Mail Pilot Dies Of Injuries In Plane Crash

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 21. (AP)—The body of Harold E. Buckner, Varner airmail pilot, who died Thursday night from injuries suffered when his plane crashed in the Blue mountains 35 miles east of Cove, Oregon, will be sent to Boise, Idaho, tomorrow for burial.

Examination today of the pilot's body showed that both arms were broken in the crash, that he suffered compound fractures of both legs, his left chest was crushed, and he suffered severe head bruises and other injuries. Physicians said the crushed chest was the cause of death.

Buckner died in an isolated trapper's cabin while Jack Handy, one of the two trappers who found him in the wrecked plane, sat by his side. Handy's partner, Phil Brockman, was trudging over a fifteen-mile route to the nearest telephone at Horse ranch when Buckner died. The trip was made through snow six feet deep.

Buckner's body was froze when the rescue party reached here last night.

Harold O'Connell of the La Grande airport, who accompanied the rescue party into the mountains, said he learned Buckner flew over Horse ranch at 7:20 p. m. above the fog.

## LONG TRIAL INDICATED AT OUTSET

State and Defense Proceed Slowly and Carefully in Jury Selection

CIRCUIT COURT FULL CROWD IS COLORFUL

Questions of Defense Attorneys Indicate Possibility That Self-Defense or Doctrine of "Apparent Danger" May Be Set up by William Thomason

The life of William Thomason, ex-peace officer, rests on the scales of justice. Which way the scales will fall will be determined by a jury of twelve men, some days hence, when the case is finally submitted to their hands for decision.

Thomason went on trial this morning on the charge of first-degree murder. He was indicted on the charge of murdering Vello Pearson, Klamath Indian, on the main street of Chiloquin, late in November.

Surrounded by his three defense attorneys—Horace Manning, E. E. Driscoll and Ralph Horan of the firm of Manning, McCulloch and Driscoll—the tall livestockman sat quietly throughout the morning while state and defense quizzed prospective jurors.

In the case there are presumed to be many bypaths which will lead into sensational developments affecting the murder trial indirectly.

Some inkling of those added features was given by defense questioning.

From the questions put to prospective jurors by Mr. Manning and Mr. Driscoll it was safe to predict self defense as a possible plea—defense attorneys would not reveal their plan of action.

Jurymen were quizzed carefully regarding their beliefs of self defense, and of the doctrine of "apparent danger." Each venireman was asked if he presumed the defendant innocent until proved guilty. Effect of newspaper accounts was asked.

District Attorney W. S. Wiley and Deputy District Attorney Harry Dotson wanted to know the attitude of each jurymen toward capital punishment—whether or not the prospective juror could bring in such a verdict if the evidence warranted.

All nine of the prospective jurors in the box said they believed in the theory of capital punishment. Vincent Jelinek, however, was excused when he admitted that he could not bring in such a verdict, whatever the circumstances.

The state also dwelt at length on newspaper accounts and sought to ascertain if veniremen had been influenced one way or

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### Aunt Het



"Ella has got the kind of religion that makes her love the heathen in Africa an' hate folks that is close enough to keep her from havin' her own way about ever'thin'."