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## MAYOR'S APPOINTEE "IN BAD"

### MAYOR APPOINTS A CITY ENGINEER WHO CAN'T PASS

Mayor Succeeds In Slipping Gene Henry Across But He Can't Get A License As Engr; May Prosecute

One of Mayor Goddard's appointees—the city engineer—in whose hands the city's official head entrusts the advice of an "expert" on paving projects amounting into the tens of thousands of dollars, and whose advice on other big municipal engineering projects would either "make or break" the city, is practicing without a license, in violation of state laws, and will be investigated by the state board of examining engineers September 11, which may result in the securing of an indictment, charging misdemeanor, conviction for which carries a maximum fine of \$500 and a sentence of six months' imprisonment.

This was learned here last night from a source familiar with the attitude of the board.

Archie B. Carter, secretary of the board, has revealed public records which showed that Henry took the state engineering examination this spring and was denied a license, because of failure to make the necessary grade.

#### To Take Action

In such cases it is customary for the board to act, directing the secretary or some other official of the board to bring a complaint against an engineer practicing without a license. An investigation of Henry's case has recently been made and final action is expected with the September meeting of the board.

Members of the city council last night declared that they were not in accord with the mayor's appointment of Henry from the start. Knowing the mayor could appoint the city engineer at five day intervals, they wished not to start the administration off to a haphazard beginning.

It was not known to them, however, that the city engineer had failed to pass license examinations any they declare the time has come for action.

### Telegrapher Fails At Key; Two Killed

2 Killed, 14 Injured When D. & R. G. Passenger Trains Crash

BUENA VISTA, Colo., Aug. 20.—(United News)—Alleged failure of a telegraph operator to transmit orders, was being investigated Thursday night as the cause of a head-on collision of two Denver & Rio Grande Western trains near here late in the afternoon, in which two firemen were killed and fourteen passengers injured.

Pinned in the wreckage, J. W. Taughtenbaum, fireman of train No. 7, and C. E. Phelan, fireman of No. 8, were instantly killed. Edward Claiborne, engineer of No. 8, and G. Johnston, pilot of No. 7, sustained light injuries on leaping from their cars when the crash appeared inevitable.

Doctors, nurses and surgeons in relief trains, sent from Leadville and from this city, arrived at the scene of the crash early in the evening and began administering to the injured, whose names are not available.

Both trains were carrying summer tourists and were said to have been heavily loaded.

### Klamath News Choo Choo Is Gaining Customers To Weed

Extra Seats Being Constructed At Weed Ball Park To Handle Klamath Crowd—Lloyd Ryan And Three K's Helping Matter Along

While little more than 100 signed up for the Klamath News Special to the baseball game at Weed Sunday, we will venture that from 200 to 400 radical pro-Pelican rooters will present their darlings to the S. P. conductor shortly after the four car rattler wends its way southward Sunday morning.

Hundreds who have expressed their intentions of going but have failed to sign their names on the dotted lines. Those who think its just a male affair, this excursion train, are mistaken. There are as many, if not more of the fair sex going to make the trip.

And from Weed last night came word that an extra bleacher stand would be erected today in order to take care of the capacity crowd that is expected.

Reports from Bray, Dorris, Macdoel and other way points that practically the whole of those villages would be deserted Sunday, providing the special train would stop there, resulted in the Southern Pacific issuing an order to the



NOT ELLSWORTH KELLY PORTLAND—Portland police do not believe that the bold pedestrian, who forced a motorist to drive him about the city Wednesday night was Ellsworth Kelly, comrade in crime and flight of Tom Murray and James Willos, as he claimed to be.

JAZZ GIRL WAITS SAN FRANCISCO—With a defense argument still incomplete Thursday night, it appeared that the fate of Dorothy Ellingson, youthful matricide, would not be placed with the jury of seven women and five men until late Friday.

MUCH CANCER ON COAST SAN FRANCISCO—Cancer exacts an excessive death toll on the Pacific coast, according to Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, medical statistician and cancer expert, who has undertaken a survey of conditions here for the San Francisco health department.

FAST ONE PICKS SLOW ONE PITTSBURGH—Patrick Foley, 53, met a fast worker in a young negress of about 16 years. She asked him to change a five dollar bill, and when he drew out his roll, aggregating \$110, she grabbed it, fled to a bridge, jumped 20 feet to railroad tracks below, and disappeared.

INCOME TAX CHEATER SAN FRANCISCO—Ralph R. Strange, Burlingame millionaire, Thursday agreed to pay the government \$685,000 rather than face trial on five federal indictments, which charged him with perjury and false income tax returns.

FLA. MILLIONAIRE MURDERS MIAMI, Fla.—John Gobel, wealthy Daytona, Fla., realty man, admitted late Thursday that he poisoned Mrs. H. B. Hunt, alias Mary Devillo, when he visited her in her jail cell Wednesday. Announcement of his confession was made by police, while a coroner's inquest over the woman's body was being held.

PAPER KILLS MAN HAVANA—Eight hours after an evening paper had declared in a headline that Senor Armando Andre must be killed, Andre fell before his home Thursday with 14 bullet wounds in his body. A quick trip to the hospital failed to save Andre's life. He died on the operating table.

### \$20,000 Branch Of Oil Concern Given Klamath

Standard Oil Co. Breaks Ground For Big Station To Be Soon In Malin; Will Be K. F. Branch

Ground will be broken this morning for a new distributing station of the Standard Oil Co. a quarter of a mile west of Malin on The Dalles-California highway, according to an announcement made last night by H. W. Overmier, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the company.

The building, including four large tanks, one three-stalled garage, a warehouse and barrel platform, will reach an approximate cost of \$20,000, according to Overmier. The latest electrical pumping units will also be installed, making the station one of the most complete of the smaller stations in the state.

The Malin station will operate under the jurisdiction of the Klamath Falls sub-station, a manager and possibly three trucks will be put on at the new plant with its completion. Appointment of the branch manager is waiting the approval of the home office in Sacramento. Ten days will be required for the completion of the new distributing station, operations to be completed by the first of September.

#### Confidence in Malin

With the completion of the Malin station, the haul from Klamath Falls to Malin, Langell Valley and points in the Tule lake country will be shortened by more than 20 miles. Service, never before rendered as completely, will be at the call of ranchers of that section, the installation of the plant coming at a vital point in the harvesting when the combine harvest machines are working full shifts, requiring an unlimited amount of fuel.

Plans for the construction of a plant of this nature have been contemplated for some time, and it was decided recently to put the plans in operation, rather than wait for the proposed railroad development in the Malin country.

#### Supplies Big Territory

"We are positive however," declared Overmier, "that the Malin country is coming to the front rapidly as are the Langell Valley and Tule lake districts, and the investment of the station will give to those ranchers and residents of that section a service which we have long hoped to establish."

### Daylight Bandits Get \$500,000 Jewel Haul

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(United News)—Four men walked into the offices of Lazarus & Well, wholesale jewelers here late Thursday and robbed the firm of jewelry variously estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Two of the bandits flashing automatics held the office force at bay while the other two leisurely did the robbing. They selected the gems with care and evidently were judges of fine stones. Each held a small sack into which he scooped the loot.

### Municipal Conspirators Caught With Marked Cash

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Councilmen Charles E. Downs and Joseph F. Fitzpatrick were jailed here Thursday when a trap was sprung by the district attorney investigating complaints that the two had solicited bribes for votes for a pedestrian subway tunnel.

One thousand dollars in marked money was found on each of the two councilmen when four detectives arrested them.

### BOTH PRAISE AND OPPOSITION GIVEN TO DIMMING LAW

Branded As Sales Stimulator For Accessory Men By Some; Klamath Traffic Cops Uphold New Law

While hundreds of Klamath county automobile owners yesterday were expressing dissatisfaction with the new state automobile light law, which becomes effective September 1, other persons, favoring the new legislation, declared that the bill was not conceived for any purpose other than to reduce the number of automobile accidents and to make driving conditions at night generally more favorable.

Klamath Falls residents who are opposed to the new law declare, along with other opponents in various corners of the state, that it will be ineffective on rough roads where the lights' glare will shift; that it will entail considerable expense in a matter of inspections, and that it was fostered by persons who sought to stimulate the demand for light accessories.

Says Proven A Success On the other hand, its advocates, which include Chief T. A. Rafferty and his staff of state traffic officers, the law is the best available and has proved a success in the 23 states by which it already has been adopted.

Rafferty, before he left Klamath Falls yesterday, expressed unqualified approval of the new law, and declared he believed it greatly will reduce the number of accidents among motorists.

W. A. Foster, state traffic officer, with headquarters here, also spoke favorably of the new law, and expressed the belief that, once tried, it will be warmly endorsed by those who are now bitterly opposed to it.

#### Portland Opposes

Word from Portland has it that motorists there are generally opposed to the provisions of the new act. It was said that court action is planned to forestall the law, if possible.

General satisfaction over this proposed move was expressed by local motorists yesterday afternoon. "Hope it never goes into effect," many motorists said. A few said they believed the new law to be a good one.

"I am sure the proponents of the law had no ulterior motive in putting it across, and I am sure the law is a good one," declared Officer Foster. "Speeders won't appear of it, because it will tend to discourage fast driving at night."

### Prosecution in Young Case Flops

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—(United News)—A serious blow to the prosecution of Dr. Thomas W. Young, on trial for the dental gas slaying of his wealthy young wife, was delivered Thursday when the county autopsy surgeon admitted in testimony that Mrs. Young may have committed suicide.

Following the possible avenue of escape thus unexpectedly opened before them, defense attorneys changed their tactics and began to press the point that Mrs. Young killed herself and was later cemented in a cistern by Dr. Young who feared suspicion might fall on him.

"Death was due to strangulation," Dr. Frank W. Wagner, the surgeon, testified. "I could not state whether it was self induced or not, because of the body's state of decomposition when I examined it."

#### LEAP TO SAFETY

SAN ANGELO, Texas—Three guests, trapped in the blazing Landon hotel here, were injured Thursday when they leaped from the upper stories to the pavement below. All exits to the structure had been closed by flames.

### Four Are Injured In Pelican Bay Mill Accident

Lester Rich Is In Critical Condition At Local Hospital Result Of Carrier Reversal

With his life hanging in the balance, Lester Rich, aged about 30, is lying in the Klamath General hospital in a precarious condition, as the result of being struck by a moving carrier in the yards of the Pelican Bay Lumber company yesterday afternoon.

Rich and three others, whose names could not be learned, were standing directing the moving load of lumber, when operations of the carrier were reversed, and all four men were struck down.

Rich was the most severely injured. A deep scalp wound was suffered by one of the men, the other two bearing minor injuries and bruises.

Doctors diagnosing the injuries of Rich were unable to proceed definitely, and reported three broken ribs of the right side, and a possible punctured lung. Further diagnosis will be made this morning.

Rich is a married man with a wife and two small children, and has been employed for some time with the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

According to reports from the hospital early this morning, his condition was improving, although no definite announcement as to the outcome of his injuries could be made.

### 10 BURNED WHILE FIGHTING FURIOUS CAL. FOREST FIRE

Sheiks Routed Out Of Jazz Dance Hall And Made To Battle Flames

PASADENA, Calif., Aug. 20.—(United News)—Ten men were painfully burned about their bodies and two seriously, when they were trapped in a circle of flames, while fighting the forest fire north of here Thursday night.

The Big Tunga fire, although steadily increasing in area, was being held by heroic efforts, on the line of the Sister Elsie-Strawberry peak fire-break.

If the fight cannot be won Thursday night on the present lines, County Fire Warden Turner said, the only alternative left to save a vast territory of timberland, is to send at least 1,000 men to the desert side of the mountains and start a back-fire from there.

Dense, black clouds of smoke continued to pour into Pasadena, and residents on high vantage points anxiously watched the huge blaze only five miles from the city.

Extra details of police were put on watch with instructions to arouse sleepers in the event a changing wind imperiled the city.

The orchestra in the garden of the Moon dance hall at Tujunga was twanging through the strains of "Red Hot Mama" and 20 couples were dancing cheek to cheek when these smoke-blackened men stepped in.

An appropriate tune, said one of the men, and he ordered the music stopped.

"Boys," he ordered, "there's some nice red hot flames up the canyon, waiting for you to put out, so hustle, please."

Thirty youths separated from 20 girls, and followed the three fire wardens to a place where they were put to work digging fire-breaks.

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