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KILLS SELF AND TWO CHILDREN

Sconchin is Guilty of Crime Says Jury

Coroner's Verdict to Result in Defendant Being Tried for Murder McClellan Williams

The coroner's jury late yesterday afternoon found Guy Sconchin, 30, Klamath Indian, guilty of a crime in connection with the murder of McClellan "Mack" Williams, 50, Modoc Indian, who was slain near his cabin on Whiskey Creek near Beatty at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

A tale of cold blooded murder was unfolded in the office of Earl Whitlock, county coroner, when the jury listened to the facts surrounding the murder of Williams.

Following is the story:

Sconchin and George Riddle, Indian, drove from Beatty to Williams' shack on Whiskey Creek, three miles south of Beatty, in that desolate country characteristic of that southern Oregon section. A cache of moonshine was sought on Williams' place that Sconchin claimed he had placed there some time before.

Lived With Williams Sconchin had been living at the Williams' home and treated like one of the family, although he is a member of a well known Indian family on that section of the reservation. A quarrel ensued over the hiding of liquor on Williams' property and Sconchin, taking offense, told Williams he would leave his house. Packing his clothes, he walked out into the yard.

Williams followed the young Indian to his car. Witnesses to the quarrel and subsequent murder were Mrs. Minnie Williams, wife of the Indian rancher who met death; Adele Williams, his sister, and his daughter, Etta Williams, who was recently released from custody of (Continued on Page Four)

Highway Bureau To Get Exhibit Of Grains, Hay

The Klamath Falls-Ashtland highway junction booth, which has served as a show window for Klamath county agricultural produce during the past summer, will today receive the first load of quality exhibits that are to advertise this section to tourists throughout the winter.

Wray Lawrence, assistant county agent, will leave here this morning with an automobile full of prize grains, hay and other produce, and will discard the vegetables and other products now on display. A second and final load will be taken to the junction booth later in the week.

Most of the grains and the hay to be taken over were on display at the state fair at Salem recently, and are said to far surpass any produce which has yet decorated the booth. Several bundles of the Klamath county wheat contained the tallest stalks of any grain on display at the state fair.

The alfalfa hay, selected and cured with utmost care, is said to have been the best colored and therefore the most presentable exhibit of its kind at the big show. The hay is particularly good, Lawrence stated, and will show to advantage all winter long.

HISTORIC BELL, TROPHY OF WAR, IS AGAIN ACTIVE

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 1.—(United News)—A historic bell, trophy of war, is used to start and close the rounds when Seattle's naval reservists engage in the main art of self-defense here.

The unorthodox gong once was the ship's bell on the Spanish gunboat Rita. That was before the ship was captured in Havana harbor by American blue jackets during the war against Spain.

Undergoing a remodeling at Charleston, S. C., the Rita became a United States army transport. Again rebuilt, she was fashioned into the Burnside, Pacific cable ship.

Structural Steel Is Unloaded For Monster Viaduct

Expected That Structure Will Be Completed By February 1; Pouring Concrete Piers Progressing Favorably.

With the unloading here yesterday of eight cars of structural steel, the Sixth street viaduct is rapidly taking form, according to engineers in charge of the construction.

One big step was marked with the closing of last week when initial concrete was poured for the approaches. Framework for the many piers which are to support the huge structure, is virtually completed, and most of the piers have been poured, it was stated, including two of three major supports. It is expected that by the end of this week, workmen will commence setting up the steel framework for the body of the bridge. While a delayed start on the viaduct retarded progress at first, all indications are that the bridge will be ready for use by February 1 of next year.

Young High School Student Injured as Car Is Overturned

Miss Marjorie Fossum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fossum, 238 Juniper street, is suffering from a broken collar bone and minor cuts and bruises as the result of an accident Saturday morning when the car in which she and six other Klamath boys and girls were riding to Medford to attend the high school football game, overturned near Keno.

Edward Biehn was driving the car. It was learned, when the machine overturned, falling upon a stump. Miss Fossum was thrown clear of the car and injury or possible death was prevented for the other members of the party, when the machine fell on the stump.

Ted Orell of North Bend suffered a badly mashed hand and other members of the party, whose names could not be learned, were badly shaken.

Miss Fossum is a well known high school student and an officer of her class.

Cashing Checks Is Dangerous in Opinion Elliott

Merchants of Klamath Falls and business men in general, will cash checks at their own risk.

This was the terse announcement made by District Attorney E. L. Elliott following a miniature deluge of bad checks in Klamath Falls on merchants and business houses.

According to Elliott two men approached him in his office yesterday requesting the prosecution of parties for whom they had cashed checks, only to find them worthless paper when presented at the city's banks.

"There has been too much of this check-cashing by men who are anxious to have the money and not careful enough to investigate before they gave money for worthless paper," Elliott stated.

Headway is Made on Market Highways

Biennial Report of Engineer Jenson of Much Interest to People of Klamath County

Under the impetus of widespread development through every section of the Southern Oregon basin, construction of market roads has gone forward at a rapid pace, as shown by the fact that on November 1 the total expenditures on this class of highly important work had reached \$80,838.84.

This is according to the biennial report made yesterday by County Engineer Joseph Jenson, which is to be forwarded to the state highway engineer.

Of this high total, \$52,737.75 was expended on four projects fully completed in 1925 and 1926, while the remaining \$27,101.09 was spent up to November 1 on projects which have not yet been finished. This total disbursement, however, does not include \$14,836.25 expended on market road projects carried over from 1924.

This sum, accumulated for market roads only through fifty-fifty donations from the county and the state, has served to bring the total mileage of market roads in Klamath county up to 199.8. Of this number 39.4 miles are macadamized. (Continued on Page Five.)

Pilcher Stores Are Bought by Thanhauser Co.

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(United News)—The R. A. Pilcher chain of six stores in Oregon were sold in federal court here Monday, when Judge Bean accepted the highest figure offered by prospective purchasers.

The stores were sold in two lots, the Portland, Albany, Eugene and Klamath Falls establishments being purchased for \$85,600 by the Thanhauser Hat company of Portland, and the Pendleton store being purchased by the Lieberman and Rosenbergs company of San Francisco, on an offer of \$12,000.

In throwing out the first and lower bid of J. C. Brill and company and the O. C. Simington bid of Pendleton, Judge Bean said he believed it incumbent upon the court to accept the highest figure offered in the interest of the creditors involved.

Letter Is Dropped From Name New Cascade Division

Failure of the masses, as well as much of the railroad fraternity, to add the final consonant, has resulted in the name of the Southern Pacific's newest line being changed from Cascades to Cascade.

This is according to a message received by J. J. Miller, district freight and passenger agent here, from F. S. McGinnis, passenger traffic manager, San Francisco, yesterday.

McGinnis was very brief in his wire, but it is said to be generally understood that too few people used the name of the new line properly—that is "Cascades"—preferring the simpler use and pronunciation. As all initial literature, time tables, et cetera, pertaining to the new line have been printed Cascades, it is expected that a new batch of the informative pamphlets and folders will be out soon.

NAVY PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN PLENTY OF FINANCIAL AID

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—(United News)—Sixty million dollars will be thrown into the navy program of bolstering efficiency of American stations in the Pacific during the next fiscal year.

Advices from Washington show that \$22,940,500 will be used for naval bases and improvement of equipment. Naval pay will be boosted by about \$35,000,000. Naval stations in Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, the Philippines and the China sea points, will benefit by the expenditure of \$7,000,000.

Texas Preacher Asked Change of Venue in Trial

Rev. Frank Norris Says He Cannot Receive Fair Trial in Own Community Where He Has Resided 20 Years

FORT WORTH, Nov. 1.—(United News)—Dr. J. Frank Norris, the famous fundamentalist pastor of Fort Worth, doesn't believe that he can be fairly tried for murder in this community, where, for more than 20 years, he has been the leading figure in a bitter religious controversy.

Appearing for trial today charged with the murder last July of D. E. Chippis, a wealthy lumberman, whom he shot to death in his study in the First Baptist church here, Pastor Norris, through his attorneys, filed a motion for a change of venue.

Although the state rather expected a motion for a continuance. (Continued on Page Five)

Window Cleaning is Popular Sport After Hallowe'en

It was window cleaning day yesterday, and joy reigned among business men in general. If there was a window on the business section of the city that escaped the scrutiny of the small boy either Saturday or Sunday night—Hallowe'en—it has not been discovered. Soap in liberal quantities was used by the youngsters, but happily they confined themselves to practical amusement. Few cases of actual malicious mischief were reported to the authorities.

Ringling of the bell in the belfry of the Methodist church Sunday night brought a hurried run from a number of policemen, and a couple of the boys were captured. After being given a lecture by the officers they were permitted to go home, and it is not expected any prosecution will follow.

Cupid Lambasts Old Man Divorce During October

The little pink-lipped, winged god of love flitted happily off the October calendar when the past month far surpassed the month of October, 1926, in the marriage record.

According to books in the office of County Clerk C. R. DeLap, marriage licenses to the number of 20 were issued in the month of October in October of 1926, there were 16 marriage licenses issued.

The disgruntled god of divorce wagged an old bald head and counted but six divorce filings during the past month.

Manila Is Rocked By Strong Quake For Fifth Time

MANILA, Nov. 1.—(United News)—The fifth earthquake felt here within a week shook Manila shortly before ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

The repeated shocks have caused considerable nervousness and hundreds hurriedly left buildings until effects of the latest tremor had passed.

Prisoners Succeed in Covering up Tracks

Daring Escape of Three Men From County Jail Effected Early Yesterday Morning

The three Klamath county prisoners, Fred A. Fisher, Henry Exline and Henry Blichell, who effected a daring escape from the county jail at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, were at large last night and the sheriff's office had received no trace of the men who disappeared into the cold fog of the early hours. J. E. Pollock, fourth member of the party, was apprehended while making his escape.

According to Sheriff Bart E. Hawkins, who arrived at the county jail immediately following the break, the prisoners had kept a dinner knife from the meals served in the jail and beaten it into a fine-toothed saw. It was with this improvised saw that the three men cut through the bars of the jail and, waiting until the guard, J. C. Edsall, had passed by on his rounds, made their escape.

Blankets from the jail were knotted together to form a rope that stretched from the top of the building to the ground, 45 feet below.

Slide Down Rope Fisher, Blichell and Exline had slid down the improvised rope and Pollock was climbing over the wall when Edsall, hearing a commotion, rounded the corner of the jail. Ordering Pollock to return to his cell he held his shotgun on him and the remainder of the prisoners who were also preparing to make their (Continued on Page Five)

Mad Rush Expected At Tax Counter in Next Three Days

Taxes in Klamath county, on county property, amounting to \$400,000 must be paid within the next three days or that property will be declared delinquent by the sheriff.

This was the announcement made yesterday afternoon by Garrett Van Riper of the tax collector's office who is interested in the collection of the huge sum of money before November 5.

"Property owners have until November 5 to pay their taxes, and after that time it will be necessary to declare them delinquent by order of the sheriff and the law," stated Van Riper yesterday. "Because Tuesday is election day, and the court house will be closed, there remains but three days, November 3, 4 and 5, to pay the taxes which total more than \$400,000. There will be a mad rush on the fifth and the office is urging taxpayers to come as early as possible."

Farmer Loses Two Fingers of Left Hand by Shotgun

Harry Mosby suffered the loss of two fingers on his left hand yesterday when he was painfully injured by the explosion of his gun while hunting in the Klamath Lake country Sunday.

According to witnesses, Mosby raised his gun to bring down a flock of geese flying overhead. He was hunting on his ranch in the Midland district. The gun was discharged accidentally, breaking his arm between the wrist and the elbow, and badly burning the fingers.

ALUMINUM PLANES WILL BE OFFERED ON MARKET SOON

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(United News)—New models in all-aluminum aircraft will be on the market soon, A. E. Beller, inventor of the Aero, believes.

Beller is planning to interest the government in what he declares is the only self-supporting dirigible-airplane combination ever created in this country.

Outfitted with six driving fans which will turn the machine in any direction, and designed to remain motionless in midair as long as desired, Beller has completed a miniature model representing 26 years of experiment.

Fall and Doheny Must Face Trial on November 22

Government Scores Victory and Defendants Ordered to Appear Nov. 10 to Enter Pleas to Charges Pending

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(United News)—The way was opened for a climax in one of the famous suits involving lease of government oil reserves, Monday, when Justice Hohling of the district of Columbia supreme court ordered that trial of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall and Edwin L. Doheny, oil magnate on charges of criminal conspiracy in the Elk Hills case, to begin here on November 22.

Justice Hohling fixed arraignment of the two principals in the sensational case for November 10 in the district supreme court.

This was a victory for the government as counsel for Fall and (Continued on Page Four)

Drunk at Leisure Want All Others To Take Vacation

Not busy himself and apparently preferring to see everyone else at leisure, Jack Chamberlain, somewhat under the influence of illicit potatoes, attempted to start a fight with workmen on the new Farrell building near the postoffice Sunday afternoon, and is now in the city house-gow, resting out a 12-day sentence.

Chamberlain, arrested by Officer Brown, after some little scrimmage, was taken before Police Judge Gaghan on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. His sentence was \$25 or 12 days, and not having the cash on hand, Chamberlain took the twelve.

Jack Archie, apprehended Saturday night after creating a disturbance in a local hotel, is also in jail, following a sentence from the police judge yesterday, of \$20 or ten days.

Franson Smith, Indian woman from Chiloquin, arrested Sunday night on a charge of drunkenness, paid a \$20 fine in the police court yesterday and was released.

Klamath People Held Under Bonds By Federal Court

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(United News)—Millard Lang, Klamath Indian, was released Monday on furnishing \$1,000 bail, after he had been brought from Klamath Falls by Deputy U. S. Marshal Wells on a charge of attacking his wife with a dangerous weapon.

Other cases brought here from Klamath Falls by Wells were: Frank Dooley, arrested at Chiloquin, was lodged in jail under \$2,500 bail on charges of liquor violations on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Mate Murusich was held under \$4,000 bond on white slave charges. His wife, Katherine, also was brought here as a material witness under \$1,000 bail.

Murusich is charged with having transported the woman from Aberdeen, Washington to Klamath Falls, and from Seattle to Los Angeles for immoral purposes.

Turns Gas in Nursery and Wipes Out Lives

Los Angeles Woman Is Believed to Have Been Mentally Unbalanced in Committing Act

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—(United News)—The failure of a Chicago firm, partly owned by her father, and poor health, is believed to have caused Mrs. Luferry Inwood, 30, to take the lives of herself and her two babies in the gas filled nursery of their home here Monday.

The tragedy was discovered by Louis R. Inwood, husband of the woman, when he awakened to find the door to the bedroom occupied by Luferry, three years, and Billy, two years old, closed and the cracks stuffed with paper.

He found his wife seated between the beds of the children and immediately called the police.

Rescue squads with inhalators worked on the bodies for several hours, but their efforts failed.

According to neighbors, Mrs. Inwood had returned here Sunday from a three months' visit with her parents in Chicago. The failure of the Electric Appliance company, of Chicago, in which her father was a partner, is believed to have contributed to her act.

She left a note asking that her parents be notified and also made arrangements for the disposition of personal belongings.

Mrs. Inwood was said to have been suffering from nervousness, induced by shock and injuries suffered a year ago in a gasoline explosion in her home.

Klamath in Lead Over All Sections Says Mrs. Yaden

"I'm mighty glad I live in Klamath Falls," declared Mrs. E. B. Yaden of the Tri-State Realty company, who returned to her office yesterday following a week's business trip through southern Idaho.

The sheep industry has been highly satisfactory in southern Idaho, and the farm produce is of exceptionally good quality, Mrs. Yaden said, but no part of the country compares with the southern Oregon basin. Among other cities Mrs. Yaden visited Boise and Caldwell, during the course of her motor trip, and while none of the places compared at all with Klamath Falls for business and building activity, a big interest there in the growth of this city is apparent, she stated.

"Incidentally, in no part of southern Idaho does one find the real estate values that are prevalent here," Mrs. Yaden said.

"People there hardly believe the figures on building growth in Klamath Falls, but the fact remains that a good many have turned their eyes in this direction."

The \$5,000,000 Owyhee irrigation project which is to be constructed for the benefit of southern Idaho and southeastern Oregon, is doing much for that country and people there are looking forward to a new growth with its completion. An awakened interest is already apparent, and undoubtedly the line project will attract considerable new farming blood to those sections, is Mrs. Yaden's opinion.

NO DEMONSTRATIONS WANTED BY MUSSOLINI

MILAN, Italy, Nov. 1.—(United News)—Premier Mussolini, on his arrival at Forli, telegraphed to Rome ordering that all demonstrations planned in celebration of his escape be stopped.