

GOLD FOUND AT SPRAGUE RIVER

Charge Of Murder Is Filed For F. Clark

Alleged Wife Slayer will go on Trial for Murder in First Degree; Arraignment Later

A complaint charging Frank Clark with first degree murder in connection with the slaying of his wife, Mrs. Nellie Clark, on April 4, at Ninth and Lincoln streets, was filed early Tuesday with Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes by Keith K. Ambrose, chief of police.

The shooting occurred at 9:30 Sunday night, when Clark overtook his wife, who was returning from the Presbyterian church in company with C. W. Stephens. Clark fired two shots, one of them entering Mrs. Clark's back and tearing through her torso, and the other bullet ripping Stephens' overcoat, but not injuring him.

Mrs. Clark was rushed to a local hospital, but died three days later from the effects of the bullet wounds.

After the shooting, Clark told police that he was angry at Stephens. He denied any intention of shooting his wife.

At the coroner's inquest, Stephens testified that he and Mrs. Clark noticed Clark when they left the Presbyterian church, and that he followed them, catching up with them shortly before they reached Ninth and Lincoln. Stephens did not recall that Clark said anything, he testified, at Ninth and Lincoln. Stephens stated Clark stepped behind him, gave Mrs. Clark a slight shove as if to start her walking down Lincoln street, and then shot. Stephens grappled with him, and the second shot plowed through Stephens' coat, near the hip.

Testimony of Ray Townsend, brother of Mrs. Clark, at the inquest, showed that the Clarks had been having differences for a considerable length of time.

Audit Shows High Tax Return Here

Taxes totaling \$1,177,565.12 were collected in Klamath county during the year 1926. It was revealed Tuesday when Allen Sloan completed an audit of the books of the clerk's office for the year.

Cash on hand for the year ending December 31, 1926, was \$415,275 as against \$386,954 for the year 1925.

The clerk of the circuit court collected in fees \$2,542, and the county clerk collected \$10,910 during the year.

The county prohibition fund showed a surplus of \$2548, the audit showed.

CALIFORNIA VOLCANO THREATENS ERUPTION

REDDING, Cal., April 12, (U.P.)—After a renewed period of activity, America's restless volcano has lapsed back into its usual state of quietude. The crater belched black smoke and steam for several hours Tuesday.

Clear weather made the eruption plainly visible from Redding and other communities of the vicinity.

Public Health is Subject for Forum

Public health will be the subject of two talks before the chamber of commerce forum luncheon Wednesday, given by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, head of the state public health department, and Dr. J. G. Townsend, of the United States Bureau of Public Health.

Dr. Stricker and Dr. Townsend will arrive here Wednesday from Portland. The committee in charge of the forum has arranged an attractive program to supplement the addresses.

VIVIAN, DOCILE COW, TAKEN BEFORE JURY AS A STAR WITNESS

LOS ANGELES, April 12, (U.P.)—Vivian, as docile a cow as might be seen in a day's stroll in the country, was brought into municipal court here today that a jury might see certain marks on her poll. Whether her horns were removed during childhood has something to do with present litigation over the bovine's ownership.

Grayson Case Will Go to Grand Jury; Arraignment Held

Slayer of Daughter-in-Law in Malin Street Battle Bound Over By Justice of Peace Barnes.

J. H. Grayson, charged with murdering his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Grayson on March 20 in Malin, was bound over to the grand jury following his hearing before Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes Tuesday morning.

Evidence given by witnesses indicated that Grayson had threatened Mrs. Grayson, John D. Sullivan, and D. A. Taylor a week or more before the shooting.

W. A. Wiest, attorney for Grayson, moved for dismissal on the ground that there was insufficient evidence to show that the bullet which killed Mrs. Grayson was intended for her, holding that it was either discharged accidentally or intended for John D. Sullivan.

Justice Barnes overruled the motion.

Testimony was introduced which tended to show that Grayson believed Sullivan was infatuated with Mrs. Grayson, whereas he was in reality engaged to her sister.

District Attorney Duncan held, in his final argument, that sufficient evidence had been given to bind Grayson over to the grand jury.

Mrs. Grayson was shot on the main street of Malin. The bullet was said to have been discharged at Sullivan and Albert Grayson grappled with the elderly man in an attempt to disarm him.

Plans Formed for "Clean Up" Week

Business men of Klamath Falls will be asked to cooperate with the "Clean Up Week" committee, it was announced Wednesday at the meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce by Fred E. Fleet, chairman of the committee.

J. A. Gordon, president of the First National bank, suggested that business men be asked to post signs, offering a reward for information which would lead to the detection of anyone infringing the sanitary code of the city by dumping garbage anywhere but on the city dump.

"Clean Up Week" will be from May 9 to 14 this year, and the business men and chamber of commerce intend to make it one of the most efficient the city has ever known.

FIRE THREATENS OIL FIELD

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 12, (U.P.)—The great Signal Hill oil field was menaced Tuesday when fire destroyed the derrick of a California Petroleum company well, situated in the center of the oil plot.

Hundreds Driven From Homes When Mississippi River Goes On Rampage To Inundate Town And Farm Land

WASHINGTON, April 12, (U.P.)—With hundreds of families driven from their homes by rising waters in Mississippi and reports indicating the Mississippi river will reach flood crests equal to the record of 1922, the Red Cross appropriated additional funds Tuesday for relief work and asked the Governor of that state to issue an appeal for aid.

Backwater from the river has inundated all of the territory between the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers. A report from T. R. Buchanan, assistant national director of disaster relief from the Red Cross states that 75 families, approximately 3,500 persons are affected in this district.

Many of them are without shelter or food. A refugee camp has been established at Artonish, Miss., where a levee broke last week. A break in the levee is feared at the town of Burkes Landing.

Additional tents are being sent to Vicksburg and plans are being made to feed more than 300 homeless families. So far no deaths have been reported, but vague dispatches from the flood swept districts indicate heavy damage to property and loss of much livestock.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 12, (U.P.)—Flood waters tonight menaced southwestern Oklahoma after a brief respite after the conditions of last week. Severed rail, rain and wind storms were reported to have done heavy damage.

Rivers and streams were again on the rampage and one death was (Continued on Page Five)

Revenue On Sheep Will Hit Big Mark

Major Industry in Klamath May Bring Million to Ranchmen's Coffers During 1927

Klamath's sheep industry, one of the leading occupations in this section, and an enterprise which annually returns many thousands of dollars to the agricultural coffers of the county, is headed for a new high mark in 1927, with a probable net crop of 100,000 lambs and a possible revenue of \$1,000,000.

This is according to C. A. Henderson, county agricultural agent, who returned to his office in this city Tuesday following attendance at the funeral of his father, Charles Henderson, in Gardiner, Oregon.

The county agent's forecast for the sheep industry here made Tuesday comes with the virtual finish of lambing season on ranches and its commencement within range flocks. Present indications are for 100,000 lambs in Klamath county and the Tule lake district, Mr. Henderson stated.

"A pronounced movement of large flocks has already started from Tule lake toward the Horsefly country where early range grass assures good forage for thousands of lambs," the agent said, "and with promise of continued good weather, the movement will assume larger proportions in a few days."

"The gross return to the county sheepmen on wool and lambs last season was approximately \$500,000," he declared, "and with ideal range conditions promised for this season the revenue for 1927 should (Continued on Page Three)

Mandamus Writ on Kozer is Refused

SALEM, April 12, (U.P.)—The Oregon supreme court refused to take jurisdiction in the mandamus proceedings attempted to be instituted by L. B. Smith to compel Secretary of State Sam Kozer to recognize his right to refer a measure for repeal of the new assessment law.

In refusing to issue the writ of mandamus the court did so without prejudice and granted to Smith the right to apply to any other court having jurisdiction. Smith immediately filed a similar application in the Marion county circuit court.

The measure Smith seeks to defer was passed by the last legislature and had the emergency clause attached. Secretary of State Kozer held that the clause prevented referring it, while Smith contended that a bill having to do with taxation could not carry the emergency clause.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS the custom of observing Good Friday is widespread and tends to promote the uplift of the community and affords the opportunity for worship.

AND WHEREAS the need of great reverence for God is generally recognized and has been freshly brought to our notice by the action of the Ministerial association of this city in arranging a community service in the Pine Tree theatre on Good Friday, April 15th from 12:15 p. m. to 1:15 p. m.

Now therefore, I, Thomas Watters, Mayor of Klamath Falls, recognizing the value of this service on the part of the above association, do heartily commend their action and that of those service clubs co-operating. It is gratifying to note the number of places of business who are closing during this hour and I express the hope that suspension of business activities will be general in the city for that hour, to the end that all may have the opportunity of joining in that service of worship.

Such an observance as the above is now generally practiced by leading communities throughout the nation and it is hoped that all our citizens will avail themselves of this sacred privilege.

(Signed) THOMAS B. WATTERS, Mayor.

Grants Pass Tin Claims Optioned To Guggenheimer

GRANTS PASS, Ore., April 12, (U.P.)—The American Smelting & Refining company has signed an option for \$100,000 on the Young tin claims near here, it was announced Tuesday.

The option was taken following exhaustive tests conducted by representatives of the company, who were satisfied that the mystery metal taken from the rock contained a high percentage of tin, along with some bismuth and gold.

Hundreds of claims have been staked out since reports of the finding of the metal were announced.

W. D. Miller Will Raze Court House

Contract for the razing of the old hot springs court house was let at a meeting of the Union high school board to W. D. Miller Construction company, it was announced Tuesday. Miller bid \$4,793.88 for the work and is to have all the material which may be salvaged from the debris.

Since the close of the court house fight, four years ago, nothing has been done with the structure, and no steps have been taken either to do away with or utilize it.

When the need for a new high school arose, there was considerable talk of remodeling the structure for school use, but on the advice of H. D. Marsh, Portland architect, the school board decided to raze the building and construct one more suitable for school purposes.

The vacant, semi-completed structure, standing alone on the sage brush hill has been the target for jibes of columnists and editorial writers throughout the state for years. At one time, just at the conclusion of the famed court house fight, Klamath Falls had three court houses; the partially finished Hot Springs structure, the court house as it now stands, and the old structure.

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Tornado Kills Many And Wipes Out Town

Untold Misery Follows in Wake of Devastating Cyclone Which Sweeps Three States

ROCK SPRINGS, Texas, April 12, (U.P.)—More than 50 bodies had been recovered from the ruins of this town of 1,500 people at midnight, and dead and injured were still being brought in the result of a cyclone which late today swept eastern Oklahoma, western Arkansas and Texas, damaging thousands of dollars worth of property and disrupting transportation and communication facilities.

The last report at one o'clock Wednesday morning, of bodies recovered, brought to Mrs. Jack Rote, telephone operator, said that fifty bodies had been taken from the ruins, but that there were many more to be recovered. The death toll is estimated from 150 to several hundred.

The intense darkness makes accurate check of the dead and injured impossible. As the dead are removed, some time must elapse before the information can be carried to Mrs. Rote, one mile from town.

The tornado struck shortly before 9 o'clock, and left only four or five buildings in the town.

A call for aid has been made on San Antonio, Junction, Kerrville, Del Rio, Uvalde and other towns. Doctors and nurses are needed.

Operator Braves Danger

The telephone office, the only means of communication, was destroyed. This message is being sent over the telephone from a phone fastened to a telephone post (Continued on Page Four)

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Rail Official is Dairying Booster

Dairying as the most logical development in Klamath county was stressed Tuesday by F. C. Lathrop, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, who arrived here for a day's visit from San Francisco.

Lathrop holds that dairying is the ideal industry for an agricultural community, because of the steadiness and certainty of the income, and cites the extensive milk industry at Seattle as a gauge by which the development possibilities of the industry may be measured.

He will return to San Francisco Wednesday afternoon.

Plans for County Track Meet Made

Plans for the annual county school track meet are being formed by the school board and the various high schools throughout the county. The meet, which has been held for several years, always arouses high interest among the students, and draws a good crowd of spectators.

Besides all kinds and lengths of races, there are broad jumps, chin-ups, putting, and every variety of athletic contest to which high and grammar school athletes are suited.

Oregon Assessors Divided Over Use Of New Tax Blank

Enforcement Left to Individual Officials, Says State Tax Head, Who Is Now in Klamath Falls.

"Present indications are that about half the county assessors in the state will use the much talked of 'blue blanks' in connection with their assessment valuations," declared Earl Fisher, head of the state tax commission, who arrived in this city Tuesday for a conference with William Lee, Klamath county assessor.

Mr. Fisher arrived here from Portland and after spending a day investigating the Klamath situation will leave tonight or Thursday for Medford where he will look into tax matters of Jackson county.

"I have received communications from about fifty percent of the county assessors in the state," Mr. Fisher said, "and I judge that probably half will use the blue blank to obtain taxing information. Due to the opposition which has arisen over this new law passed by the state legislature I imagine that later on many of these assessors who now favor the blank will drop it," he stated.

While the information made possible by the blue blank is in reality required by law since the measure passed the state legislature, the tax commission has stepped aside, leaving the enforcement of the blank up to the individual assessors, according to the state tax head.

"The commission retains the right to investigate the work of each assessor" (Continued on Page Three)

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