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Sheriff To Sell Mill On July 30

Judge Orders Foreclosure Wheeler-Olmstead Holdings to Proceed as Planned

Following word from Portland that the foreclosure and sale of the Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber company holdings in Klamath county is to proceed as originally planned, Sheriff Burt Hawkins announced late Tuesday that the mill will be sold from the steps of the courthouse Saturday morning.

The sheriff announced a similar sale some weeks ago under a court order from Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt, but was forced to hold up the step under an injunction from federal court, pending outcome of a suit brought by Lloyd Wentworth, trustee in bankruptcy, alleging that low valuation had been placed on the Wheeler-Olmstead properties in Klamath.

Hunter a Figure. Wentworth, it was reported at that time, sought to restrain the sheriff from selling the defunct concern's holdings on strength of a charge that F. Hill Hunter, head of the Sawmill Engineering company, city, had bought up

Aimee Disposes of Insinuations from Ex-Brother

LOS ANGELES, July 26, (UP)—Aimee Temple McPherson, evangelist and busy rear admiral of the newly founded Four Square Gospel Lighthouse service, took time out from her work Tuesday to spike the guns of "Brother" Gladwyn Nichols, erstwhile "McPhersonite," now head of the church of Philadelphia.

"Brother" Nichols, who for a time served as Angeles temple radio operator, in place of Kenneth G. Ormiston, leading figure of Mrs. McPherson's court hearings last year, suggested that Mrs. McPherson had never quite cleared the matter of her now famous 20-mile trek across the desert sands.

He further intimated that for "the good of their consciences," Mrs. McPherson and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, should give the public the truth about the asserted kidnapping that led to the evangelist's desert tramp and subsequently to a preliminary hearing on charges of conspiracy to defeat justice.

Rear Admiral McPherson resented the opening of the desert episode, denied her conscience needed clearing, and stated emphatically that she had told the truth of the "Rosy and Steve" venture.

Roumanian Talks, Favoring Carol

BERLIN, July 26, (UP)—According to Bucharest dispatches, agitation in favor of the pretension to the Roumanian throne of exiled Prince Carol, father of 5-year-old King Michael, broke out in parliament today at a memorial session for King Ferdinand.

Cushman Handed Four Years in Pen for Theft

Jim Cushman was yesterday found guilty of car larceny and sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary for stealing an automobile belonging to C. S. Hale last February, after the jury debated the case far into the night.

Cushman was arrested jointly with Bob Moore on the charge of stealing the car. Moore was tried last spring, found guilty and sentenced to 18 months in the state penitentiary. Both sentences were pronounced by Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt.

R. P. Booth who was tried Monday for forgery was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary.

Klamath Body Is Seeking Aid for Project War Vets

Delegation from Here Asks State Bonus Loan Board to Adopt More Liberal Policy.

SALEM, July 26, (UP)—A more liberal policy on the part of the state bonus loan commission toward war veterans seeking loans in irrigation districts, was sought by Klamath irrigation project settlers today.

A delegation conferred with the commission, and asked that a policy similar to that of federal farm loan banks be adopted. A. M. Thomas, secretary of the district, told the commission that the Klamath project is settled largely by world war veterans, and that they were handicapped because of certain restrictions laid down by the bonus commission.

In many cases they were unable to secure a state bonus loan, he said.

Applications except the available supply of land, Thomas stated, and declared that the project is in a prosperous condition.

Grazing Row Will Be Settled Soon

RENO, Nev., July 26, (AP)—George J. Hatfield, United States district attorney for northern California was here today after reviewing a case between cattlemen and government officials in regard to the alleged violation of the grazing laws in northern California.

Hatfield stated that he had reviewed the case thoroughly, but would not give any decision until he returned to San Francisco.

Chokes to Death Pinned Under Car

ROSEBURG, July 26, (UP)—Douglas Mahoney, 41, prominent resident of Oakland, Ore., was choked to death when he was caught beneath his overturned automobile when it skidded on a gravel roadway about six miles from Oakland.

Frank Spooner was riding with him. Both men were pinned beneath the car for more than half an hour.

"This thing is choking me. I can't stand it much longer," Mahoney said several minutes after the wreck. When help arrived he was dead.

DRIVES NORTH TO FISH IN KLAMATH

Ray E. Carter of Oakland, Calif., in company with his son Leonard and son-in-law, Bill Jones, made a hurried trip to Cherry Creek Haven where he took horses and packed into Sky Lakes to remain the rest of the week to fishing.

Carter drove from Oakland to Cherry Creek Haven in 16 hours but says the trip can easily be made in 14 hours. This fall he is planning to pack in for a deer hunt.

Counties Told Not To Share O.C. Fund

Judge Sustains Demurrer of Marion County Court; Will Appeal; Hits Klamath

SALEM, July 26, (AP)—Declaring that "the state of Oregon has neither a legal nor a moral right to any portion of this fund," Judge L. H. McMahan of the Marion county circuit court, this afternoon sustained the demurrer of the Marion county court to the mandamus action of the state to compel the county court to pay over to the state \$24,000 of the \$119,000 received by Marion county from the federal government as its share in the distribution of the Oregon-California land grant tax refund monies.

Judge McMahan's decision, if sustained by the supreme court, means a saving of approximately \$1,399,000 to the land grant counties of Oregon, which amount represents what the state contends should be its share in the entire distribution of more than \$7,000,000 to be refunded to the counties under the terms of the refund act.

The action to collect a share in the Marion county distribution was in the nature of a test case for the state, and was defended jointly by all of the land grant counties acting through the state association of county courts with John H. Carson, district attorney of Marion county and Gay Gordon, district attorney of Douglas county, representing the defendants.

In sustaining the demurrer Judge McMahan ruled against the state.

Cal Still Knows His Dairy Foods

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 26, (AP)—A group of dairymen who called upon President Coolidge today to present a 25-pound tub of butter came away with the conviction that at some time in his life Mr. Coolidge must have presided at the dinner.

He dipped a finger into the golden dairy product and tasted it when the tub was opened on his desk, pronouncing it of excellent quality and when the delegation told him that the tub in which the butter had been packed cost 35c he remarked that they used to sell for 20c.

"I see," said Coolidge, "that now the tubs are made of pine. They used to be made of spruce."

U. S. Gas Supply Soon Exhausted

RAPID CITY, July 26, (UP)—The nation's oil supply which furnishes motive power for 20,000,000 automobiles, ships and airplanes in this country, will be exhausted in seven years, President Coolidge was informed today by Ralph Arnold, geologist and oil prospector of Los Angeles.

He appealed to the president to force government regulations against the wastage of gas that is necessary to bring oil to the surface. It should encourage every possible system of oil conservation, including abandoning of oil burning in compelling regulations against the wastage of gas that is necessary to bring oil to the surface. It should encourage every possible system of oil conservation, including abandoning of oil burning by railroads, domestic heaters and any industry that can get along with coal.

Mrs. Stillman Hurls Plates as Son Marries Humble Girl

GRAND ANSE, Quebec, July 26, (UP)—Lena Wilson, a little Canadian girl of humble parentage, and James (Bud) Stillman, son of the multi-millionaire New York banker, were married by a Catholic priest in the presence of 500 oddly assorted guests at the Stillman lodge at Grand Anse Tuesday afternoon.

Families Reconciled. Complete reconciliation of the families of the bride and groom was signified by the appearance of Lena's mother on the arm of Mrs. Ann Stillman, who acted as master of ceremonies.

After the wedding, Mrs. Stillman, angered by the activities of photographers, hurled at them three dinner plates intended to serve the huge wedding cake. The plates missed the photographers but smashed the window in the office of James A. Stillman, the groom's father.

Lost Her Temper. Mrs. Stillman posed for the cameras patiently for a time, but finally lost her temper. She threw into the crowd giving her orders in frenzy and swept back photographers, guests and all with the ease of a New York policeman.

She and the cameras returned and she spied them, grasping a fine china plate from one of the many stacks which were arranged around the wedding cake, she hurled it, crashing through the window.

McCurdy, Slayer of Wife, Admits Part in Murder

OREGON CITY, July 26, (UP)—Coming as a surprise, following a day spent in taking state and defense testimony, Alvin McCurdy, suddenly changed his plea of not guilty to a charge of murdering his wife July 7, to guilty, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

He will be sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge J. U. Campbell Thursday.

The change in plea followed a hurried consultation between the prosecutor, defense counsel and the court. This was held after the defense had closed its testimony at 4 o'clock when Lyle McCurdy had previously confessed to killing his wife with a hammer and setting fire to their home at Camemah, to hide traces of his crime.

Demands Probe of Girl's Drowning

SEATTLE, Wash., July 26, (A. P.)—Demanding that a more thorough investigation be conducted in connection with the drowning of Miss Violet Maude Payne, although a coroner's jury last night absolved four persons of any criminal responsibility for the death, her sister, following a party aboard the palatial yacht Muriel, Mrs. Mabelle Fiedler today went to the prosecutor's office, declaring that the verdict was "empty of significance."

Miss Payne's sister said that the decision of the jury only served to lead up to a point where a real investigation should be made. The jury branded F. Creigh Nelson, owner of the yacht; Amory F. Bell, its captain; and E. E. Harrington, Seattle yacht club bookkeeper, as cowards, and guilty of unmanly conduct in not making proper efforts to rescue Miss Payne. Mrs. Winona Gorman who also attended the party aboard the boat was not censured by the jury.

Officials of the yacht club announced this morning that the part played by Nelson in hushing up the incident would be made the subject of special business at the regular meeting of the club next Thursday night. Nelson is a wealthy Seattle broker and clubman and is the son of the founder of one of Seattle's largest department stores.

ANGLER DROWNS IN WATERS OF ROGUE

GRANTS PASS, July 26, (UP)—Roy E. Johnson, manager of the Southern Oregon Gas company, was drowned at Hellgate in the Rogue River late yesterday.

Johnson was fishing and tward dusk fell into the water. At noon Tuesday the body had not been recovered.

Put Off Transit Walkout In City

NEW YORK, July 26, (U.P.)—Glad tidings came to New York's sweltering millions tonight in the form of an announcement by Mayor James J. Walker, that the threatened transit strike had been postponed.

At the height of the evening rush hour, while thousands of strap hangers were wedging into subway and elevated trains for what was to be their last ride until after the strike, Mayor Walker sat with representatives of the transit company and the workers' union.

At 5:50 p. m. Walker came out of his office with this announcement: "The strike has been postponed indefinitely. This is the happiest day for me since I took office."

The news spread rapidly thru-out Manhattan. In the congested Grand Central and Times Square districts, commuters missed their trains to buy extras telling of the mayor's victory.

Walker said he had told representatives of both sides that he felt the public interest was too great to permit a strike and demanded a settlement be made.

Co-Ed's Nightly Visits to Grave Revealed by Vigil

OMAHA, Neb., July 26, (UP)—A rendezvous with death, kept weekly by a University of Nebraska co-ed, at the grave of her childhood sweetheart, who died in the electric chair, has been discovered by persons living near Woodlawn cemetery here.

Each Sunday evening for several weeks this figure moving slowly through the cemetery to a small, almost obscure, grave in a far corner of the burial grounds.

Some declared the figure was a sylvan apparition. Others who saw the girl through the mellow evening haze, talked of ghosts, and other such eerie things.

Recently one of the more curious discovered the grave was that of Walter Simmons, convicted of murder and electrocuted August 11, 1925, and he waited at the grave last Sunday for the girl.

At the usual hour she came, with tender bands and solicitous touch she cared for the few flowers which marked the last resting place of the young slayer. She seemed hurt when questioned about her nocturnal visits and reluctantly divulged the information.

Her name is Marion Lynton, and she was a childhood sweetheart of Simmons in Billings, Mont. She is attending the summer school at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and comes to Omaha each week end to care for the grave, she said.

Howard to Decide Charleston Dance

The ordeal that has confronted Chief of Police Ambrose regarding the selection of a competent judge to decide the fate of two young gentlemen that came to the chief's notice on Friday evening last, a heated controversy as to who was the best Charleston dancer, has now passed into the hands of Gene Howard of the Pine Tree Theatre, who will act as mediator.

An suggestion in Tuesday's issue of The News, he is presenting at the Pine Tree Theatre to select champions of Klamath Falls and who will later challenge the dancers of the county for the title of champion of Klamath county, will present those two young men in the first contest of a series of six.

Arrangements have been made whereby these chaps have agreed to participate throughout the entire contests and let their preferences be decided in a fair manner, in fairness to all participants by competent judges who will be selected to decide the championship of both Klamath Falls and Klamath county.

No doubt these young men are known to many, however, as they have promised Howard to refrain from any further antics between themselves. It is agreed that their names will not be divulged.

Shooting Holes in Floor Sends Citizen to Jail

Mayor of New York Wins Workers Over to his Plan of Delaying Strike

A. Smith was arrested at his home at 330 Martin street yesterday for disturbing the peace when he began shooting holes through his floor with a shotgun.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was given a hearing before Police Judge Gaglianone yesterday afternoon. The judge found him guilty but a definite sentence was not given. For the present he is being confined in the city jail.

Thirsty Masses Flee as Prohib Probe for Beer

Officers Find 200 Quarts Homebrew in Shacks on South 6th; Many Customers Escape.

Comedy, staged in a shack at the rear of the Altamont dancing pavilion Monday night, before, or with, a capacity house, turned a prohib raid into a fun riot when the arm of law crashed in the doors—but the officers did all the laughing.

This is according to the details of the raid which leaked out late Tuesday, while Terry Talent and L. O. Shirley, federal prohibition officers, and Louis Mueller, deputy sheriff, who conducted the Monday night raid, were counting up some 200 bottles of kitchen brew, confiscated during the raid.

Crashing through the door of the shack in which it is alleged the home brew beer was being sold to sweltering customers who had sought solace from the heat in the crowded cabin, the officers were all but run down by a "capacity house," composed, they asserted, of Klamath Falls citizens.

Broadcasting to Be Reduced Soon

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP)—A heavy mortality among radio broadcasting stations after August 15 was predicted today by the federal radio commission.

Commissioners who have returned to Washington for a series of meetings have decided that the elimination of a considerable number of broadcasters is going to be automatically brought about by conditions which they have had under observation for several weeks.

"On June 15 the commission outlined a new allocation of broadcasting waves for the use of all stations, and gave them 60-day permits to operate on the new schedules," Commissioner Bellows explained. "Since that date, the operations of all stations have been under check by the commission and by the commerce department radio inspection service. A very large number of the stations have not been holding to their proper wave length and during the first few weeks of the new schedule it was the commission's disposition to be patient with the operators."

Newsboys Start Fire Near Main

Fire believed to have been kindled by newsboys at play, damaged the building occupied by the offices of the Herald Publishing company at Eighth and Main late Tuesday afternoon.

The flames were discovered at the rear of the frame structure and had gained some headway when the fire department was notified. A quick run brought the firemen into play with streams of water, however, and the blaze was speedily checked.

When the firemen arrived Misses Vivian McCauley and Della McGrath, employees of the firm, were doing their bit with water buckets. Some water damage to paper stored in the structure, was reported.

Merging Of Huge Concerns Forecast

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NEW YORK, July 26, (U.P.)—Reports of rich prosperity came from the offices of two of the nation's largest corporations today.

General Motors announced record earnings and record sales; United States steel advised that its profits had been substantial though below that of the corresponding period in 1926.

Exceeding in interest either of these developments was the insistent report that interlocking developments of the two high interlocking companies was imminent.

Although no confirmation was at hand, credence was given in many quarters to a report published in the Wilmington Evening Journal that Pierre Dupont, chairman of General Motors, soon would become a director of the steel corporation and would assume the chairmanship of the latter's board upon retirement of Judge Elbert H. Gary.

Absent from Meet. It was considered significant (Continued on page six)

British Report May Seal Fate of Naval Parley

LONDON, July 26, (UP)—A formal statement of the government's naval policy to be made Wednesday or Thursday in the house of commons, is expected to seal the fate of the Geneva naval limitation conference.

It will sum up the government's position following days of conferences with its political and technical Geneva delegates.

Besides extending the limits to which the British are prepared to go toward reaching agreements with the United States on the question of cruiser limitation, the statement is expected clearly to indicate whether in Prime Minister Baldwin's absence, big navy or little navy men, comprising "die hards" and moderates respectively, hold the balance of power in the cabinet.

American and Japanese governments should be able to deduce from the statement whether agreement on cruisers will be possible.

So far Americans and British have differed widely on what constituted minimum strength in "eyes of the fleet" necessary to defend.

Great Britain wants a large number of small cruisers, armed with small guns, that could operate from her many naval bases to protect her world-wide shipping routes.

America wants a small number of big cruisers, able to operate far from home, and armed with guns big enough to offset the large number of armed merchantmen-Britain could put on the sea as auxiliary cruisers in war time.

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