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ROAD HEAD IS BUSY IN NEW PLACE

County Court Quietly Appoints Culver, Who Will Have Much Authority.

GIVEN CONTROL OF MUCH ROAD WORK

Will Have Good Deal to Say About Expenditure of \$150,000 Set Aside.

The Marion County Court has very quietly appointed a county roadmaster in the person of James Culver, the well known civil engineer and ex-sheriff, of Salem. This appointment was made during the January term of the court and Mr. Culver is now engaged in drawing up plans, locating lines and performing other duties in road districts where one or more thousand dollars will be expended for the construction of permanent highways.

Mr. Culver was appointed by the court under the old road law which authorizes each county to employ an able engineer to supervise and draw up plans and specifications and advertise for bids for road building in road districts which contemplate expending a thousand dollars or over. The roadmaster files all plans and specifications with the county clerk and then is required to advertise for bids in one newspaper nearest to the district making such improvements to its roads and in one paper located in the county seat. He has the sole supervision as to material to be used by the districts, plans and specifications and is authorized to superintend the work of construction.

Has Big Job. Marion County's roadmaster now has a great amount of work on his hands. The county court has appropriated \$150,000 to the various road districts with which to build good roads and out of this amount there are 48 districts which are planning to expend over \$1,000 this year. Mr. Culver will be called upon to declare the lines, draw up specifications and plans and furnish the court with all the necessary data to advertise for bids.

County Court Responsible. Under the law the county court is entirely responsible to the tax payers in each road district for the work of those securing the contract to build the roads. The court reserves the authority to reject any and all bids which it considers too high or unsatisfactory in any way but it is required to build the highways nevertheless whether the contract is let or not and is authorized to pay for same out of the general road fund or a special fund.

Under the old road law the roadmaster had almost exclusive supervision of the manner in which \$1,000 roads shall be built. In the event the \$850,000 bond issue carries in Marion county to be used for the constructing of permanent highways, the roadmaster is authorized to decide to a great extent where and how the money is to be expended, for the reason that the law makes it his duty to designate lines and prepare all plans and specifications for the construction of roads in the various districts contemplating an expenditure of over a thousand dollars and the several thousand dollars apportioned to many districts for the purpose of building permanent highways will bring the work under the department to the extent the roadmaster will direct preparations in every detail with the exception of selecting the bids.

Corvallis will have a big trap shooting contest February 21 or 23 the date not having been settled yet.

Wealthy Girl is Not Located

Determined Search of All Convents in Northwest Being Made for Miss Frances Lount.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Feb. 7.—A determined search is being made today of all convents in the Northwest in an effort to discover the whereabouts of Miss Frances Lount, of Phoenix, Ariz., daughter of a wealthy ice manufacturer, who fled from the home of relatives here early Thursday morning, without informing them of her intentions.

Carrying two suit cases, the girl was at the point of entering a waiting taxicab, when her cousin, awakened by the noise, attempted to intercept her. Miss Lount, however, managed to gain the taxicab and disappeared. She accidentally dropped a railway time table of a line operating to Seattle, and it is presumed she took the train to Puget Sound.

Relatives are sure that she left Portland with the sole object of entering a convent, as she has talked of it almost continually. Miss Lount disappeared in a similar manner more than a year ago, and was finally located in the monastery of Poor Clares, in Evansville, Ill. On the suggestion of the mother superior she was taken from the convent for the reason that she was "not of the temperament necessary for the sisterhood."

Although the police were notified shortly after her disappearance, relatives stated that their assistance was not needed. Miss Lount was very prominent in society in Phoenix.

DIGGS IS VERY WEARY OF PRISON LIFE AND SPOTT IS FREE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Maury I. Diggs did not try to hide the fact today that he was growing very weary of prison life. His inability to get bail plainly depressed him greatly. His face looked gloomy and the jaundice had disappeared from his air.

In the courtroom he has maintained an excellent show of indifference but his case did not come up before Judge Crist today and there was nothing left for him but to spend the time as well as he could in the city jail. His friend, Walter Gilligan, was not allowed to associate with him and in the society with other prisoners it was clear that he was not at all interested.

Spot. Gives Bond. Paul Spott, the third man arrested in connection with the case of Ida Peering, the girl the three were accused of attacking, succeeded yesterday in getting bail and was back at his home in Oakland.

The three men's hearing was scheduled for resumption Monday at 9 a. m. The prosecution finished its testimony yesterday afternoon and at the next session the defense was expected to put on its witnesses. It was clear from the previous proceedings that the prisoners' lawyer would try to prove that Ida knew who Diggs was from her first meeting with him that she is not 17 as she and her mother have represented, but 20 or 21, and that any relations which may have existed between herself and the accused men were of her own free will.

No Record of Birth. Examination of the city and county records at San Jose, where the girl was born, failed to disclose a record of her birth, March 9, 1896, the date given by Mrs. Peering, nor on any other date for some time before and after the one mentioned. As doctors did not, at the time, make a regular practice of recording births, the evidence was not of much value.

Spott's case, which is distinct from Diggs' and Gilligan's, was set by Judge Crist today for February 17.

SIX MONTHS FOR SLAYER. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Otto Zoellner, a cabinet maker, was sentenced by United States Judge Doelling to serve six months in the Alameda county jail for violating the Mann white slave act. He was found guilty of transporting Lucy H. Mehrstedt, 23 years old, from Oakland to Portland for immoral purposes.

NO DELAY IN SUIT TO UNMERGE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

Governor Gets Message From Attorney-General He Will Not Wait.

SAYS LAW IS VIOLATED

No Other Course Open But to Bring Suit to Dissolve Agreement, Declares McReynolds.

The request for further time in which the state might make a showing as to the injury that would be done by the unmerging of the Southern and Central Pacific, has been turned down by Attorney-General McReynolds, who informs the governor that the suit will be prosecuted at once. The governor and the Chamber of Commerce of Portland a day or so ago asked for this further time, but vainly. That serious injury will result is almost certain to follow the segregation of the two roads, as they are so closely intermingled, and have been so for 30 years, that separation is next to impossible. Governor West this morning received the following dispatch from Attorney-General McReynolds:

"The president has referred to me your telegram of the fourth instant. Being of opinion that the control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific constitutes a violation of the anti-trust act no other course is open to me but to bring suit to dissolve it. This decision was publicly announced several months ago, and as it was reached after full consideration of facts submitted on behalf of the Southern Pacific Co., it must be regarded as final and institution of the suit cannot be delayed for further hearings."

LEUTENANT ACCUSED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7.—The first court-martial in Seattle for several years will be held soon against Lieutenant Robert B. Parker, Thirtieth infantry, U. S. A., who is now held at Fort Lawton on charges of irregularities in his accounts at Fort William H. Seward, near Juneau, Alaska. He was brought down from the north two weeks ago, and is waiting the general order from Major-General Arthur Murray, assembling the military court. The amount of money involved in the case has not been stated.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Medford, Or., Feb. 7.—The body of David Akin, 40 years of age, wood chopper, was found in a cabin eight miles from Jacksonville by farmer boys this morning, with his throat cut from ear to ear and wrist cut open. A razor near the body indicated suicide. The coroner will hold an inquest this afternoon.

CHERRIANS CHOOSE OFFICERS AT MEETING

Members of the Cherrian Club held a meeting last night and elected the following officers: King Bing—M. L. Meyers. Lord Governor Wood—Walter L. Spaulding. Chancellor of Rolls—Carl D. Gabrielson.

King's Jester—Geo. H. Graves. Council of Nobles—Duke of Lambert, Wm. McGilchrist, Jr.; Queen Anna's consort, J. B. Young; Archbishop of Rickensil, R. C. Bishop; Marquis of Marchusia, Thos. B. Kay; Earl of Waldo, Rev. H. E. Marshall; Keeper of Orchard, W. S. Walton.

Dr. Harry Olinger was first elected King Bing, but that gentleman refused to accept, saying that the position was too royal, and that he did not feel that he was capable of wearing the crown. The members insisted that Dr. Olinger should be Bing, and several good talks were made endorsing the proposition, but the favored one was obstinate, and flatly announced that he would not serve.

The club is now planning to hold a circus in the armory some time in the near future. It will be a two days' session of amusement in the war of side-shows, pink teas, etc., and the members will be there with bells and wharplint.

YOUNG WOMAN ADMITS KILLING ANOTHER IN HER JEALOUS RAGE

Drinks Poison and Soon Passes Away in Orange, New Jersey, Hospital.

BUTTON IS ONLY CLEW

Falls From Slayer's Coat as She Runs Away From Home Where She Murdered Mrs. Manning.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Newark, N. J., Feb. 7.—Miss Hazel Herdman died at Orange, near here, this afternoon of bichloride of mercury poisoning, taken with suicidal intent. A few hours before her death she confessed to slaying Mrs. Harriet Manning in the latter's home here last night. "I loved Mrs. Manning's husband," she told the police, "and he loved me. He had asked Mrs. Manning to get a divorce, but she refused. Mrs. Manning stood in the way of my happiness and I decided to kill her. I'm sorry now that she is dead."

Miss Herdman, heavily veiled, gained entrance to the Manning home last night by professing to be an intimate friend of Mrs. Manning's from Philadelphia. Then she shot Mrs. Manning in the presence of the latter's mother and sister. As she fled from the house she dropped the revolver and an umbrella.

The police questioned Miss Herdman during the morning, but she convinced them that she had nothing to do with the shooting. Then she swallowed poison, and sent for the police and confessed.

"Manning frequently told me," Miss Herdman said, "that he loved me, but said he could not marry me until he got a divorce. Then I determined to get Mrs. Manning out of the way."

An Earlier Story.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 7.—Hazel Herdman, 25 years old, of Vernon, N. J., confessed this afternoon, according to the police, to shooting and killing Mrs. Harriet Manning at the latter's home yesterday. Miss Herdman drank a solution of bichloride of mercury this morning. She was removed to the Mountain Side hospital at Orange, where her condition was reported critical.

Mrs. Manning was shot to death in the presence of her mother and sister, by a woman who gained admittance to the home of Mrs. Manning's mother by saying she was "a friend from Philadelphia."

The theory was advanced at first that the person possibly was dressed as a woman. Mrs. Manning's sister declared, however, it was a woman's voice that asked for admittance. An umbrella and revolver were thrown away by the woman as she fled. A button fell from the slayer's rain coat and this is the only clew the police had.

Jealousy, the police believed, was the motive back of the crime. Mrs. Manning had separated from her husband.

INTER-CITY DEBATE TONIGHT.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—Enactment of a minimum wage law will be the topic for dual debates here and in Philadelphia tonight between teams representing George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania.

REGIONAL BANK HEARING ON.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—More than a score of southern California bankers met Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston when they arrived here today to begin a regional bank hearing. Their first meeting will be held probably Monday.

The Weather

The Diekey Bird says: Oregon, fair southwest and east portions tonight and Sunday, probably rain, southerly winds.

Explorer Shackleton May Use Motorsleighs in Antarctic Dash



Sir Ernest Shackleton.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Feb. 7.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous English explorer, is preparing to start about August on his attempt to cross the antarctic region. His feat will be watched by the whole world. It is probable that Shackleton will take wingless aeroplanes that glide on sleigh runners for the purpose of drawing his sleds. Whether he can keep his engines from freezing is the question. If he can perfect his flying motorsleighs he will have sounded the deathknell of the faithful Eskimo dogs.

SEEKS TOKIO'S CONSENT TO EXCLUSION ACT LIKE CHINESE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—That Secretary of State Bryan is seeking the Tokio government's consent to a Japanese exclusion act similar to the Chinese exclusion law was stated on high authority today.

It was said the California alien land was the principal obstacle. That is to say Japan is willing to have the "gentlemen's agreement," by which Japanese coolie labor is excluded from the United States, made statutory on condition that the Japanese land ownership ban in California be raised.

Tokio cares less, in short about opening the United States to more Japanese than it does about protecting those who already have settled here. The house immigration committee had not decided whether to resume hearings on the Baker bill.

SALEM MISSION HOLDS ANOTHER GOOD MEETING

Salem mission held its second business meeting last night and a nice collection was taken for the purchase of the four gospels of the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to be given away in Salem. It was also moved that they collect unused Sunday school and church papers of all denominations for free distribution and to be placed in shops, factories, hotels and lodging houses. It was moved and carried, to establish an employment bureau for the benefit of the unemployed of Salem. Mrs. E. L. McIntire and Mrs. J. M. Kavanaugh of 211 North High street, were appointed the committee in charge. Phone Farmers 195. Any one being benefitted through this office will be requested to give their titles to the mission to be used in the work for the Lord. Mrs. Mati of North Salem volunteers to organize the choir. Good singing and preaching every evening at 7:30, except Saturday, Sunday school, 2 p. m.; preaching at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY TOMORROW.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—Churches here will observe tomorrow as "Boy Scout Sunday." Many pastors have agreed to preach sermons on "Service," the watchword of Scoutdom.

HUERTA IS READY FOR AN ATTACK

Thousands of Troops Around National Palace and Guns Planted on Roofs.

CONSPIRACY IN SUBURB CRUSHED

Thirty Leaders Under Arrest and Much Arms and Ammunition Taken.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Mexico City, Feb. 7.—A crisis seemed near here today. Two thousand soldiers surrounded the national palace. Inside President Huerta and his chief advisers were in conference.

It was reported Felix Diaz was behind a new revolt. Around the arsenal the houses had been cleared of their occupants and machine guns had been mounted on the roofs.

Batteries on Hills. Batteries were being mounted on the hills surrounding the city.

At 10:30 a. m. the streets surrounding the national palace were packed with federal troops. Huerta himself was under heavy guard. War Minister Blanquet denied that hordes of Zapatistas were hovering in the city's outskirts, awaiting an opportunity to enter.

Couriers from Guadalupe, four miles north of the capital confirmed reports that the local garrison had revolted. Federal troops were rushed to the scene in armored automobiles.

Huerta Gains Upper Hand. That President Huerta had gained the upper hand at the suburb of Guadalupe became known later today through the announcement that 30 conspirators had been arrested there and that a quantity of contraband arms and ammunition had been seized by the federals at the neighboring village of Santa Clara.

Diaz Seeks Presidency. Havana, Feb. 7.—Friends here of Felix Diaz did not dispute today that Diaz was behind a movement in Mexico directed against both President Huerta and General Carranza, the constitutional leader, and plan to place him in the presidential chair. They added that he believed it would win, but had made no definite plans for returning to Mexico. Reports that he already had done so and was personally directing his campaign there, they denied. He was secluded, they said, in the country outside of Havana.

FISHING FLEET IN PERIL. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—Destruction of the American fishing fleet jammed in the ice in the Bay of Islands seemed inevitable today, it was stated at the navy department. The naval tug Potomac was dispatched to attempt relief measures, it was explained, but, on account of the vast flocks, could not get within ten miles of the doomed boats. The bay is between the west coast of Newfoundland and the east coast of Canada.

TRUST BILLS DUE NEXT. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—Democratic leaders predicted today that bills carrying the suggestions voiced recently by President Wilson in regard to the trusts will be reported to the house not later than the middle of March. It was expected that the hearing before the house judiciary committee on three bills to supplant the Sherman law would close next Saturday. The interstate commerce commission was expected to close its hearing on the trade claim bill before Saturday.

TO PROBE LOOTING. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—The resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Norris, providing for congressional investigation of the alleged looting of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was adopted by the senate today.

TO PROBE STEEL TRUST. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 7.—The Lane resolution calling for an investigation of the steel trust was practically killed today in the committee room, and a substitute by Senator Harris, providing that the interstate commerce commission conduct the probe adopted.

Some women's hats are dreams—but too many of them come true.