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DISTRICT COURT GETS BY CRIMINAL TO CIVIL CASES

Hoyt Goes To Pen For 30 To 60 Years—Cremer And Myrstol Acquitted—Van Cleve Vs. Hannon And Hanson Now On

When the Pioneer went to press last week a court and jury were engaged in the trial of the case of Florence H. Yates against the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. Plaintiff sought to recover approximately \$3,200 for sheep, cattle, lambs, hogs, etc., taken by the bank under an attachment served upon husband of plaintiff, but claimed by her.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for \$1,500, with interest at 8 per cent from date of attachment.

Friday morning the State of Montana against Edward Hoyt, charged with a statutory offense, started. The regular panel was exhausted and a special venire issued. From the two panels the following jurors were chosen: Oskar Drivdahl, Everett Farr, Osmund Mosse, C. E. Crum, C. L. Bryan, Ray A. Traver, Fred Tucker, Eli Hoysest, Grant Longworth, E. H. Ellingson, J. J. Gallagher and George Harlan.

Witnesses testifying for state and defendant were Eula Julien, Mrs. Cullom, John Julian, Ed Bartels, Frank Whitsel, Frank Berrie, for the state; Ed Hoyt, Kenneth Hoyt, Mrs. Myrtle Hoyt, Ed. Bartels, Roy Harper and Cladius Hoyt.

The complaining witness, 16 years of age, testified to acts of defendant when she was between nine and ten years of age, and subsequent acts in later years.

The jury was out all night Saturday, the first ballot resulting in nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Sunday morning, following breakfast the twelve reached a verdict of guilty, punishment being left to the court.

Defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for sentence at 10:30 this morning, but Tuesday made application for immediate sentence. After the noon hour he was brought into court and sentenced to not less than 30 nor more than 60 years in the state penitentiary.

He is now 48 years of age and in poor health.

Income Tax Payments Total \$440,000,000.00

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Income tax payments due June 15 will total about \$440,000,000 or almost \$70,000,000 more than was received a year ago, it was estimated today by the treasury.

The increase moved treasury officials to predict a surplus of \$390,000,000 for the close of this fiscal year, June 30. The treasury announcement came a few hours before President Coolidge and Director Lord of the budget were to discuss the government's financial standing at the semi-annual budget meeting.

The \$390,000,000 surplus is almost four times larger than was counted upon six months ago and it was attributed by acting Secretary Winston to unexpected income tax collections and increased receipts as a result of a special drive by the internal revenue bureau for back taxes.

It will be used to pare down the public debt to about \$19,670,000 at the end of this fiscal year.

By this operation the treasury will have reduced the debt \$836,000,000 during this year, the greatest cut made since 1924. Of the total reduction \$317,000,000 was made from funds in the sinking fund, created by congress for debt retirements, \$169,000,000 by war debt payments received from foreign governments and the remainder from the treasury surplus.

The large increase in income tax collections despite the recent heavy cuts in tax rates was declared by Mr. Winston to be the result of "unusual prosperity" last year.

CHICAGO HAS MOST IMPRESSIVE RELIGIOUS GATHERING EVER HELD

CHICAGO, June 21.—Pilgrims from all the earth met on the shores of Lake Michigan today in the most impressive demonstration of religious zeal ever witnessed in America if not in the world.

Defying threatening skies and a wind which approached a gale, more than 200,000 worshippers pressed into the great memorial stadium extended along a half-mile of lake front for the celebration of solemn pontifical mass by John Cardinal Bonzano, the legate to Pope Pius XI, to the Twenty-eighth Eucharistic congress. Police estimated that 350,000 persons thronged the area of two square miles of which the stadium is the center.

A choir of 60,000 school children clad in white and papal gold and seated in the vast green mall between the towering concrete stands, sang the responses to the altar.

The sermon of the mass was delivered by Archbishop Curley of Baltimore.

After the pontifical blessing which ended the mass, thousands of devout poured into the field from the stands and pressed forward through policed grounds to the space leading to the sanctuary, thousands knelt in prayer before the tabernacle of the eucharist, rendering impossible to continue with the speaking program which had been

Following the Hoyt case was that of the State of Montana against Leo J. Cremer, charged with having received stolen property consisting of three hogs and nine turkeys.

It was alleged that the property was taken from Livingston and found on the Cremer ranch, east of Melville. Cremer claimed that during the night a truck broke down in front of his place, and that the following morning spokes of one wheel and feathers were discovered; also that the hogs and turkeys were found inside his enclosure. Later parties came and wanted to buy the hogs, but he refused to sell on the ground that he did not own them. This statement was corroborated by those who made the offers of purchase.

At the conclusion of the taking of evidence, Judge James F. O'Connor asked for a directed verdict of not guilty. His contention was that no connection had been made between defendant and the taking of the property, and that defendant knew nothing of it until he found the hogs and turkeys on his place. If he were guilty of receiving stolen property when he had not in any way been connected with its taking, then C. T. Busha could be convicted of receiving.

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Briand-Will Assemble New French Cabinet

PARIS, June 21.—The sixth day of France's cabinet crisis saw a surprising shift in the situation. M. Briand again took up the task of forming a stable ministry, after M. Herriot, the radical leader, had notified the president of the republic that he was unable to choose a cabinet. When the day's consultations with the various political leaders closed, M. Briand was conceded every likelihood of success.

Like Herriot, Briand placed the question of the financial program first of all before seeking possible members of the new ministry. He went over the situation with various financial experts, including M. Robineau, governor of the Bank of France, and M. Sergent, president of the special committee of experts, discussing the entire problem of restoration of the national pocket-book and safeguarding the franc.

It is generally believed in political circles that M. Briand, when he goes about the work of getting his crew together Monday, will at once renew the offer of a portfolio—probably that of finance—to M. Poincaré, who, when M. Briand sought to form a cabinet of the "sacred union" and a later one of "outstanding personalities," volunteered his support without reservation.

Col. William C. Lewis Meets Fitzhugh Lee

HELENA, June 21.—When Colonel Fitzhugh Lee, commander of the Seventh cavalry, is making preparations for the participation of the Texas troopers in the Custer Semi-centennial tomorrow, he will be greeted by Colonel Wm. C. Lewis of Helena, a member of the old Seventh U. S. Cavalry of General Custer's command. Colonel Lewis, who is custodian of the G. A. R. headquarters at the state capital, will leave tonight for the celebration. He is 81 years old and carries two scars as mementoes of five years' soldiering under Custer. He did not participate in the Big Horn battle, but took part in all of the Custer fights and skirmishes with the redskins previous to the last stand.

arranged to follow the rites of worship. So intent were the fervent throngs upon approaching as nearly as possible to the altar that the managers of the ceremonies were forced to appeal to the multitude over the public address system to leave the field at once. In the same manner, a warning was sounded that the wooden elevation on which the altar stood was endangered by thousands which had mounted the steps.

The crowds moved out in solemn order only disappointed that they could not kneel individually before the altar crucifix to pour out their prayerful adoration of the eucharist. More than two hours after the mass ended, twenty or thirty thousand people still were in the stands, some still pressing forward to the altar.

As early as 5 o'clock this morning thousands were in their places in the stands, and at 10 o'clock, the scheduled starting time, the thousands surged about all sides of the already packed stadium blocked the path of the ecclesiastical procession for almost an hour, delaying the mass and taxing the efforts of the police to open a narrow lane for the prelates.

As priests, bishops and cardinals passed through the fervent multitudes

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Wool Jumps To 36 Cents Per Pound In Great Falls Market

GREAT FALLS, June 21.—Northern Montana wool prices Saturday reached the highest mark since the slump of a month ago, which took bids to 32 and 33 cents, when the VanCleve-O'Connell clip of 10,000 fleeces was sold to Joe Hanlon of Billings, representing the Silberman wool house, for 36 cents a pound. The sale brought half a cent a pound more than any other announced in Great Falls in recent weeks. Several days ago 500,000 pounds of wool owned by Webb Armstrong and his associates was sold to the Colored Worsted mills of Providence, R. I., for 35½ cents, an advance of approximately 3 cents above bids offered by representatives of eastern wool concerns.

Contrasting with the situation immediately prior to the opening of the shearing season, there now are in Great Falls a larger number of wool buyers than have been here any previous spring in a number of years. A number of clips grown along the main line of the Great Northern railway are reported to have been sold early last week for 2 and 3 cents below the prices realized in the Armstrong and VanCleve-O'Connell sales. Rumors were current Saturday night that a sale of some consequence had been concluded during the day at White Sulphur Springs, but the price paid and the name of the grower were not learned here.

Louis Larson, Herder For Ebert Sheep Co. Killed By Own Rifle

The body of Louis Larson, a herder in the employ of Ebert Sheep Co., of Springdale for about two and one-half months, was found Friday morning about eight miles north of Springdale with a bullet hole through the heart. Coroner E. R. Patterson visited the place and found that it was either a case of suicide or accidental death. The law requiring no inquest in such cases, the body was brought here for interment. Services were held at the Patterson chapel Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. A. Holbeck of the Lutheran church, interment being in Mountain View.

Deceased was 34 years of age and a native of Norway, where he leaves a wife and one child. He had worked at various places in the county for several years, was of a cheerful disposition, and those who knew him best cannot believe otherwise than that death came through accident.

Oliver Ebert, head of the firm in whose employ Larson was, stated Saturday that he had no doubt but that the shooting was accidental. Thursday evening the camp tender visited Larson and arranged to take about 1,400 ewes,

and the same number of lambs, to the shearing pens at Springdale the following morning. In the morning he started for camp, but met the sheep going toward the mountains instead of in the direction of Springdale. He herded them back to camp and started in search of Larson. The body was found about three-fourths of a mile from camp, with a bullet hole through the heart and the rifle lying about twelve feet away. The bullet had entered the body from above the heart, showing that the rifle must have been in an almost upright position.

Chris Albertson visited with Larson the evening before, the two making a short search for coyotes. Larson started back to his camp, climbing a steep hill and then going down the other side into a coulee. That was the last time the unfortunate man was seen alive.

Two theories are advanced as to the cause of accident, if it were accidental. One is that Larson was carrying the rifle on his shoulder, stumbled and fell. The other is that he was using the gun for a cane, stumbled and fell into the gun as it was discharged.

Livingston Rodeo Will Be The Rodeo Of All Rodeos

Livingston is going to have one of the biggest celebrations in its history, in fact one of the biggest in the history of the state, any town included, July 2, 3 and 4. It has over \$4,000 in cash prizes, merchants of other towns having also contributed to the big event; and every dollar of it will be expended for the enjoyment of the people.

Sweet Grass county has no celebration and hundreds from all parts of this county will go to Livingston, to see a real show and to return past favors for attendance furnished this city for past events.

W. I. Penny, who was here yesterday with Charley Murphy, rodeo manager, is enthusiastic over the Kiddies parade, staged for Friday, the first day. Like every other man without children, Penny is nuts over kids, and he banks as much on his kid parade as any other feature of the program. Every kid in Livingston has been invited to take part, and to bring everything they have—goats, dogs, cats, coyotes, etc. Penny says that one little girl came to him and said: "Say, Mr. Penny! I've got a dog and cat I want to put in the parade; but the dog barks at the cat." "That's all right," replied Penny, "you bring the dog and his bark along. It all goes."

Another feature connected with the parade will be the Mock Circus. This is bringing out a great deal of ingenuity

on the part of the youngsters and is bound to be something that is going to appeal to older folks as well as to the children.

On July third there will be the circus and pageant parade. A great many have already entered and the event promises to be one worthy of the occasion.

In the afternoon of each day of the celebration, will be held the rodeo at the fair grounds. The best horses and the best riders possible have been found for the occasion. The owners of the bucking horses have promised that any rider sticking to his mount will be entitled to a prize. There will be some fifty of these real buckers and possibly about two hundred wild horses, right out of the mountains.

Thirty-two Bremerton steers have been secured for the bull-dogging that have never been in the show, and for this reason the bull-dogging feature promises to be a very popular event.

There will be a carnival sponsored by the American Legion, together with the Chamber of Commerce, wherein all sorts and forms of amusement may be found.

No one can afford to miss this carnival. There will be games, dancing, music and side shows, together with lots of noise, ticklers and confetti; in fact something that will make the young happy and the old young.

San Diego Men Held For Sergeant's Escape

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 21.—Nineteen enlisted men and one officer are under arrest at the marine base here today pending an investigation of alleged liquor deals and the escape of Sergeant Joseph Cereck, who recently gained his freedom from the marine prison while being held on a charge of handling liquor at the base.

The commissioned officer detained is Captain B. T. Crisp, officer of the day when Cereck escaped.

It is expected that court-martial action will be taken against some or all of the men.

Hanging Is Hanging In Canadian Country

ROBERVALE, QUE., June 21.—Mrs. Emily Sprague Gallop has been sentenced to hang October 15 for the murder of her husband, Abraham Gallop, last year. She is forty years old.

Gallop died at De Maligne under suspicious circumstances and was buried. Later the body was exhumed and traces of poison were found in the viscera. The chief witness for the crown, Walter Simpson, testified that Mrs. Gallop confessed that she poisoned her husband because she did not love him. He said she told him that it was he whom she loved and asked him to marry her.

Adjournment Date Is Postponed In House

WASHINGTON, June 21.—By a vote of 190 to 134, house opponents to adjournment of congress on June 30, won an initial round in the house Monday by sending the adjournment resolution, sponsored by house Republican leaders, to the house ways and means committee for consideration. This blocks, temporarily at least, the effort to set a definite adjournment date.

Indicating it had no hope of further effort in the house to enact farm relief legislation this session, unless the senate passes the McNary corn belt bill, the house agricultural committee adjourned Monday until next December.

The committee instructed Chairman Haugen to call another meeting if the farm relief bill is approved in the senate. It voted to make the first order of business next winter the Tineher bill to make private stockyards within 10 miles of public yards comply with the requirements of the public yards.

Yellowstone Park Is Ready For All Guests

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, WYO., June 21.—A comprehensive boat service in the park supplementing on Lake Yellowstone, the existing auto lines in the reservation, was forecast here Sunday by Stephen T. Mather, director of park service, in an address formally opening the Yellowstone season.

A colorful pageant, featured by the Helena Boys' band, champions of Montana, marked the event. The band is enroute home from Denver where it entertained the recent convention of Rotary. Mounted rangers and cowgirls graced the pageant. Thousands were present, including many Rotary delegates, returning from Denver. A Rotary dance here followed the opening.

Mr. Mather, in his address, emphasized the protection of wild animals in the park. He cited reduction of the park entrance fee from \$7.50 to \$3 as "an indication of congressional providence."

CALIFORNIA EVANGELIST IS FOUND ON AMERICAN SOIL

Claims Abduction By Two Men And A Woman Into Mexico—Positively Identified By Mother And Friend Of Family

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 23.—Relating a tale of how she had been kidnaped by two men and one woman at Ocean Park, Cal., May 18, and held captive for a half million dollars ransom in a shack in Mexico since that time, Almee Semple McPherson, missing Los Angeles evangelist, was brought to a hospital here, Wednesday, by James Anderson, an American, who said he found her in a state of collapse at Agua Prieta, across the border. She escaped, she told William F. McCafferty, editor of the Douglas Dispatch, who recognized her, by sawing on a can the things with which she was bound, while her abductors were away.

Mrs. McPherson was identified by her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, at Los Angeles, in a telephone conversation with McCafferty.

Identification was established through a long white scar on the third finger of the woman's hand, and also by her giving the name of a pet pigeon.

The woman in the hospital here told the name of the pigeon, which was Jennie, and also said that she was injured on the second finger of her right hand in Durham township, near Ingersoll, Ontario. The mother told McCafferty the same thing.

The woman said the scar was the result of being accidentally cut by a sickle years ago. She also gave the name of a cousin, Mrs. Emma Nickerson, now dead, and described the birthmarks on her babies' bodies for McCafferty. These statements led the mother to the declaration that the woman was Almee Semple McPherson beyond doubt.

The former evangelist from her cot in the hospital told a story of abduction from Ocean Park, Cal., a trip across the border to Mexico, and of how she escaped about noon Tuesday, and ran until she fell with exhaustion. Finally sighting a mountain, which has been identified by officers here as the famous "Niggerhead mountain," 15 miles south in Sonora, Mex., she headed for it.

Reaching the mountain about dusk, she found a road and struggled along, falling from time to time with fatigue. She said she sighted the glare from the slag dumps of the copper smelters in this city as the night wore on.

She finally reached the outskirts of Agua Prieta, and approaching a house occupied by Mexicans, called for help and asked that the police be notified. The Mexicans, she said, offered no assistance, and she went on, falling unconscious before another hour.

An American, whose name was not learned, and who was in Agua Prieta, brought her to a hospital here. When she told who she was, a guard was established about the building.

McCafferty, who had known Mrs. McPherson in Denver, where he had covered her meetings for a newspaper, was recognized. She greeted him with a smile and asked him to notify Los Angeles at once, and to ask Los Angeles police to protect her daughter, Roberta, whom she feared the abductors would attempt to kidnap.

While she talked the woman lapsed many times into a semi-conscious state, due to her exhaustion.

Judge Pray Unkindly Toward Double Action

Billings, June 18.—Double prosecutions of liquor defendants in federal and state courts for the same offenses do not meet with the favor of Federal Judge Charles N. Pray and he plainly indicated his attitude Wednesday morning when he ordered a number of such cases continued until the December term of court.

Judge Pray spoke particularly of seven Red Lodge cases, which either had been tried in the state district court of Carbon county or in which actions are pending in the same court. He said that he did not favor duplication of prosecution and that he did not understand the reason why the United States attorney had seen fit to start the cases, but in his absence from the state, he would merely continue the cases for the term.

"It savors more of persecution than prosecution," the judge said, "when a man is tried in the federal court for the same offense after he has already been dealt with in the state courts. It hardly appeals to one's sense of fair play. If the cases are being handled at the present time in Carbon county, why subject the government to the trouble and expense of bringing these witnesses here?"

Crown Prince Will Be Cowboy While In Park

CHEYENNE, WYO., June 21.—Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden will "ride herd" on the 700 head of buffalo in the Yellowstone National park, when he visits the park during the first week in July.

The crown prince will assume the role of cowboy on July 2, when he reaches upper Lamar river range, where the huge buffalo herd is kept. This is a part of the itinerary planned for the royal party by Horace M. Albright, superintendent of the park.

During this tour of Yellowstone the prince and princess will ride mostly on old stage coaches, which were prevalent in the park before the coming of the automobile.

The distinguished guests will enter the park July 1, and during the first night, will stay at Camp Roosevelt, where President Roosevelt camped in 1903. The next day they will visit Buffalo ranch and in the evening will be given a dinner by Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work, at Mammoth Hot Springs. On July 3, the royal party will visit Old Faithful and other noted geysers of the park, and on the following day will travel through the grand canyon of the Yellowstone.

The prince on July 5 will have an opportunity to display his mountain climbing ability when he ascends Mount Washburn, which is 10,317 feet above sea level. He will leave the park on July 6, at the southern entrance.

Deer Lodge Rancher Loses Arm And Life

DEER LODGE, June 21.—Ralph E. Case, foreman of the Bert Mannix ranch near Helmville, Mont., died at a hospital here this morning at 7 a. m. from wounds received yesterday when a rifle was discharged accidentally. His left arm shattered, he was brought here more than 40 miles by an automobile. The arm was amputated, but he had lost too much blood. Case's wife collapsed at news of the accident and is in a serious condition. Case was preparing to go into the hills and had his rifle in a scabbard over his shoulder. In reaching for a box of shells on the bunk house shelf, the weapon fell striking either a bunk or the floor and was discharged. He had been on the Mannix ranch for 10 years.

MAGNUS JOHNSON WILL GO AGAIN FOR GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, June 22.—Once more Magnus Johnson is an outstanding factor in Minnesota politics, for the former United States senator staged a comeback in Monday's primary that gave him the Farmer-Labor gubernatorial nomination.

Johnson will oppose Gov. Theodore Christianson, republican, and Judge Alfred Jaques, Duluth, democrat, in the fall election. Johnson sought the republican gubernatorial nomination several years ago, before his senatorial aspiration bore fruit, but he was defeated.

While Governor Christianson's re-nomination majority over Mayor George E. Leach, of Minneapolis, mounted Tuesday, to a 2 to 1 advantage, Johnson's gradual gains carried him into a lead considered safe unless errors in tabulation should develop.

In 2,680 of the state's 3,589 precincts, Johnson polled 63,598 votes, as against 55,097 garnered by his opponent, Tom Davis, of Minneapolis. Christianson had 238,590 votes in 2,730 precincts to Leach's 107,372. Judge Jaques was unopposed for the democratic nomination.

Minnesota republicans have nominated as their first prohibition modifica-

tion advocate to congress a 28-year-old man, the youngest ever chosen by the state for that office, Melvin J. Maas, the victor in Monday's primary, polled as many votes as his two opponents together, to win the nomination in the Fourth district, which includes St. Paul.

Maas, who favored modification to permit light wines and beer, but no saloons, ousted Representative Oscar E. Keller, elected to congress four times from the Fourth district. Keller, who ran a poor third, and Fred A. Snyder, the other candidate, came out in support of the present prohibition law. Maas polled 15,000 votes to slightly more than 8,000 for Snyder and 5,700 for Keller.

Maas, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, was a marine during the World war.

Returns from other congressional districts, which have party contests were still too meager to indicate the outcome. Six of the incumbents, however, had no party opposition.

Thomas V. Sullivan of St. Paul, was nominated as the Farmer-Labor candidate for congress from the Fourth district, and with a democratic candidate yet to be selected, will oppose Maas in November. Sullivan defeated William M. Meiners by an overwhelming majority.