



## SEVEN I. W. W.'S FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER IN CENTRALIA ARMISTICE AFFAIR

### MONTESANO JURY FINDS I. W. W.'S GUILTY OF FIRING SHOTS INTO CENTRALIA ARMISTICE DAY PARADE RESULTING IN DEATH OF WARREN O. GRIMM.

The jury in the trial of ten alleged I. W. W. at Montesano, Wash., for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, brought in a verdict Sunday finding seven of the ten defendants guilty of murder in the second degree.

Mike Sheehan and Elmer Smith were found not guilty. Loren Roberts was acquitted because of insanity. The defendants found guilty of second degree murder are: Britt Smith, Ray Becker, James McInerney, Bert Bland, Eugene Barnett, John Lamb, O. C. Bland.

John Berry, sheriff of Lewis county, followed the ten prisoners into the jail after the verdict had been read and recorded, and read to them the warrants charging them with the murder of Arthur McElfresh, another victim of the Armistice day shootings.

The jury handed in its verdict twice. The first time it found two of the defendants guilty in the third degree, which the instructions did not permit.

This verdict was refused by the court. Judge Wilson informed the jurors after he had read their verdicts, that he could not receive them, and ordered them to return and deliberate in accordance with his instructions.

The penalty for second degree murder is from 15 years to life imprisonment.

Will Ask New Trial. Motion for a new trial for the seven men found guilty of second degree murder will be made Monday, George F. Vanderveer, defense counsel, said Sunday night. It was assumed that the court would pass sentence at this time providing the motion is denied.

Vanderveer, commenting upon the verdict, said it was improper as to seven defendants convicted of second degree murder. He asserted the defendants had been found guilty of conspiracy by the jury's verdict, maintaining that conspiracy was impossible without premeditation and that premeditated murder was first degree murder.

"It should have been murder in the first degree or acquittal." The verdict was received by the prisoners without any demonstration.

The verdict which the court had declined to receive had become known to them. Citizens of Montesano and nearby towns who filled the court room commented severely upon the verdict. Public anticipation had been that several of the defendants would be found guilty of first degree murder.

When the warrant charging the murder of McElfresh was read to them, Elmer Smith laughed, then began an I. W. W. song to the tune of "John Brown's Body," the others joining.

Loren Roberts, whom the jury acquitted because of insanity, was insane when he committed the crime charged, is now insane and is apt to go on, the jury found in this case. This verdict means, it is understood, that Roberts will be placed in an asylum for criminal insane.

Major Arthur Casey, in charge of federal troops sent to Montesano three weeks ago, placed an extra guard about the jail Sunday night.

over so long a period, when if you had had any honest convictions in the matter this continuance would not have occurred, especially when you knew that you would not be able to replace the funds, the court will pronounce a sentence of 12 months and one day imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth at hard labor."

The passing of the sentence caused Mrs. Grinde, wife of the defendant, who was in court, to become hysterical. She was taken from the room by her husband and officers.

## LAND BOARD MADE CHANGES IN OIL AND GAS LEASES

Conditions under which state-owned oil and gas land may be leased were materially changed at a meeting of the state land board. In the future one person, association or company can only lease 320 acres. Heretofore the rule permitted the leasing of 640 acres. The amount of royalty to be paid the state was raised from 10 to 15 per cent.

Probably the most important change is the one requiring all persons leasing to drill a well upon the land to a depth of 500 feet within 18 months of the date of lease. The new regulations also require that within the following 12 months unless oil is struck in the meantime, the well must be drilled 1,000 feet deeper.

A bond of \$500 will be required of each person making lease. The board may require an additional bond in the event oil is struck. Hundreds of applications have been held up temporarily awaiting the change in the leases by the board.

## MERCHANTS OF STATE HOPE TO CUT PRICES

Merchants of State Have Adopted a Plan of Dividing Excessive Supplies of Goods.

Striking in a very effective way at the high cost of living, the Montana Development association has launched a plan which will not only relieve manufacturers of some of the burden of orders which they cannot fill, but will also put many merchants in possession of merchandise at prices lower than current quotations.

A peculiar situation has resulted from constantly rising prices and production shortage. While many Montana merchants are short in certain lines and cannot get goods they need, others, by placing orders in duplicate and triplicate from time to time in order to be certain of getting goods, are now overstocked in many lines.

Traveling salesmen, by constantly predicting higher prices, and production shortage, have also encouraged the merchant to buy more than he needed.

In an effort to relieve the merchants who are overstocked and to supply retailers who have been unable to get goods, with merchandise at less than present prices, the Montana Development association is now sending out to its 4000 merchant members a list of these surplus stocks in all parts of the state.

The service has met with enthusiastic approval and hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise already has changed hands as a result. It is predicted that the service will eventually bring about a merchandise balance in the state which will help considerably in lowering prices to the consumer.

## GRINDE SENTENCED TO YEAR IN PRISON

Former Assistant Postmaster at Archer, Sheridan County, in Federal Court Admits Embezzling \$1652.

Albert F. Grinde, who was tried before the United States court Friday on a charge of embezzlement of post-office funds while assistant postmaster at Archer, Sheridan county, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Bourquin Saturday morning and was sentenced to one year and one day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

Grinde embezzled \$1,652.43 belonging to the postoffice department over a period of a year and in passing sentence the fact that he had continued this wrongdoing for so long a time was given by the court as one reason for his imprisonment.

Judge Bourquin after carefully considering the matter and questioning Grinde himself, sentenced him as follows: "That in fairness to justice and in view of the fact that you continued the embezzlement of these funds

## FINAL UNIT IS NOW COMPLETE

Association Is Now Organized Throughout Northern Tier of Counties.

## BIG PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

Organization of Flathead and Lincoln Counties Completes Northern Montana Development Association.

The organization of Flathead and Lincoln counties at Eureka yesterday completes the unit organization work of the Northern Montana Development association. There are now five units in all: the Roosevelt-Sheridan unit, Milk River Valley, composed of Valley, Phillips and Blaine, Havre High Line, consisting of Hill and Liberty counties, Glacier-Toole and the last unit, Flathead and Lincoln.

The Northern Montana Development association which covers a distance of 700 miles east and west is bound together for cooperation and mutual welfare. The designating of the Roosevelt-Sheridan unit was completed yesterday.

## WIRELESS FLASHES FROM JORDAN

The directors of the Mosby Oil & Gas company have received various flattering offers by big companies for some of their lease holdings. They expect that further developments in the Mosby field will substantially advance the value of their property and will hold their leases. If conditions warrant, they may go into the drilling end of the game themselves.

Three new oil companies have been formed in this county the last week and a large number of leases have changed hands.

Twenty-seven petitioners for naturalization papers were to arrive here Sunday to present their petitions on the following day, but owing to the terrible blizzard prevailing at the time, most of them did not arrive until Tuesday. The court will complete all naturalization work this week.

The Jordan Boys and Girls' club will give a program tonight to raise money for the new gymnasium to be erected here for the benefit of the school children and others interested in athletics.

Jordan's fresh meat situation was somewhat relieved today by the arrival of two shipments of beef. On account of the extremely bad condition of the roads the town has been without fresh meat for more than ten days.

## TRANSFER COUNTY FUNDS DECLARED CONTRARY TO LAW

Transfers of county money from one fund to another is declared illegal in an opinion of County Attorney Rotering of Silver Bow county, furnished the county commissioners. The county attorney's opinion was requested following disapproval of the county treasurer's reports for December, 1919, and January, 1920, which showed transfers of money from the poor fund to the general fund; general fund to contingent fund; bridge fund to general fund; bridge fund to poor fund and road fund to general fund. State Examiner A. J. Molver refused to make any comment. The county treasurer said he followed a long established precedent.

## MAY BUILD THEIR OWN ROADS WHEN BIDS COME HIGH

At the recent road builders' conference at Helena, several boards of county commissioners expressed their willingness to take over road construction programs in cases where the original bids of the contractors are found to be too high. The right to undertake this construction is granted them by the highway commission, which furnishes an estimate of what is considered a fair price for each project. Should the bids of contractors be rejected the commissioners will then be granted the right to take charge of the work and complete the highway on the figures submitted by the commission.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE

H. H. Seeley has been appointed undersheriff by Sheriff Powell, taking the place left vacant by the resignation of Jack Teal. Emmett Powell takes the place of Mr. Seeley as deputy sheriff.

## SILVER BOW'S ROAD BONDS GO BEGGING

The county commissioners of Silver Bow county have been unable to dispose of their recent proposed issue of \$250,000 road bonds. Up until a few days ago no offers had been made by any bonding companies and

## PREFERENCE RIGHTS ARE GIVEN HOMESTEADERS UNDER MINERAL LEASE BILL RECENTLY PASSED

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## NO PETITION NEEDED TO BUILD A HIGHWAY

Bozeman Judge Decides That County Commissioners May Construct Roads Without Petitions.

Judge A. P. Stark, sitting in the district court at Bozeman last Friday denied the application of A. E. Westlake for an injunction to prevent the state highway commission from receiving bids and awarding contracts for changing five miles of the Yellowstone trail between Bozeman and Belgrade so as to eliminate all but one railroad grade crossing and to straighten the line.

In effect, the judge held that boards of county commissioners may establish highways without petitions. The decision is said to establish a precedent. The commissioners first made the change in the road and the state highway commission and the federal authorities approved the change.

## OIL COMPANY IS FORMED BY WOLF POINT INTERESTS

The Fort Peck Oil and Development company is the name of a new corporation formed by Wolf Point business men. The company has a capital stock of \$1,000,000 with shares at the par value of \$1. The company will engage in oil land leasing and other activities connected with oil industry.

The incorporators are John O. Garden, A. J. Isachsen, L. A. Kragrud, H. C. Ditmarson and Peter Berg, all prominent business men of Wolf Point.

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The money will be held as a trust fund for five years, in accordance with the expressed preference of the donor, the legion stated. It will be invested in "safe securities." The income from the principal will be used "for the benefit of disabled former service men or for work in connection with the nationalization commission of the legion," it was added.

# CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMMENCES NEXT WEDNESDAY

Are you a member of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce? The membership committee of the chamber has set a mark to secure 125 new members. The drive will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 1920.

A united citizenship means a better Glasgow. So let everyone help and make the membership one hundred per cent. Glasgow today stands as one of the leading towns of the state, so let's keep making it a little bit better every day. A membership in the Chamber is a step toward a bigger and better Glasgow.

It is amazing what can be accomplished when EVERYBODY pulls together. That's the way mountains are moved. But there is more in it than mere physical power—it's the SPIRIT that is aroused by unity. You can't hold a town back when its people decide to do a thing—and then do it.

The Chamber of Commerce is the very starting point of such movements—the cement, as it were, that binds men and methods together. It's very difficult for a FEW to hold back when the majority are smiling and saying, "Come on—we're invincible."

Towns, like people, are apt to "get in a rut." What does "getting in a rut" mean? It means letting fairly good enough alone—being content with what has gone before—complacently and smugly settling back into decadence and inaction. It means struggling along with the same schools, roads, etc., regardless of whether they are progressive or not.

These are spirited times. If a town or a community begins to retrograde, the downhill plunge is swift and sure. Both worth while men and worth while business move elsewhere. Grab the rope—yank a bit with your strength and YOUR initiative and pride. It doesn't take long for a Chamber of Commerce to work miracles in a town. Every business man should be an example to his trade. The way to convince the City of Glasgow that you are for the Chamber is to join. Do this on Wednesday, March 24th. Public spirit is a habit just the same as a smile. Take out a membership in the Chamber and watch Glasgow "go" ahead. Doesn't every man owe it to his community to vote and connect himself with the Chamber of Commerce? Aren't they two civic duties from which no business man can excuse himself? Our city has made some progress during the past year. Some big things are in sight for Glasgow this year. Help the Chamber with your membership, your counsel, your personality and your advice. They need you to help solve the many civic problems and you need the Chamber. In a few days you will be called upon by a committee for your membership in the club. Be ready with that answer "yes." It will pay dividends.

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## LEASED OIL LANDS REQUIRED TO PAY HEAVY ROYALTIES

Washington, March 15.—Production royalties ranging from 33 1/3 to 12 1/2 per cent on the lease of government oil lands under the claims relief action of the land leasing bill, were prescribed in regulations issued today by the interior department. Practically all withdrawn lands now being operated under claim are made subject to the assessment.

## BIDS TO BE OPENED UPON THREE STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Helena, March 15.—Bids on three federal aid highway projects will be opened here March 19 by the state highway commission.

The projects are No. 68, for the second half of the Butte-Anaconda paved road project, to run from the Anaconda city limits to the county line. The project includes nine miles of regrading, installing standard drainage structures and laying 100,320 square yards