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U. S. EXPERT GOES TO PROBE S. P. OIL

Director of Geological Survey Leaves for Trip Through San Joaquin Fields

SAYS OFFICIALS ARE AT SEA

Smith Declares Authorities at Washington Have No Remedy for the Problem

ALL APPLICATIONS FROM CALIFORNIA HELD UP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—All applications for the patenting of lands in the oil country of California are being held up by the government until it is definitely ascertained that the lands do not contain oil or until congress makes some provision for their disposal.

The difficulties of ascertaining whether lands contain oil are greater than those experienced in examining lands for minerals, it was said at the interior department today. Cases have been known where geologists have examined lands and reported them as not containing oil, although within a few months oil gushers would appear.

The necessity for some action by congress in regard to the California oil lands will be called to the attention of that body at the coming session.

George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, who left Los Angeles last night for a trip through the oil fields of the San Joaquin valley, will have for his chief object while there the inspection of work accomplished by oil companies operating on government land, to ascertain more fully the status of the Southern Pacific grants now under investigation by the president and to talk with oil men and thus become better informed as to conditions in the several fields.

As head of the geological department of government, Mr. Smith will, he said yesterday, devote much of his time while in the valley to the geological side of the much mooted question of oil lands, but as the question has become so complex it will be necessary for him to branch out into other departments and get whatever facts and figures are available.

This trip grew out of, among other things, the hearing given California oil men last May, when a carefully selected committee went to Washington to plead the cause against the Pickett bill, which provided for the withdrawal of lands, without equitable consideration, on which oil discoveries had been made. The oil men's committee succeeded in effecting a compromise, pending remedial legislation.

At that time Mr. Smith was called before a congressional committee having the matter in charge and so closely questioned concerning every phase of the question, phases reaching far beyond the province of the geological survey, that it was impossible for him to give intelligent answers in every particular.

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Therefore, as Mr. Smith explained yesterday, it was developed that a man holding his position must be conversant with the facts directly or indirectly bearing on his department. The oil problem has become even more complicated the past several months, the officials at Washington are as much at sea as to the remedy as are the oil men themselves, and for that reason Mr. Smith has come for facts. He said that the next time he is called before a congressional committee he will be prepared to answer questions touching upon all sides of the problem.

"What the government wishes," said Mr. Smith, "are better laws to govern in oil land matters. It wishes to treat everybody acting in good faith with the utmost consideration, and when this complex problem is finally solved it is hoped all will benefit thereby. Like others in the government service I indorse the movement looking to a leasing system. In his speech at St. Paul the president clearly outlined the course in which he recommended the leasing system. The message Mr. Taft is now preparing will in all probability dwell more fully upon the leasing system. Since his St Paul speech the president has had presented to him many sides of the situation and he has had time to think the matter over most carefully from every viewpoint."

SUGGESTED LEASING SYSTEM

It was in the geological survey, under Mr. Smith, that the Nelson bill, providing for a leasing system of lands containing oil, coal, phosphates and the like, was first thought of, and from it the recommendation came. Facts were at hand there, as Mr. Smith explained, showing where extravagance and fraud were boldly practiced upon the public domain. The Nelson bill sought to prevent this, and, looking around for a remedy, the leasing system was deemed the most economical. The Pickett bill in time was written, more to sustain the president in his withdrawals than anything else, and is yet considered as the first step toward the leasing system. But whether the Nelson bill will finally decide the matter or another bill be introduced in its stead is not known to Mr. Smith or anybody else at present.

The oil men will soon send another committee to Washington and it may be that this committee will succeed in getting another bill presented.

Asked if he thought congress would consider the leasing system at the next session, Mr. Smith answered that it was hard to tell, that if congress moved as slowly with this bill as it does with other bills introduced it is likely to take several sessions before it passes.

Three years ago Mr. Smith made a trip through the oil fields on a mission much similar to the present one, but, as he admitted yesterday, the oil situation then was far from being so acute as it is at present. He will be taken over the fields from Bakersfield, including Sunset, Midway and McKittrick, and thence through Devil's Den, the Lost Hills to Coalinga. He will remain in the San Joaquin valley until Monday and then return to Washington.

George O. Smith, U. S. Geologist Who Will Inspect the Oil Fields

CHIEF GALLOWAY'S AUTO COLLIDES WITH A CAR

Police Head Drives Away Rapidly After Figuring in Crash in First Street

While starting home from his office late yesterday afternoon, Chief of Police Galloway, driving the city police automobile, collided with the front end of a Crown Hill street car, damaging the fender. The automobile was not damaged.

The collision occurred directly in front of central station. Chief Galloway drove the machine out of the station garage and reached First street just as the car was passing. Though the chief and the motorman both applied the brakes, the machine and the car came together with considerable impact.

A moment after the collision Chief Galloway backed his automobile away from the wrecked fender and went up First street at full speed, turning South on Hill. Though attaches of the police station rushed out to the street as soon as the crash occurred, they reached the scene just in time to see the automobile turn the corner into Hill street.

The motorman of the car, which was No. 894, tied the wrecked fender to the front of the car and continued his trip. There were several passengers in the car at the time of the collision, but no one was injured.

The accident was not reported to the captain's office at central station.

CHINESE YOUTH'S APPEAL DENIED BY HIGH COURT

The district court of appeal yesterday denied the appeal of Mills Sing, the Chinese youth awaiting trial in the superior court on a charge of wronging a white girl. Sing's appeal was based on section 26 of the juvenile law, attacking the wording in regard to those responsible for contributing to the delinquency of a minor child. His attorneys, George McKeeby and Paul Schenck, claimed in the petition that the wording of the law as it reads applies only to the parents or guardians of a delinquent child, and that therefore the Chinese youth was not responsible for the delinquency of the girl.

SOUTH BROADWAY WOMAN ROBBED BY SNEAK THIEF

Mrs. Anna Hill, 520 South Broadway, reported to the police yesterday morning that her afternoon nap last Tuesday proved to be an expensive luxury.

After luncheon, Mrs. Hill said she took her usual nap lasting from 1 to 3 o'clock. When she awoke she found that her handbag containing $27 and several diamond rings, was missing. She believes a sneak thief entered the apartment by the parlor door which Mrs. Hill says is always left open during the day.

4,000,000 BOYS FAIL TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN U. S.

Y. M. C. A. Educator Declares That America Should Make Study More Attractive

"Four million boys are out of the public schools, which constitutes a criminal gap," said George B. Hodge, educational secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., at the Federation club luncheon yesterday on the subject, "Some Present Tendencies in Education."

"We must do something," continued Mr. Hodge, "to encourage the boards of education to formulate methods to attract the boys to attend school—those who are dropping out for various reasons.

"To overcome the condition of so many boys being deprived of education many private and night schools are running. The Y. M. C. A. is working assiduously to meet the demands of the delinquency. The 375 different occupations taught cover most of the educational features that interest the boys and young men. This is made necessary by ever increasing activities, such as running automobiles and operating airships, the latter of which is being taught by five schools by the associations.

"Along the lines of industry and science there are great demands for workers. There are 800,000 men who are studying applied electricity today and there is no limit in the achievements of applied industries and sciences.

"We are forced to acknowledge that England is far superior to America in the attendance of boys at the public schools. This is attributed to the use of the Bible in the schools in the old country while it is not allowed in the schools in the United States.

"One great problem with which we have to contend is the large unassimilated population coming to this country. This places a strain on the educational as well as the religious conditions."

FAILS TO PAY ALIMONY; GOES TO JAIL 2 DAYS

For failing to be regular in his payments of $8 a week alimony to his wife, Ignace Janowsky yesterday was adjudged guilty of contempt of court by Judge Hutton and sent to the county jail for two days. Six dollars, found in his pockets, was confiscated and given to the wife, Mrs. Amela Janowsky.

BOY JAILED WHEN ELOPEMENT FAILS

Parents Are Rushing Daughter of Capitalist to a Convent in Europe

'I'LL WAIT,' THE GIRL WRITES

Lawyer Goes to Young Swain's Aid and Will Plead with Court for Leniency

While pretty Myrtle Gates, 17-year-old daughter of an Iowa capitalist, and a former Los Angeles high school student, is being taken to a convent in Europe by her angry parents as fast as train and steamer will carry her, Harry Hudspeth, her boy sweetheart, with whom she planned an elopement which was nipped in the bud by the probation department yesterday, is penning her loving epistles from his cell in the county jail. He may be taken to the Whittier reform school today at the order of Judge Wilbur of the juvenile court for an alleged violation of his parole

Hudspeth is 16 years old and faces five years of confinement in the reformatory. He was at one time caddy on the Washington golf links to Postmaster General Hitchcock and was a page to President Taft on his trip in 1909 down the Mississippi river during the Deep Waterway convention.

Attorney Frank Dominguez and Sheriff Hammel, touched by the boy's plight, have interested themselves in his case and will do all in their power to save him from the reformatory. Dominguez said yesterday that he would appeal to Governor Gillett, if necessary, to save the young prisoner from Whittier.

Hudspeth's life from the time he met Myrtle Gates in the east two years ago reads like a romance. His present predicament is due to too persistent wooing in the face of the objection of the girl's parents. He first met the girl two years ago at Fort Madison, Iowa, where her father, Lander Gates, is a prominent man of affairs. The two soon became fast friends, and while he was but 14 years old and she 15 they planned marriage.

FOLLOWED GIRL HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Gates then brought their daughter to Los Angeles, and it was not until months later that a letter reached Hudspeth from the girl, apprising him of her whereabouts. Hudspeth, according to his story, exerted every effort to make his way to California, which he finally succeeded in doing. They met secretly here and renewed their old vows, he establishing himself in a little business and she attending to her studies at the high school. In his one-room store at 303 Buena Vista street, directly across from the county jail, Hudspeth worked early and late selling automobile supplies, and his account in a local bank shows $400 to his credit as the result of eight weeks' earnings. Sheriff Hammel and attaches of the county jail knew the boy before he was in trouble and testify to his adeptness and untiring energy in his work. In explanation he says he was saving for a home for the girl and himself.

The two met many times in Los Angeles until the parents became aware of his attentions, and an effort, it is said, was made to place the girl in a convent. Hudspeth learned of the plan and passed several nights watching their house at 422 North Hill street.

Young Hudspeth next saw the girl when she called at 337 Buena Vista street, where he was boarding, and the two were arrested on complaint of her parents a few minutes later. The probation officers believe they were about to elope.

LETTERS ARE SEIZED

Hudspeth had previously been before Judge Wilbur on complaint of Mr. and Mrs. Gates and had been warned that another attempt on his part to communicate with Myrtle would mean four years in the Whittier school. According to the probation officers Myrtle and Hudspeth kept the telephone wires busy shortly after he had left the court and in written messages sent to each other they characterized the judge in strong terms. The mother of the girl seized the letters and turned them over to the judge. Hudspeth was arrested shortly afterward in his room.

The youth is said to have received sixteen letters in four days from Miss Gates, all penned in endearing terms and bidding him be patient. They were mailed at stations along the route east. In them she tells the boy that she will wait for him if necessary until she is an old woman.

"I don't know where they are taking me," reads one. "It may be Paris or Berlin. I think it is a convent, but wherever it is, Harry, I will never forget you and I know you will come to me."

In speaking of the boy's case yesterday Attorney Dominguez said:

"The lad has shown by the energy and ability he displayed in the little business built up from his own efforts that it would be nothing short of a crime to lock him in a reformatory four years.

TO ASK FOR LENIENCY

"His offense is the result of a boy and girl love affair. The girl will be 18 before another month and he has demonstrated that he is a little man already. I don't believe in this being too hard on boys or jailing them. He is at a period in his life where he can make good if given the chance. The letters written by the girl show that their affection was mutual. I am sure that after Judge Wilbur has made a close investigation into this case the boy will be turned loose. The probation department is too hard on these youngsters. It should make allowances for the follies of youth."

It is believed that Judge Wilbur of the juvenile court will look into young Hudspeth's case and hear certain evidence that the lad did not bring out before in his defense, as he had no attorney. The judge has taken a special interest in the cases of those who have come before him from the probation department, and in many cases has granted a parole, giving the boys and girls a chance to begin their life anew.

Dominguez, believing the case merited defense, has proffered his services without compensation in the interest of the boy and will appear in his behalf before the court this morning.

NEAR SENSATION AT POLICE TRIAL

Building Contractor Testifies Regarding Case in Which One Accused Sleuth Figured

LAWYER TALKS OF PERJURY

Attorney for Talamantes Angered at Evidence of Theodore Wiesendanger

The third session of the police commission's investigation into the official conduct of Detectives Talamantes and Thomas and Louis Rico, held last night in the council chamber, developed a near sensation which may yet prove important. The incident occurred early in the cross-examination of Theodore Weisendanger, a local building contractor, who testified regarding a matter in which Talamantes was concerned and which occurred nine years ago.

Mr. Weisendanger complained that a quantity of paint had been stolen from him by a man named Mandeville. He said Talamantes was detailed on the case and that Mandeville confessed his guilt. The man was arrested and subsequently, the witness said, Talamantes met him on the street, explained that his testimony was necessary in order to secure a conviction; added that he was in partnership with an attorney named Martin, and advised Mr. Weisendanger, if he wanted to convict the thief, to employ this attorney. The witness said he refused and that Talamantes then told him he would lose his case.

Further, Mr. Weisendanger testified that this was just what happened. He said that George Beebe, who is appearing for Talmantes and who was then in the city attorney's office, had charge of the prosecution. When the case was called for trial Talamantes was not present and the witness said Mr. Beebe declined to ask for a continuance, though requested to do so, and to compel the detective's presence.

SUED FOR DAMAGES

As a result of the trial Mandeville was discharged and subsequently brought a $10,000 damage suit against Weisendanger which, however, was won by the defendant.

In his testimony Mr. Weisendanger insinuated that Mr. Beebe's course had not been what it should have been and so roused the attorney's ire that he said:

"This witness has made imputations against me and before I get through with him I am going to prove he is a perjurer."

The promised proof, Mr. Beebe says, will be introduced later.

Other witnesses called last night included Magoon and Rivera of the Mexican revolutionists, who testified to the part played in their arrest by the three defendant detectives; E. J. Fleming, who told of the prosecution of Julio Salaza for murder and of the collapse of the case, the supposition being that Detective Talmantes had procured some of the perjured testimony under which Salaza was held to the superior court; Horace Appel, an attorney who represented the Mexican gvovernment in the cases of the revolutionists; Guiterrez de Lara, revolutionist, who was asked only one question; James Wood, a bartender, who testified that Talamantes had been summoned to the saloon at which he was employed to arrest a drunken man who had precipitated a riot, but had failed to do so, merely taking the man outside; F. H. Arizmendez, an Alhambra printer, associated with the revolutionists, and Patrolman Manuel B. Leon.

At the close the hearing was adjourned until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

DRIVER FINED $100 FOR CRUEUTY TO HORSE

Police Judge Indignant When Told of Animal's Treatment

Adolph Wainright, a junk dealer, charged with cruelty to a sick horse, got the maximum punishment in Police Judge Rose's court yesterday morning, as well as a severe reprimand from the court.

According to several witnesses and Humane Officer Fullerton, who made the arrest, Wainright drove the animal Tuesday until it almost collapsed. When the horse reached this condition, it was said that the driver applied his whip until the animal's flanks were torn and bleeding.

"How about this?" asked Judge Rose of the prisoner.

"I admit using a whip," replied Wainright," but it was only a ten cent whip. It couldn't have hurt the animal much."

Judge Rose paled with indignation. He addressed Wainright with suppressed anger.

"This is the worst case of cruelty that has come to the attention of this court in years," he said. "You are fined $100, with the alternative of spending 100 days in the city jail."

MAN FREED ON PROMISE TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES

If William Powers will stay out of Los Angeles forever he won't be bothered. If he stays in town or returns after an absence, he must go behind prison doors.

Powers appeared before Police Judge Rose yesterday morning, charged with vagrancy. More specifically he was accused of flourishing a gun in an East Seventh street restaurant Tuesday night. In addition it was brought to the notice of the court that Powers had recently been sentenced to six months in jail, but that the sentence was suspended on provision that he leave the city for good.

"Powers," said Judge Rose, "I don't regard you in the light of a desirable citizen. What do you say to another chance to get out of town?"

"I'll grab the chance, your honor," replied the prisoner.

"Then leave the city in six hours," said Judge Rose. "The next time you are brought before me your treatment will differ greatly."

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Save on the Toilet Goods

—You buy. Make purchases in Bullock's Drug Section, Main Floor.
—See these prices on wanted toilet accessories.
—Rubber Gloves 50c pair—extra quality rubber—very durable.
—Oriental Sachets 10c each—rose and violet odors put up in envelopes—Buy them to slip in among Christmas gifts.
—Calla Lily Borax Soap, 7 cakes for 25c—Fine for toilet and bath.
—Toilet Sponges 10c each; large size; fine bath sponges.

Today a Hood Sale .. $10
—In the Millinery Salons, 2nd floor.
Hoods, Hoods, in a dozen different attractive effects—tastefully trimmed with silver and gold lace, with added features in side ornaments of bronze. Look at the picture—an exact drawing of one of the models.
—The most popular head dress of the season—individual, original, different.

Moisture Proof Auto Veils $3
—Made of best quality chiffon. A new idea in veiling. Positively protects the hat from all moisture, fog and rain, and are absolutely guaranteed to do so.
—2 yards long and 1 yard wide, with 2-inch hemstitched border on four sides—all desirable colors
—Priced under worth at $3 each.

All Silk Crepe de Chine Scarfs .. $1.50
—in dainty floral and Persian designs—2 yards long and 22 inches wide.
—Very useful for head scarfs or shoulder throws—Excellent values—$1.50 each.

A New Lot Black Lace Veils $1
—Have just come in.
—Unusually attractive floral designs and scroll patterns—in imitation Spanish hand run work and Mantilla effects.
—On fine Brussels net with scalloped borders.

Here Are Comfort Gifts
In warm, comfortable slippers for women and children.
—We show only two models of a dozen or so different ones in the Shoe Dept., Main floor.
—In the above picture a felt juliet with soft flexible sole and fine fur trimmings—in all colors—$1.50 pair.
—The picture below shows a ribbon trimmed juliet of best quality felt in black, drab, red and gray, $1.75 pair, or the same style in red or brown Scotch mixtures—$2 pr.
—Plan to do your Christmas shopping early this season.

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NEGRO WHO SHOT MAN CREATES SCENE IN JAIL

Prisoner Gives Battle When He Is Taken to Insane Ward at County Hospital

Benjamin Shepherd, the negro who terrorized South Spring street Monday afternoon by shooting Giovanni Simoni, an Italian working on the aqueduct, and endangering the lives of many bystanders, created a lively scene in the city jail yesterday morning when officers tried to remove him to the county hospital.

When told he was going to be placed in the insane ward at the county hospital, Shepherd retreated to a corner of his cell and defied anyone to take him. When Jailer Shand approached the negro, who is of powerful build, he tried to catch Shand by the throat and strangle him. Shand, however, was too quick for the prisoner and grabbed him by the waist. In an instant he dragged the negro to the corridor, where several officers helped in overpowering him.

Seeing he was helpless in the hands of so many men, Shepherd sat down sulkily in a chair. A few minutes later, however, when Shand took him by the arm and told him he must start for the hospital, the negro dropped on his back to the floor and kicked his feet in the air with such vigor that no one dared come within five feet of the man.

Shepherd continued his kicking tactics for several minutes. Taking advantage of a lull in his movements the officers finally pounced upon the negro and pinned him to the floor while he was handcuffed and leg ironed. Screaming at the top of his voice, Shepherd was carried to the patrol wagon, in which he was taken to the county hospital.

"They'll hang me like they do all niggers in the south—I'm sure they will!" he shouted as he was driven away.

MEXICAN FINED $10 FOR CARRYING SHARP KNIFE

M. Canto, Mexican, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was asked in Police Judge Rose's court yesterday morning to explain the presence of a twelve inch knife found in his pocket at the time of his arrest, Tuesday night. As the knife was sharp as a razor, the court hinted that Canto's motive for carrying the knife could not be the best.

"I intended to use the knife for trimming trees," said Canto." Of course it's not a regular tree trimmer's knife but it will serve the purpose all right."

Judge Rose thought that the edge of the knife was entirely too fine for wood chopping and fined Canto $10.

LOTTERY VISITORS FINED

Charged with visiting a place where a lottery is conducted, Winfield Coe, Martin Vrelich, Jack Vrelich and Kelsey Mitchell were each fined $5 in Police Judge Rose's court yesterday morning. It was alleged that the four men visited a house at 325 Marchessault street, Tuesday night.

CITY LAW MAY THWART PROJECT FOR FOUNTAIN

Engineer Makes Objection to the Plans for Drinking Station on Main Street

Either the sculptor employed by the Native Sons of the Golden West to design a drinking fountain for the intersection of Spring and Main streets will have to change his design, already submitted to the society, or the city will have to secure from Robert Rowan, either by purchase or otherwise, a slice of land from the flatiron block. At present there is not enough room to show off the ornamental fountain to advantage. It may encroach on the streets in question and interfere with traffic.

The city engineer submitted a plat of the district to the board of public works yesterday, together with a report explaining existing difficulties. In this report Mr. Hamlin says:

"The location for the fountain suggested by the donors is objectionable in that a circular space would be required, twenty-five feet or more in diameter, for a fountain of the size shown, and this would involve a reduction of available street width of six feet on each side of the fountain. I have shown the area available for fountain purposes, which does not involve an interference with traffic, and would suggest that your honorable body submit a copy of this map to the Native Sons of the Golden West, with the request that their sculptor modify his designs so as to make the best possible use of the area shown.

"The construction of a refuge in the location shown for persons waiting for southbound Main street cars should be considered in this connection.

"T. J. Phillips, representing the Native Sons, states that the details of the fountain have not yet been worked out, and that a satisfactory structure can in all probability be devised for the altered location."

COLEGROVE TRADE BOARD GIVES THANKS TO HERALD

Business Organization Appreciates Publicity Given

The Herald has received a copy of a resolution adopted by the Colegrove board of trade thanking this paper for the publicity it has given the fight in that section of the city to restrict the size of he Hollywood cemetery. The resolution calls attention to the failure of other papers to report the facts in the case. It follows:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this board of trade are due and are hereby tendered the Los Angeles Daily Herald for its timely and appropriate notice of the movement of the good people of this valley to restrict or close the Hollywood cemetery and that we regret the failure of the other daily papers of this city to notice a matter of such vast public importance, involving, as it does, millions of property and the health, happiness and welfare of thousands of citizens."

"RAY R. MONG, Secretary."