

**14-YEAR-OLD WILLIAMS BOY
KILLS MOUNTAIN LION**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 6.—Walter Strange, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Strange, of Red Lake valley, bagged a lion Sunday. He was accompanied by his dog "Boob" and a little pup. Boob is all dog but he boasts of no particular pedigree. He probably numbers a hound or two among his varied ancestors. In size he is almost one-fourth as large as a full-grown lion like the one killed.

Readers of state news will remember Walter Strange from the exploit which brought his name and that of his younger brother into print a year ago when the two of them killed a large bob-cat with sling shots. Walter has abandoned his sling shot, however, and now totes a neat little .25 20.

Boob discovered the big feline while he and his young master were hunting in the mountains north of Red Lake valley. He sent the big coward up a tree and held her there until Walter came up. Walter fired—a little hastily perhaps—and the cat dropped from the tree but was apparently uninjured. Boob closed in and received a cuff from a big front paw that sent him rolling for some ten feet to one side. The pup became suddenly brave also and seized the tip of the big cat's tail. Puss glared once at the pup and one glare was sufficient. The pup did not stop until he reached home.

Boob quickly recovered himself and returned to the fray but the monster tabby did not wait for him. Off she bounded and up another tree she went. This action was all so quick and the dog kept so close to the prey that Walter feared to shoot lest he might injure Boob.

Coming up to the second tree the boy fired again and again the cat descended still but slightly wounded. Boob, undaunted, resumed the fight at the cost of a few more scratches.

The feline, though several times larger than Boob, dreaded the encounter and again took to the tree-tops. Again Walter shot her, but still without fatal effect.

For the fourth and last time the lion mounted a tree. This time Walter took careful aim. The ball struck the cat in the neck and killed it almost instantly. The moment puss hit the ground, Boob had her by the neck and soon convinced himself that he had killed his prey.

It measured six feet from tip to tip.

**TRIAL OF MRS LUKE TO
START IN TUCSON SOON**

BISBEE, Feb. 8.—Postoffice Inspector L. D. Chance was in the city last evening for a short visit, returning to Tucson on the Golden State Limited. He stated that the trial of Mrs. Hattie Luke, charged with the receiving of stolen government property in connection with the robbery of the Bisbee postoffice last April, has been set for Thursday morning, but that he was of the opinion that it would be hardly reached by that date, as there is now one murder trial on in the court and another one is set to follow that, the Luke case being next.

The Bisbee postoffice was robbed on April 5, last, and Postmaster L. R. Bailey claimed that he had been held up by two men and a package of \$40,000 taken from him.

Investigation was started by the government and through the work of Postoffice Inspectors Chance, Cooper, Means and Webster, Matt Keaton and Bally were arrested, charged with being responsible for the robbery.

Keaton confessed that he and Bailey had framed the robbery. Keaton said Bailey ordered him to deliver his (Bailey's) share of the loot to Mrs. Luke at her ranch in the valley. Keaton stated that he did as told. Mrs. Luke denies that Keaton delivered the money to her. About half of the money was recovered from Keaton but the balance has never been located.

Keaton was sentenced to serve five years at Ft. Leavenworth and Bailey given seven.

**33,131 IN ARIZONA ILLITERATE;
FOREIGN BORN BIGGEST CASE**

TUCSON, Feb. 8.—Arizona, with the exception of New Mexico, is the most illiterate of the 11 western

states. This fact was brought to the attention of Dr. Frank C. Lockwood, acting chairman of the administrative board at the University of Arizona, who returned Sunday from a meeting of the illiteracy conference of western states held in San Francisco on February 3 and 4. C. E. Rose, superintendent of Tucson schools, and A. H. McClure of Yuma were the other Arizona delegates at the conference.

Dr. Lockwood said that of a total of 255,461 people residing in the state 39,131, or 15.3 per cent, were found to be illiterate and can neither read nor write. These figures were compiled from the 1920 census taken by Mrs. Anne M. Godfrey of the naturalization service.

New Mexico, the only western state with a greater percentage of illiteracy than Arizona, out of a population of 228,595, has 41,637, or 18.6 per cent of the total population, illiterate.

Decrease is Rapid.
It will be noticed, however, that Arizona has the largest decrease in illiteracy since the latest figures compiled in 1910. Arizona had 32,593 illiterates out of a population of 157,659, or 20.9 per cent. The decrease in illiteracy was 5.6 per cent.

Many Foreign Born.
Of the illiterate in Arizona, 16,068 are Indians, the figures show. The foreign born whites, however, heads the list with 19,291. Only 338 negroes in the state are illiterate, while there are 201 others not classified. Of the native born white residing in the state there are 3233 illiterate.

To Urge Relief.
Dr. Lockwood stated that steps would be taken to bring the question of illiteracy to the attention of the people and legislators of the state. A letter by the three Arizona representatives to the conference will be sent to Gov. Thomas E. Campbell within the next few days, in which the governor will be urged to take measures for the removal of illiteracy in this state.

**EPIDEMIC KILLING
HOGS NEAR TUCSON**

TUCSON, Feb. 8.—Although only a cursory investigation has been made by County Agricultural Agent C. B. Brown as to the extent of the epidemic of hemorrhagic septicemia among hog herds, the agent estimates that the disease has gained great headway among herds of the county and that more than 100 head of hogs have died after becoming afflicted with the malady. One hog raiser is known to have lost 60 head.

Mr. Brown further declares that from his observations during the past few days it appears that most of the hogs becoming afflicted with the disease are slop-fed hogs. The disease is usually fatal in that it brings on hemorrhages.

E. J. Gotthelf, county physician, when apprised of the epidemic, declared that action should be taken at once to stamp out the disease. He particularly stressed the need of boiling slop before feeding it to hogs. In this manner the germs likely to be contained in such feed would be killed, he said.

Just how long the disease has been prevalent among the herds of Pima county is problematical, says Mr. Brown. However, from statements made by several hog raisers it is apparent that the disease has been in process of spreading for several months, the owners of the herds apparently being unaware of the malady with which they had become afflicted. From one herd it has spread to another until it is feared that a large number of herds of the county have become infected.

It is declared that one of the best methods of eradicating the disease and preventing its spread is to burn all carcasses at once. It is said that serum is used effectively in fighting the disease.

KILLED IN MINE ACCIDENT

BISBEE, Feb. 8.—Word was received here yesterday that Cliff Winters, who was a resident of Bisbee for a number of years and lived in Tombstone Canyon and had mining property in the vicinity of the Bisbee Extension, had been killed a few days ago in a mine accident in the northern part of California.

**REVENUE COLLECTOR
ISSUES STATEMENT**

The following statements is issued by Collector of Internal Revenue, Alfred Franklin of the district of Arizona:

"To save themselves time and trouble, and, in many cases, unnecessary expenditures, taxpayers having business with the income tax unit of the bureau of internal revenue in Washington and desiring conference with officials in connection therewith, are advised to ask for such conference in advance.

"A number of taxpayers and their representatives appear at the income tax unit without appointment, and ask immediate hearings. Frequently the conference cannot be held at once because the papers and information relating to the case must be assembled or the proper official may be otherwise engaged. The result is a delay of a day or two, and added cost to the taxpayer in the way of hotel bills, etc.

"Requests for conference should be addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., together with a statement of all the facts in connection with the case, and the purpose for which it is desired. The taxpayer will be informed by letter or telegram of the date appointed for the conference."

**RECEIPTS OF LAND
DEPARTMENT GROW**

PHOENIX, Feb. 8.—Total receipts of the state land department for the month of January amounted to \$51,722.52, showing a considerable increase over the December results.

"I attribute the increase to improved conditions throughout the state in the livestock industry, as sales of livestock are reported from the northern section of the state as well as the southern portion," said Rudolph Kuchler, land commissioner. "Cattle-men state that conditions were decidedly easier during the past month."

Every effort is being made by the land department to collect rentals and interest of long standing, and the month's receipts of \$38,541.34 was in excess of any past month. This Mr. Kuchler holds as partly due to the loans to the cattlemen by the war finance corporation.

Following are the cash receipts for the month of January, 1922:	
Sales	\$ 9,504.87
Interest and rentals	38,541.34
Fees	1,408.70
Refunds	1,967.61
Total	\$51,722.52

**PROMINENT LAWYER
IS GIVEN DIVORCE**

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 2.—Attorney Malcolm C. Little, prominent in south western and Mexican law circles, today was granted a divorce here from Mrs. Elizabeth G. Little, on the ground of mental cruelty. The suit was not contested by Mrs. Little in accordance with the terms of a property settlement whereby she is reported to have received \$50,000. She is now residing in Los Angeles with her two sons, who are taking law courses in the University of Southern California.

TAX COMMISSION ON TOUR

PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—Members of the state tax commission left today for Yuma, the first stopping place on their annual tour of inspection. All three members, Charles R. Howe, chairman; Frank Luke, and E. A. Hughes, are making the trip, which is expected to consume about 10 days. The commissioners will meet with county assessors of each county and will investigate the different clauses of property before county officials complete their work for the fiscal year, ending May 1.

MILDRED MINE WORKING

WICKENBURG, Feb. 4.—The mill of the Mildred gold property has been started and a large force of men has been put at work in the mine stopping ore from the big low-grade ledge. Work is under charge of L. L. White.

BACK IN CAPITOL

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 1.—State Bank Examiner H. M. Morris, ill for several days, has recovered and was back at his duties at the state house today.

**INGALLS WILL FACE
TRIAL IN PHOENIX;
DROP LOCAL CHARGE**

BISBEE, Feb. 8.—The case of the state vs. B. L. Ingalls, charged with passing a worthless check for \$100 on the Copper Queen hotel was dismissed when it was called before Judge Craig yesterday afternoon. This however, did not release Ingalls from custody as he is being held for Sheriff Montgomery, of Maricopa county, who will arrive here today to take Ingalls back to that city for trial.

The new Nash car Ingalls brought with him is being held under the attachment issued out of Judge Craig's court under the complaint of Manager Olson, of the hotel, for the debt that Ingalls incurred there.

The case here was dismissed as it was found that the Maricopa county officers had a number of cases against him and that some of them were much stronger than the case here and would not necessitate the bringing of witnesses from Providence, R. I., to testify against him, as would have been the case if he were tried here.

**THIEVES BREAK WINDOW, TURN
OFF LIGHTS AND LOOT STORE;
TAKE PETTY CASH AND TOBACCO**

DOUGLAS, Feb. 7.—Thieves last night broke a plate glass window at the front of the Bates grocery, 761 Fifteenth street, and entering the building turned off electric lights, as they looted the store of \$10 or \$12 petty cash and stole a case full of tobacco and cigarettes.

The robbery took place between 7:30 and 7:40 o'clock. After turning off the lights the thieves worked with a flash light, which passerby noticed and called police.

Chief of Police Bowden and other members of his squad made an immediate investigation.

**F. R. STEWART TAKES
OVER OFFICE TODAY**

PHOENIX, Feb. 8.—Frank R. Stewart will take charge of the office of collector of internal revenue this morning. Yesterday was given to checking out Judge Alfred Franklin and that work was completed.

Speaking of his visit to Washington, Mr. Stewart said yesterday that he was quite confident that the permanent tariff bill would carry a tariff of 5 cents on long staple cotton.

Some opposition had developed from the New England mills, but he thought that that had been offset in a great measure by the agricultural conference, which was composed of strong, representative men from all parts of the country, who had ably presented the claims of the farmers. The president, too, had left no doubt in his address at the opening of the conference of his sympathy with the farmer. Many congressmen who had not been favorably inclined toward a tariff on cotton, said Mr. Stewart, had come to take a friendlier view.

TO DRILL FOR OIL

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 7.—The Elgin Sonoita district of Santa Cruz county will be tested for oil and gas by a Los Angeles drilling company, which it was announced today, has entered into a contract with the Nogales Gas and Oil company to drill on the latter company's leases.

A drilling outfit will be moved to the field and work will start within a few weeks, it was said. It will be the first effort on a large scale to ascertain whether oil and gas actually exist in this part of Arizona. The contract provides that if oil or gas is found in commercial quantities the drilling company will receive one-half of the Nogales company's acreage. The drilling concern and the Nogales company each is reported to be furnishing \$25,000 toward defraying the cost of the drilling operations.

INJURED IN WRECK

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 7.—E. W. Pierce and James W. Buckley, both of Phoenix, were slightly injured today when an automobile in which they were riding ran into a ditch about 20 miles north of Nogales. They were on their way to Tucson. The two were brought back here in a stage and given medical attention.



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**PLEADS NOT GUILTY
TO MURDERING MAN
WHO RECEIVED HER**

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Miss Alma Smith, accused of having shot and killed H. L. Christensen, a Globe automobile dealer, here last December, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder when she was arraigned in the superior court today.

Christensen was slain after he is said to have informed Miss Smith that their marriage was not valid because a short time previous to the ceremony he had married another woman. The first wife, who, it later developed, had obtained a divorce, is now living in El Paso, Texas.

The Smith woman was accompanied into court today by several friends, her brother, Joseph Smith, of Texas, and Rev. F. J. Hart, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here. Her trial was set for February 15th.

**NOMINATION OF
BERNARD O. K'D**

TUCSON, Feb. 9.—Confirmation of the nomination of Attorney F. H. Bernard of Tucson to be United States attorney for the district of Arizona, was made late Monday afternoon, according to a telegram received by Mr. Bernard this morning.

The nomination was favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee several days ago.

Mr. Bernard said he would not assume the duties of the office until his commission arrives, which he expects will be in about 10 days.

He will take the oath of office before Judge William H. Sawtelle of the United States district court.

**TRIAL OF ROSS STARTED
IN PHOENIX COURT**

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Introduction of testimony was begun late today before a superior court jury here in the trial of Harry S. Ross, former state treasurer, on a charge of conspiracy. He was indicted jointly with Phil K. Lewis, head of the Central Bank of Wickenburg. Deposit of state funds in that institution is involved.

George J. Erhardt, deputy state treasurer, under Ross, was called as the first witness and testified that a total of \$110,000 in bonds had been furnished by the bank as security for a state depository. Of this amount, he said, \$35,000 worth of the bonds had been approved, one bond of \$50,000 had not been approved, and \$25,000 was in the form of farm loan mortgages. Much of Erhardt's testimony had to do with the identification of deposits made in the Central Bank of Wickenburg by the state treasurer's office and of checks drawn against the deposits.

The balance in the bank varied, the witness said, and stood at \$60,000 when Ross went out of office.

**ASHURST AGAIN
FLAYS VOTE ON
NEWBERRY CASE**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Newberry election case was the cause of another sharp partisan clash today in the senate. Democrats taking vigorous exception to remarks by Senator Pepper, Republican, Pennsylvania, in a speech last night at Albany, N. Y. in his address. Senator Pepper said that the Democrats in the Newberry fight "month about the honor of the senate and the integrity of the individual, and then they proceeded to tarnish that honor and impair that integrity by voting like a flock of sheep."

Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona called the senate's attention to the remarks of Senator Pepper, and characterized them, as did other Democrats, as an imputation of dishonorable action.

Pepper was not present when the question was brought up but arrived during the afternoon and just before the senate adjourned, had a spirited engagement with Senator Ashurst.

Ashurst Flays Pepper.

Questioned by Senator Ashurst, Pepper said he had been quoted correctly and added he had assumed that senators would consider the Newberry case judicially and that this apparently had been done by the Republicans, in view of their division on the vote seating Senator Newberry.

"The question of honor, he declared, was raised by the Democrats. 'I chose to accept that issue, only I reversed the sides,' he said.

Senator Ashurst inquired whether Pepper considered that the Republican had violated their honor and whether Pepper was "excusing or condoning them."

Senator Pepper replied that his remarks on the question of honor in the voting did not apply to any senators who dissented from the recent remarks of Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri. The latter had attacked the supporters of Senator Newberry, and said there "was not a senator who voted for this resolution (seating the Michigan member) who did not brand in red letters above and across his political record the word 'dishonor.'"

Discussion is Closed.

Senator Ashurst replied that Senator Pepper had "avowed and said that every Democratic senator (voting against Newberry) had stained his soul with dishonor, but that the Republicans did not."

The discussion closed when Senator Ashurst asked that Senator Pepper's speech and the majority resolution seating Senator Newberry be printed in parallel columns in the Congressional Record. Senator Spencer, Missouri, Republican, objected and the request was denied.

This resolution has been attacked earlier in the day from the Democratic side as "stultifying," and Senator Ashurst said that it condemned the vast expenditures in the Newberry case but supported Senator Newberry.

**Superior—Manga Copper planning
construction of standard gauge
railroad and smelter.**

Outman—Tom Reed to mine gold ores, United American and Taborite to furnish 50 tons daily.