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POSITION OF OLD TRAILS HIGHWAY STRENGTHENED

Delegates to Kansas City Convention Report That the Old Trails Will Be One of First Built When Government Starts Road Building Program.

Last Tuesday one of the largest good roads meetings, from a national standpoint, was held at Kansas City for the purpose of consolidating all road organizations into one big directing force for good roads buildings. Thirty-eight organizations were represented, some of them by large delegations. Fully 200 members were present and the Associated Highways of America was the result of the conference. It was the consensus of opinion that at this time congress should be asked to continue its appropriation of \$100,000,000 yearly for the building of roads in conjunction with the states, but that as soon as possible a highway commission should be selected by congress and at least one billion dollars be appropriated for the building of a system of good roads throughout the United States, and especially across the continent from east to west and from north to south, to be connected up by state and county roads.

A. C. Adams of the Ozark Trails Highways was elected president of the parent organization, and Frank Davis of the National Old Trails Roads was elected secretary.

The delegates expressed themselves in favor of the Bankhead bill, now before congress for road building and every man there appeared to believe that a great road building boom would strike the country within the year.

One of the most important features of the convention was the position held by the National Old Trails Road, which was found to be the only highway between the east and the coast that had any basis in fact. All the other roads were merely a red line on a map, no effort being made to build or even survey a road. While some of these incipient highways are being used through partly built state roadways none of them pretend to have a passable road from coast to coast. As a result all projected roads through Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Iowa, Arkansas, and far to the north and east will be feeders of the Old Trails. At the present time all the big counties of Kansas are being lined up to build from the Missouri state line to the Colorado line to connect with this highway. Twenty-seven counties had been pledged to build the road and only three more were to be signed up. Out of thirty-eight organizations recognized by the convention fully thirty of their roads will be feeders of the Old Trails and will send an immense amount of travel this way during the year.

Considerable interest was manifested in the meeting in the eastern part of Arizona and New Mexico. Becker Bros., of Springerville, A. C. Foss of Magdalena, New Mexico, and Judge Gibbons, of St. Johns, were delegates, representing the Ocean to Ocean Highway. The Old Trails had twelve votes out of thirteen to which it was entitled.

Taking the situation altogether, our highway stands in the best position of any highway in the country and we feel sure that when the government enters the road building program this will be one of the first to get attention.

The delegates from Mohave County were George B. Ayers, chairman of the board of supervisors of Mohave County, Thomas Devine and Anson H. Smith.

GRAND CANYON TO BECOME PARK AFTER FIGHT OF 33 YEARS

The senate bill to make the Grand Canyon a national park was passed last Monday and sent to conference. In the area set aside are 996 square miles of public land, now parts of two national forests and a game refuge.

The proposal has been before congress for 33 years.

DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS APPOINTED

Probation officers have been appointed by Judge Bollinger for Oatman and Chloride to work in conjunction with H. J. Dubin who was recently appointed probation officer for the county.

"Doc" Sheffield was appointed for Oatman and Hannah O. Listerude for Chloride.

FRANCES BLACKBURN DIES FROM RESULTS HUN GAS

Word was received in Kingman this week of the death of Frances Blackburn, well-known in Kingman and was formerly with the Central Commercial Company.

Blackburn was wounded and gassed at the battle of Chateau-Thierry, last summer. He was sent home and placed in a convalescent hospital in Pennsylvania but could not withstand the destruction started by the gas, and died the latter part of December.

This is the fourth boy from Mohave County to pay the "greatest price."

DR. A. L. TILTON WILL LOCATE AGAIN IN KINGMAN

Dr. A. L. Tilton, who for the past year and a half has been Captain Tilton, U. S. A., arrived in Kingman Monday of this week on his way to the Coast, where Mrs. Tilton is now residing. The week has been spent by the doctor in renewing old acquaintances.

After his visit on the Coast the doctor will return to Kingman and open his offices here about February 10. This will be glad news for his many friends here.

Dr. Tilton practiced in Mohave County eight or nine years previous to entering the army, a year ago last summer. After he received his commission in the medical corps he was sent to El Paso, from there to Naco, Arizona, and then was ordered to Columbus, New Mexico, where he spent the balance of his time of service until recently.

He was one of those unfortunately, who had to spend his entire time of service on this side of the water. Time and again he hoped to get across only to be disappointed. However, in the army we are not the choosers.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS OFFICERS LAST NIGHT

The installation of the officers of the Order of the Eastern Star took place last night at the Oddfellow's Hall. The following officers were installed:

- Mrs. C. B. Cravens, worthy matron.
- Mrs. P. S. Virgin, worthy patron.
- Mrs. C. A. Patterson, associate matron.
- Mrs. C. B. Johnson, conrectress.
- Mrs. W. L. Linville, associate conrectress.
- Mrs. C. A. Warren, secretary.
- Mrs. J. H. Ware, treasurer.
- Mrs. I. M. George, chaplain.
- Mrs. Homer Gaddis, organist.
- Mrs. Kate Fancher, warder.
- Mrs. John H. Ware, sentinel.

Star points—Mrs. Allen E. Ware, Mrs. R. J. Harlan, Mrs. J. S. Amundsen, Mrs. P. S. Virgin, Mrs. T. R. White

After the installation, refreshments were served and a general good time was had by the members who attended.

PASSES THROUGH ON WAY TO NEW TEXAS OIL FIELDS

Clarence E. Black, one of the Black Bros. in the brokerage business at Oatman, passed through here on his way to the Texas oil fields.

On the way he will stop at the Grand Canyon and then go to Fort Worth, Ranger and Coleman. One of Mr. Black's brothers is now at Dallas and he says people all through Texas have gone mad over the oil game.

Another brother, Murray J. Black, will take charge of the business of the firm at Oatman until Clarence Black's return.

MARRIED IN KINGMAN THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Thursday of this week James M. Howlett of Oatman, and Nellie M. Bryan were united in marriage by Judge Bollinger.

The bride is from Michigan and "Jimmie" Howlett is proprietor of the ice plant at Oatman and very well known there.

The couple will make their home in Oatman.

ARMENIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN WEEK FEB. 10 TO 17

Mr. R. E. Dunlap, state superintendent of the Christian Church, arrived in this city this week for the purpose of organizing a county committee which will have charge of the raising of funds in Mohave County for the relief of starving humanity among the Armenians, Jews and Syrians.

C. A. Warren of the Citizen's Bank, will act as chairman of the committee which will handle the drive in Mohave County, and the chairman for Oatman will be J. A. Burgess, for Chloride, C. B. Cravens, for Yucca, Harvey Klotsch and for Hackberry Wm. Neagle. C. J. Walter is treasurer for the county.

Arizona's quota is \$150,000, Mohave's share of which is \$2500.

In discussing the vital necessity for prompt action in this great work, Mr. Dunlap said: "February 10-17 marks the date for the first strictly charity and humanitarian drive of national scope in the United States since the beginning of the war, and Arizona is called upon to raise \$150,000 of a \$45,000,000 fund to save from starvation and to rehabilitate the Jewish, Syrian and Armenian sufferers in Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

A state organization has been effected with headquarters at Phoenix and David Goldberg as state chairman, and county organizations are being built up as rapidly as possible. The Jewish Relief Association has for several years been conducting relief work among the Jews of Poland, Lithuania, Galacia and neighboring countries and millions of dollars have been spent by the Jews of America in assisting their people who have been driven from pillar to post in those countries, but the suffering brought about by the war has made the proposition so large that the Jews have been unable to entirely care for the needs of their people and are for the first time asking assistance from the American public to participate in the raising of \$15,000,000 for this relief work.

"The American committee on Syrian and Armenian relief, which has spread its activities so that it has received the adopted title of American committee for relief in the near East, has been doing humanitarian work to prevent the extermination of Armenians and Syrians in Turkey and eastern Asia and as rapidly as funds could be raised has sent large quantities of food and clothing to those countries. Where they have in the past done wonderful work, something more than the mere preventing of the starvation of 4,000,000 Armenians and Syrians is necessary at the present (Continued on Page Seven.)

MOTHER OF WM. NEAGLE PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

Mrs. William Neagle, mother of William Neagle of the Hackberry Consolidated, passed away at the home of her son Friday morning.

Mrs. Neagle retired as usual Thursday night and seemed as well as usual.

Mr. Neagle, who was sleeping in the next room so that he could easily hear her, if she needed anything, went to her room at about 6 in the morning, and though she was lying just as when he had left her the night before, he found that life had passed, probably not more than 15 minutes before.

The mother occupied a very dear place in the hearts of her boys, William and Tom Neagle, and her death is keenly felt by them.

The funeral will be held in Prescott after word is received from Tom Neagle as to whether he can attend or not.

OATMAN MAN DIED HERE LAST SUNDAY

George Ashinger died at the County Farm, January 19, from cancer of the stomach.

The deceased was 72 years of age, having lived for the past several years in Oatman. He has relatives somewhere in the East.

The funeral was held Tuesday of this week and interment was at Mountain View Cemetery.

MURRAY CHAPPELL BACK FROM SERVICE

Murray Chappell, wife and infant son returned Tuesday evening from Vancouver, Washington, where Mr. Chappell has been employed in the limited service department of the U. S. army. He has been discharged from the service and himself and family will again tke up their residence in Kingman.

CONVENTION OF GOOD ROADS DELEGATE AT PHOENIX MONDAY

Delegation Left Here This Morning; Word Received From Kansas City Delegates Stating That Old Trails Highway Benefitted By Convention.

A number of Kingman business men left overland for Phoenix early this morning to attend the state convention of Good Road Boosters, which will convene in the Capital City the 27th of this present month.

This is a state-wide movement for the stimulation of road building in all parts of the state from the best of our highway routes to the innermost routes of the back country and will be represented by good delegations from each and every county, according to advance information supplied us some time back.

The effect of lots of good roads on a country can never be over-estimated, they being the greatest single item for civilization and the rapid development of any country.

The close proximity of the holding of this "Good Roads Boost Convention" to the national-wide good roads convention just held this past week at Kansas City, will make for a great deal more of interest at the state meeting and this taken with the almost certain activity of our national government in road building, will give road building interest such an impetus, that it will not subside for years to come.

COLLECTING DATA ON ROADS AND BUSINESS

George P. Jackson, formerly with the Central Commercial Company in the Kingman store and who recently was mustered out of the army, is now assistant sales manager of a hardware concern in El Paso, Texas. He is now making a tour through Arizona and New Mexico partly on business for his firm and partly to gather statistics for the Chamber of Commerce of El Paso concerning road conditions and business conditions of these two states.

His report shows business at Phoenix good, at Prescott light, at Tucson slow, at Globe and Miami good, and at Bisbee good.

The cotton industry at Phoenix is beginning to come to the front and there is 10,000 more acres of cotton planted than last year.

The slump in copper had not begun to make itself felt at most of the camps yet, excepting at Jerome where they have laid off twenty-five per cent of their men and have stopped all improvements.

Most of the roads are in fair condition excepting the road from Prescott to Ashfork, which is very bad.

Outside the short stretches of paved roads however, the best roads encountered on his trip were after he crossed the Mohave County line on his way to Kingman. This last statement went in his report to the El Paso C. of C., and incidentally we agree with him.

Mohave County, with her proper apportionment of road funds can be made the mecca of good roads and we will undoubtedly see this come to pass the next two years.

WOMANS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The Thursday Afternoon Club met in the director's room of the Arizona Central Bank Tuesday evening of this week and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Greeley Clack was elected president, Mrs. Ross Blakely, first vice-president, Mrs. G. R. Franklin, second vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Devine, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Clvde Chamberlain, recording secretary.

The literary department of the Thursday Afternoon Club will meet Monday evening in the director's room of the Citizen's Bank at 7:30 P. M. All women who wish to join this department are requested to be present.

The next meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Club will be February 1, at 3 P. M. in the parlor of the Methodist Church.

At the wet and dry election, held in Needles last Tuesday, the people decided to remain dry, carrying the election by a majority of over 180. The saloons went out of commission the first of January, but it was proposed to allow two wholesale houses to continue, but the people would not stand for it.

PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON AERO LANDING FIELD

The aeroplane landing is nearing completion. The field is assuming a fine level surface and when completed will be as fine a landing field as can be found anywhere in the country. The large T, being placed on the field can be seen from a mile in the air and will show the flyers where to land.

With the new planes the flight to the Mohave County field can be made in four hours from March Field.

It is the intention of the United States government to establish an aerial mail and passenger route throughout the United States.

To do this it is necessary to know the topography of the country so that landing fields can be located and aerial lanes mapped out.

Within a few weeks aero-planes flying from Ellington Field, Houston, to Rockwell Field, San Diego, must pass through New Mexico and Arizona.

It will be necessary for them to obtain oil and gasoline here. The latest type of bombing aero-planes, DeHaviland, with Liberty motors, will be flown.

Gasoline, 70 high test, and Mobile "B" lubricating oil are the supplies necessary to be provided.

CHANGE MANGEMENT AT ARIZONA STORES

L. W. Quinlan, for the past several months manager of the Arizona Stores Company of Kingman, leaves this week for Flagstaff to assume the management of all of the stores operated by the Babbitt Bros. Trading Company, of which the Arizona Stores of Kingman is one.

The Babbitt Brothers are operating fourteen stores and Indian trading posts at different points and the new position will give Mr. Quinlan a wide scope of management.

The town of Kingman and Mohave County will feel the loss of such a public spirited citizen as they have found Mr. Quinlan to be during his stay here, the past few months, but they can not but wish him well as he steps out into his wider field of endeavor.

John H. Hopkins, will be the new manager of the Arizona Stores at Kingman and Frank Keefe will be sales manager.

Mr. Hopkins is well-known here, having been with the Arizona Stores Company of Kingman for the past half year and with the store at Oatman previously, and Mr. Keefe is from Winslow, having been the manager of the Winslow store since Mr. Quinlan left there to come to Kingman.

PAPERS SERVED HERE IN SUIT AGAINST BANKERS

Deputy United States Marshal F. A. Weage was a visitor to this section this week from the U. S. court at Phoenix, coming here for the express purpose of serving the bank, who are members of the Banker's Association, in the notable case of Pandolfo vs. the Banker's Association, which has recently been instituted and which has already had much publicity in the press. The suit is for the sum of \$1,000,000 and the complaint is based on the allegation that the plaintiff's credit and business has been injured in the above sum by the association's adoption of a certain derogatory letter of one member of their association.

The case promises to be one of the biggest ever brought before the U. S. court in a cause of this character and is attracting attention proportionately.

KATHERINE TEALE BACK IN NEW YORK

Word came to Mrs. John C. Chambers of this place this morning of the arrival a few days ago at a New York hospital of Miss Katherine Teale who has been in France as a Red Cross nurse for several months. She states that she expects to be discharged within the next ten days, after which she will return to Kingman.

GEORGE MURPHY A VISITOR

George Murphy of Nevada City, California, is in Kingman, where he is spending a pleasant visit with his cousin, Charles R. Van Marter and family. This is the first meeting of the cousins in eighteen years.

ANOTHER CARGO OF BOOZE CAPTURED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Judge Bollinger Rules Statute Valid, Authorizing Confiscation of Car That Brings Liquor Into County — States Reasons For so Ruling.

Saturday morning: The other two Mexicans captured last Wednesday changed their plea to guilty this morning. The eight cases of bootleg were ordered destroyed Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The capture of eight cases of booze was made by the sheriff's office Wednesday afternoon of this week, when three Mexicans were caught just the other side of the Yuma County line.

Deputies Curtin and Bly started from here at about 9 o'clock in the morning after receiving word that the equipment of bootleg had left Needles at 7 o'clock that morning. They caught up with them at about 3 P. M. and made the arrest.

The Mexicans gave the names of C. N. Rudriquez, A. N. Rudriquez and Joe Ruiz. They were driving a Ford truck.

When arraigned before Judge Bollinger, Saturday morning, Joe Ruiz pleaded guilty and was given six months in the County Jail and a \$300 fine and his car confiscated. The other two pleaded not guilty and were put into the custody of the sheriff, on bond of \$1000 each, to await their trial at the next jury session.

Judge Bollinger ordered the car of Joe Ruiz sold, as well as those taken from Brown and Aubin.

The court appointed M. G. Wagner, Jess Tarr and Jasper Brewer as appraisers to appraise the machines. This was done in order that, if the supreme court reversed this court's decision, a basis of settlement by the county would be provided for.

In making this order the court held the statute made by the special session of the legislature, valid insofar as it affects those engaged in the illegal traffic of liquor.

This decision was made after two weeks of deliberation and study of the question. The most serious question appeared to be whether this act could be included in the call of the governor for a special session of the legislature.

The court held that it could, because the governor stated that he made the call for a special session, so that Arizona could render any assistance possible in the national crisis, and "to otherwise provide for families and dependents of soldiers," that these cargoes of contraband liquor were going toward Prescott and that the government is having a good deal of trouble with the liquor question at the government hospital for convalescents there.

That while many courts had gone to fanciful lengths to uphold the validity of laws that he could not see anything fanciful in backing the government and in seeing that these soldiers were not provided with inferior liquor at exorbitant prices and their families and dependents thus deprived of their income.

The court upheld the law as being with the police powers of the state of Arizona. For instance, in case of a fire, police powers permit the dynamiting of the building if such an act is for the benefit of the public. He cited laws of some states to stop prostitution where the furniture was sold and the house closed up for a year or more though the owner of the house might be a third party in a distant state and with no knowledge of the case. Still such a law is upheld as valid under the police powers of a state. He then cited the famous fish net case which went to the supreme court of the United States and which authorized the destruction of fish nets in order to protect little fish. The court reasoned that if a state could use its police power to protect little fish that it could also use its police power to protect citizens.

The court stated that he had respect for the rulings of other superior (Continued on Page Ten).

The classified columns of this paper, are open without charge, to help the returned soldier find employment. Each week the U. S. Employment Service will give us a list of positions wanted by returned soldiers, which we will run in our classified columns and if in need of help be sure to watch these lists.

This serves two purposes—it gives the boys who have come back a chance to go to work and it gives someone who needs help an opportunity to quickly secure it.