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FRED LEWIS LEADS OFFICERS TO ARREST OF NEGRO MURDERER

Fred Lewis, former telegraph operator, at Drake, now agent at Topock last Saturday night caused the arrest of the perpetrator of a most revolting crime at Fullerton, California.

Lewis had just read an account of the crime in a Los Angeles paper, when a negro came up to buy a ticket to Albuquerque. He noticed the negro answered the description of the man described and for whom the officers were searching down near the Mexican border. Lewis was alone in the office but stilled the negro while he telegraphed to Needles for some officers. In a few minutes the Needles officers were there. The black man put up a bad fight but the five officers soon had him handcuffed.

After praying all day the negro, Mose Gibson, confessed to the killing of Roy Trapp, Fullerton rancher and assaulting his wife. The murder was committed with a hammer.

In his confession the negro said his motive was robbery but this statement is disbelieved.

There is no doubt that the fiend will hang, sentence having been passed upon him.

Lewis is well known in Kingman. When stationed at Drake, he was a weekly visitor to Kingman Sunday afternoons to see the "Wildcats" perform. We do not know whether there was a reward, but if so Lewis should get it.

As an aftermath of the conviction of Mose Gibson for the murder and outrage at Fullerton, a short time ago, that murdering fiend has confessed to the murder of the Earhart family at Phoenix, a month ago. Gibson, knowing that he was going to sure death, possibly has concluded that confessing to one or two more murders will not hurt him any, but that it might be best to clear up these crimes and not allow others to suffer for them.

After the murder of the Earharts two negroes, one of whom is believed to have been Gibson, passed through Kingman in a car. The opinion of the officers is that Gibson had an accomplice, and the bloodstained finger marks found in the home of the Earharts are being compared with that negro, but it is said that these finger prints belong to two different men. Mrs. Trapp told the officers that two men committed the murder at her home, and the officers are searching for the other criminal. Gibson refused to admit at first that he committed the Phoenix crime, or that he had an accomplice.

FATHER DIES SUDDENLY IN LOS ANGELES

Rob Robinson left Wednesday night for Los Angeles where he was called by the death of his father, Walter Robinson. His father had but recently undergone an operation which was not successful. A second operation was resorted to which proved fatal.

Mr. Robinson came to California several years ago from Colorado and until the past year he has been in good health. He is survived by a daughter and a son, Roy.

PICNIC AT BEALE SPRINGS FOR TEAM

The Kingman "Wildcats" were treated to a picnic at Beale Springs last Monday night by some of the young fellows around town. They had a nice lunch, including a bounteous supply of watermelon, after their dip in the plunge.

The boys appreciated it and had a good time.

BREAKS HIP IN AUTO ACCIDENT

George Lockwood and Jack Flynn were in an auto accident last Saturday night when the car in which they were riding overturned on the road east of town near the top of the hill. They were turning into the Stockton Hill Road when the car which was heavily loaded keeled over. Lockwood suffered a broken hip and is now in the County Hospital. Flynn got off with a few scratches.

BOULDER CANYON DAM SURE OF ENDORSEMENT

A letter from Arnold Kruckman, secretary-treasurer of the League of the Southwest, conveys the information that in recent conversations with Director Davis of the United States Reclamation Service, that gentleman declared his determination that the Boulder Canyon dam project would be carried to a successful issue. He says that it is not material whether bedrock is found in the canyon or not, as the walls can be blasted into the gorge and provide a gravel base on which to build the massive dam. While this feature of the building of the dam is under consideration boring for bedrock is being carried on by a corps of competent engineers and upon their report depends in a measure the cost of this big installation.

While this project, as an adjunct to the internal improvements of this county, is of enormous potential value, we can reasonably see how much greater is its importance to the lower reaches of the Colorado river in the matter of safeguarding that country and the bringing of an extra million acres of fertile lands under cultivation, besides extending the growing season more than three months longer. Fully 500,000 acres of land along the river, now subject to overflow, will be brought under cultivation by the protection afforded by the big dam. The money for the project is to be secured through the Kinkead bill, now before congress.

Mr. Davis is to have a complete report filed with the committee of congress when that body meets on the 6th of next December. It will carry with it the recommendation of the whole array of members of the Geological Survey, the secretary of the interior and those who have personally looked into the feasibility of the project, besides the weight of the executives of twelve western and Pacific states and the League of the Southwest.

When the editor attended the meeting of the Indian Committee of congress, at Parker, last May, we were given the assurance that everyone of these thirteen congressmen would favor the Boulder Canyon project when the matter of appropriations for the big dam came before congress. At the time they were asked to take favorable action looking to an appropriation of over \$10,000,000 for a diversion dam above Parker, that would bring under cultivation a large area of land that could not be readily irrigated from a pump station, and they naturally saw that with a big dam higher up where the flood waters could be impounded this dam would be a success, otherwise it would afford no safeguard for the low lands along the river.

Mr. Davis has called a meeting at San Diego on the 3d of August, at which time many important propositions will be discussed relative to the dam, the All-American canal for the Imperial valley and other features of the irrigation needs of the Colorado river basin.

ABIE BALE JOINS BRUNDAGE MANAGEMENT OF ROSETREE

Abie Bale has quit his job at the Beale and is now associated with Ray Brundage in the management of the Rosetree Candy Shop.

Abie besides being a kind of a ball player has been dubbed the "Candy Kid", on account of his candy making propensities. He sure can make candy and this fact along with his large acquaintance made here the past five years as a ball player and hotel clerk will make him a valuable asset to the business.

SAM CAME TO FIGHT

A fellow soldier in the company of the late Sam Swasekage relates a characteristic story of the brave Indian boy. While in the trenches on the Marne the boys were cautioned against exposing themselves to the rifle and cannon fire of the Germans, but despite this warning Sam would raise himself above the protection of the trench embankment and return the fire of the enemy. When the boys would pull him down he would say, "Hell, boys, I didn't come here to hide; I came here to fight." On one occasion he went to his captain and said: "Captain, let us go over there and clean up those Germans and then go home. There are only a little bunch of them and we can do the job quick."

He was killed on the Marne.

ELLIS HARBACH POST ELECTS DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION

Friday night the Ellis Harbach Post No. 29, American Legion, at Oatman held its regular semi-monthly meeting.

Among the important matters considered and decided upon was the election of Attorney V. P. Lucas as a delegate to the State Convention of the Legion to be held at Globe, Arizona, August 9, 10 and 11th.

This Convention is of the utmost importance to all ex-service men as the position which the Legion will take in all National as well as State legislation will be discussed and definite action taken.

Mr. Lucas was instructed by the Post as to what the boys wanted in the way of legislation both State and National and also with regard to the proposed amendment of the National Constitution with reference to the Legion entering politics.

The Oatman boys deserve great credit for the splendid organization they have developed and the spirit in which they conduct its affairs.

The Post holds its meeting every other Friday night and a full membership is always in attendance.

NEW SUPERVISORIAL CANDIDATE ANNOUNCED

Another candidate has been added to the list of those seeking the democratic nomination to the office of supervisor, John W. Ward, of the Big Sandy, shying his castor into the ring. Mr. Ward is an old time farmer of the valley and has made a success of his own business and we feel sure that if he is successful there will be no cause for regret among the property owners of the county. He is a genial wholesaled fellow with friends galore.

"CASEY" TAKES THE BULLION TO S. F.

"Casey" Jones left Tuesday afternoon for San Francisco with a bar of bullion from the Eastern. When he reaches his destination Casey will deliver the bullion to the proper authorities and then proceed to make the best of a short vacation.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS WITH BOTTLE

To be hit by a pop bottle, carelessly thrown from the window of a passing passenger train, was the novel and painful experience that befell George Brobant at a desert station west of Needles, about ten days ago. Mr. Brobant was riding the pilot of an engine for the purpose of jumping off and opening a switch, when passenger train No. 9 flashed by, running about 45 miles per hour. A bottle thrown from a window of the train struck him in the pit of the stomach, knocking him unconscious across the drawbar on the pilot. No one appearing to open the switch the engineer stopped his train and went around in front to see what was the matter and found Brobant lifeless. It took quite a while to bring the injured man to consciousness and he is still suffering from the experience.

George Brobant is well known in Kingman, having lived here many years. He is in the employ of the Santa Fe as a passenger brakeman, running into Parker.

RECEIVES BAD INJURY

Will Klein, while working on one of the big trucks of Chappell and Granger, at their garage, last Wednesday morning received a bad injury to his right eye and for a time was knocked out when a chisel, with which he was working slipped and struck him across the eye. He was in the pit prying off a flywheel and was trying to force the wheel off with a long chisel when the grease on the wheel caused the chisel to slip and striking him in the eye with great force. He was taken home and the injury dressed. While the chisel cut through the eyelid it failed to injure the eye and Mr. Klein is able to be about, although the wound is quite painful.

WILLIAM ESHOM MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

William P. Eshom, who was the victim of an automobile accident, in Los Angeles, died at a hospital in that city last Thursday without regaining consciousness. Mr. Eshom was born in California about 60 years ago and removed to this county when a young man. He engaged in the cattle business, having a large ranch eighteen miles south of Yucca. Owing to the poor health of his wife he sold one-half interest in the ranch to Joe Rudy, who is now managing the property, and removed to Los Angeles. Recently a large shipment of cattle was sent to Los Angeles, from which a large sum of money was realized. The couple are well known in Mohave county and have a host of friends here. Mr. Eshom was a splendid fellow, easy-going and likeable and his death will be greatly regretted. He leaves a sister in Kingman, Mrs. Mary Sweeney and many brothers and sisters to mourn his loss.

The following account of the accident we take from the Los Angeles Times:

"William Eshom, a retired cattleman residing at 1511 South Harvard Boulevard, his wife, Mrs. Blanche Eshom, aged 50, and their guest, Mrs. Adella J. Wood, 59 years of age, were all possibly fatally injured when their automobile, driven by Mrs. Eshom, collided with east bound car No. 902 of the West Eleventh-street line, at West Tenth street and Harvard Boulevard last night. The injured were rushed to the Receiving Hospital in three private machines.

Assistant Police Surgeons Beggs and Renfrow found that Mr. Eshom had a possible frontal fracture of the skull, Mrs. Eshom had suffered grave internal injuries and her nose was almost severed, and Mrs. Wood has a probable basal fracture of the skull.

According to witnesses, both the street car and the automobile were going slowly. The auto, going south had just crossed the tracks in front of the car when the rear end of the machine was struck by the front of the street car. The auto was overturned with such force that it landed upside down on a fire hydrant on the southeast corner, breaking off the fire plug and flooding the street where the injured lay.

After the injured had been taken to the hospital it was learned from Mrs. Eshom that her purse containing a large sum of money and several diamond rings was missing. Police detectives searched for it in vain."

ANNOUNCES HIMSELF A CANDIDATE FOR RECORDER

W. H. Welsh, one of the old timers of the Gold Road section, this week announces himself as a candidate for the office of Recorder. Mr. Welsh of the Gold Road mine and with the exception of a short time spent in Alaska has resided there ever since. He is well and favorably known to the boys of the mining camps, and should he have the good fortune to be elected to the coveted position the people will be assured of a good administration of the office.

KEROSENE PRICE UP 2½ CENTS

Effective Monday, July 19th, the list price of kerosene in all grades was advanced 2½ cents per gallon in Kingman according to a statement issued yesterday by the Management of the Standard Oil Company. A corresponding increase will also prevail in surrounding towns, while a varying increase will be in effect at all other Arizona Stations of the Standard Oil Company.

"Kerosene is normally supplied from California", the announcement states, "but the acute shortage in California has made it impossible to continue the supply from that point. Sub-Stations in the Arizona Field are now being supplied with kerosene purchased by this Company from refiners in Texas and Oklahoma, and the new price in effect is based on the higher cost of the product. Our suppliers now assure us they will provide sufficient kerosene to meet the full demand contingent of course, upon uninterrupted transportation conditions and adequate supply of tank cars."

BIG PROPERTY GAINS STATE OF ARIZONA

Returns so far received by the state tax commission indicate a big gain in the property valuations of the state, although there has been a rather large decrease in mine values. The increases are in the valuations of real estate and town lots, the greatest increase being in Maricopa county, where property values increased from approximately \$99,000,000 last year to \$134,000,000 this year. Graham county increased from \$15,000,000 last year to \$14,000,000 this year. The mining counties show decreases more or less, with the exception of Mohave, which increased about \$150,000. This increase was due to other than mine property, the mines showing a considerable decrease from that of the year before, owing to the falling off in production of the Tom Reed and United Eastern, due to the strikes of last year.

It will be remarked, when the full returns are in, that Mohave county per capita is the richest county in the state. It has more property than Yuma, Santa Cruz, Graham, Navajo, Apache and Coconino, although everyone of the counties have at least double our population. Really there are few parts of the United States that can show as great a per capita valuation as Mohave County.

WHAT IRRIGATION WILL DO NEAR KINGMAN

Irrigation has created a pretty little garden spot in the Wallapai Mountains at Jessie Martin's ranch seven miles southeast of Kingman. Ross Housholder who was surveying in that vicinity the early part of the week reports that Mr. Martin was curing his second cutting of alfalfa. Besides his alfalfa field he has a crop of cane which is looking fine and a garden containing melons, sweet corn, beans and a variety of other vegetables. Apple trees have been planted throughout the irrigated area.

Three years ago Mr. Martin located a spring in the Wallapais and built his ranch house. He has a nice herd of cattle.

CASTEEL NOW HANDLING DANCES AT THE "PARK"

Murray Carrow and Lena Casteel won the prize waltz at The Park last Saturday night. The couples were thinned down to three, Harold Davis and Ruby Gates, Jimmie James and Naomi Dickerson being the only ones left with the winners when the choice was made. The judges were Mrs. J. W. Patterson, L. M. Wheeler and Ruth Long.

The dances at The Park are now being given by Earl Casteel every Saturday night. To-night Jimmie James, Armstrong and "Burkie" will furnish the music. The boys of the Williams ball team will be guests of the Kingman Ball Club at the dance.

TAX CONFERENCE HELD AT DOUGLAS THIS YEAR

Thursday last assessor W. O. Ruggles, chairman of the board of supervisors George B. Ayers, and J. S. Withers, clerk of the board, departed to Douglas, Arizona, where they will attend the annual tax conference of the state tax commission and the various assessors, supervisors and the clerks. This year's meeting is an important one, as it predeceates the adoption of some new methods for the assessment of property. The fact that the state has arrived at the billion mark, and that there is a possibility of the state going fast toward another billion and having gained a real place among the big states of the Union, the tax assessors and tax gatherers have a duty of moment looking to that future greatness.

Among the assessors of the state Mohave County has a man who has made the assessing of property a study and whose knowledge of the art of placing the correct value on property places him in the fore rank of the profession in the state, and the people, regardless of political persuasion regard Mr. Ruggles as a real prize.

FLAGSTAFF BATTERY A MEETS A DEFEAT AT HANDS OF "WILDCATS"

Lightening fast baseball marked the second game between Kingman Wildcats and Battery "A" of Flagstaff was staged at Kingman last Sunday, and the home team's victory has broken a losing streak, and brought joy to all Kingman fans.

Score Kingman 5.

Battery "A" 4.

Ever since the defeat of Kingman at Flagstaff the "Wildcats" and their faithful followers have been awaiting the day their conquerors would invade Kingman.

Howard Smith was chosen to do the mound work for Kingman and the judgment of Manager Patterson and Captain Price was proven good, for Smith pitched winning ball from the first man up to the last man out. With Smith going at that pace and Knorr always reliable, Kingman has a pitching staff that should bring home the "bacon" every time.

The game started in a manner calculated to give Flagstaff all the encouragement possible, for in the first inning, the visitors were presented with a run by a bad throw from home to third. Again in the third inning Flagstaff was handed two more markers by an error in the outfield. Three runs on one hit, is surely great evidence of generosity to the visitors, but might at some future time prove to be fatal.

Howard, the Flagstaff pitcher was outdoing himself, and held Kingman runless. In fact, not a Kingman runner got past second for four innings. The visitors gave their pitcher excellent support throughout the entire time he was in the box.

The last half of the fifth inning arrived with prayers on the lips of the Kingman fans, and hope in their hearts. Howard was going great, for Hammerslaw was an easy out on a grounder to short. Smith was not to be denied and singled. Bale sacrificed with a speedy grounder putting Smith on second with two out. The stage was set for Kingman's revenge but no one knew it. Fennel hit a fast one to third and beat out the throw, Smith scoring the first run for the "Wildcats". TWO OUT, ONE ON, AND ONE RUN. Fennel advanced safely to second when Robinson was safe on a poor throw to first. Price then came up and smashed the ball for a single, scoring Fennel and putting Robinson on second. TWO OUT, TWO RUNS, TWO ON. And then came Tommy Hayes. The first ball he hit was a foul beyond first base, and the slick catcher from Flagstaff pulled his out field over toward right (Continued on Page 12)

WILL MAKE RACE FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

M. G. Wagner is announcing himself in this week's Miner as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Mohave County, on the Democratic ticket.

"Mert" Wagner is well known in the county having been in the cattle business when he first came here 20 years ago and later going into business in Kingman. He has been a successful business man in Kingman for 15 years and would make a good supervisor if elected.

BABY GIRL BORN TO THE BOURQUINS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bourquin a baby girl last Monday morning at Los Angeles.

"Burke" did not know until Friday whether he was the father of a boy or girl, as the telegram he received early in the week was not very clear. He even thought it a possibility that there were two. Here is the telegram: "Baby born at 9:15, weighs 7 pounds, both fine—Ella."

KINGMAN BAKERY IN NEW QUARTERS

The Kingman Bakery has moved from the Central Commercial building to the store room formerly occupied by the Kingman Drug Company on Fourth Street. This new location is not only better situated but gives them more room for the display of goods.