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MANY COMPETE IN EVENTS, KINGMAN RODEO LABOR DAY

Mohave County's first Rodeo went off in fine shape Labor Day, some of the events extending over to the following day. Cowmen and their families from all parts of Mohave County as well as from Coconino and Yavapai Counties started coming into Kingman Saturday and continued to arrive all day Sunday. By Monday morning there were several hundred in town, and Kingman looked like one of the old cow towns that we used to see.

The first event of the day was a parade, led off by a brass band. There was a prize offered for the best costume, honors being divided between Henry Bacon and Frank Stephens.

At 1:30 in the afternoon the sports started with a horse race on Front Street, in which Carrow's horse, Stockings, and Bacon's horse, Flaxie, tied for first place. They had to run off the tie and Carrow's horse led at the finish but inasmuch as there was an argument as to whether the race was regular, a third horse having started, the race was called a tie.

The next race was for the ladies over the same course in which Mabel Grizelle riding Carrow's horse, Brownie, took first money and Laura Duncan riding a horse from the Triangle Bar Ranch took second money. The girls race was one of the best events of the day.

The events at the ball grounds started at 2 P. M. with a relay race in which Lee Robinson took first money and N. B. Tyree second money. Then came the pony express race, Lee Robinson again taking first place and Jack Baker taking second.

Roy Piper of Yucca, took first money in the Broncho Busting Contest and "Bud" Wilder of Hackberry, second money.

The Burro Roping proved to be the most popular event of the day as far as entries were concerned, 38 teams being entered. Mert Wagner and Tap Duncan against all competition stepped in and showed the young fellows up, walking away with first money. They say that Mert had not twirled the lariat for twenty years too. The prize money in this event ran to nearly \$500.

Lee Robinson and Jack Moore took second money and Bill Garrett and Lee Robinson took third place.

In the Calf Roping, Bill Garrett took first place, N. B. Tyree second place and Jack Moore third.

A special event was staged the next day, a goat roping contest with 17 entries. Lee Robinson took first money in this, Frank Stephens, second, and Clarence Wilson third.

In the evening, Labor Day, a dance was held at the Odd Fellows Hall. Music was furnished by a nine piece band and the largest crowd was present that has turned out for a dance here in a long time.

The success of the rodeo was due largely to the hard work of Under-sheriff Jim Curtin, upon whom fell the work of organizing the events of the day. A committee consisting of Tom Devine, Mert Wagner and C. A. Warren solicited funds from the business men of Kingman to help pay expenses.

Everyone had a fine time and Tuesday night and Wednesday morning the cowmen started wending their way back to their ranches.

MOHAVE COUNTY WINS TAX SUIT

Judge Sawtelle, of the Federal Court at Prescott, has just recently handed down a decision in favor of Mohave County in the cause of W. H. Rivers, doing business as The Kingman Mercantile Company, versus the Assessor of Mohave County.

The hearing was had upon an injunction given the Trustee in Bankruptcy restraining the assessor of this county from the collection of taxes assessed against the stock of the above mentioned company based upon its full cash value, this being the right of the county according to its constitution.

The contention of the Trustee was that the federal appraiser's valuation was binding on the county for tax purposes. Assistant County Attorney H. J. Dubin appeared for Mohave County and Townsend, Stockton and Craig, attorneys of Phoenix, appeared for the Trustee.

HOME FROM SERVICE IN THE U. S. NAVY

Phillip Horner arrived home about a week ago after about two and one half years service in the Navy. Horner went in about two weeks after war was declared. He was in the medical department and for the past year his ship has been in the transport service.

GOVERNMENT INTERESTED IN BOULDER CANYON PROJECT

The Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey, is sending out queries to the various users of electricity in the country contiguous to the proposed dam in Boulder Canyon, below the mouth of the Virgin river, to ascertain just how much power can be sold direct in the event of the building of the great power dam. While the amount of power that is being used at the present time is not large, we believe that within the next few years the first installation will be insufficient to meet the demand. The use of cheap power will bring to this county so many useful industries, besides expanding the present use of power to an enormous extent, that few people will realize its vast importance. Cheap power is a necessity to the development of our latent industries and the only way we can get such power is through its hydro generation. Steam power must hereafter be expensive on account of the almost prohibitive cost of fuel, although in the event of water generation of power auxiliary plants must be maintained to guard against any and all eventualities.

The development of hydro electric power will open up for Mohave county, and for that matter all northern Arizona, southern Utah, southern Nevada and a large part of California, a vast industrial field. Every railroad will be electrically operated, every piece of machinery will be driven by power from this great plant and industries never dreamed of will spring into being through its energizing influence.

The dam proposed by the government will be 400 feet in height and will flood an area approximately 34 miles by 40 miles, making one of the greatest lakes that the irrigation systems of the country has ever known. Roosevelt dam empounds water covering less than half of this area.

KINGMAN SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 15 TH

The Kingman Public Schools will open on Monday, September 15th. The following teachers will be in charge:

Kindergarten: Grace M. Mehlman of Denver, Colorado.

First Grade: Florence Soden of Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Second Grade: Gladys St. Charles of Kingman, Arizona.

Third Grade: Claire Dodd of Kingman, Arizona.

Principal of 4th St. School Building and teacher of 4th Grade: Floyd W. Farley of Burbank, California.

Fifth and Sixth Grades: Ethel Higgins of Winona, Minnesota.

Seventh Grade: Katherine Raines of Calipatria, California.

Eighth Grade: Cora M. Lampson of Kingman, Arizona.

Supervising Principal: W. L. Linville of Kingman, Arizona.

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: W. L. Linville of Kingman, Arizona.

English and Spanish: Florence M. Huse of Warsaw, Missouri.

Household Economics: Madge Shriver of Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Commercial: Jas. A. Moore of Kingman, Arizona.

Military, Athletics, Gymnasium and Academic Work: John S. Allen of Fullerton, California.

Manual Training and Science: Roger Sevier of Los Angeles, California.

Attention is called to several innovations in the High School Course of Study, namely: Athletics, Gymnasium and Cooking. The School Officials believe that the Physical Training of the student is of no less importance than the mental and to that end are providing facilities for the building up of the student physically as well as mentally. Football, Basket Ball, Baseball and Track will be given attention under the Department.

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PRESIDENT ON 10,000 MILE TOUR FOR LEAGUE

Indianapolis, Sept. 4.—"Put up or shut up," was the advice given opponents of the League of Nations by the President here tonight in the second address of his 10,000-mile tour of the United States. "If critics of the league have something better to suggest," said the President, "I hope they will hold their conventions and do it now."

He said the league opponents could not hope to defeat the programme except by offering something better.

No one believed the League of Nations would make all wars impossible, he said, but he expected it to make them "improbable."

The economic and arbitration sections of the covenant, he asserted, would "keep war on the outskirts" and make it only a "last resort."

Before a crowd that filled to overflowing the fair grounds coliseum, with a seating capacity of 16,000, President Wilson tonight made the second address of his tour.

The President began speaking at 8:15 o'clock and was given an ovation as he arose.

SUMNER BEECHER BUYS STAGE LINE

Mohave County people will be interested to know that Sumner Beecher has purchased the Oatman stage line from Monte Willis and will conduct it in the future.

Plans have not been perfected as yet by Mr. Beecher but he believes he will put two new F. B. Model Chevrolets on the run and continue with one of the Reos used by Monty Willis. He plans to give the public the best possible service and will employ only the best of drivers.

Monty Willis has not made his plans for the future yet but will probably be in the mining game.

KINGMAN STREETS BEING WORKED OVER

The county engineering department has been doing much needed repair work on the streets of Kingman. The torrential rains of the past two months has made some of the streets of the town almost impassable and the big grader had to be run over them to smooth them down. Weeds had grown in the waterways to such an extent that its flow was impeded and channels were cut across the streets at all intersecting points. The county engineer also had a hurry call last Sunday to repair a big break in the roadway below town, where a culvert had been washed out. This culvert was built of planking several years ago and the timber had rotted away, the water getting behind it and soon cut a deep channel entirely through the embankment and washing all the woodwork away. A new culvert has been put in that is guaranteed to stay.

ARIZONAN KILLED BY MEXICANS

A. P. Hennessey, an American truck driver, formerly employed in the immigration service at Nogales, and four Mexican Federal soldiers, acting as escort to a truck operated by the San Xavier Mining Company, were killed by Yaqui Indians Tuesday, according to reliable information received by forwarding agents of the Laughlin Mining Company here today. The information came from Miguel Lopez, Federal Judge at La Colorado.

THEATER PROGRAM

The weekly program for Lang's Theater will again be found in the columns of the Miner this week. This popular feature has been missing the past two or three weeks on account of the unsettled conditions.

Hereafter it will again appear each week.

ASKS FOR EIGHT PCT. RAISE POWER RATE

Last week the Miner made a note of a statement given out by a Phoenix paper that the Desert Power and Water company was asking for a raise of rates of 30 per cent. It was given supposedly from the authority of the State Corporation Commission, but we are informed that the raise asked for was not in excess of eight per cent, which is quite a difference. In justice to the power company we will say that it has met raises in wage and its fuel costs have increased about 100 per cent and its use of power has been considerably curtailed, and its request for increase is but in line with all other public utilities that have to meet operating expenses from its current receipts. Not one public utility in the United States has been able to keep alive on its pre-war tariffs and it seems impossible that our local power company has been able to do so. The only manufacturing concern in the United States that has gone through the war period without drastic raises in the newspapers, and now many of them have to change front or go to the wall. Mohave county people need the power plant and will have no grief if it is allowed the raise asked.

JIMMY GRAHAM FILLS ARM WITH RABBIT SHOT

Jimmy Graham filled his upper arm with rabbit shot last night while hunting about five miles from Kingman.

He had been shooting rabbits from the car and had laid the gun, a number 12 shotgun, down for a minute thinking it was on safety. It was not however, and as the car hit a bump in the road, the gun went off burying the shot deep in his arm.

He started home, driving the car himself, and when nearly in luckily met Dr. Todd who was going out for a ride.

There will be no crippling of the arm, it is believed.

ORDER PEACE TREATY REPORTED TO SENATE

Washington, Sept. 4.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has finished its work on the peace treaty with Germany and after adopting four reservations to the League of Nations covenant, ordered the treaty reported to the Senate with about two score amendments previously incorporated.

The treaty now passes, so far as the United States is concerned, into its final stage—that of open consideration by the Senate for ratification or rejection. Committee action was deferred on the special treaty to protect France and on other treaties submitted.

The first contest will be over the committee's amendments, with the final and decisive struggle over the reservations, which the resolution provides must be specifically accepted by three of the four great powers—France, Japan, Italy and Great Britain.

TRUXTON INDIAN SCHOOL OPEN MON.

W. A. Light, superintendent of the Indian School, accompanied by Mrs. Light, was in Kingman yesterday making arrangements for some of the children around here to start to school. The school up there opens Monday.

Mr. Light says that 13 Indian children would attend the school from here and that in all there would be about a hundred enrolled there this year.

DOG BITES CHILD

Anabelle Kravanja was bit in the hand by a dog this week while playing with some other children. Two dogs were fighting when it seems one of the dogs took after the children, catching up with Anabelle and biting her in the hand.

No ill effects have become noticeable yet.

L. A. COUPLE MARRIED HERE

Judge J. H. Smith performed a ceremony this week uniting two Los Angeles people.

Their names John S. Lilley and Genevieve Lalore. The couple spent a short time in Kingman and then returned to the coast.

GOOD ROADS FOR MOHAVE COUNTY

The long continued torrential storms that have been hitting Mohave county the past two months has impressed the people more and more with the idea that to maintain the roads in passable shape the board of supervisors and the county engineer must have more money to work with. As a hangover from last year, when floods carried out many of the roads and were not repaired, the present board had to face a mighty bad condition and had no funds with which to combat them. Under the heavy drain the road department is facing a crisis that the people will have to relieve by the issuance of bonds, and it is better to meet it now than let it get beyond our distance. Every day that a roadway is allowed to go unrepaired will bring greater expense to the people and greater vexation to those who have to use the highways.

Mohave county has been wonderfully benefited by the building of highways and there should be not one man who owns property here to oppose the issuance of bonds to further road-building and the repairing the roads now in use. The main highway that is being built to the north will be a useless expenditure of the people's money unless a good highway is built to meet it. Just think of building a splendid highway for a few miles from a bridge site on the Colorado river at a cost of about \$80,000 and allow it to be unused because of inability to build the balance of the roadway to meet it and give it an outlet onto the main thoroughfare of the central part of the county. A bridge is to be built at a cost of approximately \$100,000, which would also be of no value unless this roadway was connected up with the outlets to the north and south. Let us use common sense in the building of our roads and let us make possible the carrying out of the road building projects of the county and state. No county in the state will get the benefit that will come from the building of this north and south roadway as will Mohave and we must forward it in every way.

Mohave county today needs not less than \$300,000 to carry through its road building program and the people must see that when a bond issue proposition comes up that they will push it through with their votes. A few years ago the Big Sandy voted heavily against a bond issue, but that section was benefited more than any other when money was secured from the sale of the bonds. With the building of roads, even if you do not happen to be situated on one of the trunk lines, you will get an indirect benefit that will repay you four fold over any possible additional tax that may be assessed against you will bring. Come in and boost for good roads.

BASEBALL

Kingman baseball fans were disappointed last Sunday in not having the game here that was scheduled with Seligman.

Seligman telegraphed that the team could not come, after it was too late to line up another club.

There will be no game tomorrow but a week from tomorrow it is planned to play Oatman here if a game can be arranged.

The games with Oatman stand 3 to 3 now and it would be very appropriate to play off the tie, as Kingman and Oatman are the only contenders for the "penant" of the greasewood league.

STORM WRECKS YUCCA.

One of the heaviest storms in years struck Yucca last Tuesday evening. The wind had a velocity of about 50 miles and it blew down trees and fences and damaged buildings around the little town. Rain fell in torrents the heaviest storm being toward the mountains. Water filled the gulches and even covered the ridges. For an hour or more the whole country was a rushing flood of water.

LABOR CONDITIONS AT OATMAN ARE STEADILY IMPROVING

Report from Oatman this week indicates that labor conditions are again becoming normal, there being 125 men employed in the two big gold mines and many others employed in the Leland, Oatman United and other developing properties. The United Eastern will soon be able to start up the mill, having thousands of tons broken in the mines and in the dumps. Big trucks are being put on to haul ore from the dumps to the mill and these will deliver about 100 tons daily. These trucks are now delivering delayed supplies to the properties, three big truck loads going out every day.

The Tom Reed mill is in commission and will be maintained at its capacity. Every day is bringing in new men and before another month rolls around every mine in the camp will have a full quota. Men are coming to Kingman daily from other sections of the country to apply for positions in the mines. The fact that Oatman is paying the highest rate of wage of any gold mines in the country is attracting men even from the copper sections, where a high rate of wage is paid. The fact that Oatman is being made a white camp through the efforts of the Western Federation of Miners should make it an attractive camp for men with families.

Oatman is an ideal camp. It has good schools, good stores, the best eating places of any camp in the country and has accommodations for all the men the camp can conveniently employ. From now until next summer the weather conditions in the camp will be ideal.

SWASKEGAME POST AMERICAN LEGION RECEIVES CHARTER

Swaskegame Post of the American Legion has received its charter.

It is the intention of this organization to have a post for every 1000 men in the World War. It seems that Arizona is more than holding up her end, in this respect, as already this state has thirteen posts which have received charters.

Swaskegame Post has thirty members so far and will soon have many more as it is understood that the rolls will be left open for charter members for several days yet. After the time limit for charter memberships is up an initiation fee will be charged.

The American Legion is gaining great headway among the boys from the A. E. F. There are some organizations which have sprung up but none seem to have the unselfish, forceful motives that the American Legion does. It is bound to be a strong organization.

OATMAN ASSAULTER IS HELD TO ANSWER

W. L. Bates was held to answer the crime of Aggravated Assault to the Superior Court of this county Thursday by Justice of the Peace Zadok Sheffield of Oatman and a bail bond was affixed in the sum of \$4,000.

This is the culmination of the assault by Bates upon the person of J. R. Marks, the secretary of the Cooks and Waiters Union, at that place some time back.

For a time it was thought that Marks would not survive but he has now entirely recovered as far as indications go.

Sheriff Mahoney took Bates to Oatman for the hearing and returning he Bates was stricken with an epileptic fit and for a time the Sheriff was fearful of his recovery but he was rushed to the jail here and while he is much improved, he is still in a bad condition.

The epileptic attack suffered by the defendant now gives rise to the idea that he is not a normal person, but that these attacks have caused him to become unbalanced and that the assault was perpetrated during such a condition.

Assistant County Attorney Dubin prosecuted the case and Attorney Ross H. Blakely appeared for the defendant.