

STATE CLOSES CARPENTER CASE

Defence Puts J. F. Stein on Stand as First Witness in The Case.

HE DENIES STORY OF MISS BLEVINS

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, the state closed its case in the Carpenter murder trial and the defence put on the stand J. F. Stein as its first witness. He was present at the time of the killing and declared that Carpenter and Simpson were the only men armed and further that Snellgrove had handed Carpenter a drink of water and had not handed him a gun at any time. J. J. Driscoll, deputy district clerk, was put on the stand by the prosecution at the opening of the morning session, to testify to the papers in the civil cases pending between Carpenter and Simpson. One of these suits was that of Carpenter, Bros. and Sharpe vs. Simpson and Thomson and Mrs. J. A. Ward for the ownership of cattle and lands. Judgment had been granted for the defendants and the plaintiffs secured a new trial, so the case is still pending.

There was also another suit of Simpson against Carpenter, filed in Midland county, but removed to this county on account of the entering of a plea of privilege by the defendants. Judge Harper also testified that the cases were pending in his court. Then followed Mrs. Thomson whose testimony was short and after this was entered, the defence asking no questions, the state rested and the defence put Stein on the stand. He was still under direct examination when court adjourned at noon.

Mrs. C. F. Thomson, sister-in-law to Bert Simpson, was called to the stand by the prosecution and said that Simpson was buried from her home at Pecos, June 8.

She said there was a partnership between herself and Bert Simpson under the name of Thomson and Simpson in the ranch business and that he had the management of the business.

"I never met Mr. Carpenter, and never had any business with him, though he did attempt to have business with me," she said. The defence objected to this line of testimony as it had nothing to do with the feeling between Simpson and Carpenter.

The state then rested. Witness for Defence.

J. F. Stein, of Clint, was called as the first witness for the defence. He said he was 18 years old and had been reared in Taylor and Jefferson counties. He said he was working for Carpenter last summer as a cowboy and had been in his employ for three months prior to June 24 at headquarters ranch, 12 miles from the Clint railroad station, this way from Polvo.

"I don't know anything about direction," he said.

Continuing, the witness said: "I spent the night before Simpson was killed at Polvo, where there is a small ranch about nine miles from Simpson's. Carpenter, Tom Snellgrove, Otes Guns, and Bert Cohen were there. Some cattle were watering there. I do not remember if Carpenter was there all night. I remember when we left the next day pretty early after sun-up. I don't know what time.

"Carpenter, Tom Snellgrove, and I started together and went to Simpson's ranch, which we reached about 9 o'clock in the morning. I did not have any weapon. Tom Snellgrove and I got down and got a drink of water. Tom Snellgrove got water out of a pipe in the big pen, in a place close to the corner. Snellgrove's horse had walked off, so had mine. Snellgrove didn't have any gun on his saddle that I saw. He didn't have any gun in his hand at the trough.

"Simpson was standing alone outside the corral.

Simpson Draws Gun. "Carpenter and Simpson said, 'Good

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IRRIGATION CONGRESS FORMED

Organizes for Texas at Pecos With M. L. Swinehart as The President.

MEETS NEXT IN FORT WORTH

Pecos, Texas, Jan. 27.—The meeting of irrigation interests at Pecos yesterday resulted in the organization of the Texas Irrigation congress. Forty delegates from over the state were present and great interest manifested. M. L. Swinehart, of Pecos, was elected president, and J. G. Love, secretary.

The next meeting will be held at Fort Worth April 5 and 6 in connection with the meeting of the Texas Conservation association, it is expected at this meeting to have delegates present from all parts of the state, at which time the constitution and by-laws to govern the organization will be adopted.

The congress will meet at San Antonio the first Tuesday in September, which has been fixed as the date for the annual meeting.

The committee on resolutions will submit its report at tomorrow's meeting which will fix the policy of the organization.

MEAT PRICES DROPPING STILL

In New York There Is General Reduction and Grand Jury Probe.

STRIKE SPREADS TO TEXAS TOWN

New York, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Many meat dealers who hitherto have held out against lower meat prices, came down today. Other commodities also continued to decline. Meanwhile official investigation of the cold storage warehouses, milk trust and other suspected causes of exorbitant food prices are being pushed with utmost vigor.

Boycott Refused. Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 27.—The trades and labor assembly of Des Moines last night refused to join the meat boycott.

Texas to Boycott. Houston, Tex., Jan. 27.—A mass meeting will be held here tonight by the members of labor unions at which it is expected the high prices of meat and its products will be denounced and a boycott for perhaps 30 days declared.

Probing the Trust. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—More testimony of the workings of the alleged beef trust were heard today by the federal grand jury. The chief cattle buyer of Swift's and a buyer and department manager for Armour were heard. It is evident that the government intends to hear from the representatives of all the leading companies.

PHIL YOUNG IS FINED. Phil Young, who was arraigned in police court Wednesday evening on a charge of exceeding the speed limit, in his automobile on Montana street Wednesday afternoon, was fined \$5.

WESTMINSTER TO BUILD CHURCH

Congregation Votes Unanimously to Build \$40,000 Edifice at Once.

PRESENT HOME TO BE WRECKED

The building boom has struck the churches. El Paso, noted for its beautiful churches, is to have another imposing house of worship. At the close of the revival services now in progress at the Westminster Presbyterian church Wednesday night, a congregational meeting was held at which it was unanimously voted to build a \$40,000 brick or stone church of modern design on the site of the present church, at the corner of Rio Grande and Florence streets. Work will begin on the new church as soon as the old one can be wrecked and it is expected to have the new Westminster church ready for dedication before fall.

For the Westminster congregation, one of the youngest in the city, to undertake the project of building a \$40,000 church with a small congregation is typical of the way things are done in El Paso. Before the congregational meeting closed Wednesday night a number of good sized contributions had been received and it is the hope of the Westminster congregation to dedicate the church free of debt.

Revival to Continue. Rev. F. E. Fincher, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Houston, preached his farewell sermon this afternoon and he will return to his work at Houston this evening. To Rev. Mr. Fincher is largely due the success of the Westminster meeting and the climax which resulted in the decision to build a new church. The meetings will continue to be held during the week and on Sunday.

Rev. E. B. Fincher, a brother of the Houston pastor, who is a missionary to the Mesquero-Apache Indians at Mesquero, N. M., will continue to hold services during the remainder of the week. He will be assisted by Rev. O. G. Jones, of the Big Springs Presbyterian church.

The meeting Wednesday night, the topic of which was "The Supreme Question," was well attended and Rev. F. E. Fincher preached a strong sermon on the great question of life. There have been a number of additions to the church since the revival meetings started and the congregation is now in position to carry out its plans for building and furnishing the new church.

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COCHISE COUNTY REMAINS WET

Arizonians Refuse to Vote Out Booze in Election Just Held.

Bisbee, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Although Tombstone, Benson, Courtland and Warren voted "dry" in the local option election yesterday, Cochise county returned a wet majority of 913.

The "dry" faction carried Warren by a majority of five votes. In Bisbee all the wards returned majorities for the "wets," even the second ward, which was considered the "dry" stronghold. The total vote in Bisbee was 521 against 445.

In Douglas the vote was 527 to 274 in favor of the wets. The wets won there by pledges of the business men's committee to secure a license of \$1000, to eliminate saloons in the red light district, to close certain hours on Sunday and to limit the number of saloons to 12.

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TEXAN KILLED WHILE HUNTING IN OKLAHOMA

McAlester, Okla., Jan. 27.—S. W. Kelley, a prominent stockman and merchant was accidentally killed at his ranch, a mile out from Klowa, late yesterday. He was dragging a shotgun through a wire fence, while chasing a rabbit, when a wire caught the trigger. The lead entered his heart.

The body will be sent to Paris, Texas, for burial. He leaves a widow and five children. He came to Texas three years ago.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN ADAMS GAMBLING CASE

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27.—The jury in the district court which heard the case against Thad Adams, state representative from San Antonio, charged with permitting gambling in rooms at the Driskill hotel, notified the court today that it was unable to reach an agreement.

The court refused to discharge it, hoping a verdict would be reached this afternoon.

FARMER CHARGED WITH MURDERING ANOTHER

Waco, Texas, Jan. 27.—Tee Clements, a farmer, was brought here this afternoon by deputy constable Hightower of West, and charged with killing Albert Harris, another farmer, last night, 12 miles north of here. The men quarreled after a dance late last night and the shooting followed. Clements used a revolver.

WORST FLOOD SINCE 17TH CENTURY

ITALIAN CITIES ARE UNDER WATER

Rome, "The Holy City," Is Threatened From High Waters in Streets.

HEAVY RAIN AND DEEP SNOWFALL

Many Points on the Italian Peninsula in as Great Danger as Paris.

Florence, Italy, Jan. 27.—The Silver Arno is out of its banks, flooding adjacent territory. Wire communication is cut off, and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage.

Praying for Relief. Naples, Italy, Jan. 27.—Damage from the storm increases. Many roads along the sea front are under water, and the country is devastated. Many small boats are lost. Churches are filled with people praying fervently for the passing of the evil.

Rome in Danger. Rome, Italy, Jan. 27.—The rain, snow and wind storm increased in intensity today. The river continues to rise and at noon had almost reached the top of the arches of the bridges. Dead cattle and trees are being borne down its current.

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BRAKEMAN FOUND DEAD IN YARD

Was Perfectly Well Short Time Before He Was Found Dead.

Dalhart, Tex., Jan. 27.—J. M. Cully, a brakeman on the Ft. Worth & Denver road, was picked up in the lower end of the local yards at 7:45 last night with his neck broken.

Cully was head brakeman on a south-bound freight and was apparently all right while the train was stopped in the yards here.

Twenty minutes after it was gone he was discovered dead. It is thought that he fell from the head cars of the train, having had an attack of heart failure. There were no other scratches or bruises on his body.

Cully is a married man, 38 years old, and resides in Amarillo. The body was taken home this morning.

VETERAN DIES.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 27.—Capt. Sid Johnson, aged 69, died here last night. He was one of the oldest inhabitants of Smith county. He served with the Ross brigade during the civil war, and was appointed a brigadier general at the last confederate reunion. A widow and several children survive him.

WACO RETAINS FRANCHISE.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 27.—Twelve citizens today guaranteed the \$3000 necessary to take over the franchise of Waco's Texas league team. W. R. Davidson was made manager. Joe Gardner of Dallas agrees to furnish enough players to complete a good team for this city.

WOMAN GOES ON TRIAL AS EMBEZZLER'S ACCOMPLICE



Cincinnati, O., Jan. 27.—The case of Mrs. Jennette Stewart Ford, charged with having blackmailed Charles L. Warner, the convicted former local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, was called for trial this morning. Warner was brought here from the Columbus penitentiary to testify.

SOUTHWESTERN GIVES THE Y. W. C. A. \$1000

A thousand dollars from the officials of the El Paso & Southwestern will help the Y. W. C. A. movement considerably in El Paso, and that is the amount that has been given.

A check for the amount has just been received by Mrs. W. E. Race from H. J. Simmons, general manager of the road.

Mr. Simmons sends the check from Chicago and in enclosing it, says that it is an individual contribution from the stockholders of the company—not a donation from the railroad itself, which could not legally make such a donation.

Most of these men are non-residents of El Paso and the women of the association are very much elated at the interest thus shown in their work.

The women are busily engaged in soliciting funds in the city and are meeting with such encouragement.

CONGRESSMAN SMITH INTRODUCES NEW BILLS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Congressman Smith introduced bills to enlarge the powers of the interstate commerce commission and regulate common carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce; also for the relief of Frank Malone, \$3500, for damages from Comanche Indians; also to increase the pension of William McKinley, company C, 8th regiment, Maryland volunteer infantry, to \$20; and Isaac P. K. Metcalf, company K, 15th Illinois infantry, to \$20.

El Paso Is Decent; Decency Pays Here

What Herald's Success Makes Outside Newspaper Think of El Paso and Its People--Proof That It Pays to Be Decent.

(From the Santa Fe Daily New Mexican)

The El Paso Herald is a staunch Republican paper in an overwhelmingly Democratic city.

Despite this condition, it has put out of business its only Democratic evening contemporary and has three times the subscribers and influence of its Democratic morning competitor.

This is a demonstration that decency pays even in a wide-open town like El Paso, for the Herald has been unflinching in its opposition to racetrack gambling, against licensed immorality, against all the evils that are the marks of new cities which pride themselves upon being wide-open and having no regard for the laws of God or man when it comes to indulgence of vice and pleasure.

The Herald's strength can only be accounted for by the fact, that even in cities like El Paso the law abiding, decent, moral people are in the vast majority. The Herald, in its crusade, takes a stand against all kinds of vice and moral obliquity.

POLICE CHIEF DREAMS; GETS UP IN NIGHT TO GUARD BANKS ACTS ON IT OFFICIALLY

It is not on record that commandant of police Ponce de Leon, of Juarez, believes in dreams. But he admits that dreams worry him almost as badly as the rarebit feed.

About "2 g. m." in the "little morning" today, the Mexicana police chief was dreaming about a bank robbery. Now, a few months ago he dreamed of a robbery in a certain street, and sure enough next morning a barbershop had been burglarized in that particular thoroughfare.

So very early this morning the chief appeared as a ghost before the captain of the night. He ordered that every bank in the city be watched with especial care. Sleep had flown with the arrival of the bank robbery dream, the chief said.

And the banks were watched with especial care. And, no doubt, that is the reason that there was no bank robbery in Juarez last night.

STOCK MARKET HAS A VERY BAD DAY

New York, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Sensational declines in stocks occurred today. The news of a copper merger caused a few upward spurts in opening dealings, but heavy liquidation was attacked at a high level.

The market showed almost an entire lack of organized support and the stream of liquidation was allowed to have its own effect on prices.

Formal announcement of the merger of the Butte copper properties and the recent merger of the Guggenheim interests make it appear that the Butte and Guggenheim interests will consolidate and the result will be one gigantic corporation controlling practically the entire copper output of the United States and influencing the world's market.

BOSTON MARKET FLURRY. Boston, Mass., Jan. 27.—Lake copper was raised on the stock exchange today and slumped to 60, a drop of 167-8. Last Saturday the stock sold at 94-1-2. It recovered later to 64. Calumet and Arizona dropped to 64, a decline of 55-8.

DOES IT LOOK LIKE "A SUCCESSFUL MEET"?

Bookmakers Quit Juarez Track; Horses In Training For Sale.

Things are not as rosy as at the Juarez track as some of the boosters for the game would have the public believe. Trading dollars never was considered good business even by the plungers and as that is what has been going on at the Juarez track since it opened, someone must stand to lose.

The bookmakers, their messengers, sheet writers, ticket writers, cappers, the horsemen and their hordes of followers, and the ilk which drifted into town in sidecar Pullmans as traveling companions for the thoroughbreds must eat. It is not necessary that they eat the customary three times per day, for

long practice on less, often much less, has taught them the practical policy of eating only when the eating is good. Two of the best known bookmakers at the Juarez track have left, never to return. They are Billy Dullols and George Rose. Both of these men are well known in turf affairs as Buffalo Bill and his associate, Pavnee Bill, are known in the circus game. Rose wiped the odds from his slate some time ago, packed his alligator skin bag and beat it for California. Dullols has done likewise, returning to New York before the proposed 90 day meeting was half over. The excuse given for these bookmakers'

departure is that they were hard hit by the "talent" and shut up shop because they were losing money. That sounds just like George Rose and Billy Dullols—yes it does not. They probably quit because they did not want to flush a long career on the American turf writing dollar tickets on a stool in the middle of a Mexicana alfalfa field.

A sale of horses in training is also advertised for Monday in the paddock of the track. Sounds like someone needs the ready money and, to judge from the looks of the boys at the track, the allotment is not confined entirely to the horse owners.