

THE BIRD MAN TO FLY IN EL PASO NEXT WEEK

WHOSE DUTY IS IT TO PROSECUTE GAMBLERS?

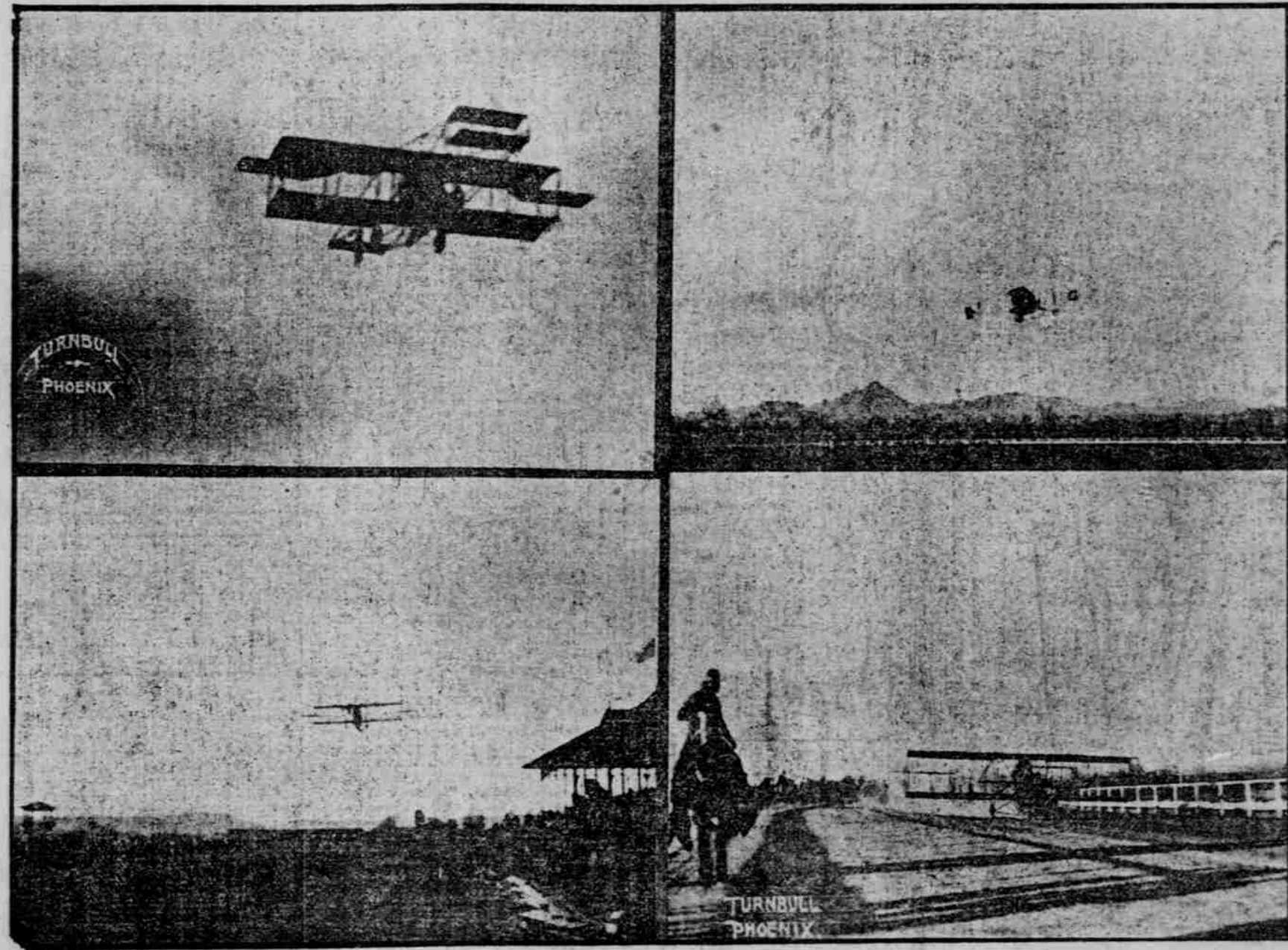
The Herald Calls Attention to Existence of Gambling; Then to Show That It is Possible for Officers to Get Evidence, it Produces the Facts Regarding a Racetrack Gambling Case—Is It The Herald's Duty to Become the Public Prosecutor?

Last week The Herald called attention of the officers of the law to the existence of gambling in El Paso. This week The Herald had two of its representatives place bets on the races in Juarez, in an El Paso saloon, and printed the facts.

Following the expose, the district attorney summoned The Herald reporters before the grand jury. One reporter went; he waited an hour and 15 minutes and was not called to testify. This matter was explained in The Herald yesterday. The Herald does not deem it the duty of a newspaper to file complaints against violators of the law. It called attention to the violation of the law and when the officers did not gather evidence, it offered proofs merely to show that it is possible to get

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C. K. Hamilton and His Biplane In Numerous Positions



HERALD GETS HAMILTON TO COME

Will Try For World's Record for Height and Speed Tuesday and Wednesday.

HERALD READERS GO FOR 75 CENTS

Two Big Days at Washington Park—To Race Autos and Give Famous "Glide"

El Paso will see the bird man. Charles K. Hamilton, in the Curtis eight cylinder biplane, will fly at Washington park Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5. Mr. Hamilton holds the world's record for the fastest mile ever made in a heavier than air machine, having made the mile in 1:11 at Fresno, Cal., following the Los Angeles meet. The El Paso Herald today secured a guaranteed that brings the world famous racer here on these dates. Readers of The Herald can see the flights for 75 cents if they clip the coupons from The Herald today or Monday and present them at The Herald office with 75 cents before 12 o'clock Wednesday. The admission at the gate will be \$1. Children can see the exhibition Tuesday for 25 cents if they come to The Herald office with Herald coupons; at the park the admission will be 50 cents for children.

The Herald has not asked the business men of the city to put up a cent to bring the bird man here. The Herald believes the people want to see an aviator in a heavier than air machine and it believes El Paso is entitled to such an exhibition. The Herald has therefore arranged to bring Hamilton here because it wants the people of El Paso and surrounding country to see the flights on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

WORLD RECORD MACHINE. Hamilton uses a Curtis eight cylinder biplane, the same machine which captured all speed prizes at the great French meet at Rheims, at Los Angeles and at Phoenix, Ariz. Hamilton's managers offer to wager \$5000 or \$10,000 that he can beat any aviator in the world in a heavier than air machine in a 10 or 20 mile race.

TO TRY FOR NEW RECORDS. Hamilton will race 10 miles against an automobile at Washington park both Tuesday and Wednesday. He will also race five miles against an automobile and five miles against a motorcycle. He will also make an effort on Tuesday to break all records for height and will try to break the record for a mile—1:11—the record of the world, and will do figure eight and other seemingly impossible stunts.

"THE HAMILTON GLIDE." Hamilton will give his famous "Hamilton glide," in which he ascends to a height of 1000 feet, about his wings straight line to the point of starting in front of the grandstand. His managers claim that he is the only aviator in the world who performs such a feat. Hamilton took part in the aviation meeting at Los Angeles, but met with an accident to his machine while 500 feet in the air and was compelled to descend as quickly as possible. He made the descent in perfect order, an almost phenomenal occurrence.

FLIES OVER THE SEA. Following the Los Angeles meeting, Hamilton made a flight over the bay at San Diego, Cal., and remained in the air longer than it took Heriot to cross the English channel. He also made a night flight over the bay. At Fresno, following the San Diego exhibition, Hamilton established a new world's record for speed, covering a mile in 1:11 flat. He hopes to beat that record with his El Paso flight.

RAILROAD RATES. Special rates will be granted on all railroads for the El Paso meet. The El Paso & Southwestern this morning announced a rate of one fare and a third for the round trip from all points on its eastern division as far north as Santa Rosa, and the agents of the other roads have taken up the matter with their general officers, and expect the rates to be announced at once—on the G. H. as far east as Sanderson; on the Texas & Pacific as far east as Big Springs; on the Mexican Central as far south as Torreon, and on the Mexican Northwestern (Sierra Madre) on its entire line.

FATHER KILLS HIS THREE CHILDREN

Also Wounds Their Nurse and Then Ends His Own Life With a Revolver.

WIFE DIED A SHORT TIME AGO

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 18.—George Stephens, son of a prominent mine operator, today shot and killed three of his little children. He then shot and fatally wounded their nurse and then killed himself. Stephens's wife died about 15 months ago. He was 38 years old and a railroad engineer. This morning Stephens entered the room where the old negro nurse sat with the youngest child, Jamie, 18 months old, in her lap. Pulling a pistol, Stephens sent a bullet through the child's head, the bullet passing through and striking the nurse in the head, inflicting a dangerous wound. He next killed his two little daughters, Mary Elizabeth, aged 7 years, and Blanche, aged four years. He then shot himself. Stephens left a note, saying: "I am to blame for it all."

WIPING OUT BONDS FOR ROADS

New Mexico Territory May Have to Pay the Debt of Santa Fe County.

HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Officials of the territory of New Mexico and representatives of the people who hold the bonds issued by the territory and its counties have been given a hearing before the senate committee, which is considering statehood bills. Amendments were suggested providing that the proposed state of New Mexico shall take over the debts of Santa Fe county, amounting to more than a million dollars, and consisting chiefly of railroad aid bonds. Most of these bonds were voted in 1879 and the principal and interest have remained unpaid. The issuance of the bonds was justified by the New Mexico delegation on the ground that they were necessary in order to induce the railroads to develop that section and it was stated that they were issued in the same spirit in which the United States government gave aid in building transcontinental roads. The proposed state of New Mexico also wants, in addition to requests of public lands for school purposes, three million acres to be issued in wiping out the territorial debt. No action was taken by the committee but indications are that provisions will be made for the payment of the Santa Fe bonds at least.

NEGRO CONFESSES TO KANSAS CITY IS WARMLY AGITATED ASSAULTING CHILDREN

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 19.—William Jackson, 38 years old; a negro janitor, who last night confessed to having assaulted five young white girls, was taken before the grand jury today. Prosecutor Conkling has promised that he would be tried immediately. Coming so close upon the hanging here February 8 of two negroes for assaulting a white woman, increase feeling against Jackson has been aroused, but there has been no public demonstration so far. Jackson said last night that he had bought roller skates and candy for his child victims to induce them to enter his room.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE A OFFICER IS KILLED IN BATTLE SAFE; GET NO MONEY

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 19.—City marshal Pol Pryer, of Blanchard, and officer Perry were fatally wounded this morning in a fight with yegman following their attempt to rob the safe of the First National bank of that town. There were seven robbers in the gang and they succeeded in blowing open the vault when the officers attacked them. The crackmen escaped on a handcar and went west. Officers are in pursuit and it is expected that there will be a hot fight. Both sides are heavily armed. The explosion aroused the citizens and a hastily formed posse approached the bank. The robbers fled before they had reached the inside of the safe. The posse pursued and a running revolver battle ensued and Perry fell. The robbers then jumped on handcars and fled toward Chickasha. Posse from here, El Reno and Chickasha left today on a hunt for the Blanchard bank robbers, seven in number. It is believed they headed toward Oklahoma City, and if so a bloody battle is inevitable. The towns of Tuttle, Mustang, Yukon and Aandrick are on the lookout.

PRISONERS REMOVED; QUIET

No Further Trouble in Cairo Where the Rioters Were Killed and Wounded.

MILITIA PATROLS ON ALL STREETS

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 19.—Surrounded by 100 infantrymen, 12 convicted prisoners, who were sentenced yesterday by Judge Butler to varying terms in the Chester prison, were hurried to the depot and out of town this morning at 5 o'clock and taken to prison. Among the prisoners was John Pratt, the negro purse snatcher, whose arrest resulted in an attempt to force the jail and lynch him yesterday morning. A mob of a hundred men from Cairo descended upon the courthouse and jail at 9 o'clock and was shown through the prison, and convinced that the prisoner was not hiding there. Few people knew of the departure of the prisoners and there was no demonstration. Last night passed quietly, but the officials are apprehensive of trouble tonight, as thousands of laboring men will be at liberty after noon today and the feeling against the negroes is bitter. This feeling is being aggravated by the fact that a large number of deputies who fired on the mob were negroes. The streets are being patrolled by militia and crowds are not allowed to gather. The saloons remain closed.

INSURGENTS IN NICARAGUA ARE DEFEATED BY FEDERAL TROOPS

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 19.—The telegraph operator with the government forces notified Gen. Toledo today that the fighting at St. Vicente ceased at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the insurgents retired in the direction of Santo Tomas. United States consul Olivares, who has returned from Matagalpa, estimates the casualties in the recent fighting there at 14 killed, 70 wounded. Nearly every house was struck by maxim shots. The loss to the Americans is chiefly in the matter of cattle and horses killed or requisitioned.

NEGRO ADMITS CRIME; IS RUSHED AWAY AND MOB FOILED SENTENCED SAME DAY

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Feb. 19.—Hooker Finney, a negro, escaped lynching by a mob of Como citizens by just half an hour last night when he was hurried to Greenville at 2:30 by officers in a private conveyance. A mob of a hundred men from Como descended upon the courthouse and jail at 9 o'clock and was shown through the prison, and convinced that the prisoner was not hiding there. The girl will recover but is suffering from a nervous collapse. **MANY ENTRIES FOR WORLD'S BALLOON RACE.** St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—Entries to the international balloon race which probably will be held here in October have been received from Germany, Switzerland, England and France.

BALLINGER ASSAILED AGAIN

Glavis Reiterates Charges of Crookedness; Further Evidence Asked.

COMMITTEE GETS COURT RECORDS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—The cross examination of Louis R. Glavis in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation came to an unexpected close today and Henry M. Hoyt, attorney general for Porto Rico, was called to the stand. Mr. Hoyt's testimony corroborated that given by Glavis as to talking the Alaska coal cases up with attorney general Wickersham, and had to do also with the stipulation of omitting the name of R. A. Ballinger as attorney from the Wilson coal land cases. Mr. Hoyt said it was his own suggestion that the stipulation was made but as a matter of fact Ballinger's name does appear in the record many times. It was expected that Gifford Pinchot would take the stand this afternoon. Mr. Vertrees introduced documentary evidence containing details by interested parties that there ever was an escrow agreement in the Wilson cases. Glavis has charged that Mr. Ballinger's action in drawing up this alleged agreement was a criminal act, but that the statute of limitations prevented action on it. To clear up the matter the committee has sent to Seattle for the entire court records in the Wilson coal case.

El Paso Will See the Bird Man Fly

Where Did El Paso Get the Rats?

Ratology, a new science in El Paso, is being studied by city fathers. Something must be done and that is about as far as it goes at present, for ratology is a new thing here. As a student of ratology, S. H. Newman offered some suggestions to the council and started them thinking about the rat stricken public. Mr. Newman laid some rat facts before the common council only Thursday, and he is on the war path that something be done. **Railroads to Blame.** "I believe that the railroads brought the rats to us," said Mr. Newman, who is an old resident of El Paso. "The first rat I saw in this section was in Albuquerque in 1886, shortly after the first track entered that town. The first I saw here was only two years ago. Now we have the rat question to face. San Francisco employed 1600 skilled rat men to put down the plague. She prevented a plague and an interruption to business that would have caused great loss. Rats disseminate all kinds of diseases and are dangerous, besides being inconvenient." The West Texas Puff company is building a \$1200 rat proof grain store here, Mr. Newman points out, and also that rats are doing things to finery in the stores of the city. He says the first rats he saw here were at the Fassett & Kelly hardware store, although of course they do not eat nails or lead pipe. **The Native Rat.** As a matter of rat anthropology, Mr. Newman tells of a variety of rat peculiar to this locality. The kangaroo rat was here long before the railroads came, but this rat is a wild and woolly sort of little one, and lives in the mountains and never visits the city to do shopping at Calisher's or the Popular. Now the kangaroo rat, so Mr. Newman says, really looks like an Australian granddaddy-long-legs. He has white hair on his ears and on his tail. Mamma rat carries her young around, although she has no baby pocket. The little ones just hang on, so Mr. Newman says. This native rat builds big nests of bark and mushrooms from tree trunks. But all that is not practical ratology. Mr. Newman principally asks, "What is El Paso going to do about the rat question?" **Suggests City Buying Poison.** And he suggests that the city buy a quantity of rat poison and distribute it to the people who are willing to use it. He read recently of a rat killing concoction that not only kills the rat that eats it, but spreads like a disease among other rats—a sort of an endless chain exterminator—and he recommends this. Other old timers corroborate Mr. Newman's story that rats were not here in the early days and many believe that shipments of goods brought in by sea freight to Galveston brought the first rats to El Paso—particularly straw lined casks containing chinaware.

Get Tickets For El Paso Aviation Meet at The Herald Office

Bring this coupon to The Herald office Monday or Tuesday. This coupon and 75c will be exchanged for a regular \$1 ticket. This coupon and 25c will be exchanged for a regular 50c ticket. Herald readers save 25 cents by purchasing their tickets in advance. Remember! Don't present Herald coupons at the gate. They must be exchanged for regular tickets at The Herald office. Box seats at \$1 per seat will be on sale Monday morning at The Herald office.