

Testimony Taken In Squires Case

Testimony in the hearing before Justice Marion Earl of the complaint sworn out against James W. Squires by John Reid of Searchlight occupied practically the entire day Thursday.

The complaint by Reid charges misappropriation by Squires of the proceeds of a check for \$264.75 which Reid had endorsed and delivered to Squires in December. The background of the transaction as testified to by all the witnesses was in practical agreement as to the facts as follows except for some minor discrepancies.

Reid was operating the Verde mining property near Searchlight under a lease from A. M. Davis, the owner, on a royalty basis. Reid had made a shipment of ore to the Tom Reed mill at Oatman, Ariz., the proceeds of which amounted to \$264.75. Davis, claiming that Reid owed him a considerable amount as royalty on this and former shipments, directed the Tom Reed mill to withhold payment to Reid until his (Davis') claim had been settled. The Tom Reed company complied with the order of Davis and held the money.

Reid came to Las Vegas and requested Squires to use his good offices in an attempt to get the money from the Tom Reed mine. This, after hearing Reid's story, Squires consented to do, having formerly been deputy labor commissioner and being familiar with such matters.

At Reid's request Squires went to Chloride and interviewed Mr. Davis, and finally received from him an offer to compromise the matter on the basis that he, Davis, should receive the \$64.75 and the remaining \$200 to be turned over to the order of Reid, but upon condition only that Reid should reconvey to him, Davis, a taxsale interest in the Verde, which had been bought at tax sale by C. J. Black in the name of Reid; also that Reid should sign a note or some other acknowledgment of the balance of indebtedness which Davis claimed was due him, this latter condition, however, not being mandatory, but the reconveyance of the tax sale interest to Davis being a positive requirement and condition of the release by Davis of the \$264.75 held by the Tom Reed mill.

Squires agreed that the conditions would be carried out and Davis thereupon gave an order to the Tom Reed mill to deliver the check for \$264.75 to Squires.

In due time Squires received the check from the Tom Reed for \$264.75, made payable to John Reid, and took it to Searchlight demanding that Reid fulfill the condition of reconveying the tax sale interest to Davis.

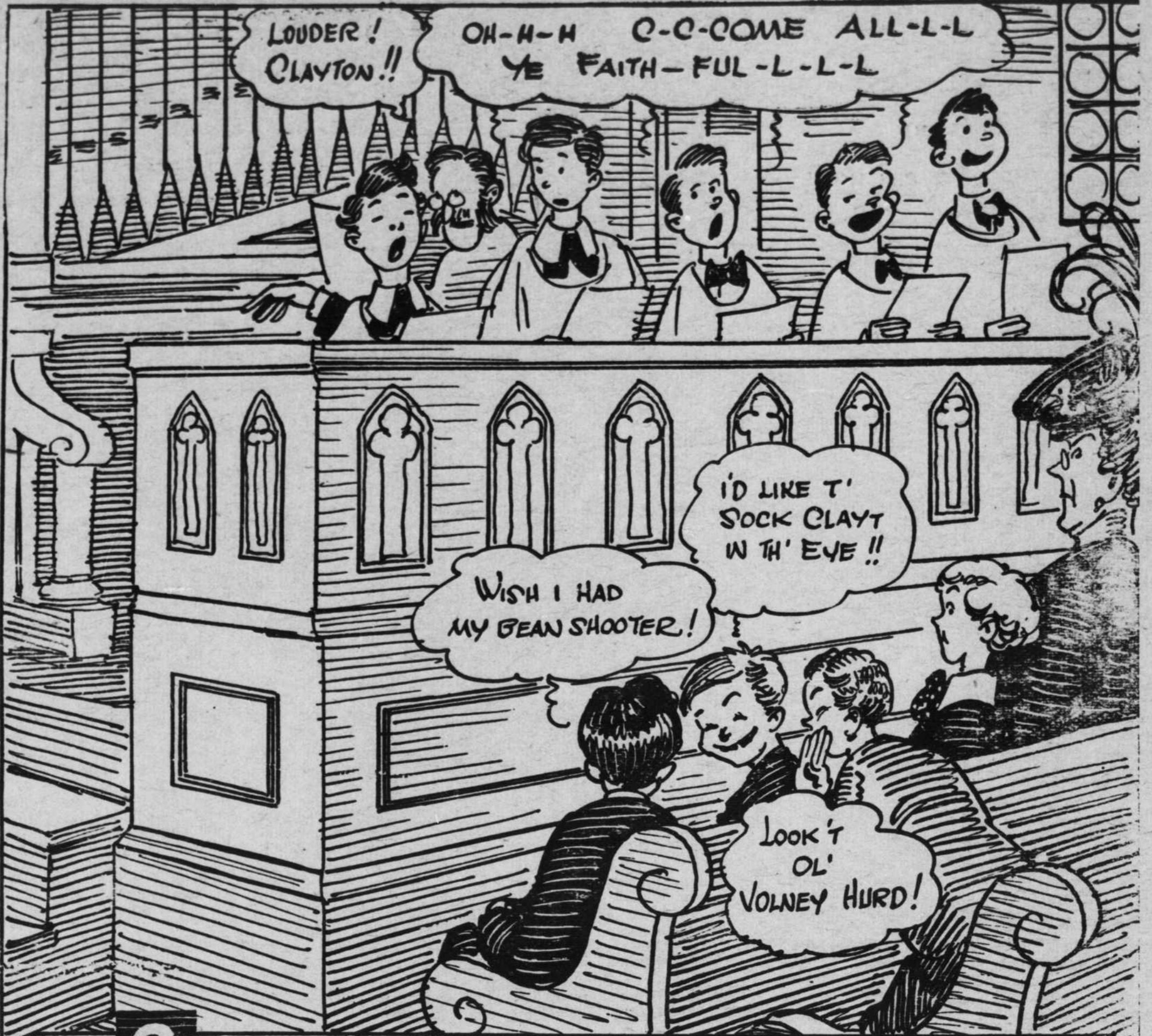
Here comes the point on which testimony conflicts. Squires claims that Reid first agreed to make the reconveyance, then later refused. Reid testified that when Squires made the request for the reconveyance he at once refused.

However, Reid endorsed the check and delivered it to Squires, demanding that \$200 be paid to Mr. J. C. Black out of the proceeds.

Squires, having received the order for the check from Mr. Davis on the express condition and understanding that no money was to be paid

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to Reid until after the reconveyance had been made, held the \$200 pending the settlement of the dispute. Following other demands by Black and Reid, the latter swore to the complaint against Squires.

Paul Ralli, attorney for Squires, offered to place the amount in dispute in the hands of Judge Earl to be distributed as he might find the interests of the parties justified. The offer was accepted and the \$200 placed in the hands of the judge for adjudication.

Attorney Ralli moved that the complaint be dismissed on the ground that the evidence showed that no offense had been committed and that Squires had no right to pay out the money except under direction of Davis, by whose order the check was delivered, and that by paying out any money before the deed from Reid to Davis was reconveyed he would have violated his specific instructions from Davis and would be liable to Davis, and that he found himself in a position where the parties who were entitled to the funds could not get together and that he at all times had the money in cash, and he was ready and willing to settle, according to his instructions. The court ruled against the motion, although stating that this feature has an important bearing on the case and ex-

Douglas Farmers Seek Flood Aid

Farmers in Douglas living adjacent to the Carson river who were damaged by the recent flood conditions, have appealed to the WPA and various heads of CCC camp departments for assistance in clearing the river channel from sand bars that have collected in dry years and are now forcing the water out on nearby fields. Eight farmers with the County Agent and the Water Master met with the various heads of the departments

pressed a desire to hear the balance of the testimony.

The witnesses who testified in the case were John Reid, the complaining witness; C. J. Black, who is engaged in trucking between Las Vegas and Eldorado Canyon; A. M. Davis, owner of the property from which the proceeds under dispute came; Miss Jane Kramer, deputy county recorder, and J. W. Squires, the defendant.

The hearing was continued to Wednesday, February 2, for reading and considering the transcribed testimony and for arguments by the attorneys.

in Reno late in December, outlining a plan which could be used. A temporary work project to clear the river channel before spring run off as an emergency measure will be carried on by WPA, with a hope of getting other assistance to completely clear the channel during the coming summer and fall as a flood control measure.

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