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LEGION CONVENTION ASKS GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FEDERAL AID FOR VETERANS

Action on Adjusted Compensation Bill Is Demanded "Without Further Delay"—Delegates Cheer Loudly as Vote is Taken—Colonel Harvey is Criticized.

COMMANDER ELECTED
The Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—The annual convention of the American Legion closed here today with the election of Guy Cordon as national commander.

RESOLUTIONS
The Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—Resolutions were reported by the resolutions committee, among them was a demand that every effort be made for the return to the United States of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American slacker, and opposition to the release of Eugene V. Debs for violation of wartime laws was also declared. One favored memorialization of highways, parks and streets.

ASKS FOR SOLDIER AID
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—Amid cheers, the American Legion convention today adopted the legislative committee's report reaffirming its stand on the question of immediate federal aid for the veterans and calling for government action on the adjusted compensation program "without further equivocation or delay."

A resolution extanting Colonel George W. Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, for his speech in which he discussed America's reasons for entering the war, was included in the resolution committee's report.

Resolutions criticizing President Harding for urging a recommitment of compensation legislation were tabled by the committee last night.

RESOLUTION REJECTED
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—The Legion convention by a vote of 576 to 444 tabled the resolution criticizing Ambassador Harvey and declaring him unfit for office. After the original Harvey resolution had been tabled, a substitute was unanimously adopted couched in less caustic terms.

Auxiliary to Assist Legion
The Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion met last evening at the Parish House, and enjoyed the largest attendance since the work began this winter. Mrs. Pearl Stewart, president, called the meeting to order and reports from the various committees were read and approved.

The matter of assisting the Legion boys with their program on Armistice day was discussed, and the different committees were appointed. A float will be arranged to represent the organization in the patriotic parade, and the following committee has been appointed to decorate: Mrs. Guy Cordon, chairman; Miss Beulah Jewett, Mrs. John McClintock and Mrs. Leo Devaney. Those in the auxiliary having access to machines, are asked to decorate them and enter them in the parade, also.

The American Legion has planned a fall program for Armistice Day, and it is the desire of the Auxiliary to cooperate with them in any way. The girls will have charge of the punch and candy booths. Those soliciting for candy are Mrs. James Goodman, Miss Jane Wharton, Mrs. Veva Poorman and Mrs. Herbert Quine. Mrs. Woodley Stephenson is chairman of the punch committee and will have as her assistants Mrs. Harley Watson and Mrs. Archie Taylor.

The hostess committee in charge is Mrs. Grant Wilcox, Mrs. John Curry, Mrs. Dolwin Jewett, Mrs. Herbert Quine, Mrs. Clinton Gerthy who will greet all visiting the Parish during the day. It will serve

ers and a five gallon gasoline can. It was estimated by the officers that the outfit was capable of turning out about three gallons of moonshine a day.

Following arraignment in police court, Volkman pleaded guilty to the charge of having liquor in his possession and was fined \$200 and costs. When asked if he had anything to say he replied:

"No! Only I'm going home and writing that parrot's neck."

DOOMED DENTIST VISITED BY WIFE

Mrs. Brumfield Converses With Husband at State Institution.

HAS A FINE RECORD

William Bell, local weather observer, is considered one of the best men in the government service as is evidenced by numerous citations made by the government officials recently stating that the records in the Roseburg bureau ranks with the best in the country. Mr. Bell's records were recently inspected by the government inspector who pronounced them perfect.

GOES TO WILLAMINA

Scores Newspapers and Says That Husband Was Persecuted Rather Than Prosecuted—Both Composed at Meeting in Pen.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 1.—Mrs. R. M. Brumfield, whose husband was brought here last night from Roseburg under sentence to be hanged for the murder of Dennis Russell of Dillard, Douglas county, will be allowed to visit him twice each week. This was announced today by Principal Keeper Halley, in the absence of L. H. Compton, warden of the institution.

Mrs. Brumfield, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. B. Patrick of Willamina, and the former's three little boys, arrived in Salem this afternoon from Roseburg. The children were left in the care of relatives while Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Brumfield went direct from the depot to the penitentiary.

County Court Receives Bids

The County Court met today in its regular monthly session and spent the greater part of the day considering the usual routine of bills which were more numerous than usual this month, owing to the Brumfield trial. At 2 o'clock bids were opened on several jobs, a bid being received for an 8,000 foot improvement on the Hancock Mountain road. This is one of the heaviest pieces of construction ever undertaken in the county and the county has completed one half of the project by force account and is now ready to finish the other half. As most of the cut is through solid rock the job will furnish employment for a number of men all winter. Bids for short sections of road near Days Creek and Orchard Valley were also received in addition to proposals for the construction of three concrete culverts. The bids were taken under advisement.

Railroads Will Carry Grain Free

(By Associated Press.)
TOPEKA, Kansas, Nov. 2.—On behalf of all the railroads of the country, J. R. Koontz, assistant freight and traffic manager of the Santa Fe, today announced that all railroads have agreed to transport free to the seaboard, 2,000,000 bushels of grain for export to the Near East sufferers.

Stolen Auto Is Recovered

The Buick 6 automobile belonging to J. M. Judd, was recovered last night in a badly damaged condition after it had been stolen and driven at a high rate of speed to Rice Hill where it was turned over and wrecked. The boys responsible for the theft were not apprehended. Mr. Judd's car was stolen from in front of his house and was driven north when the machine was misused the officers had not yet learned of the direction taken. Frank Hopkins was notified at Canyonville, and Deputy Sheriff Powell at Oakland. This officer learned that the machine had gone through there a few minutes before the notice reached him and so notified the sheriff who immediately got in touch with Deputy Sheriff Sterling at Drain. Mr. Sterling started after the machine as soon as he got his message and found the car on Rice Hill. It had been turned over in the ditch, but was righted again and although somewhat damaged was being driven north again at a slow rate of speed. When the deputy sheriff approached, the three boys in the car jumped out and disappeared in the brush. The machine was driven back to Drain by the officers and is being held there for the owner.

RAID INVITED BY PARROTT

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 1.—When officers, headed by Mayor Worthen of Pasco, raided the residence of V. Volkman on the east side of Pasco Saturday night, in the expectation of finding not only bubbling moonshine but decided resistance to their nocturnal visit as well, they were greeted with a cheery "Hello! Come in," in response to their knock. In answer to the very cordial invitation, the officers entered and found the sole occupant of the room to be a large parrot. Further investigation brought to light however, two complete stills which showed signs of recent use by the alleged owner of the stills, V. Volkman. The coils of the stills were encased in two copper fire extinguish-

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peared haggard and worn and the mental and physical strain to which she has been subjected was plainly visible. Her step was unsteady and her discolored eyes attested many sleepless nights. Mrs. Brumfield refused to discuss her husband's plight with newspaper men, other than that the case would be appealed to the supreme court.

Besides representing her husband in his fight for life, Attorneys Rice and Orent of Roseburg have been retained by Mrs. Brumfield to look after her nine-property interests.

It was said today that the notice of appeal to the supreme court to be filed by Dr. Brumfield's attorneys automatically will stay the execution. Under normal conditions it will require at least six months to prepare the preliminaries attending the appeal and the handing down of a decision by the supreme court.

Beer in Breweries Used as Medicine

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—

Letters are to be sent brewers advising them that beer already manufactured and held in stock may be sold for medical purposes under the new treasury regulations. Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair announced tonight.

Sale of this beer for the sick could begin at once under the proper permits, he declared, adding that there would be no delay in the issuance of permits to brewers whose applications were without flaw. The bureau, he said, would not allow any red tape to interfere with immediate distribution of beer for medical purposes.

All questions of law and regulation involving the immediate distribution of beer for the sick, under the new treasury rules, were said today to have been finally settled by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair and Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

The prohibition unit's policy, under the new rules, will be made known, officials said, in the form of a letter to brewers, being drafted.

Portland Infested With Many Rats

PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—(U. P.)

It may be unemployment in their usual field of endeavor, and it may be that they are merely "in town for the winter."

The fact remains that Portland's waterfront is infested with a delegation of rats variously estimated at from 350,000 to 400,000. In some instances the rats are said to be doing material damage to docks and warehouses along Portland's waterfront.

River men insist that the collapse of the old gas company's dock near the railroad bridge at the foot of Flanders street was caused by the rats. Continued gnawing at the bases of the piling and heavy supporting timbers caused the old dock's downfall, they maintain.

Umpqua Post Has Fine Meeting

Umpqua post of the American Legion met in regular session last night and the nomination of post officers for the ensuing year was opened. The nominations will again be opened at the next regular meeting.

Guy Gordon, chairman of the Armistice Day celebration committee, made a report concerning the program for that day. The plans for the coming celebration have nearly all been completed and a complete announcement will soon be made by the chairman.

A special meeting was called for next Tuesday night expressly for the purpose of rounding out the Armistice program and making final preparations for the day. It is requested that all of the legionnaires attend this meeting.

ARMY OFFICERS PROTEST CHARGES

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Army officers protested hotly today against charges that men were executed after a short shift as a part of overseas justice.

Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, called a meeting of his special investigating committee to inquire into the charges.

Colonel Kruger, in charge of court-martials abroad, declares that the public has an exaggerated idea of disciplinary measures which were enforced abroad.

Senator Watson said today that he would stand on his right "as senator" to prove his charges against the overseas court-martial system on the floor of the senate, and not in a private committee room before a special committee.

"With the matter only 24 hours old," said Watson, "we have sent me all over the countrygrams offering aid in proving the case. I don't intend to have this matter bottled up and child-reformed."

FOOTBALL GAME TODAY

A football game between the Roseburg and Myrtle Creek high school teams was scheduled for late this afternoon. The game is in the form of a practice game both teams needing the scrimmage practice. The Myrtle Creek team was only recently formed but is a very fast aggregation and puts up a good game of football. The Roseburg team recently defeated Myrtle Creek by a decisive score. The local boys are getting in trim for their game with Grants Pass here on November 11.

DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the directors of the Taxpayers League was held this afternoon at the Douglas Abstract office. It was announced this morning that at the meeting this afternoon Judge G. W. Riddle expected to tender his resignation from the taxpayers league, owing to the fact that his appointment to the position of commander of the Soldiers' home prevents him from taking an active part in any kind of politics. The directors were expected to choose another person to fill the office.

SPECIAL ELECTION GOES AGAINST MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND WATER PLANT MEASURE

Opposition Wins in One of the Lightest Elections Ever Held in The City—Will Practically Kill Municipal Plant and Proposed Bond Issue.

Roseburg's municipal light and water project was practically killed yesterday in the special election which was held for the purpose of considering the charter amendment giving the council the right to condemn the present plant. The vote was exceedingly light, only 460 votes being cast, of which number 260 were in opposition to the change.

Although the city still has the authority to issue \$500,000 in bonds and proceed with a new plant, it is very doubtful that the council will act in the face of the adverse vote shown yesterday. The present company is in a position to fight over the move the city might make. There is no doubt but that the attempt of the city to construct a new plant would be fought at every turn and long and expensive litigation would develop.

It is also very doubtful if \$500,000 would be sufficient to build a new plant and lay the necessary distribution system. The cost of constructing new water mains, new power lines, etc., would be enormous and the funds would quickly disappear. There is also no assurance that with the present company in full competition that sufficient patrons could be secured for the city plant to keep it in operation, hence it is very probable that the issue is dead.

The opposition yesterday appeared quite strong and active. There was practically no interest displayed in the election and few people exerted themselves to go to the polls and vote. Many people had never concerned themselves with the question and took no interest one way or the other.

The history of the case dates back for several years. By a large vote the city council was given authority to issue bonds in the sum of \$500,000. There was practically no opposition to this move, the vote probably being influenced to a great extent because of the failure of the company to provide adequate service during one summer, owing to difficulties at its plant.

It was found impossible, however, due to the high cost of materials and labor to build a plant for the sum allowed. It was seen that the distribution system would be exceedingly expensive and then additional increases in water and power rates were allowed by the Public Service Commission and the council decided that it would be the best policy to buy out the present company.

In the meantime, the title in the plant reverted to the Kendall brothers, the original owners. Mr. Kendall was in the city and offered to sell the plant. He also promised that in the event the city did not buy that improvements would be made and the plant put in first class condition. The service was greatly improved and the plant put in better shape. The company, however, has been unable to make extensions owing to the fact that the council's desire for acquisition acted as a weapon against any expenditures for permanent improvements.

Yesterday's election will doubtless have several far reaching results. It will prevent the council from condemning the present plant. This leaves the local company in a position to fight any move which the city may make. It is free to compete with the city's plant in the event one is constructed with a good chance of keeping the city's plant out of operation. The Kendall brothers have sufficient financial support to do this and as they have a large sum tied up in the local concern

WARD	YES	NO
1	48	59
2	43	65
3	48	88
4	61	57
Total	200	260

Club Enjoys Fine Meeting

The '95 Mental Culture Club women held an interesting business meeting at the Parish House yesterday afternoon.

The principal subject of the program was child welfare, and the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Wm. Cobb. Supt. Haman gave an interesting and instructive talk on education and what the school is expected to do for the child.

Dr. Lucretia Smith, talked from a physician's standpoint. Miss Caroline Wallace, county health nurse told of her work among the children, when upon her visits to the many different communities. Mrs. C. L. Searing talked on the spiritual welfare of the child. Mrs. Searing also spoke of the need of a high school Parent Teachers' Association. Mrs. Cobb read an interesting paper on disarmament. A piano solo was enjoyed from Miss Frances Parslow.

The club decided to take part in the Armistice Day parade, in the interest of the library. The name of the '95 Mental Culture club will be changed to the Roseburg Women's Club at its next meeting, having outgrown the idea of a study club. The club is now entering its twenty-sixth year. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number attending.

REV. QUICK ARRIVES

Rev. L. B. Quick and family arrived here last evening, from Portland. Rev. Quick comes here to accept the Presbyterian pastorate which was recently made vacant by the resignation of Rev. E. W. Warrington. Rev. Quick and family are remembered here, having lived here several years ago. Rev. Warrington was taken up his new work on the O. A. C. campus, with the Y. M. C. A.

LODGE PLANS ENTERTAINMENT

A big entertainment is to be given tonight by the members of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. Lodge members and their friends and the Douglas County band have been invited and a large crowd will be present. The band will give a number of selections and a fine program will be presented. Several of the state officers will be on hand. The Pythian sisters are preparing the banquet.

L. Mathews Is Seriously Injured

L. Mathews, 73 years old, a resident of South Short street was badly injured this afternoon when he fell from the back of the delivery truck driven by his son, Andy Mathews, sustaining a deep cut on his scalp. Mr. Mathews has been in the habit of frequently riding with his son and was seated at the back of the truck. The engine was not working properly and the car made a sudden jump and Mr. Mathews fell out, his head striking the pavement. He was unconscious for only a few minutes, but lost considerable blood. He was rushed at once to Mercy Hospital where he was given medical attention by Drs. Wade, Lebrack and Melvin. A fractured skull is feared and it may be several days before the seriousness of his condition can be learned.

NOV. 11 LEGAL HOLIDAY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Armistice Day, November 11th, will be declared a national holiday in honor of America's unknown soldier who is to be buried on that day in the Arlington national cemetery. Congress completed action today making that day a holiday. The president is expected to issue a proclamation within a few days.