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WIMBERLY RESIGNS HIS SIGNATION AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOUGLAS COUNTY

... that He Cannot Afford to Give Full Time to
Asks That Successor Be Appointed Imme-
diately, as Other Matters Are Considered—
Cordon Is Appointed.

... amount, and have paid out office
expenses of approximately \$100.00
a month, leaving a net return of
\$150.00 per month for the two of us.
During the past two months I have
not had time to do any private practice
and Mr. Cordon has had but little
time for his practice. I have
never had any intention of becoming
a candidate at the coming election,
and if I should work a great injury
to my private practice, and I feel
that the sooner I retire from the office
the better it will be for all con-
cerned. After my successor quali-
fies I will not have any connection
at all with the district attorney's
office.

... WIMBERLY today tendered
as district attorney
county, his resignation
effective on December 17.
Governor Pierce, an-
nounced the resignation
of Attorney Wimberly
and stated that the
small for the amount
of the office requires, and
he will afford to give up his
office for the compensa-
tion he carries.

... Mr. Cordon has been assisting
Attorney Wimberly in the office and
is familiar with all of the details
demanding attention at this time. In
aiding in the prosecution of the
Reedsport cases he demonstrated his
ability, and his exceptionally fine
arguments before the jury are largely
responsible for the state's success in
securing convictions in these cases.
Mr. Cordon is well fitted in every
way for the office and it is hoped
that he is named to succeed Mr.
Wimberly.

OUTSIDE ELKS ARE URGED TO COME IN

Elks residing outside of the city
of Roseburg should lose no time in
securing their seats for the Elks
Purple and White Minstrel and "A
Night in Gay Paree" to be presented
at the Antlers next Monday and
Tuesday nights, according to an
announcement made today by Dean
Bubar, chairman of the Elks Charity
Committee. Some fine seats are
remaining for both nights of the show
and it is the desire of the local
lodge to fill the house on both
nights, thereby netting a neat sum
for charity purposes in Douglas county.

Reserved seats are selling for one
dollar. Gallery seats will be thrown
open at the night of the show for
fifty cents.

BLIZZARD IN NEW MEXICO KILLS 10

(United Press.)
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexi-
co, Dec. 13.—A blizzard of al-
most unprecedented proportions
swept New Mexico and the south
west yesterday, subsided today
leaving 10 known dead. Others
are missing. Three women and
two children were found frozen
to death at a ranch fifty miles
south of here. The bodies of two
boys and a negro were found
near Vaughn. A railroad employe
blinded by the storm, fell into
the canyon Disbee. A sheep her-
der was frozen at Vaughn.

OBREGON TAKES FIELD IN FIGHT

Mexican President Will Per-
sonally Direct Campaign
Against Rebels.

CLASH IS EXPECTED

Battle Is About to Take
Place in Mohoacan State
and Fate of Capital
Rests on Outcome.

(United Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—President
Obregon is personally taking the field
and is today planning an offensive
against the rebels at Irapuato.

Well-equipped revolutionists last
night closed in on La Piedra, in the
Mohoacan state. A clash is expected.
The fate of the Mexican capital may
rest with the outcome of the battle
here. Heavy fighting is in progress
at Conatolapaw and spasmodic clashes
are reported throughout the south-
ern half of Mexico.

Soldiers were reported to have
jailed the mayor and police at Monterey,
a coast report.

"HONK FOR HANK" SAY DELEGATES

(Associated Press.)
DETROIT, Dec. 13.—Henry Ford
will be nominated for president when
he desires it or not, it was un-
animously decided at a meeting here
at which the national Ford-for-presi-
dent club was organized by a score
of supporters, who came here regard-
less of the fact that the Ford-for-presi-
dent meeting to which they were
delegates had been called off.

INTERCHURCH COR- PORATION DISSOLVES

(Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The dissolu-
tion of the corporation of the Inter-
church World Movement of North
America was assured in the supreme
court today when representatives of
the state attorney general's office did
not appear to oppose the action.

SUCKERS FELT TO HOLD THE SACK

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Promotion
schemes involving nearly five million
dollars, covering a 10-year period,
were disclosed by States Attorney
Crowe after a raid of the offices of
Leo Kozetz, attorney for whom an
international search is being made.
Friends and relatives told Prosecutor
Koretz that he induced them to in-
vest millions in the Bayano Trust
company of Panama, which they
learned to be a myth.

MAKES INSANITY PLEA

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—
The defense in the trial of
Phillip E. Fox for the murder of
William S. Coburn, today enter-
ed an insanity plea. Defense At-
torney Hooper declared there
existed traces of insanity in the
defendant's family.

INDIAN WAR WHOOPS STARTLE GAY PAREE

(Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 13.—A delegation
of sixteen Arapahoe Indians from Wy-
oming, clad in full regalia, arrived here
yesterday. Their presence caused
such a commotion in the northern
railroad terminal that traffic was held
up for some time. Chief Old Eagle
told interviewers that the deputa-
tion intended to ask the league of nations
to intervene with the United States
government so the Indians might
have the same rights and privileges
as other Americans.

TERRIFIC STORM HEADED THIS WAY

(Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A storm
reaching from the Aleutian Islands to
the heart of the temperate zone is be-
ing thrust toward the Pacific coast by
high offshore winds today. It is ex-
pected to strike in full force late to-
day. Storm warnings have been is-
sued from Cape Flattery, Washington
to Point Reyes, California.

SOLDIERS BONUS BILL INTRODUCED

(Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The sol-
diers bonus bill which passed congress
last year and was vetoed by Harding
was reintroduced today by Represen-
tative McKenzie, republican, of Illi-
nois, at the request of the republican
veterans in the house. It carries only
minor changes from the original bill.

WRESTLERS UNABLE TO GET DECISION

(Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Ted Thye of
Portland and Ira Dern of Salt Lake
City, wrestled to a draw last night,
each getting a fall, but neither able
to get another.

GERMANY NEEDS FINANCIAL AID

(Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 13.—An appeal by
the German government to the
foreign countries to help it out of its
financial difficulties is expected with-
in a short time. The appeal may take
the form of a request to the league of
nations to take control of Germany's
finances. Action for financial help is
regarded as inevitable for without it
the government will be unable to pay
the officials and will have to an-
nounce bankruptcy.

ALLEGED BOY THIEVES ARRESTED

Gerald Williams, aged 13 years and
Leo Barker aged 15 years, were ar-
rested at Grants Pass today, after
having broken into the Highway
Service Station at Sutherlin, where
they stole a number of tires and tubes
a box of spark plugs and a can of
Zerolene. The boys are also alleged
to have stolen a Ford roadster at Ray-
mond, Washington, where they re-
side, and will be tried in the federal
court for violation of the motor ve-
hicle law which makes it a crime to
drive a stolen car from one state to
another. All of the articles stolen
from the Sutherlin station have been
recovered except a couple of tubes
which the boys sold near Grants
Pass. They were also found to have
a number of new overalls, high top
boots and coats, which it is believed
were stolen from some clothing
store along the highway.

XMAS BUYING IS FAIRLY HEAVY

Volume of Trade Better Than
Merchants Had Anticipated
Under Conditions.

GOOD GIFTS CHOSEN

Christmas Buyers Are Exer-
cising Care in Selection
of Articles But Are
Buying Freely.

Roseburg merchants generally are
quite optimistic over the Christmas
trade this year. The volume of
Christmas buying is stated, is
nearly up to that of last year, at the
same time, and it is believed that it
will be very nearly equal to last
year, which was a record in the history
of the city.

It had been expected that because
of the poor market for farm crops
and products, there would be less
buying this year, but up to the present
time this does not appear to hold
true.

Merchants in every line of business
were interviewed today and nearly
every one expressed the same opin-
ion regarding the Christmas buy-
ing. Some merchants are above last
year. One dealer has already done
as much business at this time as at
Christmas last year. A few were
pessimistically inclined. Their sales
they reported were not as heavy as
last year and appearances were not
favorable. It may or may not be
pertinent, but it is a fact neverthe-
less, that the dealers who found the
Christmas trade dull, were invariably
light advertisers, while those who
reported sales above last year are
those who are doing their best to
place their wares before the public.
Those who were the most optimistic
and who have found this year's trade
superior to last year, are the heav-
iest advertisers.

The general sentiment is, that
considering all conditions Christmas
buying is far better than might be
expected. Several interesting facts
were brought out in connection with
the survey.

People are buying substantial gifts
and are purchasing rather expensive
ones. All of the stores reported
that their best goods are going
fast. Many had expensive articles
which they had expected to hold
over, but which have been taken.

On the other hand women are
making more articles by hand, ap-
parently than last year. Dry goods
stores report that their sales on ma-
terials for making dainty garments,
linens, etc., are selling better than
usual, while there is a corresponding
decrease in the sale of such articles
that are ready-made.

Jewelry stores are enjoying a good
business and people are taking ex-
pensive articles. The gifts obtained,
however, are largely of a substantial
kind, such as silverware, cut glass,
etc., with lighter sales of the smaller
forms of jewelry remembrances.

Naturally the toy stores are doing
a big business, and here too it is
found that people are selecting the
better grade of articles. The walk-
ing-and-talking, high priced dolls are
the first to go, and the more ex-
pensive toys are selling fast. People
are passing up the trinkets and no-
tions and are buying substantial gifts
not alone for children but for the
adults as well.

The drug stores report that the
trade is about even with last year.
It is difficult, however, for these
stores to make an estimate at this
time because the bulk of their
Christmas trade comes late. Cans,
candies, manufacturing sets, stationery,
perfumes, and other articles of this
kind, move well along toward the
end of the season, so that at this
time the drug stores are unable to
forecast the trade with accuracy, but
the dealers are well agreed that ap-
pearances at present lead to the
opinion that there will be little drop
from last year.

There is a heavy sale of electrical
goods reported, as well as books,
photographs, and other articles of
like nature, so that altogether there
appears to be a very good feeling
prevailing among the merchants.

Although there will possibly be no
increase over last year, owing to the
financial condition in the city and
agricultural communities, the volume
of trade is expected to be very good.
One thing is noticeable this year,
and all merchants agree in the fact,
and that is that people are shopping
earlier. People are coming to realize
the value of buying early and hav-
ing a good assortment to select from
and are making their selections now
with that in mind. This will prob-
ably relieve the last minute rush to
some extent.

That there does exist a scarcity of
money is shown in the cars with
which people are stopping. When

WOMAN LEAVES \$500 FOR POODLE DOG

(EUGENE, Oregon, Dec. 12.—
Five hundred dollars was set
aside by Mrs. Clementine Reisner
who died at her home in this
city a few days ago, for the
care of her poodle dog during
its life time, according to her
will, admitted to probate.
In her will Mrs. Reisner
states that the "animal has al-
most been a member of the
family".

COVELL LAD IS ON TRIAL TODAY

Defense Will Attempt to
Prove That Mentality of
Boy Is Poor.

HAD BEEN HYPNOTIZED

Defense Claims That Star-
Gazing Uncle, Held Boy
Under Hypnotic Spell
—Lad Is Dazed.

(United Press.)
COQUILLE, Dec. 13.—Arthur Co-
velli, mysterious crippled astrologer,
sentenced to hang on a charge of mur-
dering Mrs. Fred Covell, his sister-in-
law, had hypnotical powers over Al-
ton Covell, the 16-year-old stepson of
the dead woman, who is today facing
trial for first degree murder.

That will be the defense made for
the boy, Grant Corby, attorney, in-
dicated at the opening of the trial here
today.

Defense Attorney Corby said that
evidence will be introduced during the
trial to show that the boy's mentality
is only that of a child of nine and
that therefore he was not responsible.
Constant association with the star-
gazer, whose mind is abnormal, Corby
said, will be shown to have unduly in-
fluenced the backward boy from whom
the state insists the first degree murder
charge.

The state will maintain that the
boy smothered the stepmother with
ammonia on a handkerchief at the in-
stitution of his uncle.

During the time Covell was in court
he showed signs of long confinement.
He looked about with a gaze of stu-
pidity and did not seem to under-
stand the inference of his low men-
tality.

Attorney Corby said evidence would
be introduced from the examination
of doctors in Portland showing the
mental state. The defense did not
say they would deny the crime and
said they favored caring for the lad
in some state institution.

COSHOW SHOWERED WITH MESSAGES

Hon. O. P. Coshow, who has received
the appointment as associate Jus-
tice of the state supreme court to suc-
ceed Judge Harris, has been showered
with congratulatory messages from all
over the country. Prominent men
and women everywhere appear to be
well pleased with Governor Pierce's
selection. One of the telegrams which
has brought the greatest pleasure to
Mr. Coshow, was received from Her-
man Wise, one of the leading mer-
chants and former postmaster at As-
toria. Mr. Wise has been a staunch
friend of Mr. Coshow and his mes-
sage reads: "I congratulate those who
seek justice, and I pray God to give
you wisdom and strength, my dear old
friend." Mr. Coshow has been touched
by the many messages which have
come to him and feels deeply gratified
by his numerous friends.

Mr. Coshow came to Roseburg in
1897 and embraced in the practice of
law, and during that time he has built
up a reputation as a highly success-
ful attorney and an authority on law.
He has proven one of Roseburg's
best citizens and it will be with re-
sult that his friends will see him leave
Roseburg, but the city may well feel
proud of the representation which it
has upon the supreme court bench.

TAXES BIGGEST QUESTION TODAY

Senator Arthur Capper Calls
Them "White Man's
Burden."

TAXES HAVE DOUBLED

Last Year Taxes Amounted to
\$64.13 for Every Man,
Woman and Child in
the United States.

By CARL L. TURNER,
(International News Service Staff
Correspondent.)
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—Taxes, not
the turmoil of foreign nations, nor
transportation, nor even the plight of
the farmer, is the biggest issue before
the American people at this time, in
the words of Senator Arthur Capper,
of Kansas.

The leader of the senatorial farm
bloc was bitter in his denunciation of
present taxes, which he termed the
"white man's burden." It is under-
stood he will be in the front line
when the attack on taxes and the
movement for their readjustment is
started in congress, following the re-
port and recommendations of Secre-
tary of the Treasury Mellon early in
December.

Taxes have not doubled since 1913,
they have tripled, the Kansas farmer-
editor-senator charges, and he says
they are still growing.

Last year, Senator Capper said, tax-
es amounted to \$64.63 for every man,
woman and child in the United States,
meaning \$320 for the average family,
which is said to consist of the man
and wife and three children. In 1913
they were \$17.07 per capita.

It took six and a quarters weeks'
work in 1922 to pay taxes, as meas-
ured by income, according to the Kan-
sas senator. In 1913 it took only three
and one-third weeks.

"Fifty-four billions of dollars, al-
most one-fifth of the entire country's
wealth," Senator Capper says, "is now
shirking this burden of over-taxation.
It pays no taxes."

"One-third of all property, that as-
essed under the general property tax
bears the brunt of this crushing
weight of \$4,000,000,000 of tax-free
property, in addition to its own taxes,
and these have been more than trebled
in nine years."

"It is not so hard to see why taxes
have tripled. Along with this tre-
mendous increase in taxes—the
Secretary of the Treasury Mellon says
has hit the American taxpayer harder
than the English taxpayer has been
hit—has come a marked decline in
the ratio of real and personal prop-
erty with which to pay them, compar-
ed with a stupendous increase of tax-
exempt property."

"The farm bloc leader took up the
relation of taxes to the farmer, using
figures compiled by the national in-
dustrial conference board to show
where the agriculturalist was hit by
unfair taxation even harder than his
city brethren."

REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL HALTED

(United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—The latest re-
volution in Portugal was satisfactorily
suppressed today after the outbreak
yesterday when nine rebels were killed
and thirty wounded. Two hundred
were taken prisoners.

BALDWIN DECIDES TO RETAIN OFFICE

(United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Premier Bal-
dwin visited Buckingham Palace to-
day and told the King's cabinet of his
decision to retain the office.