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RUSSIAN NOBILITY PLACED IN JAIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MOSCOW, May 6.—Reports of arrests made recently among the Russian nobility and former Russian employees of the American relief administration are greatly exaggerated according to M. Kuraki, the commissar of justice.

"The total number of arrests of all classes in the last six weeks does not exceed 100, the majority of whom probably will soon be released," he said. "The most prominent among these are seven members of the late Prince Goltz's family, who were arrested in Leningrad for corresponding with the Grand Duke Cyril, one of the claimants to the Russian throne."

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REBEKAHS MET IN RIDDLE ON MAY 3

Seventeenth Annual Convention One of Most Enjoyable Affairs Ever Held.

TO MEET HERE IN 1925

Tillie Johnson of Roseburg Elected Chairman—Fine Program During Day—Initiation in Evening.

The 17th Annual Rebekah convention of Dist. No. 11 was held in Riddle May 3, 1924. Relief Rebekah Lodge No. 185 acting as host. The convention was opened in due form with Sister Flora Dean as chairman, Maud Pickens vice chairman, Helena Riddle secretary, and I. A. Dean treasurer. Sister Edythe Kelley, president of the Rebekah Assembly was duly introduced and welcomed. The following address of welcome was delivered by Brother I. A. Dean of Relief Rebekah Lodge No. 185.

"Sister Chairman, Sister President, brothers and sisters, I am indeed glad to have the honor of welcoming to our little city this convention of members of the order I love so well. We meet here today to promote harmony and concord, good will and good work in the Rebekah branch of our order."

"It is indeed a pleasure to meet together when we realize we are all united in the promotion of the great principles of Odd-Fellowship, and may we this day renew our Rebekah vows, so that in the future we will be better prepared to do our duty towards each other."

"The year just past has been a good year for Odd-Fellowship, but if we study and practice the teachings of this great order, we shall be able to make the next year still better. May we put forth every effort to make our order better as we go along realizing that we are building not for ourselves alone but for future generations to come."

"We need closer acquaintance with each other, and I know of no better way of accomplishing this than by attending these conventions and other gatherings of our order."

"Relief Rebekah Lodge is proud today to have the honor of entertaining this convention, and having with us our president whom we all honor and are certainly mighty proud of, and we bid you all a hearty welcome; and we hope to make this day so pleasant that each and everyone of you will go glad you came, and will want to come again. Thank you."

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Brother J. L. Chaney of Myrtle Creek and Sister Kelley, president of the assembly. The convention then adjourned until 1:45 o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened by a piano duet by Sisters Helena Riddle and Lela Bell, then several lodges of the district gave their reports of the year's work which were very encouraging.

Arba Vita Lodge No. 11 of Myrtle Creek exemplified the work of introducing a visitor from another jurisdiction, followed by a reading by Sister Shiria of Sutherlin, then Sutherlin Lodge No. 218 and Roseburg Lodge No. 41 exemplified the ballot and reconsideration of an unfavorable one.

The reports of the thanks and memorial committees was read and accepted.

The unwritten work was given by several members, Mrs. Maud Pickens of Roseburg and Mrs. Shiria of Sutherlin were given certificates of perfection, the question was then opened and the question was answered in a very painstaking and thorough manner by Sister Kelley.

Roseburg was unanimously chosen as the meeting place for the convention next year and the following officers were chosen and seated as the convention officers for the year. Chairman, Tillie I. Johnson of Roseburg; vice chairman, Barbara Hopkins of Canyonville; secretary, Helena Riddle of Riddle; treasurer, Beasie Herman of Myrtle Creek; marshal, Leona McDaniel of Roseburg; conductor, Leona Stuck of Sutherlin; I. G. Mrs. Chas. Medley, Oakland; O. G. Adah Carman of Roseburg; chaplain, Elizabeth Stearns of Yoncalla. The convention then adjourned. In the evening Relief Rebekah Lodge initiated three candidates, the degree team of Roseburg Rebekah Lodge putting on the work which showed a splendid drill by their captain Mrs. Belle Stevenson and their splendid work was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the home lodge and visitors.

Sister Edythe Kelly then gave one of her splendid talks which was very instructive and will be of much help to all those who heard her. Sister Kelley was the recipient of several bouquets and a beautiful set of mahogany candle sticks, given her by the Relief Rebekah Lodge.

Brother I. A. Dean, in a few well chosen words presented his home lodge with a fine American flag and was given a rousing vote of thanks.

We forgot to mention that in the morning session Sisters Helena Riddle and Bernice Jurens gave a splendid violin and piano duet and in the afternoon Little Eunice Barney of Roseburg gave two well rendered recitations.

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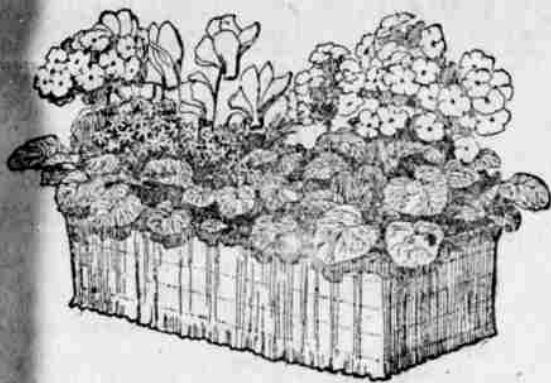
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TIMBER ASSESSMENT CHANGES EXPLAINED

In explanation of the changes in timber valuation assessments which have been recently questioned, the county board of equalization makes the following statement:

In 1922 the county first was completed. That was the first year that timber was assessed by the new county. The values placed on timber increased the total value of timber a little over 40 per cent. We found that the value on timber was out of proportion as to values on other property in the county. The matter of valuations of timber was talked over in the spring of 1923, and we decided to make a cut of 15 per cent on all timber, thinking it would come nearer equalizing valuations. We agreed on this cut in the spring to save the additional expense of working over the assessment rolls in the fall, after the board of equalization met and adjourned in September. By so doing, it saved at least three weeks extra work and additional expense.

This spring we decided that orchards should be taken off the assessment rolls, as the prices on all kinds of fruit was so low that orchards were not paying expenses.

The statement has been made that the board of equalization had nothing to do with the 15 per cent cut on timber. That statement is false as it was agreed on about the members of the board of equalization.

It has also been reported that millions of dollars in valuations was lost to the county. Facts concerning the valuations and reductions in the year 1923: The total valuation as shown by the 1922 tax rolls was \$34,219,400. For the year 1923, the total valuation was \$28,949,780.00 or a reduction in valuation of \$5,269,620.00. The Pacific States Lumber Company (not the Pillsbury Company) traded lands in Douglas county to the government for lands in other counties to the valuation of \$279,850.00 which was undoubtedly stricken from the tax rolls in 1923. There was also allowed on the auditor's exemption, the value of \$18,430.00 over the previous year (1922). The 15 per cent cut in valuations amounted to \$5,269,620.00. (Not millions.)

These are facts and figures which by the 1922 tax rolls was \$34,219,400 and shown in as reported to the state tax commission.

Dated May 5th, 1924.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
GEORGE QUINN, County Judge.
IRA B. RIMMER, County Clerk.
F. L. COLLINS, County Assessor.

Mrs. A. T. Newell has left this afternoon for Portland where she will spend the next three or four days visiting with friends and relatives.

CHAIN STORE IDEA MAY BE DEVELOPED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CLEVELAND, May 6.—Development of the chain store idea toward mass distribution, the status of trade association under the anti-trust laws, and suggestions for improvement of the postal service were considered today at group meeting marking the opening day's program of the twelfth annual convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

The conflict of opinions as to the legitimate activities of trade associations was declared by Lew Hahn of New York, managing director of the national retail druggists association to have left these organizations in such a condition of uncertainty, "that many of them have ceased doing anything, rather than run the chance of being forced into court."

Recent opinions and court decisions relating to the gathering and distributing of trade statistics, said Mr. Hahn have given him the impression that "the actual state of the law, or even the judicial decisions based upon the law, seems to be of less importance than the question as to who administers the law—as to who decides upon what suits are to be brought and how these suits are to be presented."

REVISION OF LAWS VET BUREAU URGED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Conflicting and revision of laws affecting the veterans' bureau is called for in a bill passed late yesterday by the senate after charging of "ring" control and "tyranny" had been voiced by Senator Oddie, republican, Nevada, in a vigorous criticism of the present administration of the bureau.

The bill was amended to extend to five years after discharge, the period in which tuberculosis, leprosy or neuropsychiatric disease would be presumed to have developed as a result of the war.

Senator Oddie, whose remarks were supported by interjections on the part of Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, urged that the six assistant directors of the bureau and "every official brought over from the war risk insurance bureau" be ousted "forthwith."

The Nevada senator also criticized

ed the conduct of the inquiry into the administration of the veterans' bureau.

CANNOT CHANGE PARTY ON ELECTION DAY

Persons who have registered their party affiliation as either democrat or republican cannot change their registration upon the day of election according to County Clerk I. B. Riddle. In previous years it was possible for persons to make a change and vote either ticket on election day, a fact which was made use of in one of the recent elections, when a large number of voters changed from one party to the other in an attempt to defeat a strong candidate on the opposite side. The last legislature in order to preserve the principle of the primary passed a law which prohibits the changing of party affiliations at any time other than during the period when the registration books are open.

MEETING OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Civil Bond Cemetery Assn., will be held on the grounds, Wednesday, May 14, at 2 p. m. Officers will be elected, and other business transacted.

MRS. GEORGE WINSTON, Sec.

LOS ANGELES HAS A DOUBLE ELECTION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—The struggle between supporters of rival presidential candidates, shared house interest with the fate of city and county bond issues approximating \$68,000,000 and the approval or disapproval of a new city charter as voters of Los Angeles went to the polls today.

Both Coolidge and Johnson campaign headquarters predicted republican endorsement of their candidates in the primary, while McAdams supporters expressed confidence that the city and county of Los Angeles would poll a heavy democratic vote for delegates pledged to the former secretary of the treasury.

Among the bond issues up for approval or defeat were: a \$21,000,000 power bond issue, a \$1,000,000 issue for additional police protection and a county bond issue of \$35,000,000.

WHEAT GROWERS ASSN. SUSPEND OPERATIONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SPOKANE, May 6.—Directors of the Washington wheat growers' association last night following authorization by the membership of the association voted to suspend operations for 1924. It was announced that plans are being worked out whereby the members of the association may market their 1924 crop through the Oregon grain growers' association.

A statement issued following the meeting by the directors said the association is centering its efforts on a "more practical contract, embodying the local unit plan of organization and 75 per cent minimum signup to validate the contract."

VOTE ON LOWER FLOOR OF THE COURT HOUSE

The voters of Deer Creek precinct will vote downstairs in the court house instead of in the jury room upstairs, arrangements for the change having been completed today. Formerly the booths have been placed in the jury room on the second floor, a fact which has discouraged many elderly or crippled persons from voting because of the difficulties of the climb up the long flight of stairs. The county court, however, has agreed to the use of the county court room downstairs for a polling place, and the votes will be tallied there this year. The Deer Creek precinct is one of the largest of the county.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

NO HARD LUCK NOW!

Roseburg, Oregon

Editor of News-Review:

Dear Sir: Allow me to present a little article for the benefit of some of these calamity howlers, and hard time guys. In 1942 in Illinois it was considered a misfortune to receive a letter. The neighbors sympathized with a man who got a letter. He had to pay twenty-five cents for it. It took five bushels of corn at that time, five bushels of oats, four bushels of potatoes, ten dozen eggs to get one letter. For the benefit of anyone who doubts this statement let them look in the op-line address to the jury in the famous Star Route Trials of our Government, Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1932.—A. J. B.