

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JUDGE SKIPWORTH, one of the circuit judges of this district, whose opportunities for accurate observation are certainly better than those of the average layman, thinks the jury system is all right, and disagrees utterly with those who suggest its abolishment.

Shortcomings of juries, he thinks, are due to imperfect jury material, rather than to any inherent defect in the jury system itself.

ACTING upon this theory, Judge Skipworth has been interesting himself throughout his district of late in securing better jury material. Through the co-operation of county clerks, he has arranged for the drawing of able men and women on the panels, and then has taken steps to see that these able citizens do not seek to evade jury duty through excuses.

"I have been greatly pleased at the response to this effort," he says. "When good citizens who have the mental equipment to analyze evidence and draw accurate conclusions from it are made to see that jury service is a public duty which they owe, they serve cheerfully in spite of the inconvenience, sometimes accompanied by financial loss, which is involved."

That is as it should be. Good government is the particular concern of good citizens. It may be added, with entire truth, that unless good citizens interest themselves in it we can not have good government.

THE jury system has been one of the bulwarks of Anglo-Saxon liberty. It has served us well in the past.

This writer has an idea that it will serve us equally well in the future if we see to it, beyond doubt, that juries are made up of the right kind of citizens.

By "right kind of citizens," of course, is meant not merely prominent and well known citizens but men and women who are able to think straight and judge accurately and fairly.

ONE amendment to the existing jury system, however, really is needed. We should pay jurors enough to reimburse them, at the very least, for the actual outlay necessitated by jury service.

This is particularly true in the case of federal jurors, who must leave their homes and go to a distant city, where the pay they receive does not cover their actual living expenses. In large counties, such as Lane and Douglas, the same condition exists in the state courts.

Jury pay should be modernized. It is a survival of a former period when \$3 a day was reasonably ample compensation.

A COMMITTEE meets in Portland and recommends a Democratic ticket to be nominated at the primary election in May of next year.

Terrible! Think of suggesting to the sovereign voters: "You ought to vote to nominate candidates who have received the endorsement of a reasonable number of their fellow citizens, instead of for any Tom, Dick or Harry who shies his hat into the ring?"

THE committee referred to recommends the nomination of Oswald West for United States senator from Oregon.

Why? Oregon already has pretty good leadership in Washington. What we really need is aggressive leadership here at home.

Why not nominate West for governor, instead?

THEY say that honest confession is good for the soul, so here goes:

JAIL TERM AND FINE METED TO OHIO EDITORS

CLEVELAND Press Ruled in Contempt of Court by Article Scoring Injunction.

Judge, Portrayed as Dupe of Racing Interests, Declares Himself Libel Victim.

CLEVELAND, July 17.—Louis D. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, and Carlton K. Matson, chief editorial writer, were given a stay of execution today by Appellate Judge Willis Vickery, after Common Pleas Judge Frederick P. Walther had held them in contempt of court and ordered them to serve 30 days in the county jail and pay fines of \$500 each.

CLEVELAND, O., July 17.—Louis D. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, and Carl K. Matson, chief editorial writer, were held in contempt of court by Common Pleas Judge Frederick P. Walther today. They were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$500 each.

Judge Walther, who heard the charges brought by himself as a result of an editorial in the press criticizing his granting of an injunction to racing interests, ordered immediate execution of the sentence.

The jurist denied a motion for a stay of execution, saying there was no statute to support it. Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war and chief attorney for the news paper men, hurried to the court of appeals to attempt to obtain bond for the men, pending further efforts for a stay.

Judge Declared "Dupe" The injunction was granted by Judge Walther to operators of the Thielstown race track, restraining Sheriff E. J. Hannaford from interfering with use of the "contribution" system of betting, provided it is legal. The sheriff took the stand that the system is illegal and that therefore the order was not binding, and closed the track.

The press, in an editorial published the same day the injunction was granted and twice revised in later editions, declared the injunction either "monstrous" or "ridiculous," and accused Judge Walther of having been made the dupe of racing interests.

The judge instituted contempt proceedings, charging the editorial was libelous and contemptuous. He asserted that if the paper's statement is true, he is "not fit to sit upon the bench."

Baker argued strenuously for (Continued on page 7)

PORTLAND HOLDUP GENTRY CAPTURED AFTER DOUBLE JOB

PORTLAND, July 17.—Two holdups, an attempted robbery and a gun battle in which one of two robbers was wounded and both were captured, roused Portland residents on the east side early today.

Ross Billings, 22, and Victor Milne, 30, were arrested. Milne received a revolver robbery and a gun battle in which one of two robbers was wounded and both were captured, roused Portland residents on the east side early today.

George A. Fencler was the first victim of the robber pair. They took \$40 from him. Later \$13 was taken from a taxi driver.

George Vickers then reported that Billings and Milne were trying to enter his room. As police arrived Milne fired point blank at Vickers, the bullet barely missing him. Milne then fired on the police, all shots going wild.

They were captured in a brief chase after a policeman had wounded Milne.

MINISTER SCORES WEALTHY WOMEN OF MIDDLE LIFE

Ex-Lawmaker Nears Death



Associated Press (United Wire) VICTOR L. BERGER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 17.—Rallying from the coma in which he has lain since he was struck by a street car last night, Victor L. Berger, national socialist leader and former congressman, early today gave physicians hope that he might recover, despite his critical injuries.

SERVICE STATION UNIT OF BEACON SITE GOING UP

Richfield Company Begins Work on Improvements North of Roseburg at \$35,000 Cost.

Construction of the service station in connection with the Richfield beacon, located north of Roseburg on the Pacific highway, was started this morning. J. W. Freak, Richfield contractor from Tacoma, accompanied by H. R. Lohrer, Jr., Frank M. and Fred American, foremen, arrived in the city last night, and secured materials for preliminary work this morning.

Mr. Freak states that local labor and materials will be used as far as possible, if suitable prices are obtained, and he is today arranging to contract for the materials to be used, and is employing laborers. It is expected to use about 30 men continuously for the ensuing 60 days.

The service station, which is to cost approximately \$35,000, will be one of the most elaborate on the Pacific coast, Mr. Freak states. The California stations were built under a Spanish type of architecture, but those in the Pacific Northwest are to be of the rugged Norman type with high sloping roofs, gabled wings and wide porches. The central portion of the building will contain the supply room, and in front will be the canopy over the gasoline pumps, where cars will be serviced. In each side wing will be located rest rooms, which will be fitted with lounging chairs, drying tables, smoking stands, etc., with toilets and washrooms adjoining. These lounge rooms will be attractively furnished.

The station at Roseburg and at Grants Pass will be built simultaneously and will be the first in the state, Mr. Freak says.

The Richfield company also plans to make these beacon sites a small community in themselves. It is planned to add hotels at each place, and this concession has already been let. The Richfield company will erect the buildings, which will be operated by a company already formed. Erection of the hotel at Roseburg will be started within the next six months. (Continued on page 8)

FOX, MOVIE KING, IN CRASH OF AUTOS, FIGHTS FOR LIFE

OLD WESTBURY, N. Y., July 17.—William Fox, theatrical and movie producer, and a friend named Rubenstein, were injured, and the Fox chauffeur, Joseph Bayes, was killed today in a collision between the Fox automobile and another car in which three women were riding. The women were uninjured.

Dr. William M. Post of East Williston, who attended Fox at the hospital, said the movie producer was in a critical condition.

Mr. Fox, he said, is suffering from a hemorrhage of the brain and his face is a mass of cuts and bruises. He also has a possible fracture of the skull.

REFRIGERATING VETERANS PICK GAS ADDS THREE OFFICERS AND TO DEATH TOLL END SESSION

Second Tragedy of Kind in Chicago Causes Halt of Seventy Thousand Installations.

Necessity of Discontinuing Methyl Chloride Units Means Business End of Contractors.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Lethal gas escaping from a mechanical refrigerating system yesterday was blamed for the deaths of three persons found asphyxiated in their apartment. The condition of the bodies and a leak in the building's refrigerating system indicated that methyl chloride gas, used as a refrigerant, was responsible for the deaths, Coroner Herman N. Bundesen said.

Those asphyxiated were Joseph Painter, 32; his wife, Mary, 21; and their infant son, Joseph, Jr. The parents were found dead in bed and the baby in its crib.

Wholesale Suspension. After investigating the tragedy, Coroner Bundesen ordered immediate suspension of operation of all mechanical refrigerating systems using methyl chloride gas and charged he would seek a special session of the city council to legalize the edict. Officials estimated that approximately 75,000 installations, with perhaps 500,000 individual units would be put out of operation by the order.

Beattie Dorsey, a maid, entered the fatal apartment yesterday. The fumes of the gas at most overcame her. Police found it impossible to enter the place without covering their mouths and nostrils with water-soaked handkerchiefs.

The position of the bodies indicated (Continued on page 7)

41 MEN PERISH AS STORM SINKS SHIP IN SOUTH PACIFIC

VALPARAISO, Chile, July 17.—Forty-one officers and crew of the Chilean transport Alatorre were missing today—apparently drowned—after sinking of that ship yesterday off this port in one of the most violent storms experienced here in years. Only two of its crew of 43 were saved.

SHANGHAI, July 17.—The North German Lloyd steamer Derflinger, bound from Dairen to Tsingtau, with 42 passengers, ran on the rocks at Chialientao, 40 miles from Tsingtau, today. Two holds were flooded. Salvage tugs have proceeded to her assistance. There were no casualties.

Catholics Score High Hospital Bills, New Tariff Measure and Closer Restriction Of Aliens

SALEM, Ore., July 17.—Resolutions against the high cost of hospital care, resolutions of regret that the special session of congress should have attempted to legislate on the "tariff while considering so important a measure as the farm relief bill," a resolution opposing the national origins clause to the new immigration law, a resolution opposing federal control of education and endorsing Secretary Wilbur's opposition to a department of education and resolutions advocating world peace were passed by the 73rd annual convention of the Catholic Central Society of America during the Tuesday evening session.

"We recommend that the several state leagues be exhorted to devise ways and means whereby people of moderate means can avail themselves of the blessings of modern hospital care," says the resolution against the high cost of hospital care.

"It is to be feared that the demands of industry for increase of tariff rates will tend to rob the farmer of any advantages the farm relief act may grant him," says the resolution on farm relief.

The fear is also expressed that cooperation associations under the farm relief act may be hastily organized without "due consideration for the true principles of cooperation."

Alien Law Assailed. Unalterable opposition to the national origins clause of the new immigration law is expressed in a resolution which said in part "the policy of restrictive immigration meets with our full approval but we are firmly convinced that the quota arrived at under the so-called national origins clause and now incorporated in the law, are unfair and out of proportion to the

NEW HEAD SPANISH WAR VETERANS

E. L. Clark, State Commander U. S. W. V., Left College to Join 2nd Oregon Volunteers

E. L. Clark, who was today unanimously chosen commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, department of Oregon, bears a distinguished record, not only as a veteran, but in business, sports, and public life as well. As a college football player, a soldier, a star baseball player, banker, timberman, merchant and public official, Mr. Clark has carried in to each the same enthusiasm, energy and determination that marks his acceptance of his new activity, which carries the same promise of success as has marked his career in his many other enterprises.

Born in Nebraska, he came to Oregon in 1892 and entered the public school at Corvallis, where he later attended Oregon State college. While in his second year, and playing star football on the college team, he heard the call for volunteers and enlisted as a musician in the Second Oregon volunteers. Playing alto trombone in the band, however, did not suit his craving for action, and so he transferred as bugler to Company K Second Oregon. Within a short time he had discarded the bugle for a rifle and was marching in the ranks. During the full period of the war he acquired himself a good soldier, participating in all the major engagements in which his regiment was concerned.

In the Philippine islands he put his athletic training to use, and played second base on the Oregon team which won the pennant in the baseball series.

Returning to Corvallis after the war, he completed his college course and then organized the U. S. National bank at Vale. He remained there 15 years, then sold the business because of ill health and spent a couple of years re-

15 MORE FLORIDA BANKS FAIL; FRUIT PEST IS BLAMED

TAMPA, Fla., July 17.—Fifteen state banks in southwest Florida closed their doors today, bringing to twenty-three the number of financial institutions to fail within the state in the past two weeks.

Total deposits in the Tampa banks involved was \$17,347,968.15 of which the Citizens Bank and Trust held \$13,695,870.78.

E. P. Jackson, state examiner, has been here since Monday checking up on conditions.

The board of directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust, at a meeting today, issued a statement explaining conditions as due to "unwise gossip and continued adverse conditions following the appearance of the Mediterranean fly, which was responsible for a feeling of unrest and fear developed on the part of the people."

OREGON-TO-ORIENT DIRIGIBLES 5 YRS. HENCE, PROPHECY

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, in charge of the navy bureau of aeronautics, accompanied by the official board, was here today considering plans for a new dirigible base recently authorized by congress. Seattle and Tacoma have already been visited by the party.

Admiral Moffett, who was with Dewey in the battle of Manila bay and who won the congressional medal of honor in the capture of Vera Cruz, thinks airplanes will be the deciding factor in the next war. But long before this, he predicted, aviation will be the great factor in commercial transportation.

"Within the next five years," the admiral declared, "Oregon will have commercial dirigibles in passenger and freight service between here and Japan and China. There will be lines from the Columbia river and New York. South America and Europe will have regular lighter-than-air service, so we have to get ready for it."

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Burnett of Oakland are visiting this week in Corvallis with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Huxton and Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, sisters of Mr. Burnett. Burnett is a former O. S. C. student and football star.

GOVERNORS AIR VIEWS ON PLAN OF WICKERSHAM



E. L. CLARK

Superior. He then went into the banking business in Bend, and is now connected with three banks, one in Portland, one in Bend, and another in Idaho. He is also an owner of several large timber tracts, and considerable business property. As a public citizen he has taken an active part in many civic enterprises and is counted one of the most influential citizens of eastern Oregon. At the present time he is retired from active business.

He became a member of the Spanish War Veterans' organization 20 years ago, but only during the past few years has he been active in the work of that order. At the McMinnville convention last year he was made senior vice-commander, and carried on the work of that office in a most efficient manner. During the year he personally visited every organized camp of the state.

ALE-LADEN AUTO KILLS OWNER AS OFFICERS PURSUE

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., July 17.—An attempt to smuggle liquor from Canada has taken the life of the second Plattsburgh youth with in a month.

Elijah E. Belgrade, 21, was killed yesterday when his automobile overturned while attempting to elude border patrolmen. The patrolmen said they found sixteen bags of ale in the machine.

The customs officers, P. H. Coleman and C. L. Covey, said Belgrade loaded the ale at Tonsaint Tomby on the Canadian side and was half a mile below the border when they sighted him. They started in pursuit and Belgrade, in an effort to halt the chase, scattered roofing nails in the path of the government machine.

Falling in this, on reaching Moore's Fork, three miles from the border, he attempted to swing his car around with the evident intention of heading back into Canada. The car overturned twice, fracturing Belgrade's skull.

On June 15, Arthur Gordon also of Plattsburgh, was fatally shot after failing to heed a command by customs guards to halt.

Patrolman Weldon J. Cheatham when the latter allegedly shot Gordon. Cheatham is awaiting trial in the case.

THREE PORTLAND FIREMEN HURT IN OLD MILL BLAZE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—Injuries to three firemen, property loss of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and destruction of several automobiles resulted late yesterday when the fire swept through the old, unoccupied mill of the Dollar Portland Lumber company mill on Portland's water front.

The fire broke out in the corner of the abandoned mill at the foot of Lincoln street and for a time threatened millions of dollars worth of property of the Northwest Electric company, the Barde Steel company and the Alaska Junk company.

All available fire fighting equipment from both sides of the river aided three fireboats in controlling the blaze. The fire resulted in the first fourth-alarm fire Portland has had in many years.

The firemen injured were G. W. Warner, engineer of company four; C. L. Shaffer, engineer of fireboat Campbell, and E. Mitchell, fireman of engine company 21.

The Weather
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; cooler Thursday.
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Lowest temperature last night 53

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