

FOWLER DEFENSE DENIES SHORTAGE

La Grande's Ex-Treasurer Admits, However, Funds Needed to Balance.

(Associated Press Leased Wire) BAKER, Ore., March 20.—With the possibility the case will be in the jury's hands tomorrow, the defense continued today to attempt to prove Mrs. Emma Fowler, 50, former La Grande city treasurer, did not appropriate to her own use \$112,000 of missing city funds.

Mrs. Fowler, city treasurer for more than ten years, is charged with larceny of public funds. Mrs. Fowler, on the stand in her own defense, admitted yesterday under cross-examination that \$112,202 must be produced by someone to make her books balance.

After the state had introduced in evidence a memorandum which the woman admitted having written, and which said that warrants, bonds, coupons, and other credits amounting to the sum of the missing funds, were "to come," Mrs. Fowler said the note was "merely a working slip and didn't signify a thing."

In the late afternoon session Mrs. Fowler admitted that she "probably" told Sherwood Williams after her arrest that she had the money in a Portland bank, with which to straighten out the alleged shortage.

Although she now insists she has no money or bonds belonging to the city, the former treasurer admitted she "might have said" to Commissioner Melville, after her arrest, that the money was in the United States National bank in Portland.

On re-direct examination she said she had no money belonging to the city, and had less than \$400 of personal cash on Feb. 3 when she left office.

GRANGERS ATTEND LECTURERS' MEET

A lecturers' convention of all of the Douglas county granges was held Wednesday evening at the Evergreen grange hall with a large attendance from the various granges. Dr. C. H. Bailey presided at the meeting. Mrs. Fred Goff read a paper on "A Well Balanced Program," and Mrs. Ethel Tunstark read a paper on "Round-Table Discussions." An amusing event of the evening was the Kitchen Climbers' orchestra, led by Mrs. Goff. Mrs. R. B. Spackman gave a review of the lectures delivered at the school at Corvallis last February. Mrs. Arthur Brown had charge of the singing, singing numbers and of the decorations. Mrs. Spackman pleased the large crowd with her dramatic reading of "The Marriage of Pocahontas." Fred Goff's talk on "Agriculture" was also appreciated.

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board, the personnel of which includes several of my friends." Once Pershing's Aide The soldiers' home will be a great boon to Roseburg and will mean rapid and continuous progress and development, Major Martin believes. Major Martin was a classmate of General John J. Pershing at West Point and was assistant chief of staff under him in Washington in 1922-25. He was then sent to the Panama in command of American forces there, following which he retired, in 1927, from active service and settled in Portland. His retirement followed 42 years of service in the army.

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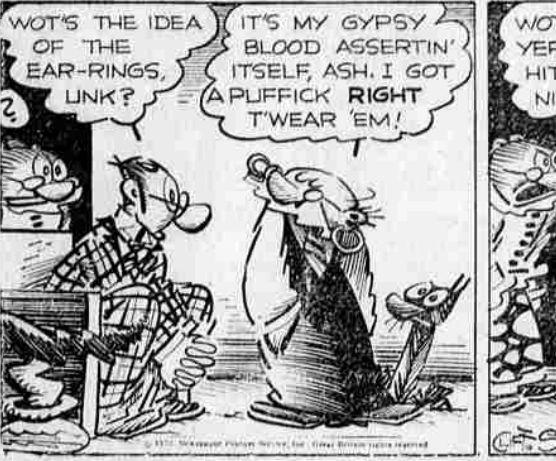
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Newspaper Publicity Increases Profits of Washington Dairymen

(Associated Press Leased Wire) SEATTLE, March 20.—Successful progress of a newspaper advertising campaign begun last fall by 60,000 Washington dairy men through the Washington dairy products bureau was related to 2,000 persons, representing dairy interests and their families, in the civic auditorium last night. The bureau was organized last year and a fund of \$60,000 raised to advertise dairy products. The campaign has been under way six months and Dr. Robert Prior, president of the bureau, asserted "already noticeable results are apparent in increased consumption of dairy products." Dr. Prior declared "newspaper advertising has been the backbone of the entire campaign and papers of the state of Washington have cooperated in this movement and should be extended considerable credit for the success of this campaign." He said the dairy industry in the state owns animals worth \$34,690,000 and last year dairy farmers produced 1,708,029,403 pounds of milk, valued at \$17,905,219.

New Arkansas Divorce Act Makes Hot Springs Rival of Reno, Nev.

(Associated Press Leased Wire) HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 19.—America's oldest national park has "gone Reno." On June 12 a 90-day divorce law goes into effect in Arkansas, and Hot Springs plans to make the most of it.

Famed for a century for its hot waters, this resort, in the words of its bachelor mayor, Leo P. McLaughlin, would separate Reno, Nev., from its title of "the divorce center of America."

Reno may cut down its residence requirement from 90 days to six weeks, or even less, but Mayor McLaughlin and others who directed the fight for the new Arkansas law say it cannot successfully meet the competition of Hot Springs.

McLaughlin points out that 300,000 persons come annually to Hot Springs because of its mild winter climate and its waters.

"Now they can kill two birds with one stone," he said. "They can come for the climate and baths and get a divorce at the same time."

"Here they can find things to make them forget their marital unhappiness—golf, mountain climbing and horseback riding on the paths that wind around the hills."

And for those who crave more excitement, there are fashionable night clubs.

The divorce court judge here is Chancellor W. R. Duffy, a widower, who has been hearing matrimonial troubles for years. The new law makes no changes concerning grounds for divorce, which are virtually the same in Arkansas as in Nevada. They include desertion, cruelty, infidelity and general indignities.

It permits non-residents to institute divorce proceedings after 60 days' residence in the state, but a decree cannot be issued until 30 days thereafter. The law requires the 90 days' residence be alleged, not proved.

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ter C. Cole, national president of the reserve association, in which he voiced his wishes for the success of the convention here today.

Women Fight Prohibition HELSINGFORS — Leading women's organizations have banded together here in an anti-prohibition crusade. The women are directing a campaign to secure 100,000 signatures to a petition asking the present prohibition laws be abolished and a system of restricting

Escapes "Love Ring" in California



Above photo shows Mrs. Olga Evans, of Oakland, California, who told a dramatic story of her sensational escape from asserted agents of the Los Angeles "love bazaar." "I was doped and kidnaped by men working for the 'love mart' and they were taking me to Los Angeles as a 'slave' when I escaped," she declared.

Scotch Panties



Every time the clock ticks a new scheme is born in the fertile brains of people whose one aim in life is to beat the prohibition law. Above picture shows one of the latest wheezes for smuggling the forbidden liquid over the border. Just a pair of lady's panties with specially built pockets to accommodate a couple of quarts. These were seized by customs agents at Detroit, Mich.

distribution of alcoholic spirits substituted.

Boy "Double Jeopardy" WAPPINGER FALLS, N. Y. — A boy walking along the Hamburg road proved "double jeopardy" to William Ray. In swerving to avoid striking the boy Ray lost control of his automobile and struck a tree. He was knocked unconscious. When he recovered he found he had been robbed of \$27.

Airports numbering 1,113 in the United States at the beginning of the year, for commercial and municipal purposes, were found in a federal survey to represent a capital investment of \$115,068,500.

Phone 135 when you have news items.

Poor Kid!



Sixteen years old and making only \$7,500 a week. "Tis a pity! Jackie Coogan has sought court approval of his new movie contract that calls for that amount. This is Jackie's latest picture and shows him quite grownup.

First Five Billion



The business founded by Alexander Graham Bell, more than half a century ago, has become the first \$5,000,000,000 business in history. This was revealed in the report of Walter S. Gifford (above) president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, who also showed that business depression had failed to check the company's growth.

RE-LOCATION WILL SPEED G. N. WORK

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—The interstate commerce commission ruling authorizing the Great Northern railway to relocate its new line in Klamath, Modoc and Lassen counties means, according to Ralph Budd, president of the line, that the railroad may be operating trains into California by the late summer of 1932.

The relocation was sought, Budd said today, in order to offer less interference to drainage and irrigation systems and to provide better service facilities for the region. Budd said the Western Pacific, building northward from its main line in California, to the Great Northern extension, is about three months ahead of schedule.

It will take the Great Northern from six to eight months to finish its part of the job, the president said, adding, "We should see a complete line of rail by this time next year, or early in April of 1932. A bit more work and the completed line will be ready for traffic."

N. Y. Mayor May ESCAPE AN INQUIRY

(Associated Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, March 21.—News-papers today indicated there was belief in various quarters that Governor Roosevelt would not have Mayor Walker's official acts investigated.

The New York American said it had learned on unimpeachable authority that the governor would not order an investigation because he did not consider the accusations of nonfeasance made by the city affairs committee explicit enough or supported sufficiently by specifications.

The governor will sift the evidence over the weekend at his home in Hyde Park, the paper said, and announce his decision early next week, possibly Monday.

The New York Herald Tribune published a dispatch from its staff correspondent at Palo Alto, Calif., to the effect that Mayor Walker feels he has nothing to fear and that the governor will have no recourse but to vindicate him. Walker is of the opinion, the city departments attacked by the committee are fundamentally sound. The police department particularly, he feels, is honorable in the rank and file.

INCOME TAX DROP RAISES DEFICIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, March 21.—The handwriting of millions of taxpayers warned treasury officials today that the government income for this year would be found wanting.

Income tax payments shrank far below the totals for the same period of last year. Despite the inflow of collections, the treasury deficit remained above the \$600,000,000 mark.

The total collections for the month have been \$239,123,891. For the same period last year they were \$284,833,426. The treasury deficit for which the collections were reported, stood at \$628,762,172. On the same day last year, the treasury had a surplus of \$22,270,706.

Two paths have been indicated by financial students as courses which would be necessary to lead the government away from the deficit side of the ledger.

The one calls for a reduction in the rate of retirement of the public debt. President Hoover has said "the administration is opposed to any encroachment upon the statutory provisions of retirement of the public debt."

The other course was indicated by the president in his last message to congress. He warned: "Most rigid economy is necessary to avoid increase in taxes."

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"LOVING" HUSBAND COMMITS SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—The body of Ralph M. Benjamin, 29, lay in the county morgue today. A note addressed to his wife, Ethel, and to five-year-old Jackie, began, "I love you." "There is no insurance," it said. "It lapsed long ago. The stock was sold to a loan shark and a Chinaman lottery got my last checks." He inhaled gas at his home.

OFFICER WALKS IN ON TWO CRACKSMEN

SALEM, March 21.—L. E. Darkina, about 26, and Lawrence Reed, about 28, were in the Marion county jail today awaiting grand jury action following their arrest single-handedly early yesterday morning at Silverton by Night Officer Iverson, of Silverton, who caught them as they were about to crack open a safe in a pool hall.

The officer, who carried a key to the place, found the two men hiding behind the safe when he went into the building to get a drink of water. A quantity of tools were scattered about. Darkins, or Dorkens, is said to have been a former inmate of San Quentin penitentiary, in California.

HOMESTEADS GIVEN TO 24 WAR VETERANS

(Associated Press Leased Wire) KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 21.—The announcement was made here last night of the allotment of 24 homesteads on Tule lake in northern California to World war veterans.

About 60 more homesteads will be open for entry in the same section this fall. B. E. Hayten, superintendent of the Klamath reclamation service, said.

The homesteads average 65 acres. About 16,000 acres remain to be opened to entry on this reclaimed lake land.

Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

BONUS MONEY THROWN AWAY IN BRIEF "WHOOPEE"

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Frank Lowther, 33, war veteran, who yesterday received \$779 as a bonus loan and started out to put it into circulation, had \$70 of it left today and it was in escrow as bail for himself and six friends at city prison.

Lowther attracted attention when he got a bunch of his money changed into quarters and started to give it away to jobless men in Chinatown. Later it was alleged he was joined by six persons who went riding. It is alleged they later dashed about town "whooping" and must explain in municipal court.

WIVES OF POLICEMEN LOSE COIN, WRAPS DURING PARTY

BERKELEY, Cal., March 21.—Six wives of Berkeley policemen demanded the police do something today as a result of a robbery at a bridge party attended by the wives yesterday.

During a party at the home of Policeman Lawrence Laird some

COMPARATIVE WEATHER DATA

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU Observations taken at 2 a. m. 120th Meridian. THE WEATHER

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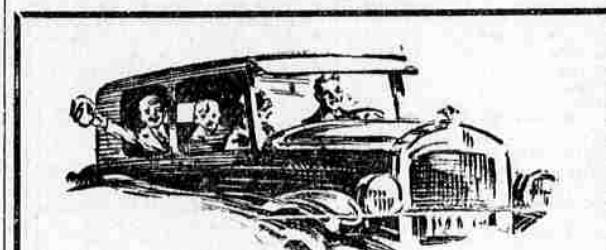
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