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KESSLER TO BE TRIED ON FEBRUARY 20

To Answer Charges of Manslaughter of Arthur Cleaver.

TWO WOMEN WILL BE TRIED THIS WEEK

Five Criminal Cases and Two Civil Cases on Circuit Court Calendar for February Term.

Five criminal cases appear on the calendar in the circuit court for this and next week's session. Two civil cases are slated for trial also.

Probably the most important case on the calendar is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, at nine o'clock in the morning when William Kessler will be tried by the State of Oregon on the charges of the manslaughter of Arthur Cleaver, of Baker City. Cleaver's death in an auto wreck that occurred some time ago on the Union-La Grande highway and it is alleged that Kessler, the driver, was under the influence of intoxicating liquor at the time. Ed Wright, prosecuting attorney, will represent the state and Attorney Crawford and Eakin will defend Kessler. Judge J. W. Knowles will preside.

Two Women On Trial

Two criminal cases conducted, one by the city of La Grande and one by the State of Oregon, against women, appear on the calendar. On February 14, at 9:00 a. m., Mrs. L. McNealy will be tried with the city of La Grande as plaintiff and on Saturday, February 17th, Grace Attridge will be tried by the state on the charge of procuring money under false pretenses. In the former case W. J. Green will represent the city and E. S. Ivanhoe will be counsel for the defendant. In the latter case Ed Wright will be attorney for the state and R. J. Kitchen will defend the defendant.

Statutory Case

S. L. Myers, who was convicted some time ago on the charge of larceny and sentenced to a county jail term, will be tried on Wednesday, February 14th, at 9:00 a. m. by the state on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Ed Wright and E. R. Ringo will be prosecuting attorneys and R. J. Kitchen will represent the defendant.

Other cases on the calendar for the February term of circuit court are: Tuesday, February 13th, 9:30 a. m., Herbert Mires vs. E. A. Kirkendal et al., Cochran and Eberhart for the plaintiff and Nichols, Hallock and Donald for the defendant; Thursday, February 15th, 9:00 a. m., Zulu Ebell vs. the O. W. R. & N. company, a suit for damages. Green and Hess, Ivanhoe and Ashwill for the plaintiff and A. C. Spencer and Crawford and Eakin for the defendant; and the State of Oregon vs. Howell, on Friday, February 23rd, at 9:00 a. m., Ed Wright for the state and R. J. Kitchen representing the defendant.

ERROR DELAYS TAX ROLL

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 13.—A mistake in making the 1923 levy for state taxes in Lane county was discovered by the state tax commission a few days ago and it is now necessary to re-extend the rolls on the state tax. County Assessor Walker now has a force of men hoping to finish the rolls in time for the sheriff to begin collecting on March 1. Sheriff Stickle said there would be a delay in sending out tax statements.

It was presumed by the county court that the county's share would be about the same as last year's, but it was subsequently learned that it will be approximately \$20,000 less.

Singing is Feature of Ad Club Program Today

The old-fashioned singing which the Union County Ad club has been neglecting of late broke out anew today when the club met at the Methodist church. South, with George Birnie as chairman, Elmer Stodman, manipulator of the baton, introduced a new group of old songs which were undertaken with spirit. On account of the severe weather, many did not venture to the North side church edifice but those who went got a double portion of mighty good food, served by the ladies of that church.

Numerous announcements were made, among them that merchants and business men are invited to hear Mr. Findley when he speaks at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening in retailers. J. G. Snowgrass, who brought the matter up, assured a worth-while speech for all retailers. The Ad club quartet rendered two excellent numbers with that polish and finish which the four men have attained. Messrs. Dutton, Williams, E. Stoddard and Birnie comprise the group, and are aided by their admirers as head and shoulders above

King George Speaks on Ruhr Occupation Today at Parliament Session

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Ruhr question was stressed by King George today in an address from the throne, opening the second session of the fourth parliament of his reign. King George declared that although the British government was unable to concert or participate in the Ruhr operations, it was acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of Great Britain's allies.

SENATE FAVORS AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Norris Amendment Concerning Serving of Old Congress Following Election of New One Goes to House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Norris amendment to the federal constitution eliminating the present session of an old congress after the election of a new congress, and changing the inauguration date from March 4th to the third Monday in January, was approved today by the senate by a vote of 75 to 15. Their approval before the adjournment of congress is regarded as problematical.

THREE HOOP GAMES AT Y

Three basketball games will be played in the Y gymnasium this evening. The Boy Scout five playing a Union juvenile team at seven o'clock and following this contest the Clerks, last year's champions of the city league, now the La Grande Amateur Basketball league, will meet Imbler in their second official game of the season and Aluel and the Ramblers, L. A. B. teams, will wind up the evening's entertainment.

CONFECTIONERY OPENS TONIGHT

The official opening of the Palace Confectionery will be held this evening with special music furnished by Loney's orchestra from 8 until 11 o'clock. Harry Snowgrass, manager, has made arrangements for a very interesting evening and among the features will be the giving away of five large boxes of candy.

The Palace Confectionery is now owned by J. G. Snowgrass, Helen MacPherson and Harry Snodgrass and since the new owners took possession, the entire front part of the establishment and the kitchen has been renovated. One of the many new features of the confectionery that is meeting the approval of the public is the installation of a noon-day lunch service.

COUNCIL MEET POSTPONED

The meeting of the local Boy Scout council that was scheduled for tonight has been postponed until a later date due to the illness of A. E. Pryke, scout commissioner. The date for the meeting has not been announced.

The average male quartet. It is well worth one's time. Ad clubbers argue, to attend this luncheon if for no other reason than to enjoy a good meal and listen to the music upon such occasions as the quartet is on the job. Bishop DuBoise, presiding bishop at the Methodist church, South, conference which begins tomorrow, spoke briefly upon the relationship of businessmen to the spiritual affairs of the world. He declared that the first business of man is to live right, and to do so, it is necessary that one have a material business to sustain himself while engaged in that greater business of right living. Bishop DuBoise has rare gift as a speaker, and it was the keen regret of the club that he could not have been given more time. In richness of diction, charm of personality and weight of thought, few speakers before the club in many years have been his equal in five-minute talks. Ed Reynolds will be chairman at the next meeting at which time the Faxon Bureau will be present in numbers.

ONE KILLED IN DARING DAY ROBBERY

Samuel McGee, Bank Messenger, Shot by Bandits in Los Angeles.

ROBBERS ESCAPE WITH CURRENCY

Amount Stolen Not Positively Known; Two Guard Guards Held up Following Shooting of McGee

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Samuel McGee, messenger of the First National bank, was shot and killed today in a daylight robbery by two automobile bandits in the center of the jobbing district. The bandits escaped with a bag containing registered packages of currency which McGee had obtained at the post-office station.

McGee, accompanied with two guards, was driving a small automobile when the bandits in an automobile, left their car and running to the bank car fired at McGee, killing him. They then forced the guards to hold up their hands, seized the bag, ran back to their machine and escaped.

How much was in the bag is unknown until an official check is made.

BRITISH DEBT FUNDING BILL BEFORE SENATE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The British debt funding bill taken up by the senate today under an agreement that was reached after a conference between President Harding and republican leaders for the laying aside of the administration ship-ping bill temporarily but without displacing it from its privileged status.

SLIDE BLOCKS TRAFFIC

IDAHOO CITY, Feb. 13.—A huge snowslide, 200 feet long and from 20 to 30 feet deep, in the canyon below the Lemon grade, seven miles south of here on the Idaho City-Boise stage road, Monday afternoon obstructed all travel between the two towns. The Boise stage, due here early in the afternoon, was forced to stop and Charles Balow, who had "hooked trail" nearby the entire route, was forced to unhitch his teams, and bring a small packet of first class mail in on horseback and snowshoes.

EGGS THREE CENTS HIGHER

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Cattle slow after a quarter decline late Monday. Choice steers \$7.25 to \$8.00. Hogs and sheep steady. Eggs three cents higher, buying prices 26 to 29 cents, selling at 26 to 28 cents. Butter steady.

WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Wheat was \$1.22 to \$1.32.

TIT FOR TAT



Walking Auto Invented; Has Four Legs, No Gears, No Clutch or No Springs

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Invention of an automobile equipped with four legs instead of wheels, is claimed by James William Bryan, a Washington man, who says he has 40 patents for a five-passenger clutchless, gearless and springless car of half the weight of wheeled models which he says, expert engineers have declared feasible.

Bryan declares that he, and not a German inventor who recently announced production of a "walking" model, is the pioneer in the automobile-with-legs field. He says his machine is operated by two engines developing 40 horse-power and theoretically capable of making a speed of 81 miles an hour. The legs have practically the same action as those of a human being. Bryan claims, and can negotiate a perpendicular rise or drop of one foot without moving the automobile from a horizontal plane.

MOTOR COMPANY TO OPEN SOON

Purchase Merchandise from Roesch Motor Company; Work on New Quarters Progressing.

W. C. Perkins, local manager and part owner of the Perkins Motor company, in charge of the Ford agency in Union county, took possession of the Roesch Motor company which is being transferred into the quarters in the Roesch building that have been leased by the Perkins Motor company. The merchandise taken over includes a complete stock of repair parts, tires, tubes, accessories and the Perkins Motor company quarters are now taking on the appearance of a strictly modern, first class service department. Located in the east end of the Roesch Motor company, with a floor space of 11,000 square feet, the quarters, with renovations rapidly progressing, will shortly be ready for the opening.

The Perkins Motor company, which organized in La Grande on February 1st has since that time delivered and sold 21 Ford cars and one Lincoln car. "The reason for the demand for Ford cars at the present time," states Mr. Perkins, "is due to the fact that people that require Ford cars this season are realizing that it is necessary to place orders early to insure an early delivery. During the month of January, the Ford company sold and delivered 197,562 cars which is proof positive that the demand is very large."

INDICTMENT HITS BOISE OFFICIALS

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SHERIFF OF ADA COUNTY IS NAMED

BOISE, Feb. 13.—Federal grand jury indictments charging conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition laws were returned against the following: James D. Agnew, sheriff of Ada county; Sylvester Kinney, deputy sheriff of Ada county; Henry R. Griffith, Boise chief of police; H. Goodfriend, Boise physician; Carl E. Sorenson, rooming house manager; Edith Sorenson, rooming house manager; Ed Kemp, rancher; Ed Ward, rooming house manager.

The indictment contains the following six counts in which all the defendants are jointly charged: Count No. 1 charges all conspired together in the possession for sale for beverage purposes of certain intoxicating liquor commonly known as "moonshine whiskey."

Count No. 2 charges all conspired to engage in the business of selling at retail and wholesale certain intoxicating liquors.

Count No. 3 charges all wilfully manufactured certain intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Count No. 4 charges all defendants had in their possession and custody a certain still and distilling apparatus without having registered the same with the internal revenue collector for Idaho.

Count No. 5 charges all carried on the business of a distiller without having given the bond required by law with intent to defraud the United States of the tax on the "spirits distilled by them."

Count No. 6 charges all defendants did wilfully and unlawfully "make and ferment in a building and on premises other than a distillery, duly authorized according to law, H. Goodfriend were released under bond for distillation and designed and intended for the production of spirits and alcohol.

Sheriff Agnew, Chief Griffith and H. Goodfriend were released under \$2500 bonds a short time after their arrest Monday evening. Hill, (Continued on Page Five.)

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Entire Rocky Mountain District Struck by Storms; Two More Inches of Snow Fall in La Grande.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 13.—High winds on the western slope throughout the Rocky mountain states with temperatures ranging from 12 degrees below at Havre to 46 above at Roswell, N. M., interrupted wire service in many sections today. The storm disturbance centers in Oregon where the barometer pressure is an inch below normal. Snow was reported in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, with rain generally on the eastern slope, except from Sheridan, Wyo., east to the Mississippi valley, where unusually warm weather and sunshine are reported to be general.

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Eastern Oregon has much snow but the weather bureau reports but little wind.

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W. S. Parker Retires

W. S. Parker, who obtained principal stock interests and has been manager of the N. K. West & Co., Inc. for about a year, has disposed of his interests to the above mentioned men, and retires from the company.

The announcement is one of the most important, and represents one of the largest monetary transactions to be culminated within the city in some time. About one year ago Mr. West and Mr. Siegrist disposed of their interests after many years' association with it, to Mr. Parker principally, and to some other members of the staff. During the time Mr. Parker was the helm the institution continued to grow to maintain its usual high standard among accredited mercantile establishments of Eastern Oregon, and Mr. Parker's retirement from the business, is a matter of regret to his colleagues in business of La Grande. Mr. Parker has not announced his future plans as yet.

Siegrist Returns

The change brings back to La Grande a former merchant who once thought he had closed out his affairs in this city, namely, William Siegrist. However, "Bill" Siegrist, La Grande has an edge on many other sections of the country, and his old neighbors and friends will be pleased to know that the Siegrist family

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GROUP BILL EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH

Senators and Governor Confer Today; Governor's Amendments Are Approved by 17 Solons.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Feb. 13.—An agreement reached at a noon conference today between Governor Pierce and seven senators who indicated the passing of the compromise consolidation bill. The senators accepted the amendments as proposed by the governor. Three senators are reported added to the group, Strayer, Johnson and Kenney, making twenty now supporting the bill.

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Steamer Sinks at Pier; Crew Leaps to Safety

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—Buffeted by a high wind and heavy seas, the steamer Edalgo, was virtually beaten to pieces against the Albers brothers' milling company's docks here early Monday and sank in five fathoms of water. The vessel, a small Puget Sound freight steamer, was valued at \$20,000 and had aboard a cargo of 2000 sacks of oats.

The crew of the Edalgo, consisting of seven men, leaped to the wharf a moment before the steamer over-turged and sank.

Dozens of smaller craft were fern from their moorings during the night and early Monday morning and several were reported lost adrift in a late hour. The gale reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour. No damage was reported to large shipping.

Seattle was covered Monday with a hard frozen crust of snow, ranging in depth from a few inches to nearly a foot as the result of Sunday's storm, the worst of the winter.

Telephone wires coated with ice, were blown down in several places and many street light were put out of commission. A number of automobile accidents and injuries to passengers and pedestrians were charged to snow and ice. Half of the roof of one home was torn off by the high wind.

In outlying sections of the city the snow drifted to a depth of several feet during the night.