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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon: Cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Thursday.

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TESTIMONY IN GAMBLE CASE HEARD

Four Witnesses for Prosecution Take Stand in Murder Trial.

JURY SELECTED LATE YESTERDAY

Preliminary Facts Concerning Slaying of William Wigglesworth at Union Told Before the Court.

With the jury selected last evening the trial of H. N. Gamble on the charge of first degree murder started in earnest this morning with several witnesses subpoenaed by the prosecution on the stand.

Testimony was given this morning by Dr. E. J. Schuster, Dave Van Houten, Lee Warnick, ex-county sheriff, and C. P. Holbrook, his deputy. Dave Van Houten was the first man to reach the body of William Wigglesworth, the murdered man, after the shooting. His testimony was mostly concerned with the condition and position in which he found the body and the circumstances of the shooting so far as he knew them.

Dr. Schuster was called to the scene of the shooting by Van Houten immediately after his discovery of the body. He gave testimony bearing on the passage that the bullet took through the body of Wigglesworth.

Lee Warnick, who was county sheriff at the time of the murder and his deputy, Claude P. Holbrook, testified in their turn. Mr. Warnick told the details of the arrest of Gamble, the evidence discovered at the time and other matters bearing on the preliminary investigation of the murder. Holbrook for the most part corroborated Mr. Warnick's statements. The officers also told of the autopsy performed at the Wigglesworth home in an effort to locate the steel jacket of the bullet which killed Mr. Wigglesworth.

Bullet Mystery Up Again. The rifle with which Gamble is alleged to have done the killing is a Springfield army rifle. So far as is known there is no shell manufactured for this gun which shoots a plain lead bullet. The bullet which pierced the door of the Wigglesworth residence, killed Wigglesworth himself and later lodged in the wall on the opposite side of the

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THOMAS FACES GRAVE CHARGE

Frank Thomas, who was arrested last night by the police, is to appear before the municipal judge this afternoon at 2 o'clock to answer charges of selling or giving intoxicating liquor to minors, according to the police.

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X-Word Mate



Miss Ruth Davis' marriage to her stepbrother, Andrew Jean Stormfelt, at Kansas City, Mo., made her mother also her stepmother and her mother-in-law, and her stepfather her father-in-law. She's her own step-sister-in-law, too. Figure it out.

CHURCH UNITY SERMON TOPIC

In the meeting at the Christian church last evening, the evangelist's subject was "The Church Through the Ages." The discussion of the subject was of a nature to make the large audience do real thinking. Mr. DeSelle declared that the church of today, in its divided condition is neither reasonable, Biblical, nor business-like.

Taking up the possibilities of a united church, he said, "There are two principles that must be recognized in all overtures for unity. First, every proposal must finally have the full agreement of all, and second, even then it must be Biblical." The speaker then endeavored to show that there is a common ground to all believers, even the disputed things before the churches having common features to all, and that these common features are in full accord with Bible teaching. "We are divided over things not in the Bible, rather than things in the Bible," he declared.

In the song service, Mr. Fairbanks is proving a real leader. Last evening the special features were a duet, "Jesus Leads," by Mr. Fair-

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PUZZLE ANSWER

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Mexicans Now On Way To Their Home Land

30 Foreigners Started to Mexico Last Night; Federal Officer in Charge.

The closing chapter in the deportation of the 22 Mexicans taken up here a few weeks ago occurred last night when 30 of the foreigners left for Portland in a special car under the supervision of Thomas Fisher, federal officer, and two other special agents. Two of the 22 are still here awaiting deportation papers which may arrive at any time.

From Portland they will be transferred to a boat and taken to San Francisco where another transfer will be made before their destination, southern Mexico, is reached.

The Mexicans have been kept in the county jail while in this city.

CONSTRUCTING STORE ROOMS

Construction has been started in a portion of the Roesch building at the corner of Adams and Elm streets, formerly occupied by the Ledbetter garage, with the object of converting this part of the building into store rooms, fronting on Adams, according to Julian Roesch.

Mr. Roesch states that the work will be finished about April 1, when the rooms will be ready for occupancy. E. L. Ledbetter, dealer for Hudson and Essex cars, is moving to the Holmes building, adjacent to J. P. Morelock's establishment, facing Elm street. Mr. Ledbetter states that this may not be a permanent location.

BASS THRIVE IN RESERVOIR

That bass will thrive and propagate in the waters in the vicinity of La Grande has been proven by H. A. Taylor whose reservoir just south of town has been a successful breeding place for the fish.

A number of attempts have been made by various sporting organizations and individuals to stock the sloughs of the valley and the small ponds in the vicinity with bass. For the most part these attempts have been seemingly unsuccessful. At least very few bass are caught in the course of the season by local sportmen.

This is partly due, no doubt, to ignorance of the methods used in taking the fish but it seems certain that comparatively few bass live after planting. Morgan lake, west of the city, was stocked at one time with small mouth bass and was excellent fishing during one season. What happened to the fish after that is a mystery. The general impression is that the lake was drained and that the fish died from this cause. But the lake at present is the habitat of a great number of perch which, as far as is known, were not planted at all and no bass are caught.

Bass Displayed. A number of bass two years old from the Taylor reservoir were on display in the windows of the Grande Hotel. Many comments were made on the fish. They were about 11 inches long and all of uniform size. Mr. Taylor did us inform that the fish apparently thrived in the pond. Since the original fish were planted several spawnings have taken place and the fish have increased greatly in number.

GEORGE CARLSON IS ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

George Carlson is in the city jail today awaiting trial this evening at 7:20 o'clock in the municipal court on charges of having intoxicated liquor in his possession.

Carlson was arrested last evening by the city police who found a bottle containing liquor on his person.

TWO CRAFT HIT IN FOG. MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Two boats went aground in lower Coos bay early yesterday on account of an intensely dense fog. The steamer Daisy, from San Francisco, dragged, anchors and went aground near the north jetty dock. She was expected to be floated at high tide, probably undamaged. The government engineer's tug Enterprise went aground near Charleston.

Chain Store Will Operate In La Grande

The New York store, a chain store operating in the Inland Empire, has purchased the stock of the Scranton & Short company on the corner of Elm and Adams, and will open here some time in the near future at this location.

C. O. Daggett will be manager of the La Grande New York store. The business will feature men's and boys' clothing, although other stock will probably be sold. High class clothing has always been sold at this location and the new store expects to keep up the prestige.

The New York stores were originally started in Idaho but have been constantly spreading throughout the Inland Empire. Many stores are in operation at present, including stores at Walla Walla, Burley, Nampa, Rupert, Emmett, Boise and Buhl. The slogan the system has adopted is "Destroyers of High Prices" and it expects to live up to the slogan in La Grande.

Members of the chain are in La Grande today looking over the stock and making arrangements for the opening, the date for which has not been set yet.

PIONEER LADY LAID TO REST

With beautiful and impressive ceremonies the late Deulah Newlin, Union county pioneer who died early Monday morning, was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery this morning.

Funeral services were held at the church of Our Lady of the Valley at 10 o'clock. Father Nooy assisted by Father Kelly of Baker and Father Breen of Enterprise conducted the funeral services and preached the sermon.

A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends of Mrs. Newlin were present to pay their last tribute to the departed. Julius Roesch, E. E. Rohan, E. V. Hunslett, J. G. Snodgrass, H. M. Maloney and J. H. Peare served as pall bearers.

Mrs. J. P. Corbett of Portland, Mrs. L. Riehl and Mrs. Pemberton of Harrington, Oregon, Mayor and Mrs. Palmer of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer of Baker, Mrs. Kate Palmer and Mrs. Lora Good were here for the funeral.

Lewiston Men Buy "Bill's Barber Shop"

Frank Colton and J. J. Parsons of Lewiston, Idaho, have purchased Bill's Barber Shop formerly owned by William Wynn. The new owners have been in the business for a number of years. Mr. Colton was proprietor of the Foley Barber Shop about six years ago, while Mr. Parsons has been employed at different times in most of the towns in Eastern Oregon.

The new management intends to run a first-class and up-to-date establishment in every way. As an adjunct to the regular barber shop, a beauty parlor is now being installed, this to be under the supervision of an experienced beauty specialist, a graduate of three schools of beauty culture.

Six Baby Alligators Received at Hot Lake

HOT LAKE (Special).—The Hot Lake sanatorium numbers among its recent arrivals six from Florida. They arrived by parcel post today carefully packed in a wooden box. The strange guests, six baby alligators, crawled and squirmed about in the wooden box apparently not at all fatigued from their long journey. They were sent to Dr. W. T. Ploy by a friend in Florida. The alligators will be placed in the proper kind of an aquarium where they can be easily watched. A large number of people at the Lake are very much interested in the arrivals.

FAGEFELT NEAR DEATH. PORTLAND (AP).—J. A. Fagefelt, vice squad officer, known as "Handsome Hank," is in a critical condition today from a bullet wound inflicted late yesterday when he attempted to arrest a man and woman on a bootlegging charge.

POSTAL PAY BILL LOSES 234 TO 120

House Turns Down Measure Sent to It by the Senate.

SUBSTITUTION IS REFUSED BY VOTE

Veterans Committee Reports to House 10 Million Dollar Hospital Construction Bill.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—By a vote of 234 to 120, the house of representatives today refused to accept the senate postal pay and rate increase bill as a substitute for the measure the house passed last week.

BILL REPORTED. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The house veterans' committee today reported a ten million dollar hospital construction measure which would permit the veterans bureau director to use the money where it is most needed.

HALL BECOMES SOCIAL CENTER

Homan Hall, managed and operated by the ladies of the Episcopal Guild, and cherished and covered with a great deal of pride, has again become a social center in La Grande, following a period of two seasons during which time the hall was occupied for Sunday worship by the Presbyterian church and later, the Episcopal church, during the construction period of the two new churches.

The hall which has undergone some changes has been made doubly attractive with its new floor and an appropriate tea room or sun parlor at the rear of the building.

The officers and members actuated by impulses of the highest order are in sympathy with the growing need of a higher level of social activity for the young people, and at its last regular meeting voted the Episcopal hall for the hall for their high school dances. Favorable action was also taken towards allowing the American Legion and other fraternal or religious organizations the use of the hall for their meetings and social occasions.

Several committees have been appointed under the able leadership of the guild president, and the work of the committees is going forward with a marked degree of diligence. Already the committee's alertness resulted in two successful parties—the dance a month ago attended by more than a hundred couples, and the card party last Saturday afternoon attended by a hundred and fifty ladies—more than amply encouraged them in their new field of service.

The decorations with which the hall was so attractively arranged for the ladies' card party have been permitted to remain for the dance to be held this Friday evening, the 20th, with the committee assigned for this occasion con-

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If You Don't See A Paper

When you miss reading a paper every day you feel that something has been lacking. You have actually suffered a loss.

Besides failing to know about the news of the day you also miss many new things that appear in the advertising columns regularly. It's natural, therefore, that practically everyone in the La Grande territory is a regular reader of The Observer.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Billy Pours



Rev. William "Billy" Sunday, of Oregon, took great delight in officiating at the last rites for 4000 gallons of assorted contraband liquor at Memphis, (Tenn.) courthouse.

XTRA

RUM RUNNER SEIZED. SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—The Canadian steamer Coal Harbour, seized as a liquor runner by the coast guard cutter Cahokia near Bolinas Bay last night, was towed into port here today. Fourteen members of the crew were placed in custody aboard the vessel and the work of checking her cargo began. Preliminary statements by the customs officials placed the cargo at 10,000 cases, valued in market prices at more than \$600,000.

DR. BURTON DEAD. ANN ARBOR (AP).—Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, died here early today. His death followed a long fight against the effects of complication of diabetes. Burton nominated Coolidge for president at the Cleveland Republican convention.

TO INCREASE ROAD'S WIDTH

The state highway commission will take bids the twenty-sixth of this month on three different grading projects on the Baker-Cornucopia highway, a distance of 17 miles. They will also take bids on a nine-mile project, south of Baker, on the Baker-Unity highway, all in Baker county.

In connection with these bids they will receive at the same time bids on widening the Emigrant hill section of the old Oregon Trail in Umatilla county, between Pendleton and La Grande.

A rapid increase in traffic, which has grown from 60 cars a day in 1920 to a maximum of 475 cars a day in 1924, necessitates wider road beds on account of the hazard in traffic in narrow roads. This section will be widened from 20 to 24 feet and some of the curves will be limited.

King George Rested Well During the Night

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—A bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace today said that "the king had a fair night. Though there was no change in the bronchitis, the general condition of his majesty shows improvement."

Two Negroes Lynched For Murder of White

GREENWOOD, Miss. (By the Associated Press).—Miss Winters, negro, and another unidentified negro, were taken from Holmes county officials yesterday, and lynched, according to reports received here. Their capture followed the killing of Wiley T. Martin, a plantation manager, near Shiden.

Pendleton Club Names Its Officers for 1925

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special).—New officers elected in the Pendleton Commercial Association are: J. E. Johns, president; Mac Hoke, vice president; J. E. Akey, E. B. Aldrich, Charles E. Bond, H. M. Cromwell, L. A. Crookbank, L. H. Hamley, G. A. Hartman, Carl Hoop and Fred Sawyer, directors.

Arms Caucus Discussed By U.S., British

Limitation of Armament Situation Is Not Advanced to Sending of Formal Notes, However

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—An informal discussion of the arms conference to be called by President Coolidge, has been progressing in London, but officials here indicated today that no definite results have been obtained and that the state department would not discuss the subject beyond authorizing the statement that conversations had not yet reached the point of exchanging formal notes. It is assumed, in the absence of official comment, that steps taken look to the extension of the Washington treaty so as to include limitation on auxiliary craft besides capital ships.

The principal powers have been approached by the United States on the subject, the state department revealed, and discussions have been followed up quietly and persistently in all the principal capitals of the world.

3 BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press).—Three buildings in the Penn avenue wholesale produce district here were demolished by a series of explosions today with \$125,000 loss resulting.

Many residents of that region were thrown from their beds by the force of the blast. Officers, after an investigation, expressed the belief that the first explosion was a dynamite bomb set off in one of the buildings.

Diphtheria Outbreak Is Now Under Control

GOODING, Ida. (Special).—The outbreak of diphtheria in the state hospital for the deaf and blind is being well controlled according to a statement Tuesday night by C. J. Settles, superintendent. Cases now total five, he said, one new one being isolated late Monday.

MOTOR TAX BILL INDORSERD.

HOOD DRIVER, Ore.—The Hood River Traffic association, an organization of the valley fruit shippers forwarded to the county's legislative delegation an indorsement of house bill No. 412, a substitute for bills 39 and 19, fixing taxes on motor bus passenger and freight carriers. The traffic body declared, in its resolution that schedules and rates of the motor carriers should be regulated by the public service commission.

Silk Gloves On Iron Hands To Serve Chief

(By HARRY B. HUNT) WASHINGTON (SNEA Special).—A pair of the softest silk kind of velvet gloves are an essential part of the presidential private secretary's wardrobe, but it is equally essential that there shall be a pair of iron hands inside them. Everett Sanders of Indiana, who will succeed C. Bascom Sloop as private secretary to President Coolidge on March 4, is reputed to have the necessary equipment, sartorially and anatomically. Of Sanders' ability as a salesman this column already has spoken, but a presidential private secretary also must be a diplomat of diplomats. He mustn't offend anybody but frequently he must do and say things that are calculated to give offense. He must know everybody and all about everybody. He mustn't let anybody "get to" the president who oughtn't to "get to" him, but he mustn't make the mistake of preventing anybody from "getting to" him who ought to do so. He must be as smooth as silk to the people he lets in and be as hard as iron to those whom he keeps out. He must be par excellence a politician—a "fixer." He must be supremely loyal. He has at least as difficult, deli-

TAX BILLS NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE

Revenue Measures That Would Produce \$1,758,000, Investigated

HOUSE BILL HITS PROHI VIOLATORS

Measure Up to Senate Would Give Sheriffs Right to Put Prisoners on the Rock Pile.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Revenue producing bills now before the ways and means committee, with the amount each is estimated to produce are: reversion for Vale relief fund, \$20,000; suspension of industrial accident commission aid, \$50,000; additional tax on insurance companies, \$264,000; cigarette tax, \$500,000; quarter mill road tax repeal, \$265,000; additional corporation tax, \$229,200; cosmetic tax \$100,000; ten per cent fees from various state activities, \$200,000; battleship Oregon refund, \$20,000, totalling \$1,758,200. In addition to these Governor Pierce has proposed a pedicel license bill estimated to yield \$500,000 and also the possibility of a motion picture tax has been gone into.

Consider the above sums, the state has cash for the committee's consideration \$6,684,281. Available funds, if the above measures pass, are expected to exceed appropriations. (Continued on Page 4.)

PEARE GIVEN THREE POSTS

W. M. Peare, local optician, who has been attending lectures by Dr. J. E. Barr, of New York city, at the State Optometry meeting at Portland during the past week has been placed on the board of directors for the association, chosen vice president and placed on legislative committee, according to a telegram received yesterday by J. H. Peare.

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT BETWEEN SUN AND MIN FORCES

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press).—Fighting has again broken out between Sun Yat Sen's followers in the Kwangtung province and the Chihli general, Chenming Min. Sun's forces claim the capture of Tamsui, 15 miles north of Wai-chow, which is Chen's headquarters.