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Jack Hilary must face another trial on the dog-biting charge. The jury that tried his case in circuit court this week failed, after 12 hours of deliberation, to arrive at a verdict. Judge C. H. McCulloch dismissed the jury at 8:50 o'clock this morning, after they had been out all night.

According to courtroom rumor, the jurors were about equally divided on the question of Hilary's guilt. Differing in their interpretation of the court's instructions, which were long and detailed, they were unable to reach an agreement. The judge discharged their responsibility in the case when it appeared this morning that no chance of a verdict was in sight.

Next Trial in Fall.

The new trial probably will take place in the fall, the district attorney said this morning.

The defense rested at 3:15 p.m. yesterday, having called only three witnesses. Hilary, on the stand, told a calm version of what he claimed was the accidental burning of the livestock.

Lewis Wolcott's ownership of the dog was not in dispute. Hilary had been told Wolcott's dog

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SHOW PLANS
MATERIALIZING

A general meeting for the purpose of arranging for the Union livestock show to be June 9, 10 and 11 was held by the stock show association at Union Wednesday evening. Members of the association are meeting regularly making plans for the show, which they hope will be more successful than ever this year.

A draft horse pulling contest was one of the principal features discussed at the meeting.

Rules concerning the judging of purchased sheep were changed so that it will not be necessary for sheep exhibited this year to be bred by the owner in order to compete for prizes. Last year a clause in the rules eliminated all purchased sheep not bred by the owner, making ineligible some of the best sheep in the country.

The association considered the changing of the premium list. In boys and girls' club work, but no definite action was taken. S. E. Miller, chairman of the association, presided over the meeting.

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Reports Of
Five Groups
Made PublicDairy, Prune, Poultry,
Cherry and Berry
Conference Committees
Make Recommendations

Editor's note—This is the third of a series of reports issued following the annual economic conference held here last Friday and Saturday.

Reports of the dairy, prune, poultry, cherry and berry committees of the annual economic conference held here last week were made public today.

Robert Withycombe, H. J. Nelson, E. H. Hare and H. Hare, dairy group, recommended that dairymen give more consideration to the quality of hay produced and to possibilities of permanent pastures; that an annual dairy tour be held at a reasonable time to observe pasture management and the most efficient barn construction; that the possibilities of cooperative creamery organization be given consideration; and that the Union high school, cooperating with the extension service of the O. A. C., be commended for expanding its work in raising of dairy herds.

Poultry Recommendations.

The poultry group recommended that poultry producers support the efforts of the Oregon Poultrymen's association to raise a fund to be used in offering a series of rewards for the arrest and conviction of poultry thieves and that the Union county chamber of commerce use its influence on local merchants to get them to purchase less second grade eggs outside the county.

The prune group reports that the prune market is growing and that the recommendation of better quality of dried prunes by the pressure test be used for eastern shipment should be a favorable asset to local growers in developing such markets.

Cherry Committee Reports.

The cherry committee reports "there ought to be enough incentive in acreage for strawberries, also bush berries and other canning commodities, to help us locally, a cannery in the Grande Ronde Valley. The committee went on record as favoring irrigation for the valley."

Cherry Report.

The cherry report last special emphasis on care to control the cherry rust pest, and recommends an investigation and experimentation on orchard heating so as to determine if the expense required to operate such a system.

The committee also recommended application of fertilizers, particularly sulphur of ammonia, so as to rejuvenate the depleted orchard soils of the country and cooperative marketing as the ultimate solution of growers' marketing problems.

FIRST BAND OF WOOLIES ON WAY TO GRASS RANGE

The first band of sheep to be taken to the range from this section this spring left the S. E. Miller ranch at Union Wednesday.

The sheep belonged to Mr. Miller and included 1200 head. Grass on the range is better now than it has been at this time for the past five or six years, Mr. Miller says.

He has not taken any of the young lambs to the range yet, but will as the weather improves.

Editor's Note—This is another of a series of articles written by A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, now touring the world on the S. S. Belgeland.

(By A. B. Cherry)

SHANGHAI, China, (Special)—Four hours we stood on the main bridge yesterday and watched some life on the junks and sampans. Here they are born, live and die and finally end their journey. You shut your eyes and go away and try to forget it all, wondering what the missionaries have really accomplished in the long years they have been here with the millions of dollars that have poured into China for their use. They didn't want about it in the wrong way and from our observations we have our own opinion. On a sign at the entrance of a park on the Bund is this "No Chinese or Dogs Admitted."

No wonder the Chinese want the foreigners out of China. Put up a sign in America saying "No Americans or Dogs Admitted," how long would it stay?

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This was decided upon today by the special committee, which will make its report Monday.

Under the program agreed upon, the bill would have six days and the dry six days for the presentation of the cases.

The first measure to be considered would be the Bruce resolution to amend the eighteenth amendment so that there would be local option in the states, counties or municipalities with the government manufacturing and selling to those places where the local electorate had authorized the sale.

SIX UNDEFEATED TIGERS AND EIGHT BOYS FROM THE TIGER SQUAD

Six undefeated Tigers and eight boys from the Tiger squad that Coach Thornton Bennett produced will win the state championship for La Grande next year.

Seven manuscripts—the work of upper grade pupils in the Union, Imbler and Willow Creek schools—have already been turned into the office of E. A. Sayre, county superintendent, for entrance in the historical essay contest that closes Saturday, March 29.

"From what I have been able to learn on my visits to the districts of the county will be quite general," the superintendent remarked with satisfaction this morning. "The boys and girls, as well as their teachers, have been enthusiastic in their search for stories that will make up an interesting and valuable collection of local history."

The essays can be submitted to my office any time Saturday. They will be sent to Eugene to be graded by the extension division of the University of Oregon.

"Prizes will be awarded as soon as the reports come back from the university. I am going to request that the department attend to the marking as promptly as possible, because I know the children will be eager to hear from their work," concluded Mr. Sayre. In addition to the cash prizes amounting to \$20 in all, that The Observer has provided for the winning essay writers, there is the added satisfaction they will take from seeing their stories in print. Some of the best essays probably will be published in the University magazine called The Monitor, Mr. Sayre has been informed.

Grange Home Coming to Be Observed Tomorrow

Blue Mountain grange will have a meeting of more than usual interest tomorrow when it observes "Home Coming" day at the grange hall east of La Grande. At this time all members of the grange, whether living in the grange district or not, are invited. Members of the Blue Mountain grange living at Summerville, North Powder and Tolocane and other points outside the district are expected to be in attendance.

Parker Speaker at Men's Club Meeting

The Rev. H. W. Parker was the speaker last evening when the Presbyterian Men's club met at the home of J. C. MacPherson. Mr. Parker had as his subject "St. Paul." He told of the birth of St. Paul, who in his early life was known as Saul, and how God appeared to Paul while he was looking for Christians, who were to be persecuted, and how he turned against the persecutors of the Christian people and went to Arabia.

Following Dr. Parker's talk there was a general discussion of the subject. The meeting closed with refreshments served by Mrs. MacPherson.

Charles Retzer Is on Way to Recovery Today

Charles Retzer, injured Wednesday afternoon when his touring car skidded on the wet pavement and turned bottom side up in the ditch, is reported to be getting along nicely at Hot Lake sanatorium today, although he is still nervous from the shock. Mr. Retzer will probably be taken to his home at Walla Walla, Washington tomorrow.

The body of Mrs. Retzer, who died the result of injuries received in the accident, will be taken to Pendleton on this evening's train. From there she will be taken to Walla Walla by the Cookley Undertaking company, where funeral services will be held Sunday. Philip Hawley will accompany the body to Walla Walla. The other two children, Miss Catherine Hawley, who was also in the car at the time of the wreck but was uninjured, and William Hawley, will drive to Walla Walla this evening or tomorrow.

Eugene's Annual Style Show to Begin Tonight

Merchants of Eugene will unveil their windows at 8 o'clock tonight as the special feature of the annual style show.

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Colonel John Coolidge, who passed away at his home at Plymouth, N.H., at the end of a long standing illness. This is the second death within the Coolidge family since Calvin Coolidge became president. The other occurred when the chief executive lost one of his sons a few years past.

LEAGUE FILES PENSION BILL

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 19. (AP)—An old-age pension initiative bill, providing for the care of certain married or single men or women after they reach the age of 65, was left with the secretary of state today and will be sent to the attorney general for ballot title. The measure, which is proposed to be submitted to the people at the November election, is said to be similar to the Pennsylvania law, and is intended to be a substitute for poorhouse care. It is said the League's lodge in favor of similar legislation throughout the United States. The Oregon League for Old Age Pensions, of which G. A. Von Schiltz, a Portland labor leader, is president; L. D. Mahon, vice president, and Ashley C. Dixon, a district judge of Portland, is treasurer.

The bill designates the board of county commissioners of each county as the pension commission of the county, to serve without pay. Each person receiving a pension shall receive an amount fixed by the board, not exceeding \$20 a month. The person must have been a citizen and inhabitant of the United States at least 15 years and of the state 10 years, and during that period must not have been convicted of any offense.

Fund Protected.

For the protection of the fund there is a provision that at the death of the beneficiary or of the last survivor of a married couple, the total amount of the pension since the first grant, together with 5 per cent interest shall be deducted and allowed by the courts out of the beneficiary's property as a preferred claim against the estate and refunded to the county treasurer to the credit of the pension fund, leaving the balance for distribution among the heirs.

Prince of Wales Will Visit Continent Soon

LONDON, Mar. 19. The Prince of Wales, the Westminster Gazette announces, has decided to take a short holiday on the continent early in April. His plans are not yet fixed.

Coal Oil Burns Fatal To Marshfield Boy, 10

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 19. (AP)—Freddie Richards, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Richards, residing near Bandon, died today from burns received while pouring coal oil on a fire last yesterday. His clothing caught fire and he ran into the open, a flaming torch. All his clothes were burned off his body. Two sisters were burned in attempting to rescue him.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19. (AP)—The omnibus reclamation bill, adjusting water rate charges on 18 western reclamation projects was approved today by the house irrigation committee.

GHENT, Belgium, Mar. 19. (AP)—The famous palace of justice here was destroyed by fire today. Many important historical documents were burned.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19. (AP)—Commitment papers for Col. Charles R. Forbes, former head of the United States veterans' bureau, were issued here today and mailed to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kans. Col. Forbes is at Leavenworth waiting to begin a two-year sentence on charges of defrauding the government in connection with the construction of hospitals for disabled war veterans.

JERUSALEM, Mar. 19. (AP)—Megiddo, where early excavations 20 years ago revealed traces of time hardly less than ten thousand years, is being excavated again by a University of Chicago expedition.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 19. (AP)—Rev. Dr. Anton Bast, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Scandinavia, was found guilty by a jury today of the fraudulent conversion of 182,000 kroner (\$47,084) of charity funds.

Killer of Six Ends Life When Pressed by Poses

PLACERVILLE, Cal., Mar. 19. (AP)—A verdict stating that he had come to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted with suicidal intent was returned by a coroner's jury today in an inquest into the death of John M. Goins, multiple murderer of Stockton and Galt.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., Mar. 19. (AP)—Hard pressed by poses, John M. Goins, Stockton real estate man, put his gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger as his auto dashed from a mountain grade on the highway near El Dorado, a few miles southwest of here last night. Thus ended his brief flash on the stage of life.

Goins went first to the Podesta ranch, near Stockton, where he shot and killed his wife Flora Podesta Goins, and her sister, Mrs. Minnie Podesta Clark. Escaping from the ranch, he returned to Stockton and taking as his cue the report that his wife was seeking a divorce, Goins sought the law office of George E. McNoble who he had heard was advising her concerning a legal separation. McNoble, he was informed, was in San Francisco. McNoble had also represented Goins in a number of actions, notably in suits Goins had brought against the Southern Pacific railroad and later against accident insurance companies as a result of a railway accident in which Goins lost a foot. The action failed, but McNoble received a settlement of \$2500 from an uncontested insurance policy.

Not finding McNoble, the crazed man went out to the McNoble home where he found the attorney's wife, whom he interrogated regarding Mrs. Goins' divorce plans. Mrs. McNoble denied any knowledge of them, whereupon Goins shot her three times, killing her almost instantly. Leaving Mrs. McNoble's car, Goins drove rapidly to Galt, about 24 miles north of Stockton and shot and killed Alexander Marengo, his wife and their daughter Mrs. Mary Dutois.

Mrs. Dutois' two small children, three and four years old, were the only witnesses, but farm hands heard the shots and saw Goins climb into his auto again and drive northward.

The pursuers, Captain Carol E. Slatterback, state traffic officer, and supervisor W. S. Briggs of El Dorado county said they heard a shot fired in air from Goins' car just before it left the road.

When Corporal J. B. Blair arrived and examined the body it was definitely determined that Goins had killed himself.

FATHER OF PRESIDENT PASSES ON

Death Came at 10:41 Last Night in Plymouth, Vermont

BURIAL WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

Coolidge Enroute to Bed-side When Death Angel Called—Arrived Early Today.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Mar. 19. (AP)—President Coolidge arrived at Plymouth today at 10:10 o'clock. He was driven to Plymouth from Woodstock, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, their son John, Attorney General Sargent and Major F. Coupal, white house physician. Attorney General Sargent and Major Coupal followed the president and his family into the Coolidge home.

Across the road in front of the general store the entire population of the village stood in silence as the president passed.

Those accompanying the president said he and his party would return to Woodstock after a brief stay in Plymouth. Major Coupal announced that the funeral would be held from the house at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Rev. John White, Episcopal clergyman of Sherburne, will officiate. Burial will be in the little cemetery here where many members of the Coolidge family lie.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Mar. 19. (AP)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president is dead. The end came at 10:41 o'clock last night to the country merchant.

Leaving Washington in the afternoon, when news came that the inevitable ending of his father's protracted illness was in sight, the president was between New York and Bridgeport, Conn., on his special train as his father died. The

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WESTERN WOOL MEN MAY ACT

PENDLETON, Mar. 19. (AP)—Unless prices strengthen in Boston, Hugh Sprout, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association, believes that some action must be taken by western wool men of they wish to get rid of the wool now held and market the new clip.

The present price of 25 to 30 cents a pound would not pay the cost of production, which is between 35 and 40 cents, according to Mr. Sprout. Mr. Sprout today sent a telegram to Frank Haggenbarth, president of the national association, urging a national meeting in Salt Lake City to discuss the situation. Early contracting by larger Boston firms was not done last year, stated Mr. Sprout.

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