

REALTORS FIGHT CURBSTONE SALES

Eugene Board Declares Open War on "Bootleg" Land Dealers

EUGENE, Ore. — Open war against "bootleg real estate" dealers in Eugene who do their business from the curbstones, was declared today by the local realty board, following the organization of a vigilance committee.

Louis A. Borde is chairman of the organization that will act as shock absorbers for the other members of the realty board. Other members of the vigilance committee are Lawson G. Bradley and Frank Kinney.

Northwest Officers Coming Officials of the Northwest Realty board, including the president, G. J. Zimmerman, northwest secretary and J. W. Wheeler of Seattle will meet with licensed real estate dealers of Lane county, at a dinner to be given in the Osburn hotel the evening of Dec. 1, under auspices of the Eugene Realty board, when the situation will be discussed.

Plans for a campaign against the so-called fly-by-night real estate man of whom there is said to be about 40 in this city, will include a series of advertisements of an educational nature, and beginning today the list of those dealers who are entitled to use the word "realtor", a national patented name, will be published in the newspapers.

State Help Lacking "We have been unable to get the kind of cooperation we needed from the state administration," said Mr. Borde, "and for that reason there has never been a hearing in Eugene in the last year at least, although we have written to Salem complaining against the activities of the 'bootleg' real estate salesmen. We were informed that if we laid specific charges against some one, then action would be taken, but it would have to be done through the district attorney's office."

"This is a hard thing to do. We have the goods on one or two of these people and I am engaged in an effort right now to clamp down on a man whose activities are questionable."

"The Realty board of Eugene has appointed me chairman of this vigilance committee and I am going after them."

Cooperation Asked Mr. Borde in his statements issued a call for cooperation on the part of residents here. He stated that the activities of the curbstone realty men and hoodlums to the public to such an extent that many are led to believe that the licensed real estate dealer is dishonest and a plotter against the commonwealth.

"Some people have gotten the idea that to save the eyelets in their purse loaves they must run back in the alley and do business under cover," he said, "when as a matter of fact, they are protected by the government when they deal with a licensed agent or a member of the multiple listing bureau."

Prospects Stolen at Door The practice of curbstone salesmanship is believed to have had its origin in the building activities of Eugene which began two or three years ago to make this town one of the best known on the Pacific coast.

Several realtors have complained to the board that "bootlegging salesmen" have stood outside their doors for months, and have taken prospects from under their very noses. Decision to take action was arrived at when the members of the board met yesterday afternoon.

AGED WOMAN BUILDS HOME SPOKANE (AP)—Mrs. Katie Gottwig, who is near her 70th birthday, has just completed the second house which she has built with her own hands. The first was built when she was a girl of 23.

The residence here, a four-room structure, is entirely modern. Mrs. Gottwig laid brick and did much of the carpenter and cement work herself. She hired help for parts of the operations, but "showed them how to do it," she said.

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When Aimee Heard the Verdict



Aimee Scamp McPherson's expression bordered on a scowl as she heard Judge Samuel Blake order her held for formal trial at the end of her long preliminary hearing in Los Angeles. Then she went to her tabernacle to appeal to her followers for a second \$100,000 defense fund. In the picture, taken as the hearing closed, Aimee is seen over the shoulder of her attorney, W. L. Gilbert.

State of Montana May Get a New Set of Bone-Dry Laws in January

HELENA, Mont.—There is very good authority for the belief that the legislature is empowered, when it meets here next January, to reenact state dry laws, wiped off the statute books by the people at the election of Nov. 2—that is, on unofficial returns.

There is very good ground, as well, for the belief that the legislature will do that very thing. The house and senate are republican. The republican more nearly represents the dry element in the state than the democratic party. The former was officially dry during the campaign, on its platform; the democrats refused to incorporate a dry plank.

The chief ground for conviction that the assembly will reenact some, if not all, the statutes relating to liquor is that there is growing conviction that very unfortunate conditions are likely to come of the passage of the initiative. Shrewd observers, "wet" in tendencies, in that they do not and never did favor the prohibition amendment and are now, as they have been since its passage, for modification, are fearful that excesses under the new status will bring on a bonedry reaction. The moonshiner and the bootlegger, naturally related at what they consider on O. K. put on their performances by the people, are apt to go too far. When it is remembered that the percentage of the people who voted dry is small—the per cent who voted in primary at all being not great—it is readily seen that there may remain sufficient dry public sentiment to make itself felt, forcibly, if it is aroused. Hysteria produced by several striking incidents contributed largely to the wet support Nov. 2, last; let the wets get too busy and hysteria may wipe them off the map—say the moderate wets themselves.

The hysteria-breeding incidents referred to are many. They include the shooting of an innocent bystander during a liquor raid at a dance at Augusta some months ago; the recent shooting in a northern Montana county of a coyote when he did not answer their call to halt, believing them highway men; numerous instances of stopping of motoring citizens without warrant, and other annoying and petty plays by dry enforcement officers. But this, plainly, is an hysteria vote; it can easily be swung the other way, as the moderates, the modificationists, are well aware.

The moderate wets, in other words, wish they hadn't. For Montana gains nothing by repealing her state dry laws—and may lose much. There are, however, at least a score of federal officers in the state and its wide area makes their pitiful force a farce. It's all up to the bootleggers. If they feel their oats— Look out!

NEW CONQUEST FOR FEMINISM PARIS (AP)—Airwomen henceforth have the right to make or break the official records of the air on the same terms as male pilots, the International Aeronautic Federation has ruled.

Among the best known women pilots are Miss Gladys Madden, U. S. A., Miss Elliott-Lynn, Great Britain, Melles, Adrienne Holland, Louise Maryse and Denise Collin, France, and Miss Fuji, Japan.

Ty Cobb, who is hunting in the Rockies, resigned as Detroit manager. Maybe the young man missed a shot.

Halibut Supply Scarce; Prices Running Higher

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 19—Extreme scarcity of halibut characterized the 1926 halibut season, which closed Monday night by international agreement, the landing of halibut at Astoria during the season from Feb. 15 to Nov. 15 being only 58,600 pounds.

The deliveries of black cod at Astoria were normal, but the catch of halibut was light during the entire season. Records of the Burke Fish company, which receives practically all of the halibut landed at Astoria, and the great majority of that which comes into the Columbia river showed the halibut receipts for the year to be 536,500 pounds, while the black cod landings totaled 129,795 pounds, and the deliveries of deepsea "scrap" fish, including red snappers and other varieties was 7,692 pounds, a total of 266,087 pounds.

Halibut Price High The scarcity of halibut, not only on the Oregon banks, but in the landings at Puget Sound and British Columbia points, forced the price high, with an average of about 18 cents a pound paid to the fishermen. The average cod price was 4.5 cents and that for scrap fish 2.5 cents.

BOB IS TREASON HERE ARTLER, France (AP)—Bobbed hair spells treason in this city of beautiful women whose chiseled type of Grecian pulchritude has been internationally famous for centuries.

The Aristienne who sacrifices her tresses is spurned by her sisters because she no longer can wear the quiet local hood-dress of which they are proud. This is all velvet hat, perched well to the back of the head, in which a thick lock of hair, usually raven black, is wound.

Artler women cling to their old fashioned ways, young and old alike wearing the traditional costume with its tight corset and flowing pleated shirt.

Goods bought on time sometimes are paid for late.

NEW INVENTION SAVES MILLIONS A Lamp that Burns 94% Air

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 6% common kerosene (coal oil).

The inventor, V. M. Johnson, 161 North Union ave., Portland, Ore., is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' TRIAL, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.

—Adv.

FISHWIVES NOW FISH-FAIRIE YALMOUTH (AP)—Once upon a time there were fishwives. Today there are fish-fairies. The seasonal influx of lassies from Scotland, who come here to clean, cure and pack the famous Yarmouth herrings has this year undergone a remarkable metamorphosis.

Formerly the herring lassies wore heavy woolen skirts, aprons, thick boots and tan o'shanters all the time, but this year they have burst forth into silk stockings, modish short skirts and stungled heads. They also carry vanity bags and powder their noses.

Forbidding college students to use automobiles reminds us that words like "verboten" do occasionally bounce back, no matter how hard they have been stepped on.

Europe's Taste For Apples Aid U. S. Fruitmen

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Incredible as it may seem, Europe just at present is rescuing the United States, at least regarding apples. A report from the government bureau of agricultural economics says that the United States commercial production of apples this season is nearly 30,000,000 barrels in excess of average but "the foreign market is a saving factor in the situation." Apple exports, the bureau says, are brisk. Shipments of barreled apples from the United States and Canada so far this season total about

50 per cent heavier than a year ago, with boxed apples moving out in almost twice the 1925 volume.

OXFORD GIRLS "UNTIDY" LONDON (AP)—Miss Dinah Gibbons, a B. A. of St. Hilda's college, Oxford, has become a mannequin at a costumer's shop in London.

"One does not have to exert one's brains at all in this job, and that is a great relief," said Miss Gibbons after her first week.

Miss Gibbons believes that college girls do not pay enough attention to dress.

"At Oxford the young women dress deplorably, and they don't appear to care at all about looking tidy."

Headlines you never see: WALL STREET BROKER HELD FOR RED SPEECH.

SEES WOMEN RULE BUSINESS

LONDON (AP)—Women are forging ahead so rapidly that if men do not stop slacking, within the next twenty years or so the work of the United States and Britain will be dominated by women, declared Sir Charles Higham, publicist, before members of the Soroptimist club.

Sir Charles, who has returned from America, paid additional compliments to women, declaring that everywhere he had noted that women were gaining more and more power.

"In the main, women are better employees than men, and this was not true fifteen years ago," Sir Charles asserted. "Today women in business are more energetic, more thorough and more loyal than men."

SKAGGS SAFEWAY In Union There Is Strength

THIS old adage is peculiarly applicable to the consolidation of Skaggs Stores and the Safeway Stores. To it might well be added—"and immeasurably greater ability to serve." For, great as has been the service rendered the consuming public by these two organizations—operating separately—the service made possible by their union is even greater.

- FEATURES FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY
HAMS—Lean, sugar cured, whole or half, pound 24c
PICNICS—Eastern, fancy grade, pound 20c
WALNUT MEATS—Fresh stock, all halves, pound 49c
RAISINS—15 oz. Sun-Maid, seeded or seedless, 3 pkgs. 35c
CURRANTS—15 oz., finest imported, re-cleaned, 3 pkgs. 59c

- ALL WEEK PRICES
TOBACCOS Smoking
Tuxedo, pocket tins 10c
Tuxedo, pound tin 89c
Prince Albert, pocket tins, 2 for 25c
Prince Albert, pound tins 99c
Velvet, pocket tins, 2 for 25c
Velvet, pound tins 99c
Union Leader, lunch box 85c
CANNED FISH
Shrimp, fancy dry pack, 7 cans \$1.00
Crab Meat, Geisha brand, large size, 2 cans 79c
Minced Clams, Pioneer brand, small size, 3 cans 65c
Minced Clams, Pioneer brand, large size, 3 cans 79c
CANNED VEGETABLES
Corn, Peas, Beans, Tomatoes, 8 cans \$1.00
Case, straight or assorted, 24 cans \$2.35
CANNED FRUITS
Pineapple, No. 2 1/2 cans, sliced, 4 cans 95c
Peaches, No. 2 1/2 cans, good syrup, 4 cans 95c
Apricots, No. 2 1/2 cans, good syrup, 4 cans 95c
SKAGGS COFFEE
White Wrap Coffee, fresh ground, finest grown, pound 50c
White Wrap, 3 pounds \$1.45
Blue Wrap, a wonderful value, fresh ground, pound 43c
Blue Wrap, 3 pounds \$1.25
DATES—Fresh imported, bulk, 2 pounds 25c
KELLOGG'S OATS—Regular or Redi Cooked, 2 packages 19c
CHOCOLATES—Hand dipped, assorted, 5 pound box \$1.89

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