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ABE MARTIN



I wonder what all the 105-year-old ladies, who wear to the polls in wheel chairs, will say when they hear that President-elect Hoover attended the races in Hazel on Sunday and lipped up some champagne? Who recalls when poor, ole, third mother got an easy chair for Christmas instead of silk hose?

ASHER HELD NOT GUILTY OF CHARGE

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was a heavy Luuger, which would penetrate 11 inches of solid wood at the distance which he shot at the time, and that if it had been a direct hit, the bullet would have gone completely through the bodies of both persons and not have lodged against the vertebrae in the driver's neck.

On Tuesday the woman passenger revealed to the jury that her companion was shot fatally the morning of Sept. 29 because his automobile was stopped so that she could get out and pick up a bottle of moonshine which she had hidden earlier.

Agrees With Story Mr. Garret, another passenger in the automobile, agreed with her in essential details. According to him, after the woman had obtained the cached bottle and re-entered the automobile, the city marshal mounted the running board of the machine, thrust his head and shoulders through the open front door and ordered the driver to stop. When this was not done he stepped to the ground and fired, he testified.

Frank A. Boyd, deputy marshal working with the defendant, and J. L. Stages, who lives near the scene of the shooting, both said that when the automobile stopped two of four persons got out. Sam Litch, father, and C. E. Litch, brother of the man slain, said that when they talked with Mr. Litch in the hospital he said that he had not recognized the city marshal.

Immense Crowds Immense crowds have been in attendance at the trial throughout the week and many were unable to get into the court room. The defense consisted of Attorney John Collier, of Portland, who defended the De Auteurs, and who is regarded as one of the leading criminal lawyers of the northwest, and J. A. Burleigh, Green & Hess, of La Grande, assisted the prosecutor, District Attorney Sylvester Burleigh.

Investigation Of Death Scheduled

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 17 (AP)—Investigation by Governor R. C. Dillon and a joint committee of both houses of the state legislature and the possible filing of criminal charges against principals in the death of Helen Asher, 15-year-old girl who died in the state girls welfare home after an injection of twilight sleep, were the scheduled developments in the case today.

The girl was one of six who escaped from the home last week and was recaptured Friday and placed in solitary confinement on a bread and water diet. The water, testimony at the inquest showed, was treated with salt peter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Five young men held up the Par Avenue jewelry shop of G. Mau-boussin today and escaped with gains the proprietor valued at \$200,000. They had taken the stones from the safe and shown cases.



FROG EXPEDITIONS influence the design of this new winter sport's costume. It is fashioned of Women's blizzard cloth with a monk's hood bordered with fur. The trimmings of bands of woven fabric.

Here and There In Legislature

Union county's four legislators in Salem have moved into permanent quarters for the remaining term of the session, according to word reaching here this morning.

Senator Fred E. Kiddle is living at 754 Ferry street during the session and his telephone number is 107. He has as his secretary Miss Freda Wrenn, of Salem, who acted in the same capacity last year.

Representative H. H. Wacker, of Elgin, is staying at the Bligh hotel while in Salem. Miss Gertrude Wackrow, of Portland, has been engaged as his secretary.

Senator Colon R. Eberhard is living at the Marion hotel where Mrs. Eberhard will be with him during most of the session. Miss Annetta Johnson, from Senator Eberhard's office in La Grande, is serving as his secretary.

Representative T. G. Johnson, of Wallowa, is residing at 210 South 14th street with his daughter, Miss Ellen P. Johnson, who will serve as his secretary during the session.

SALLEM, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—At a joint session of the house and senate today the Multnomah delegation will recommend unanimously by the re-election of Frank M. Warren, Phil Metschan, A. L. Tucker, H. A. Sargent and W. L. Thompson as members of the Port of Portland commission.

There was no opposition to their nomination at a meeting of the Multnomah delegation yesterday except that Representative Byson moved that the nominations be deferred until early next week for the reason, he said, that he understood that W. L. Thompson was to move from Portland to Astoria. The delegation voted to introduce a delegation measure the teachers' retirement fund bill. This, however, it was agreed, does not obligate the members to vote for the bill.

Engrossed senate bills in their printed form will become the enrolled bills for official filing if a senate resolution introduced yesterday by the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills is adopted, and indications are that enough senators favor it to pass it.

At present after a bill is passed, in amended form if amendments are made, it is typewritten in official form of the signatures of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, for the attention of the governor and for filing with the secretary of state. The resolution would make the typing process unnecessary. This printing of a message would be on heavy ledger paper. Resolutions and memorials would be treated in the same way.

The first bill to pass the legislature was house bill 142, introduced by the ways and means committee, and providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 to pay the per diem and mileage of members and other expenses of the session. It passed under suspension of the rules yesterday immediately after it had been read in the senate, though it was necessary for the senate to go into committee of the whole to make a minor amendment.

The committee on industries in the senate introduced a joint memorial asking congress for an increase in the tariff on timber and lumber products. The preamble to the memorial declares that the tariff is so low that the timber industry in the northwest is endangered by foreign competition.

A mining law enacted by the Oregon legislature in 1864 will be repealed by Strayer's senate bill No. 4 which passed the senate today. The old act limits an individual to one claim on a lode. The repeal will allow the federal

Al Smith Urges Popular Gifts; Will Give Book

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Alfred E. Smith has asked popular contributions to liquidate the \$1,500,000 deficit incurred by the democratic party in his unsuccessful campaign for president.

In a radio address last night Mr. Smith deplored the practice of having a few rich men meet party deficits and also urged the need for continued activity of the party throughout the four years between national elections.

He said he had agreed to turn over royalty rights to a book of his campaign speeches to the national committee as his contribution to the party war chest. Copies of the book will be sent to each contributor who sends in two dollars or more toward meeting the deficit.

An important function of a minority party, Mr. Smith said, was to keep the people informed on what progress was being made toward the solution of national problems as unbiased information could not be had from the party in power.

Sheriffs and motor clubs would be authorized to receive applications for motor vehicle licenses and to have the license plates by senate bill No. 17 which was introduced by Senator Joe Danne today. It would require an accounting to the secretary of state each month. For each set of plates issued the sheriffs and motor club would be allowed to retain the sum of 10 cents out of the license, together with the amount necessarily expended for postage. The object of the bill is to facilitate the distribution of license plates which is now done entirely by the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office.

Election of school directors in the Portland school district would be equalized by senate bill No. 15 which was introduced by the joint Multnomah delegation today. It would avoid the election of four members at some elections, under the bill two directors would be elected this year, two next year and three the following year. The argument against the election of four at one time is that it makes an entire change in school policy, since four is a majority number. The board has seven members.

The teachers' retirement fund bill, prepared in Portland, was introduced in the senate today by the joint Multnomah delegation.

Senator Danne today introduced a bill that would increase the membership of the state industrial accident commission from three to five, one of whom would be a woman. It would leave the salaries at \$2500, the amount received by the commissioners at present.

Shipping Combine Is Rumored Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Bulletin says it has confirmed a report that a big intercoastal shipping combine is in process of formation on the Pacific coast with Kenneth D. Dawson of Portland, leading the negotiations.

The first step in the process, the newspaper says, is the purchase of the entire fleet of the California and Eastern Steamship company by Dawson while in Los Angeles recently.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—Word has been received here from Kenneth D. Dawson, now in Southern California, that he has purchased four intercoastal freight steamers of the California & Eastern Steamship line, with headquarters in Portland.

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UNDER ARREST

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—W. A. Lee was under arrest here today charged with possession of beer, whisky and accused by police of having been the one who sold to Lyle Wilson, the beer which is held directly responsible for the deaths of three persons in an automobile accident here Sunday.

Wilson faces manslaughter charges in connection with the accident in which two young girls and a boy were fatally injured.

Pastor Sues Her, Breach of Promise

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Miss Betty Randolph, former actress and thrice divorced, has been served with a summons in a breach of promise suit filed by the Rev. Bartholomew J. Chudacek, of Philadelphia.

The engagement of Miss Randolph, reputedly wealthy, to the minister, was announced last June. Three dates were set for the marriage, but it failed to materialize. Mr. Chudacek resigned last June

PAY TRIBUTE

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP)—Several hundred Benjamin Franklin paid tribute today to their namesake in a series of commemorative exercises throughout the city in celebration of his 222nd birthday anniversary.

The Benjamin Franklin—men whose given names are Benjamin Franklin—took the lead in the celebration.

Thoxine The New Remedy for Colds and Sore Throat. Prices: 35c - 60c and \$1.00 Bottles RED CROSS DRUG STORE

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