

POSTPONES HEARING TO NEXT MONDAY

Mrs. Emma Fowler, Ex-City Treasurer, Says She Can Make Turnover.

MUST REMAIN IN COUNTY PRISON

Future Course of Developments Not Definitely Known—Officials Marking Time.

Mrs. Emma Fowler, about 55, who was served with a warrant charging larceny of public funds, will make an attempt between now and Monday to return \$112,252.02, alleged missing from city funds, it was stated by officers during the noon hour today.

District Attorney Carl Helm said that time for her entering a plea before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, set for one o'clock this afternoon, had been postponed until Monday at the former city treasurer's request.

Mrs. Fowler, authorities said, did not disclose where any funds are being kept, but promised them she would make an attempt to make by Monday the turnover to the city, which was to have been made at one o'clock Tuesday, according to City Manager A. B. Cherry.

Mrs. Fowler will remain in the county jail until further action is taken, Mr. Helm said, adding that the future course of developments, should the money be returned, is not definitely known.

In the meantime, with an audit of the city books under way, city officials are marking time, and are hoping for the best.

Represented by Green and Hess, Mrs. Fowler is represented by Green and Hess, local attorneys, who talked with her yesterday for the first time since a warrant was served.

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COUNTY COURT TO LOOK OVER MARKET ROAD

The county court opened its regular monthly session yesterday morning, and has been engaged since then in the auditing of bills. A committee from Medical Springs visited the court yesterday in the interests of the laboring men of that vicinity, explaining that many were in need of work. As a result of the conference the county court agreed to look over the Catherine Creek Medical Springs market road, beginning at the Medical Springs end, with a view to employing some of the men within the next few days.

This afternoon the court was receiving bids on covered pipe, and on gasoline and oil for use in the county's automobiles and road machinery.

Mrs. Sarah V. Case Conducts Meetings

Mrs. Sarah V. Case, home demonstration agent of Columbia county, with headquarters at St. Paul, Ore., arrived in La Grande this morning and started a series of programs at different parts of the Grande Ronde valley along the line of child development and training in which field she is considered an expert.

Mrs. Case held a meeting this afternoon at Elgin and this evening at Cove.

Two meetings are also scheduled for tomorrow. In the afternoon, Mrs. Case will speak at the high school at Imbler and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Avery at Island City. To any of these meetings the public is most cordially invited, proponents announce.

Caravan Is To Bring Delegates To Convention

Jack Ferris, District Governor of Lions, Tells of Plans Made in West Oregon.

A huge Lions caravan to come to La Grande to attend the district convention of the Lions International in this city on June 24 and 25 is being planned, Jack Ferris, district governor, states. The tentative plans are to gather at Portland on Monday evening, June 22, where a pre-convention party will be given by the four Portland clubs to the visitors. Then a meeting will be held next morning at the Multnomah hotel before leaving at eight o'clock.

Stages, special trains and automobiles are now under advisement, Mr. Ferris adds, and the Union Pacific is now working with the committee to make plans for a trip by rail or coach. The tentative plan for the automobile trip are to leave Portland and stop at Hood River for a visit and have lunch in The Dalles.

The caravan will include Lions from Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Junction City, Arlington, Heppner, Condon, Coquille, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater.

International President Earle W. Hodges will attend the convention for the first time in the history of Oregon. Mr. Hodges is one of the best known public speakers in the country and has visited and delivered addresses in every state in the Union and Mr. Ferris states that he believes the Lions especially fortunate in having him attend their convention in La Grande. He feels that Mr. Hodges will be a drawing card which will bring many Lions to this city.

Tigers To Meet Mac-Hi Quintet Friday Evening

A revamped Tiger lineup, probably with Howard Nelson in the place formerly taken by Steve Eaton, whose wrist was broken in the Wallowa game, will take the floor here this weekend against Milton-Freewater and the Enterprise basketball teams. Mac-Hi will play here Friday evening, the game to start at 8 o'clock, and Enterprise will be here Saturday night, the contest to open at 8:30. Preliminaries are being planned for both evenings.

The remainder of the Tiger lineup will be about the same as last week, with Coach Ira Woodie expecting to start about the same team with the exception of the change at forward. Mac-Hi is reported to have a strong quietest this season and Enterprise already has a victory over La Grande, so plenty of opposition is scheduled. The Tigers, however, are hopeful of winning both games.

Legion Officers To Attend Meeting

A number of state officers of the American Legion will attend the district conference which is to be held in La Grande on Feb. 18. H. E. Brady, district commander of the Legion, stated today. Department Commander J. M. Biggs, of Hermiston, will be one of the speakers. The conference will be held at the Wallowa hotel. The auxiliary will meet during the afternoon with women from the district attending. The meeting is to be at the Samajawa after which a joint dinner will be held with the men.

The Legion will hold its conference during the afternoon after which a social will be enjoyed, Mr. Brady states. On February 21 the Legion will have a meeting in John Day.

Finley Funeral At Wallowa on Friday

William Thomas Finley, a pioneer resident of the Wallowa valley, will be buried in the Wallowa cemetery Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. C. Case. Mr. Finley was born in Oregon and Wallowa 30 years ago from Kentucky.

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Strawberries In Bloom In Valley

Strawberry plants on the Julius Fisher place, at Lower Cove are in bloom and there are green berries on the everbearing plants. Proof of this was brought to La Grande today by Mr. Fisher, who had both blooms and berries with him.

AUDITORS AT WORK ON THE CITY BOOKS

Checking of all Accounts of Municipality Starts This Morning.

REPORT MISSING FUNDS \$112,252.02

City Manager A. B. Cherry Makes Statement at Regular Meeting of Commissioners.

Facing a shortage announced by City Manager A. B. Cherry last night in the amount of \$112,252.02, the city officials today were starting their efforts to untangle the financial puzzle existing since Tuesday afternoon.

Conda J. Ham, Portland auditor, and two assistants arrived here during the night and this morning started the task of checking the city books. It is doubtful if the audit will be complete for several days.

Much detail in reference to the shortage will not be definitely learned, it is believed, until the audit is completed and a final statement of the condition of the city accounts presented to the commissioners.

The attorney representing the auditing company which bonded Mrs. Emma Fowler, ex-city treasurer, in the amount of \$25,000, also has arrived in La Grande to make his investigations. He is staying at a local hotel and will remain here at least until after the time for Mr. Fowler to enter a plea in circuit court.

Mr. Cherry Makes Statement. At the commission meeting last night, which was of short duration, Mr. Cherry made the following signed report to the commissioners:

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Stalin States 5-Year Program Near Completion

Only Four Years Will be Necessary, He Says; Sees Russia as Greatest Farm Nation.

MOSCOW, Feb. 5 (AP)—Joseph Stalin, making one of his infrequent speeches, today told the national industrial congress that the five-year plan of industrialization certainly will be completed in four years and that if Russia's technicians could take advantage of all the national resources it could be completed in three.

The Soviet union soon will be the greatest agricultural nation on earth, he said, and the communist system has been demonstrated before the world as the only one in which an economic crisis such as had laid low the capitalist nations is impossible.

Voices Some Criticism. He was frank in criticizing some executives under the five-year plan as "chair warmers" and "signers of papers," but he predicted that with the support of all the workers the Soviet union was destined to achieve epochal victories, both industrial and social.

"We have everything," he said, "iron, coal, oil, grain, cotton—everything but rubber, and we will have that in a year or so. No other country in the world has such possibilities of development as we have."

"But we have still more important obligations—those to the world proletariat. We have won not only through our own workers but with the support of the workers of the world, without which we would have been crushed long ago. Now we must march on so that the world proletariat will say: 'There is our advance guard, our government, our fatherland. Let us support them against the capitalists in bringing about the world revolution.'"

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1000 KILLED IN STRICKEN AREA, REPORT

Death Toll in New Zealand and Mounting; Rescue Squads Are Busy.

FREAK INCIDENTS COMING TO LIGHT

Two Women, Imprisoned Since Tuesday, Saved Tonight—Tuesday Was Night of Terror.

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 5 (AP)—Frightened by new tremors which toppled standing buildings about the heads of rescue squads, the city today reported up complete evacuation of this once beautiful seaport.

An appeal was sent to railroad officials at Wellington to provide the rolling stock necessary to take refugees from this city and the surrounding country to camps where they can be cared for until sanitary conditions can be restored here.

With every hour the death toll has mounted and tonight Red Cross officials said the number of dead in Napier, Hastings and surrounding villages struck by Tuesday's quakes, would mount well past 1000. Thousands are injured and virtually everyone is homeless.

Two Found Alive. Rescue squads have confined their activities principally to digging out bodies from the debris. Tonight two women were found alive in a ruined house and extricated. They had been imprisoned since Tuesday morning.

Remarkable incidents of the earthquake are coming to light as the population, although still dazed by the shocks, begins to return to its homes to recount some of their experiences.

The first shock threw the whole front out of the Masonic hotel, lay the interior bare. The crowd in the street saw a woman seated in an armchair near the edge of the third story.

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General Butler Misquoted Him, Vanderbilt Says

Reputed Source of Mussolini Story Ready to Appear at Court Martial if Desired.



PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 5 (AP)—Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., reputed source of the Mussolini story that has resulted in General Smedley D. Butler facing a court martial, was on record today with a statement charging General Butler with misquoting.

Vanderbilt said last night the marine officer "quoted inaccurately" something he heard at the affiliated lecture bureau in New York last November.

Giving his first explanation of his silence regarding the Mussolini incident since it brought the general a court martial summons, the young newspaper publisher said he would relate correctly what he said originally concerning the Mussolini anecdote, if called as a witness.

General Butler in a recent Philadelphia speech charged the Italian dictator with having been guilty of leaving the scene of an accident witnessed by an automobile in which he was riding struck a child.

In his statement last night Vanderbilt, identified by several persons as the source of Butler's story, said he was "bound to respect the strictest confidence" surrounding several incidents related by himself and others in the New York lecture bureau.

All but three or four persons have respected that confidence," he said. "General Butler quoted inaccurately what was said. 'Everything that has come out since the story was told, has been garbled. There are 18 or 20 people who have remained silent. I will relate correctly from the witness stand what I said if General Butler or his counsel asks me to appear. So far I have told it only to the state department in a letter which they have declined to make public. I have told the state department I will appear at the court martial if it is desired, and I have informed General Butler similarly."

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ANGELL BILL BEFORE THE UPPER HOUSE

Port of Portland Provides Controversial Material For Legislature.

KIDDLE'S HIGHWAY BILL IS DISCUSSED

Would Take \$1,200,000 From State Fund To Apply on Market Roads, to Relieve Property.

SALEM, Feb. 5 (AP)—The port of Portland measure again today provided controversial material for the Oregon legislature, this time in the debate where discussion on the majority and minority reports of the senate Multnomah delegation was in progress.

Five members of the Multnomah delegation reported favorably on the Angell bill, recently approved by the house, while the minority report of one opposed the measure and the amendment naming four members to fill vacancies.

The bill and amendment provided for the naming of Hillman, Luder, Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth Dawson and Rufus C. Holman to succeed the four whose terms expire June of this year. Angell said he had secured the support of all nine members when terms expire after 1931. Corbett and Dawson are present members of the commission. The original bill, without naming the commissioners, was passed in the house.

Moser Opposes Bill. Senators Isaac E. Staples, W. F. Woodward, Joe Dunne, James W. Crawford and J. E. Bennett signed the majority report, while Senator Gus Moser opposed the bill naming these particular men. Senator J. O. Bailey did not sign the report. The majority report for the majority recommendation and was opened by Moser. It was still in progress when the session was taken.

Going into the history of the port, Senator Moser pleaded with the senate to take an unprejudiced attitude and vote their judgment on the basis of the record. Angell said he had quarreled with Governor Meier that he had informed the executive that he would support his platform "which was so overwhelmingly approved by the people," but that there were certain matters mentioned in his inaugural message on which the people had not spoken and with which he could not agree. Moser read the governor's report, pointing out that in the message, charging that this had started the present port fight.

"I venture to say," Moser said, "that the governor did not write this, and that he did not want the aspect of the message on the port situation, for if he did he was not informed on the law. Someone informed the governor incorrectly, and I think I know who."

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Slayer of Wife Of Lover Given Liberty At Last

SEATTLE, Feb. 5 (AP)—After 12 years in the insane ward of the state prison, Ruth Garrison, slayer of the wife of her lover, was free here today to "find her way in the world again."

She was adjudged sane by a superior court jury yesterday and immediately was given her liberty.

Miss Garrison, who at 18 punched Mrs. Douglas Storr, as they lunched together and talked of the man they loved, was brought here Sunday for insanity hearings. At the hearing, she said, "I feel that I am sane and can safely mingle again with society. All I want is to be left alone and to find my way in the world."

The jury took one hour and 35 minutes to reach the three-fold verdict; that she is sane, that she is not insane, and that she is sane.

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Campbell Hurls Car Along Sand At 245 M. P. H.

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NEW WORLD RECORD

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5 (AP)—Roaring over the ocean speedway here like a blue streak, Captain Malcolm Campbell, of England, today attained a speed of 245.5 miles an hour on the first of two official trials for the world's land speed record in his huge Bluebird racing car.

In two tremendous bursts of speed, the 46-year-old driver flashed twice over the measured mile at an average speed of 245.5 miles an hour. This exceeded by 14.37 miles an hour the previous record of 231 established here in 1929 by the late Sir Henry Segrave, also of England.

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