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SAYS SALEM PLAN IS A SUCCESS

Ordinance Does Away With All Screens Placing Saloons On Par With Other Commercial Enterprises.

Salem has tried a new plan in regulating the liquor traffic, said F. G. Deakobach, manager of the Salem brewery, who has been visiting in Medford, with the result that it has practically ended the prohibition agitation in the capital city. Last spring an ordinance was passed providing the most drastic regulations for saloons, forcing the removal of shutters, screens, curtains and blinds, and in other ways placing the liquor business on a par with other commercial enterprises, legitimizing it.

The result has surprised the saloon men and everyone else. It was feared at first that letting the public see who was taking a drink would tend to decrease the sale of liquor and that the regulations provided for would be harmful to the liquor dealers. It has been contrary to this. It has made the business respectable, and men who formerly were shy about entering a saloon now do not hesitate, for they are doing nothing that can be hidden or concealed.

Shuts Out Divekeepers. The new regulations have practically put the disorderly liquor dealer and the dive out of business by letting the public into his affairs. If a saloon man sells a drink or questionable character, all passersby can see it, and it injures his business and provides evidence for forfeiting his license. If a saloon man's business is open to public inspection he is not apt to do anything to cause the loss of his license.

The result in Salem has been that there is less disorder than ever before in the town's history, fewer drunks, fewer rows, complaints and arrests. The business of the legitimate liquor dealer has not been injured, but increased, while the dives have been put out of business. The effect of the present law was shown Monday, when there was a prohibition ticket pat in the field and overwhelmingly defeated.

Salem has satisfactorily solved the liquor problem for itself, and it presumes other cities will follow her lead.

JEALOUSY OVER A WOMAN LED PRIVATE TO KILL SERGEANT

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., Dec. 11.—Jealousy over a woman brought Private D. C. Duro of Company B, Twentieth Infantry, to prison under a charge of murdering First Sergeant Edward Stanton of the same company. He also attempted to kill the woman over whom they both quarreled. Duke found Stanton and the woman eating in a restaurant. He ran to the Prosidio and returned with a revolver. He opened fire without warning and Stanton fell dead in the restaurant. Two bullets fired at the woman missed their mark. Duke was shot in the shoulder by Policeman Deach as he was running away.

LIQUOR MEN WOULD LIMIT NUMBER OF SALOONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Although they stated their belief that the anti-saloon propaganda had spent its strength and the prohibition wave was receding, the members of the National Liquor League at their closing session yesterday agreed that it would be to the best interests of the liquor trade to limit the number of saloons according to population.

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED DECLARING THAT THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY HAS BEEN OVER LEGISLATED, OVER ABUSED AND OVER TAXED IN THE FURTHERANCE OF A CREED OR CULT WHICH IS BASICALLY UN-AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—All fourth class postmasters in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of Ohio river, numbering 15,488, have been placed in the classified service by an executive order of the president. Hereafter all the appointees to fourth class postmasterhips in these states must undergo civil service examination. Postmasters now holding office will not need to take the examinations. The order applies to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. The number involved in New York state is 2341.

SEVENTEEN VICTIMS OF CONTINENTAL TRAIN WRECK

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 11.—Seventeen persons are reported dead as the result of a train collision near here today.

HOUSE WANTS EXPLANATION

Committee Appointed to Look Into Insinuations Made by President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The first action taken by the house of representatives today was the adoption of a resolution introduced by Representative Perkins of New York providing for the appointment of a committee of five to consider what action should be taken by the house in reference to that part of Roosevelt's message intimating that certain members of the house need watching by the secret service.

The part of the message in question scores the passage of an amendment which Roosevelt says "forbade the practice that had been followed to a greater or less extent by the executive heads of various departments for 20 years. To these practices we owe the security of the evidence which enabled us to drive great lotteries out of business and secure a quarter of a million dollars in fines from their promoters. These practices have enabled us to discover some of the most outrageous frauds in connection with the theft of government land and government timber by great corporations and by individuals."

In going further, the president said: "The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a senator and a congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service, and exactly as we have again and again during the past seven years prosecuted and convicted such criminals who were in the executive branch of the government, so in my belief should we be given ample means to prosecute them if found in the legislative branch. If this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law prohibiting the use of the secret service force in investigating members of congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually done, and strive to prevent or at least to hamper effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the government."

John Briscoe and Jesse Ragsdale of Trail were in Medford Thursday as witnesses for John X. Miller, who made his proof before Commissioner Canon upon his homestead on Trail creek, about eight miles north of Trail post office. Mr. Miller, who is 77 years of age, claims to be the oldest resident of Jackson county, having come here in 1851. He left for the soldiers' home at Roseburg, where he will make his future home.

H. C. Perkins, deputy United States mineral surveyor from Grants Pass, is doing some work in the Blue Ledge district patenting claims. Mrs. Perkins is visiting friends in Medford during his absence.

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BORN.

VERDIN—In Grants Pass, December 2, to the wife of J. E. Verdin, a son.

ENTRIKEN—At Galice, Or., December 3, to the wife of J. B. Entriken, a daughter.

POLLOCK—Grants Pass, E. F. D. No. 1, November 29, to the wife of W. R. Pollock, a son.

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E. E. Webb, who has been visiting Tronson & Guthrie at Eagle Point, leaves Saturday for Portland. After the holidays he will return.

MULKEY AT WORK ON CASE

Grants Pass Crime Engages Attention of District Attorney--Case of Cold Blooded Murder

District Attorney Mulkey is busy upon his first murder case since his election to office last June, the case of the people vs. William Mack, who shot and killed Miles Carter, aged 24, keeper of a soft drink emporium at Grants Pass. The shooting occurred last Friday and on Monday Carter died. Mack is said to have been intoxicated at the time, on drug store booze.

Carter was raised upon Pleasant creek, a tributary of Evans creek, and was well known in Medford and Jackson county, where he had many friends. According to all accounts the murder was wanton and unjustifiable. The murderer, a laborer, hailing six months ago from Idaho, is said to have been crazed from drinking alcohol and to have been on the warpath for several days before the crime.

Mack entered the old Schallhorn place Friday evening and ordered a glass of near beer. It was drawn by Martin Brown. Mack said that he could not pay for it, and the beverage was taken away from him by Brown. Leaving the place, wearing a gun, Mack said that he would get someone before morning.

Brown informed City Marshal Swearingin of Mack's action, who started in the find Mack. In the meantime, Mack went to the Layton hotel barroom and called for a glass of near beer. Carter, who was behind the bar, served the drink. He drank it, then said he had no money to pay for it with. Carter told him to get out and not return, as he didn't want him around the place. Mack went out, leaving the door open. Carter went around the bar to shut it, and while he was in the act of doing so Mack turned and shot him, the bullet entering the left shoulder and lodging in the back.

Mack is arrested. Carter fell to the floor and Mack went down to see George Sauer. The couple visited Street Superintendent McLean's home, where Mack attempted to surrender, but both were unceremoniously ejected by Mrs. McLean, whose husband was away from home. Mack was later arrested at Sauer's home by Sheriff Russell and George Lewis, at the points of their guns.

Carter lingered until Monday morning, dying at 9 o'clock. Mack was held for murder by the coroner's jury. Carter leaves a wife, who resides in Grants Pass; a brother, George, and a sister, Mrs. George Holum, who lives in Pleasant creek, and a sister, Mrs. Laura Walter, who lives in Grants Pass. He also has several half brothers, who live on Pleasant creek. The funeral was held Wednesday at Woodville.

CONSTABLES AND JUSTICES DRAW DOWN SALARIES

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 11.—The justices of the peace and constables throughout the county are very jubilant over the decision of the supreme court, allowing them their salaries. Auditor Dowling was notified yesterday that the salary system had been held constitutional and immediately drew up warrants for the salaries from last March to the first of this month.

None of the justices or constables have received any pay, either as salary or fees, since last March, and it has worked a hardship, especially on the constables. They were obliged to bring prisons to the county jail and perform other criminal business which necessitated advancing coin for expenses by them. The justices did not feel it so much, as they were not compelled to travel, or advance expense money.

The salaries range all the way from \$20 to \$50 per month, according to the population of the several townships, and the warrants drawn for the salaries therefor range from \$180 to \$450 each. The decision means about \$1900 per month for the township officers. A great many of the officers have already drawn their warrants.

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CENTRAL POINT TALKING WATER

Although the Condor Water and Power company failed to appear at the last meeting of the town council with their water proposition, says the Herald, as promised some time ago, a representative of the company informed the Herald Tuesday that the matter is still being considered and that a representative of the company will be here next Monday to take the matter up in a definite way.

While the people will no doubt be glad to consider any reasonable proposal the Condor company may make, there is a rapidly growing belief that the town should waste no more time waiting for propositions from anybody, but that they should rather proceed at once to install a system of their own.

It is the general belief that an ample supply of water for all purposes may be secured from wells, but if that should prove inadequate it is but a comparatively short distance to Rogo river, from which an inexhaustible supply could be drawn by pumps. The cost of a well would be but a few hundred dollars and the most and many believe that all water ever needed and of absolute purity could thus be obtained. However, if the Condor company has a definite proposal to make, the people will give it proper consideration.

The Council Acts. At a recent council meeting the water committee reported that the Condor Water and Power company had some time ago indicated that they would submit a proposition to the city for furnishing water for municipal uses, but no representative of the company being present, the committee asked for their instruction, and the council instructed the members of the committee to engage the services of some competent engineer for the purpose of getting estimates on the cost of a water system. The prevalent opinion among the councilmen seemed to be that enough time has already been wasted waiting for some outside company to come in and furnish the town with water and that the committee is expected to get busy at once and get the matter in shape for speedy action.

Big Butte creek from the junction of the north and south forks to its mouth, a distance of 11 miles, falls 950 feet, drains 234 square miles and has an average minimum horse power of 18,000. Little Butte creek from the junction of its north and south forks, a distance of 16 miles, falls 370 feet, drains 269 square miles and has an average minimum horse power of 2300.

FIRE MAKES APPLE TREE BEAR A SECOND CROP

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 11.—John Vincent of Cajon Pass, a well known rancher, has culled the great crop of apples from his orchard in this section, and takes second seed not even to Wizard Burbank. He had actually succeeded in raising to splendid crops of apples on one tree this year. The second crop is just being harvested. The tree is a Red Astrachan. Early in the spring a bounteous crop was harvested from it. During the summer a fire swept the orchard, this particular tree being worse burned than any of the others, all its foliage being destroyed. Vincent decided to save his favorite if possible, though the neighbors laughed at his efforts, declaring he couldn't rear the tree, but believing the tree had been killed. By careful treatment Vincent was soon repaid by witnessing the tree bud and leaf. The blossoms surprised him and dumfounded his neighbors. All were more puzzled when the blossoms developed into small apples, and these matured in the usual manner, now being large, juicy fruit, and the second crop proves as heavy as the first.

KLAMATH SHERIFF WANTS HELP FROM KLAMATH FALLS COUNCIL

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 11.—Sheriff W. B. Barcos appeared before the council last evening and asked the assistance of the city officers in stopping the sale of liquor in the city. He drew attention to the instructions of Judge Noland to the grand jury, which was to the effect that city peace officers had the same power of arrest as state officers.

Mayor Stitts stated that he was not in favor of the city going to the trouble and expense of finding evidence against the saloon men unless the city received the benefits of the fines. He said that there was then on the table an ordinance providing for the punishment of this offense by which the city could secure the fines. If it is the wish of the council it would be taken up and passed and he would guarantee that the saloons would be put out of business.

Members of the council refused to take any action on the matter, appearing willing to let the sheriff do what they considered his own work. One of the councilmen made the remark that they had no assurance that the county officers would stop the sale of liquors in other towns of the county and why should they be asked to do the work here?

BEAT MOTHER AND SISTER; SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR

YANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 11.—Eugene Reinhart, aged 30, today pleaded guilty to a charge of beating his sister Mattie and his mother. He was fined \$1000 and sentenced to a year in the county jail. "I am guilty," he told Judge McCredie, "and ask no leniency. If I ever come before you again on the same charge, give me death." His arrest was caused by his mother and sister.

STATE SAVINGS BANK IS ORDERED CLOSED

SPRINGPORT, Mich., Dec. 11.—The Springport State Savings bank was closed today by the order of the state banking commissioner. Henry Fogelsang, the cashier, is missing. The amount of shortage in the bank's funds is unknown. The deposits reached half a million.

POWER THAT AWAITES THE MASTER

Conservation Committee Report on Southern Oregon Streams Tells of Latent Energy

The report of the Oregon conservation commission to the governor contains much data of an interesting nature relating to the natural resources of Oregon, dealing as it does with water transportation, water resources, lands, forests, minerals and fisheries. The report is also calculated to advantage to advertise the state, for the printed copies have been sent out in great numbers.

With reference to southern Oregon that portion of the report dealing with water resources is of the most interest to local people. Three views of Rogo river are shown, one of the head of the gorge, one of the gorge and one of the Mill creek falls.

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The first steps to be taken by the directors will be the securing of affidavits to the effect that representatives of the government induced the farmers to sign their lands for irrigation under the promise that the cost would not exceed \$20 an acre, and that the estimate made placed it at \$18.60 per acre. The evidence, together with sworn statements setting forth the conditions as they exist and the hard straits in which the small land owner is placed, will then be sent to the Oregon delegation, who will seek relief through congress at its next session.

The directors of the Water Users' association appointed a committee whose duty it will be to gather the sworn statements of landowners in all parts of the county who heard reclamation officials state positively that the cost of the water would not exceed \$20 an acre. It is the intention of the directors to show that the proposition of the government irrigation was misrepresented to the farmers under the promise and to ask for relief because of this misrepresentation.

MORGAN GIVES \$100,000 TO SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—J. Pierpont Morgan has subscribed \$100,000 for the rebuilding of the Episcopal cathedral in San Francisco. Bishop William Ford is here raising the money. He expects to get an additional \$100,000 from other sources.

FULLERTON WILL SOON BE TRIED FOR ABDUCTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Robert H. Fullerton, son of H. Fullerton, a lumber millionaire, whose arrest in Seattle last spring created a sensation, was released on a \$2000 bail today when he appeared in court accused of abducting Miss Gladys Hobart of Yonkers, N. Y. The trial will soon open. Both attended the Cornell university. The girl says Fullerton took her to Kingston, Jamaica, where he deserted her.

PROSECUTION IS JUBILANT

Special Attorneys Tender Their Resignation Following Ruef's Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—The resignations of Attorneys Hiram W. Johnson, Matt S. Sullivan and J. J. Dryer as the special prosecutors of the graft cases will be presented to District Attorney Langdon today. The trio volunteered to serve after the shooting of Francis J. Heney and without compensation. They state that with the conviction of Ruef they feel that their duty is done.

The prosecution is jubilant over the conviction of Ruef. Francis J. Heney today issued a statement saying that the people of San Francisco owe a debt of gratitude to the jurymen who gave more than three months' time to the case. Attorney Johnson said yesterday that the verdict meant more to San Francisco than a score of triumphs in warfare.

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EXBOSS RUEF IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Out 24 Hours-Ruef's Face Pale As He Hears Verdict But Quickly Regains Composure

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Abraham Ruef, ex-boss and arch grafter, was yesterday found guilty of bribery after a trial lasting 103 days. Sentence will be pronounced Saturday by Judge Lawlor. It took the jury from 3:30 o'clock Wednesday until 4:10 o'clock yesterday, or 24 hours and 34 minutes to arrive at a decision. Ruef may now be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary for a term not to exceed 14 years.

So great was the interest in the case that the courtroom was packed when the verdict was returned, and although the large crowd present stood erect and listened in the deepest silence for the verdict, there was no demonstration of any kind after it had been returned.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the jury informed the court that they wished to be conducted to the courtroom. The court entered, took his place and ordered the jury brought in.

As the jury filed into the room, Ruef, sitting by the side of his aged father, scanned their faces eagerly as if he would read their decision. But all to no avail, evidently, for he settled back in his seat to await the reading of the verdict.

"Mr. Foreman, have you arrived at a verdict?" demanded the court.

"Verdict On Sheet of Paper."

"We have, your honor," came the foreman's reply. He then handed a folded paper to the messenger of the court, who silently treasured it to the court.

Judge Lawlor glanced at the sheet of paper, then tendered it to the clerk and instructed him to read it. Slowly he read:

"We find the defendant, Abraham Ruef, guilty as charged."

That was all—the simple, bare statement of fact. No recommendations were made and no hint was given of what had gone on within the juryroom during the 24 hours of deliberation.

The great crowd in the room sat still as if entranced. A newspaper man arose from his seat and waved a signal to a fellow worker outside. The action was harmless, but the galliffs pounced upon the man, dragged him to his seat and shouted "order, order." But it was unnecessary—no disturbance seemed on tap.

Ruef suffered greatly for a few minutes. His face paled and he slipped forward in his seat so though about to fall. He quickly regained his composure, however, and spoke to his aged father—evidently words of cheer. The father then left to break the news to Ruef's mother and sister.

Ruef was then put into the police van and taken to the county jail. Although a few bitter remarks were hurled at him by bystanders, no violence of any kind was attempted.

A few minutes before the verdict was returned Francis J. Heney entered the courtroom. He went directly to the seat where he was when the attempt was made upon his life, and then into the chambers of Judge Lawlor. Except for a slight discoloration of his cheek he was apparently none the worse. He was given an ovation by the crowd without the court room before entering.

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