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5 PLEAD GUILTY TO GAMBLING AND EACH GIVEN FINE

THIRTY-DAY JAIL SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED BY CITY RECORDER LODER.

MONEY WON FROM LOU HIMLER AND FRANK SMITH RETURNED

G. A. Gray, E. Parker, A. F. Haasch and Forest DeLashmott Each Contribute \$25, and Charles Straight May Pay Today

G. A. Gray, E. Parker, A. F. Haasch, Charles Straight and Forest DeLashmott, caught in a raid on Mrs. Bell's rooming house in the southern part of town late Saturday night, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of gambling Monday before Recorder Loder and were fined \$25 each and given a 30-day jail sentence. The jail sentence was suspended upon the payment of the fine. Straight, the only member of the party unable to raise the money Monday, is expected to settle his account with the city today.

Through the efforts of City Prosecutor Schuebel, Lou Himler and Frank E. Smith, also caught in the raid, got the money back which they lost Saturday night. Himler's losses totalled \$20, and Smith was poorer to the extent of \$17.90 by the time the officers arrived at the place.

Recorder Loder suspended the jail sentence with a stern warning that if the men were caught in similar trouble again they would get the limit provided under the ordinance of both fine and imprisonment. Mrs. Bell, the landlady, who says that she was not aware that there was gambling going on at her house, will probably not be prosecuted.

Local authorities believe that they have broken up a clique of gamblers who lived by fleecing millworkers. A man with a pay-check would be induced to set in a little draw poker game—the favorite at the place—and would leave the house almost broke upon the officers. The cases of Lou Himler and Frank Smith are said to bear out this theory, and the officers say they know the names of others who were separated from their money. One Chinaman, they declare, lost between \$200 and \$300 to the poker players.

Local officers say that they have evidence showing that Gray took 25 cents from every pot for the house, although they have not been able to discover just who he referred to by the "house."

Prosecutor Schuebel was prepared to fight the case to a finish, in case the pleas of guilty had not been entered. Evidence gathered during the raid was supplemented by considerable other information.

The raid was made by Chief of Police Blanchard, Sheriff Wilson, Constable Frost and Patrolmen Cooke and Woodward.

CONGRESS MAY TAKE UP POSTAL RATE CHANGES

ZONE SYSTEM FOR SECOND-CLASS MAIL AND MODIFIED ONE-CENT POSTAGE PLAN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The ways are now being prepared for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committees are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis.

A zone system of rates for second-class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rate has for some time been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post, the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul.

The postal committees have been besieged by petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousand letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view of making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to permit the granting of a 1-cent rate on local delivery letters in the next session of congress.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN FIGHT ON ADAMSON ACT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 24.—A tentative agreement on a test case of the Adamson eight-hour law was reported today by attorneys of the railroads and the government, who have been in conference here yesterday and today. The agreement has been forwarded to Attorney General Gregory at Washington and the conference here will await his action upon it.

Attorneys participating in the conference said they were not ready to state the terms of the agreement.

PEACE FAVORED BY CHANCELLORS OF ALL EUROPE

IDEA OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS ENDORSED BY LEADERS OF WARRING POWERS.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG, BRIAND AND GREY ARE ON COMMON GROUND

Plans for Permanent League After War Discussed at New York—Earnest Support of Germany to Plan Promised.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Messages of good will from the chancellors of three of Europe's warring powers were read at a dinner given here tonight by the League to Enforce Peace. The purpose of the banquet was to consider a program for a permanent league of nations at the close of the great conflict.

Approval of the principle proposed was given by Aristide Briand, premier of France; Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, of Germany, and Viscount Grey, Great Britain's secretary of state for foreign affairs.

Extracts from the chancellors of Europe read at the banquet follow: Premier Briand (France)—In having your effort on the fundamental principles of respect for the various peoples of the world, you are certain of being on common ground.

Viscount Grey (England)—I sincerely desire to see a league of nations formed to secure future peace of the world after this war is over.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg (Germany)—Germany will honestly co-operate in the examination of every effort to find a practical solution of the question and will collaborate to make its realization possible.

ARGUMENTS COMPLETED IN LAND FRAUD CASE

LENGTHY BRIEFS, NINE VOLUMES TESTIMONY AND 100 EXHIBITS LEFT WITH COURT.

Arguments in the case of the state of Oregon against F. A. Hyde, San Francisco land operator, and the Western Lumber company, a Montana corporation, were completed Thursday before Circuit Judge Campbell, Deputy Attorney General Bailey presenting the final arguments for the state. Briefs were submitted and nine large volumes of testimony and over a hundred exhibits left with the court.

It will be several weeks before the court hands down a decision. Arguments in the case began Monday afternoon and ended at noon Thursday.

Three thousand two hundred and forty acres of valuable school lands in Clackamas county is the stake for which the state is making the fight.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN PENITENTIARY LIBRARY

SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH GUARDS AND TRUSTIES FIGHT FLAMES AT STATE PRISON.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27.—Fire in the library of the state prison caused considerable damage early this morning. The fire was discovered at 3 a. m., although it had smoldered, Acting Warden Sherwood believes, since Sunday afternoon.

The damage to the library, located on the second floor, was not great, being confined largely to the floor, but floor, brick, and other food-stuffs stored in the commissary department on the floor below were considerably damaged.

Guards and a couple of trustees fought the fire until the Salem fire department arrived and assisted in putting it out with chemicals.

HEDGES DOES NOT FEAR WEAK SPOT IN THE DRY LAW

INJUNCTION COULD BE SECURED TO STOP BOOZE SHIPMENTS, HE BELIEVES.

INQUIRERS REFERRED TO OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL G. A. BROWN

Proclamation is Necessary Before Bone-Dry Amendment Becomes Part of Constitution, Says District Attorney.

District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges foresees no danger of unlimited importation of liquor into state because of possible conflict between sections of the prohibition law and the bone-dry amendment to the state constitution.

He takes exception to the theory that because of this conflict, claimed by some, all laws regulating importation are down. The amendment, in effect when proclaimed by the governor, is said to wipe out those sections of the dry law providing for methods of importing liquor, yet put no law in its place on which the state could base prosecution, as the amendment in itself is not operative.

District Attorney Hedges refers inquirers to the opinion of Attorney General Brown who has held, in effect, that the present law will continue in force until the legislature meets in January and provides legislation carrying out the wishes of the voters as expressed by the enactment of the bone-dry amendment November 7.

The state has ample opportunity to protect itself in regard to prohibition law enforcement, whether or not there will be a weak spot in the statute when the bone-dry amendment goes into effect, believes the district attorney. The railroads could be enjoined from carrying liquor from wet states into Oregon, if the state was forced to take a step.

District Attorney Hedges takes exception to the opinion of Chris Schuebel in regard to the necessity of a proclamation. Mr. Schuebel said Friday that the governor's edict was not necessary to add the absolute prohibition amendment to the constitution, while the district attorney showed Saturday that the proclamation was necessary.

ONE KILLED, FIVE HURT IN BIG PORTLAND FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—Five women, injured in a fire at the Cudahy family hotel, 209 Tenth street, yesterday morning, in which Willard Dietling lost his life, after having rescued his fiancée, Miss Myra Skogmann, are recovering today. Mrs. Blanche Boss, whose condition is serious, did not sustain a fractured spine, as at first believed. Mrs. Mary J. Gratton, Mrs. Harry Alkms, Miss Cora Jagger and Marlan Smith were burned and bruised when leaping from the second floor of the building. There were 38 occupants in the building when the fatal fire occurred. Minor bruises and burns were sustained by many.

Tenants of the hotel were aroused from their beds at 6:45 o'clock when James Toomey, the janitor, who had discovered a fire spreading through the building from the kitchen in the rear, ran through the halls calling the alarm.

There were 14 roomers on the third floor and many found their escape cut off and jumped to the roofs of nearby dwelling, while others jumped from the second story windows.

PROBE OF NEWS PRINT SHORTAGE IS PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The federal trade commission this afternoon announced that it would start a thorough investigation of the news print paper shortage, beginning with public hearings in Washington, December 12. Testimony will be taken from print paper manufacturers, jobbers, publishers and others.

DEMOCRATS SPEND \$2,000,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—President Wilson's reelection will have cost the Democratic National committee approximately \$2,000,000 when all bills are liquidated.

The final statement of Treasurer William W. Marsh shows the total amount contributed was \$1,584,548.05. The total disbursements through New York headquarters aggregated \$1,493,312.84.

DRY NATION IS FAVORED BY GRANGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—National prohibition was urged on congress today by the National Grange resolutions adopted which asked specifically that the District of Columbia be included in any National prohibition legislation.

Another resolution adopted called for restriction of the federal license to prohibition states.

FEAR IS FELT CARRANZA WILL REJECT AGREEMENT

ACTIVITY OF VILLA IS LIKELY TO KEEP AMERICAN TROOPS SOUTH OF BORDER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The determination of relations between the United States and Mexico is once more squarely up to Carranza. The first chief's attitude, either in accepting or rejecting the Atlantic City protocol, will point the way to the future course of the United States, state department officials said today.

There is grave apprehension here that General Carranza will reject the agreement on account of its provision for the pursuit of Mexican raiders back into Mexico if they cross the American frontier, although no such reciprocal right is given Mexican commanders.

It is true that this provision is contained in a separate memorandum, but it is intended, so far as the United States is concerned, to have binding force.

The continuance of activity by Villa and his forces on a larger scale around Chihuahua has caused both state and war department officials to abandon all expectations of an early withdrawal of General Pershing's troops from Mexico or the return of the national guardmen from the border.

The necessary rehabilitation of Carranza's national treasury by a large American loan, it is thought here, may force the first chief to accept the objectionable terms of the border agreement against his will, as American bankers decline to risk money in Mexico while the present disagreement exists.

VILLA FORCES IN CONTROL OF PART CHIHUAHUA CITY

FIRST FOREIGN REFUGEE TO ARRIVE AT EL PASO TELLS OF HARD BATTLE.

FOREIGNERS IN BESIEGED TOWN ARE BELIEVED TO BE SAFE

United States Army Officers Stationed at Fabens, Tex., Dispatch Several Scouts To Investigate Presence of Bandits.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 29.—The first foreign refugee to leave Chihuahua City since the siege began, arrived here tonight. He reported that Villa and Julio Acosta were in control of a part of the city when he made his escape by automobile at 2 o'clock this morning.

Carranza forces were holding hard to their part of the city, according to the refugee, who added that he understood that all foreigners were safe, at least to the extent of leaving the area through Villa fought his way.

Cannon firing ceased some time early Monday morning, but the small arms firing continued through Monday and Tuesday, the refugee said upon his arrival here by way of Villa Ahumada and Guadalupe.

United States Army officers stationed at Fabens, Tex., 33 miles southeast of here, and opposite Guapupe, Chihuahua, were notified tonight and dispatched scouts to investigate the presence of bandits so near the border.

Marahfield-Oregon Power Co. secures 25-year franchise in Eastside for gas and electric service.

LEONA CASE SUES HER SISTER OVER \$1200 MORTGAGE

WIDOW OF ERNEST CASE BRINGS ACTION AGAINST WIFE OF MAN WHO KILLED HIM

MORTGAGE SAID TO HAVE BEEN UNLAWFULLY RELEASED FOR COW

Mary Smith, formerly Mary Case, Widow of Murderer, Defendant With Her Present Husband and Isaac Birdsell in Suit Here

A new chapter in the story of the Case family feud was opened Tuesday when Leona M. Case, widow of Ernest Case, murdered by his brother Sam, October 3, 1915, filed a suit in the circuit court against her own sister, Mary Smith, formerly Mary Case, the widow of Sam Case.

The complaint charges that Mary Smith, without authority, released a \$1200 mortgage on property near Park place. Isaac Birdsell, owner of the property, Ralph Smith, Mary Smith's present husband, and Mary Smith as executrix of the estate of Sam, are the defendants in the action. Dimick & Dimick and O. W. Eastham appear as attorneys for Mrs. Leona Case.

In 1914, Sam Case acted as trustee in certain transactions for his brother, Ernest, the complaint recites. The Park place property was sold by Ernest to Birdsell in August of that year, but Sam appeared for his brother throughout the deal. A \$1200 mortgage, taken in payment for the property, was made out in the name of Sam, although actually possessed by Ernest, according to the plaintiff.

A year ago one brother murdered the other, and Sam died in the local hospital. The widows of the two were named administratrix of the respective estates and, the plaintiff claims, on December 8, 1915, Mary Case, lacking authority, wrote a pretended satisfaction of the mortgage on the margin of a mortgage record in the recorder's office, in spite of the fact that the note and mortgage have always been and are now in the possession of the Ernest Case estate, according to the complaint.

It developed recently in the county court, when Leona made an unsuccessful effort to have her sister removed as administratrix of Ernest Case's estate on the grounds that Ernest and Leona were not married, that Leona released the \$1200 mortgage for one cow given her by Birdsell.

Leona Case asks that the mortgage be foreclosed and the pretended satisfaction written in the mortgage records by Mary Case be declared void.

WHEAT PRICES COME DOWN WITH BIG CRASH

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Wheat prices came down today with a crash, breaking in some cases as much as 93 cents a bushel. Big sales by some of the leading houses started a general movement to unload holdings and gave an opening for aggressive selling by bears.

Talk of the likelihood of an armistice in Europe had considerable to do with weakening the market, and so also had warnings of the presence of a fighting submarine in the Atlantic. Continued reference to a possible embargo by the United States was likewise a factor.

July wheat, in which the greatest decline took place, fell to \$1.45 as compared with \$1.54 1/8 to \$1.54 3/8 at the finish on Saturday.

In later dealings the market scored rallies. The greatest recovery was in the last hour and was due to an unexpected falling off shown in the United States visible supply. Prices, however, closed weak at net losses of 2 1/2 cents to 4 1/2 cents a bushel, with December at \$1.73 1/2 to \$1.73 5/8, May \$1.80 to \$1.80 1/2 and July \$1.49 7/8 to \$1.50.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP IS SUNK IN AEGEAN SEA

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The British hospital ship Breemar Castle, homeward bound from Malta to Saloniki, was sunk by a mine or torpedo in Mykonos channel of the Aegean sea, an admiral's announcement stated today. The admiral stated all on board were saved.

COUNTRY'S POPULATION JANUARY 1, 102,826,309

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The population of continental United States on January 1, 1917, will, be 102,826,309, and with its outlying possessions 113,209,255, the census bureau estimates, upon the increase shown by the federal census of 1900 and 1910.

Treasury department statisticians, using a different method of calculation, estimated the population of continental United States at 103,002,900 on November 1.

AMERICANS HELD AS PRISONERS IN TURKISH EMPIRE

CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES ONCE PROMISED FREEDOM NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE

UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION WILL REQUIRE DELICATE HANDLING

Washington is Indignant But Not Decided on What Course Will Be Taken—Cruiser's Officers Not Allowed to Investigate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Word that the Turkish government has rescinded its previous agreement to allow several hundred Americans to leave the Turkish empire via Jaffa reached the state department today from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople. The Ambassador was informed that the Americans cannot be permitted to depart, because of military necessity.

It is not known what action may be taken in an effort to bring Turkey to terms. The practical internment of the Americans is a source of indignation to the government. It is said to be an unprecedented situation which will require most delicate handling.

The American cruiser Des Moines, now at Alexandria, is due at Jaffa shortly, where, after unloading Red Cross supplies, she had been expected to take on the refugees. It is understood, now, however, that officers from the vessel will not even be allowed to land to investigate conditions.

SALEM STUDENTS LIVE FOR 25 CENTS A DAY

ACTUAL COST OF FOODSTUFFS IS 18.8 CENTS A DAY OR 6.3 CENTS A MEAL.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27.—The riddle of the high cost of living apparently has been solved by the Commons Co-operative club of Willamette University, composed of 26 students.

This club during October furnished its members with three meals a day for an average cost of 24.8 cents a day, or 8.3 cents a meal. This cost also included the salary of a cook, fuel and light. The actual price paid for foodstuffs was 18.8 cents a day, or 6.3 cents a meal.

FIRE IN CHICAGO DOES DAMAGE OF \$100,000

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—A \$100,000 fire in a crowded manufacturing district here today threatened dozens of buildings when the Hochaday Paint company's warehouse at 1831 Carroll avenue caught fire. Firemen had a narrow escape when explosions of oil caused one wall to collapse. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the fire.

The Johnson-Tomek Lumber company, in the same building and the Hub Electric company, adjoining, also suffered small losses. The fire was under control at 8:30 a. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

County Clerk Iva Harrington Wednesday issued a marriage license to Charlotte Eluam and W. W. Harris, of Oregon City, rural route No. 3.

LIVE WIRES BACK PLAN TO CORRECT TAX LAW ERRORS

KINKS IN PRESENT METHOD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR DISTRICTS TO LEVY TAX.

MUCH OPPOSITION DEVELOPS TO ELEVATOR TOLLS AT LUNCHEON

Wires Likewise to Not Favor Plan of Revising Method of Paying For Street and Sewer Improvements, As Proposed.

With a view of bringing about more intelligent action on the part of tax levying bodies in Oregon, the Live Wires of the Commercial club started a movement Tuesday to secure amendments at the next session of the legislature of laws relating to the manner and time of making levies, and will recommend that the state tax commission and county assessors report the valuations of the several tax levying districts of the state not later than October 15 of each year.

Under the existing law, school districts must make their levies before December 1 on valuations that are a year old, because the valuations for the year in which the taxes are to be collected are not known.

This is also true of the county courts when the budgets are published and the estimates of receipts made. The tax commission, which assesses all public service corporation property and water powers, has not yet made its valuations for 1917, yet school districts must make their levies before December 1, and if the valuations are reduced, the school districts suffer a corresponding loss of revenue.

It is proposed that the county budgets be made and published within a reasonable time after the valuations are received, so that the smaller tax levying districts, such as school districts and cities and towns, may have in their possession the information contained in the county budget. It is also proposed to extend the time for making levies of cities and towns and school districts, in order that time be allowed for 30 days notice which is required in the event an increase over the previous year's levy in excess of 6 per cent is contemplated.

The Live Wires will also recommend the change in the law relating to the school census about October 1, in order that county courts may have the figures when making up their budgets. Under the present law the figures for the previous year are used, as the figures for the current year are not available, and while the law contemplates that school districts shall receive \$8 for each child enumerated, the larger districts obtain about \$7, and are not able to estimate closely the amount likely to be paid by the county for any year. Before the county school funds are disbursed pro rata \$100 is taken out for each school district, and it is proposed to make it the duty of the county courts to levy an amount sufficient to raise \$100 for each district and \$8 per child enumerated in addition.

Two of the measures to be submitted to the people of Oregon City next Monday were discussed by the Live Wires, who went on record as being opposed to the ordinance providing for tolls on the municipal elevator. Considerable opposition developed to the charter amendment providing that all public improvements should be paid for out of the general fund of the city, as against the present method of assessing abutting property for the cost of the improvement.

Representative-elect Brownell, Dodman and Stevens will be invited to attend next week's luncheon to hear the plans for the changing of tax laws.

PNEUMONIA IS CAUSE OF STOCKMAN'S DEATH

DAVID CROCKETT PIERSON, PIONEER OF 1852, DIES AT BEAVER CREEK.

David Crockett Pierson, pioneer stockman, died Friday night at the home of his niece, Mrs. John Messner, at Beaver Creek. Death was due to pneumonia.

He was born 72 years ago in Indiana and came to Oregon many years ago. He never married. He came across the plains in 1852 and for many years was in the livestock business in Idaho. He lived in this county only a few years.

The body will be taken to Hillsboro today for interment. One sister and several nieces and nephews survive.