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## LIVE WIRE COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLE ON MORALS OF CITY

Investigations of the special committee of the Live Wires of the Commercial club, made public here Tuesday, show that statements reflecting upon the moral conditions in the high school have been exaggerated and magnified, but the committee recommends that public education work should be done so that parents may exercise proper parental guidance over their young children, and the committee seeks the cooperation of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society in improving local conditions.

1. Your committee finds from its investigations that certain statements which have been made relative to such conditions are highly magnified and grossly exaggerated, and this is particularly true with reference to high school students, among whom we find very high moral standards.

2. Most cases that have been able to locate are confined to people of mature age.

3. We find there is a disposition on the part of many parents in Oregon City to allow their boys and girls to be out late at night without being properly chaperoned, and that these conditions are the source of much unfavorable comment and reflection upon such young people.

4. That the fathers and mothers of Oregon City be urged to cooperate with the city police department in a strict enforcement of the city Ordinance relative to the keeping of late hours by young people, in the streets and elsewhere.

5. That some kind of public educational work should be done to the end that the attention of parents may be called to the dangers existing, and that their cooperation may be secured in bringing about safer conditions for young people, and higher standards for the older.

6. We recommend that a committee be appointed to take up this matter with the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, with a view of securing the cooperation of this society in bringing about the educational work herein suggested.

7. The committee was appointed several weeks ago, following the suggestion of Mr. Edgar, backed by newspaper comment upon what was said to be an unpleasant moral situation here, and interest was especially keen following a public statement of a Mr. Foster, representing the Alhambra Kerr Nursery, who said that Dr. Godfrey, a Seattle physician, had made the statement that seven of every ten students in the high schools of Seattle were on the down grade of morality. The intimation was that other high schools in the Northwest were confronted by similar conditions, and City Superintendent Kirk, who questioned the statement, informed Frank B. Cooper, superintendent of the Seattle schools in the following letter:

## Just As Worthy Now

If every man, woman and child in Clackamas county gave 10 cents to the Red Cross, the Clackamas county chapter would have sufficient funds to do its work during the coming year.

But there will be many whose interest will be lack-work performed, and certainly the little ones cannot be expected to carry the burden, and it follows that those of us who can spare a few dollars, must come to the front with contributions in sufficient size to finance an organization that has passed through its years of usefulness without a stain.

Clackamas has its own chapter, which was formerly affiliated with the Portland chapter. Its goal is around \$3,000, which is little enough considering the possibilities for good. During the year that is just terminating the Red Cross has provided board and lodging for ex-service men who have been in need, and it has taken care of 500 families in this county and alleviated distress and want. It has provided compensation, vocational training and hospital care to many of the ers. It is looking after the men who have been discharged from military hospitals, sent them to their homes and cared for their loved ones.

The fourth roll call is in progress. Giving freely of their time, which is worth money to most of us, solicitors are going from house to house, from store to factory, from individual to office, asking for the dollars that will keep the wheels of that wonderful organization revolving.

Give, and give cheerfully. Give of your plenty, and, if necessary, deny yourself an automobile ride, a theatre ticket, or forego some idle amusement. Remember that two years ago you would have come across with enthusiasm. The Red Cross activities that absorb your money then, are just as worthy now.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

## Krassig Some 'Detec' Bluff Is Worth \$97 And Man Leaves Town

Wm. Krassig, dentist, of Oregon City, ran a big bluff yesterday on Main street, and as a result, got back his pocket-book containing \$97 in bills. Krassig dropped his wallet in the hall of the Anderson building and upon entering his office, discovered the loss. He immediately started on the back trail to find it and in the course of his hunt he wandered towards the pool hall between 5th and 6th streets on Main. As he was passing the place, he recognized a man standing in the entrance whom he had followed him up the stairs earlier in the day.

## TROOPS ON WAY TO COAL STRIKE ZONE

CHILLICOTHE, O., Nov. 26.—A provisional battalion of 400 men picked from the third and 19th infantry regiments, was prepared tonight to leave Camp Sherman tomorrow for Williamson, W. Va., where the troops will be used for strike duty in the Mingo county coal mine district. The detachment is equipped for an indefinite period of service.

## ALBANY ELKS MAKE BIG HIT WITH 1189 HERD

One of the most successful and best attended initiation ceremonies in the history of the local Elks lodge occurred last night when over 24 candidates were taken into the order. The Albany lodge members put on the ritualistic work and also the "third degree" stuff, which made quite a hit among the local brothers. A big feed was tendered the visitors after the regular session of the order.

## WILL QUIET TITLE

C. Schuebel and Agnes Schuebel have entered suit to quiet title to lots 3 and 4, block 110, county addition to Clackamas county. The lots formerly belonged to the Jager estate.

## MANY DISTRICTS VOTE ADDITIONAL TAX FOR ROADS

Eleven more road districts in Clackamas county have entered the ranks of good road boosters and have voted during the past week from 8 to 10 mills additional tax in each section. The latest to come into the ranks are as follows:

District No. 13, Pleasant Hill—10 mills; \$1000 on West Butteville to Wilsonville road, \$1000 West Butteville to Sherwood road; Weston road, \$500; Joat road, \$500; cemetery road, \$500; Malay road, \$500; Heater road, \$300; Ladd Hill road, \$200; Edminster road, \$300; Churchill road, \$200; Woods road, \$100.

District No. 15, Happy Valley—5 mills; C. A. Betz road, \$375; balance to go into district fund for upkeep.

District No. 19, Sunnyside country—10 mills; all money to be spent on the district's roads.

District No. 21, Boring—10 mills; on the following roads: Henningsen, \$800; Sharkey \$600; Hoffmeister \$300; H. Johnson \$400; Exley \$300; Bartlett \$300.

District No. 37, Upper Highland—10 mills; 25 per cent on Myers-Beason road; 75 per cent on Clarkes and Main roads.

District No. 22—5 mills; one-third on Bradley-Richey road; one-third on Oregon City road east Anderagg corner; one-sixth Kelley-Epperson road; one-sixth Boring-Oregon City road.

District No. 30—Eagle Creek—This district voted 24 to 48 against and additional road tax this year.

District No. 31, Logan canyon—8 mills; 2 1/2 on Clear Creek hill; 1 mill on Batron road; 1 mill on Mostals road; 1/2 mill on Clear Creek road; 3 mills on the Harding Grange road, north.

District No. 42, Colton—10 mills; 15 per cent on Bockman corner and Argett road; 15 per cent near Old Colton school and Argett place; 10 per cent between Forsgren corners and B. Palmer place; 10 per cent from blacksmith shop, north; 30 per cent Cannon Creek bridge in north-easterly direction; 10 per cent from Old Colton school east; 10 per cent from Albert Peterson's towards Schiewie place.

## CORONER'S JURY BRINGS VERDICT OVER SHOOTING OF A. DE FORD

A coroner's inquest was held at the Brady & DeMoss parlors yesterday afternoon over the remains of A. De Ford, who was shot by D. E. Frost, last week when he attempted to get away from an officer. The jury returned a verdict in effect that De Ford came to his death from gunshot wounds from a .32-caliber revolver, which was discharged by one D. E. (Jack) Frost of Oregon City.

The following men made up the jury: P. S. Finnucane, E. E. Temple, E. M. Howell, W. F. Schooley, J. E. Jack, W. W. Myers.

The first witness called to the stand yesterday was Officer Ed. Surtus, who attempted to make the arrest of DeFord on the night of the shooting. Surtus told how he had seen DeFord on Main street—near 10th in company with two other men. He alleged that DeFord was drinking from a bottle when he first saw him and that he was under the influence of liquor. He approached the man with the intention of placing him under arrest, and as he started towards the three men, two of them ran down 10th street, and DeFord put the bottle in his pocket and held his ground. When he attempted to take DeFord in custody, Surtus alleges that DeFord struck at him, and that he hit DeFord and knocked him off the sidewalk into the street. When DeFord got up, he pulled the bottle from his pocket and threw it to the pavement, at the same time telling Surtus that he could not arrest him for having booze. Surtus contends that he answered DeFord that he could arrest him for throwing glass into the street, and DeFord thereupon broke and ran down Main street.

Surtus said that he started in pursuit, and as the man ran up 11th street, he followed and when near the railroad tracks DeFord ran down the track away and dodged into a house nearby. Surtus says that he followed and DeFord ran out again on 11th. At this point, Surtus said that he noticed Frost just ahead of DeFord and cried out to Frost to stop him. Frost in attempting to stop the running man received a blow in the stomach and DeFord broke away and ran up 11th. At this point, Surtus alleges that Frost called out to DeFord to stop or he would shoot and when the man did not stop, Frost pulled a gun from his pocket and fired twice.

## DOUGHTY GIVES UP BONDS; SAYS SMALL IS DEAD

John Doughty, arrested here last week in connection with the theft of \$100,000 worth of Canadian bonds, has confessed and delivered to the Canadian authorities the bonds in fact, according to press dispatches from Toronto, Ont.

He arrived in Ontario yesterday and immediately went to the hiding place of the securities and delivered them up to Detective Mitchell and other state officers.

Concerning the disappearance of Ambrose J. Small, Toronto theatre magnate, whom Doughty is accused of murdering, the following telegram from Detective Mitchell enroute to Toronto with Doughty was printed in the Toronto Telegram under the date of Nov. 28th:

"Ambrose Small's fate is very near solution. Jack Doughty is the key that will unlock the door. There will be three or possibly four arrested if they have not already been made. One of them, a woman, the others, well-known underworld characters on this side. Enough is known to acquit Doughty of actual part in the murder of Small is dead."

## TEN INJURED WHEN ROCK HITS TRAIN

Ten more persons were injured, two of them being railroad men, when a boulder dropped from a cliff of the Columbia river gorge near Hood station, sixty miles east of Vancouver, about 6 o'clock Thursday night, striking the tender of the North Coast Limited train on the S. P. & S. line, due in Portland at 7:45 p. m.

The boulder, which weighed more than a ton, struck the tender with such force that it was broken from the locomotive and ditched. The engineer was hurled out of his cab and the locomotive, its pony trucks riding the rails and the drive wheels cutting the ties, dashed on through a tunnel and was stopped by the fireman 450 feet ahead in the clear.

## AUTO AND TRAIN CRASH; 1 KILLED AND 3 INJURED

McMINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 29.—Thomas Kirby, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kirby, was instantly killed, and Robert Trent and Kerwin Lawson were so badly mangled that death seems imminent, when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by the east side local electric train leaving McMinnville for Portland at 12:40 this afternoon. Edwin Kirby, a brother of the dead boy, was also in the car, but escaped without serious injury.

The accident occurred at the Fifth street crossing when the four boys all of whom attended the local high school, were coming in to school from the Lawson place east of town. Tom Kirby was driving the car, and witnesses say he was trying to beat the train to the crossing.

Richard Bland, engineer in charge of the train, could not see the approaching automobile until too late to stop. The car, which was completely wrecked was carried nearly a block before the train could be stopped. The three injured boys were rushed to the McMinnville hospital for treatment.

## YOUTH REFUSES \$1,000,000 AND GOES TO WORK

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., Nov. 29.—Charles Garland, the young man who has renounced his right to a million-dollar legacy left him by his father, James A. Garland, who was a wealthy clubman and yachtsman of Boston, today made a formal statement of his reasons for rejecting the money.

His statement, he said, was due to the fact that the many reports of his failure to accept the legacy had failed properly to present his position.

"I refuse to accept the money because it is not mine," Garland said. "A system which starves thousands while hundreds are stuffed with gold itself. A system which leaves a sick woman helpless and offers its services to a healthy man condemns itself. It is such a system that offers me a million dollars."

"It is blind to the simplest truth known to every child, the truth that the hungry should be fed and the naked clothed. I have had to choose between the loss of private property and the law which is written in every human heart. I choose the one which I believe to be true."

## COUNTY BUREAU WILL JOIN THE NATIONAL BODY

A large gathering of farmers and their wives met at the court house yesterday for both a morning and afternoon session. The features of the morning was a report by Miss R. P. Snedeker, county club leader, on the work of the boys and girls clubs for the year. Fifty seven standard clubs had been organized, of which 15 finished the years work 100 per cent, and 34 finished 75 per cent. Clackamas county boys and girls won 12 of the 30 state championships at the state fair. The value of the products raised was over \$11,000.

## WHEAT DROPS TO \$1.47 AND GOING DOWN

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 26.—Values in the wheat market shrank today to below \$1.50 a bushel. It was the first time since peace conditions had been restored, that the \$1.50 level was passed on the recent big downward slide of prices.

## UNDERTAKER KILLS OVER 100 PERSONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—John Romanello, Brooklyn undertaker, who was convicted of the larceny of 1000 gallons of wood alcohol which was alleged to have caused the deaths of 100 persons in Connecticut and Massachusetts last Christmas, today was sentenced to serve from 3 1/2 to seven years at hard labor in state's prison.

## Official Count Gives Harding 63,657 Lead

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—The official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held throughout Oregon on November 2, as completed by the secretary of state here today and certified to by W. T. Vinton, executive of the state pending the return of Governor Olcott, who is now in Harrisburg, Pa., showed that Warren G. Harding, republican, carried the state over Governor Cox, democrat, for president of the United States by a plurality of 63,657 votes.

M. C. George received the highest vote of the five candidates for republican electors, having polled a total of 143,592 votes. Results of the other republican electors follow: Hotchkiss, 143,281; Hume, 143,188; Richardson, 143,141; and Robb, 141,042.

Dr. E. T. Hedlund polled the highest vote of the democratic electors.

Another Quake Shakes City for Short Duration

Oregon City residents experienced another quake Sunday morning when slight tremors occurred over the hill section. This makes the second tremor in about two weeks for Clackamas county and both were of about the same duration. Several prominent men here crawled out of bed in the wee hours to investigate, but the weather being pretty chilly yesterday morning about 3:00 o'clock, they soon got back in bed and "let 'er shake."

Press dispatches late last night gave out the information that the quake was general through Washington and Oregon and ran from a dead center north to south. Scientists allege that the tremors are not earth quakes at all, but are caused by internal fires of the earth. They say that a real earth quake would soon shake things up considerably.

Wires Will Hear About City's Morals

The Live Wires of the Commercial Club at their regular noon luncheon today will hear a report from the committee recently appointed to investigate the moral condition of Oregon City. It is rumored that this committee, while not taking any action on the matter, has made a rigid investigation and will report its findings to the club today noon.

Funeral services over the late DeFord were held from the parlors of Brady & DeMoss at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Deceased was 29 years of age and a widower. He is survived by several relatives and one daughter. Interment took place in the Mountain View cemetery in the family lot. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends, and flowers were in profusion over the casket.