

### GUARDS AWAY AS 12 PRISONERS ESCAPE

Mysterious Midnight Telephone Warning Disregarded at Kelly Butte.

### SHERIFF TO TAKE CHARGE

Refugees Are All Small Men Who Work Through 7-Inch Opening After Eluding Notice and Sawing Out Iron Bar.

Unsuspecting guards, who refused to believe telephone messages warning them of escaping prisoners, soft iron bars and a hacksaw combined to make the escape of 12 convicts from Kelly Butte guardhouse a simple matter Sunday night. Not until the men failed to line up for breakfast yesterday morning at 7:15 would the guards believe that any were missing.

Sheriff Hurlburt's deputies were still scouring the country in search of the departed prisoners at a late hour last night. The fugitives include no murderers or "assault and battery" men, but are chiefly petty thieves and burglars.

The prisoners who escaped were all slender men. They had to be. The aperture through which they squeezed after one bar of the jail window had been removed was only seven inches wide. Stout criminals made no attempt to join in the flight. Those who had escaped had been in training for the event on the rockpile for several weeks.

A direct result of this wholesale jail delivery is that the quarries at Kelly Butte will be turned over to the supervision of Sheriff Hurlburt today. A special meeting of County Commissioners is called for this morning, at which Sheriff Hurlburt will be tendered the responsibility of caring for the rockbreakers.

Quarry Guards Blamed. The "break" was due to no lack of vigilance of Sheriff Hurlburt or his men. The three guards who had charge of the 43 men at the quarries were in the employ of the County Commissioners. William B. Hatchel, superintendent of quarries, appointed the guards, A. S. Briggs, J. McCarthy and J. L. Blaker, who were in charge Sunday night.

An unusual feature of the jail break was the mysterious warning received by Portland authorities. About 11 o'clock a stranger, who refused to give his name, telephoned Jailer George Hurlburt at the County Jail.

There are men escaping from Kelly Butte, one at a time, tonight. This is a straight tip, said the voice. Taking no chances that it was a hoax, Jailer Hurlburt immediately telephoned to Kelly Butte, and Night Watchman Blaker answered the call.

Nothing to it. Everything's all right here," was the reply. Just two hours previous, according to computations made yesterday, the escape had taken place.

Two hours later a voice, supposedly the same mysterious speaker's, came over the wire to the Oregonian office with the same information. The rockpile was called immediately. A sleepy voice answered, and decided with conviction that everything was peaceful out there and that no shortage of prisoners had been noticed.

Corridor Is Used. In the large stone cellhouse at Kelly Butte heavily barred cells are built in the center of the building, surrounded by a corridor. There is also an inner cell corridor, and the prisoners are not supposed to have the freedom of the outer one except on special occasions. Sunday night was one of these occasions. It had been wash-day and the prisoners had been allowed to put clothing to dry on the steam pipes lining the outer corridor.

### OREGON POLITICAL GOSSIP

Registration Books to Be Opened at 17 Places Through the City, With Special Deputy County Clerks in Charge, Through Plan Suggested by Lincoln Republican Club—Sheriff Hurlburt Asked to Make Talks—Albina Republican Club Meets Tonight—Justice Hughes Requests That Name Be Kept Off Ballot.

A PLAN of the Lincoln Republican Club to place registration books in stores and business houses at 17 places through the city, each book to be in charge of a non-salaried Deputy County Clerk with authority to make registrations, with a view to making it easier for voters to register at the same time to relieve congestion at the registration office in the Courthouse, was approved yesterday by the County Commissioners and County Clerk Coffey. C. Johns accompanied a committee from the club which presented a petition embodying the plan, and explained what was desired.

Mr. Coffey also agreed that if residents of districts not represented in the list approved yesterday will inform him and present the names of a reputable citizen who will look after the work without charge, he will be deputized and registration books will be placed in the community.

Here is a list of the places, as approved yesterday, where registration books will be opened and voters may register as soon as the persons who have volunteered to handle the registration are sworn in as deputies:

1. Meier & Frank Company, 1115 Broadway.
2. Bottlenell Furniture Company, 751 Thurman street, near Twenty-third, E. H. Bottlenell to be deputized.
3. Fulton Merchants store, 1241 Macdonald street, William Simon to be deputized.
4. University Drug Company, 634 Lombard street, A. H. Brown to be deputized.
5. Kenton Mercantile Company, Kenton, William Berg to be deputized.
6. Vernon Drug Company, Seventeenth and Olive streets, Charles D. Ray to be deputized.
7. Rose City Pharmacy, 1531 Sandy road, E. G. Thippa to be deputized.
8. Castleman Drug Company, Killingsworth and Albina avenue, O. M. Castleman to be deputized.
9. Matthew Drug Company, Williams avenue and Russell street, P. D. Whetzel to be deputized.
10. Stubbs Grocery, East Twenty-eighth and Gilean streets, Charles W. Stubbs to be deputized.
11. Hamilton Furniture Company, East Eighteenth and Gilean streets, W. H. Hamilton to be deputized.
12. Simola & Davis Grocery, Sixty-second street and Foster road, A. G. Simola to be deputized.
13. Simola & Davis Grocery, East Thirtieth and Belmont streets, Fred Gumbert to be deputized.
14. Beaver Pharmacy, 560 Umattila avenue, Seattlewood, E. Livingston to be deputized.
15. Waverly Pharmacy, East Twenty-eighth and Gilean streets, H. Danneman to be deputized.
16. Lippman, Wolfe & Co., R. C. Dobbin to be deputized.
17. 884 Vista avenue, N. J. Crane to be deputized.

Sheriff Hurlburt has been requested to make talks in many localities in the city and county. Several women's organizations that are standing for law enforcement are anxious to have him speak in their behalf. He has already done so in this respect. Within the next week Sheriff Hurlburt will probably accept some of these invitations. There are many things which have done in a law enforcement way which have never reached the public.

Wallace McCamant is to be the principal speaker at a rally tonight in the Albina branch library, 350 Knott street, under the auspices of the Albina Republican Club. There will also be short talks by other Republicans and a musical program, in which Frank Hennessy and Mrs. Fred Olson and her music class will participate. The rally starts at 8 o'clock.

Candidates for the Republican nomination for Circuit Judge of Department No. 1, No. 2 and No. 5 of the Circuit Court in Multnomah County will be the attraction of a meeting of the Lincoln Republican Club to be held in the assembly hall of the Central Library next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. There will also be a musical program, to be announced later.

Candidates are: Department No. 1—George J. P. Kavanaugh, candidate for re-election; Wilson T. Hume and Robert Wright; Department No. 2—W. M. Davis, J. E. Mager, Robert Tucker and A. G. Thompson; Department No. 5—Frank S. Grant.

Let K. Keeler, of Portland, who is a candidate of the Republican for the lower House of the Legislature was filed immediately yesterday, is an architect and builder. He is a Spanish War veteran, and has lived in Portland 15 years. Mr. Keeler's slogan is, "Preparedness, and if necessary, punch."

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—In response to a petition received today from Charles E. Hughes, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Secretary of State Olcott announced that he would refuse to accept any petition which might be presented for placing Justice Hughes' name on the Oregon primary ballot, on the ground that the United States Secretary of State a few days ago that he would file a petition for Mr. Hughes unless formal objection was presented by him, in case one should be presented. Noting the Secretary's statement in the Oregonian Justice Hughes, through his secretary.

### REVEREND NA GEE

Special City Election for Bond Issue of \$250,000 to Be Asked of Council.

Laurence H. Green, has written as follows: "A clipping from The Oregonian of March 14, 1916, has been forwarded to Justice Hughes, containing a statement attributed to you, to the effect that unless formal objection is made, his name may be placed on the official primary ballot on the filing of an existing or contemplated petition for that purpose. Following action by the Council in similar cases in other states he asks to be informed in case any petition is filed, in order that he may file his objection at once, as he is entirely opposed to having his name placed on the ballot. Justice Hughes will be greatly obliged, if you will inform him by telegram, at his expense, if any petition is filed."

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—"Fair play and friendly co-operation between the public and utility companies" is the slogan adopted by John P. Ruak, of La Grande, who filed declaration of candidacy today with the Secretary of State for the Republican nomination for Public Service Commissioner from the Eastern Oregon district. Mr. Ruak, familiarly known as "Jerry," was speaker in the lower House of the 1911 Legislature.

In his statement to voters Mr. Ruak declares: "I will faithfully devote my best efforts toward maintaining the present high standard of efficiency and fair dealing established and maintained by the present Public Service Commission. Further, I shall do all in my power to secure a dollar's worth of value for each dollar expended in carrying on the work of such commission."

Ira C. Barber, of Williams, who has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature from the Thirteenth District comprising Yamhill County, says he is in favor of conducting the "state's business on business principles, strict economy and fairness to all."

"I also favor a system of rural credits, uncompromising economy, fewer laws, and place public interests ahead of politics," he continues. "I will use my best efforts to lighten the ever-increasing burdens of taxation created by clerical misuse, the creation of new offices, commissions and the increase of salaries. The public money should be expended in proportion to increased wealth and actual needs of the public. I am opposed to machine politics and tampering with laws enacted by the people."

Robert S. Acheson, of Shedd, is an aspirant for Representative in the lower House of the Legislature from Linn County. He is a Republican and has adopted the slogan, "Economy, appropriations, lower taxes, better public schools, fewer but better laws."

For the Democratic nomination for Representative in the Legislature from Washington County William Schumacher, of Hillsboro, filed his declaration of candidacy today. His statement reads: "I will carefully scrutinize every bill affecting taxation; will oppose all bonding schemes and special appropriations, except the most essential legislation to carry into effect a carefully prepared rural credit system, of which I am in favor."

"Lower taxes and fewer laws" is the slogan of Plowden Stoll, of Portland, who filed today for the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature from Multnomah County. Mr. Stoll was a member of the Multnomah delegation in the lower house last year.

J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City, and John S. Coke, of Marshfield, incumbents in the Fifth and Second Judicial Districts, today filed their declarations for the Republican nomination, respectively, for Circuit Judge. Faithful discharge of the duties of the office is promised by both if they are nominated and elected.

Additional aspirants for District Attorney who have filed their declarations are: M. A. Cunniff, of Metolius, Republican; Jefferson County; John S. Fordin, of La Grande, Democrat; Multnomah County; and R. Keeler, of Pendleton, Republican, Umattila County.

Denton G. Burdick, of Redmond, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature from the Twenty-first District, comprising Crook, Grant, Lake and Klamath counties, having filed his declaration for this office today with the Secretary of State. His statement to voters calls for "Conservative legislation, encouraging investment of capital and employment of labor; a proper system of rural credits to include aid for drainage, irrigation and farm loans, to be so regulated and granted as to provide means for the development of agriculture in the state, and furnish immediate help to farmers and settlers now on lands; immediate relief from the tax burden by increase of the amount of taxable property; and economical and efficient administration; legislation facilitating the development of agricultural and mineral resources of the Twenty-first Representative District; fewer laws, better laws."

### RAILROAD TO COAST

Proposal Is to Extend Present Road—Owner Agrees to Buy It Back in Five Years for Full Amount Voted.

MEDEFORD, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting of between 300 and 400 citizens tonight, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the recently appointed railroad committee of the Commercial Club to confer with the City Council and immediately arrange for the building of a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine and the Pacific Coast.

Toward this end, the Council will be asked to call a special city election as soon as possible, when the people will vote upon a bond issue of \$250,000. If this bond issue passes, and there is every indication that it will pass without virtual opposition, the proceeds will be handled by a special Railroad Commission appointed by the City Council.

Then, according to the tentative agreement with S. S. Bullis, owner of the Southern Oregon Traction Company, the city will build an extension of the present line 15 miles to Jacksonville, while Mr. Bullis agrees to buy back this railroad in five years for the \$250,000 city proceeds.

In this way, it was pointed out by several speakers at tonight's meeting, the city will realize its long-cherished dream of a railroad to the coast, without paying a cent except for the cost of the special election, but will simply loan its credit to the Southern Oregon Traction Company. Speeches were made by a score of representative business men, bankers and lawyers, at tonight's meeting, and not a dissenting voice was heard.

A. J. Barton, of Yreka, attended the meeting and said the people of Siskiyou County, Cal., were a unit behind Medford in the construction of the railroad, and would be only too glad to give material assistance toward the extension of the railroad from the Blue Ledge to the coast. A meeting will be held in Yreka in April, when details of a co-operative plan probably will be worked out.

S. Bullis said that tremendous acreage of the best pine timber would be tapped by the proposed road, and if the city voted the bond issue a box factory would be situated on the Coquille River Valley, if he had to build it himself.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BACKS ASTORIA CAMPAIGN. Word Is Sent to Spokane Preparedness Conference—Plans Made to Entertain Portlanders.

EUGENE, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—By unanimous vote, 200 members of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce tonight gave approval of the plan to establish a naval base at Astoria for the purpose of protecting the Coquille River from attack. The motion included the appointment of a committee by the club to raise the sum of \$500 for the purpose of electing the Astoria naval base campaign committee.

The secretary of the Chamber was authorized to send a telegram to the Northwest preparedness conference, in session at Spokane, notifying that body of the Chamber's action.

Attorney J. M. Williams made the address proposing that Eugene assist in the Astoria defense plan. N. C. Grimes, secretary of the Chamber of the State University, will act as one member of the committee. The others have not yet been named.

Professor D. W. Morton, of the school of commerce at the university, announced that the Portland Ad Club, 200 strong, would visit Eugene on Friday, May 5, making the trip to the city by special train. The Chamber immediately outlined plans for the entertainment of the Ad Club delegation. The guests will be met at the depot and taken about the city in motor cars, and to the university. The banquet at the Chamber of Commerce will be served by special train. The Chamber immediately outlined plans for the entertainment of the Ad Club delegation. The guests will be met at the depot and taken about the city in motor cars, and to the university. The banquet at the Chamber of Commerce will be served by special train. The Chamber immediately outlined plans for the entertainment of the Ad Club delegation. The guests will be met at the depot and taken about the city in motor cars, and to the university. The banquet at the Chamber of Commerce will be served by special train.

### WOMAN CHECKS PANIC

STIRRING AIRS HOLD AUDIENCE WHEN FILMS CATCH FIRE.

Piano Player Sees Flash and, in Spite of Cry of Fire, Baker Patrons Stay to Listen.

BAKER, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Bravely playing stirring airs to hold the attention of the audience at the new Grand Theater last night, Mrs. Maurice Halsey averted a panic, while Fred Ender, the organist, fought the flames that were raging in the machine booth. As soon as a film caught fire from defective wiring, small jumpers to the other machine and started a fresh reel.

Mrs. Halsey, wife of one of the proprietors, saw the flash of the flames on the screen and playing was not stopped. The audience calmly listened, even though a man in the rear of the theater cried "Fire."

When the blaze became so great that small could stay with the machine no longer, he jumped 10 feet to the sidewalk below, unharmed. The audience then filed out quietly, some remaining to see the blaze from a vantage point. The loss was \$800, covered by insurance. The theater will resume as soon as repairs are made.

The state of Washington produces approximately 5,000,000 board feet of logs annually. It consumes only a little over 4,000,000 board feet. The balance is sent to Oregon for manufacture.

### CHILDREN GO FAR AFIELD

Two Found Mile From Home Happily Trundling Wheelbarrow.

After having wandered about 20 blocks, two children, Guard Edward Reed, 34-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reed, 775 Missouri avenue, and his little cousin, Phyllis Palmerton, 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Palmerton, 113 East Thirtieth street, were picked up on the Broadway bridge last night and taken to the police station by Sergeant Oelsner and Patrolman Sloan.

When discovered the children were happily trundling an old wheelbarrow.

ESTACADA MAN, SAID TO HAVE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, WILL LIVE. C. F. Frazier, a farmer living at Estacada, was brought to the Good Samaritan Hospital last night suffering from a bullet wound in the head. Dr. Stanford Whitson removed the bullet, which was imbedded behind the man's left ear. He said the injury would not prove serious.

Mr. Frazier is said to have shot himself several days ago with a .22-caliber rifle in an attempt to end his life. No reason for the man's act was learned.

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### SOCIALISTS LOSE VOICE

PARTY IN OREGON HAS NO POWER TO MAKE NOMINATIONS. Attorney-General Brown Bases Opinion as to Status on Results of Last Representative Vote.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—To nominate candidates for state offices the Socialist party cannot longer be considered as a political party in Oregon, Attorney-General Brown today advised Secretary of State Olcott.

The failure of the Socialists to cast 5 per cent of the total vote for Representative in Congress at the last general election, as required by the statute, has led to this condition.

The abstract of votes cast at the last general election also discloses, the Attorney-General points out, that the Socialist vote cannot be deemed a political party within the statutory definition for the purpose of nominating members for Congress except in the First District. This district was the only one where the Socialist vote for Representative was more than the required 5 per cent of the total vote.

The status of the Socialist party in the different counties and other electoral districts depends upon the record of vote cast by that party in the respective counties and districts, and the computation will have to be made separately in each case. Under the law, it is pointed out that the Socialists may form a new party wherever it has ceased to exist through a petition signed by 5 per cent of the electors in the state, district, county or precinct where it is desired that the party be organized.

### SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET

Irreducible School Fund Resolution to Be Considered.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held tomorrow afternoon.

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