

HARDWARE DEALERS TO CONVENT TODAY

Death Upsets Plans by Removal of Edwin A. Walten, Noted Advertising Man.

RECREATION PLANS MADE

Sessions Will Continue Three Days and Conclude With Banquet on Friday Night—Many Expected to Stay On for Auto Show.

Death robbed the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' Association of a star programme number when Edwin A. Walten, advertising manager for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, died suddenly Sunday night in Spokane after a short illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Walten was recognized widely as an advertising expert and he was to come to Portland on his Western trip to address the hardware dealers tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock on the topic, "Better Days' Profits." His absence from the list of speakers will be felt by the committee of arrangements. The printed programme as arranged bears Mr. Walten's name but some substitute will be provided for his place tomorrow afternoon.

No other change in the arrangements already made will be necessary. It is expected, and the gathering will bring together representative dealers from all sections of this state and nearby territory as well.

President Has Arrived. George T. Baldwin, of Klamath Falls, president of the association, reached Portland last night from Salem, where he was in attendance at a joint session of the Legislature as a member of the Senate from his county. Others prominent in the hardware and implement business made up an advance guard that reached the city last night ready for the opening sessions today.

Entertainment is to be unusually elaborate this year and the wholesalers and jobbers will leave nothing undone to afford the visitors a lot of pleasure and entertainment. Because of the fact that the auto show opens on the day following the close of the hardware convention, it is assured that many dealers who do not wish to attend the hardware meeting will make it a point this year to be present at both events.

City Commissioner C. A. Bigelow will deliver the address of welcome to the hardware men as the representative of the city of Portland. It is expected that this morning or it may be put over until afternoon, as the only thing scheduled for this morning is the registration of delegates. President Baldwin will respond to the welcome.

The convention is the 11th annual meeting of the organization. The president's annual address and the report of the secretary will be heard this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the following addresses will be given:

E. M. Underwood—Subject, "Improvement of Retail Credits." W. B. Mullen—Subject, "How to Improve Retail Profits." Edward Newbigin—Subject, "The Future of the Retail Hardware Business." W. H. Underwood—Subject, "Can the Retail Hardware and Implement Business Be Made Profitable?"

MORE MOVIE NEWS

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TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—Douglas Fairbanks, "American Aristocracy." Sunset—Clara Kimball Young, "Marrying Money." Star—John Mason and Alma Hanlon, "The Libertine."

People—Owen Moore and Irene Fenwick, "A Girl Like That." Majestic—Virginia Pearson, "Bitter Truth." Broadway—Mabel Taliaferro, "A Wife by Proxy." Globe—"At Piney Ridge," "Billy Smoke."

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Clara Kimball Young in this picture, is in extremely handsome but likewise virile individual. Mr. Barnett's appearance on the screen is always the occasion for prolonged gasps and sighs of admiration from the feminine fans present.

The Price of Fame. Two children last week were named after Douglas Fairbanks. The first, Douglas Fairbanks Deverich, is the son of Nat Deverich, assistant director, employed at the Famous Players' Eastern studio. And the other child, Douglas Fairbanks Montgomery, is of opulent New York parentage, and when he reaches his 21st year in life will be the heir to a large fortune.

Screen Gossip. Universal has just bought 300 scripts from writers of note for one, two, three and five-reel scenarios. "The Court of St. Simon," from the E. Phillips Oppenheim story, will be Robert Warwick's Selznick picture following "The Argyle Case."

Ethel Barrymore and her Metro Company have gone to Jacksonville, Fla., for the filming of "Egypt." "His Sweetheart" is the name of the first George Beban picture since his return to Morosco. Helen Jerome Eddy will be chief in the supporting cast.

The cast in support of Mary Pickford in "The Little Rich Girl" will include Madeline Travers, Charles Wellesley, Gladys Fairbanks, Frank McHugh, Marjorie Harris, Charles Craig and Herbert Prior.

Our statistical department quotes that the last week which went by without some announcement of the formation of the new or her company was in April, 1911.

Edwin Stevens will direct Violet Mercanton in Bluebird pictures. Stevens was led in "The Yellow Dog" and played a stock engagement in Portland once. William Fox gave Annette Kellermann a bankroll and a trip to the Bermudas in exchange for her appearance in "A Daughter of the Gods" and Annette, to show her appreciation of the addition to the exchequer, taught William how to swim.

GOAL RATE AT ISSUE

Commerce Examiner Hears of Charge to Portland.

LOCAL TARIFF IN DISPUTE

Logging Company's Line Is Said to Be Common Carrier Because of Transportation of Coal from Mines Near Centralia.

Presentation of testimony before Walter N. Brown, examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the case of the Empress Coal & Lumber Company against the O. W. R. & N. consumed the entire day yesterday.

The company is undertaking to show that the line operated by the Eastern Railway & Logging Company between Centralia and its timber holdings in the eastern part of Lewis County, Washington, has been engaged in other traffic besides the shipping of logs to its mill at Centralia, and for that reason should be considered a common carrier.

On that showing the coal company is asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to order the O. W. R. & N. to grant through rate of \$1 a ton from the mine to Portland. It is alleged that the Eastern Railway & Lumber Company charges the mine company 20 cents a ton to ship coal from the mine, six miles east of Centralia, to Centralia, and that a charge of \$1 a ton is charged by the O. W. R. & N. to ship the coal to Portland.

The coal company wants the railroad to absorb the local rate of 20 cents on the ground that the fuel rate from Tono, Wash., to Portland is the same as the Centralia rate, although the haul is longer.

The railroad company takes the position that the line from Centralia to Tono is a branch road and, as it is in the same zone as Centralia, the rate should be the same as the Centralia rate. It also argues that the Eastern Railway & Lumber Company's line is merely a logging road, does not seek outside business, does not publish regular tariffs of rates and hence is not a common carrier.

Other cases set for the present session include the complaint of the Portland Traffic and Transportation Bureau against the proposed increase in rates on bottles shipped from Eastern points, and the complaint against transcontinental lines involving an increase in rates on polishing compounds to Pacific Coast terminals and interior points.

W. W. COTTON ELECTED

Waverley Club Selects Officers for Ensuing Year.

R. A. Leiter Is Vice-President and C. C. Overmire Secretary-Treasurer. Committee Heads Named.

The newly elected board at the Waverley Country Club met at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and elected officers for the ensuing year. W. W. Cotton was chosen president, R. A. Leiter vice-president and C. C. Overmire secretary-treasurer.

Three committee chairmanships also were awarded by President Cotton. R. F. Frael was delegated chairman of the house committee; C. H. Davis, Jr., was named chairman of the greens committee, and Graham Glass, Sr., chairman of the tournament and handicap committee.

The chairmanships of the polo, tennis and finance committees will be disposed of later, President Cotton announced. It develops that a recount of the votes cast for directors Saturday night showed Victor Johnson and W. A. Pearson tied for the ninth position with 55 votes apiece. However, Mr. Pearson resigned yesterday in favor of Mr. Johnson.

The board will meet again next Tuesday. The new members of the board are: C. H. Davis, Jr., Graham Glass, Sr., C. C. Overmire, R. A. Leiter, A. C. Waverley.

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In a delightfully "different" mixture of romance, thrills and comedy: 'A Girl Like That'

Adding spice and variety to the programme is the interesting Selig-Tribune with news of the world—11 A. M. to 11 P. M.

PEOPLES

"The House of Quality"

Alder Street at West Park

COMING: Marie Doro, the Exquisite

Starting today, a pleasing programme for the particular

Click, click, click went the little tumblers in the great steel door as the door swung open. Jim Brooks, white face as she strained every nerve to catch the clicks and to follow the little round knob in its twisting and turning. It was the one great chance for which she had been waiting for weeks. She was Owen Moore and she was Irene Fenwick.

IRENE FENWICK AND OWEN MOORE in "A GIRL LIKE THAT" Famous Players-Paramount

People's Theater Today

COMING: Marie Doro, the Exquisite

Auto Thief Is Peculiar

Woman's Car Taken, Ditched, Then Another Machine Is Abandoned.

He was a peculiar thief who stole the automobile of Dr. Mary McLaughlin, of Woodlawn, in front of a downtown theater Monday night. He drove the machine about the city and ended up some time after midnight by running off the road near Holbrook.

That he was not a regular thief, operating for mere money, was indicated by the fact that he later abandoned the second automobile, which was found yesterday by Sheriff Hurlburt's deputies at Thirty-third and Constance streets.

\$3000 FEE IS AWARDED

Claim of S. C. Spencer in Dale Will Contest Is Allowed.

A \$3000 fee was awarded S. C. Spencer by County Judge Taggart yesterday for his services in connection with the Anna E. Dale will contest, fought out before Judge Cleaton a month ago.

The property involved is a Portland business block valued at more than \$20,000. The case has been appealed from the decision of Judge Cleaton by Attorneys Clark, Skulason & Clark, appearing for Mrs. Mathews.

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Dieck Backs Rates

Jitney Tariffs Are Supported After Change of Mind.

Passenger May Travel to Any Part of City for Nickel if Run Is Not Longer Than 15 Minutes—Rates Then Vary.

Although it is clear that jitneys intend to continue operating as jitneys under the guise of taxicabs, Commissioner Dieck yesterday withdrew his objection to the schedule of rates announced by the Jitney Drivers' Union and is now approving the new rate cards as issued by the city. The jitneys have until Saturday to get the new cards and start operating under them.

Under the new arrangements a person may take a jitney anywhere in the city and require a trip in any direction within the city for 15 minutes for 5 cents. This applies to the outlying districts as well as downtown. A person, for example, may take a jitney at East Fifteenth and Hawthorne and require a ride for 15 minutes down into the Mount Scott district for 5 cents. Refusal of the driver to give the service will be a violation of the city taxicab ordinance under which the jitneys are operating.

The jitneys will have two schedules of rates, one for the daytime and one for night. The 5-cent fare will be applied only during the daytime, night or owl service being on the basis of 50 cents for a 15-minute run.

CLYDE JENKINS FINED \$500

Man Who Ordered Whisky Through Margulis Sentenced.

Clyde Jenkins, indicted with William Margulis recently for the violation of the interstate commerce act in the importation of undeclared whisky, was fined \$500 Monday by Federal Judge Bean. Margulis was fined \$1000 a few days ago after pleading guilty to the charge against him. W. A. Carter and Quimby Matthews pleaded for leniency in Jenkins' case, while Assistant United States Attorney Goldstein prosecuted him.

The court told the defendant that but for the apparent lack of knowledge that his order through Margulis had been a violation of a Federal statute, he would have imposed a heavier sentence.

Whisky and Beer Affidavits Many.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—A statement issued by County Clerk H. Zuercher shows there has been filed in the Clerk's office 2428 whisky affidavits and 550 beer affidavits for the year 1916.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

COMING TOMORROW

GLADYS HULETTE

in Her New York

BROADWAY

Also Big Canadian

Wild Animal Hunt Pictures

Today—Last Day

Mabel Taliaferro in "A Wife by Proxy"



W. W. Cotton, General Counsel for the O-W-R & N Railroad, Chosen President of Waverley Country Club.