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### SKID BY AUTO IS FATAL

#### WOODLAND FARMER MORTALLY INJURED ON BRIDGE

Trip to Livestock Show Ends With Death of Thomas Oliver in Vancouver Hospital.

Thomas Oliver, farmer, living in the vicinity of Woodland, Wash., was mortally injured on the Interstate bridge yesterday morning about 10 o'clock by a skidding automobile driven by Dr. R. N. Gordon of Clark county, near the Barton schoolhouse. Mr. Oliver received a fracture of the skull and died about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Oliver was on the way to the stock show at the stockyards. He had arrived by train at Vancouver and had started to cross the bridge. Dr. Gordon told the officers who investigated the case that he drove into the fence along the side of the road, way in an effort to avoid striking the pedestrian. The rear end of the automobile, however, skidded and struck the man, knocking him down and fracturing his skull.

Following the accident the injured man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Vancouver, for treatment. Mr. Oliver was 76 years old. He is survived by five children.

Deputy Coroner Leo Goetsch made an investigation of the case and declared that in his opinion the driver of the automobile could not be held to blame for the accident.

The body was turned over to the Clark county authorities.

### LABOR DEPLORES KILLING

#### Centralla Shop Workers Seek Legislation to Curb Reds

CENTRALLA, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Governor Hart is asked to call a special session of the Washington state legislature to pass legislation to curb the lawless element in resolutions adopted by the Centralla lodge of railroad shop laborers. The resolutions follow:

We, the officers and members of Centralla lodge, No. 500, United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Workers, being desirous of placing ourselves on record before the public as labor organization whose basic principles are law and order and respect for our country and its laws, first, last and all the time.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the base assassination of four ex-service men here in the city of Centralla on Armistice day and the wounding of three others, while in the act of performing a high and patriotic duty.

Be it further resolved, We believe the time is ripe for the ridding of the ranks of organized labor of all L. W. W. men, bolsheviks or what not, that is working to overthrow honest organized labor and our country as well. And in such behalf, we strongly enforce to the end that our state and country be rid of as speedily as possible of this lawless element; and

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### OCEAN GRAIN RATES HIT

#### GRANGE DEMANDS REDUCTION OF ATLANTIC TARIFFS.

Farmers' Body Opposes Government Ownership of Merchant Marine; Plumb Plan Also Rapped.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 20.—A reduction of trans-Atlantic freight rates on wheat was demanded in a resolution adopted by the National Grange today. The present rates between New York and Liverpool, the resolution sets forth, are now over eight times the pre-war rate.

Other resolutions adopted oppose a government-owned merchant marine and advocate immediate return of railroads to their owners. A privately owned merchant marine with modified government control, similar to the interstate commerce commission's supervision of railroads, was advocated.

The grange also registered its disapproval of the Plumb plan of railroad operation.

All responsibility for high living costs was disclaimed by the farmers in a resolution regarding the efforts of industrial workers to shorten the daily hours of work and at the same time obtain increased wages. Such settlements of industrial controversies, the resolution holds, will have the effect of rendering the agricultural labor situation more difficult, of curtailing production and increasing the cost of living.

New financial relations between national and state granges were established. The plan provides a readjustment of fees and apportionments and will net the national grange about \$20,000 a year.

### AD IS LURE OF HOLDUP

#### Woman Seeking Place as Housekeeper Reports Assault to Police.

Miss Rose Monte, 25 years old, was struck on the head and injured seriously last night at Williams avenue and Holland street, and says the assailant robbed her of \$50. The police are dubious regarding the robbery, and incline to the belief that the attack was the result of a family quarrel.

Miss Monte's story is that she went to the spot where she was attacked to company with a friend who wanted her to keep house for his mother. She said she had met him through an advertisement in a newspaper. She says she does not know his name, and gave the authorities no clue to his identity.

Miss Monte gave her address as the Del Ma Jo hotel, 145 North Sixth street. The police were told at that address that the woman did not live there.

Miss Monte was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, her skull may have been fractured by the blow on her head, and her condition is regarded as serious.

### WILL'S STATUS HELD FIRST

#### Pittcock Trust Proviso Not Issue Now, Says Judge Carey.

That the trust provisions of the will of the late Henry L. Pittcock, which is under contest, should not properly be considered until the status of the document itself is established, was the contention of Judge C. H. Carey, attorney for the trustees, in an argument before Judge Taswell yesterday afternoon.

Judge Carey argued that no question of the trust provisions or their propriety can arise until the previous matter is disposed of—whether Mr. Pittcock was influenced in making the will. Co-operating as counsel for the trustees, with Judge Carey, is John F. Logan. Appearing for the petitioner, Mrs. Caroline F. Leadbetter, who instituted the contest, is Attorney W. M. Calk.

The petition before the court is a petition to probate the will, and the sole and only question is

### OPERA PROVES POPULAR

#### Ticket Sale for Portland Association's Concert Tonight Is Large.

After months of careful preparation, the opening public presentation by the Portland Opera association of its opera, "Martha," takes place tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the public auditorium, with a second and closing performance tomorrow night. The sale of tickets has been large.

The six principals are selected from among Portland's best singers—Eloise Hall Cook, Mary Adele Van, J. Macmillan Muir, Ballard Smith, G. Randall Thomas and Frederick T. Crowch, pretty costumes and a selected orchestra, led by Robert Corruccini, conductor. Principals, chorus, orchestra and conductor are all of Portland.

### CONCERT TO BE SUNDAY

#### Programme for Eighth of Series at Auditorium Announced.

Arrangements have been completed for the eighth popular Sunday afternoon concert of the present series presented in the municipal auditorium. Frederick W. Goodrich has been

### ZONING ACT APPROVED

#### Property Owners Generally Favor Ordinance Proposed.

Property owners interested in the downtown business and industrial districts appeared before the city planning commission at its final public hearing and generally lent approval to the tentative plans to be embodied in a general zoning ordinance.

The few complaints which were offered were in individual cases and will be considered by the commission before the final draft of the ordinance is presented to the city council.

The meeting last night virtually concludes the year's work of the planning commission and follows neighborhood meetings throughout the city.

### GERMAN WAR INQUIRY HALTS

#### BERLIN, Nov. 20.—The subcommittee of the national assembly investigating war responsibility has decided to postpone resumption of the inquiry for ten days. It has also de-

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