INCENDIARY WORDS CHARGED TO M'NUTT

Actors Relate Troubles at Arson Trial.

BURNED FILMS INVOLVED

Pictures Held by Witnesses to Have Been Worthless Insured for $6000.

"If there is any more trouble about these films, I'll touch a match to them," were the words charged to L. S. McNutt, on trial for arson before Circuit Judge Stapleton, by Estelle Adkins, movie actress, and Lloyd L. Eddy, film actor, in testimony yesterday. Two months before the incendiary fire which destroyed films, held by witnesses to have been of no market value. The films were insured for $6000, it is said.

A meeting of the players who were donating their services to McNutt for several months and paying $50 each for the privilege, in the hope that they would receive good profits from the sale of movies filmed, had been called to protest against delay in completion of two half-finished pictures, it was testified. Warm words ensued, in which a retort made by McNutt was the threat to burn the films, said the witnesses.

Contracts Offered.

Contracts which McNutt made with the players were offered to show that he advertised for inexperienced actors and assured them the finished films would be offered to an impatient public as professional productions. One of the pictures being made called "The Awakening of Hickville." Miss Adkins was asked if she had taken a role in this film.

"I never really knew what picture I was in," she replied. She had testified that she had experience in moving pictures in the Universal studio at Hollywood, Cal., and had been on the vaudeville stage before enrolling in McNutt's company. Basing her opinion on this experience, she was asked if she would consider the films of commercial value, by John A. Collier, special prosecutor with Deputy District Attorney Pierce.

"No, because of the directing."

"Who was the director?"

"Mr. McNutt."

"What was the matter with the directing?"

"Well, the director was to live the part of the actor. Mr. McNutt could not act or live out the parts."

"Cuts" Held Valueless.

She further testified that "cuts" from the films which had been shown at the Nob Hill theater were valueless. On cross-examination by Attorney O. A. Neal she admitted the "cuts" were supposed to be worthless excerpts.

"If you were experienced and saw that things were not going right, why didn't you quit?" interrogated Neal.

"He had my $50 out there and I was willing to go ahead and see what became of the company."

The prosecution contends that McNutt had no income but the $50 each paid by 25 or 30 players employed. The fire occurred at the studio, 897 Upshur street, on August 6, 1919. On July 28, the films had been insured for $6000 and property, said to have been worth $1800 on McNutt's own valuation, for $4000.

The defense will open today.

CURB ON DOGS IS URGED

Marion County Farmers Say Law Is Needed to Protect Sheep.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Marion county farmers have taken a hand in the attempt of Salem people to repeal or amend the city ordinance curbing the liberties of dogs within the municipal boundaries. The farmers charge it is almost impossible to raise sheep in this section because of the many dogs running at large, and that unless the present ordinances are allowed to stand the industry will be ruined.

Petitions asking for repeal of the ordinances will be submitted to the council Monday night.

MOUNTAIN STILL RAIDED

Corn, Yeast and Raisin Moonshine Sold at $5 a Quart.

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 26.—Sheriff William H. Graham captured Walter Peer at the home of the latter in the Huckleberry mountains, 25 miles southwest of Colville, and lodged him in jail on a charge of conducting a moonshine still.

Peer, 51 years of age, officers said, had rigged up a copper boiler and copper tubing and was making about two gallons a day, which, it was said by the officers, was being dispensed in nearby towns at $5 a quart. The mash was prepared with corn, yeast and raisins.

FILM FIRM INCORPORATES

Ore-Col Company With $100,000 Capital Located in Portland.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Ore-Col Film company, with a capital stock of $100,000, filed articles of incorporation here today. The incorporators are A. D. Frost, O. D. Woodward and Josephine Frost. Headquarters will be in Portland.

The George T. Mickle Lumber company of Oregon has been incorporated by Harrison G. Platt, Robert Treat Platt and Arthur Platt. The capital stock is $1000. Head offices will be locatde in Portland.

The Standard Service company of Portland has been incorporated by R. E. Williams, R. M. Couch and Frank H. Hilton. Capital stock is $1000. Headquarters will be in Portland.

The Air Compressor and Equipment company is the name of a new Portland concern which filed articles of incorporation here today. Guy Malcom, Warren Thomas and George Larabee are the incorporators. Capital stock is $12,000.

R. H. Nelson, John and H. F. Latourette have incorporated the Willamette River Lumber company, with capital stock of $50,000. Portland is headquarters for the company.

Mr. Charles Grewe Tells How Cuticura Healed Pimples

"I had pimples and itching enough to set one crazy. My face, neck, arms and back were covered with pimples and they later became an entire scale so that I looked horrible. I was ashamed of myself. Many nights I did not sleep, and I soon became nervous. The pimples were hard and red, and were very large, and I scratched the parts affected.

"I saw an advertisement about Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I sent for a free sample. I bought more, and I used four cakes of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment which healed me." (Signed) Charles Grewe, 215 South 5th St., Steubenville, Ohio, Mar. 27, 1919.

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ARMY TO ENTER HOMES

CAMPAIGN IS INDORSED BY COUNTY BOARDS.

But Eight Counties in State Remain to Announce Men Who Will Carry On Work.

Twenty-five of the boards in the 36 counties of Oregon to be organized as the first step in the Salvation Army home service programme of 1920 are now announced. With 17 previously made public, the personnel of the eight additional boards was given out yesterday.

Prominent men all over the state are writing their indorsement of the Salvation Army home service programme of 1920, and in their letters express gratification because of the organization of an efficient working force to carry the Salvation Army firing line to the smallest hamlet outpost in the state.

The eight additional boards to cooperate with the Salvation Army in Columbia, Benton, Wheeler, Jefferson, Gilliam, Baker, Douglas and Malheur counties are as follows:

Columbia—Sherman Miles, president of the Columbia County bank, chairman; Rev. A. R. Spearow, vice-chairman; John A. Storla, secretary; H. F. McCormack, Dr. C. B. Wade, Charles H. Wheeler, G. W. Russell, Lloyd Fuller, B. E. Weist, John B. Convers and W. L. Hall.

Benton—H. W. Hand, chairman; George W. Kable, vice-chairman; A. K. Berman, secretary; F. I. Kinney, L. R. McGinnis, Judge C. A. Shilbrede, W. L. Hand, A. J. Johnson and M. S. Woodcock.

Douglas—Charles F. Hopkins, chairman; J. E. McClintock, vice-chairman; Miss Agnes Pitchford, secretary; President Joseph Micelli of the First State and Savings bank; President B. W. Strong of the Umpqua Valley bank; President A. C. Marsters of the Roseburg National bank; O. P. Coshaw, W. C. Harding, C. S. Heinline, Jack Pellon, George Neuner, Jr., and Bert Sutherland.

Wheeler—Alex Johnson, chairman; H. J. Simmons, county superintendent of schools, vice-chairman; L. L. Stelwer, manager of the Stelwer & Carpenter bank, secretary; Dr. Jenkins and Scott Sasser.

Jefferson—Howard W. Turner, chairman; Mayor M. J. Pillette of Madras, vice-chairman; George Pierce, Louis H. Irving, C. E. Toush and Judge J. M. King.

Gilliam—Mayor M. Fitzmaurice of Condon, chairman; Judge D. R. Parker, vice-chairman; Garland Ferguson, cashier First National bank, secretary; George B. Dukok, cashier of the Condon National bank; County Judge G. W. Parman, G. H. Flagg, J. D. Burns, J. C. Sturgill and Herbert Clark.

Baker—T. G. Montgomery, president of the Citizen's National bank, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Romig, vice-chairman; Frank McCulloch, secretary; W. W. Meacham secretary of Commercial club; Mayor W. W. Gardner of Baker; County Judge William Duby, Carl D. Silver, Dr. J. W. Huff, James H. Nichols, J. F. O'Bryant, Dr. F. T. Nots and Harry Foreman.

Malheur—Attorney W. J. McCulloch, chairman; H. N. Cochrane, cashier of the First National bank, vice-chairman; County Judge E. H. Test, F. L. Body, Mrs. E. M. Greiz, George Akin, Dr. H. H. Whitney and Mayor H. W. Jones of Ontario.

EDDY SEEKS RE-ELECTION

State Senator From Douglas County Files Declaration.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—B. L. Eddy, senator from Douglas county, has filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for re-election. In his declaration Mr. Eddy says:

"I would support such measures as will aid in perpetuating the American form of government; stand for economy in public expenditures, for state development, for conservation of public resources, including state lands. I will stand for justice for the people generally, and against domination by special classes or intercats. I will support those measures which appear to be conducive to the moral and material welfare of the people of Oregon."

Bend to Have Ample Water Supply.

BEND, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Preliminary work on installation of an auxiliary pumping and sterilization plant, with a 30,000-gallon concrete reservoir, was started south of the city yesterday by the Bend Water Light & Power company. The pump will have a capacity of 1500 gallons a minute 500 gallons in excess of Bend's needs during the hottest weather. The entire improvement will cost approximately $12,000.

Spalding Employes Organize.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Employes of the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company have organized a local branch of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. J. H. Arnold was elected chairman, Charles Lucas vice-chairman and Fred Bozzell secretary. The local starts off with a charter membership of about 50, and it is expected this number will be swelled to more than 100 by next week.

Spray Districts Organized.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Orchardists of the Selah valley have organized two spray districts of about 1000 acres each for the purpose of more scientific warfare against fruit pests. An expert has been employed to direct spraying in each district, determine dates and see that the work is properly done. The expense is borne by an assessment of $1 an acre.

Shingle Mill Bought.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Hugh and William Murray, former Kelso shingle weavers, who have been working at Castle Rock this winter, have purchased the small shingle mill on the Columbia river just above Rainier, on the Oregon side, and will take possession at once. The mill is now equipped with a single upright machine, and the new owners intend to install a second machine.

Morrow Candidate Files.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Samuel E. Notson of Heppner has filed with the secretary of state his declaration to make the race for district attorney of Morrow county at the republican primary election in May. He asks that the following be printed after his name on the ballot: "Perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability."

Read The Oregonian classified ads

BIT OF WAR DRAMA ENACTED IN COURT

Canadian Hero Denounces Wife, Then Faints.

'COOTIES' START TROUBLE

"Woman Called Me Damned Bum," Says Veteran of Ypres and Mons; Case Continued.

"And that woman called me a 'damned bum'!"

William F. Bent, wearer of the Mons medal and world war veteran of Canadian and American armies, half arose from the witness' seat, pointed at his wife, and toppled over in a faint, striking his forehead on the corner of a table. Blood rose to the surface of the cut.

Perhaps there flashed before him a vision of Flanders' fields, of a shell-torn church near Ypres, of the explosion of a heavy shell, of a shower of brick and mortar, and a blow on the head. He had just been telling on the stand the cause of a triangular scar behind his right ear. But whether the scene was recalled or not—

"Am I covered with blood?" spoke Bent, as spectators in the courtroom rushed to his side. "Call Michael. Take them away! Take them away!"

This fragmentary drama was enacted before Circuit Judge Bingham of Salem, sitting in the court of Judge Tucker, yesterday. The suit was brought by Laura T. S. Bent against the war veteran to compel him to pay $65 monthly to her support, $50 attorney's fees, and to enjoin him from selling his home in this city.

War Story Dramatic.

Mrs. Bent occupied the witness stand most of the morning, telling of the refusal of Bent to contribute adequately to her support. She is 57 years old, she testified.

Called by the defense, Bent could not recall his age. He was somewhere between 50 and 60 years, he said, but his memory had never been accurate since he suffered from shell shock. To prove that his physical condition was such that he could not earn a great deal of money, Bent recited some of his war record. He enlisted in the Canadian army August 4, 1914, and was in France by April, 1915. His body bears the scars of bayonet cuts, across the nose, on the throat and on his stomach and a scar on his head was caused by a brick hurled from a church near Ypres, struck by a German shell.

Fourteen hours in a living tomb, when, as he was tunneling under the German lines, the Huns exploded a mine near the path, was an experience related in quick, hurried tones.

"Cooties" Start Trouble.

Trouble with Mrs. Bent came about from a relic of the trenches, a species of itch or eczema affecting his right leg, originally caused by "cooties," he testified. She objected to his continual restlessness and the scratching made imperative by this itching limb, he said. She told him to get out of the house, called him a loafer and a "big bum," ejaculated the witness, getting excited. He rose to his feet as he pointed at Mrs. Bent and pitched forward.

Further hearing in the case was postponed indefinitely.

SPELLING CONTESTS SET

School Children in Idaho to Vie for Honors in March.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—March 12 and March 20 will be red-letter days for the school children of Nez Perce county. On the former date section spelling contests will be held at 11 community centers in the county, and the best spellers in the section contests will on March 20 take part in the big annual county contest to be held at the courthouse under the direction of County Superintendent Minnie H. Faust.

Last year war savings securities were given the winners of the contest, but this year's awards have not been decided upon.

Schoolhouses to Be Built.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Baldwin & Swope Construction company, recently organized here, has been awarded the contract for building a new schoolhouse at Mosier to be 90 by 70 feet. The new building will be two stories high. The local men also are drawing plans for a new schoolhouse at Parkdale. This building will be 120 by 60 feet. It will be built of white concrete. Six class rooms will be provided.

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SUICIDE SHOCKS FRIENDS

DEATH OF PORTLAND INSURANCE MAN SURPRISE.

Friends Unable to Account for Evident Self-Destruction of Edward Parsons.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 26.—A coroner's autopsy was performed today on the body of Edward Parsons, an insurance adjuster, which was found hanging by two neckties last night in the home of James Hayes, a friend. Parsons came here recently from Portland, according to the police, who say they can supply no motive for his evident self-destruction.

Edward Parsons, insurance man, who is reported to have committed suicide by hanging himself in Oakland, Cal., was in business in Portland for several years, with offices at 1221 Northwestern Bank building.

His residence address was 512 East Thirty-fourth street, where he lived with his wife until her illness compelled her to leave for California last spring.

Mr. Parsons had left Portland for a trip to California only recently, according to his friends.

Friends here were shocked by the news of his death in Oakland. Business associates could conceive of no reason why he should take his life in that manner. He was troubled during the past year as a result of the illness of his wife. Mrs. Parsons, however, was said to be recovering at Los Angeles and she was expected to return to Portland next month.

Mr. Parsons was well known as a dog fancier and breeder. He attended many meets and trials where dogs were run and many times exhibited animals of his own. One of his famous dogs was Llewellyn Danstone, a setter which won many prizes. He was also a hunter and fisherman and a great lover of outdoors.

Mr. Parsons was closely associated in business with Burt W. Richards, Northwestern National bank building. He was also associated with P. R. Whiteside of the Taylor's Ferry road, in dog kennels. His business connections included the Firemen's Insurance company of Newark, N. J., and E. E. Potter & Sons of San Francisco. He was special agent for this latter firm.

PAPERS ARE RECALLED

Requisition for McBain Cancelled. Identification Impossible.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Papers asking President Wilson to issue requisition upon the officials at Alberta, Canada, for the return of James McBain, wanted in Wallowa county for the murder of Theodore Trost in 1905, were recalled when it became known that an Oregon agent sent to the northern province had been unable to identify the suspect as the person sought in connection with the killing.

McBain killed Charles and Theodore Trost following a dispute over some land. He was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to an indeterminate term of from 1 to 20 years in the penitentiary.

REPUBLICANS START WORK

Plans for Permanent Organization of Party Membership Outlined.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Republicans of Aberdeen at a meeting Tuesday night perfected plans for permanently organizing the party, membership of the city into an effective campaign unit. Arrangements were made for a meeting next Tuesday night at the city council chamber, when temporary officers will be chosen and a date set for the first mass meeting of the campaign.

A. E. McCabe, representing the state central committee, was present at the meeting Tuesday night and has promised local republicans that Jack Sullivan, vice-commander of the American Legion in this state, will be brought to Aberdeen for the initial mass meeting.

WATER BONDS ARE VOTED

Reedsport Completes Plans for Installing Municipal Plant.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Warren Reed, canneryman of Reedsport, passed a day at the capitol conferring with Governor Olcott and other state officials. Mr. Reed says plans practically have been completed for a municipal water system. Bonds in the sum of $100,000 have been voted.

Water will be piped from Clear lake, about five miles from Reedsport.

200 Cases of Influenza at Cove.

COVE, Or., Feb. 26.—City Recorder Geer estimates the influenza cases in Cove at not less than 200 to date, including Mayor Weimer, City Councilmen D. W. Peterman, F. S. Musick and Professor Kaufman. This figure is three-fourths larger than that of 1918, when there were several deaths of adults, otherwise in fine health; so far, there have been but two fatal cases, two infants of less than 7 months old.

WHISKY USED AS MEDICINE

Marshal Allows Doctors Contraband to Fight Influenza.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Under dispensation of J. E. McGovern, United States marshal, 19 quarts of whisky held in storage by the federal court have been used as medicine in influenza cases in various parts of the Yakima valley within the last few weeks.

Seventy physicians are entitled to make requisition for the liquor when needed, and County Prosecutor O. R. Schumann, who vises all requisitions, states that he considered the small quantity used conclusive evidence of the good faith and care shown in calling for and administering the medicine.

CASE AROUSES INTEREST

Charge of Larceny Against Former Soldier at La Grande Is Made.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The case of state vs. Frank Marshall, ex-service man, charged with the larceny of an automobile, has created quite a little interest among the members of the American Legion here. The trial resulted in a hung jury.

Marshall was caught riding with another man in a stolen car, but the other party escaped. Marshall contended that he did not know the other man, as he met him on the street and the man invited him to take a ride.

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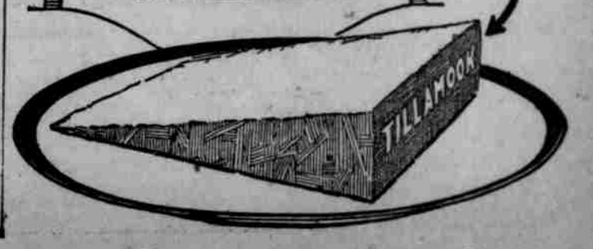
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