

AUDIT IS BEGUN ON TREASURER'S BOOKS

State, Bonding House and Surety Firm Represented.

MANY RECORDS INVOLVED

Character of Probe and Thoroughness Demanded Will Require Week for Completion.

SALEM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Three sets of accountants, one representing the state, another Morris Bros. of Portland, and the third one of the surety companies in which O. P. Hoff is bonded, today started an audit of the books and records of the state treasurer's department preparatory to the grand jury investigation which will begin here Monday.

The audit for the state is being conducted by Marwick, Mitchell & Co., while Morris Bros. are represented by Whitfield, Whitcomb & Co. R. E. Pinney of Portland is in charge of the work for the surety companies.

ELK DIVERSION ASSURED

SEATTLE VISITORS TO BE ENTERTAINED TONIGHT.

Display of Portland Spirit Promised When Special Pulls In at Union Station.

Display of "Portland spirit" to several hundred members of Seattle Elks' lodge No. 92, who will arrive in Portland on a special train at 6 o'clock tonight in the plan of a committee representing Portland lodge, headed by Roy E. Coster.

Entertainment had been arranged for the Seattle Elks, much of which will be dispensed following the initiation of 200 candidates in the auditorium tonight. The entertainment will vary from "third degree" work for the newly elected brethren to dancing and musical numbers contributed by members of Portland lodge and their friends.

One of the features planned in connection with the visit of the Seattle Elks will be a parade of the candidates through the principal streets of the city tonight. Some will be roped, others will be in animal cages, while others will be loaded into automobile trucks equipped with hydraulic dump devices, which will be used at the inclination of the operator in charge.

The Seattle Elks will be met at Union station by a large delegation of Portland Elks, headed by the Portland Elks' band. Reservations have been made for the entire delegation at the Mullnomah hotel. On Sunday the visitors will be taken over the Columbia river highway.

WOMAN SUES EX-HUSBAND

DELIA HODLER ASKS \$665.8 SUPPORT MONEY.

Plaintiff Alleges Her Former Spouse Refuses Aid for Two Minor Children.

Delia Hodler, whose marital troubles with her ex-husband, Louis Hodler, have occupied the circuit court for several years, is plaintiff in a suit filed yesterday, in which she seeks \$665.8 which she claims is due for the support of her two minor sons since she won a divorce five years ago.

Last year Mrs. Hodler was plaintiff in a suit in which she accused her husband of attempting to fleece her out of valuable property, and in the present litigation she alleges he has refused to pay one cent toward the support of their two minor sons.

Edwin Faulkner, assistant manager of the Western Timber company, is named as defendant in a divorce action filed by Oral Faulkner, who charges extreme cruelty and habitual drunkenness on the part of her spouse.

Lena Merrill wants a divorce from Erving Merrill, the custody of their four children and a division of property valued at \$10,000. She alleges extreme cruelty.

Walter R. Wood, a member of the Portland police force, is named as defendant in a divorce suit filed by Dorothy Wood, who alleges cruelty and infidelity. She accuses her husband of consorting with a woman named Winifred Norton.

UNIFORM BILL REPORTED

Use by Civilians in Labor Disturbances to Be Illegal.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator New's bill making it illegal for civilians to wear army or navy uniforms while participating in labor disturbances was ordered favorably reported today by the senate military committee.

Persons violating the bill would be fined not more than \$500 and imprisoned for not more than six months.

DR. BROOKE COMING HOME

En Route to Portland, but Present Whereabouts Uncertain.

According to a telegram received recently Dr. Lloyd W. Brooke, who

after service in the hospitals of Belgium and France, was sent to Tirana, Albania, to establish an American Red Cross dispensary, is en route to Portland, but some uncertainty exists as to his present whereabouts. His mother, Mrs. F. W. Brooke, of 434 Colonial avenue, had a telegram from New York on February 19, stating that Dr. Brooke would arrive in this country on the steamer Tatna of the Faber Line and that a letter of explanation would follow. As yet she has received no further word from her son, who last wrote from Paris in December, and while certain that he is safe, she is anxiously awaiting some definite word.

LOCAL FILM EXCHANGE GETS NEW EXECUTIVES



The resignation of Sol Baum as manager of the Portland branch exchange for the Universal Film company has resulted in the appointment of George Burke to this territory.

Mr. Burke will also have under his direction the branch offices in Seattle, Spokane and Butte.

Mr. Burke has been connected with the film industry in the west for ten years, having had important positions in Salt Lake City, Denver and Butte. He has brought with him to Portland to have direct charge of this territory C. W. Koerner, who was with him in Butte.

Mr. Koerner saw military service with the headquarters company of the 54th field artillery. He served as first lieutenant.

Mr. Baum, who has directed the destinies of the Universal company in Portland the last four years, has temporarily resigned because of poor health. He is contemplating an early trip to California.

RELIEF VOTED SUFFERERS

Red Cross Aids Families of Drought-Stricken Region.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Classifying the plight of families in the drought regions of Montana and North Dakota as "amounting to a public disaster," the American Red Cross today appropriated \$50,000 for relief and to meet obligations incurred by local chapters.

In announcing the appropriation, Red Cross officials said the situation in the drought regions was such as to demand state and federal aid beyond the resources of the Red Cross.

CHEAPER MILK IN SIGHT

Omaha Adopts Cash-and-Carry Plan at 13 Cents Quart.

OMAHA, March 12.—Milk, distributed by a producers' association, with co-operation of city authorities, will go on sale here Sunday at 13 cents a quart. The retail price now is 16 2/3 cents a quart.

Patrons will go to a central plant for the present, but in a few days the milk will be on sale at fire stations.

STARTING TODAY ALL THIS WEEK

FIRST TIME AT POPULAR PRICES.

HAROLD BELL WRIGHT'S MASTER PRODUCTION

"THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"

The homely story of "Little Pete," "Old Mac," "Young Mac," "Sammy Lane," the gentle shepherd and all the big-hearted mountain folks so realistically portrayed in HAROLD BELL WRIGHT'S famous novel.

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WARRENTON IRE AROUSED

BOND STORY IN PORTLAND TELEGRAM HELD FALSE.

Editor Declares "It Would Be Difficult to Crowd More Errors Into Same Space Than Appeared."

ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Citizens of Warrenton are aroused over the article appearing in a recent issue of the Portland Telegram which concerned the result of the special bond election held in Warrenton last Tuesday.

In commenting on the article today, E. H. Flagg, editor of the Warrenton Tribune, said: "It would be difficult to crowd more errors into the same space than appeared in the Telegram's story. The first measure on the ballot Tuesday provided for the ratification of a bond issue of \$350,000 and the creation of a dock commission with power to purchase land and make improvements. Instead of being defeated, it was carried by a substantial majority.

"The second was intended to ratify the issue of \$150,000 in bonds and the purchase at a specified price of 100 acres of land on the Skpanon and Columbia rivers. It was defeated. The defeat of the last measure does not invalidate the bonds, but simply leaves the matter to be decided by the district court in the case of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company against the city of Warrenton. If the election of last November is held to be legal, the bond issue cannot be invalidated by any action the city may take at an election.

"The statement of the Telegram referring to the 'repudiated Warrenton issue' is misleading. The city has no desire to repudiate its obligations and no bond buyer will lose 1 cent, no matter what may be the decision of the courts. Every step in the election last November was supervised and approved by the attorneys for Morris Bros., who cooperated with the city of Warrenton in all the legal steps leading up to the election. Therefore, it appears to a layman that, insofar as the bond brokers' profits from their sale to the state treasurer are concerned, there will be no recourse against the city."

BALLOT CAMPAIGN IS ON

General Enfranchisement of Canadian Women Sought.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 12.—The bill conferring on the women of Canada the right to vote in federal elections, designed to replace the war-time election act, was presented to the house today by Hugh Guthrie, solicitor-general. The bill, broadly, provides that any British citizen over 21, male or female, may vote.

This is the first measure to provide for the general enfranchisement of women in the federal elections of the Dominion, although various provinces have conferred the franchise, and during the war the women next of kin to soldiers and war nurses were enfranchised by the war-time election act.

Under the bill no woman can vote by reason of marital relations but must personally be naturalized if not native born.

SUGAR PROFIT IS HUGE

Oahu Company Declares Dividends of \$900,000 for Year.

HONOLULU, T. H., March 12.—(Special.)—The Oahu Sugar Company at its annual meeting recently reported a net profit on its crop of 42,028 tons of sugar amounting to \$1,615,940.55.

Dividends during the year reached a total of \$900,000.

CORVALLIS QUARANTINE LIFTED.

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Four Days Only—Until Tuesday Midnight.

THE SCREEN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL STAR.

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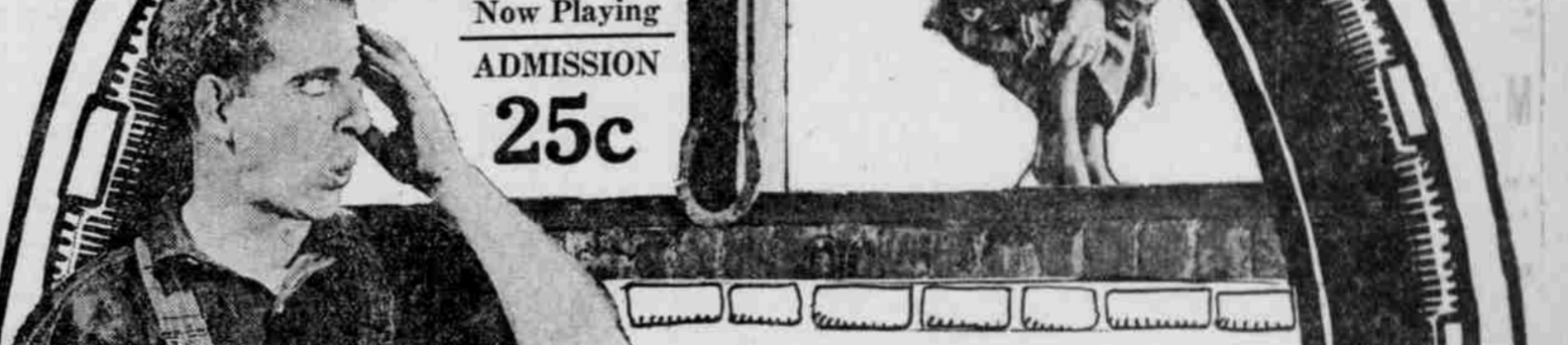
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