VANCOUVER MAYOR MISSING, HUNT ON

G. R. Percival Disappears While Out for Long Walk.

ELKS JOIN IN SEARCH

Poor Health and Worry Over Suit by Lieutenant's Widow Believed Responsible.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—G. R. Percival, mayor of this city, has been missing since 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when he was seen near the Liberty hotel, walking back and forth inspecting the pavement newly laid there. He carried his overcoat on his arm.

Mr. Percival attended a meeting of the port commission Saturday night and was taken home. He arose Sunday morning and left about 9 o'clock, telling his wife he was going for a long walk. Later, it was found he had left his watch, purse and money and indentification card in his bed. He is said to have taken bonds to his wife Saturday. As he has been in the habit of taking long walks, nothing unusual was thought about it until today when it was found he had not returned home last night.

Elks Join in Search.

Searching parties were sent out today, the sheriff's office and the police department supervising the hunts. At 2:30 o'clock, about 20 Elks, of which lodge Mr. Percival was a member, joined in the search. All of the territory beyond Twenty-sixth street to the city limits was diligently examined in vain.

A woman late today said she had seen a man, who answered the description of the mayor, walking back and forth inspecting the pavement near the Liberty hotel, near the J. M. Sandifer Construction corporation shipyards. The searchers then began combing the brush in that vicinity.

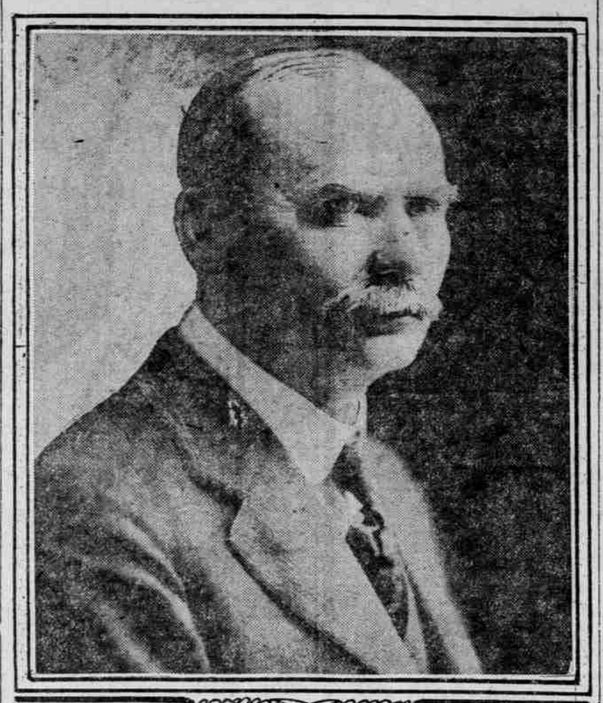
William Thompson, game warden, in a launch, made a trip along the Washington side of the river for several miles down in the hopes that if the mayor had fallen into the river, there would be some trace. He found nothing, however.

Mayor's Health Poor.

Mr. Percival has not been in good health for some time, and for this reason refused to run for mayor again, to succeed himself. Mrs. Jay M. Fields, widow of Lieutenant Fields, who was killed here in an automobile accident, September 16, Friday filed a claim for $101,000 against the city, and this worried Mr. Percival, and he is known to have talked a good deal about it. Friends think that his mind may have broken under the strain of worry and ill health, and that he has wandered away. He had no money with him, as all his cash was left at home. It is hardly believed that he would be held up in broad daylight.

He has been a successful attorney and his son, Ralph Percival, has been in partnership with him. He has no financial worries and his home life was altogether harmonious.

MAYOR OF VANCOUVER, WASH., MISSING SINCE SATURDAY.



G. R. PERCIVAL.

INSURANCE MEN MEET

WRITING MARINE POLICIES BY AGENTS IN STATE URGED.

Appointment of Committee to Confer With Chamber and Other Organizations on Proposal.

Steps to obtain the writing of marine insurance orginating in Oregon for Oregon agents were favored by the Fire Insurance Exchange of Portland, at its regular monthly business meeting yesterday noon at the Hotel Benson. The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to confer on the proposal with the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies actively interested in Oregon's business expansion.

State Insurance Commissioner Barbur of Salem, spoke on co-operation between the insurance agents of the state and the insurance departments of Oregon. Mr. Barbur paid particular reference to efforts to obtain new legislation and said that as state fire marshal he will recommend some amendments to obtain more funds for his department.

John B. Coffey was chosen chairman for the next meeting of the exchange on November 15. In the absence of the president, W. S. Halvor, Harvey Wells presided, while Burt Richards was chairman.

JUSTICE STUDIES BALLOT

George Brown Discusses Measures for November Election.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.—George M. Brown, justice of the Oregon supreme court, at a luncheon of the Salem Commercial club held here today, discussed from an impartial and impersonal standpoint the 11 measures and amendments to be submitted for the consideration of the voters at the November election.

Although not committing himself outright, Justice Brown intimated that passage of the single tax amendment would be equivalent to confiscation of property. His attitude also indicated that he was opposed to the proposed measure to limit the legal rate of interest in Oregon to 5 per cent, and that he questioned the probability of a more intelligent vote under a measure which would require every adult citizen to exercise the priviege accorded him or her by the ballot.

PUBLIC MUSIC TALKS SET

Free Lectures Planned Under Auspices of Orchestra.

Two free lectures will be given Wednesday and Thursday of this week under auspices of the Portland Symphony orchestra. All Portlanders are invited to attend as guests of the orchestra, the lectures not being restricted to patrons of the symphony.

Evelyn McFarlane McClusky will speak tomorrow at 3:30 at Sherman Clay company's concert hall on "The Four Choirs of the Orchestra." She has been giving a series of instructive talks to the children in the public schools and is well equipped to handle this subject.

An illustrated lecture will be given Thursday evening by Dr. John J. Landsbury. He will speak on "The New World Symphony." by Dvorak and the Tschaikowsky concerto. The lecture will be given in Room "A" of the Central library. Dr. Landsbury is dean of the school of music at the University of Oregon.

RECLAMATION PLAN LAID

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

Western States Conference at Spokane Names Committee to Carry On Work.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 18.—An educational campaign under the auspices of the western states reclamation association in which the reclamation idea of the 17 western arid and semi-arid states will be outlined to the east will be instituted at once, according to a meeting of the project promoters here Sunday.

At the conference were Governor Davis of Idaho, president of the Western States Reclamation association; James A. Johnson of Shelby, Mont., president of the Northwest Reclamation league; N. W. Durham and James A. Ford, directors of the latter association; E. F. Blaine of Seattle, director in both associations, and C. E. Arney, immigration and agricultural agent of the Northern Pacific railway.

According to the programme tentatively outlined, a committee of seven to direct the work will be appointed. A sum of $100,000 to finance the work will be raised. Of the committee of seven, three will be appointed by the Western States Reclamation association.

Of the $100,000 to be raised, the Northwestern Reclamation league is to raise $25,000. An additional $10,500 will be raised by the league to finance work within the five states which it comprises, to assist in the national campaign of the parent organization, the Western States Reclamation association. This money will be apportioned among these states as follows: Washington to raise $13,000, Oregon $7800, Idaho $13,000, Montana $7800 and Wyoming $3900.

WORK ON CHURCH STARTS

Remodeling of Oregon City Home to Be Completed in 90 Days.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Work of remodeling the former home of Charles H. Caufield on Eighth and Center streets, commenced this morning. The Methodist church will occupy the building within 90 days, the property having been purchased for that purpose.

The main auditorium of the church will be on the second floor.

Some time ago it was rumored that the lower floor would be used as a parsonage, but this is not the case, and when completed it will be one of the most modern churches in the city.

HAROLD KLATT DESERTER

Youth Escaped Jail Through Chimney; Also Fled Away.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Harold Klatt, who recently was sentenced to from six months to ten years in the state reformatory at Monroe, was also a deserter from the army.

Young Klatt was in jail here in September last year and escaped by crawling up the chimney to the roof of the court house and down the drain pipe.

COUNTY RIGHTS UPHELD

School District May Not Annex Territory Without Consent.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The boundary board of one county has no legal authority to annex to a school district part of another district wholly or partly included in another county without the consent of the boundary board of the latter county, according to an opinion given by Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle.

The opinion was asked by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, following receipt of a letter from C. A. Jewell, city superintendent of the schools at Sheridan. It was stated in the letter submitted to Mr. Van Winkle that district No. 48 of Yamhill county included practically the entire town of Sheridan, but that the town is on the southern boundary of the district and the town laps over into district No. 45.

The voters of district No. 48 want to annex a part of district No. 45, but this can only be done, according to the attorney-general, by consent of the boundary board of the latter district.

LIGGETT TO VISIT STATE

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS PLAN DINNER FOR NOVEMBER.

Banquet Arranged to Draw Attention to National Defense Problems and National Guard.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, who commanded the American armies in the field in France and Belgium, will visit Oregon next month to attend a dinner which will be given by the officers of the Oregon National Guard, stationed in Multnomah county.

General Liggett, who is commander of the ninth corps area, Pacific coast, with headquarters at San Francisco, today advised George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, who served under him for a time in France, of his acceptance of the invitation tendered by Colonel White for the Portland officers.

He will be guest of honor at the dinner, for which several hundred guests, including prominent army, navy and national guard officers and prominent citizens, will be invited. Arrangements for the affair are in the hands of a Portland committee, headed by Major J. F. Drake, who suggested that the dinner be given to bring attention to the new national defense problem which centers largely about the national guard. The day and hour for the affair have not yet been set.

General Liggett is known throughout the country as the "man in the field" in France. He commanded the famous first corps, which broke the German drive on Paris early in 1918.

Hodge Speaks in Cowlitz.

KELSO, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—"Bob" Hoage, formerly sheriff of King county and candidate for governor in 1916, spent today in Cowlitz county, campaigning for the republican state and national ticket. Mr. Hodge spoke at Woodland this afternoon. This evening he will deliver an address in Kelso. Mr. Hodge, while in eastern Washington recently, found that many former supporters of the farmer-labor ticket are breaking away from it.

BABY'S RESTORATION BELIEVED INTENDED

Plot by Kidnapers of Stagg Child Scented.

MOVE TO BE BLOCKED

King Authorities Declare Any Attempt to Remove Infant From New York Will Be Fought.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 18.—King county authorities said today they had scented a plot on the part of the kidnapers of baby Bobby Stagg, their friends and hired accomplices, to bring the child back under cover from New York to Tacoma, whence it was stolen September 14 and return it to its mother's doorstep.

"If they can accomplish this feat," said Deputy Sheriff Starwich today, "the fact that the baby is safe with its mother again might possibly influence the New York governor to refuse the extradition of Betty Brainerd.

"But such a scheme is going to meet with failure. The moment anyone but the proper authorities leaves New York with Bobby Stagg, that constitutes another kidnaping and will be prosecuted as such."

Baby's Return Expected.

Starwich said he believes Police Chief Sherry of Richmond, Va., who telegraphed the local sheriff's office and the Tacoma police Saturday that he understood the baby would be in the hands of its mother by Saturday next, must have had some reason for making such a statement.

Sherry's telegrams and others that turned out to be fakes, taken together, convince him, Starwich said, that the kidnapers are trying to get Bobby back to Tacoma under cover of a barrage of misleading messages, calculated to throw investigators into a turmoil.

"That the baby had been returned," said Starwich, "would be a final coup for the attorneys for Betty Brainerd to spring on the governor of New York the day Captain of Detectives Strickland of Tacoma asks the governor for extradition papers.

Baby's Whereabouts Unknown.

"But it won't work. Even should the governor refuse to permit her being taken out of New York, she will be closely watched. And the moment she leaves the state, she will be arrested again and another effort made to bring her back."

No authentic word as to the whereabouts of the baby has yet reached here from New York. Mrs. Stagg, the mother, has relapsed into her former sleepless, highly nervous condition, which was relieved momentarily last week by the false message that Miss Brainerd had surrendered the baby.

William Phillips, sender of the false message from New York, has explained that he got his erroneous information from the New York district attorney's office and as secretary of the New York Elks lodge, thinking it true, he telegraphed the information to the Tacoma Elks in good faith.

A New York newspaper man, friend of Miss Brainerd, telegraphed the following message to the Tacoma News-Tribune.

Return of Child Is Pledged.

"Am able now to pledge by word that the child will be returned soon. Child well. My interest now in leniency for Miss Brainerd and Stagg. Believe I may be able to locate Stagg and would urge him to return and face trial, provided bail could be arranged in the preliminary trial. Do you know any Tacoman who might provide bail, under described circumstances? What would be attitude of authorities towards both? Will my pledge that child be returned soon suspend arrest of Seattle people?"

The reply was that the authorities would not offer immunity to either Stagg or Miss Brainerd, though Mrs. Stagg emphatically said she wanted the baby above all else.

IMMUNITY FOR PAIR SOUGHT

Mrs. Stagg Is Requested to Drop Charges of Kidnaping.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Whatever Edward P. Shaw, one of the editors of William Randolph Hearst's New York American, knows, he is buoying up the hopes of Edith Cunningham Stagg by telling her to be patient and await developments as her son Bobby, 21 months old, is safe. Shaw is seeking immunity for George T. Stagg, father of the boy, and Betty Brainerd, who are accused of kidnaping Bobby from Mrs. Stagg's home in Tacoma on the night of September 15 last.

Shaw has taken an unusual interest in the case and has been telegraphing to a newspaper friend here to have Mrs. Stagg drop the charges against her ex-husband and Miss Brainerd. The latter is held on $3000 bail in New York and Stagg is at large.

"Tell your granddaughter I know positively that the baby will be returned," Shaw said in a telegram sent today to Mrs. E. Cunningham, great-grandmother of the missing baby. "Can tell exact time by middle of week. Know that baby is well and properly cared for. Ask her to have faith in this statement for a few days."

Mrs. Stagg did not make Shaw's name public.

One of the theories that the police held following official denial from William T. Phillips, secretary of the New York Elks lodge No. 1, that the baby had been found, was that the child is being held as a hostage while an attempt is made to obtain immunity for the alleged kidnapers.

Phillips sent a telegram last week to the Tacoma lodge of Elks, saying that the baby had been found in a children's society in New York.

He said in a later message he had been mistaken.

Old Line Resumes Service.

The port of Charleston, S. C., has been placed on the schedule of the steamer Hawaiian, which is coming to this port in the near future in the resumption of the old American-Hawaiian line service, according to announcement received from Williams Dimond & Co., Pacific coast agents for that service. The Hawaiian is due at this port early next month with general cargo from the Atlantic seaboard. She will take back general cargo.

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Twelve months after date my note made payable to you will be due at three days' demand. You have worn the suit—you know what it is—good or bad—you know then if good cloth is any cheaper—you have made up your mind about me and my work. You then know what the suit is and has been worth to you. You are master of the situation—absolutely assured of being able to protect yourself as to what your clothes cost—yes; you can then do as you see fit—allow me whatever you want to for the suit on my note—**SOMETHING OR NOTHING. I'll pay the note or balance.** You can allow me on my note from nothing up to full face value of the note if you want to. That is entirely optional with you. **YOU THUS SET THE PRICE YOU PAY ME FOR THE GARMENTS.**

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