

SAFE NUMBER, PLEASE OF FOREST EXPERTS

Substitute for Pinchot Measure Proposed.

OREGON GETS OFFICES

Western Forestry and Conservation Association Discusses Important Problems and Holds Election.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—E. G. Ames of Seattle, was unanimously elected president of the Western Forestry and Conservation association...

Vice-presidents elected were Kenneth Ross, Montana; A. W. Laird, Idaho; G. B. McLeod, Oregon; C. R. Johnson, California; and Frank B. Cole, Washington.

Proposed Measures Opposed. By practically unanimous vote the convention went on record as opposing the coalition bill...

Other resolutions adopted called upon the legislature to appropriate for the forest, Washington, Idaho and Montana to make such appropriations...

Forest Service is Commended. A resolution praising the forest service of the United States was read and adopted by the foresters...

Wireless Fire Service Good. That the wireless telephone for reporting forest fires in the northwest has passed the experimental stage...

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company with Charles B. Foster, assistant sales manager, and George L. Rodler, Pacific coast manager of the same company.

"We are making this trip," said Mr. Waihsan, "to acquaint ourselves first hand with conditions affecting our business and to determine what our course shall be for 1921 production."

"You have a beautiful city, and we business men are looking for institutions of every kind, and particularly its cleanliness and its brilliantly lighted business section."

The environs of Portland remind us very much of New England and I can

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WIVES' ASSAULT TALKS AT RANDOM

Young College Man Tells of His Many "Crimes."

INSANITY IS INDICATED

Hubert M. Berry Claims He Aided in Council Bluffs Mail Car Robbery and Bank Holdup.

Hubert M. Berry, 21-year-old college man who attacked and attempted to rob H. H. Vines, an aged Third-street pawnbroker, Monday noon, either has become mentally unbalanced as a result of his rash act or is feigning insanity in clever fashion in an effort to escape punishment for his confessed attempt at daylight robbery.

At the city jail yesterday Berry started Patrolmen Ferry and Abbott, two of his captors, when he quietly informed them that he was one of the gang of mail-car robbers who stole more than \$5,000,000 in cash and bonds from a Burlington railway car at Council Bluffs, Iowa, about three weeks ago.

Hubert M. Berry then wrote a statement of his previous "crimes." Following these statements he talked incoherently, while his eyes took on vacant stare always associated with the mentally unbalanced.

"I have \$15,000 in negotiable bonds planted in the ground short distance from the depot in a small town near Des Moines, Iowa," he said.

Later he said he wanted to send out and get these bonds in order to haul himself out of jail, and again, during his rambling statement, he said he had asked Mayor Baker three weeks ago for a job on the police force.

"I'm a crook myself and could catch all these burglars in Portland in a few days," he said as he laughed through the bars.

Federal Officers Summoned. When Berry first made his "confession," federal officers were called in to examine him, but it was seen at once by all who talked with him that he either mentally unbalanced or is feigning insanity.

H. H. Vines, who received a severe cut on the head when young Berry assaulted him with a filled bottle of near-beer, was reported to be ill at his home yesterday as a result of the encounter.

Berry was to have been taken before the grand jury yesterday but after he had detailed the statements regarding his alleged criminal career, he was held at the city jail for further investigation.

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most intuitively, Mrs. Collett surmised that it was her sister, Miss Ferguson, and at her request, Miss Thelander hurried to the morgue, where she made positive identification of the body as that of Miss Ferguson, whom she knew.

Neither Mrs. Collett nor any member of the family had any intimation that Miss Ferguson had been killed until the news was broken to them by Miss Thelander by telephone. They had not expected her to return home until late at night.

Deputy Coroner Calkins said that a hurried examination of the body at the morgue last night showed that several ribs on the left side had been crushed and he believed that one of the broken ribs had punctured the heart, causing instant death. There was a small cut and abrasion almost in the center of the forehead, but it was not believed the skull had been fractured.

The woman's clothing had been badly torn, and a little gold watch which had stopped, showed that she had been struck down at 5:37 P. M.

Miss Ferguson had been in Portland for four years and had been a teacher of English at Jefferson high school in the last three years. She was a native of Iowa and a graduate of the University of Iowa in the class of 1916. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. Since coming to Portland and entering the staff of the public schools, she had become friendly with the teachers generally and school authorities.

Besides her mother, who is now visiting in Idaho, Miss Ferguson is survived by three sisters. They are Mrs. Ralph L. Collett, Portland; Mrs. Anthony E. Baker, Portland; and Miss Myrtle Ferguson of Ames, Ia.

The sister, Mrs. Ewer, who, before her marriage, was Miss Myrtle Ruby Page Ferguson, dramatic reader on the Ellison-White Chautauque circuit, was visiting with her two sisters, Mrs. Collett, and the woman who was killed. She was at the family home when word first was received of the death of her sister.

Members of the family were too overcome with grief last night to make even tentative plans for the funeral.

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CANADIAN WHEAT COMING

4,465,000 BUSHELS SHIPPED IN SINGLE DAY.

Consignments to This Country for Season Expected to Total 56,000,000 Bushels.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 7.—Fifteen ships, carrying 4,465,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, have left here in the last 24 hours for United States ports, principally Buffalo, N. Y.

Exports from the elevators here and at Fort Arthur, which together have received 72,748,000 bushels, totaled 45,420,000 bushels up to December 3, more than 20 times the total last year. These shipments, with those of the last day and 1,000,000 bushels more that can be placed aboard ships now in the harbor before next week, are expected to bring the season's total to about 56,000,000 bushels.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 7.—Large shipments of Canadian wheat reported from the west of Lake Superior are not considered unprecedented. Canadian exporters declared tonight. Under present restrictions they said, it was to be expected that a large quantity would be sent to America in normal years, and they pointed out, two-thirds of Canada's wheat export was through United States ports.

CITY HALL PLANS PUSHED Building in Park at Oregon City Has Advantages.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—With the promise of a 7 per cent reduction in insurance rates for the mercantile section of the hill, provided the fire apparatus is housed there as planned, the Hill Improvement club is making arrangements to push plans for building the city hall in McLoughlin park, as decided on by voters at the last election.

A committee representing the club and Councilmen Bridges, Albright and Peterson, representing the city, called on the insurance underwriters bureau in Portland Monday and obtained opinions concerning the proposal. Under the conditions proposed, the 7 per cent reduction would affect the business district on the hill, while the fire zone might be extended later to include a large portion of the residence section.

NEW FERRY UNWIELDY Demand for Bridge at Harrisburg Is Becoming Insistent.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The new \$6000 ferry at this city has proved something of an "elephant," and two are now required to get it offhore, where one man always performed the job before. Heretofore the ferry main-tenance consisted of a few men on the boat both ferrying and looking after the day service, and the local authorities having made no provision for added ferryman no night service can be given.

This curtailment of service has been keenly felt by travelers on the Pacific highway, and the demand for the immediate construction of a bridge, which the highway commission has ordered constructed, has become more pronounced than ever.

GREETERS HOLD SERVICE Fisher Harris, Originator of 'America First' Slogan, Remembered.

Memorial services for the late Fisher Harris, widely-known hotel man and originator of the slogan "America first," were held at a meeting of the Oregon Greeters' association last night at the Norbena hotel.

Samuel F. Dutton, hotel man of Denver, spoke on Mr. Harris' life and work as a national lecturer on Americanism. F. W. Beach, editor of the Northwest Hotel News, and Dean R. T. Hicks of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral also made addresses. Walter Jenkins sang several songs about the late Fisher Harris. The program was presided over by representatives of Portland newspapers. The programme was arranged by Charles D. Schreier, chairman of the educational committee of the Greeters.

THIEVES FLEE ON HANDCAR Battle Ground, Wash., Bank Loses \$100 and Liberty Bonds.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Battle Ground State bank was entered and robbed of about \$400 Saturday morning. Several Liberty bonds also were taken, although the amount has not been determined, according to A. L. Laswell, president.

The necessary steps are being taken but it would not be in the public interest to give details," he said.

MRS. MacSWINEY ON TRIP Widow on Way to Testify Before Committee of 100.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Cork mayor of Cork, left today for Washington, where she will appear before the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland.

Among those who accompanied her were Daniel J. Conroy, secretary and lecturer of the law of New York, and her sister-in-law, Miss Mary MacSwiney, who arrived with her Saturday afternoon train.