

### PLOT TO DEFEAUD COMPANY CHARGED

#### Ex-Senator Wehrung Sues Three at Chehalis.

### DEFENDANT WELL KNOWN

#### Hillsboro Banker and Stockholder in Washington-Idaho Concern Makes Conspiracy Charge.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—A sensational case which affects men prominent in the business and industrial development of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, developed here today when complaint was filed in Justice Beaufort's Chehalis court, signed by W. H. Wehrung, president of the Hillsboro, Or., National bank, against A. Welch, a Portland promoter, and two of his business associates, Miss A. Fritchard and W. E. Cunningham, who are charged with conspiracy.

Speculations from the finances of the Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company, of which A. Welch is general manager, totalling \$4,000, also are alleged. Fritchard, county attorney for Lewis county, issued the warrants.

**Complainant Is Ex-Senator.**  
Mr. Wehrung is a former state senator of Oregon, and one of the best-known financiers in his section. For years he was associated with Mr. Welch in the handling of the business development work which the latter has carried on. Mr. Wehrung is the owner of \$100,000 of a total of \$225,000 worth of the capital stock of Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company.

The alleged misappropriation of funds belonging to the Washington-Idaho Light & Power company is said to have occurred at Winlock, Wash., January 1, 1918.

**Conspiracy Is Charged.**  
The complaint states "that at Winlock, Wash., January 1, 1918, the said A. Welch, A. Fritchard and W. E. Cunningham did commit the crime of conspiracy as follows:

"Then and there being the said A. Welch, C. E. Cunningham and W. E. Fritchard did then and there, unlawfully, willfully and feloniously conspire and federate and agree together that they would defraud and cheat the stockholders of the Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company, a corporation duly organized and authorized to do business in the state of Washington, and especially W. H. Wehrung, one of the stockholders of the said corporation, and by reason of aid in accordance with said unlawful, willful and felonious conspiracy did then and there by fraudulently issuing divers checks to the amount of approximately \$4000 did cheat and defraud the Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company, and W. H. Wehrung, one of the stockholders of said company, out of the sum of approximately \$4000."

**Welch Is Well Known.**  
A. Welch, the principal and most prominent man involved in the case, is one of the oldest and best known promoters of the city of Portland and the state of Oregon.

He has resided in Portland many years, being in recent years general manager of the Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company. E. B. Montague of Portland is president of the corporation which is incorporated under the laws of the state of Massachusetts, with Boston as the home office. However, the principal scene of the business of the company is in Portland, from which point the operations in Washington and Idaho are carried on in a large number of places.

**Eight Plants Operated.**  
The company has electric plants at Clackamas, Winlock, Astoria, Napavine, Toledo and Castle Rock in Washington. It also operates a plant at Lewiston. Three years ago Mr. Welch promoted the Twin City Light & Traction company which built the interurban street railway line connecting Chehalis and Centralia. This was succeeded by the Washington-Idaho corporation, which later disposed of the line to the present owners, the North Coast Power company.

Mr. Welch also promoted the Independent Electric company, which for a time operated under that name in some of the southwest Washington towns, where it had the home office. Mr. Welch has been active in promoting a large number of other corporations for development and business, among them being the Pacific Land company of Portland, Yaquina Electric company of Welch company, the Columbia corporation, The Oregon-Hendrickson Lumber company of Yaquina, the Douglas County Light & Power company of Roseburg and the Shermans County Light & Power company, in which he is associated with Frank Walter and Ben Walling of Portland.

**Office Manager Also Accused.**  
Miss A. Fritchard, charged in Mr. Wehrung's complaint with conspiracy, is assistant clerk in the office involved, having charge of the general affairs of Mr. Welch's office in Portland and being one of his confidential employees.

C. E. Cunningham, the third one of the trio affected by today's action, was until about 60 days ago the manager of the Winlock office of the Washington-Idaho Water, Light & Power company. Recently he is said to have resigned his position and gone to Texas in the hope of improving his health. Mr. Cunningham also has for many years been closely associated with Mr. Welch in his various business affairs and promotion schemes.

A. Welch, when informed last night of the charges filed against himself and associates at Chehalis, said: "There is nothing to it whatever. Mr. Wehrung is making a stock job of the company and there is no foundation in any manner, shape or form for the charges. Miss Fritchard is auditor of the company. Mr. Cunningham is manager for the company at Winlock, Wash."

### DEMOCRAT LEADER QUILTS

#### George E. Ryan Resigns From Washington Central Committee.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—George E. Ryan has tendered to State Chairman George F. Christensen his resignation as a member and chairman of the democratic state central committee and announced that he would also step out as King county member of the democratic state committee.

Mr. Ryan has been one of the wheel horses of the King county democratic party for 14 years. He is stepping down at this time well in advance of the presidential campaign because he will not be able to continue in active work, owing to press of private business.

He desires the organization to appoint his successor before the campaign gets under way.

### COMMISSION ORDERS PHONE CHARGE LIFT

#### Advance in Hood River Valley Held Necessary.

### COMPANY REPORTS LOSS

#### Present Operating Revenue Held Insufficient to Cover Expenses; Charge Effective Dec. 1.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Because of the contention of the Oregon-Washington Telephone company, which operates extensively in Hood River valley and has exchanges at White Salmon, Husum, Trout Lake and Goldendale, Wash., that it would be unable longer to continue its service unless given financial relief, the Oregon public service commission, in an order issued here today, authorized an increase of rates for both residence and business phones of about 10 per cent, established an exchange toll charge and made slight modifications in several branches of the service.

A report filed with the commission by J. E. Smithson, president of the company, showed that the total operating revenues of the corporation for the first eight months of the year 1919 were \$29,000, while the total operating expenses were \$27,350, leaving a net operating revenue of \$1,750. Against the net income the company paid taxes in the amount of \$1750, while its uncollectible operating revenue was estimated at \$200. The operating loss, as shown in the report of the company, was \$209.

**Maximum Charges Fixed.**  
Under the new tariff, as ordered by the commission, a maximum charge for individual business line desk phones will be \$4 a month, while wall sets with extension of service will cost \$7.75 a month. Desk phones on two-party lines will cost \$5.50 a month and wall instruments \$3.25. For desk phones on eight-party lines, urban lines subscribers will pay \$3.25 a month, and for wall phones \$1. Extensions without bell range from 75 cents to \$1 a month, while the charge for extensions with bell are fixed at \$0 cents a month.

Desk phones on residence individual lines will cost the users \$2.75 and wall instruments \$2.50 a month. For desk phones on two-party lines the charge is fixed at \$2.50 and wall phones at \$1.75 a month. Desk phones on four-party lines will be charged for at the rate of \$2 and wall phones at \$1.25 a month. For desk phones on eight-party subscribers lines the rate is \$2.50 a month and for wall instruments \$2.25. Extensions on two-party lines without bell, will cost from 50 to 75 cents a month, and extensions with bell range from 65 to 90 cents a month.

**Odell Rates Announced.**  
Rates fixed for the Odell exchange follow:  
Individual line, business service, wall phone, \$3.25 a month; desk phone, \$2.50 a month.  
Two party line, business, wall phone, \$2.75 a month; desk phone, \$2.25 a month.  
Rural party line, business, wall phone, \$2.50 a month; desk phone, \$2.25 a month.  
Individual line, residence service, wall phone, \$2 a month; desk phone, \$1.75 a month.  
Two-party line, residence, \$1.75 a month; desk phone, \$1.50 a month.  
Four-party line, residence, \$1.50 a month; desk phone, \$1.25 a month.  
Rural line party, residence, wall phone, \$1.75 a month; desk phone, \$1.50 a month.

Extensions on same premises, with or without bell, affects Odell subscribers, ranging from those using the Hood River exchange.

For conversations between Hood River and Odell the first five minutes or fraction thereof will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents, and each additional five minutes or fraction, 5 cents.

In making the order advancing the charges the commission said: "The situation in the Hood River valley is a peculiar one, in that the nature of the business carried on there makes the city of Hood River the distinct trading center to and from which much telephone traffic, especially in the lower valley district, flows. Because of the extent of the valley it is not feasible to serve all inhabitants with one exchange.

The Booth hill is a natural physical barrier, dividing the community into two geographical divisions. The earlier development of the telephone system, however, was not such as to permit the establishment of an exchange in each of these geographical divisions. The two exchanges are eight miles apart, but both are located in the lower valley, below the Booth hill, and in consequence there is considerable dissatisfaction among those of the Booth hill who must go through the Odell switchboard to transact business in Hood River.

Herefore the company has maintained a toll charge between the natural geographical divisions on its system with regard to the location of exchanges, but now proposes to transfer the toll charges to all calls between the two exchanges."

**Gymnasium Tax Voted.**  
ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—School district No. 34, of Elkhorn, last Wednesday voted by a 9-to-1 majority to pay tax to amount to \$500 for an open-air gymnasium on the school grounds, to give the proper physical training to the pupils and to carry out the plan of physical education as outlined in the state course. The Elkhorn school district also voted in favor of a five-mill tax to be devoted to the building of roads.

**Salem Woman's Father Dies.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. H. H. Corey of Salem today received a telegram informing her of the death of her father, William H. Moeller, at Baker. He was 81 years of age and had resided in Baker county for more than 40 years. Besides leaving a widow, Mr. Moeller is survived by five daughters and a son. The funeral will be held in Baker.

**Prisoner Kills Death Watch.**  
HAMILTON, Ont., Nov. 29.—Paul Kowalski, a prisoner condemned to hang, ran amuck in the jail corridor here today, killed his death watch, and escaped. He was shot, wounded and injured four turnkeys. The prisoner attacked Springstead with a sharpened spoon.

**Salem Pythians Pledge Loyalty.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Central lodge No. 13, Knights of Pythias, last night resolutions were adopted pledging the support of the order in running down reds and establishing the principles of Americanism. The lodges are also offered their services at any time they might be needed to curb violence or otherwise aid in preserving the government.

**LEGION PLANS CAMPAIGN**  
California Posts to Work for Americanization of Citizens.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—Vigorous campaigns against radicals and radical outrages have been planned by the state committee on Americanization of the American Legion, it was announced today, coincident with a request that each post in California

appoint a local committee on Americanization.

"It has become absolutely necessary to Americanize resident citizens as well as aliens within our gates in order to avoid recurrence of such a calamity as the Centralia, Wash., shooting," said J. C. Springstead, state committee chairman, "and orderly progress of our country," the committee stated.

**\$64,064 in Taxes Turned Over.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—D. W. Drager, county treasurer, today sent a check in the sum of \$64,064.30 to State Treasurer Hoff. This sum represents the second half tax collections of the 1918 series.

### CLACKAMAS NUTS THRIVE

#### Redland Grower Reports Successful Season With Franquettes.

### CHURCH LEADERS TO MEET

#### Dates Fixed for Conferences in Seattle and Spokane.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 29.—Delegates representing every county in Washington and virtually every religious denomination in the state are expected to attend training conferences of the inter-church world movement to be held in Seattle and Spokane next month. It was announced here today.

The Spokane session will open December 8, and the Seattle session will start in Seattle December 8. Each conference will be addressed by five speakers sent from the east to work in Washington. The object of the conference, it was announced, is to bring together religious leaders from all parts of the state to confer with reference to plans for promoting church co-operation in each county.

### ROAD BIDS TO BE OPENED

#### State Highway Commission Meets Here December 20.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Opening bids for the construction of the proposed new bridge across Youngs Bay at Astoria, traversing the canyon section of the Washington-Columbia highway in Baker county, and the sale of \$1,000,000 worth of road bonds authorized at the last session of the legislature will feature the meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland on December 20.

On account of the drafting and estimating necessary for the projects proposed in Walla Walla, Jefferson and Wheeler counties were not completed in time to advertise for bids at this time. It is expected, however, that proposals for these projects will be received at a meeting of the commission to be held early in January.

### COLLEGE GETS ADVISER

#### 118 Rehabilitation Students at Corvallis to Be Aided.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—To act as adviser for the 118 rehabilitation men at the college, Albert Miller of Hillsboro has been named by the institution by the federal board of vocational education. His title is counselor and co-ordinator. He will attempt to solve the many problems of the men whose expenses while attending O. A. C. are being paid by the government. Miller was graduated from the college in 1918.

The number of disabled service men sent to the college by Uncle Sam—118—is greater than at many other large institutions such as those at Berkeley, Pullman and Seattle.

### Ontario Man to Be Tried Here.

William Brandon of Ontario will be brought to Portland this week to answer a charge of violating the espionage act. It was announced yesterday at the office of the United States marshal, Deputy Marshal Tichenor left yesterday morning for Ontario to return Brandon to Portland. Brandon was interned during the period of the war and after his parole is alleged to have continued seditious utterances against this country.

### Oil Company Asks Crossing.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The Associated Oil company has filed a petition with the Oregon public service commission for the establishment of a trade crossing over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad tracks near their plant at Lincoln. Hearings on the application will be held sometime in December.

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  - That's Worth While Waiting For..... Irving Kaufman 85c
  - While Others Are Building Castles in the Air I'll Build a Cottage for Two..... Campbell and Burr A 2793
  - Broken Blossoms..... Charles Harrison 85c
  - Golden Gate..... Lewis James-Charles Harrison A 2791
  - I Am Climbing Mountains..... Lewis James-Charles Harrison 85c
  - Nobody Knows and Nobody Seems to Care..... 85c
  - I Wanna Go Back to Dear Old Mother's Knee..... Campbell-Burr A 2795

- DANCE RECORDS
- Blues (My Naughty Sweetie Gave Me) Fox Trot..... A 2798
  - India (Oriental Intermezzo) Fox Trot..... Ted Lewis Jazz Band 85c
  - Cleo—Fox Trot..... Yerkas Jazarmba Orch. A 2799
  - Taxi—One-Step..... Waldorf-Astoria Dance Orch. 85c
  - The First Rose of Summer, Medley Fox Trot... The Happy Six 85c
  - Somebody's Heart—Fox Trot..... The Happy Six A 6121
  - The Missouri Waltz..... Columbia Orchestra 85c
  - The Moonlight Waltz..... Columbia Orchestra 85c
  - A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody—Fox Trot... The Happy Six A 6123
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- INSTRUMENTAL RECORDS
- Serenade from "Les Millions D'Arlequin"..... Sacha Jacobson, Violinist A 2779
  - Souvenir..... Sacha Jacobson, Violinist 85c
  - Samson and Dalila, "Danse Bacchante"..... French Symphony Orchestra A 6122
  - Capriccio Espagnol..... French Symphony Orchestra 85c
  - The Kiddies Christmas Frolic, Part I—Morning..... Columbia Orchestra A 2800
  - The Kiddies Christmas Frolic, Part II—Evening..... Columbia Orchestra 85c

- NOVELTY RECORD
- Stephanie Gavotte..... Olga Bibor's Gypsy Orchestra E 4404
  - Don't Be Cross..... Olga Bibor's Gypsy Orchestra 85c

- VOCAL RECORDS
- Africana, O Paradise..... Charles Hackett 49623
  - Single Record..... 1.50
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  - Single Record..... 1.50
  - The Star of the East..... Barbara Maurel and Columbia Stellar Quartet A 2790
  - The Birthday of a King..... Barbara Maurel A 1900
  - Silent Night, Hallowed Night..... Charles Harrison A 2801
  - Oh, Holy Night..... Chas. Harrison and Stellar Quartette 85c
  - Cavalleria Rusticana—Voi Lo Sapete, O Mama..... Rosa Ponselle 49570
  - Oh, Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)..... Columbia Stellar Quartette A 2788
  - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing..... Columbia Stellar Quartette 85c
  - Christmas Time at Pumpkin Center..... Peerless Quartette A 2789
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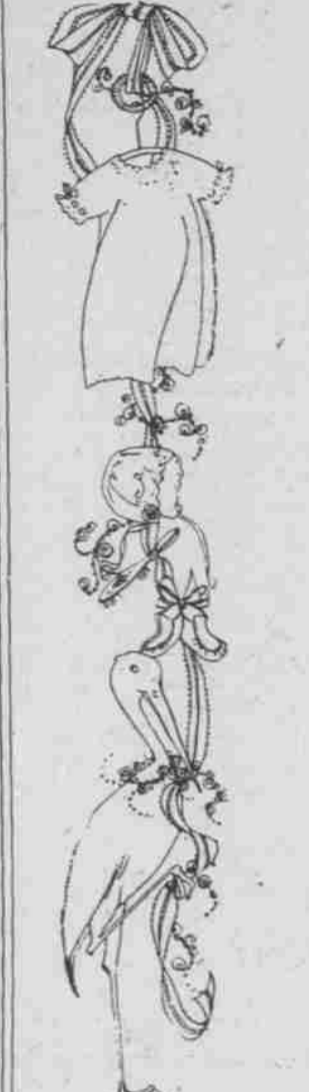
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