

Kelly Says He Might Have Escaped Life Sentence by Breaking His Word.

WAS ACTING AS PILOT WHEN HOLD-UP OCCURRED

Declares He Engaged to Show North End to Four Young People and Was With Them From Four o'Clock to Nine.

Rather than violate his promise, so he says, D. C. Kelly faced trial for murder in the first degree and was sentenced to serve for life in the penitentiary.

THINK BIDS WERE ALL FIXED

Executive Board Committee Throws Out Proposal for New Fireboat Propeller.

THINKS OFFERS WERE NOT BONA FIDE ONES

Only Firm That Can Do the Work Sends in Higher of Two Bids Made and Other Firm After Securing Job Fails to Qualify.

Members of the fire committee of the city executive board have discovered what they believe to be a pool among contractors to extort a larger sum from the city for blades for the propeller of the fireboat than the articles are worth.

STATE EDITORS CONSIDER FIXED ADVERTISING RATE

A fixed advertising rate based upon circulation for the various papers comprising the association was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Press association at the Commercial club today.

Dr. House to Doctors. A lecture will be given tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Fourth Presbyterian church.

Judge Webster Decides Herman Jensen Had Right to Make Contract With Attorney.

RIDDELL IS ALLOWED ONE THIRD HIS FEE

Court Awards Him Two Hundred Fifty Dollars—In Lynch Matter, Judge Orders Lockwood to Turn Over Two Hundred Dollar-Check.

County Judge Lionel R. Webster this morning decided that Herman Jensen had a right to make a contract with Attorney R. W. Ruffin regarding the settlement of the Rudolph Jensen estate.

EXCITED JAPS BLOCK WAY OF FIRE FIGHTERS

Police Are Called to Clear Logging House Halls, So Firemen Can Work.

In their efforts to save their personal effects from the flames that threatened the destruction of the Pioneer block, Fourth and Davis streets, at a little before 11 o'clock last night, the frightened Japanese roomers so interfered with the operations of the firemen that policemen had to restrain them.

AUDITOR IS INSPECTING GAS COMPANY'S BOOKS

City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin and E. J. Green, chief deputy, are inspecting the books of the Columbia Gas company by order of the special committee of the city council.

SEIZED WITH CRAMPS, IS EXPECTED TO DIE

Attorney J. B. Stoddard was taken yesterday to St. Wendell hospital from his home, West Twenty-sixth and Tenth streets, and there is little hope for his recovery.

Burglars Find Albina Pharmacist's Hoard of More Than Three Hundred Dollars.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS ENTERED

The Pastor, Rev. A. J. Montgomery, Thinks Musical Instruments Left in Building Were Stolen—Various Other Burglaries Reported.

A. E. Alexander, proprietor of the Albina pharmacy, 280 Russell street, was the heaviest loser by burglars yesterday. A buckskin money-bag containing \$237.18, hidden in a drawer, was found by burglars.

TAILOR SHOP FIRE CAUSES AN INVESTIGATION

Woman Living Next Door Hears Strange Sounds—Then Fire Breaks Out.

A rigid investigation is being made by Detective Bazeman into the cause of the fire early this morning, which partially destroyed the Yamhill Steam Cleaning company, 247 Yamhill street.

NUMANTIA OFFICER WEDS MISS ADELE DAMMASCH

Max Ernest Schopff, second officer of the oriental liner Numantia, and Miss Adele Elisabeth Dammasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dammasch, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, 588 Fifth street, last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

COURT TAKES BAXTER CHILDREN FROM PARENTS

Judge Fraser this morning ordered Christina Baxter sent to the county jail for five days for contempt of court.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH AT GREENHORN

Baker City, Or., Feb. 22.—About 2 o'clock this morning at Greenhorn City, 48 miles west of Baker City, Miss Maggie Brady, 20 years of age, was burned to death while asleep in her home that was consumed by fire at that time.

Loan Collection of Famous Paintings Will Be on View at Art Museum All Week.

ADMISSION IS FREE ON LAST THREE DAYS

Three Corots, Two by Sartain, Seven by Inness and Some Rare Homer Martins and Monticelli Among Masterpieces Shown.

The loan art exhibit at the Art museum on Fifth street opens tonight with a private view and reception for which invitations have been issued by the board of directors.

BARGAIN SALE RUSH FOR SHELDON CONCERT

Regular Sale of Seats for Miss Sheldon and Franz Boyd Wells Tomorrow.

It looked for all the world like a bargain sale at the Marquam Grand this morning when the subscription sale opened for the concert which Miss Anne Beatrice Sheldon, the Portland prima donna soprano, and Franz Boyd Wells, the young American pianist, are to give at that theatre Thursday evening, March 1.

SUPREME LECTURE OF MODERN WOODMEN HERE

Charles E. Whelan of Madison, Wisconsin, supreme lecturer of the Modern Woodmen of America, is in Portland on a tour of inspection of the state.

LA GRANDE PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL RESERVE

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Gearin has a petition from the chamber of commerce and city council of La Grande to have lands along the head of Rock and Beaver creeks withdrawn from settlement and made a reserve for the preservation of a permanent water supply for the city.

CLERK WHO EMBEZZLED HUGE SUMS ON TRIAL

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Feb. 22.—The trial began today of Jean Gally, the bank clerk, embittered by his misadventure, Valtré Merelle. The couple astounded Europe by their expenditures, later fleeing in a chartered yacht. They were caught in Brazil.

Fifty Representatives of Various Industries Gather and Form Association.

FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY

Organization Likely to Be Known as Northwest Brick, Tile and Pottery Association—To Hold Annual Meetings, Next in Portland.

Fifty representatives of the various clayworkers' industries of the northwest met in the Chamber of Commerce hall this morning and effected an organization that will likely be known as the Northwest Brick, Tile and Pottery association.

PORTLAND TO WELCOME PIONEER EZRA MEEKER

Ezra Meeker, who is planting sandstone monuments along the line of the old overland trail from the coast to the Missouri river, will arrive in Portland Thursday with his entire outfit, a part of which is his team and old prairie schooner.

CHAMBER CAN'T BUY OR CHARTER THE KILBURN

The board of trade was notified today by the owners of the steamer F. A. Kilburn in San Francisco that the steamer is neither for charter nor for sale.

FORTY THOUSAND BONDS ARE SOLD

The city water board was the successful bidder this afternoon on \$21,500 of improvement bonds.

RAILROADS WIN IN CITRUS FRUIT CASES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 22.—The supreme court has reversed the ruling of the interstate commerce commission and the decision of the United States circuit court in the citrus fruit case, which affirmed the same in the so-called citrus fruit cases.

KING OF DOPE FIENDS DIES AT POOR FARM

Archibald Hay, "king of dope fiends" died today at the county poor farm. Hay was taken to that institution a week ago.

CONVICTS AT SALEM HAVE BLOODY FIGHT

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Salem, Feb. 22.—A fight between the penitentiary this morning between the two men, a five-year man and a three-year man, was a bloody affair. The latter was badly cut.

Tillman Introduces Measure Advocated by Interstate Commerce Committee.

RAILROAD INVESTIGATION NOW UP TO PRESIDENT

LaFollette Introduces Measure Providing for an Accounting of Campaign Contributions—No Solicitation of Funds.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Tillman at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon presented the report of the interstate commerce committee recommending the Hepburn railroad rate bill for passage.

REFORMER KAY LIABLE TO BE SQUELCHED

His Mode of Securing Evidence and Making Arrests May Lead to His Sequestration.

PROCESS ORDERED IN SUIT AGAINST OREGON

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The supreme court today granted the state of Washington leave to file a bill and ordered process in its suit against the state of Oregon.

Convention at Corvallis Closed With Big Oath-taking of Army.

MANY DELEGATES ATTEND RECEPTION

Resolutions Adopted Extending Sympathy to Eugene and Thanking Bentonites for hearty welcome and assistance rendered.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Feb. 22.—The great Christian Endeavor convention closed with last night's meeting at the college armory, where probably 1,000 people were present.

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