

WITNESSES TESTIFY TO CAUSE OF FIRE IN DOOR COMPANY PLANT

Inquest Over Bodies of Mill Hands Burned to Death Is Continued Until Tomorrow

CITY OFFICIALS CALLED

Mayor Albee and Commissioner Daly Among Those Who Will Be Examined at Coroner's Hearing.

The testimony given yesterday afternoon at the coroner's inquest held to fix responsibility for the loss of two lives in the Northwest Door company's plant Wednesday, with the exception of the statements of one witness, was generally considered as tending to bear out previous evidence to the effect that the conflagration resulted from the fire in the dock site where a dock No. 2 just across Albina avenue from the destroyed mill. The dock site is owned by the Lewis estate, of which L. Allen Lewis is the representative.

Following a ten-minute recess, Mayor Albee and Commissioner Daly, together with Assistant Fire Chief Michael Laudenklos, declared that the wheat fire on the dock site was a menace to the planing mill. At no time, Connell declared, was greater apprehension felt than last Wednesday, when the disaster occurred.

The mayor, it is expected, will testify to the issuing of the permit to Allen & Lewis to burn the wheat left from the fire at the mill.

Laudenklos Not Convinced. "I do not consider that adequate precautions in the burning of this material were taken under the conditions that existed. I would not have issued a permit to burn the wheat because of the danger to surrounding property," said Laudenklos.

Mad Burns Wet Down. Laudenklos testified that he had visited the fire at the mill on several occasions and that on several of these occasions he had seen that the fire was wet down.

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CATHEDRAL CLASS TAKES THIRTY-SECOND DEGREE



Cathedral class, Thirti-second Degree Masons, Scottish Rite Bodies. Thirtieth semi-annual reunion. Row 1—(Seated)—Reading from left to right—L. G. Holden, Portland; F. L. Steward, Baker; L. T. McPheters, Hillsboro; Paul Hathaway, United States army, Vancouver; J. S. Greeny, Portland; James Cunningham, Baker, class orator; W. P. Olds, Portland, class president; E. G. Jones, honorary member; R. B. Runyon, Portland, class secretary; M. S. Hughes, Portland, class treasurer; P. V. Cotter, Salem, class historian; Sol. Phillips, Portland.

Row 2—(Standing)—Julius Conn, Portland; J. L. Kelly, Portland; E. G. Phipps, Portland; E. C. Wagstaff, Portland; I. H. Cramer, Portland; L. S. Dill, San Jose, Cal.; W. R. Boone, Portland; J. D. Pfleger, Portland; W. H. Callers, Portland; O. R. Wayman, Portland; W. M. Lane, Cascade Locks.

Row 3—C. V. Beede, Portland; K. R. Madison, Portland; G. F. Comstock, Portland; P. J. Henriksen, Portland; J. A. Grief, Portland; A. L. Stone, Portland; P. E. Hale, Portland; B. E. Youmans, Portland; G. A. Withee, Amity; C. W. Smith, Portland.

The degree of master of the royal secret, the thirty-second in the Scottish Rite, was conferred upon a class of 33 at the Scottish Rite cathedral, Morrison and Lowndale streets, last night.

Following the conferring of the degrees the Rev. Frank L. Loveland, thirty-second degree Mason, delivered an address of welcome to the class. James Cunniff, class orator, responded. Louis G. Clarke, master of Kadosh, presided and also delivered an address.

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Six Arrested in Raid by Police

Three Men and Three Women Are Taken Into Custody at a Local Hotel Last Night.

In a raid on the Muller hotel at the corner of Sixth and Burnside streets last night the police arrested three men and three women. Two of the men, Klime Finley and Edward Reiser, both chauffeurs, and Elizabeth Spadey are charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Kathrine Spadey, while the other couple, Herbert Busch and Rose Tromley, were booked on a statutory charge. All six were placed in jail through failure to secure \$100 bail.

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Hop Growers Hold Meet at Aurora

All Interested Are Urged to Join in Fight Against State and National Prohibition; Names Added to Roster.

Aurora, Or., June 6.—Hop growers and dealers from Astoria, Butteville, Mackayburg, Needy, St. Paul and Champagne, met here this afternoon to assist in furthering the state organization of hop men opposed to state and national prohibition.

The meeting was called to order by G. W. Hagan, president of the state association. Among the speakers who urged the growers and dealers to organize firmly for the protection of their business interests which they say would be ruined by prohibition, were Louis Lachmund, Salom G. Hagan, Portland, who planted a hop yard near this place a quarter of a century ago; Frank W. Durbin, Salem; Mrs. J. E. Inglis and Hal V. Holan of Salem. One hundred names were added to the association rolls.

The Aurora band furnished music. The next place of meeting will be announced from Portland headquarters.

Milwaukee Citizens Are to Be Guests

Prominent Manufacturers Will Be Entertained by Local Organization; Luncheon Planned.

A delegation of 68 prominent manufacturers of Milwaukee, Wis., is to arrive in Portland Tuesday, and the members will be the guests of the Manufacturers' association of Oregon. The Astoria Commercial club is sending the finest of Royal Chinook salmon, which will be served at a luncheon to be given by the local Manufacturers' association for the visitors.

Following the luncheon the visitors will be taken on a trip through the city in automobiles. President Dunn of the Manufacturers' association will preside. Mayor Albee will extend the welcome on behalf of the city, and addresses will be made by A. H. Avarill, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Franklin T. Griffith, chairman of the executive committee of the Commercial club.

Klamath Indian Held for Murder

Klamath Falls, Or., June 6.—Charged with the murder of Link River, Beal, 70, influential Klamath Indian, Thomas Smith, another Indian, was placed in jail here today, to be taken to Portland. Beal died last night from a fractured skull, due to being struck on the head by a horseshoe in Smith's hand. The trouble occurred at Beal's house on the reservation, a week ago, where Smith went intoxicated. After Beal had cautioned him to be still, he threw a horseshoe at Beal, striking him on the head with a horseshoe he carried under his coat. Beal was unconscious for a week.

The challenger was towed out, preceded by the 25 meter cutter Shamrock, which was under sail, and had on board Sir Thomas, Charles Nicholson, designer, and Mr. and Mrs. Burton. The program for the day was simply that the challenger should carry out some sail stretching trials in Stokes Bay. There will be nothing in the way of a speed trial until next week, when races will take place between the two vessels.

The challenger behaved well in a fairly strong breeze. On the whole she behaved better than those who witnessed her first trials predicted she would in a stiffer wind.

Seats for six persons in the same space usually occupied by four are provided in the new automobile by placing the center line of section of seats slightly behind the other two.

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Eatchel Beyond Words on Finding He Was Not Accused of All Known Crimes

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NEW HAVEN'S OWNERS PLANNING HUGE SUIT AGAINST DIRECTORS

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permitted the railroad which they control to be financed.

The suit will involve at least hundreds of millions—probably more. This tremendous amount covers the entire period of what they charge to be the deliberate plunderings of the New Haven system.

One estimate was the total amount which the stockholders aim to recover is between \$125,000,000 and \$250,000,000. The former figure is the most conservative estimate.

Back of the fight are influential Boston and New England men. They are all New Haven stockholders. They declare that action in the courts is likely to prove the only way to bring back to the New Haven the millions which have been pilfered from it.

They have retained Sherman L. Whipple, one of the ablest attorneys in Massachusetts, to lead their fight to win back the misused funds.

Money They Want Restored. Here are the millions which the stockholders seek to have restored: The \$20,000,000 lost in buying up Boston & Maine stock in defiance of the law.

The \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 used in the trolley gamble in defiance of the law.

The \$11,000,000 wilfully squandered in the notorious Westchester deal.

The millions certain directors are accused of having turned into private personal profits through the purchase of bonds and other investments of New Haven money.

And all the other millions taken from the New Haven and expended in illegal investments.

Those behind the suit claim that it opens up the best way for righting the wrongs which have been done by the New England railroads after years, and that it furnishes the only means for a real rehabilitation of the Boston & Maine and New Haven roads, as if successful, it would mean a return of the millions "to put the roads on their feet."

Dispositions Bared by Phrenologist

Professor Read's "Bumps" on Heads of His Victims and Causes Much Merriment by Revelations.

James Kelly, of the Kelly clan, owner of Kelly's butte, well-known granger and overseer of Evening Star grange, had his disposition, likes and dislikes, character and personal qualities revealed to his fellow members of the grange yesterday afternoon by an utter stranger, Professor George Morris, who examined his head after lecturing at the grange meeting in the hall on Division street on "Phrenology." The intimate nature of the revelations, which were made seriously, convulsed the audience.

The nature of Miss Alice Johnson, daughter of the master of the grange, was declared, as was the disposition of the grange, and of two children of members were likewise bared to their own friends, who thought they knew them well.

Professor J. A. Mellendy, of Jefferson high school, illustrated his lecture on "The Care of Bees," by exhibiting a glass hive containing bees. He was much applauded for the remainder of the program, arranged by Professor S. E. Ball, lecturer, consisted of piano solos by Miss Saunders and little Helen Smith, a reading by Miss Mildred Poon and a wand drill by children of Creston school, directed by Miss Lena Craddock.

AWARDS IN ESSAY CONTEST ARE TO BE MADE ON TUESDAY

Papers Treat on Alcohol and Its Relation to Society; the Winners.

At the central library Tuesday night prizes will be awarded in an essay contest just closed among the high and grammar schools of the city and St. Johns, for best papers on phases of "Alcohol and Its Relation to Society."

There are seven cash prizes of \$5 each to be distributed, five among the Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and St. Johns high schools, while pupils at the Davis and Holman schools also get awards.

The high school winners are: Donald O'Neil, Washington High; Harold Young, Jefferson; William Fordyce, Lincoln; Isabel Anderson, Franklin; and Clarence Hayes, St. Johns.

Dr. Calvin J. White, secretary of the state board of health, will talk on the relation of hygienic instruction to the state board of health, which has been elected a member of the national executive committee.

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The principals of schools showing the best all-around excellence will be given seats on the platform. These are Principal Morgan of the Sellwood school; Principal Dunwiddie of Richmond; and Principal Mrs. Wilson of the Kerns.

REPEAL COMPROMISE AGREED TO IN SENATE PROTECTS U. S. RIGHTS

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the president's attitude that the law of 1818 was in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Morris Offered Substitute. Last Thursday when the debate lagged and the vice president, anxious to hasten matters, put the question and said the pending question was on the bill as amended by the committee, Senator Norris, who had been waiting long for that moment, obtained recognition and promptly offered his pending amendment as a substitute. So it happened that when the debate shall end and the time for voting begins, the Norris amendment and not the Simmons declaration will be first to come before the senate.

Today Senator Norris agreed that if the administration leaders accepted a declaration similar to his he would withdraw his own and administration leaders accepted the compromise.

Question One of Economics. Senator Thompson, Democrat, of Kansas, in a short speech announced that he never had believed that the canal act was affected by the treaty and that it did not violate the treaty and that he would support the bill if the treaty was made. The proposition from his point of view resolved itself into a purely economical question and on that basis he favored repeal.

Senator Hitchcock announced on the floor that he favored the Norris amendment and would insist on one like it that would attach to the bill a strong declaration that the passage of the repeal act shall not be construed as a surrender of the American right to discriminate in favor of American vessels if it were so desired.

Senator Works of California asserted that the bill as it now stands was in plain terms a surrender of the rights by the United States. He characterized the speech of Senator Root as an unjust assault upon the good name of the country and good faith of congress.

Senator Cummins concluded the big speech he began last Wednesday.

State Bankers in Favor of Seattle

Indorsed for Convention of American State Bankers' Association in 1915; James K. Lynch Also Backed.

Walla Walla, Wash., June 6.—In resolutions adopted today the Washington State Bankers' association indorsed Seattle as the meeting place for the convention of the American State Bankers' association.

James K. Lynch, vice president First National bank, San Francisco, was invited to preside at the convention of the American association, at the Richmond convention in October, and resolutions were adopted deploring the death of P. C. Kauffman of Everett and Jacob Furth of Seattle.

One hundred dollars was voted as prize money for boys and girls agricultural and vocational exhibit to be held in Everett this fall.

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President Miller of Westchester Gives Testimony at Variance With That of Mellen.

Washington, June 6.—With a final attempt by New Haven officials to establish Charles S. Mellen's membership in the Ananias club, the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of the New Haven closed today.

L. S. Miller, testifying, said that Mellen himself had borrowed \$9,995,000 of the lost \$11,000,000 which has figured so prominently in the investigation. Miller, who is president of the New York, Westchester & Boston, swore that Mellen had borrowed this "without the approval, sanction, consent or knowledge of the New Haven's finance committee."

This creates a direct issue between Mellen and Miller, as the latter testified that he knew nothing concerning the disposition of the bulk of the \$11,000,000 fund, leaving the inference that the latter was in the manipulations of the late J. E. Morgan.

Second in interest today was the remarkable statement by John A. Barber, attorney for William Rockefeller, who despite the fact that Rockefeller regularly attends directors' meetings, declared that his client would die if he was called to testify.

Manual Training Teachers Banquet

Association Holds Third Annual Affair and Later Attends Local Theatre in a Body.

Thirty-four members of the Manual Training Teachers' association, affiliated with the League of Teachers' association, met here today for the third annual banquet and celebration of the local branch held at the Imperial theatre last night. Later they attended the theatre in a body.

Andrew Rugg, president of the local association, acted as toastmaster and a number of talks relative to the work of the association in the manual training courses in the grammar and high schools were made. The purpose of the organization is to advance the manual training work in the schools and have it secure general recognition. The organization and movement has the full support of the school board.

Harry E. Sackett, a resident of Beattie and a former state senator, has been named as the Progressive party choice for governor of Nebraska.

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