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BODY FOR INQUIRY IS SELECTED

Governor Announces Personnel of Committee Which Will Investigate Accident Commission. Employers, Employes and State Represented; Action Is Taken to Bring Confidence in Body.

Salem, July 16.—The personnel of the committee which is to investigate the industrial accident commission was announced by Governor Olcott today as follows: Representing employers—F. A. Doty, president of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company, Portland; A. G. Labbe, vice president of the Willamette Iron & Steel company, Portland; A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Eugene.

REALTISTS SPEND NIGHT IN SHELTON

Party Leaves for Port Angeles to Be Ferried to Victoria by Special Service. Shelton, Wash., July 16.—Fifty Oregon realty men and their families registered at the Shelton hotel Tuesday night after a drive over good, bad and indifferent roads from Portland on The Journal's auto tour to the interstate realty convention at Victoria, B. C.

RATE CASE OF VITAL INTEREST TO EVERY PORTLAND CITIZEN

Transportation affects the price of everything bought or sold by any individual. Transportation limits the territory tributary to the trade of any city. Transportation determines the development of the resources of any region. Far more than any other thing, transportation fixes the share obtained by any city or trade territory in the commerce of the world.

FRENCH ALLIANCE FACT SUPPLEMENT

France's Fear of Another Attack by Germany Reason for Agreement Made at Paris. Washington, July 16.—(WASH. BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The special agreement negotiated with France, promising to go to her aid immediately in case of an unprovoked attack by Germany, has been, and still is, the cause of considerable perplexity in connection with the discussion of the League of Nations.

Father of Murdered Woman Takes Body

Relatives of Mrs. Al Harris, who was murdered Monday morning at 417 Bristol street by her husband, have removed her body from the county morgue to an undertaking parlor, but have made no arrangements concerning Harris' burial, the coroner announced this morning. The coroner said he would have to bury the body and collect from the estate which he placed in the hands of L. Roadman of Milwaukee, father of the murdered woman, took charge of the children and the home. Disposition of the children and of property valued at \$7000, will be decided by the courts.

OLMSTEDS HEARBOODS ON WOMEN

Letter of C. W. Ward of San Francisco to Mrs. Edna Poindexter of Oregon Given Out. He Says He Gave Her \$100,000 Cash and Will Leave Her 90 Per Cent of His Estate. San Francisco, July 16.—(I. N. S.)—Love letters alleged to have been written by Charles W. Ward, the 62 year old exponent of contract marriage, to young women in San Francisco, Portland and Los Angeles today were in the hands of local police. They were turned over to local authorities by the department of justice through Operator Walter Treadwell, who announced that he investigated reports of Ward's relations with several of his private secretaries, but that action against the multi-millionaire could not be taken because of a lack of evidence.

PROPOSED RADICAL INCREASES EASTERN POINTS FOUGHT BY GROWERS AND SHIPPERS.

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10,000 Harvester Plant Workers Quit

Chicago, July 16.—(U. P.)—Ten thousand workers in the International Harvester plant here went on strike today, according to figures issued by the company. The tractor, twine and reaper plants are affected. According to justice department strikers made no demands or gave any reason for going out. Wages have been increased 14 per cent since 1914, the statement added.

Dusky "Princess" Is Not Indian, Say Croker's Children

Dark-Eyed Beauty Whom Former Tammany Chieftain Married Declared of Hebrew Origin. New York, July 16.—(I. N. S.)—Charges that Mrs. Richard Croker Sr., beautiful young second wife of the former Tammany chief, is not a crooked princess but was born in Oklahoma of Hebrew parentage, have been made by Croker's two sons, Richard Jr. and Howard, and his daughter Ethel, who is learned today.

HEARING ON FRUIT RATES IS OPENED

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Ex-Swiss Minister To U. S. to Be Guest of Chamber Here

Reception plans for Dr. Hans Sulzer, Swiss minister to America during the years of the war, who will arrive in Portland at 10 o'clock tonight from California, have been completed by the Chamber of Commerce. It is the intention of the chamber, with the cooperation of the United Swiss society of Oregon, to show the minister the highest appreciation of the people of Oregon for his services to America during the war.

FORDOLLS MURDERER

"I Was a Murderer Just as Well as Anyone Else," Testifies Auto Man on Witness Stand. Attorneys Attempt to Show He Was Not in Harmony With Martial Spirit in United States. Mt. Clemens, Mich., July 16.—(I. N. S.)—Henry Ford called himself a "murderer" on the witness stand in the trial of his \$1,000,000 libel suit against the Chicago Tribune today.

HARBOR SURPRISES NATAL OFFICIALS

Portland Greatly Misrepresented in National Capital, Says Message From Spier. "Portland has been greatly misrepresented in the national capital and since I have been here great surprise has been evinced by officials of the navy department and Secretary Daniels in particular over my data proving that there is more water at the entrance of the Columbia river than there is at the entrance of San Francisco bay."

Benefit Concert at Home for Aged, Plan

Under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy, a benefit for the Home of the Aged, at East Thirtieth, and Stark streets, will be held on Thursday evening at the home, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Features of an interesting program that has been arranged are an open air vaudeville show and a band concert. The sisters promise an evening of splendid entertainment at eight o'clock. The home is reached by the Sunnyside car.

Wireless Phone Proves Value in Test Made Here

Forest Supervisor Hears Voice of Friend Eight Miles Away With Perfect Clearness. The forest service wireless telephone works in Portland. C. M. Allen, telephone engineer of the forest service, Tuesday conversed with a friend eight miles distant with perfect clearness.

CHARGE OF BUNGLING IN SIX-CENT FARE CASE MADE BY COUSIN IN PLEADING AGAINST ACTION.

Charges that the 6 cent fare case was lost in the supreme court because of incompetent presentation of the issues and a prediction that the telephone appeal, filed Monday, would go the same route and for the same reason, were made on the floor of the council chamber this morning by Edward M. Cousin, city traffic examiner, in appealing to prevent the abolishment of his office as provided in an ordinance before the commission.

CLAMS SAVING MADE

"I can show you that my work alone would save the city \$100,000 a year," said Mayor Baker in his plea for the retention of his office. The telephone rates were held off for months by the efforts of myse and Mr. Tomlinson, and I don't abolish the office. The moral effect on public utilities of such an office is worth more than \$150,000 a year.

WILSON TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND

President Tells Senator Chamberlain He Will Visit Oregon on Forthcoming Western Tour. By John Edwin Nevin. Washington, July 16.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson in a half hour conference today told Senator Chamberlain that on his forthcoming western trip he would cross Oregon and promised to make an address in Portland and possibly several from the rear platform of his train. The president did not discuss the peace treaty with the Oregon senator.

TRAFFIC EXAMINER JOB IS ABOLISHED

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BLAZE IS CHECKED BY FIVE FIGHTERS

Flames Raging at Herman Creek Reported Under Control; Guard Maintained. The Herman creek fire is practically under control, reports received by Forest Supervisor T. H. Sherrard of the Oregon national forest, up to noon today, indicated. Cooler weather and a west wind which has burned over an approximate area of 1000 acres.