

TWO INDICTED IN INVESTIGATION OF SALES OF SUGAR

The federal grand jury Wednesday returned indictments, charging violation of the Lever act against L. M. Starr, president of the Starr Fruit Products company, 321 East Yamhill street; Richard Adams, local agent for Parrot & Co., brokers, and against Julian Hurley, state senator, charged with subornation of perjury. Speculation in sugar is charged Starr and Adams.

Starr is said to have purchased sugar in 1000 sack lots from a sugar refinery, ostensibly to use in his cannery. Chief Assistant United States Attorney Lusk says that Starr never intended to use certain amounts purchased, but under previous arrangements with Adams, who is a broker, arrangements were made to resell the sugar at a higher price. Lusk says he has information on three cars, which were resold to jobbers in Omaha and Chicago before the cars reached Portland from San Francisco. On one car the men are said to have netted \$4000, on another \$2000, and on another \$1800.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION
These transactions are said to have been made during May, 1932. Owing to the scarcity of sugar in the East, Adams is said to have found a ready market for it. Lusk says some of the sugar was bought for \$20.78 including freight costs, and resold in the East at \$24.50. Lusk explained that this is a violation of the Lever act which prohibits unjust and unreasonable charges and profits on food products and also prohibits a conspiracy to engage in an unfair device in the handling of food products.

"The government believes that the refiner, broker, jobber and retailer are enough merchants to handle foodstuffs before they reach the consumer," Lusk said. "In this transaction we have an extra broker and jobber."

The government is in possession of additional information according to Lusk, which may lead to further prosecutions.

STATE SENATOR ACCUSED

Hurley is said by federal officers to have urged witnesses in a land hearing, he was conducting, to perjure themselves. They say Hurley represented Zella Becker, a homesteader, near Huntington, in a land hearing at Vale, against William A. Clark. Clark contested Mrs. Becker's application for a patent on the grounds that she lived on the place, not joining her homestead, and not actually her own land. Clark took photographs of old shacks on the place, but his attorney did not present these until the close of the trial.

He did this, it is said, to substantiate the testimony of his witnesses, to show that Mrs. Becker had not improved the property. Hurley is said to have recalled his witnesses, who are said to have sworn under oath that the pictures introduced by Clark were not pictures of the buildings on the contested land. The government charges Hurley with urging these witnesses to perjure themselves by making false statements concerning the pictures. Hurley's bail is \$1000.

Elvin E. Whetstone and Edward S. Kirk were indicted on charges of stealing mail from the box of Ed S. Bowers of Sheehy. Their bail is placed at \$500 each.

Indictments for alleged violation of the national prohibition law were returned against Anton Anderson, Emil Reko, Adolph Thomas, D. A. Snyder, Mike Korsch, J. F. McDonald, Bert Hughes, Guy Buffington, Frank Heins, Graydon Linbaugh, James Basich and Harry Casey.

OTHER CHARGES MADE

A. H. Beckner, a soldier, is charged with presenting a false claim to the captain at Fort Stevens. He is said to have put in an expense bill for \$40 for hotel bills in Portland, whereas he is said to have spent only \$28. His bail was placed at \$500.

Portland Youth Is To Get Lieutenantcy When Age Permits

Salem, July 1.—Although recommended for promotion to a second lieutenantcy in the Oregon National Guard by Colonel Creed C. Hammond, Edwin C. Wiedmaier of Portland must await his next birthday in October before he can wear the uniform of an officer in the guard. Wiedmaier is only 30 years of age, whereas the law requires that he must be of age before he can be commissioned. Wiedmaier is a member of company B, Portland. He saw service on the Mexican border and later in France with the Oregon unit.

Power Development Planned by Eugene

Eugene, July 1.—The Eugene Chamber of Commerce has taken up the proposed development of hydro-electric power on the Willamette and McKenzie rivers as a means of attracting manufacturing interests to this city. Thousands of horsepower are available in the two streams. The matter has been taken over by the industrial bureau of the chamber, which is expected to take definite steps toward the financing of power projects. Leading spirits propose that the city be bonded for funds with which to carry on preliminary work.

War Risk Insurance Terms Made Easier

Washington, July 1.—(L. N. S.)—New conditions by which lapsed or cancelled war risk insurance may be reinstated were announced today by Director R. G. Cholmonley-Jones at the approval of the secretary of the treasury. The terms, which are extremely generous, affect millions of former service men.

Farmer Faces Charge
Newberg, July 1.—George Bush, a farmer, gave bail in the circuit court at McMinnville for appearance at the next grand jury on a charge that he struck Neal Hodges on the head with an iron bar, rendering Hodges unconscious. The trouble followed an altercation between Hodges and a minor son of Bush.

Only Six Initiative Measures Filed for November Ballots

Salem, July 1.—With only one day left in which to comply with the requirements of the initiative and referendum act, only four of the dozen or more measures in process of initiation for a place on the November ballot had been filed with the secretary of state's office up to quitting time Wednesday evening. Those were the oleomargarine bill, backed by the associated industries of Oregon; the single tax constitutional amendment, initiated by the Oregon Single Tax league; the proposed constitutional amendment fixing the term of county officers at four years instead of two as now provided, initiated by Herbert R. Dewart of Portland and J. R. Greene of La Grande, and the Port of Portland-dock commission consolidation bill initiated by the Portland committee of fifteen.

60,000 REQUEST MOTOR LICENSES

Salem, July 1.—Approximately 60,000 Oregon residents who operate motor vehicles had applied for the state license up to closing time of the secretary of state's office Wednesday evening. At the rate of receipts for the past few days it is expected that the 100,000 mark will be in sight, if not exceeded, by the end of this week.

A dozen extra girls are engaged in checking over the applications and making out the licenses, but even with this extra assistance it will be a physical impossibility to clear the application files for at least three weeks. In view of this fact, it is not expected that any attempt will be made to enforce the law, which became operative Thursday, until about August 1. By that time it is believed applications will be taken care of as fast as received, leaving no excuse for a driver to be without the required state permit.

Under the provisions of the law no person, whether the owner of an automobile or not, is permitted to drive a car without a state license. Licenses will be issued to all persons applying, who are more than 16 years of age and who have had at least five days' experience in the operation of a motor vehicle. Special learners' permits are also provided for. The licenses, to which a fee of 25 cents applies, are perpetual, except that they may be revoked upon the recommendation of a peace officer for violation of traffic rules or for reckless driving or incompetency.

Motor Car Service Will Be Resumed

Pendleton, July 1.—Motor car service is to be restored between Pendleton and Umatilla, July 11, when schedules are revised to bring the fast mail through here shortly after midnight. Steam train service now serving the west end towns at night will be discontinued.

Cohen Heads Prunarians

Vancouver, Wash., July 1.—M. S. Cohen was elected president of the Prunarians at their weekly meeting Wednesday noon. George B. Simpson was chosen vice president, W. S. Short, treasurer, and R. E. Dunbar, secretary.

MOBILIZATION OF GUARD TO SUFFER FROM LIMIT RULE

Salem, July 1.—A bomb was thrown into the plans for the annual mobilization of the Oregon National Guard Wednesday when a ruling was received by Adjutant General George A. White from the militia bureau of the war department requiring a minimum of 82 men per company in order to draw federal pay.

Under this ruling no transfers of men from one company to another in order to meet the minimum requirement nor the consolidation of companies will be permitted. This means, Adjutant General White states, that with two or three exceptions, none of the companies of the Fifth Oregon infantry regiment will attend the camp unless a special dispensation is secured modifying the ruling so as to permit the consolidation of companies as heretofore.

Company commanders of the three coast artillery companies informed the adjutant general that they would be able to muster the required minimum strength.

Adjutant General White has wired a protest against the ruling to the war department, asking for a modification in favor of the Oregon guard. Orders have already been issued calling for the annual encampment of the Oregon guard at Camp Lewis, Washington, from July 6 to 20. The order includes all units in the Fifth infantry regiment, the three coast artillery companies, the staff corps and Company A, engineers. The units affected are located at Portland, Salem, Independence, Silverton, Eugene, Medford, Ashland, Marshfield and Newport.

S. P. Pierce of Sixes is the Democratic candidate for state representative from the sixth representative district, comprising Coos and Curry counties, as the result of a drawing conducted in the secretary of state's office. Pierce and R. E. L. Beidillon received two votes each for the Democratic nomination.

In the contest in the twenty-second district, comprising Morrow and Umatilla counties, Joe Scott of Athena was the successful contestant in the drawing to determine the honors between Scott, Roy Saley and C. E. Woodson, each of whom received one vote at the primary election.

An application for an increase in steam heating rates in the near future by the Northwestern Electric company of Portland is foreseen in a conference here Wednesday between E. C. Pierce, general manager of the company, and members of the public service commission. Pierce was accompanied by several engineers of the company.

Fred B. Fletcher of Klamath Falls and Albertus H. Switzer of Corvallis have been temporarily admitted to the practice of law in Oregon by the Oregon supreme court.

It was decided to send a delegation from the organization to Ridgefield, Monday, to participate in the Fourth celebration. An invitation extended by E. E. Larrimore of the Liberty hotel, asking the Prunarians, in full uniform, to take part in a dance and social for the Oregon Grangers, was accepted.

Pioneer Woman of Ilwaco Dies at 86

Ilwaco, Wash., July 1.—Mrs. Mary Hawes, a pioneer of Pacific county, died

Monday following a stroke of paralysis. She is survived by three daughters and one son. Mrs. Hawes has been a resident of Ilwaco for 12 years, and of the county for 60 years. She was 86 years old.

Columbia Highway Traffic Restricted

Salem, July 1.—The Columbia river

highway, between Chesser Lodge and The Dalles, is closed to all traffic during working hours while construction work is in progress, according to an announcement by State Highway Engineer Nunn. The road will be open to traffic from 12 to 1 o'clock noon and from 6 p. m. to 7 a. m.

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