

COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN FURTHER SALARY INCREASE

The continued high cost of living caused the county commissioners Monday to give further heed to the prayers of county employees for increases in salaries, and through orders adopted at this meeting several of the court, house, attaches will materially profit.

SHORTAGE OF FUEL OIL THE PROSPECT OF HAVING TO USE COAL MUST BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, IT IS SAID.

PAINTING OF BRIDGES IS ORDERED BY COMMISSIONERS Roadmaster William Eatchel was authorized by the county commissioners Monday to proceed immediately with the repainting of the towers of the Hawthorne bridge, the top of the Broadway bridge and such spots as need attention on the other bridges across the Willamette river. We can buy paint cheaper than we can buy steel, commented Commissioner Holman.

New Bridge Asked A voluminous petition from citizens of Multnomah county, asking the county commissioners to make provision for the construction of a bridge across the Willamette river at St. Johns, was placed before the commissioners at their meeting Monday. It was tabled for consideration with the making of the next annual budget.

Highway to Be Macadamized An order was made by the county commissioners Monday, providing that in addition to the budget appropriation of \$2500 for improvement of Boone's Ferry road, an appropriation of \$3400 be made to provide a first class macadam highway. The work is to be carried on as fast as it can be completed before the fall rains.

Leim Fined in Federal Court Upon recommendation of Assistant United States Attorney Austin F. Flegel Jr., R. C. Leim was fined \$5 Monday by Federal Judge Wolverton for operating a motorboat not equipped with a fire extinguisher. Leim pleaded guilty.

LABOR ANNOUNCES 3D PARTY TICKET

Vancouver, Wash., July 26.—A new party ticket, to be known as the Progressive Republican ticket, will be placed in the county primaries this fall, by the Central Labor committee of Vancouver, the Farmers' association and Catholic brotherhoods, according to announcement made by C. H. Moran, secretary of the council. The completion of the ticket was made at a meeting held with the farmers Sunday, and the complete ticket will probably be announced the last of the week.

URGES ERADICATION OF THE CANADIAN THISTLE

J. E. Steinberg, state horticultural inspector, appeared before the county commissioners Monday and urged immediate action towards eradication of the Canadian thistles from sections of the county where they are getting a foothold. He suggested the appointment of a man who would devote his entire attention to this class of weeds. The commissioners were of the opinion that the work could be handled more advantageously through road supervisors, but because of certain ambiguities in the state law on the subject of noxious weeds, the district attorney will confer with the attorney general on his interpretation and a conference will be held with the commissioners Wednesday.

BLIND MAN AWARDED \$25 WEEKLY FOR HIS FAMILY

John Courter, the blind man who formerly sold pencils on the streets of Portland, but who was ruled off when the city council recently cleared the streets of this class of merchandising, was again before the county commissioners, with his entire family, Monday morning, in connection with his previous demand that he be allowed \$10 a month for their support. After a wordy discussion of the matter, the commissioners made an order providing for the payment of \$25 a week for this family.

JAGGER-SROUFE TO WIRE NEW COUNTY HOTEL

The Jagger-Sroufe company was formally awarded a contract for the wiring of the new county hotel by the county commissioners Monday morning. The contract price is \$46,815.

Oil Production in California Slumps

San Francisco, July 25.—(U. P.)—Oil production in the California fields slumped 524 barrels per day during June, according to figures given out by oil companies here.

SUSPECTED DETROIT TRUNK CASE RELEASED

Chicago, July 26.—(U. P.)—Roy Millen, ex-flyer, was dismissed today as a possible suspect in the New York trunk murder mystery. Patrolman Michael Trumbull of the Detroit police force, who met Millen in jail here today, said he did not have any recollection of Eugene Leroy, former occupant of the Detroit house from which the body of a nude woman was expressed to New York. Police here, having lost their claim to an angle of the mystery, expected to free Millen later today.

Detroit, Mich., July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Solution of the New York-Detroit murder trunk mystery and the arrest of the slayer of the woman found in the gruesome container appeared to be in the hands of the Detroit police today following the positive identification of the wearing apparel found in the trunk-coffin, as that of Katherine Jackson, of Starkville, Miss., known in this city as Mrs. Eugene Leroy.

LEROY'S ACQUAINTANCE FOUND

Acting on information from Birmingham, furnished by the International News Service, Chief of Detectives Edward H. Fox and the homicide squad quickly located four persons who knew the Leroy in this city and who identified both the man's and woman's clothing as well as giving other information that dovetailed with the story of A. A. Tatum in Birmingham and Eugene Leroy, New York expressman. Complete solution of the mystery awaits only possible identification of the man who was Chicago police as Eugene Leroy.

SPEDDERS ARE FINED

The following peddlers were fined by District Judge Bell this morning: R. R. Langlois, \$15; T. A. Randall, \$15; H. Dressler, \$15; W. E. Rosencrans, \$15; S. Kolis, \$10, and L. Peterson, \$10.

4000 MINERS IN PULSCOMB AREA CALL FOR STRIKE

Kansas City, Mo., July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Four thousand coal miners employed in the Pittsburg district are idle today, the result of a strike order issued late Saturday afternoon. Twelve shafts are closed owing to the walk-out. This information was contained in telephonic advices from headquarters of the United Mine Workers, district 14.

WALK OUT AND TIE UP COAL

Indianapolis, Ind., July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Prospect of a strike of coal miners in the central competitive field, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, loomed up today as the result of the refusal of Illinois operators to make a concession of 25 per cent over the amount they received before the commission made its award last April. This, the operators believe, would make the total percentage of increase granted the day men the same as that allowed the miners in the American coal fields.

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KATHERINE JACKSON UNKNOWN AT STARKVILLE

Starkville, Miss., July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Men here in this city, who were given the name of "Mrs. Leroy" by the Detroit police, a lynch operator, who furnished information to the New York-Detroit murder trunk mystery, were known in this city as Mrs. Eugene Leroy. The hotel records show that both Katherine Jackson of Nashville, Tenn., and Eugene Leroy of New York were at the hotel that night, coming in at different times and occupying different rooms. A Heilbrunn registrar was called and occupied the same room as Leroy.

GERMANS WILL BUY BACK SHIPS BRITISH TOOK UNDER TREATY

Berlin, July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Germany will close a contract for purchase of approximately 250,000 tons of merchant shipping from England, according to a statement by the German government. The ships were originally German but were taken over by England in connection with the peace treaty agreements. There has been a long series of conferences at Hamburg between representatives of the Hamburg-American Line, the North German Lloyd Line and Count Luco-vitch, representing British shipping interests.

Railroad Held Not Liable to Interstate Commerce Laws

Federal Judge R. S. Bean ruled Monday morning that the Columbia & Nehalem River Railroad company is not engaged in interstate commerce and therefore cannot be prosecuted for an alleged violation of the interstate commerce laws. Action was brought against the railroad by the Interstate Commerce Commission, in which it is alleged the company kept dispatchers J. G. Nash on duty more than eight hours per day. Five instances were cited under a fine of \$500 as provided by law was asked on each case.

Linotype Operator Gives Clue to Woman's Slayer

Detroit, Mich., July 26.—After running down several conflicting clews thought likely to lead to the solution of New York's trunk mystery, the police of Detroit Sunday night switched their activities to an investigation of a story told the police of Birmingham, Ala., by Allen A. Tatum, a lynch operator, who was known to the police as Katherine Jackson of Starkville, Miss., and her friend, "E. Leroy," while in Detroit.

Fight on Location of Divine Health Institution Brews

A stiff fight is promised in the council meeting Wednesday morning when the mayor of granting Thaddeus M. Minard a permit to construct a divine health institution at East Twenty-fifth and Clay streets comes up for consideration. Party property owners of the vicinity have protested against the proposed building on the ground that it is to be used as a hospital. They are represented by Attorney Charles G. Hinman, Attorney Russell Sewell represents Minard, and he informed Commissioner Barbur Monday that the building would not be a hospital, but a divine health institution. Services will be held and the hearing instructions conducted. Sewell claims the building proposed by Minard, which is to be burned in type, comes under classification of a church and not a sanitarium.

Would Sell Child in Losing Fight Against Poverty and Illness

New York, July 26.—(U. P.)—For a young widow will part with lovely 24-year-old girl; Irish parentage; mother is in poor health. That is the whole story, Katherine McNulty, a pretty dark-haired 29-year-old mother, said today when asked about the advertisement inserted in papers here. Many bids had been received for the curly-haired Margaret, who played around the tiny, clean room. Brave at first, the little mother was loath to give up her child when the time for parting came, and so far has refused all offers. The mother's story was one of a losing struggle against poverty and illness. She struggled bravely to care for her two children, Martin and Margaret, and succeeded unaided until last spring, when she was taken ill.

Lyric Theatre to Move Into Building Now Leased by Star

Speculation as to where the Lyric theatre company would move September 1, when the Keating & Flood lease on the present Lyric building at Starke and Fourth streets expires, has been set at rest by the announcement that Keating & Flood have signed a lease for the Star Theatre, Washington at Park, at present operated as a motion picture theatre by Jensen & Von Herberg. The Lyric will close its season at its present home next week, and will reopen within a few days at the Star. The Lyric, though away from the beaten path of theatre goers, has been a highly successful undertaking for Keating & Flood and their associates.

J. B. Murphy Bound Over; Bail Is \$1000

J. B. Murphy, in whose house the Clarence Tavenor murderer resided for a few days, waived his rights to a hearing before United States Commissioner Drake on Monday morning and was held to the federal grand jury under \$1000 bail. He is charged with violation of the national prohibition law. The officers say they found a bottle of whiskey in his pocket, and also a key to a local hotel room where much liquor was stored.

Idaho Resident Dies In Local Hostelry

W. C. Lux, recently of Triangle, Idaho, died at 7 o'clock Monday morning in his room in the Hoyt hotel from heart disease, according to Dr. Earl Smith, county coroner, who was called. The body was removed to the morgue under instructions from a sister, Mrs. F. A. Wright, 840 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, who was notified.

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Personal Injury and Other Suits Set for Trial in U. S. Court

Several cases were set for trial in the federal court Monday morning. The personal injury suit of Thomas Set against the Steamer Daisy Freeman was set for Wednesday morning. The personal injury suit of Rudger Johnson vs. the Pacific Steamship company and Oregon Stevedore company was set for trial on October 27. The suit of the Columbia Electric Light association vs. the Pacific Steamship corporation and United States Shipping board, set for trial on October 28. An argument of the demurrer to the indictment of the United States vs. Phil Polesky was postponed until next Monday.

Auto Accidents of Serious Nature Keep Cops Busy

Automobile accidents, many of which resulted in serious injuries, kept the investigators of the police traffic bureau busy Sunday night and Monday morning up until the downtown offices opened for the week's work. One of the most serious accidents during the week-end was that in which Mrs. C. Nelson, 21, living at 431 East Ankeny street, was struck by an automobile driven by J. E. Hedges, sustaining a cut face and a fractured skull. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital where she was reported unconscious at noon Monday. According to Investigator Freidburg Monday morning Mrs. Nelson apparently was cranking a Ford. Her machine had no lights and as she stepped out from in front of her car Hedges knocked her down, his front wheel passing over her body. The police have enumerated Hedges.

Alleged Draft Law Evader Surrenders To Jackson Sheriff

Alfred Fattig, alleged violator of the draft law, has surrendered himself to Sheriff Terrill of Jackson county, according to information received by Assistant United States Attorney Charles Reames. Fattig is said to have registered for the draft and to have immediately left for the "fall timber." Notices to appear for examination were not responded to, Reames said. Charles Fattig, a brother, has been indicted by the grand jury on a similar charge, but he is at large. The maximum penalty upon conviction is one year in jail.

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San Francisco, July 26.—(U. P.)—The "war" between alleged soviet Russians and Russians still loyal to the old Kerensky regime which broke out here Saturday with the "capture" of the Russian steamer Rogday by the alleged soviet forces, changed its scene to Washington today. Forty Russians, siding with the original crew of the Rogday, wired the state department a protest against permitting seizure of the ship by the supposed sovietists and charged that the seizure was made with the complicity of Russian diplomatic officials in Washington. Department of justice, treasury and navy department representatives have filed reports on the incident. The Rogday now is held by revenue officers.

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Personal Injury Suit Starts

Trial before a jury of the personal damage suit of Walter Hughes against the E. K. Wood Lumber company started in the federal court before Judge Charles E. Wolverton Monday morning. A pile of lumber in the defendant's possession is said to have fallen on Hughes, severely injuring him. He asks for \$7500 damages.

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Plea for Immunity Made for Accused In Federal Hearing

A plea for immunity covering the grand jury indictment returned against Lou Harris, charging him with receiving and possessing wool stolen from the government, was argued Monday before Federal Judge Bean. Counsel for the defendant argued that testimony the defendant gave in the grand jury room was used by the grand jurors as the evidence upon which to return their indictment. Assistant United States Attorney Hall S. Lusk filed a sworn statement with the court denying all these allegations and stating that both he and agents of the department of justice were in possession of incriminating evidence against Harris before he entered the grand jury room. His arguments were noted by both attorneys and submitted to the court. His decision is expected next Monday.

Municipality Will Build Sewer Under Cost Plus System

On a basis of cost plus 10 per cent, the city has undertaken construction of a private sewer for the Knights of Columbus club building running from the structure at Park and Taylor streets to the intersection of Broadway and Taylor street. The Knights of Columbus recently petitioned the city to construct a deep sewer on Taylor street to give drainage for their swimming tank, but it was defeated by arguments of property owners adjoining amounting to practically 100 per cent. The building committee then decided to undertake the expense of construction and contracted with the city for an 8-inch main, 220 feet long, to join the present Taylor street sewer at Broadway, giving sufficient drop to take care of the tank depth. The city has made a preliminary cost estimate of \$7 a foot. The sewer will be completed by August 10.

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