

HUSTED WALTERS' TRIAL IS SET FOR DEC. 20 BY JUDGE

The trial of Husted Walters, charged with murder in the first degree for the shooting and killing of Patrolman Jerome Palmer, was set for December 20 by Presiding Judge Tazewell this morning.

The trial date had been previously set for December 13, but B. F. Mulkey, who was appointed to represent Walters, urged that this did not give sufficient time to prepare for a trial where capital punishment would be the penalty if a verdict of guilty was found.

In Walters' affidavit requesting extension of time he sets forth that his relatives in Texas have been notified of his situation and urged to come to Portland to give him such assistance as is within their power; that they are aware of his traits of character, previous environment and training, and that such information is necessary to be given to his attorney to perfect his defense.

SUIT AGAINST A. A. MORRISON WILL GO TO TRIAL SOON

Overruling of a demurrer this morning by Circuit Judge McCourt in the suit of the Episcopal board of school trustees against Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity church, causes the action to remain alive on the court calendar. It is probable the case will go to trial early in the coming year.

The original suit was filed January 2, 1919, and there have been three amended complaints. The demurrer just overruled was based on the ground that the statute of limitation prevailed; that the plaintiffs had been aware of the points on which they based their suit for fully 16 years and had not used due diligence. The claim for the board was that the defendant had not revealed to it the true situation until shortly before the action was filed.

SUIT AGAINST HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION IS OPENED

The trial of the damage suit of Sadie Burkman against the National Hospital Association, in which she seeks judgment for \$250, was begun Monday before Circuit Judge Morrow. She claims that she took membership May 10, 1917, and that March 12, 1920, she injured her right hand by running a nail through the palm, placed herself under the care of the association for treatment as provided for by membership, and that she was so unskillfully treated that blood poisoning resulted, leaving her hand permanently stiffened.

COURT ASSAILS PRISONER IN PASSING SENTENCE

A stinging arraignment of John Devonshire was given by Circuit Judge Gatens this morning as he passed sentence on the man who had been found guilty, in a jury trial, of permitting his wife, Helen Devonshire, to remain in a house of ill fame. The municipal court imposed a sentence of six months in jail on Devonshire. He appealed to the circuit court and the sentence of Judge Gatens was six months imprisonment and the payment of a fine of \$500 besides.

RECORDS FAIL TO SHOW LINES OF COUNTY HIGHWAY

Wanted—Information as to the exact location of one county highway, known as the Patton road and used by Multnomah county citizens since April 7, 1886.

County Surveyor R. C. Bonser informed the county commissioners today that his research has failed to show the definite lines of this road or any determination of its width, although he has gone back through the records to the point where in 1886 the road was designated to start at a point 80 feet west of Seventh street and terminate "at the residence of Robert Patton."

COUNTY GRAND JURY FOR DECEMBER MEETS TUESDAY

The Multnomah county grand jury and the trial jurors for the December term of the circuit court were drawn this morning in Presiding Judge Tazewell's court. The new grand jury personnel is: A. W. Dow, foreman; Frank

A. Wilke, Alfred A. Fraundorf, W. D. Campbell, Thomas J. Stewart, J. O. Church and Olaf Lynn. It will begin its formal duties Tuesday morning.

Barnes' Suit Dismissed

Presiding Judge Tazewell today dismissed without prejudice the suit of Shirley Barnes against Lewis Wiles for \$10,000 personal injury damages, because of the dilatory action of the plaintiff in pressing the suit to a conclusion. An attorney for Barnes was before the court, asking for a further continuance because Barnes is in California for his health. He was shot by Patrolman Wiles one night about a year ago, at Lewisdale and Morrison streets, when he ran after being commanded to halt.

Drive Opening, Deferred

The opening of the newly paved portion of Montgomery drive may be deferred until about January 10 to give the paving material ample time to harden so that it may not be injured by traffic. This was the decision of the county commissioners today.

BILLS FLOOD CONGRESS ON OPENING DAY

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row by the senate agricultural committee, Senator Gronna, Republican, chairman of the committee, announced today.

After a conference with his colleagues, following his return here today, Gronna said he was in favor of the reestablishment of the War Finance corporation as a possible means of extending credits to farmers.

PROVIDES IMPORT DUTIES

Import duties of 30 cents per bushel on wheat, \$1.25 per barrel on flour, and 10 percent ad valorem on semolina and other products of wheat are provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Steenerson, Republican, of Minnesota.

"One of the causes for the recent slump in the price of wheat in the United States was the dumping upon our markets of millions of bushels of Canadian wheat and several million barrels of Canadian flour free of duty," said Steenerson. "On account of the difference in exchange, this gave the Canadian a bonus of 15 cents, or 30 cents on \$2 wheat."

"My bill imposes duties sufficient to protect the wheat raisers of the United States against a repetition of this kind of manipulation by artificial control of the wheat markets of the world."

WOULD INCREASE LOANS

An increase of the maximum amount Federal farm loan banks may loan individual farmers to \$25,000 is provided in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative McLaughlin, Republican, of Michigan. The present maximum is \$10,000.

A limit of 5 per cent would be placed on the re-discount rate of Federal reserve banks by a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Brand of Georgia.

The secretary of agriculture would be directed to prepare legislation and stabilize the price of farm products by a resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Christopherson of South Dakota. The resolution was referred to the agricultural committee.

National parks would be excluded from the provisions of the water power act by the passage of a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Esch, Republican, of Wisconsin.

Eugene Meyer Jr., former director of the War Finance corporation, told the joint house and senate agriculture committee today that Secretary of the Treasury Houston had shown himself "completely ignorant" of the workings of the corporation law and had made "misleading and incorrect" statements with regard to its workings.

WOULD REPEAL LEGISLATION

Special legislation providing for prohibition in Alaska would be repealed "as being in conflict with the Volstead law," by a bill introduced in the house today by Delegate Griesby of Alaska.

Citrus fruits of California, Florida, Louisiana and Arizona would enjoy protective tariff duties of 15 cents per pound under terms of a bill which Representative Randall of California introduced in the house. The rates named are the same as the Payne-Aldrich law carried.

MULTNOMAH JOINT LEGISLATORS WILL POW-WOW TONIGHT

Multnomah county's joint delegation to the legislature will meet tonight in the Tyrolean room at the Benson to get acquainted, talk things over and organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary.

Senator W. W. Banks, retiring chairman of the delegation, is the father of the party, he having issued the invitations to the big feed and pow wow which is to commence at 7 o'clock. It is also to be some feed, costing \$250 per. Dutch treats so far as all the members of the delegation are concerned except Senator Banks, who has assumed the burden of satisfying the appetites of such newspaper men as attend upon his invitation and as his guests.

MANY TO ATTEND

All of the members of the joint delegation, with the exception of two who are out of town, have signified their intention of being present at the meeting and have sent their checks as earnest of their desire, so it is expected that the gathering will be as large as possible and as enthusiastic as the high cost of living will permit.

There is a good deal of talk circling around to the effect that K. K. Kubil will be selected as the chairman of the delegation, while Herbert Gordon is also sharing in the predictions. It may be, however, that a dark horse not only will gobble up his share of the cats but absorb the presiding job as dessert.

The main purpose of tonight's meeting, aside from the dinner and the election of officers, is that an opportunity shall be given the various members of the delegations to become acquainted with each other. It is expected in addition, however, that plans will be laid for the pre-legislative meetings of the delegation before which legislative measures may be presented and discussed.

LOCAL ISSUES

It seems to be the inclination of the members, so far as they have expressed themselves, to confine the scope of the future meetings to questions of local interest affecting Multnomah county principally, it being feared that were general legislation to be taken up it might breed jealousies among the outside delegations. This resulted from the actions of the delegation prior to the 1915 session when the Multnomah members had the once over to all proposals brought before it.

Probably the main problem to be considered by the delegation in its meeting will be the Port of Portland consolidation bill, which is now in course of preparation.

HARDING ASKS CLEAR DECKS BY MARCH 4

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For the first time a member of this body has been elected president. He is here and I venture to suggest he may be recognized by the chair to speak informally to the senate before he leaves his service here.

While the galleries and senators applauded, Vice President Marshall left his place, went to Harding's seat and escorted him to the platform from which Marshall presides. This action brought a renewed outburst of applause. Harding appeared nervous as he began to speak and again at the close. When he had finished, the entire senate rose and applauded and he was quickly surrounded by colleagues eager to shake his hand.

MRS. HARDING IN GALLERY

When Harding had been speaking five minutes, Mrs. Harding, accompanied by Mrs. Edward B. McLean and her secretary, Miss Kathleen Lawler, appeared in the members' gallery of the senate and took her seat among the wives of other senators. She wore a black hat trimmed with blue plumes and a long navy blue accordion pleated cape. After the senate adjourned she held an impromptu reception in the gallery aisles.

Harding walked up to the rostrum and after bowing to Vice President Marshall, faced around to his colleagues.

"I am pleased at this greeting by fellow members of the senate," he said. "There is still greater satisfaction in having this opportunity to say to you informally some of the things in my heart which I could utter in no other way."

"I recognize that I am here today under somewhat unusual circumstances and there is a deficiency about it that one in my position cannot escape except

through some form of self-effacement which does not seem quite possible.

PREFERS THE SENATE

"No member of this body could be more reluctant to leave it. I may say to the senate that I came here with very high respect for this body and I am leaving it with greater respect than that with which I came. If one could always direct his own political fortunes to his liking, I should have preferred my membership here to any office a citizen may hold in this republic or elsewhere in the world. I like the freedom, the association, the patriotic sense of responsibility which abides here. I am conscious of the great place which congress holds under our constitution and particularly sensible to the obligations of the senate. When my responsibilities begin in the executive capacity I shall be as mindful of the senate's responsibilities as I have been zealous of them as a member, but I mean at the same time to be just as insistent about the responsibilities of the executive.

NO SURRENDER NEEDED

"Our governmental good fortune does not lie in any surrender at the other end of the avenue, but in the coordination and cooperation which become the two branches in a great and truly representative popular government.

"This brings me to the thought particularly in my mind. Something has been said about the senatorial oligarchy of course, everyone here knows that to be a bit of highly imaginative and harmless fiction. But I do recognize how essential is the best of sense of the people in the management of our government. I want to express today the wish of a colleague for the confidence and cooperation of the members of this body in the management of our government. I do not limit this sincere request to this side of the aisle. One cannot promise agreement in all things with an opposite party, but we may find common ground in the spirit of service and I hope for that agreeable and courteous, and oftentimes helpful relationship with the opposite party. I have added to the delights of fellow service during the past six years.

TASK IS DIFFICULT

"We are facing no easy task. We have our full part in the readjustment of human affairs after the world war. We have our part in the inevitable work of the civilized world. I am sure that the necessity of wise solution will inspire us to work together, to give common counsel, to be tolerant of one another, and give the best which is in all of us to attain the ends which become our republic at home and which maintain its high place among the nations of the earth.

"With propriety, I cannot venture upon any suggestions now, even though I am speaking as a member of this body. Three months of the present administration remain, and I would have house and senate join cordially in making them fruitful rather than wasted months. There is so much to be done and so much to be done so much of delay that I should like unanimous recognition that there are no party ends to serve, but previous days are calling for service to our common country.

WORK ENDS TODAY

"I cannot resist the repetition of my regret that my associations on this floor and in committee rooms are ending today. It has been a happy and a proud experience, to me, to express the hope to one and all that, though there comes a change in official relationship, it will not interrupt our cooperations in the future. Let me express the hope, which I have found to be a great compensation for the sacrifices of conscientious public service."

ADJOURN UNTIL TUESDAY

The senate adjourned at 12:30, immediately after Harding finished speaking. Before the president-elect, Senator Hefflin of Alabama and Senator Glass of Virginia were sworn in and resolutions were adopted notifying President Wilson and the house that the senate was ready for business.

The house, meanwhile, entered on its session without any unusual events. Calling of the roll consumed a long time and then the same resolutions the senate adopted were agreed to and the session adjourned until tomorrow.

The committee named by the two houses to visit the White House was made up of Senators from Massachusetts and Underwood, Alabama; Representatives Clark, Missouri; Mondell, Wyoming, and Mann, Illinois.

CRIME WAVE GROWS; BAKER OFF TO SOUTH

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to be unfavorable. In that month there were 25 burglaries and five holdups with a total of six arrests. The next month, October, the crimes jumped to 42 burglaries and double the number of holdups. November showed the burglaries jumping to 72, an average of two and a half a night, though the holdups only increased by one. This may be explained by the cold rains of November, which made lurking disagreeable and prospective victims few in number.

Sunday night was a nice dark, cool, crisp night that seemed to make the sporting blood of the army of crooks course vigorously, and ingeniously, for although the police department was out in force and scattered strategically over the infested area, the marauders operated with all the ease of a phantom and lived up to the reputation of the "ghost robber" whom numerous Portlanders have unwillingly entertained, but none has seen.

SAFE ROBBED

The safe in the Boulevard garage, operated by Virgil Cooper at East Forty-second and Steady boulevards, was robbed some time early Sunday evening and \$91.98 taken. The robber was familiar with the combination of the safe, which was neither broken nor punched.

JIMMYING A BATHROOM WINDOW

Jimmying a bathroom window, burglars took a watch and revolver from the home of Fred Spoor, 546 East Forty-fourth street north.

JEWELRY COMPRISED THE LOOT TAKEN

Jewelry comprised the loot taken from the home of W. F. McKenny, 711 East Sixty-fourth street north. Entering a home at 700 East Sixty-first street north by breaking a glass panel in the front door, burglars took two watches.

FRANK ADAMS, 349 EAST LOMBARD STREET, REPORTED THAT A QUANTITY OF CLOTHING WAS TAKEN FROM HIS HOME

Frank Adams, 349 East Lombard street, reported that a quantity of clothing was taken from his home. Entrance was gained by jimmying a side window.

A WATCH AND \$1.50 IN CHANGE WERE TAKEN FROM THE HOME OF A. J. WILLIAMS, 493 EAST THIRTY-NINTH STREET NORTH

The burglars jimmyed a window. Jewelry and \$1.50 in pennies were taken from the home of S. Patton, Fairmont apartments, 286 Eleventh street, some time between 7 and 10 p. m. Sunday.

Wing Engine Company No. 2 was at a fire Sunday night about 12:30, a robber rifled the sleeping quarters of the firemen, taking shoes, clothing, razors and cigars, and a watch.

Oscar Wayman, 720 Siskiyou street,

was held up by a burglar as he returned home Sunday night. Wayman said the burglar was on the back porch when he got home. When questioned the man said he was hunting for someone in that neighborhood. Drawing a gun on Wayman, he made his escape. Nothing was reported missing.

HOUSES ARE ENTERED

At the following houses burglars succeeded in gaining an entrance, but failed to take away any loot: Mrs. H. F. Cooley, 281 East Fifty-second street; A. L. Bruneke, 496 East Fifty-seventh street; Miss Edith Ellis, 696 East Sixty-first street north; Andrew Bastasch, 624 East Fifth street north; A. D. Merrill, 859 Hemlock, and another house at 673 Sixty-fourth street north.

Mrs. A. J. Stearns, 708 East Taylor street, reported that a man was seen looking through her window. He made no attempt to enter the house.

In the opinion of detectives most of the crimes at present are being committed by amateurs largely through love of excitement. There is a possibility they are the work, to some extent, of organized bands with leaders, but this is considered improbable.

Intestinal Trouble, Not Arsenic, Cause Of Child's Death

Intestinal disorder similar to that recently prevalent at the Waverly baby home, together with pneumonia, caused the death of the 3-year-old Allen child in St. Johns last week, and not arsenic poisoning, in the opinion of City Bacteriologist Dr. Robert L. Benson, it was announced by City Health Officer Parrish today. No trace of arsenic poisoning could be found, Dr. Parrish said.

"There seems to be a mild epidemic of this intestinal disorder among both children and adults," Parrish said, "and while I am not sure that the cause can be traced to improper food, I would advise the public to be very careful in the food used, and in its preparation."

REGISTRATION AT U. OF O. IN PROGRESS

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 6.—Registration for the new term opened Monday.

Second semester registration will not be heavy, according to Registrar Spencer, due to the ruling that students must have completed all of their high school work before entering the university. Under the old plan students who would have finished at the end of the high school semester, in February, were admitted at the beginning of the second term. The new rule necessitates students waiting for the opening of the third term in the spring.

Stanley Elsmann of Portland was elected president of the Lemon Punch society, which was organized at the university for the purpose of keeping interest in publication work alive. Harris Ellsworth of Cottage Grove, was chosen secretary and treasurer. Hammer and Coffin, national publication society, will be petitioned, according to Elsmann.

Charter members of the society, besides the officers, are: Warren Kaya, Eugene; Raymond Vester, Portland; Harry Smith, Eugene; Dean Ireland, Hood River; Jack Bradlock, Puyallup, Wash.; Frank Short, Long Beach, Cal.; Allan Carnross, Monrovia, Cal.; Chan Castle, Merced, Cal.

Dr. Van Valin Named Dental Society Head

Newberg, Or., Dec. 6.—Members of the Marion-Polk-Yamhill County Dental society banqueted Saturday night, putting on a special clinic on cast gold in-

lay work, under the direction of Dr. Fred Ellis of Salem. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. E. W. Van Valin, Newberg; vice president, Dr. C. E. Burton, Salem; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Johnson, Salem. The next meeting will be held at Woodburn.

Student Volunteer Band at U. of O. Is To Be Reorganized

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 6. The student volunteer band, consisting of men and women of the campus, at a dinner at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow, decided to reorganize, as many of the former members either graduated or left school last year.

Mark Bailey, who graduated from Oregon in 1888 and who received an M. A. degree at Harvard in 1890, is now professor of Latin and Spanish in the Kalamazoo college in Michigan.

Electric Drill Yeggs Rob Store of \$20,000

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Police today sought a gang of four crackmen, who last night bound and gagged three watchmen at the Hale department store and leisurely drilled open the store safe with an electrical device. They secured paper money estimated at total \$20,000. They discarded \$7000 in silver as too heavy to carry.

Four Coyotes Killed

Elmer Williams of the United States biological survey has returned from Umatilla and Morrow counties, where he has been conducting coyote poisoning demonstrations among the farmers and stockmen. Williams killed four coyotes with one-dose of poison.

LEHIGH COMBINE OUSTED BY COURT

Washington, Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—The supreme court today ordered a dissolution of the Lehigh Valley railroad coal combine on the grounds that it has existed in violation of anti-trust laws.

Justice Clarke read the decision of the court.

The decision was a complete victory for the federal government, the court holding that the combination had resulted in a restraint of interstate commerce and violation of the commodities clause of the anti-trust statutes.

The case was one of the famous anthracite coal suits, the other against the Reading railroad combine being decided favorably to the government.

The Lehigh Valley combine was alleged to control the anthracite coal supply of the Middle Pennsylvania, or Lehigh field.

As a result of the decree, the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the Lehigh Valley Coal Sales company, Coxie Brothers & Co., Inc., the Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Railroad company must sever their interlocking connection and become separate business units.

The court dismissed proceedings against the New York & Middle Coal Field company, the G. B. Markie company and the Grand Trust company, alleged to be part of the combine.

Immediately following the decision of the United States supreme court dissolving the Lehigh Valley railroad coal combine Lehigh sold at \$24, up 2.

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