KILLED SEVEN TO SAVE HIMSELF, IS HATFIELD'S PLEA

By S. D. Weyer
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Mingo County Courthouse, Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 29.—Sid Hatfield does not plan denying killing one or more of the seven Baldwin-Felts detectives for whose murder he and 23 others at Matewan are indicted.

He is willing to "take the credit for all seven of them."

But he does deny "wilful, deliberate and premediated murder," which is the term continually employed by his own counsel in the examination of veniremen.

On the witness stand, Hatfield will back up his plea of not guilty by swearing that he shot in self-defense; that it was a question of life against life, a case of "get them or they'll get you."

Such will be the sum and substance of the defense of the young chief of police of Matewan.

WILLING TO TAKE BLAME

Hatfield is prepared to go on the stand and shoulder the blame for all seven killings, each on the plea of inescapable self-defense.

In an exclusive interview with the International News Service, Hatfield said. "I did no more than any other red-blooded American would have done in my place. I stood backed against the door of Chambers' store. I was surrounded by detectives. Behind me stood Isaac Brewer; beside me Mayor Testerman.

"Testerman told Albert Felts the warrant on which the detectives were trying to take me out of the county was fictitious. At this Felts whipped out his gun and shot Testerman, then swung his gun half over his shoulder and shot Brewer.

BULLET KNOCKS HAT OFF

"I pulled my two guns; one was knocked out of my hand by a bullet. At the same time another bullet tore through my hat, flipping it off.

"I started firing just as quickly as I could. It was all over in a minute—maybe a minute and a half at the most."

"How many of the detectives do you think you killed?" Hatfield was asked.

"I don't care if I get credit for all of them—I saw nobody else on my side using a gun."

Unwittingly capping the climax, he concluded:

"When it was all over, Sheriff Blankenship and some men came running toward us from the train in which they had been leaving when the battle started (the gunfight took place opposite the Matewan railroad station). Blankenship said:

"SOME DEAD MEN HERE"

"'What's the matter? Did they kill Sid?' I walked up to him and said: 'Hell, no; but there are some dead men here, sheriff. Do you want to make any arrests?' He said: 'Hell, no. Get your guns and protect the town. There's liable to be some more shooting.'

"Later on I got some cheese cloth and covered up some of the bodies—I had nothing against those men, but I wasn't going to be shot down in cold blood—not if I could prevent it—not me, Bud!"

Needless to say, the state's story is diametrically opposite Hatfield's version.

Tom Felts, material witness for the prosecution, head of the Baldwin-Felts detective agency and whose two brothers, Albert and Lee, were killed in the gun battle, said to the International News Service:

"When Sid Hatfield says my brother—or any of my men, for that matter—fired the first shot, he lies.

TRAPPED LIKE RATS

"My brothers and the men with them were trapped like rats. Battle? It wasn't a battle. They were shot down in cold blood without a shadow of a chance to defend themselves.

"They were men—they fought when they had to fight—like men, on the square.

"Sid Hatfield has been made a hero by the newspapers and friends—I did not and do not propose to aid that sort of hero worship."

Balch Creek Trunk Sewer Plans to Be Presented Council

Plans and specifications for the Balch creek trunk sewer have been completed by the city engineer's department and will be presented to the city council for approval probably next Wednesday, the department of public works has announced. The trunk sewer will serve all of Willamette Heights, Westover Terraces and the North Portland industrial center, including the mammoth Montgomery Ward and American Can company plants, and will cost $170,000, according to Albert G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works.

The original plans for the Balch creek trunk sewer included much territory outside the present city limits, but the area has been reduced to confine the service within the corporate boundaries. Much of the territory is served by inadequate sewer service at present, although a large territory is without service now.

American Chemical Society Members Visit City's Docks

Visits were made to the municipal docks and the plant of the Portland Gas & Coke company at Linnton this afternoon by the Oregon section of the American Chemical society.

Tonight at 7:45 p. m. the society will hold their regular business meeting in the Reed college chemical laboratory after a banquet at the college commons. R. K. Strong, professor of industrial chemistry at Reed college and president of the Oregon section, will discuss "Combustible Gases, Their Characteristic and Recent Development." A paper on the "Industrial Uses of City Gas" will be read by E. L. Hall, general superintendent of the Portland Gas & Coke company.

Anyone interested in the industrial use of gas is invited by the society to attend the lectures.

Police Couldn't See It

Henry Howell, 17, decided that collecting was an easy way to get along, but, judging by the prompt action of the police, Howell picked out the wrong kind of curios. Patrolmen Powell and Schum say that Howell represented himself to be a collector for the Pisgah Home and the Old Folks' Home. He is alleged to have gone about town taking in the bottles left at various places for contributions. Howell is now in charge of the juvenile court.

Father Fears Two Daughters Kidnaped; Appeals to the Police

I. E. McLennon of Rainier requested the Portland police Friday night to assist in a search for his two young daughters, who ran away from home Thursday and who are thought to be in Portland. The girls are Joy McLennon, 11, and Christine, 6. They started out to visit relatives and were picked up on the road by a man in an automobile, Lennon told the police over the telephone. The police learned from Mrs. Harvey Hoffman, 381½ East Eleventh street south, aunt of the girls, that they had not come to her house as they were expected. Their mother is dead and they have been living with their aunt in Goble part of the time, and the rest of the time with the father.

'SOFT DRINK' MEN GIVEN HEARINGS

Four applications for soft drink licenses were heard by the city council at its special Friday afternoon session, Commissioner Bigelow presiding. Ah Coe, a Chinese farmer who purchased the business in the building controlled by Gong Lane at 35 North Fifth street, applied for a license last week and his application was held up because he announced that Gong Lane would assist in running the business.

Gong has had trouble with the police on more than one occasion, and his place was closed during the council's recent campaign. On the assurance that Ah Coe would sell his farming interests and personally manage the business, and not allow Gong Lane to assist him, the council agreed to give Coe a final hearing at the next regular meeting.

Louis Mitchell, who was closed out early in the soft drink hearings, and in the opinion of Commissioner Barbur was an innocent victim of the soft drink manufacturers, appeared before the council for a renewal of his license at 294 Burnside street. Commissioner Bigelow announced he would oppose the license, and in order to give Mitchell a fair chance Commissioners Barbur, Pier and Mann had final action deferred until next Wednesday, when Mayor Baker will be present.

J. G. Stockman, 841 Mississippi avenue, who was formerly closed by the council, was granted a new license on the recommendation of police officers.

Dick Rozich, 243 North Sixteenth street, informed the council of his willingness to post a $500 bond for the proper conduct of his place and was advised to apply for the license in the regular way, under the new soft drink ordinance.

SENTRY WHO SHOT YANK FOUND GUILTY

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Morris, following the closing of negotiations between him and Shidehara here this week.

"From authoritative sources," said Johnson, "it is stated that the agreement between Ambassadors Shidehara and Morris embraces:

"(1) An exchange of diplomatic notes defining passport regulations, etc., which would 'tighten up' the present gentlemen's agreement relating to exclusion of Japanese from this country, and (2) a treaty defining the rights of nationals of each country, and which will, in effect, abrogate and destroy the alien land laws of the state of California.

SEES REPEAL OF LAW

"Stripped of diplomatic camouflage, this means that our representative and Japan's have agreed upon the repeal of the land laws passed by the state of California and prohibit the passage of those contemplated by many other Western States.

"Japan has never insisted upon the control of her own people and therefore will not agree to an exclusion treaty, but will enter into a so-called gentlemen's agreement which does not exclude.

"The new gentlemen's agreement, notwithstanding its additional phases, can be just as loosely administered as the present one and, just as in the cases of the present gentlemen's agreement, it will be honored more in the breach than in the observance.

DIPLOMATS NOT COURT

"Upon the meager facts now before us, the situation appears to be this: Japan does not like an American law and Japan protests that law. Resort is had, not to American courts, but to American diplomats. The protest is deemed of sufficient gravity for American diplomats to agree to a treaty exactly as desired by Japan—this by a short cut, without participation by those most interested. A situation of this sort is intolerable, and I think I voice the sentiments of California when I say that in every legitimate and legal fashion the consummation of such a plan will be resisted."

SAYS JOHNSON ERRONEOUS

Asked to comment on Senator Johnson's statement, Secretary of State Colby said that, although he believed Johnson was sincere, the senator was "proceeding on a number of erroneous assumptions."

Colby would not elaborate on this comment except to say that he probably would make a statement later.

Johnson and other Western senators keenly interested in the Japanese question are annoyed by the secrecy the state department maintains concerning the negotiations.

As in the past, so in this case, the first official news probably will come from Tokio, Johnson predicted.

Chiropractor Now On Sixth Day of 'Foodless' Sentence

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Dr. Health Engmark, hunger-striking chiropractor, began his sixth foodless day in the city jail today announcing he felt "much better" than during the earlier stages of his fast.

Engmark, who is 45, was convicted of practicing in violation of the state medical laws. Refusing to pay a fine, he accepted a 90-day sentence and declared he would fast until released.

"I have been drinking a large amount of water," Engmark said, "and I now believe I may be able to last out the 90 days and still live. If I do die the blame will rest on the American Medical association, which is behind the attempt to drive chiropractors from California."

SHIPPING BOARD IS SUED FOR $374,500 BY SUPPLE-BALLIN

The United States shipping board Emergency Fleet corporation was named defendant in another suit filed in the federal court this morning by the Supple-Ballin Shipbuilding company for $374,500.91. Damages are asked on the grounds that the shipping board violated an oral contract made in Portland July 15, 1918, between Charles M. Schwab, C. W. Piez of the shipping board, and George C. W. Low, general manager of Supple-Ballin Shipbuilding company.

On that date Schwab and Piez are said to have ordered the local company to build four boats after the type of the steamer Calala, then in course of construction in the yard, for $685,000 each, plus any increase in wages, freight and material. The following day Low alleges he was instructed by wire to increase the price of each vessel to $705,000, and also claims certain agreements made orally were changed.

As a result of the controversy no contract was signed and no plans for the vessels submitted until after the armistice was signed, the complaint sets forth.

Low states he went ahead with the work in pursuance with the oral agreement. As a result of the alleged changes between the oral and written agreement the company claims to have spent $112,645.58 in making changes and to have been penalized $49,784.71 for decrease in tonnage; to have lost $53,847.11 in additional overhead charges; to have been deprived of $191,344.85 profit which it is claimed would have been made under the oral agreement; to have spent $36,782.22 in carrying supplies and extra help, not knowing what the shipping board was going to do, and to have been forced to pay an increase of $17,923.44 in wages. The company also asks $10,000 as general damages and the return of $2175 in deductions for fees of the American bureau of shipping, whose officers inspected the boats.

The plaintiff alleges no agreement was made in the original contract to pay for an inspector.

Business Prepares To Crush Labor and Cut Pay, Says Walsh

By Floyd Maegriff

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Great business interests, "looking solely toward profits and the amassing of immense fortunes," are waging a national and intensive battle to "beat down wages below a decent standard of living," and to "smash the labor unions," Frank P. Walsh, former associate chairman of the National War Labor board, told the International News Service today.

"Do you believe organized labor should oppose such a move?"

"I do," Walsh replied. "There is no industry during the war which increased the wages to common labor in a proper proportion to meet the 'cost of labor,' as added on to the price of products. There is no instance in the United States where a skilled worker, even in a closed shop, is earning sufficient today to maintain the same standards they had attained through pre-war wages.

"There is a move afoot today to force common labor to return to a standard of bare existence. Surely even common labor is entitled to something more than that."

London Mine Owner Coming to Portland

Sir Ernest and Lady Oppenheimer and W. L. Honnold of London, England, will arrive here via the Union Pacific Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock to remain until 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when they will leave via the Southern Pacific for San Francisco. Honnold and Oppenheimer are interested in gold and diamond mines of South Africa.

Government to Buy Lumber for Hawaii

Bids for a large quantity of lumber and mill work have been advertised by the quartermaster's corps of the United States army. The lumber is for use in the Hawaiian islands and is to be shipped from the Columbia river or other North Pacific points. Specifications of the material desired have been received by the domestic trade department of the Chamber of Commerce. Bids are to be at Washington, D. C., by February 7.

Youth Is Held on Auto Theft Charge

Washington license tags insecurely wired on a machine looked suspicious to Patrolmen Lyle and Parmely, who arrested Jack Nelson, the 19-year-old driver, and brought him to headquarters for investigation. Nelson is said to have later confessed to stealing the machine from the garage of A. S. Pearce, 9111 Foster road. Pearce was notified that his machine had been recovered before he had reported it stolen, the police say.

Joe Brady Is Bound Over to Grand Jury

George Billings, alias George Brady, suspected by the police of being the "Talkative Burglar" and "Shadow," was bound over by District Judge Hawkins to the grand jury this morning on the specific charge of robbing the house of Roscoe Nelson. The bail was set at $2500. Billings, through his attorney, Lou Wagner, waived examination.

Dancing, Immodesty, Condemned by Pope

Rome, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Pope Benedict, in an encylical addressed to all bishops today, condemned dancing and immodesty of women's dress. He referred to the "insatiable avidity for possessions" and the "unquenchable thirst for pleasure," as the worst contemporary evils.

Daughter Dies as Juror-Dad Finds Murderer Guilty

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—As Alderman John Hrubec, with 11 other men, decided early today the fate of Herbert Conkright, charged with murder, the alderman's daughter died.

The juror was not told of his daughter's death until a verdict of "guilty" had been reached and the sentence fixed at 18 years. The state had demanded the death penalty.

Shortly before the case was given into the jury's hands, court was adjourned while the father visited the bedside of his dying daughter. As the jurors could not be separated, the other 11 men went into the sick room. They stood nearby with bowed heads as the father knelt beside the girl's bed and pleaded for her to speak—to recognize him.

Conkright shot and killed Mrs. Eva Wyatt, after she had left her husband and child to live with him.

Mayor Baker Halts Plans for Lecture By Lincoln Steffens

Lincoln Steffens, noted Socialist, lecturer and writer, and Irving St. John Tucker, who were scheduled to speak on February 7, have been denied the use of The Auditorium, in a letter written to C. Neuman, 92 Stanton street, by Mayor George Baker. When the request for the use of The Auditorium was first made to the mayor, he was informed that the lecture would be historical in character and would deal with conditions in Russia. Later investigation revealed that the material used by the speakers was inflammatory and radical, the mayor stated. Similar lectures in Denver were investigated, and it was thought best not to allow The Auditorium to be used for a meeting of this kind, Baker said.

At first tentative permission was granted, but Friday night the mayor's formal refusal was mailed to the manager of the meeting. Placards about the city announcing that the meeting would be a "protest against the deportation of Ludwig C. K. Martens, a representative of soviet Russia," started the mayor on his investigation that brought sufficient evidence to warrant the cancellation of the contract, he said.

CIRCLE IS DEMOTED IN POLICE SHAKE

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undertaken by Circle. Although Clark was the nominal head of the inspectors' bureau, reporters have failed many times in securing information from him because he had no knowledge of cases.

Various members of the police department, including Chief Jenkins, have expressed themselves as favoring Clark's policy of fighting criminals. All believe Portland has benefitted by the veteran officer's 40 years' experience in police work. Clark boasts of the fact that no bank safes have been blown in Portland since he came here eight years ago.

Opinion is prevalent that Hyde and La Salle were under suspension. Both men were temporarily suspended, but Hyde was later reinstated. La Salle took a six months' leave of absence, which has now almost expired. La Salle was tried in the federal court along with Fred Peterson, alias Swede Whitey, ex-convict, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government by handling altered War Savings Stamps stolen from the Scio State bank. The jury convicted Peterson, but disagreed as to LaSalle and two other men.

NIGHT SIDE TOP HEAVY

In making these changes today Mayor Baker has not explained how he is going to remedy the top-heavy condition on the night side of the inspectors' bureau. Heretofore Lieutenant Joe Day has been in charge of the office and Lieutenant Maloney in charge of the outside work. With Circle now added to the corps of night officers the mayor will have three officers and about six detectives on the night side, which will make about two "privates" apiece for the night officers.

Under this arrangement an inspector on the first night relief would be subject to the orders of Mayor Baker, Chief Jenkins, Chief of Inspectors Clark, Captain Circle, Lieutenant Day and Lieutenant Moloney.

Although the change of Circle is classed as a demotion, it does not affect his pay. He is still classed as a captain of inspectors and draws the pay for that position.

Tax Publication Bill Is Introduced

State House, Salem, Jan. 29.—Publication of delinquent tax lists in the various newspapers of the county instead of notifying each individual delinquent taxpayer by mail, is contemplated in a bill introduced into the senate Friday by Representative Frank Davey of Marion county at the request of the Oregon Editorial association. Passage of Davey's bill would turn the handling of delinquent tax notices back to the situation existing before the passage of the present law at the session of 1919 and which, it is claimed, has resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars in publication fees.

Mother of Triplets, Deserted, Is in Need

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 29.—Unless Frank Melton, father of triplets, comes forward to protest against the action of the juvenile court an order will be made for their disposition. Melton is charged with wife desertion and his whereabouts is unknown. Since he left the family triplets have been born to his wife, two girls and a boy. Mrs. Melton is without funds and unable to supply the needs of the infants.

Wallenberg Named Minister to Sweden

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—A. F. Wallenberg has been named minister to the United States from Sweden to replace W. A. Ekengren, deceased, the state department was advised late today.

Tacoma Man Dies in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Samuel Wall of Tacoma, Wash., reported to be a well-known publicity man in the Northwest, dropped dead in a street here today. Heart disease presumably was the cause

LOTISSO JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE AFTER 24 HOURS

At the district attorney's office today preparations were being made for another trial of Thomas Lotisso on the charge of murder in the first degree, the first trial having come to naught Friday through the failure of the jury to agree on a verdict.

It is the purpose to have the second trial set on the earliest date possible to be arranged by Presiding Judge Kavanaugh, probably about February 15.

A subject of much discussion today around the county building was as to how the jury stood at the end of the trial Friday. There was variance in the reported expressions of the jurors. Some had it that the jury eliminated consideration of a first degree verdict on the first ballot and subsequently divided between a verdict of murder in the second degree and one for manslaughter.

STOOD 50-50 PERHAPS

The report most generally accepted was that the jury stood about 50-50 between a first degree verdict and manslaughter and that those who voted for first degree were willing to compromise on second degree. Those who favored manslaughter would not accept a second degree verdict because it carried life imprisonment.

After a deliberation of 24 hours the jury came into court at 5:15 p. m. and reported.

"Do you want further time?" asked Judge Tucker.

UNABLE TO AGREE

Foreman Wiley replied that before giving a definite answer he wanted to consult with his associates. The jury then retired to the jury room for a few minutes. On its return to the courtroom Foreman Wiley said, "We cannot agree." When Judge Tucker asked, "Have you had sufficient time?" he implied that it would be useless to continue consideration of the case.

Thereupon the jury was discharged for the term. It was reported that the jury took nearly 100 ballots.

Before making its final report the jury earlier in the afternoon had asked the judge whether a second degree murder verdict, accompanied by a recommendation for a shorter term than life improsonment, could be returned.

The jury was instructed that there could be no reduction of the penalty from a life sentence.

COUNTY COMMISSION HOLDS UP CLAIM FOR EX-ASSESSOR

A claim for $129.66 made upon the county of Multnomah by the tax supervising and conservation commission is being held up by Chairman Holman of the board of commissioners for further investigation. The claim embraces a charge of $100 on behalf of Henry E. Reed, former county assessor, for preparing the annual report of the commission and a charge of $29.66 covering the expenses of a trip to Salem by W. H. Hurlburt, a member of the commission.

Chairman Holman says he wants to determine whether the report was prepared by Reed last year during his term as assessor or this year after his term had expired. If made while he was still in the service of the county there might be a question as to the legality of the charge, says the chairman of the board of commissioners.

Divorce Mill

Divorce suits filed: Lena Fielding against Carl Fielding, cruel treatment; Jessie A. Carroll against Llewelyn C. Carroll, cruel treatment; Johanna La Belle against G. A. La Belle, cruel treatment.

Divorce granted: Gladys E. Graham from W. E. Graham.

Suit to Foreclose Filed

Suit to foreclose some 400 or 500 certificates of delinquency in the tax roll of 1914 have been filed in the circuit court by Multnomah county.

Secretary of War Orders Heavy Cut, To Obviate Deficit

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Drastic curtailment of expenditures to meet a probable deficit of $94,000,000 for the present fiscal year, was ordered today by Secretary of War Baker.

The civilian personnel of the quartermaster corps was ordered reduced so that it will not be more than 60 per cent of the personnel employed during December.

Substitution of articles of subsistence and curtailment of cable and telegraph tolls were also ordered.

Naval Plan Favored By House Committee Despite Borah Move

Washington, Jan. 29.—In spite of the Borah resolution and all other efforts to bring about disarmament, the naval subcommittee of the house appropriations committee has agreed to provide an adequate fund for the 1928 building program. Approximately $100,000,000 will be carried in the bill for work on the 10 battleships, 6 battle cruisers and 176 other craft included in the program.

This will provide for reasonable construction demands without excessive overhead expense, said Representative Kelly of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee.

As a result of the decrease in the cost of labor and materials, construction of the ships from now on will cost 16 2-3 per cent less than was expected, the subcommittee learned.

Leader of Alleged Shoplifting Gang Is Bound to Grand Jury

Joe Martinez, who, the police claim, is the head of a gang of shoplifters rounded up Friday through the efforts of the William J. Burns International Detective agency, was held over for grand jury investigation by Municipal Judge Rossman this morning. Bail was set at $1000.

Six other alleged members of the same "gang" are still being investigated by the police, who announced this morning that charges of vagrancy would probably be placed against them. Martinez and his associates are said to have been systematically robbing women's specialty shops and department stores in several coast cities. A number of silk dresses and fur coats have been recovered from places where they are alleged to have been sold by companions of Martinez.

Automobile Dealers Are Asked to Meet Here During 1925

Automobile dealers from all over the United States may meet in Portland in 1925, if invitational plans sent from local associations to the convention of the National Automobile Dealers' association, now being held in Chicago, have effect. In a telegram signed by Homer Ross, president of the Oregon State Dealers' association, and A. S. Robinson, president of the Portland Automobile Dealers' association, the convention committee is urged to partake of Portland's hospitality during the great fair to be held here. Local motorcar men who are in attendance at the convention and who will be at the second national show are expected to second this telegraphic invitation by their own personal efforts.

San Francisco Bay Daily Newspapers Boost Sale Prices

San Francisco, Jan. 29. — (U. P.)—Prices of San Francisco and Oakland newspapers went up today.

In San Francisco the Call and Bulletin, afternoon papers, went up from 3 to 5 cents, and the News, afternoon, from 2 to 3 cents. In Oakland the afternoon Tribune and Enquirer increased from 3 to 5 cents.

In the morning field the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner increased their monthly subscription rates from 90 cents to $1.15.

Committee Favors Alameda for Base

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Alameda, Cal., was agreed upon as the site for the Pacific coast naval base by the joint subcommittee of the senate and house naval affairs committee here today. This is subject to the approval of the full committee, to whom it will be submitted Monday.

Senate Confirms Army Appointments

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The senate today confirmed 5000 original appointments to the United States army. These appointments were made after competitive examinations under the army reorganization act.

Being out of a job is not always a matter of hard luck. There is usually some other reason for a man being always looking for work.

Moonshine Whiskey Seized in Dwelling; Man Under Arrest

Charles Lapp, 5006 Pike avenue, was arrested Friday night at his home on a charge of manufacturing moonshine whiskey. The officers seized a 60-gallon still, 15 gallons of corn and molasses whiskey, about 100 gallons of mash, an oil burner and pressure tank. The internal revenue officers said Lapp admitted them to the house willingly and made no effort to conceal his operations. Lapp is said to have begun operations 10 days ago. The 15 gallons of whiskey which the officers found is said to have been his first run from the still.

Another revenue agent returned from Gold Hill this morning, after raiding the cabin of Horace Greer, two miles up the Rogue river from Gold Hill. He reports finding a 15-gallon still, 50 gallons of mash and 10 gallons of moonshine whiskey. The land on which the still was found is government property on which Greer, his mother and two sisters have been living for about eight years. Greer was lodged in the Jacksonville county jail.

Mysterious Juliets Of U. Advertise for Partners; Get Them

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 29.—"Wanted—Three young men to escort three young ladies to the Freshmen glee. Need not be handsome but must be light of feet. Freshmen accepted. X, Y and Z."

This advertisement appeared in the Oregon Emerald Thursday morning, and before the papers were hardly in the hands of the readers answers began coming into the Emerald office. Here's one of the answers:

My Dear Juliets: Life's a lottery, so said Socrates, the Irish pie merchant, so let's live. I'm game to be one of the mail order Romeos, even as you and I.

Yes, I am a frivolous frosh. Portland is my home port, but don't hold that against me if you all happen to be from Seattle or Oregon City. Not to throw brickbats or anything, but I have shaken a nasty hoof at times and that is what the Glee means. Oh, Margie!

It happens that my manly (?) stature only rises five feet and eight inches from the walks I tread upon, so please, Misses Juliets, don't tell me that you are over six feet tall.

Address me Ralph Baxter, U. of O., or just slip a note in the box in Johnson hall. No, Baxter isn't my real name, but X, Y and Z aren't your initials either. Here's to the Frosh Glee.

Fruit Growers of Clatsop Organize And Name Officers

Astoria, Jan. 29.—J. S. Dellinger of Astoria was elected president, W. H. Gardner of Seaside vice president and William E. Schimpff secretary of the Clatsop County Fruit Growers' association, which organization was perfected Friday afternoon following an all-day conference of about 40 prominent berry and fruit growers who came to Astoria from all parts of the county.

The directors of the new association are: Brownsmead, D. P. Allen; Svensen, N. Simonson; Knappa, M. E. Nelson; Olney, Gus Bojahr; Youngs River, J. F. Sale; Warrenton, A. H. Feaselman; Clatsop, W. E. Schimpff; Seaside, W. H. Gardner; Astoria, J. S. Dellinger; Lewis and Clark, Frank Mudd, and Jewell, James Jamieson.

$699,275,502.93 Is Slashed From Sum Asked in Army Bill

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—With a reduction in war department estimates of $699,275,502.93, the army appropriation bill carrying a total of $331,222,612.62, was reported to the house today by the appropriations committee.

The appropriation is based on an army of 150,000 men, exclusive of the Philippine Scouts or the flying cadets. Provision is made for 14,000 commissioned officers, or 1000 more than are now in the service.

The bill shows a reduction of about $64,000,000 as compared with appropriations for the current year.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SETS INSPECTION DATES FOR GUARD

Salem, Jan. 29.—Dates for the annual armory inspection to be made by regular army officers of the Oregon National guard have been announced by Adjutant General George A. White and are being sent to all commanding officers of the organization.

On the reports of the inspecting officers the continued issuance and retention of military property given by the government to national guard units will be determined by the war department.

Units will be inspected in full field equipment and particular attention will be paid to the care of small arms. All commanding officers are urged to have all military property received by them accessible and ready for inspection at least one day before the inspecting officers arrive at their station.

Officers and enlisted men temporarily absent from their home station may be attached to any organization for inspection upon orders issued from the headquarters of Adjutant General White.

The schedule for the inspection follows:

Company D, Medford, February 9; company C, Eugene, February 11; company K, Independence, February 18; company M, Salem, February 21; company I, Silverton, February 22; company B, Portland, February 23; headquarters' company, field and staff, Portland, February 24; headquarters' company, Portland, February 24; machine gun company, Portland, February 25; supply company, Portland, February 28; company F, Portland, March 1; company G, Portland, March 2; company H, Portland, March 4; company A, McMinnville, March 7; company L, Dallas, March 8; company E, Portland, March 9; sanitary corps attached to fifth infantry, March 3; engineers, company A, Portland, March 11; coast artillery, first company, Ashland, February 7; second company, Marshfield, February 16; second company, Newport, February 14.

Government property in possession of the United States army and property and disbursing office at the armory in Portland, also the Clackamas rifle range will be inspected on March 10 and 12.

It's All Clear Now; 'Um Chow' Come and Him Blurn Finger

Burned fingers and charred lottery tickets were introduced as evidence in the case of Wong Dock, charged with having lottery paraphernalia in possession. Impassively the Oriental listened to the recital of the patrolman's story, telling how he was forced to paw around in the stove for enough evidence, after Wong had tried to burn up the tickets when the place was raided Thursday night.

"Sure," admitted Wong, "that's right. Couple week ago, same 'Um Chow' come and make me arrest, and tell me next time, you blurn tickets. I do what policeman tell me. I blurn ticket."

When laughter had subsided, Judge Rossman drawled:

"Twenty dollars."

Restoration of Rail Rate Standard and Wage Cuts Sought

Restoration of rail freight rate relationship to the standard existing prior to August 26, when rates were increased in the United States, was requested in a resolution passed at the conference called Thursday by the Boise Chamber of Commerce, according to H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O-W. R. & N., who returned from the Idaho city this morning.

Manufacturers, shippers and railroad men were at the conference. A resolution was also passed calling for a reduction in wages for railroad employes so that rates may be returned to more nearly normal conditions.

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