

AUDITORS CLAIM ELLERS' REPORT WAS MADE DIFFICULT

That efforts were made to interfere with persons hired to obtain records for the court, was alleged in the report of M. C. Koester and A. E. Barnickel, certified public accountants, who were engaged to audit the Oregon Eilers book. The report was filed in the federal court Tuesday.

"Every effort has been made to mislead us and prevent us from getting at the actual facts of the condition of affairs," the report says. "We are satisfied that very little, if any, of the capital stock of Oregon Eilers music house remains unimpaired."

The auditors also express the belief that Spokane Eilers music house, which is also controlled by H. Eilers, is in the same condition as Oregon Eilers, and say they are satisfied that the schedule of Spokane assets should be out in half. They also charge the Spokane house with collecting bills for the old Eilers music house, which is now bankrupt, and with failing to turn over the money. The old Eilers house sent the bills to Spokane for collection over three years ago, according to the report.

MANY WORTHLESS ASSETS

The auditors also report the finding of worthless assets "which should have been charged to profit and loss long ago." "Spokane Eilers is no doubt in the same financial condition as the Oregon Eilers," the auditors' report states, "otherwise Eilers, in complete control of both, would transfer available funds from Spokane to Portland instead of resorting to kiting of checks."

"In concluding we beg to state that this has been the most disagreeable job that we have ever had the misfortune, in our many years of accounting experience, to be connected with, as every effort has been made to discredit and delay us."

ACCOUNTS INTERMINGLED

The intermingling of accounts between Oregon Eilers, the Eilers Music House, bankrupt, and the Spokane Eilers was of such a nature that a general account would have been almost lost to get at the true facts of affairs. Regarding this, H. Eilers called at the office of M. C. Koester on March 15, 1921, the day before your auditors started the audit of Oregon Eilers, and asked Koester for a private interview. A. H. Eilers tried to impress upon Koester for the sake of former friendly relations not to accept the job."

While conducting the audit the men were unable to find five missing ledger sheets. Eilers failed to produce them in response to the order of Federal Judge Bean, and as a result he was held in contempt of court and placed in the custody of the United States marshal for a week. He secured his release by promising to make duplicate sheets, which he has done.

Inalienable Right Of Negro to Steal Melons Is Declared

Harry Hall, whose ancestors preferred to eat watermelons right in the patch where they grew, appeared in the municipal court Tuesday charged with stealing a watermelon from a Southern Pacific car in the yards. Special Agent Rogers testified that it was impossible to produce the evidence for actual inspection, but he assured the court that Hall had it with him. Hall was caught Monday afternoon.

Boone Cason, Hall's attorney, questioned the witness, the court, the public, the wide world, and challenged them to deny that it was the inalienable right of a negro to eat, acquire and get as best he could watermelons in season. The court finally softened its official heart when Cason agreed to furnish Hall the money to pay for the watermelon.

Council Addressed By Labor Mediator

E. F. Marsh of the department of labor addressed the Central Labor Council Monday evening. He is in charge of mediation and conciliation for the northwest part of the United States and is one of 12 men in charge of districts covering the country. The election of officers resulted in the reelection of D. E. Nickerson as president, G. W. McDonald as vice president, W. E. Kinsey as secretary, and Vera Epping as reading clerk. The trustees are G. Anderson, J. T. Morrow and William Quintin.

Fordson Tractors Are Demonstrated

A Fordson demonstration is being held this week and next on the C. W. Bliss farm 10 miles east of Portland, where 25 tractors, with 50 odd attachments that do a variety of work, are in operation. Tuesday's program included potato planting and digging, manure spreading, mowing, stover grinding, ensilage cutting, wood sawing, threshing, etc. The demonstrations are conducted in three-day series.

Salem Store Robbed Of \$2000 in Goods

Salem, July 27.—Merchandise valued at \$2000 was stolen from the Sadder & Krause general merchandise store at Aurora early Tuesday morning by burglars who gained entrance to the building by smashing through two doors. The thieves are believed to have made their escape in an automobile.

HELD UNDER \$500 BOND

Jack Doyle, arrested by Park Inspector W. F. Bent, was fined \$25 in municipal court Wednesday for being intoxicated and was remanded to the court of domestic relations under \$500 bond on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

ABANDONS CHICAGO TRIP

Salem, July 27.—In view of Governor Olcott's request that all state employees curtail expenses wherever possible, W. T. Kirk, state industrial accident commissioner, announced he will not attend the annual convention of the international association of accident boards and commissions, which is to meet in Chicago, September 19-23.

NEWBERG MAN STRICKEN

Newberg, July 27.—H. C. Frick was stricken with apoplexy Sunday night in Victoria, B. C., according to a message received by his son Charles. Frick was on his summer vacation.

Brumfield Suspect Overtaken; Is Not Fugitive Dentist

Bend, July 27.—The man suspected of being Dr. Brumfield on the Bend-Burns road was overtaken and identified. He was not Brumfield.

Marshallfield, July 27.—Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Malehorn and Deputy Game Warden McDaniel have returned from several days spent in the mountains between Roseburg and Coos Bay, where they made a search for a possible hiding place of Dr. Brumfield. They learned that the doctor's car, previous to the Russell murder, had several times been seen this side of where the car was wrecked and it was thought possible that the missing dentist had attempted to come toward Coos Bay through the mountains or was hiding there. No trace of Brumfield was found.

Banks Stop Cashing Warrants; Officers Can't Get Salaries

La Grande, July 27.—The banks of La Grande are refusing to cash warrants of Union county. For many months county warrants have been cashed at discount and this action was taken by the local banks because they cannot carry additional county paper. The two banks here now hold \$8,000 in county warrants, which cannot be paid until further funds are provided by tax levies. This will not be possible until next year. County officials will not be able to cash their pay checks and the road construction work under way will probably be jolted as the result of the inability of the banks to absorb more county paper.

Spur Track Work Is Approved by Board

Salem, July 27.—The Nehalem Boom company is authorized to construct a spur track across the St. Helens road and the track of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, and the Willamette & Grand Ronde Railway company is authorized to construct and maintain, for a period not to exceed three months, a temporary grade crossing of a spur track across the state highway about two miles east of Willamina. In two orders issued by the public service commission Tuesday. At the Willamina crossing the commission ordered that all train movement over and across the highway shall be protected by a flagman, who shall flag the crossing in advance of all trains.

Churchill Is Not Looking for Change

Salem, July 27.—Explaining that he is too much interested in his present position to consider any other berth, J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, said Tuesday that in case the board of regents of the Oregon Normal school should offer him the presidency of the institution he would find it necessary to decline.

Burro Likes Fish; Eats Most Anything

Bend, July 27.—A burro that eats fish is the property of Miss Henrietta McKnight, Oregon Journal reporter, who is headed for Mount Hood over the Skyline trail. In fact, she relates, the only known substance he will not eat is pine needles.

Salaries Are Cut By Seattle Council

Seattle, July 27.—(U. P.)—The city council, sitting as a budget committee Tuesday, decided to slice \$600,000 from the salaries of all city employees and also decided to cut now tenth of a mill from the tax levies of the park and library boards, effecting a total saving of \$49,000.

BANK OFFICIAL DIES

La Grande, July 27.—Samuel Purcell, aged 81, died at his home in Union Sunday night. He was vice president of the First National Bank of Union and of the Union Hotel company.

ACTION FILED TO PROTECT GROWERS

Washington, July 27.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—To protect Oregon apple growers and dealers from unfair competition in foreign trade, where Oregon apples are in demand, the federal trade commission has filed complaint against the Caravel company of New York, exporters.

This company is charged with filling an order from Stockholm, Sweden, for 2000 boxes of Oregon Newton Pippins with other apples, knowing they were not Oregon apples. The shipment was spotted when it reached Stockholm.

The commission asserts this conduct injures the business of apple growers who maintain established selling grades and discounts in foreign markets the good name and business of American exports. Oregon Newton Pippins, the complaint says, have acquired a reputation for superiority for shipping and keeping qualities for export.

Girls From Austria Wed Oregon Farmers

Bend, July 27.—Two romances, which began in Austria more than seven years ago, culminated here Sunday, when Miss Maria Robak and John Bradetich, a Miss Helen Zlatich and George Bradetich were married. The brothers came to Central Oregon penniless, but are now prosperous farmers. Difficulty was experienced in getting passports for the girls, who reached Bend last week.

Foreclosure Order Is Issued Against Irrigated Land Co.

Salem, July 27.—Order by default was signed by Judge Percy Kelly of the circuit court Tuesday in the case of the Title & Trust company of Portland, against the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company for the foreclosure of a mortgage held by the plaintiffs on several thousand acres of land belonging to the defendants.

The decree for the cancellation of \$65,000 worth of bonds of the land company has not been signed by the court. In 1914 the directors of the land company authorized the issuance of \$100,000 worth of bonds. About \$71,000 of these bonds were issued but only \$2500 were returned by the company to the Portland Title & Trust company, which held the mortgage to secure the issue.

EATON ON WAY TO PORTLAND

Bend, July 27.—Walter Pritchard Eaton and a mountaineering party left here Tuesday morning, and should reach Portland tonight. They visited Newberry crater after climbing Mount Jefferson. Pictures were taken of waterfalls near Lapine.

TRACK PERMIT ASKED

Salem, July 27.—An application for permission to construct an industry track across First avenue at Sutherland, Or., was filed with the public service commission by McKay Brothers and the Southern Pacific company.

GEN. M'ALEXANDER AT NEWPORT

Newport, Or., July 27.—General U. G. M'Alexander, known internationally as "the rock of the Marne," from the name given him by the Hindenburg forces, arrived in Newport Tuesday on the first part of a three months' leave of absence.

COMPANY PLANNING INTERSTATE SPAN

Vancouver, Wash., July 27.—A franchise has been procured from congress and tentative plans approved by the secretary of war permitting the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river 1300 feet below the cascades on the site of the legendary "bridge of the gods."

The proposed bridge will connect the Columbia river highway in Oregon with the North Bank highway in Washington, and will form a loop driveway 109 miles in length, unsurpassed for scenic beauty. Preliminary drawings show an all steel superstructure of the stiff suspension type on concrete piers. The main span will be 1500 feet long, 145 feet above low water, with a hard surface roadway 24 feet wide. Backers of the enterprise are Vancouver men, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington with a capital stock of \$300,000. It is proposed to sell capital stock up to \$125,000 and issue bonds for a sufficient sum to complete the bridge, estimated to cost about \$200,000. It is a private enterprise and will be a toll bridge. The officers of the company are J. R. Harvey, president; A. L. Miller, secretary, and W. J. Knapp, treasurer. The three officials, with George S. Allen and George Y. Moody, make up the board of trustees.

Funeral Service of John M. Ford to Be Held Here Today

Under the auspices of Portland lodge of the Elks the funeral service of John M. Ford, well known Portland man, was held at the chapel of the Holman Undertaking company this afternoon at 2 o'clock with concluding services at the Portland crematorium.

Ford, who was born and raised in Portland, died at Eugene Sunday from injuries received in an automobile accident near Cottage Grove July 20. He and his wife were returning from an Elks convention at Los Angeles.

For several years he had been in the employ of the Mutual Creamery company and covered the territory about Raymond, Wash., where he made his home. He is survived by his wife.

The ritualistic portion of the funeral was under the direction of W. F. McKinney, exalted ruler of the Portland lodge, while the Rev. Oswald W. Taylor acted as chaplain.

ALICE MALLON

Alice Mallon, the 12-year-old daughter of Police Sergeant Frank Mallon of the second night relief, died at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the family residence, 1215 Moore street. Alice was recovering from diphtheria. Her death is attributed to heart disease. Funeral services were held from the family residence at 9:30 a. m. today, with interment in the family plot at Mount Calvary cemetery. The parents and several brothers and sisters survive.

Tree Experts of Five Northwestern States in Session

Hood River, Or., July 27.—With a representative attendance from five Western states, the fourth annual conference of Northwest horticulturists, entomologists and plant pathologists was opened Tuesday here at the Commercial club. During the afternoon the following papers were read: "Effects of Macabre Oil Sprays on Fruit Trees," by C. C. Vincent, horticulturist of the University of Idaho; "Apple Tree Anthracnose or Black Spot Canker Control," by E. W. White, Victoria, B. C.; "Experimental Spraying Results in the Hood River Valley," Leroy Childs, director Hood River experiment station, and "Oiled River Wraps and Apple Scaled Control," by D. F. Fisher of Wenatchee.

In the evening election of committees took place, followed by an open meeting at which the fruit market outlook was outlined by C. I. Lewis, an expert of a horticulturist in Japan by C. F. Rejmer.

All visitors were taken on a tour of the orchards of this valley today, when a series of demonstrations was given.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vancouver, Wash., July 27.—The following marriage licenses were issued, Tuesday: William F. Warmoth, 39, and Mrs. Bush, 34, Portland; Clarence Cooper, 25, and Mrs. E. N. North, 40, Portland; Chester R. McCus, 27, and Kathryn H. Ball, 24, Vader, Wash.

Takes Lodge Fees; Arrested as Faker

Robert Blackmore, 24, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on the charge that he represented himself to be an active Mason lodge worker soliciting membership, and fleeing several victims of an initiation fee of \$50. R. L. Bloomberg of Montana, who says he was a victim of Blackmore's scheme, became suspicious and notified the police. Blackmore is held on \$1000 bail.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NAMED

Walla Walla, Wash., July 27.—Wesley A. Lacey, principal of the high school at Pomeroy, Wash., last year, has been chosen to succeed H. W. Jones as principal of the Walla Walla high school for the coming year. Jones recently resigned to accept the superintendency of the Piedmont, Cal., schools.

VANCOUVER DIVORCE

Vancouver, Wash., July 27.—Ethel L. Rothwell was granted a divorce from Leonard C. Rothwell by Judge Homer Kirby, visiting judge. The complaint alleges that Rothwell on or about April 18, 1921, eloped with Mrs. Dorothy Kallingham and that Mrs. Rothwell does not know where he now is. They were married in Portland in 1906.

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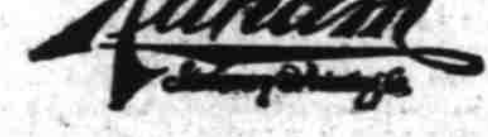
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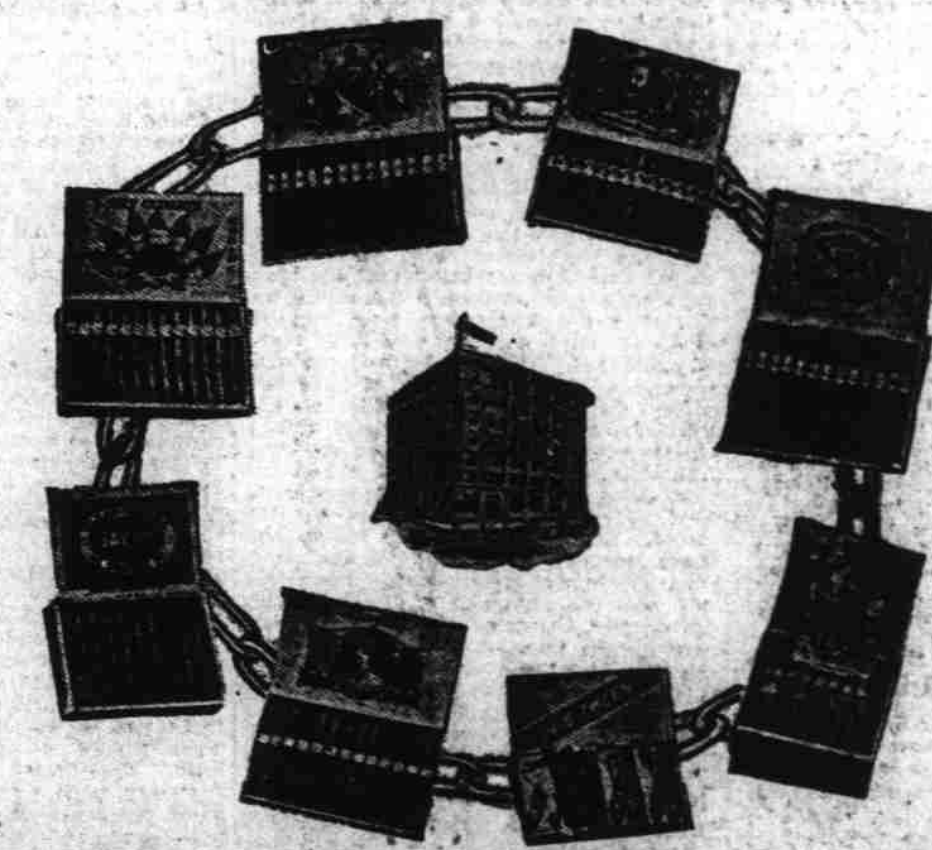
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