

A continued story by Virginia Terhune Van de Water in a daily fiction feature of The Journal. A chapter synopsis of preceding chapters published every Monday.



Portland and vicinity—Sunday, rather southerly winds. Oregon and Washington—Sunday, rain; moderate southerly winds.

# FARMERS TO HAVE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT; OREGON SUES FOR LAND WORTH FORTY MILLION

## NEW PARTY TO MAKE BID IN 1924 ELECTION

### United Farmers' National Bloc, in Convention at Chicago, Decides to Enter Political Field.

### Full List of Candidates Is to Be Put Forth in 1924; A. C. Townley Reported as Behind Move.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—The United Farmers' National Bloc made its bid tonight for a position with the political parties of America.

### 225,000 MEMBERSHIP

Organizers declare the bloc will have a membership of 225,000 by the end of this year and more than 1,000,000 by 1924.

Townley, who came to Chicago from Washington after conferring with leaders in the farm political move at the capital, was understood to be prepared to scrap the Nonpartisan league and merge his followers in with the new party.

F. B. Woods, "dirt" farmer of North Dakota and vice president, was at the conference and backed Townley's position.

Opponents of Townley within the league may decide to continue the Nonpartisan organization, but Townley is reported to feel he can swing a large portion of its membership in the bloc.

The farmers believe that in their action in determining on a new political party and getting their organization under way, they are in a position to dictate decisions of the farm-labor-liberal meeting to be held here next week.

### TO FORM COALITION

A coalition will be formed with the labor group, according to the opinion of Farmers' representatives. The labor delegates, however, are not expected to join a third party but will perfect an organization which will work more or less in conjunction with the farm bloc.

Socialist delegates to attend next (Continued on Page Eleven, Column Two)

## Girls "Date Up" Boys and Pay Own Way

### Great Week for Social Lions at Oregon When Senior Co-eds Play They're the Beaux.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Senior boys and girls at this institution are putting themselves on the back for the successful conclusion of an event perhaps unequalled in American collegiate annals. During this past week—"Senior Leap Week"—the girls have been making all the dates and have been digging down into the old sock for their share of all expenses on a 50-50 basis.

Diapers, movies, real "shows" and all the other items on the amusement bill-of-fare have been attended by co-eds and male students of the graduating class with the explicit understanding from the first that the girls were going to pay for their own share of the fun.

The idea started some two or three weeks ago when a reporter on the Oregon Emerald, student daily publication, at a time when copy was scarce, wrote a "letter to the editor" and suggested the event. His name is now honored by the male members of the 1922 class.

## SEVEN THEATRES ORDERED CLOSED

### Washington, D. C., Play Houses Found Unsafe; Action Follows Fatal Film House Collapse.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Seven theaters nationally were ordered closed tonight by the District of Columbia commissioners, as a consequence of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster here three weeks ago, which took a toll of 97 lives.

The action was taken after a rigid inspection by building inspectors, who found that the play houses—both movies and stage—were unsafe as at present constructed.

## Parade Planned for Feb. 22 at Olympia

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 18.—Initial parade in uniform and under arms of the 1918 national artillery corps will be given Washington's birthday according to Captain E. C. Dohm, commander of the newly organized unit of the national guard. Other commissioned officers are W. W. Rogers, first lieutenant, and Neil McKay, second lieutenant. Of the 76 enlisted men, 35 saw service in the World war.

## Mann Act Charge Put Against Nampa Pair

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Four indictments were brought in by the federal grand jury Friday against H. E. Eastbrook, former automobile dealer of Nampa, under the Mann act. One jointly charges Mrs. Winifred Mullins, Nampa society woman. The disappearance of the pair last summer caused a sensation.

## Landis Bows to Father Time Quits Bench for Baseball

Chicago, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Kenesaw Mountain Landis bowed to Father Time today when he quit the federal bench. Realizing that youth had vanished, and with it the vitality necessary to work all the way around the clock, caused the resignation of the famed jurist.

"I realize for the first time in my life that I am no longer young," Landis said. "I find it difficult to arise at 5 o'clock in the morning and work past midnight."

The judge, whose resignation is effective March 1, will devote all his time to his post as high commissioner of baseball.

The dominant will of the fiery judge forced him to continue his strenuous life long after nature overruled him, close associates said tonight. He was determined never to quit the bench "under fire."

Landis, it was known, was ready to resign several months ago when impeachment proceedings were started in congress against him following his acceptance of the position of baseball commissioner at a salary of \$50,000 a year, but he decided to stick until he had routed his enemies.

"There aren't enough hours in the day for me to handle the courtroom and the various other jobs I have taken on," Landis said. "I am going to devote my attention in the future entirely to baseball."

## MYSTERY OF WEDDINGS POISON SALTS OPPOSED BY ROCKEFELLER

### General View Is That Some Person Was Guilty of Criminal Act, but No Clue Is Found.

### Examination of Stomach of One of 5 Poisoned Children Shows Strychnine; Inquest Ordered.

Centralia, Wash., Feb. 18.—The mystery of the poisoning and death at Klabs of the five Rhodes children from supposedly harmless doses of salts seems to be growing deeper as the tragedy takes its place among the unsolved riddles of sorrowful history.

Many see in the deed a fiendish and diabolical piece of criminality, yet no one can conceive of a person being so brutal and inhuman as to plot the destruction of five innocent children. Sentiment shudders at this thought, but, despite this, the fact remains that strychnine was found in the salts which was administered to the children.

It was undoubtedly put in the salts by some unidentified person, but whether by intent or carelessness is the stumbling block. Other salts purchased from the same store and from the same box are apparently harmless. Only the package sold the Rhodes family, so far as public knowledge goes, contained the deadly strychnine.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO SALTS?

Official inquiry pauses in the attempt to analyze what happened to this salty package of salts from the time it was wrapped up in a local store until the mother gave it to the children one after another. Many theories are advanced, but they offer no clue and do nothing except excite further curiosity.

Herman Allen, Lewis county prosecutor, frankly admits that he is completely baffled. He said tonight there was no basis for the rumor that an early

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## Woman Flees, Hikes for 45 Miles in Cold

### Mental Patient Taken in Custody at Pendleton After Long Walk While Half Clad.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 18.—Having walked the entire 45 miles from here to Pendleton, dressed only in a skirt and sweater jacket over her nightgown, Mrs. F. C. Woods reached the Eastern Oregon city at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Authorities here were notified she had been found there and was being cared for by the sheriff's office.

Mrs. Woods is a sister of Mrs. J. L. Elam, wife of a prominent merchant. She was seen at 9 o'clock Friday night and about 2 o'clock this morning a short distance from Freewater, Or., about 12 miles away. It was believed she was trying to reach her home at Athens, 30 miles south of here.

Mrs. Woods was brought to the hospital here by her husband about a week ago and until her escape had been under close surveillance by a nurse, Miss Valentine. The nurse had temporarily left her patient alone and when she returned in a few moments found the room empty, the raised window betraying the means of escape.

## MAY QUIZ HUGHES ON 4-POWER PACT

### If Harding Declines to Give Information, Hitchcock Will Query Secretary of State.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Secretary Hughes' personal testimony regarding the negotiation of the four-power pact will be demanded next week if President Harding's answer to the Hitchcock resolution is unsatisfactory, Senator Hitchcock declared tonight.

Hitchcock is author of the resolution which requests information making by the negotiations which led to the Pacific treaty. The resolution has been adopted by the senate and it was announced Harding will reply to it Monday.

## JOHNSON ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT 4-POWER TREATY

(By Universal Service)

Washington, Feb. 18.—An indication of the searching probe to be made by the senate to determine the underlying motives out of which were evolved the treaties formulated by the armaments conference is shown in the following signed statement:

By Hiram Johnson United States Senator from California.

Under our constitution there are two different and distinct steps in treaty making. The president, in the first instance, may negotiate a treaty, but whatever agreement he may make is wholly inoperative until the senate ratifies. The theory of treaty making by our government is that the judgment of the senate and the president shall be independently exercised and ultimately concur.

Some senators are now seeking information upon which they may, as the constitution requires, render an intelligent and an independent judgment. Such natural queries occur to them as: "Who first suggested the new alliance, and when? Who wrote the singular"

## Democrats to Make Fight in Iowa for Seat in U. S. Senate

Washington, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—Appointment of C. A. Rawson as a senator from Iowa until a successor to Senator Kenyon can be selected next November, has added that state to the numerous battle grounds where Republicans and Democrats will fight it out for control of the senate.

Representative Tower is considered one of the strongest aspirants for the Republican nomination.

Rawson, who will take his place in the senate soon after Kenyon leaves next week, is a wealthy manufacturer. He is not expected to join the farm bloc of which Kenyon was the head.

## The Journal First in Business News

An important feature in The Journal's new financial news service is a complete list of the sales for the preceding week on the New York Stock Exchange, showing the high, low and closing prices and the advance or loss on each stock.

This table is an unflinching barometer of business. The Journal is the only newspaper in the Pacific Northwest to carry this feature, one of many that makes it preeminent in market and financial news. Read this table today on Page 12 of Section 3.

## 500,000 COAL WORKERS MAY QUIT APRIL 1

### Strike Order Issued in Indianapolis Is Put Up to Vote of Miners in All Parts of Country.

### All Mines in Nation Would Be Tied Up by Walkout; Unions Outline Demands They Stand For.

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—A strike of 500,000 American coal miners April 1, tying up all union mines in the nation, was ordered by the United Mine Workers' convention here late today. Subject to a referendum, unless mine owners meet demands formulated in the convention.

Other demands formulated by the convention which the operators must meet to avert a strike vote, call for: A 6-hour day and 6-day week. Time and a half pay for overtime, with double time for work on Sundays and legal holidays. Weekly pay for miners. Abolition of the automatic penalty clause from wage agreements with the operators.

Demand of anthracite miners for a 20 per cent wage increase and other policies outlined at the Shamokin, Pa., meeting were approved. \$150 and consumed 3000 feet of lumber daily. Present daily consumption is 40,000 feet and this will be increased to 60,000 when the new plant is installed. The factory will employ 75 operatives. The new site was purchased from Campbell & Swigert and the deal was handled by R. F. Bryan.

## Box Company Buys Four-Acre Tract South of Linnton

A four-acre tract just south of Linnton and extending from the Linnton road to the harbor line was purchased last week by the American Box & Crate company for a cash consideration of \$20,000. The site is occupied by buildings formerly used by the Oregon Wood Distillation company. Repairs on the structures are under way and machinery valued at \$40,000 is being installed for the manufacture of box shooks. A veneer plant also will be installed at an early date.

Officials of the company are J. W. T. J. J. and Mrs. Selma Harrison. The concern started operations in 1918 with a capitalization of \$100,000 and consumed 3000 feet of lumber daily.

## Allenby Is to Have Full Power to Make Egyptian Agreement

London, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Field Marshal Allenby, high commissioner to Egypt, will return with full powers to negotiate a settlement of the political troubles that have been threatening an open revolt, it was learned in official Downing street circles this afternoon.

The government has informed the field marshal, however, that any settlement must impose the British rank of general on the victor, it shall have the right to keep all lines of communication open to maintain order.

## Sinn Fein Splits Over New Regime in South Ireland

Dublin, Feb. 18.—(U. P.)—The Mid-Limerick brigade of the Irish Republican army is reported to have issued a proclamation refusing to recognize the Southern provisional government or the army chiefs who stand with Collins and Griffith.

The brigade is said to have "sworn allegiance to the existing Irish republic." This was the first sign of disaffection in the Sinn Fein ranks since the time for the important convention of February 21 approached.

## C. E. International Meet for Portland in 1925 Is Sought

Salem, Feb. 18.—A move to secure the 1925 International Christian Endeavor convention for Portland was launched today by Endeavorers of Oregon, who were assembled here in annual convention. It is planned to begin at once a campaign in behalf of Portland, which, it is believed, will swing the international meeting to the convention city.

Delegates to the convention, numbering approximately 600, representing every corner of the state, spent a part of this afternoon inspecting state institutions here. The delegates were banqueted in five churches of the city this evening.

The convention, which opened Thursday night, will close Sunday night.

## Chest Plans Reorganized; \$510,000. In

### Doctors Rally to Plea and Will Do Own Soliciting; Other Professions Canvassed.

Total to be raised.....\$798,777  
Total subscriptions Saturday night.....\$10,500  
Yet to be raised.....\$287,850

Complete rearrangement of Community Chest campaign tactics was made at the conclusion of the third week of the drive Saturday afternoon.

Soon after the final afternoon reports of the district leaders were turned in at the Multnomah hotel quarters, work was started to move the headquarters of the campaign committee to the Lumbermen's Trust Company bank at Broadway and Oak streets. From these new quarters the plan of working through trade association lists will be carried on next week.

Windup of the district drives found the Chest subscription totaling approximately \$510,000. The quota is \$798,777. The hope of the workers, without pre-empting the drive for a long period, is that the members of trades and professions will help the re-canvass call.

That the professions will shoulder this task was indicated in an encouraging message received by the Chest workers from Dr. Alan Welch Smith, head of the special doctors committee. Dr. Smith promised a thorough canvass of all physicians for Chest subscriptions.

"Just give us complete information on what you want done and when you want it," said Dr. Smith. "Then you can go away and forget that part of the campaign that has to do with the doctors. We will accomplish the rest. Many doctors reported that they were out of their offices when solicitors for the Chest called, and they have asked instructions as to whether to send in their subscriptions or hold them in anticipation of another call by re-canvassers."

General Robert E. Smith, leader of the Chest drive, expressed appreciation for the cooperation promised by the physicians and predicted that there would be no doubt about raising the budget required if all professions and trades cooperate in a similar manner.

The coming week should see a resumption of Chest campaign activity without spectacular features, but, nevertheless, marked by consistent gains in money raising, in the opinion of the workers.

## TRAIN IS ROBBED; MESSENGER SHOT

### Two Colorado Bandits Escape to Swamp Lands After Looting Car and Passengers.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 18.—Two bandits boarded train No. 116 of the Denver & Rio Grande at Alamosa, Colo., tonight, entered the express car, shot down Express Messenger Gomez, relieving him of his guns, ransacked the car, and went through the passenger coaches robbing the passengers of many thousands of dollars and other valuables.

Stopping the train two miles out, the men escaped in the swamp lands. Gomez, who was a hospital at Alamosa, where it is expected he will die.

## Elevator Accident Inquiry Will Await Experts' Testimony

Causes of the elevator accident in the Wells-Fargo building Friday night in which one man received a fracture of the right leg and several other persons were injured, will not be investigated until inspectors for the elevator company arrive here Monday, according to I. Waring, general agent of the American Railway Express company, and manager of the Wells-Fargo building.

Statements from several employes of the O-W who were making for the victims of the accident have an understanding of the cause. All of the injured persons were back at work today, with the exception of George Emery, who was taken to St. Vincent's hospital with a fractured leg.

## Italian Premier and His Cabinet Resign

Rome, Feb. 18.—(I. N. S.)—The resignation of Premier Bonomi and his cabinet is in the hands of King Victor Emmanuel today for the second time in less than three weeks, as a result of the defeat inflicted upon the government in the chamber of deputies Friday. The Bonomi ministry failed to get a vote of confidence.

## Will Unveil Historic Tablet To Honor Pioneer Courthouse

The Dalles, Feb. 18.—A program of notable historic significance to Oregon will be given here tomorrow afternoon. George H. Himes, curator of the Oregon Historical society, and Judge M. C. George of Portland will attend the dedication. Joseph, the five-year-old son of Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, and grandson of Joseph G. Wilson, the first incumbent of the Wasco county bench, will unveil the tablet.

Miss Anne M. Lang, regent of Quincent chapter, will present the tablet to the city, and it will be accepted by Mayor P. J. Stadelman.

Wasco county in 1859 was the only organized government of its kind east of the Cascades, and the judge, sheriff and other county officials transacted business which originated in points which now states removed from The Dalles.

## 39,351 ACRES AFFECTED BY FRAUD CHARGE

### Three Suits Filed Against California Cattle Company and One Against Livestock Interests.

### It Is Charged Land Commissioners Issued Deeds Illegally to Acreage Involved in Lake Co.

Salem, Feb. 18.—Four suits to regain title to 39,351 acres of land in Lake county, estimated to be worth approximately \$4,000,000, were filed by the state of Oregon in the circuit court of Lake county today, according to Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle.

Three of the suits are directed at the Chewacuan Land & Cattle company, a California corporation, with headquarters in San Francisco, and the fourth is brought against the Lake County Land & Livestock company.

Investigation of the state's rights to recover title to 377,400 acres of land in the legislature of 1919 ordered a probe into the title of swamp lands, appropriating \$25,000 to carry on the work, and the evidence gathered by the state in these cases represents two years' work on the part of L. A. Ljefqvist and Millar McGilchrist, deputies in the office of the attorney general.

## FRAUD ALLEGED

All four of the suits allege fraud on the part of the applicants for deeds to the land and charge that the state board of land commissioners acted illegally in issuing the deeds to the land in violation of the law. One of the suits is against James M. Allen, based on certificates of sale issued to H. C. Owen.

Another suit against the California corporation seeks to recover 272.64 acres of land in Chewacuan marsh located to James D. Fay, on July 13, 1882, therefore illegal, according to the suit issued to H. C. Owen.

A third suit against this same company seeks to recover title to 19,356.42 acres of land in Chewacuan marsh located to James D. Fay, on July 13, 1882, therefore illegal, according to the suit issued to H. C. Owen.

The suit against the Lake County Land & Livestock company seeks to recover title to 534,651 acres of land in Warner and Alamosa marshes located to James M. Allen, on December 28, 1882, therefore illegal, according to the suit issued to H. C. Owen.

In commenting on the four suits this afternoon McGilchrist, who is associated with Ljefqvist in land fraud litigation work in the attorney general's office, pointed out that the act of 1870, which permitted the unlimited sale of land under 1878, based on a report by the act of 1878 under which swamp land sales were limited to 220 acres to an applicant.

All of the land involved in the four suits filed today, McGilchrist points out, were sold by the state subsequent to the passage of the act of 1878 and the sales are therefore illegal according to the contentions of the state.

A fifth suit for the recovery of swamp land by the state is pending in the circuit court of Klamath county. In this suit the state seeks to recover 5500 acres from A. C. Marsters of Roseburg, alleging the use of dummy entries in securing title to the land.