

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15, 1920.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GAINS 50 MEMBERS

Grand Opera House Full for First Open Forum Meeting of Year—Speeches Manifest Spirit of Body

MANY ADDITIONS TO SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE

Boxing Bouts and Lunch Finish Meeting Filled With Features

True spirit of a successful commercial club was shown last night in an open forum meeting of the Salem Commercial club at the Grand opera house. A total of 50 new members was added to the club and many of the members doubled their subscriptions.

Winslow Tells Merits. The first of the speakers was W. C. Winslow, who discussed the advantages that are enjoyed by Salem in the way of natural resources as well as industrial developments already accomplished.

Among the possibilities Mr. Winslow called attention to the flax, fruit dairying and manufacturing industries, which now are in the first stages of development and are capable of unlimited extension.

Mr. Winslow stated that scarcely one-fourth of the tillable land in Marion county is now under cultivation. He made a strong plea for the support of the Salem Commercial club, not only financially, but with the spirit of the real booster.

F. G. Deckebach discussed "Betterment of the Community" and the relative importance of the Commercial club to the community. He likened the Commercial club to a church, comparing the upbuilding spiritual influence of a church to the upbuilding of the industrial resources through the Commercial club.

He explained that through the activities of the commercial club that it was their duty and to their advantage to become a member of the club.

Kay Tells Necessity. Thomas B. Kay was next speaker and spoke on the "necessity of supporting the Commercial Club." Mr. Kay told when the Commercial club was first started about 15 years ago that the streets along the cartracks were covered with weeds, and that residents harvested a crop of hay every year from the city property and that there was not a complete paved street in Salem. There was not a hotel in the city that could be rated above third class. The Commercial club was formed and served as an aggressive element in securing city improvements and was the nucleus of the progressive movements of the city, which are in evidence now.

And for these reasons insists that every business man of Salem should be a member of the Salem Commercial club. It has been proven that the larger the organization the greater the results, and by the correct co-operation of all the business men of Salem through the Commercial club Mr. Kay can see no reason why population of Salem cannot be boosted to forty or fifty thousand in the next four years.

"The Commercial club is a business institution and the officers should be furnished with the necessary financial support," said Frederick Schmidt, of the Phez company. Mr. Schmidt spoke on the advantage of advertising and as an example used an advertisement of the Phez company used in a local magazine recently. The company ran a three line ad, wanting to hear from families who would like to manage farms in this vicinity. Numerous answers were received, and two were from the Canal zone. "Salem must be advertised and the Commercial club is the medium through which the campaign should be conducted," said Mr. Schmidt, which would be a benefit to the city, county and state.

McCroskey Gives Outlook. T. E. McCroskey spoke briefly but pointedly on the present status and the outlook of the organization. He said the Commercial club started off some time ago with flying colors and much enthusiasm, but for some reason interest in it is

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Portrait of Late Governor Authorized by Resolution

The purchase of an oil portrait of the late Governor James Withycombe, is authorized in house concurrent resolution No. 3 which was adopted by the house yesterday. It is provided that the portrait shall cost \$600 and shall be hung in the capitol.

Naval Vessels Assigned to Oregon Naval Reserve

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—There is prospect that a naval vessel will be assigned to station here in the near future for the use of the Oregon naval reserve, according to announcement today by Lieutenant Pohn A. Beckwith, commander of the 2nd section. Lieutenant Beckwith said he had received the assurance from the commandant of the 13th naval district.

WHITMAN WINS FROM W. U. 23-19

Varsity Nervous for First Conference Game But Do Brilliant Work

Whitman college defeated Willamette university at the armory last night in the local school's first conference basketball game by a score of 23 to 19. Team work of the visitors was a feature. Rich did spectacular work for the Washington boys.

Willamette men did brilliant individual work but lacked in playing together, probably due to agitation over their first appearance in conference basketball.

Another game will be played tonight in the armory.

COMPROMISE ON TREATY LEADS COLLEGES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY VOTE ON PREFERENCE IN RATIFICATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Supporters of ratification of the peace treaty by compromise maintained their lead tonight in returns from 375 colleges and universities in the inter-collegiate treaty referendum. Out of a total of 92,466 votes cast by the students and faculties, 32,691 students and 3812 professors and teachers voted in favor of compromise. The next highest vote was for ratification without amendment, which totaled 25,869 students and 3046 teachers. Only 9,566 votes were cast for rejection of the treaty in any form and 17,322 for ratification with the Lodge reservations.

MEXICANS GET U. S. MUNITIONS

General Dickman Says Smuggling on Border is From Army Camps

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 14.—Mexican munitions smugglers are believed to be getting their supplies from border camps of the United States army, according to Major General Dickman commanding the southern department, who today issued instructions from San Antonio for guarding more closely the army's supplies.

STATE MEDALS READY FRIDAY

American Legion to Distribute Decorations to Oregon Men Friday

The medals for all men living in Salem and vicinity who entered the service in the late war from Oregon will be given out by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, in connection with its dance in the armory Friday night. A special committee has been appointed to give out the medals and will be at the armory from 4 p. m. to 2 midnight, Friday.

The distribution of the medals was turned over to Capital Post by the office of the adjutant general and men to whom they are issued will be required to show evidence of their service.

Mountain Lions Killed in California Number Sixteen

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 14.—Sixteen mountain lions were killed in California during December and state bounties totaling \$370 were paid to hunters. Mendocino county leads with five and Butte and Tulare tie for second place with two each.

BRITT TELLS OF CRUELTY BY MEXICANS

BRITT TELLS SORRY OF MEXICAN CRUELTY

Veteran of Argonne Informs Senate Investigation Committee of Unredressed Murder of American Citizens

BADGERING OF LEGION IN TAMPICO RELATED

Peffidy Bared in Carranza Story That Wallace Was Drunk When Killed

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 14.—Stories of cruelty, unredressed murders and devastation of property were given the senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation today by men in close touch with conditions in Mexico. T. M. Melbee, a cattlemen from a border town, James J. Britt, a lawyer from Tampico and George E. Blalock, once the head of what was once the largest colony of American farmers in Mexico were the witnesses. The effect of their testimony was to strengthen the claims of witnesses heard in Washington that the insecurity of American life and property in Mexico is growing greater.

Britt Confirms Reports. Britt asserted that American life was "worth more in the Argonne than it is today in the country about Tampico."

"When James Wallace was shot," Britt said, "I know for a fact he was not a drinking man and yet the claim set up the Mexicans that he was drunk. And this is what had happened. They had poured tequila into his mouth, and over his face after he was dead in order that the odor might support their claim."

Britt, who was a soldier in the tank-corps of the American army in France, confined to the committee the recommendation that was attributed to Secretary of Finance Luis Cabrera hat members of the American legion in Tampico should be deported. The membership, he said, was nearly 400.

"What are you going to do?" asked the chairman. "Are you going to get out?"

"We won't get out if the United States government stays behind us," he answered.

The story of the disappearance of the "Blalock colony" was told by G. E. Blalock, its founder. He told the committee it once comprised about 100 families, all Oklahoma farmers, in very moderate circumstances.

He told of the aspirations of the men to acquire and develop their own homes and how the order or suggestion from the American consul at Tampico caused them to leave in 1914.

CHAIRMEN OF G. O. P. TO MEET

Conference of County Heads to Be Held in Portland January 19

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—A conference of all county chairmen, leaders and speakers from all parts of Oregon has been called by State Chairman Samuel C. Lancaster, in charge of next month's Armenian relief drive. The conference will be held here next Monday, January 19, when detailed plans for the coming campaign will be discussed at a noon luncheon. The approaching drive will be nation-wide and Oregon's campaign is scheduled for February 10 to 20 inclusive.

BRIDEGROOM IS UNDER ARREST

Men Held for Alleged False Statements As to Age of Young Bride

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—Warrants were placed in the hands of officers today for the arrest of Frank Cabler of Hillsdale, Or., and E. W. Cullison of Portland, charged respectively with subordination of perjury in connection with the issuance of a marriage license to Cabler and Miss Ida Land of Hillsdale. The girl's father, who issued the complaint, alleged that whereas Cabler and Cullison swore at the marriage license bureau that his daughter was 18 years old, she is in reality but 16 years old. The couple were married yesterday.

Suspected Portland Radicals Released; No Indictments

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—Suspected radicals who had been arrested but were not indicted by the county grand jury on the charge of criminal syndicalism, were released today by Municipal Judge Rossman on the recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Delch. Names of those let loose are Robert E. Rice, William E. Ness, George M. Zahn, Peter Peterson, Bernard Kaler, Edward Buck, Floyd J. Earley, Neil Turngren, Frank Hofinger, Alf Wyordi, Paul Ebersall, Charles F. Mack and J. Ross.

FRUIT JUICE INCLUDED IN PROHI RULING

Beverages Containing Over Half Per Cent Are Banned by Opinion

ENFORCEMENT DOUBTED

Stores of Fermentable Liquid To Be Under "Watchful Eye"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—In one of the broadest constructions yet placed on provisions of the act for enforcement of constitutional prohibition, Prohibition commissioner Kremer has ruled that fruit juices and ciders come within the dry ban if they contain more than one-half of one per cent alcohol. The commissioner's interpretation of the law was set forth in a memorandum, charging prohibition directors and inspectors with the added duty of examining the alcoholic content of such beverages.

The drastic regulation goes into effect with constitutional prohibition January 16. Violation of it carried the same penalties as for the manufacture or sale of stronger liquors.

Officials, in discussing the ruling, asserted that such a step could not be taken under wartime prohibition nor was it evasion of the prohibition laws of most of the states.

Hittherto, the bureau of internal revenue has held fast to the policy of assessing taxes against fermented liquors containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol but actually the regulation could not be applied to ciders and fruit juices because of the technical language of the law, it was said.

Strict enforcement of the regulation will hold liable dealers in fruit juices and cider in which the alcoholic content increases even while in storage. The department does not intend, however, to gauge all beverages thus produced, officials said, but a "watchful eye" would be kept on these manufacturers and dealers.

Natural fermentation will offer no excuse for evasion of the regulation, it was declared.

Attorney for Centralia I. W. W. Fined on Charge

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12.—George F. Vanderveer, of Seattle, who has been in the public eye recently as chief counsel for the I. W. W. held for trial on charges of complicity in the Armistice day murders at Centralia, Wash., was convicted in the justice court at Minnehaha, near here, of having unlawfully talked with prisoners in the Clake county jail on an occasion last October. Vanderveer was fined \$25 and gave notice of appeal.

JOHN FROHMADER SHOT BY THUGS

Salem Man Wounded by Robbers on South Commercial Street Hill

John Frohmader whose home is on North Front street, was shot in the back as he ran from two robbers on South Commercial street about 9:30 o'clock last night. The bullet entered the right shoulder. Several shots were fired by the thugs. Physicians do not think the wound will prove serious.

The bullet was removed at the hospital by Dr. J. H. Garnjost and R. E. Pomeroy. It had lodged in the lung and was removed near the shoulder above the right breast.

Frohmader had been visiting in South Salem and was going home when young men held him up at the top of the South Commercial street hill just across the street from the W. P. Babcock home. It is said that Frohmader had nothing of value upon his person, and when the robbers had finished going through his pockets they attempted to force him back into some brush. Instead he turned and ran and the robbers opened fire.

Frohmader was able to make his way to an apartment house at South Commercial and Leslie street and a physician was called. The bullet passed through the top of the right lung and was extracted from beneath the collar bone.

It was too dark for Frohmader to note the manacurately. He describes them as about 18 years old, one of them tall and the other short.

ADVANCE IN COMPROMISE WORK GROWS

Effort of Both Sides to Effect Ratification of Treaty Continue to Make Marked Progress

DEMOCRATIC LEADER ELECTION IS FACTOR

Underwood Adopts Conciliatory Attitude Toward Getting Together

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Further and more determined efforts to effect ratification of the peace treaty are expected to follow selection tomorrow by Democratic senators of a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia.

Senatorial conferences today were devoted almost exclusively to the leadership race between Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, administration manager in the treaty contest, and Senator Underwood of Alabama, former Democratic leader in the house. The Democrats meet in caucus tomorrow to make their choice, with an extremely close contest in prospect.

Leader Election Factors. Effect of the Democratic leadership election on the treaty is predicted on variant positions taken recently by Senators Hitchcock and Underwood on ratification. Although both have urged unreserved ratification, Senator Underwood declared several days ago that, if unable to secure ratification, he was prepared to support a resolution of partial satisfaction, excluding the league of nations covenant and leaving it for settlement in the fall elections. Senator Hitchcock has opposed such a course.

BOY, 15 YEARS OLD GETS LIFE

Joseph Morton Convicted of Murder of Lee Linton

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 14.—Imprisonment for life was the sentence meted out tonight to Joseph Morton, 15-year-old Stanwood, Wash., boy, by a jury which found him guilty of a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Lee Linton, an Everett taxicab driver, November 19, last, from White, 19, Morton's companion, who it was alleged, actually shot Linton was found guilty of the charge last week and sentenced to be hanged.

The jury in the morton case was out nearly nine hours.

BONE DRY GUARD IS MOBILIZED

2500 Watchmen to Keep Eyes On and Hands Off Big Booze Stock

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Employment of a force of 2,500 watchmen to guard 69,000,000 gallons of liquor in government bonded warehouses is planned by the internal revenue bureau to protect the liquor against theft, Prohibition Commissioner Kremer today told the house appropriations committee. He asked that congress make \$20,000,000 available for establishing the guard.

Plans for the final disposition of the liquor has been determined by the bureau, Mr. Kremer told the committee, adding that the permissive withdrawals after constitutional prohibition becomes effective, would be so few as not to pay the expense for maintaining the guard.

NEW JURY HAS NOT YET AGREED

Jurors in Deadlock Are Shut in For Night at 10:40 After Futile Day

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—No agreement has been reached by the jury in the trial of Harry New, alleged murder of his fiancée, Freda Lesser, at 10:40 tonight and it was locked up for the night.

Chester Clark Appointed Deputy Revenue Collector

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 14.—Chester Clark, son of the late W. A. Clark, deputy collector of customs for Coos Bay, was today appointed to succeed his father in that office by Will H. Moore, collector for the Oregon district, who came here for the purpose.

"Man Without Country" Refused by Native Land

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Martin de Wal, described as a "man without a country," applied for a writ of habeas corpus in federal court today. He has been held for deportation since his arrest as an I.W.W. in July, 1918, in Seattle, and claims St. Hergenloesch, Holland, as his birthplace. The Dutch government has refused to accept him.

100 DEVELOP DREAD MALADY

Mysterious Illness Spreads in Bryan County, Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 14.—One hundred cases of the mysterious intestinal malady which has appeared in many communities in the south have been reported in Bryan county, Okla., according to information received tonight at the state board of health.

CUMMINGS SENDS DELEGATE WEST

Democratic Leader Telephones San Francisco from Washington

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Honorable S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, telephoned from Washington to Postmaster Charles W. Fry today that a representative of the committee would arrive in San Francisco January 21 to assist in arranging details for the Democratic convention. Mr. Cummings also received a telegraphic message from Cummings stating that the entire cause was delighted with the selection of San Francisco as the convention city.

CHURCH BUDGET 104 MILLIONS

Missionary to Japan Says Press Is Great Aid in Work

NE HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 14.—A budget of \$104,000,000 for 1920 was approved tonight by the foreign missions board of the Protestant churches of the United States and Canada. Reverend Albertus Pieters, for 25 years a missionary in Japan, addressed the delegates on the subject of publicity, urging a more liberal attitude toward the press and use of newspaper advertising in mission work. He told of results obtained by advertising in Japan.

HERBERT HOOVER IS "REPUBLICAN"

Julius Barnes, Life-Long Friend, Tells of Food Controller

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Herbert Hoover was declared tonight by Julius Barnes, his close associate and friend, to be a "progressive Republican" who "will never allow himself to be a candidate for high office nor allow his friends to make an effort in his behalf unless there shall come such indisputable evidence of such spontaneous and universal popular demand that it will overwhelm his present resolution not to enter politics."

Mr. Barnes, who is director of the United States wheat corporation was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the National Wholesale Drygoods association.

BILLS BANNED AFTER TODAY

Resolution Adopted Requires Two-Thirds Vote to Permit New Measures

Introduction of bills after noon today except on favorable vote of two-thirds of the house, is forbidden by house resolution No. 8, which was adopted by the house late yesterday. The resolution before being adopted was amended not to include appropriation bills.

GAME BOARD BILL PASSES LOWER HOUSE

Bean Measure Wins Out With 47 Affirmative Votes After Hour of Oratory in Which Governor Is Made Target

ACT SPECIAL ORDER FOR SENATE TODAY

Olcott Tells Smith of Multnomah He Will Not Offer Opposition

Just before adjournment yesterday the senate made a special order of business for today at 2 o'clock the Norblad-Handley-Bean bill to create a fish and game commission to be elected by the legislature and also the resolution emanating from the same element calling for an investigation of the present commission. Earlier in the day opponents of the resolution for investigation had tabled it until today, but discussion was again started late yesterday when Norblad attempted to have the majority report of the fish and game committee favoring the resolution and the minority report against it removed from the table and acted upon.

Louis Bean's fish and game commission bill passed the house yesterday afternoon with 47 affirmative votes, following arguments lasting over an hour. The bill had been made special order for yesterday morning but was held up as it had not returned from the printer when the house convened. It was made special order for the afternoon session and was brought up following the assembly for the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Bean outlined the provisions of the bill and conditions leading up to its preparation. Following Mr. Bean, Hare of Washington delivered a speech against it in which he said that the bill would put the fish and game life of the state, which should be protected and fostered, back into politics from which it should be rescued. He said that passage of the bill would mean that hereafter every election of speaker of the house and president of the senate would hinge upon the fish and game commission. He maintained that the present law is fairly satisfactory and said that the problem in the present fish and game commission is administrative and not legislative in nature.

Governor "Not Opposed." Smith of Multnomah, arguing against the bill, said that it departed from the principles of government on which the United States is founded, that of three branches of government. He said he had talked with Governor Olcott concerning the bill and the governor had said he would offer no opposition to it. Mr. Smith asserted that the statement of the governor, however, did not constitute approval. He said responsibility of administering the affairs of the commission should remain with the governor and not be placed in the hands of a chairman as provided by the bill. He suggested that the public have representation on the commission as provided by the new bill instead of only the fish and game interests.

Executive is Target. Smith of Baker supported the present commission in its stand and said he had every reason to believe that good commission could be elected by the legislature and cited elections of officers of various kinds by the body. He said the fish and game commission should have some power back of it when it was under fire and not lose its political head because of charges which were not proven.

Bean, in answering questions of members of the house said that if the fish and game commission be elected as it stands wild life resources of the state would suffer because of the announcement of the governor that the commission will be ousted if a new commission is not created. He said that a new commission would undo the work that has been accomplished by the present personnel.

Mr. Bean paid tribute to R. H. Clanton, fish warden, as one of the most able men in the United States in his work. Mr. Bean expressed the general opinion that the present commission members will be elected to the new commission if it is established and that the work will not be interrupted.

Question on Governor Hunt. Smith of Multnomah asked Mr. Bean bluntly "if he thought then, that the governor was wrong and the commission right."

Bean replied that he thought the present commission an able and honorable group of men.

Crawford called for a vote and on count it stood 47 for passage and 11 against.

The bill as passed provides for two commissions, one of five members and one of three, with a chairman to be selected by the two bodies, each of which has one vote.