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68 MILE GALE HITS ALONG NORTH COAST

Storm is Accompanied by Heavy Rain While Wind Prostrates Telegraph Wires and Interurban

STORM WARNING WILL REMAIN ALONG COAST

Crest of Storm Is Reached in Early Evening—Intervals of Calm Follow

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 10.—A 68-mile gale is sweeping the Oregon-Washington coast tonight accompanied by heavy rain. Telephone and telegraph wires are prostrated. Power wires are down in many places through the Willamette valley. Interurban car service is badly interrupted as far south as Eugene.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The North Pacific ocean is covered by the largest storm reported in five years, it was said tonight by G. H. Wilson of the United States weather bureau here. Willson said the storm was well out and centered northwest of Vancouver Island. In extent of area and low pressure, it is the most threatening in years, he said.

Southwest storm warnings which were put up from Point Reyes to Tatoosh two days ago will remain up, he said. Strong gales were reported today off the coasts of Oregon and Washington. Weather bureau figures show 68 miles velocity an hour off the mouth of the Columbia river and 64 miles off Tatoosh, Wash.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 10.—Reports received here indicate that the storm which swept the coast this afternoon was abating tonight. The crest of the storm was reached between 4:30 and 8 o'clock p. m. when the wind rose to 68 miles an hour but late tonight had fallen to 36 miles with intervals of calm, according to reports from North Head, Wash. The heaviest rain and hail storm on record accompanied the wind here breaking windows and putting all telephone communication out between Astoria an1 Portland. Lightning struck several light wires with little damage.

Mrs. Peters Leaves to Undergo Murder Trial

Mrs. Zima Peters, who is under an indictment of murder in the first degree in Benton county, but who for several months has been in the Salem city jail, was returned to Corvallis yesterday by Sheriff Warfield of that place. Her trial is tc be held there in the near future.

Mrs. Peters is accused of killing a man in Lincoln county. She was brought to Salem for incarceration because of lack of quarters for female prisoners in the Benton county jail.

JOHNSON BILL CAUSE OF MUCH DISCUSSION

EMBARGO PERIOD WILL BE REDUCED

Amendment Exempting Philippines From Application of Measure Is Adopted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Amendment of the Johnson bill to reduce the two year prohibition against immigration to the United States to fourteen months and charges that foreign governments are "financing the movement of radicals to the United States" marked another day of debate in the house on immigration lgeislation.

Adoption by a vote of 87 to 25 of the amendment offered by Representative Mann to reduce the embargo period was a surprise to advocates of the legislation and constituted the first victory for Representative Siegel, Republican, New York and Sabath, Democrat, Illinois, leaders of the opposition. Proponents of the bill, however, said they were confident of favorable disposition of the measure before adjournment tomorrow.

The Mnn amendment actually limits the restriction period to one year. As amended the bill cannot be enforced for two months after passage and can be applied only 14 months from the date of passage.

Another amendment by Representative Mann exempting the Philippines from application of the measure was adopted by a viva voce vote.

Representatives Mann and other influential members announced their opposition to the bill. Reasons given included charges of laxity against the administration in enforcing existing laws; that the bill was extreme and radical, leading to permanent restriction of immigration; that it would deny asylum to "oppressed peoples" including the Irish and return them to "tyrannical governments" for punishment.

ARMORY ASKED AT SILVERTON

Delegation Pleads With County Court, But Money Is Not Available

Silverton wants an armory building. A large delegation of its citizens was in the city yesterday urging an appropriation of $10,000 from the county funds, which amount added to that raised by the city, would warrant the state appropriation and an armory for Silverton could be assured.

The county court received the delegation, and after listening to the appeal, decided that, much as it would like to concede to the wishes of the Silverton people, it was powerless to act for the reason that funds are not available.

The delegation was composed of Maj. Eugene Moshberger of Woodburn, Capt. Grover Todd, L. J. Adams, T. P. Reinstegen, L. C. Eastman, Carl Moser, R. G. Allen and Julius Alm.

A committee representing the Community club of Silverton was also in conference with the court yesterday for the purpose of lending influence in securing a bee inspector for Marion county. Interested in the work of the apiarians were George Cusiter, J.

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LITTLER IS LEADER OF CONFERENCE

Salem Youth is Elected President of Western Oregon Boys' Organization for Coming Year

REGISTRATION AHEAD OF ALL EXPECTATIONS

Scores More Coming Today Inspiring Address Heard on First Day

Robert Littler of Salem was yesterday elected president of the Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, to hold office until the conference of next year. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Homer McArthur of West Lynn; secretary, Harold Sox of Albany; publicity manager, Ralph Emmons of Salem. The place of meeting for the next conference will be decided before the convention adjourns.

The Western Oregon Boys' conference convened yesterday with a registration of over 350 youths and with the probability that at least 75 more will arrive this morning. This is nearly 100 in advance of the number counted on and nearly 125 more than entertainment had been provided for. The opening sessions proved a real send-off to the work of the conference.

Registration of local delegates occupied most of the morning. Outside delegates began arriving in the early forenoon and continued until late last night. The boys were taken from the trains to the Y. M. C. A. by automobiles where they registered and were assigned to homes. They were taken to their homes by their Salem hosts and were then free until the opening session at 4 o'clock.

Song Service First.

The first session began with a rousing song service. Devotionals were led by John Rudd. A. E. Yount gave the opening address on "Why Are We Here." He explained that the purpose of the conference as that which the boys themselves had come for and that no matter what the plan might have been, the attitude and the action of the boys would determine the purpose and the result of the conference.

At the same meeting a nomination committee composed of a representative from each city was appointed and at its meeting immediately after the regular session the following nominations were recommended to the assembly: For president, Robert Littler of Salem and Blair Stewart of Corvallis; for vice-president, Homer McArthur of West Lynn and Howand Stansberry of Portland; for secretary, Robert Ringler of Philomath and Howard Sox of Albany; for publicity manager, Ralph Emmons of Salem.

At the leaders' meeting in the afternoon general plans for the conference were discussed and these were presented to the delegations at separate meetings held at 7:20.

Halvorsen Welcomes Boys

The evening meeting was inspiring and has set a high standard for future meetings. It began with a song service and impressive devotionals led by W. F. Rouse. Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor-elect George Halvorsen and Robert Littler, president of the Senior Hi Y club, which has provided for the entertainment of the delegates. A response was given by Bernard Gutherie of Corvallis. A report of the nomination committee was heard and the officers elected by standing vote. Installation of officers was made by Hal Donnelly.

The address of the evening was delivered by W. T. Fletcher, principal of the James John high school of Portland. He handled his subject of "Fitness" with direct simplicity. He gave the attributes of succesful leadership as simplicity, sincerity, honesty, and cleanliness coupled with the ability to work with others.

"We owe it to ourselves and to our country to develop ourselves in these four things," he emphatically declared. "The theme of this conference is 'Four Square' and it is toward that end that we must work in this conference."

The program of today's activities is as follows:

Forenoon.

8:00—Leaders meeting.

9:00—General assembly. Song and devotional; leader, Norman Johnson.

9:30—Address, "The Value of an Education," E. W. Warrington.

10:15 — Sectional conferences: All Y. M. C. A. members meet with Paul Newmeyer. High school groups, Ben Smidt, presiding. "Some Things We Need in Our High School," Cecil Shaffer.

11:05—Recess.

11:10—Conference period. Norman Johnson presiding. "What Can We Do To Boost Our Sunday School?" Victor Hicks, Woodburn.

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CASE OF GANGSTERS IS "DISMISSED BY DEATH"

CURIOUS THRONGS VIEWED BODIES OF MURDERERS

Dramatic Scene Occurs in Court When Cases of Men Are Called By Judge Sewell

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 10.—Throngs of the curious, many of them wearing little bows of hempen strands, which they said were from the lyncher's rope, viewed the bodies today of George Boyd, Terence Fitts and Charles Valento alleged gangsters and murderers, who were hanged to a lone tree at Rural cemetery, on the outskirts, early today. More than three thousand had passed through the morgue by sundown today, the coroner estimated.

In front of a newspaper office, where a flashlight picture of the white-clothed bodies of the hanged men dangling from their nooses was exposed to public view the three young sons of Sheriff James A. Petray, killed last Sunday by Boyd, studied the gruesome print closely for half an hour and then passed on without comment. Knots of men and women, more or less excited, formed on the streets to talk of the lynching.

There was a dramatic scene in the county superior court room today when the cases of the three hanged men were called. They were to have pleaded to indictments charging them with murder in connection with the slaying of the officers.

District Attorney Hoyle informed the court that the men had been slain. The court had Sheriff Boyes sworn as a witness and from him received an account of this morning's tragedy. Then the district attorney moved that the indictment be dismissed.

"Dismissed by death," said Judge Emmett Sewell, the aged jurist who Sunday night had pleaded with the mob around the jail not to lynch the prisoners.

MARTIAL LAW RULES DUBLIN

Desperate Minority in Ireland Will be Dealt With Harshly

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Martial law has been proclaimed by Dublin Castle over the city and county of Cork, the city and county of Limerick and the counties of Tipperary and Kerry. In an announcement made to the house of commons today Premier Lloyd George declared it was the intention of the British government to put down lawlessness which for months has been prevalent in Ireland.

Dublin city and the county of Dublin, although they have been the scenes of numerous affrays and of much vandalism, were not included in the district under martial law, but Mr. Lloyd George told the commons that if conditions should warrant, the interdicted area would be extended.

Under the proclamation, persons who, without authority possess arms or unauthorized uniforms must surrender them within a certain period or lay themselves liable to trial by court martial and the death penalty.

The premier said he was convinced that in all sections of Ireland the majority of the people were anxious for peace and that the government likewise was desirous of peace and fair settlement of the questions at issue.

To this end, he asserted that the government would treat with Sinn Fein members of parliament who had not been "involved in the commission of the serious crimes."

These Sinn Feiners, he added, would be afforded all protection. The premier declared it had no option but to continue to intensify its campaign against the small but highly organized and desperate minority" in Ireland, which was "using murder and outrage in order to attain the impossible end which could bring peace neither to Ireland nor to Great Britain.

The premier's statement of the government's willingness to negotiate with the Sinn Fein, which was delivered in his most persuave manner, created a profound impression both inside and outside parliament. It probably will be debated in the house of commons Tuesday. Although Premier Lloyd George intimated he thought it preferable there should be no debate, it is thought the liberals will institute the discussion, believing that martial law should not be established in Ireland without the acquiescence of parliament.

CONTRACTOR IS SHOT

SEATTLE, Dec. 10. — Alex McGibben, 47, a wood contractor was shot and instantly killed in a quarrel over a theft of chickens late today, according to the police and Pete Colaghino, 48, section hand, is in the county jail tonight charged with the shooting. Colaghino is said to have told the police he fired in self defense when attacked.

ANTI-BUILDING TRUST MACHINE IS IN HIGH

THIRTY INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED

Total Reaches Sixty-Two Contractors' Associations Disband Following Judgment

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—New York's "anti-building trust" machine went into high speed today when more than 30 indictments, bringing the total above 60, and the disbanding of two contractors' associations, were announced as direct results of grand jury and joint legislative committee investigations.

Another sensational development included charges by Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel, that "great financial and industrial powers" of the country "through hired propagandists and publicity agents," have thrown themselves into the fight to block the investigaton of the alleged building trust just as it "is about to enter upon its most crucial stage."

Witnesses informed the committee that marble contractors in New York and elsewhere exercised a virtual monopoly on their line of business through city and national marble industry employers' associations having reciprocal agreements in effect with the building trades employers' association and the building trades council by which competition was virtually annihilated and union labor put on and taken off jobs almost at will.

Of today's indictments, 29 named members of the Cut Stone Contractors' association and had charged them with violating the Donnelly anti-trust laws of the state. Each defendant was arraigned and held in $5000 bail, after pleading not guilty.

MR. PICK HAS BEST OF NEWS

Oregon Flax and Hemp Appeal Strongly to Big Eastern Manufacturers

F. H. Pick, merchandise broker, of the firm of Pick, Young & Co., 29 Second street, Portland, was a Salem visitor yesterday. He has just returned from an extended trip throughout the east, south and southwest, showing and selling Oregon products, from berries and prunes to flax.

Mr. Pick comes back home with greater enthusiasm than ever before (and he has never been slow in this respect), for Oregon and its great possibilities and her bright future.

Especially Flax and Hemp.

He took samples of the flax grown in the Turner district and being treated by the Oregon Flax Fiber company, and also samples of the hemp grown by Mrs. W. P. Lord on her Lake Labish farm last season, and treated by William J. J. Cunninham.

Mr. Pick called on all the big linen manufacturers of the United States. What they told him about the quality of his flax and hemp samples and about the possibilities in this field of the Salem district is the thing that makes him especially enthusiastic over the Oregon flax industry.

Mr. Pick left Portland October 7, and soon thereafter he called at the great factory of the Smith & Dove Manufacturing company, at Andover, Mass., manufacturers of linen threads, yarns and twines, and left them samples of his flax and also his hemp, for treatment and trial. On November 16, H. A. Bodwell, treasurer and general manager of that company, wrote to Pick, Young & company, and following are some excerpts from that letter:

"We promised to give Mr. Pick a report on the samples of hemp which he left with us.

"We find your samples as compared with Italian, to be a little dry and light and the fibre a trifle harsh, and we also find this same fault with the flax, and will suggest that if there is anything you can do in your method of retting to give a softer fibre, you will produce a better spinning quality and increase the value of your fibre."

Mr. Cunningham had only a few days in which to prepare the hemp sample which Mr. Pick took east, and the flax samples were also hastily prepared, because the time was short—and there is no difficulty in retting to the softness desired by the spinners.

What Mr. Bodwell said to Mr. Pick privately about the possibilities of a country that could produce such hemp and flax was good for the soul of any Oregonian.

Mr. Pick also called on Mr. Day of the American Thread company, New York, which is a Barbour concern, known as the thread trust. Mr. Day told Mr. Pick that the people of the Salem district are on the right track—that they have "got something," and that if they will persist, along the right lines, they will end up with a gigantic industry.

L. M. Crawford, of the Stevens Linen mills, Webster, Mass., was especially enthusiastic, which is saying a good deal for him, because that great factory has been handed down from father to son for generations, and its managers are very conservative.

Mr. Crawford told Mr. Pick that the Salem hemp is every bit

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SOCIETY OF COMPANY M ORGANIZED

Rousing Ovation Accorded Captain Neer, Who Is Made First President—Annual Reunion Is Voted

THREE COLONELS MADE HONORARY MEMBERS

Hardtack and Cheese Forgotten, but Old Days Are Well Remembered

Three years ago today Company M sailed for France. Last night at the Marion hotel members of the original Salem unit gathered for a reunion to commemorate the event of their sailing, and organized the Society of Company M, 162nd infantry, with Captain J. Roy Neer elected as its first president.

"Chow" was the principal enjoyment at the reunion last evening. Quite different from the hardtack and cheese that comprised the first Christmas dinner of the old Third Oregon as the Tuscania rode at anchor in Liverpool harbor on that bleak December of 1917, was the sumptuous dinner spread at the hotel. From all parts of th estate men gathered, seizing the opportunity of seeing their comrades and talking over the never-to-be-forgotten days of their service. If any were slighted in not receiving invitations, it was because their present addresses were unavailable. Auld Lang Syne was the toast of the evening, and though the "cup of kindness" lacked the real qualities of the products of the sunny French vineyards, the toast was quaffed as heartily as any in the old days of their exile.

Lieut. Paul B. Wallace of Salem was the moving spirit in bringing about the formation of the new society and presided at the meeting last night. Colonel John L. May of Portland and Colonels George A. White and Carle Abrams of Salem were present and were made honorary members of the society.

An ovation was given Captain J. Roy Neer, who was commander of the company when it went to France. Captain Neer came from Portland to attend the reunion and was delayed on the road. Probably no other citizen of this community has ever been accorded a more rousing greeting than that given the popular captain. He was further honored by being elected the society's first president. Other officer's chosen were vice president, Lieutenant Francis N. Banta; mess sergeant, Jack Bartlett; company clerk, Paul B. Wallace, and chaplain, David Hassel.

Captain Neer, in his address to the company pledged the organization to maintain its incomparable standard of service and to stand four-square in service as American citizens. He paid a tribute to Colonel John L. May, who was commander of the Third Oregon in the A. E. F., and in behalf of his company, expressed complete confidence in the colonel, declaring that the whole company is behind him and always has been.

The company voted to hold an annual meeting on the Saturday nearest December 11 each year. A dance will be given the latter part of next March.

The muster roll of all members of the original company was called last night as follows, those being present as indicated below:

Neer, James R., captain (present).

Allen, Dana, H., first lieutenant.

Banta, Francis N., second lieutenant (present).

Alford, Max L., first sergeant.

Wallace, Paul B., Sup. sergeant. (present).

Proctor, Errol W., mess sergeant.

Sergeants—
Wygant, Robert C.
Norton, James E.
McInturff, Hermann F. (present).
Blunk, Elmer (present).
Mason, Francis W. (present).
Gralapp, Arnold L.
Zinn, Frank N. (present).
Neiger, Henry J.

Corporals—
Maurer, Paul C.
Frazer, Robert A. (present).
Hansen, Richard O.
Chandler, Melvin S. (present).
Williams, Verne F.
Pike, Lionel S.
Gilbert, Malcolm L.
Stanley, Samuel V.
O'Neil, Anton.
Cordier, Clifford W.
Fraser, Harry E. (present).
Peterson, Arvid V.
Putnam, Welcome R. (present)
Yung, Guy F. (present)
Miller, Franklin J.
Vincent, Andrew M. (present)
Bradsson, Victor D.
Cooks—
Plant, Harry.
Sundberg, Emil.
Sumner, Earl J.

Mechanics—
Eckerlin, Eugene, Jr. (present)
Jackson, Rein E. (present).

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H. E. DODGE CALLED BY DEATH AT PALM BEACH

SOLE HEAD OF AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS

Brothers Founded Firm That Bore Their Name Eight Years Ago After Quitting Henry Ford

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 10.—Horace E. Dodge, millionairs automobile manufacturer died here tonight at his winter home.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—The death of Horace E. Dodge at Palm Beach, Fla., tonight was unexpected by his acquaintances and friends here who had not learned of his serious illness. His health had been impaired since an influenza attack last winter. He left here several weeks ago with Mrs. Dodge.

Mr. Dodge had been the sole head of the Dodge Brothers automobile interests since the sudden death early this yar of John Dodge, his elder brother.

The brothers founded the automobile business that bore their name here eight years ago, after engaging in the manufacture of automobile parts since the early days of the industry when they were associated with Henry Ford.

HARDING AND HUGHES MEET

President-elect Will Carry Out Promise for "Meeting of Minds"

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 10.—In fulfillment of his campaign promise for a "meeting of minds" to determine a new American foreign policy, President-elect Harding today began a month of conferences by seeking the advice of Charles E. Hughes.

What passed during their talk of several hours was not revealed for afterwards Mr. Harding maintained silence and Mr. Hughes would only say that international problems had been considered in relation to constantly changing conditions and with a view to solution along the lines laid down by Mr. Harding during the campaign.

Neither would comment on the widely circulated reports that the conference had to do also with cabinet appointments and other practical questions of administration building. Mr. Hughes has been mentioned many times as possible secretary of state and his arrival here at the head of the president-elect's list of chosen conferences, served to enliven speculation.

Col. George Harvey arrived for a visit which, it was said, might last several days.

Although as a Democrat, he was one of Woodrow Wilson's leading supporters for the presidency in 1912, Colonel Harvey withdrew his support from the administration and has been an irreconcilable opponent of the league. Mr. Hughes has been a reservationist, having proposed several reservations during the league fight in the senate.

Mr. Harding tonight received a delegation from the Ohio Americanization conference in session at Columbus and attended a private dinner at which he heard a lecturer discuss conditions in the Far East. He also talked over several political questions with Elmer Dover, who was Pacific coast manager for the Republican national committee during the campaign.

SALEM IS DAMAGED BY STORM

Electric Power Lines, Telephone and Telegraph Wires Broken by Falling Trees and Business at Standstill

FIRE ALARMS KEEP DEPARTMENT MOVING

Accidents Reported, Roofs Carried Away and Railway Traffic Halted—Condition Is Uncertain

The most damaging wind and rain storm in years pounced down upon Salem and the whole of the Willamette valley yesterday. It assumed almost unprecedented proportions early in the afternoon and grew worse until about 8 o'clock last night when the gale began to subside, but by that time telegraph and telephone lines had been knocked down all over western Oregon and high power electric transmission lines put out of commission, with Salem an extreme sufferer, shrouded in darkness and with all industrial plants using electric energy brought to a standstill.

Trees and telephone poles were blown down, no less than seven fire alarms turned in, street signs hurled from their places, plate glass windows broken, and several accidents caused by the storm.

The Statesman office was one of the most mittreated victims of the gale. For a total of perhaps three hours the electric light and power were off, rendering the linotype machines useless and holding up for that time the making of this morning's newspaper.

Man's Life in Danger.

A near loss of life occurred on North Summer street when a 2300-volt electric wire dropped upon an automobile driven by a man reported to have been R. R. Jones, the contractor. Because of crippled telephone service The Statesman was unable to verify the name last night. All metal parts of the automobile became charged with electricity and the car was put out of commission. The driver attempted to get out of the automobile, but received a heavy current of electricity through his body the moment his foot touched the wet pavement. He was safe as long as

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OLD PEOPLE'S HOME MADE YOUTHFUL BY VISITATION OF SALEM GIRL RESERVES

Aged Folk Don't Talk Much About Art and Latest Dance Step, But They do Love Flowers and Sunsets and Laughter of Children—Weekly Entertainments Arranged by Miss Scott.

By MOLLY BRUNK

Out at the Old People's home on Twelfth street there is a group of men and women who have weathered life's storms and blasts and are peacefully waiting in a safe harbor for the summons of the Pilot to put out to sea on that last long voyage.

These old folk would not be interested if you talked to them of Futuristic art, free verse and the latest dance step, but they are not too old to find enjoyment in flowers, in sunsets, in simple songs and music, and the laughter of little children.

And so each week a group of girls—and sometimes there are a few boys—of the Girls' Reserve of the Y. W. C. A. goes out to share their youth and their gladness with these white-haired girls and boys of the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Thursday afternoon a merry group from the Washington school dropped in with the music rolls, their violins, a cornet—and their enthusiasm. There were 15, I think, and their audience was eagerly awaiting them. The big, old-fashioned piano had been opened, a few ragged chrysanthemums and a bit of "Dusty Miller" had been resurrected from somewhere, and the chairs had been neatly arranged in rows.

There was a pretty young girl, with cheeks like a rose, who kept order among the exuberant performers, and who played an accompaniment while four little lassies joined their voices in "Holy Night."

There was a young boy who played a lilting, patriotic air on a miniature cornet, and if he and his youthful accompanist missed a note or two, I don't believe that anyone really cared.

There was a little girl who wore a blue middy and bobbed curls, and who tucked a tiny violin beneath her chin and played until old eyes moistened, and 'kerchiefs appeared surreptitiously.

Followed a little girl with a face and hands that would have delighted a Da Vinci or a Botticelli, and who made one forget the decrepit old piano.

Then there was another little girl with long, yellow curls who played with rhythm and precision, a gay little waltz tune that left aged feet marking time upon the faded carpet.

A recitation about a twin who had all sorts of trouble with "the other twin," so much so, that when he died the neighbors came and burried "brother John," left the little white-haired group in a very merry mood.

To Miss Eva Scott, girls' work secretary of the Y. W. C. A., belongs credit for these happy affairs that have developed into weekly entertainments, and which are looked forward to as high lights by these old folk, who through them are made to live again in that enchanted land of Youth.

PROSECUTOR WEINKE HOPES DISTRICT ATTORNEYS MAY HAVE SQUINT INTO HEAVEN

Gilliam County Official, However, is Doubtful About Other Folks Who Evade Duty—Pathetic Picture Drawn in Letter Written to Secretary of State by Condon Man.

The tribulations of the life of a prosecuting attorney are touchingly portrayed in a missive which Sam A. Kozer, secretary of State, has received from T. A. Weinke, who has been elected district attorney in Gilliam county. Mr. Weinke believes the people ought to help enforce the laws, and thinks because they do not the prosecutors will at least be allowed a peek into Heaven, while he has some doubt about other folks. He encloses his certificate of election and oath of office.

Mr. Weinke writes:

I hand to you under the same cover with this letter my certificate of election as the district attorney in and for Gilliam county, Oregon, together with my oath of office which you will please file in your office in the manner provided by law. This instrument just handed to you by me entitles me to listen for four more years to all the trouble of those whose hearts may have been made heavy through family quarrels, neighborhood grudges, check artists, illicit operators of liquor stills concealed in caves, mountain caverns and deep canyons where man living not, thus enabling the moonshiner to work under cover of night without being seen by any living thing save and except the jackrabbit and coyotte who cannot bear witness against them in a court of justice, all to the sorrow of him who takes an oath of office to support the constitution and laws of the United States, the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon and to perform the duties of District Attorney to the best of his ability, SO HELP HIM GOD (and God is usually the only helper but he cannot bear witness for the reason that my subpoena would be returned with the endorsement by the sheriff up it: Not found.)

Verily I say unto you, many are the troubles of the prosecutor. He is cursed if he does, and cursed if he does not. Upon his death there should be inscribed upon the tombstone of his last resting place these words:

"Here lies the body of John Prosecutor, one time district attorney of one of the counties of the state of Oregon, who died in the spring time of life, at his post of duty, broken in body and spirit caused by worry and overwork running down rumors of alleged law violations, true or untrue, which work he performed alone and single handed when he did not have the hearty aid and cooperation of the public for whom he was laboring. God bless him and his work. Let his body rest in peace until the day of judgment when he will appear at the entrance of the Kingdom of Heaven, as one of many on a jury composed of ex-district attorneys of Oregon, with St. Peter as the Judge, at which time he will point out to those who failed to do their duty to society by failing to inform and make government better by so doing and thus bearing the burdens of government as well as all the comforts, and when their verdict is rendered let all hope that St. Peter, will in justice to them and their souls, turn them back to this place called "Earth" with instructions to not again attempt to enter until they have informed against those that have transgressed the laws without first having the usual block and tackle subpoenas of the district attorneys to appear before a grand jury; that no human can pass the gates without first showing that he or she has at least in some manner shouldered some burden of government in repayment of that which has been received."