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## MAYORALTY RACE LOOMS BIG

### BONUS METHOD HAS MEMBERS ALL GUESSING

Difference of Opinion Develops Among Leaders As to Manner of Calling up Relief Measure.

### DECISION AWAITS SPEAKER GILLETTE

Suspension of Rules is Apparently Favored Manner of Procedure

WASHINGTON, March 15.—There developed today a difference of opinion among Republican leaders in the house as to the method of calling up the soldiers' bonus bill on the floor. One group still favored consideration next Monday under a suspension of the rules which would cut off all amendments, while another held the opinion that delay in action would be preferable.

On all sides it was stated that a decision would await the return here Saturday of Speaker Gillette who is in Florida with President Harding.

Rules May Be Suspended  
Meantime there was speculation among house members as to whether the speaker would entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, disclosed that he had been informed by Mr. Gillette before the speaker left Washington that he had better not depend entirely upon a suspension of rules as the procedure for getting the bill before the house. Since he has been in Florida the speaker has indicated that he might not entertain a motion for this purpose, because of the importance of the bonus measure.

Majority Wishes Sensed  
Representative Mondell, Republican, Wyoming, the Republican leader, said today it would be "rather unusual" for the speaker to refuse to entertain such a motion if a majority of the house desired consideration of the bill under such a plan. He added that it was his judgment that a majority did so desire.

Representative Garner, Texas, the ranking Democrat on the ways and means committee, declared that if Speaker Gillette were "persistent against the passage of the bill, he has the power in his office to prevent its consideration."

"The power to refuse recognition on Monday to suspend the rules and pass the bill," Mr. Garner said "exists on Tuesday to refuse recognition of the rule committee to consider a special rule authorizing its consideration."

Corridor Talk Heard  
"If Speaker Gillette objects to the consideration of the measure on suspension day because it cannot be amended, to be consistent he would have to decline recognition to consider a rule to cut off the right of any member to offer amendment."

In the discussion today in house cloak-rooms and corridors some of those advocating consideration of the bill under a suspension of the rules advanced the argument that to take it up under a special rule might result in complications. They said there was the possibility of a motion to recommend the instructions to the committee to reinstate the cash bonus feature and provide for an excess profits tax to finance it. Some contended that such a motion probably would prevail.

Conference Advocated  
Those counselling delay beyond next Monday think that before the house acts, there should be an informal conference by house leaders with President Harding, particularly in view of the action of the ways and means committee in voting to report out the bill within 10 minutes after Secretary Mellon and Comptroller of the Currency Crittenger had appeared by invitation and had opposed the bank loan section of the adjusted service certificate option.

### CRIME UNPUNISHED IN CHICAGO; FOLK IN CONSTANT FEAR

CHICAGO, March 15.—Thousands of persons in Chicago live in terror and pay tribute to keep their homes from being robbed, Robert Crowe, state's attorney declared tonight in an address before a citizens' committee called to consider law enforcement measures.

"If a man in this town wants to erect a home he must add a certain percentage to the cost for a band of criminals who levy tribute on all building operations," Mr. Crowe declared. "The men who run Chicago criminal affairs have struck terror into the very hearts of our citizens. Murder can be committed here in the 'loop' with fifty witnesses looking on and the law is powerless to bring the slayer to justice."

He declared that the only remedy was to awaken the public conscience. "If we don't, we shall get to the point where we will have no law and you will be meeting to organize vigilance committees," he said in conclusion.

### FRUIT GROWERS' INSTITUTE HELD ON EWING BROS. FARM

Fifty earnest fruitgrowers turned out Wednesday in the rain and mud, to attend the fruit meeting held at the Ewing Brothers farm on Wallace road.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Polk County Farm bureau, and was brought up by Paul Carpenter, county agent. It covered almost the whole field of preparing the soil for fruit culture, soil fertility, insects injurious to all fruit crops, and the diseases and spray treatment for them.

Lovett Talks on Pests  
Prof. A. L. Lovett of Oregon Agricultural college was the leader in the discussion of insect pests and how to fight them. Prof. C. L. Long, also of the O. A. C., talked on soil fertility and general orchard management.

Prof. C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Growers, gave an interesting address on his recent 12,000-mile tour of the country. He discussed especially the chances for Oregon fruits in the national market.

### HENDRICKS NEW COMPANY LEADER

Official Announcement of Election Made by Adjutant General White

Paul R. Hendricks yesterday received official notification from the adjutant general's office of his election as captain of company F, of Salem.

Although the election was held Monday night, official announcements could not be made until staff officers supervising the election could report to Colonel George A. White, adjutant general. Major Henry O. Miller and Captain Charles Gjedsted, of the adjutant's office, were present at the election in which 51 members of the company selected Captain Hendricks as commander of the organization.

Captain Hendricks served throughout the war period as a member of M company and other overseas units, being in France for over 24 months. He re-entered the Oregon national guard about a year ago, accepting a commission as second lieutenant in company F.

Company F will undergo its annual inspection at the armory tonight when all members of the organization will be mustered and equipments will be passed upon by inspecting officers of the western department.

### Venue Change Asked by Governor Len Small

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 15.—Asserting that Judge E. S. Smith of the Sangamon county court is prejudiced against him, Governor Len Small today filed a petition for a change of venue of the suit for accounting filed against him by Attorney General Brundage, calling upon the governor for an accounting of his record as state treasurer from 1917 to 1919.

### SUSPICION IS AROUSED WHEN INQUIRY MADE

Investigation of Worst Fire in Chicago Since 1871 Is Begun by Civil and Insurance Officials.

### THREATENING LETTERS RECEIVED BY SCHIFF

Modern Skyscrapers Not Free from Menace of Flames, is Observation

CHICAGO, March 15.—Investigation of the cause of the fire which destroyed a solid block of thickly tenanted office buildings, caused a loss of more than \$5,000,000, resulted in the death of one man and made 20,000 workers idle, was begun tonight by state, city and insurance officials.

The manner in which the flames flared out in several places at the same moment, the extraordinary rapidity with which they spread until nothing but some smoldering ruins was left of the entire block bounded by South Canal, West Van Buren and South Clinton streets and West Jackson boulevard, caused Shirley T. High, fire attorney, to announce "that everything pointed to incendiaryism."

Records Are Destroyed  
The first "still alarm" was turned in at 12:50 a. m. but it was not until four hours later that the fire was brought under control. Just across the street from the charred landscape of tottering walls and twisted, smoking ruins on which firemen expected to be working for the next three days, towered the massive skeleton of the "fire proof" Burlington building tonight. The walls still stood intact but its 15-stories of windows stared like sightless eyes over the scene of desolation.

The structure housed the headquarters of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and all records of the operating, engineering, legal and executive departments were destroyed.

Observations Valuable  
Officials of the board of underwriters declared that the fire, the most destructive since the city was destroyed by flames in 1871, revealed many problems which would have to be met by firemen before they could hope to cope successfully with fires in great modern skyscrapers.

The effect of the flames on the Burlington building was declared to show that no skyscraper is free from fire danger and that the modern fire department is practically helpless against a blaze that gains great headway in the upper floors of a tall building.

Water Power Inadequate  
Insurance men, underwriters and firemen declared that methods would have to be devised to enable the fire fighters to get more water to the top of high buildings.

The use of water towers, such as are said to have proved effective in New York by means of which streams of water can be poured into the upper floors of a building also was advocated by the insurance men, who pointed out that the Chicago department lacked apparatus of this character.

Threatening Letters Received  
In an effort to fix responsibility for today's fire, a former police department employee was questioned after W. T. Schiff, vice president of Schaffner & company, plant was destroyed, said that the man had written him threatening letters. The flames were first observed in the vicinity of the Schaffner plant.

After being questioned the man was released and Mr. Schiff was called and questioned at some length.

A woman who was seated in an automobile in front of the Burlington building just before the fire started across the street, told the police tonight of having seen several men running from the shadow of the buildings a few minutes before the first alarm was turned in.

### TWO SALEM MEN WHO ENTER CONTEST TO BECOME MAYOR



H. H. VANDEVORT JOHN B. GIESY

### More Pretty Names Suggested as Proper for West Salem; Total is Now 22, But There is Room Left

More pretty names for West Salem—which under postoffice regulations must change its name before a postoffice is granted—have been suggested in response to the Statesman's call to assist the people of West Salem in making their selection. The homes now total 22. But there is room for more. Let 'em come.

Here are the new ones that have come in since yesterday's publication: "Tulip," by Nettie C. Graham of Salem; "Lane City," by an unidentified person; "Avonova," by J. H. Jeanson, 667 South Capitol street; "Rego," by C. N. Needham; "Chemeketa," by G. E. McAfee, secretary of the Salem Business Men's League.

The name "Rego" is suggested because of the proximity to West Salem of the world-famous tulip farm of Dibble & Franklin, and which is declared to be "an asset to West Salem and still growing."

World Honor Senator.  
The person suggesting "Lane City" would choose the name in honor of the late Senator Harry Lane.

Mr. Jennison derives the name "Avonova" from the River Avon, famous in a literary way by Stratford-on-Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare.

C. N. Needham, in suggesting "Rego" writes:  
"I wish to suggest the name 'Rego' for West Salem. This word

### TWO SALEM BOYS RECEIVE HONORS

Leslie J. Smith and Joseph P. Smith to Publish Mt. Angel Annual

In a recent election at Mount Angel college, two Salem boys, Leslie J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Smith; and Edward A. Lebold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lebold, were chosen by the student body as the heads of the Literary Annual staff. Mr. Smith was elected editor-in-chief and Mr. Lebold, business manager.

Mr. Lebold is also business manager of the Pacific Star, the college publication, and Smith is the managing editor. Both have shown themselves very capable men for the positions.

Both men take an active part in all the college activities. Smith is secretary of the Associated student body, and is prominent in dramatic circles. Lebold was a member of the varsity football squad, and is one of the best debaters in the Mount Angel college senate. Lebold has attended Mount Angel for six years, and Smith for five years.

### STRONGHOLD SURROUNDED

JOHANNESBURG, March 15.—It is officially announced that the government troops have surrounded the striker's stronghold, Trades Hall, from which escape is impossible. It is also announced that the remainder of Fordsbury is in the hands of loyal troops.

### VANDEVORT MAKES CANDIDACY PUBLIC; GIESY IS IN RACE

Dr. Utter, on Eve of Making Announcement as Aspirant for City Executive, Says He May Change His Mind and Stay Out—City Recorder Denies He Said He Would Not Go—Baumgartner Prefers Private Life

Henry H. Vandevort, alderman from the First ward, last night made announcement that he will be a candidate for mayor at the city primaries to be held May 19. Mr. Vandevort is the second candidate to issue a definite statement of his candidacy. Alderman John B. Giesy announced his candidacy yesterday.

"A square deal for all with an open and above-board administration of city affairs" is Mr. Vandevort's policy. The alderman from the First ward was born in Salem and has lived here for 54 years. During the past four years he has served with the city council. Mr. Vandevort has achieved a reputation as an aggressive leader for progressive city government.

### PATCH MADE BY JOHNS IS STILL THERE

Spot on Vault at Sheriff's Office Recalls Days When Justice Was Deputy

There is a patch on the door of the vault in the sheriff's office in the Marion county court house, that easily excited the curiosity of any one who notices it and is interested in things that are different.

Charles Johns, recently of the Oregon supreme court, now a justice in the supreme court of the Philippines since his appointment by President Harding, was a deputy sheriff in Marion county a good many years ago, after the court house was built. One day, he thought it would be well to change the combination of the vault. Too many people might know the old combination, and he'd just fool 'em if they came prowling around.

It was easy to change it. It locked perfectly under the new code—but when he forgot just what he had done to it, he couldn't unlock it. There were no Jimmy Valentines or other smooth shavers openers at hand and they didn't want to advertise for sandpapering gentlemen, lest they should come and stay in the county. They opened it with a blacksmith and a ten-pound sledge and chisel, and the noise could have been heard all over Salem as the town then was.

The door was patched, and they haven't been forgetting any more.

### PYTHIANS HOLD SESSION HERE

District Convention Attended by Delegates from Many Valley Cities

The 26th district convention of Knights of Pythias lodges of this district closed in Salem yesterday. The principal session of the district assembly was held Tuesday night when state and district officials of the order met with county members of the Knights of Pythias.

Floyd D. Moore, D.D.G.C., of Dallas, presided Tuesday night. Delegates from Aurora, Hubbard, Silverton, Independence and Dallas were present. During the assembly various problems and plans for progress of the order formed the items under discussion.

That was the outstanding phase of the search for Brunen's slayer today after the publication last night of a letter Brunen had written to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jaesche at Cary, Ill., charging that his household was "framing" to "get him," and the announcement of County Detective Ellis Parker that the showman had shown him a list of names of persons he believed were planning his death.

WEATHER  
Thursday rain; fresh southerly winds.

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