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GOVERNOR RUSSELL IS FREED

Santiam Valley May Be Irrigated

CHANGES WILL BE DEMANDED IN STATUTES

Protection of Game Declared Inadequate Under Present System of Separate Commissions.

FLAT AUTO LICENSE FEES ARE ADVOCATED

Increase in Speed Limit Means Greater Safety, Say Some Motorists

Revisions of the state game laws, drastic changes in the automobile license statutes and general changes in motor vehicle traffic regulations are expected to have places on the legislative calendar at the coming session and will be counted among the most important subjects to be thrashed out and passed upon by the two houses.

Game Commission Criticized Criticism is being leveled at the state game commission, particularly by sportsmen in the southern part of the state. It is declared that since the old state, fish and game commission was divided into two commissions, a fish commission and a game commission, that the same laws of Oregon are not enforced as well as they were under the old regime.

Sportsmen are complaining particularly, because the fishing license fee is now \$3, while a few years ago it was only \$1, and they assert that because of that fact particular care should be taken to enforce the laws that are designed to protect the game of the state.

Drastic Change Advocated Very novel and very drastic are the changes that are demanded in the motor vehicle license law. At the present time fees on passenger vehicles range from \$15 to \$70, while on the larger motor buses the fee may be in excess of \$90. In lieu of this some of the motorists of the state are demanding a flat fee on all motor vehicles. Some of them would put this as low as \$5, while others suggest that \$10 would be about right.

To make up the difference in revenues derived from the department they would have the tax on gasoline increased from the present 2 cents a gallon to 4 or 5 cents a gallon.

Enough Revenue Estimated The flat fee for licenses, they calculate, should pay for the tags and administration, while the gasoline tax would take care of revenues that are needed from the department for the highway funds.

Oregon is too slow with its motor traffic on the highways, the motorists are asserting. They demand more speed. It may sound paradoxical, but they declare that more speed means greater safety on the highways.

How They Figure It This is the way they figure it. The present limit is 30 miles an hour on the open road, with due allowance made if one car finds it necessary to overtake another. Suppose a car is going along at 30 or 25 miles. Another car crawls up behind and attempts to pass the first car. Hubs clash

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Tuesday, probably rain or snow southwest portion; fair and continued cold elsewhere.

LOCAL WEATHER: (Monday) Maximum temperature, 41. Minimum temperature, 31. River, 6.4 feet above normal level; stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, north.

INITIAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY; DISTRICT LIKELY

At Astoria Monday afternoon was held a meeting that may prove to be the solution of the irrigable problem for much of the fertile but all too dry Santiam valley.

About 40 land owners of the valley met to talk over the formation of an irrigation district under the state laws. They met with a Mr. McDonald, representing the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company, and Joseph McAllister, from the state engineer's office. A permanent working organization was formed, with Clarence Bowne as president and J. H. McKinney as secretary.

MORE SOLDIERS GO TO ASTORIA

Additional Detachment Sent—Hundreds Fed from Army Meals Daily

An additional detachment of 10 supply sergeants and cooks was ordered to Astoria last night by Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of the state, to meet the heavy demand for meals at that place. More than 1700 meals were served on Sunday from the emergency military kitchens sent by General White to Astoria following the destruction of the business section and of all restaurants.

The report received at national guard headquarters from Major J. V. Shur, in charge of the supply and commissary detachment of the guard now at Astoria, said that 1150 meals were served on Sunday and 1700 yesterday, with the prospect that there would be no immediate decrease in the number of people who would have to be cared for.

The supplies are being furnished from the relief supplies sent by various institutions and agencies, and no charge is being made for those eating from the national guard emergency kitchens. Half a dozen experienced military cooks are in charge of the cooking and full meals are being served.

EDITORIAL

Aesop voiced a profound truth in his story of Mamma Fox and Mamma Lion. Mamma Fox boasted of the number of her children, 10 or a dozen at a birth, and commiserated the lion family of only one or at the most two cubs. But Mamma Lion knew the right answer. "Yes," she said. "Only one at a time—but my child is a LION, and not a sharp-nosed thieving fox."

Willamette has never been a quantity school. The records show that only a few years ago, there were hardly more than 100 collegiate students attending at any one time. And yet out of that almost pitifully small number, has come an imposing list of governors, judges, senators, congressmen, state officers, physicians, editors, high class men and women in almost every walk of life. They are not foxes, not burrowing, back-biting underlings, but real lions in the cause of human service.

It is a striking fact that by far the larger number of the Willamette students have always been at least partially self-supporting. Maybe it keeps a young man or woman properly human to have to work at table-serving or dirt-shoveling or the thousand lowly tasks that Willamette students have performed in the past 80 years while working out their own educational salvation. But they came through with a spirit refined in the fires of adversity, and they carry their humanity into life, a benediction to the whole world.

It might be a misfortune for Willamette to become too rich. It might spoil the fine flavor of humanity that has always prevailed and that has given tone to every life that has passed through the college halls. But the present endowment campaign isn't a luxury, a menace—it is a grim necessity, if the college is properly to do its work. The attendance is now almost five times what it was 10 years ago. It is now only half what it ought to be, and will be, within three years if the endowment campaign wins. It's up to the point that it must grow or shrivel.

Statistics show that an almost negligible number of college students ever go more than 50 miles to college. If there is no college within that distance they do not go at all. What would Salem be with no college for its young people? Willamette has given Salem a national reputation. Let's back it up for the next lap in the race of life!

STIFF JOLT IS ACCORDED ON 2 COUNTS

James Patterson Punished For Carrying Concealed Weapon and Also Liquor

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special to The Statesman).—James Patterson, said to be a newcomer from Portland, was arrested Sunday in Silvertown, charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor, and also with illegally carrying dangerous weapons. He was brought up for trial Monday before Justice P. L. Brown and fined \$50 for carrying firearms and \$250 and given 100 days in the county jail on the liquor charge. He was taken to Salem Monday night to begin serving his sentence.

John Dick and James Lynch, arrested Saturday for disorderly conduct and fighting, were also up before Justice Brown Monday and fined \$50 each. Both elected to lie it out in jail, which they are now doing.

CLARA IS BELIEVED IN PRISON

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 11.—In the arrest of a woman who got off the Burlington passenger from Billings here early tonight, Captain Clayton of the police department believes he has captured Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of the hammer murder of Mrs. Albert Meadows, at Los Angeles.

The woman, accompanied by a man, got off the train here about 8:15 p. m. and immediately entered a closed taxicab. Two motorcycle officers followed her and made the arrest within two blocks. The police announce the description of the woman fits Mrs. Phillips closely.

The woman answering the description of Mrs. Phillips asked the police to be locked up in a dark cell and the police took the precaution to place her in one of the strongest cells in the city jail here.

As soon as she was placed under arrest, the woman closed up like a clam, refusing to answer any questions as to where she came from or who she was. She carried a suitcase filled with clothing, but there were no letters or personal addresses which might enable the police to identify her. In the vanity case which she carried there was only a powder puff and rouge. There were no cards or other matter which might assist the police in any way.

She asked Chief Nisbet, formerly police head in Denver, that nobody be permitted to see her tonight. Early tomorrow, the police expect to start to cross-examine her.

She is described by Captain Clayton as a woman of about medium height, weighing approximately 155 pounds, fairly good looking, dark complexioned and dark hair which was not exactly black. She appeared to be about 35 years old. She was well dressed and wore a fur neckpiece.

When shown a newspaper picture of Mrs. Phillips, Captain Clayton said he felt reassured in his belief that the woman held in the jail is the real Mrs. Phillips.

He said that she answered practically every detail of Mrs. Phillips' description as sent out by the Los Angeles authorities. Woman is Silent The two officers started after the taxicab on motorcycles. A block from the Burlington depot, the car in which the woman was riding turned off on a side street while the other taxicab

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D. S. P. MELODY MINSTREL MEN SCORE HEAVY

Performance Given at Penitentiary aid to be of Real Vaudeville Caliber—All Appreciate.

TICKETS REPORTED ALMOST ALL SOLD

Band for First Time is Composed Entirely of Prison Inmates

By STANLEY C. EISMAN. A well known connoisseur of stardom once said: "Ninety per cent of the nation's footlight talent has never seen the vaudeville stage."

As far as most of us are concerned he's correct. But in that 90 per cent belongs the Oregon State Penitentiary Melody Minstrels.

If applause and appreciation is a criterion of the program which they put on last night for the benefit of the inmates, the wardens and their wives, then Hippodrome, Pantages, Orpheum would book the whole show in a minute—if they could. The inmates were more fortunate than the general public—for they saw a real quality "big time" show just 24 hours sooner.

Practice Long Critics say there is such a thing as "spreading the molasses too thick." But when inmates of a penitentiary spend 10 years in conscientious and laborious practice to perfect a minstrel show, it is bound to get better and better. And that sums the 1922 show up in a nutshell. It's better and bigger than it has ever been before.

Forty-nine inmates and two parts comprise the show. The first part, which features the well known prison minstrels is a melange of jazz, harmony and syncopation, interspersed with local prison jokes—for the benefit of the inmates. In this act several soft shoe artists of professional caliber and two songs, "Down by the Riverside," and "Irish Lullaby," took the house by storm. The entire act was put on in a style that rivaled the famous George Primrose minstrels in appreciation. "A Letter to Walter M. Pierce" also proved a big hit to the audience in this act.

Taylor Mirthmaker The second stanza of this musical concoction includes acts by individual stars, featuring especially the "King of the Harmonica," "A Little More Scotch," the O. S. P. band and throughout all a whirlwind mirthmaker, one Fred Taylor who kept the prison audience in a continuous fit of convulsion. Taylor, a full blooded negro, is completely at home on the stage and his ability as a "nut comedian" is as taking as the popular patter for which such men as James J. Morton, Joe Whitehead, Harry Hines and Neal Abel, vaudeville's past and present kings of comedy, are so well known. And the other acts which called for a rare display of musical and character ability were intensely appreciated.

Jazz Excels The O. S. P. band, featuring "The Tall Cedars," and "Nobody Lied" brought the high quality show to a triumphant conclusion. The band and orchestra, composed entirely of inmates for the first time in the history of the institution syncopated through "Nobody Lied" with the whining trombone and groaning saxophone in a way that rivaled the Royal Purple and George Olsen's orchestra. Nothing but well deserved praise can be said for the entire entertainment. The general public will be admitted for the rest of the week. According to latest reports from Schaefer's drug store, more than two-thirds of

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STENOGRAPHER'S CHARGES FALL DOWN WHEN JURY REPORTS BACK AFTER 28 MINUTES RETIREMENT

Dime or Dollar Dropped Into Pot Bans Blues, Avers Ella McMunn; Salvation Army Needs Described

By ELLA McMUNN Along about this time of the year, when the wind howls around the corners of the house and the rain creeps in under the doors and you are literally freezing to death the moment you get two feet away from the fire, it is about time, as I said, that I like to tell what I know about the Salvation Army.

Once two sisters, one of them 65 years old and the other 70, lived in a little house on North High street, working around for enough to keep soul and body together. They had come to Salem from eastern Oregon in order to be near the son of the younger woman. The 18-year-old lad was in prison for complicity in a shocking murder. Bad crime, of course, but you know how mothers and aunts will cling to the bad boys, and it is a good thing, too. The mother became ill and supplies ran low. So the 70-year-old aunt of the boy asked a Salvation Army man to sit with her sick sister while she went out to the prison to see if the boy had some money he might give them. He had. It was 35 cents. So she walked all the way back again to save carfare. In her absence the army man had split some wood and had prayed from the depths of his soul that help would come. And, sure enough, he hadn't brushed the dust from the knees of his trousers when along came a woman who heard all about it and who told the Statesman, and the Statesman published the story, and the ink wasn't dry on the paper when help came pouring in. Influential people got busy with the governor, the lady was pardoned, and he cared very tenderly for his mother and aunt during their remaining years.

Death and Poverty Next They lived in a hop shack in the country, although the time for picking hops was long past. There was a father and mother and six children. Nobody knows what they suffered. The first anybody knew the mother was dead, just before Christmas, too. There wasn't even a sheet in the house to place over the mother's still form, so someone ripped up a flour sack and hid the sharp, pinched face from the little ones. Everybody helped, but I recall that it was William Fleming, the real estate man, who sent the \$5 that bought warm stockings and caps for all the babies.

Altogether the Salvation Army found 70 cases that winter, and the Statesman told the stories, and the big-hearted Salemites hunted up food and clothing and jobs and doctors.

Personally, I have never cried so much, nor had such a glorious Christmas in my life, and it doesn't matter how "blue" and discouraged I become, I always find that something lovely happens right away if I drop a dime or a dollar into the old black pot over which the Salvation Army presides at Christmas time. Just try it.

ELVIN M. OWSLEY WILL COME HERE

National Commander of American Legion to Be in Salem January 5

National Commander Elvin M. Owsley of the American Legion is to be in Oregon the early part of January, visiting in Portland, Salem, Eugene and other important cities of the state.

He is to be in Eugene January 4, in Salem and Portland January 5, and probably will spend two or three days in Portland. He will be in Salem only a few hours, according to Adjutant General George A. White.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the state legion officers, it is understood, for the entertainment of the national commander while he is here.

Dempsey Says He is Ready to Meet Willard

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, is ready to meet Jess Willard, former champion, "any time or place within the next 48 hours or six months," if Willard can interest a legitimate promoter in the match, Jack Kearns, the champion's manager, announced here today.

PORTLANDER MAY GET PRISON JOB

Minton May Be Selected for Parole Officer, is Latest Gossip

The latest gossip here relative to the appointment of a parole officer at state penitentiary by Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce when he goes into office, is that the appointment will go to a Portland man.

Wisacres here have up to this time been positive in their assertions that Joe Minton of Salem would get the job, but now it seems the wind has begun to blow toward Portland.

Opinion that W. L. Kuser will remain as superintendent of the state training school for boys appears to be crystallizing. Some of Governor-elect Pierce's closest party friends are said to be for Kuser and asking that he be retained.

Mr. Kuser is recognized as one of the most capable men in the United States in the training of boys. Since he was brought to Oregon by Governor Olcott several months ago from Iowa, however, he has been the center of a political whirlwind, particularly around Salem, because the salary attached to the position was lifted slightly to get him to come to Oregon. The position is one of the hardest in the state to fill for the reason that it requires a specialist in the training of adolescent boys.

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—A verdict for the defendant was returned at 6:08 o'clock tonight in the suit for damages instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead, stenographer, against Governor Lee M. Russell for damages based on charges of seduction and other allegations.

The verdict, merely saying, "we, the jury, find for the defendant," was returned just 28 minutes after the case was submitted to it. Neither the plaintiff nor the defendant was in the courtroom.

\$954,340 IS LATE FIGURE

Nearly \$300,000 More is Needed by Campaigners for Willamette Fund

But for their rate of announcing only the pledges definitely in the office, signed and irrevocable the Willamette campaign committee would have another \$15,000 to add to yesterday's figures for the endowment fund. But since the papers are not yet definitely in their safe, they announce only \$954,340.

That's a nice little sum of money but it isn't enough. They need a lot more—almost \$300,000 more.

The time set for closing the campaign, December 20, is only a few days off. It means Wednesday night of next week, and today is Tues. Dec. 12. It means a little more than \$35,000 a day, or twice as much as any day yet reported.

With Kiwanians Today The campaign committee for Salem meets with the Kiwanis club, with the Willamette workers as hosts for the occasion. The Kiwanians had planned a fine program, with Miss Corneilia Marvin of the state library as principal speaker, and Mrs. Phil Newmyer as soloist. Miss Marvin, however, told them that she would rather give the day to Willamette university, while the big endowment campaign is on, so the club meets as part of the endowment army and not as a separate organization.

Salem reported a fine increase in subscriptions since the Friday report, which was the last public announcement. \$12,745 was added to the local account. At that, however, Salem is still \$100,000 short of the allotment set by the estimating committee, and the local army that has been working night and day foresees another hard week before the campaign is ended and won.

Long High Captain Rev. Ward Willis Long was the high captain for Monday, with subscriptions of \$2000 to add to the campaign fund. The Wallace army had a slight lead for the day over the Morris financiers. They had respectively \$4415 and \$3030 for the day's report, with \$5390 of subscriptions secured outside of their own ranks to be divided equally between the two armies. \$2650 apiece.

Dr. E. L. Steeves, president of the Willamette board of trustees, was the chairman for the Monday meeting. He told the interesting fact that the board had not intended to put on the big endowment campaign this year, but the conditions imposed by the general board of education regarding their own big subscription of \$350,000, and the interest that they have been advancing for the past two years, made it imperative to do it now.

Short Speeches Heard Several one-minute speeches were made, by Claude A. Kells of the Y.M.C.A., Vernon Sackett for the graduates, Eric Butler, Otis Paulus, Rev. Ward Willis Long.

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