JESSE P. WEBB IS PARDONED

Carson Asked to Attack Telephone Co. LIFE TERMER FREED

SHOW SELVES

Governor Flays Hooded Organization and Points to

CONFERENCE ALSO TALKS PROHIBITION

Parker of Louisiana Would Permit Light Wines But Not Bootleg

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 14.-Prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan were considered prominently at the fourteenth annual conference of governors at sessions today and to-

Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana, in an address late today, declared prohibition was a flat fallure and denounced the Ku Klux Klan. He was joined in his attack on the secret organization by Governor Olcott of Oregon, who referred to the klan in an address tonight as a national men-

Prohibition Joke

The Louisiana governor said he hibition because of the intention of President Harding to call the prohibition enforcement."

Declaring the prohibition was almost a farce, he said it was infinitely better to abolish the saloon, permit light wines and beer to be sold and have the government regulate the manufacture and distribution of liquor with penitentiary sentences for those who defied clear and explicit liquor laws. Both the prohibition question and the Ku Klux Klan, Mr. Parker said, were black clouds threatening law and order.

Nighties Not Liked He asked that the governors put themselves on record at the conference as advocating that America should be ruled by her judiciary and not by an invisible klan; that no masked men should be allowed to parade the streets and that federal legislation be enacted requiring secret organizations to file semi-annually with the department of justice sworn lists of their memberships, Governor Olcott challenged the

klansmen to unmask. "It is largely a political organization," he said, "founded for certain objects and purposes. Let it be specific. Let it throw down its gage of battle in the open lists so the tournament may be fought under the eyes of all mankind.

Points to Oregon "In Oregon we have an example of what may become a national crisis. We have seen the injunctions of our forefathers disobeyed; we have seen class arrayed against class, neighbor against neighbor: we have seen families divided, communities split; we sity. have seen cities, where for years nothing but peace and amity had the argument. "It costs a lot more than the uniersity reexisted, torn into contending factions where men went armed with guns, where deeds of violence were perpetrated under the guise of law enforcement and where all that once had been peace, harmony and trustfulness was turned

into suspicion and hate. "Are these things to spread, or are they to die under a resurrection of common sense? Is the heart of America to be true to first principles or is it to beat to a new and strange ideals and follow false gods to destruction?

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THE WEATHER

OREGON - Friday fair and continued cold. LOCAL WEATHER

(Thursday) Maximum temperature, 26, Minimum temperature, 22. River 3.1 above normal level

Precipitation, 43-4 inches of snow.

Rain. .45 inches. Atmosphere cloudy.

WOULD COMMISSION CLAIMS UTILITY HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH LAW

Alleging that the Pacific Telephone & Telephone com-Disastrous Results in Own pany has failed to comply with the law requiring that it keep such records as are specified by the public service commission, the commission has sent a letter to John H. Carson, district attorney for Marion county, requesting him to institute proceedings in court to enforce the penalty provided by the PRISONERS DRIVEN law. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$10,000.

The particular grievance against the company is that it has failed to keep a separate depreciation reserve account as required by an order of the commission on May 1, 1919.

The letter to District Attorney Carson quotes two sections of the public utility act applying in the case and also quotes from the order of the commission. This order was on application of the telephone company for an increase in local exchange rates. This part of the order was repeated in substance in another order on November 29, 1919.

New Feature Proves Interesting at Corn Show-Hyslop is Speaker

A new feature of the corn other crops.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock transportation of persons or prop-Prof. George R. Hyslop, crop erty by street railands o the pospecialist of Oregon Agricultural duction, transmission or furnishcollege, judge of the corn show, ing of heat, light, water or powwill give his second address, to er, or the conveyance of telephone which all farmers, business men or telegraph messages shall, if and others interested are urged required by the commission, keep to be present.

Many Farmers Expected There will be another address the accounts of all such other

on Saturday afternoon at the same hour, which is expected to be largely attended by farmers from all over Polk and Marion countles. The show will close on Saturday evening with a community gathering, to which everybody is invited, both from Salem and the surrounding communities of Polk and Marion counties. Men. women and children will be welcome. There is to be a community sing with quired to be kept, and every pubvided for dancing in the auditorium. This will be an unusual fully in the manner and form with neighbors, enjoy a pleasant to comply with all directions of ney. evening, and to see the corn the commission relating to such

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ceives; why not have them pay?"

west, everywhere.

their own tuition.

now in its hour of need.

Oregon to put it over.

meet the last dollar of the call for help.

t all, they fail, and get none. It's up to the g

Gruesome Murders Narrated Used for Six Men.

TO TOWN CEMETERY

Chief of Police Watches Pro- Ariz. cesson from Walk, Then Goes Home

MARION, Ill., Dec. 14.-The march of several hundred armed "We wish to present to you the men, driving before them through following facts relative to the Pa- the streets of Herrin, six bloodcific Telephone & Telegraph com- stained prisoners and the later pany and request that you take finding of twenty bodies was deappropriate action thereon," scribed to the fury by several writes the commission to Mr. Car- witnesses today at the trial of five men in connection with the "Section 6040, Oregon laws, be-

One Rope Used

ing section 11 of chapter 279. Before a tense audience which laws of 1911, commonly known packed the somber, dimly lighted as the public utility act, provides court room to the doors, witsion in the manner and form pre- their hands the morning of the ing to railroad officials. scribed by the commission uni- tragedy.

show now in progress at the transacted. All forms of accounts the testimony of J. Marshall switch engine sideswiped at 10 and question him as to the basis Chamber of Commerce rooms is which may be prescribed by the Lentz, a Herrin real estate deal- p.m. Wednesday by a Houston for his charges of high crimes and timber is located in township ? governors in conference next a meeting or institute each after. commission shall conform as er, and I. N. Lentz, his brother, East and West Texas passenger misdemeanors against the attornmonth regarding the matter of noon on the subject of growing, nearly as practicable to similar who is a blacksmith and a memcuring and harvesting corn, seed forms prescribed by federal au- ber of the United States Mine ter the crash. Other witnesses selection and planting, and the thority. Every public utility en- Workers of America, were bound said that the locomotive was movrelation of the corn crop to gaged directly or indirectly in any together with a single rope about ing slowly away from the main other business than that of the or injured victims were found of impact. just outside the Herrin city cemetery on the outskirts of the town, they testified.

Marshall Lentz the first witto seeing a crowd of several hunand render separately to the commission in like manner and form house in Herrin early in the morning of June 22, the day business, in which case all the of the killings. He said that provisions of this act shall apthat "about six prisoners with ply with like force and effect to the crowd was shoutng and sngthe books, accounts, papers and bloody heads were being driven ahead." Later, he said, he had "Section 6041, Oregon laws, gone with his brother through the woods at the edge of the "The commission shall previllage.

records of such other business."

Forms Are Prescribed

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further provides that:

EDITORIAL

But it is an outstanding fact that the rates have not

been raised; they still stand at the starvation price of only

\$60 a year. One of the Willamette students at a chapel talk

Thursday said that he had thought of going back to Prince-

ton-but \$300 was necessary for tuition alone. That rate is

not far from the average charge of the big universities, east,

larger per capita proportion of big, outstanding names, than

and most of them would have been utterly lost to any and

all college training had they tried to pay the actual "cost" of

in underpaid tuition to the young people of Oregon. Govern-

ors, senators, judges, congressmen, legislators, business men,

low in price that they could buy it with their own labor.

And it is history that no other college in America has a

Willamette has been giving thousands, almost millions,

Oregon needs only to be awakened to its obligation, to

The campaign closes December 20. If they do not get

scribe the forms of all books, ac-"What did you see in counts, papers and records rewoods?" he was asked. "Fourteen men who had been short addresses and a musical lic utility is required to keep and shot down and some armed men," program, and music will be pro- renderits books, accounts, papers and added that he had then gone and records accurately and faith- toward the city cemetery.

opportunity to get acquainted prescribed by the commission and asked Delos Duty, state's attor-

"I found six men in the middle of the road tied together with ropes about their necks. Three of them were still breathing I "Did you see anything else

of the wounded or dead men?" 'Yes, we drove down the road n an automobile and saw four more dead-one of them was For years there has been a certain prudent element that hanging to a tree." has sought to raise the tuition rates for Willamette univer-I. N. Lentz corroborated his

brother's testimony regarding "Charge a higher rate, and let the students pay it," is the finding of the bodies. Shot One Down George Harrison, who has a

farm at Herrin near the scene of the murders, told of seeing a goup of about 25 men with a single prisoner near his farm. "They started south with the prisoner and shot him down when he ran." he said. Later the witness testified

he saw another group of about twelve armed men enter a clump of woods with two prisoners. He Willamette; and most of them worked their way through, heard shots, he added. Mr. Harrison pointed out Bert

Grace, a defendant, as one of the men he had seen with a gun in his hand. He also said he had seen Otis Maynard and Dallas McCree, neither of whom is a defendant. Maynard, he said, men and women from every walk of life, have profited by had no gun.

the determination that this splendid education should be so According to the witness, three other men who he was unable The university has given lavishly, gloriously. It would to identify came up to his barn and told him thew wanted to go be cowardice, slackerism, selfishness, for Oregon to fail to remember these bounties for the past 80 years, and fail to some men who had got loose." meet the present call for help to strengthen the university

rison was asked and replied: them before we got here."

Members Pointed Out

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MORE PLANES PLAN SEARCH FOR AVIATORS

Mystery of 2 Officers Who Dropped Out of Sight Remains Unsolved

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 14,-Seventeen de Haviland airplanes manned by the pick of the army's Before Tense Audience in aerial forestry patrol fliers and Courtroom-One Rope is the most skilled cross-country pilots in the air squadron of the Pacific battle fleet, will take wing from North Island early tomorrow to assist in the search for Colonel Francis C. Marshall and COURSE DECLARED Lieutenant Charles L. Webber, who dropped out of sight last Thursday after leaving Rockwell field here for Fort Huachuca,

9 More Victims of Passen ger Collision Die After Reaching Hospital

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 14. -While the death list in Wednes- to whitewash Harry M. Daugherday's rail tragedy at Humble in- ty." nesses for the state pointed out creased to 18 today a board of in-"Every public utility shall three of the defendants as men quiry sitting at Humble developed keep and render to the commis- they had seen with weapons in some startling testimony, accord- open session and without leaving Silver Falls Timber company

their necks. Fourteen other dead line intersection at the moment

Crews Blameless

J. H. Smith, aged watchman in charge of the switch engine, could not be found to testify after the hospital in Houston. His injuries were slight and he left the hospital soon afterward. He is beng sought by the sheriff's office to give his testimony.

While the death list increased to 18, the list of injured decreased to 14. Of these, little hope s held out for three.

Of the dead, nine succumbed after being brought to Houston hospitals for treatment.

The board found that the regular crews of both the switch engine and the passenger train were blameless for the wreck.

ward the city cemetery. "What did you find there?" DIPTHERIA SCARE WOULD REPEAL

Schools Not Likely to Close As Reported, Says Superintendent

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 14 .-(Special to The Statesman) ---The rumor has become current in Silverton that the city school will be closed due to the diphtheria epidemic which is said to be gaining a foothold here. However, Superintendent of Schools B. T. for double county boards at elec-Youel said today that only a few cases of diphtheria had been reported to him and that he did not think there was any immediate necessity for closing the schools. It is thought that the extreme cold weather during the past few days has caused sickness to spread rapidly. The thermometer has registered 17 degrees above Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, reaching no higher than 28 degrees during the day. Thursday morning the thermometer did not fall below 24 degrees and shortly before 8 o'clock snow began fall-

HARVEY RETURNING

through the lot "to head off Associated Press.)-The American ambassador, Colonel George ter to the district attorney of Or-"What else did he say?" Har- Harvey is returning to the United egon at their annual convention States almost immediately for a in Eugene tomorrow. "He said, 'We shot two of shirt visit. The reason ascribed for his visit is his anxiety about so that election board officials his wi'e's health which has been may be selected from within the They were mighty welcome, and Another witness, Lawrence unsatisfactory of late and the entire county instead of within mbassador desires to give her a the home precincts, was recommuch needed rest.

Daugherty Acouser Causes Tumult in Committee Room When He Calls Case "Comic Opera."

GRANDSTAND PLAY

Hearings to Go on — May Subpoena Representative from Minnesota

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- Repesentative Keller of Minnesota, efused late today to participate further in the hearings before the house judiciary committee on the Eastern & Western Lumber impeachment charges brought by him against Attorney General Daugherty. Characterizing the hearings as "comic opera performances," he declared he would be untrue to his responsibility as a ed further in a "barefaced attempt

Immediately after he announced its place voted to go on with the holdings. hearings, to subpoena Mr. Keller This tract of timber is known form accounts of all business Six of the bodies according to tified that the throttle of the as a witness, put him under oath as the Foster Timber company of

This turn in the proceedings came with dramatic suddenness and was attended by a tumult and | pany will start operations some room. After absenting himself company will bring the logs to

Salem Corn Show.

has the art down fine.

NEW OREGON LAW

tem of Vote Counting

at Polls Close

tions was proposed in a resolu-

opinion that the new system

votes during election day, does

away with secrecy and suggested

plan of starting the count after

The clerks disapproved 'the

present law permitting electors

election day. A suggestion that

no change in registration may be

Amendment of the election law

It was decided to refer the mat-ful exhibits.

to change their registration on

the polls close

mended.

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PRIZES AWARDED IN

COUNTY CORN SHOW

AT LOCAL CHAMBER

County Clerks Like Old Sys- or sing, or make eyes, or flut-

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Repeal and of prosperity and of vast

of the Oregon law which provides value. The yellow corn crop of

tion adopted at the meeting of that same year. Where corn

the county clerks' association of prospers, there are comfortable

Oregon. Delegates expressed the homes, churches, schools, pianos,

whereby one board counts the py children, well-dressed women

that the state return to the old beauties of good corn crops are

made later than the last day af exhibitors, and it was a genuine

the registration period, which is delight to see. They were invit-

3 days preceding the election, car- ed to take part in the Salem show

BY RITNER; SCENE IS IMPRESSIVE ONE

In the warden's office at the state penitentiary at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was enacted a scene that brought to an end the prison career of Jesse P. Webb, life termer, and sent him out into the world again, a character far different from the man who entered the prison August 5, 1911, under sentence of death.

A full pardon, carrying with it restoration to citizenship, was handed to Webb, when, under a pretext, he was called to the warden's office. The prisoner, long a trusty, had been informed in a letter from Judge Morrow of Portland that the jurist had recommended his pardon, but he did not expect it yesterday. He thought it might come about the Christmas season.

Company Makes Buy of Billion Feet

The Eastern & Western Lumber member of the house if he assist- company of Portland closed a deal this week, purchasing about one governor. billion feet of timber in the Cascade range in Marion and Clackhis withdrawal, the committee in amas counties just north of the to speak to you about. I have

> Wilwaukie, Wis., tract. waters of the Mollalla river, To Operate in 1928

Probabilities are that this comuproar seldom seldom witnessed time next year. At present it is in a congressional committee unable to ascertain whether the

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beauty. It is not exactly a riot-

one beauty, like orchids or "liv-

ing pictures" of abbreviatedly-

clad damosels, or canary birds or

squirrels or babies. An earn of

havior as a lump of lead or a de-

ter allufingly in the breeze. It

stays put like a coat of paint. It

offers no surprises after it is once

one of the big Mississippi valley

states is worth more every year

than all the gold ug in the world

real automobiles, good roads, hap-

and whistling and singing men.

The subsidiary or accompanying

so many and so wonderful, that

a good corn show might be al-

most the sum of all good things.

Independence Exhibit Good

a wonderful corn show a month

ago. They had more than 300

and they sent over some delight-

They won some good prizes yes-

terday including four firsts, two

seconds, one third, two sweep-

stakes, and one second group

prize, or 10 out of 32 awards.

Over in Independence was held

But it has the beauty of utility

During this week Webb has been ticket receiver for the prison minstrel show. When Governor Ritner and the prison officials were ready with the pardon yesterday a messenger was sent for Webb. The prisoner was told that Percy M. Varney, state pa-role officer who is manager of the show, had become mixed up with some of the tickets and wanted Webb to help straighten them out.

Officials Suddenly Laud As Webb entered the warden's office he faced Governor Ritners

all the members of the state parole board, warden J. W. Lewis and other prison officials. It was no small ordeal for the

"Webb," said the executive with some embarrassment, "there a document that I want you to see." He handed Webb the

the small document. He saw the bold-face letters printed in a sort of quarter circle at the top. "Full Webb Unable to Spe

Webb's lips and the mus of his face quivered. He tried to speak. He couldn't. Instead tear drops appeared upon his cheeks. And then he found

words, but with difficulty. "I don't know what to say. But I certainly appreciate this. "Don't try to say anything,

Jess," interrupted Don Upjohn, the governor's secretary and a member of the parole board, "Let your life say it." "My life shall say it," replied Webb. 'My life is going to be a vindication of all that you

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ASTORIA PEOPLE ARE EATING WELL

National Guard Cooks Dish -Abundance of Food When Needed

The people of Astoria who have been deprived of means of furncorn is almost as dead in its be- ishing their own meals by the fire of last Friday are being well funct politician. It does not caper provided for by the national guard camps there, according to information received from Major Shur, supply officer, by Adjutant General George A. White.

to 2356 persons. The cooks are working 24 hours a day, furnishing meals at night to the workers and guard patrols as well as to the residents of the community. Dinner was furnished to 909 persons Tuesday, supper to 559, breakfast to 456 and night meals to 267.

The dinner menu consisted of baked salmon, tomato sauce: mashed potatoes, creamed corn, cottage cheese, bread, butter and coffee. The supper menu was boiled beef, baked potatoes, pork and beans, cottage cheese, apple sauce, bread, butter and coffee. For breakfast was served bacon and eggs, fried potatoes, canned

> How Would You Spend \$50.00 for Christmas?

Salem's Leading

For the Solution See Page 4

from the showings made from (Continued on page 8)

William Blake, a farmer living north of town on route 8, won the blue ribbon for the best single ear of corn in the There is an art in growing prize corn, and even a greater art in recognizing it after it is grown, and Farmer Blake Show Thing of Beauty The corn show is a thing of

Meals were furnished Tuesday

peaches, bread, butter and cote

Merchants Are going to help you solve this problem, and earn the \$50.00.