

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HEARINGS IN COLONY CASE ARE FINISHED

Decision From Judge Is Expected Within Twenty-five Days — Sixty Witnesses are Called

SEVERAL SHARP TILTS OCCUR BETWEEN SIDES

Hansell Asserts Only Property Returned Him \$100 and Railroad Ticket

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 23.—Hearings in the suit of John W. Hansell for a financial settlement with the Israelite House of David, in which a score of witnesses for the plaintiff testified to practices within the Benton Harbor colony, some of them alleging immorality, were concluded in federal district court here today. Sixty witnesses called by the defense reaffirmed their faith in the cult.

A decision by Judge John E. Sater of Columbus, Ohio, who came here to hear the case, may be expected within 25 days, the court announced.

Misconduct Charged. Hansell, a former member, charged that he was expelled from the colony December 28, 1920, and that property he turned over to Benjamin Furnell, head of the cult, was not returned to him.

The defense charged Hansell with misconduct toward women members and alleged he had instigated a plot to wreck the colony and establish a new order at Nashville, Tenn., with the aid of House of David funds, which, it was said, were to be seized during the proposed "revolt."

The hearing ended unexpectedly today when the defense exhausted its list of witnesses of charges against the cult leader, and was interspersed with several sharp tilts between Judge Sater and H. T. Dewhurst, chief of counsel for the House of David.

Some Property Returned. While most of the witnesses disclaimed knowledge of immoral practices, Denver Couch, on cross-examination, asserted he saw Myrtle Talk, a young woman member, emerge from the room of Furnell at the House of David, one morning at 5:30 o'clock.

The defense put into the record the deed of Hansell's property which was turned over to the cult. Hansell had previously testified he expected the property to be returned to him in event he left the colony, but that all he received when expelled was \$100 and tickets for himself and family to Nashville, his former home.

Registered Mail Insurance Plan Changes on April 1

Beginning April 1 the United States postoffice will receive and insure first-class registered mail valued up to \$100 a package. The old rate of 10 cents for registry, which is insurance up to \$50 valuation, still stands. The change makes it possible to register letters or letter-rate parcels for sums or values above \$50 and up to \$100 for an added charge of 10 cents, or 20 cents in all.

There is no change in the ordinary parcel insurance rates, which run up to 25 cents for a \$100 parcel valuation.

Not a great deal of call is made for the higher valuation for small, first-class parcels, but the department has made the addition so as to accommodate those who do not want such insurance. The rate is 5 cents less for the insured feature alone than for a like value insurance in parcels, but the postal rate itself is far higher per ounce.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Thursday.

LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday)

Maximum temperature, 75. Minimum temperature, 33. River, 3.5 feet; rising. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, north.

CONFIDENCE GAME OPERATORS GUILTY, JURY IS SUSPECTED

DENVER, Colo., March 28.—A jury trying 20 alleged members of a nation-wide confidence game ring returned a verdict this afternoon finding all of the men guilty.

The jury had been out since 10:45 o'clock last Saturday morning. District Attorney Philip S. Vance announced late tonight that the entire jury, which today returned a verdict of guilty against 20 alleged confidence men after four nights and five days' deliberation, has been summoned to appear before the Denver county grand jury at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Rocky Mountain News tomorrow morning will print an interview with Herman M. Okuly, one of the jurors in the trial of 20 alleged confidence men, found guilty today, in which he declared a bribe of \$500 was offered him two days after he was sworn in, and that his threat to reveal the offer swung three other jurors into line making possible the verdict of guilty today.

MERGER MEETS INDIFFERENCE

Oregon's Case Quickly Presented by Heads Before Commerce Commission

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28.—Listless and marked by indifference on the part of people of this state, Oregon's case in regard to proposed grouping of western railroads was presented before members and examiners of the interstate commerce commission here today. It was set to occupy two days; instead it came to an end in less than two hours.

Three opinions on railroad merging were presented. These were by H. H. Corey, chairman of the public service commission, who presented a statement reflecting the opinion of that organization, another by H. J. Ottenheimer, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee who submitted a declaration authorized by directors of that body, and by S. M. Mears, chairman of the Portland Traffic and Transportation Association. The chamber opinion opposed western rail groupings generally at this time.

All three findings stressed lack of rail development in the state. All showed the fear that grouping of interests and systems by roads serving the northwest would mean the end of competitive building to the manifest detriment of Oregon's future.

LOST VET WOULD HAVE OPERATION

No Surgeon Willing Yet to Attempt Skill on Brain of Deluded Man

YAKIMA, Wash., March 28.—Though the "lost" World war veteran, known as Pat O'Reilly, begs and pleads that an operation which might relieve the pressure on his brain and so bring back his lost yesterday be performed, no surgeon may attempt it unless such an emergency arises that the youth's very life depends on it.

"I'm no good this way," he wailed to his nurse. "I might as well be dead. Do anything that will bring me back—anything." It is taken for granted that young Pat, who is not certain of his own name and usually thinks he is back at a base hospital ready to start for Paris, is a ward of the war department. He is not sufficiently competent, mentally, in the eyes of the law, to decide on the operation; he has no known guardian to make the decision for him, and the war department has not yet identified him and so cannot act. Under the circumstances no surgeon feels that he has a right to operate unless the possible emergency should arise.

GRANTS PASS HOT

PORTLAND, March 28.—Record high temperatures for March were recorded at several points in Oregon today. At Portland the mercury climbed to 79.2. The highest previous March temperature was 79 on March 25, 1886. At Grants Pass today's high mark was 86; at Roseburg 85; at Astoria 76; at The Dalles 74.

New Stamps Have Come To Oregon

Pictures of Nation's Heroes, Niagara Falls, Goddess of Liberty Presented

Samples of several of the new line of postage stamps have been received at the Salem office and some have been sold. In general, however, the new issue will not be marketed until the old issue is exhausted, so as to keep the use uniformly to one kind at a time. Some of the old denominational stamps may hang on for a long time to come.

There are 18 denominations of regular postage stamps sold; the one form of special delivery; three denominations of postage due stamps, and 15 values of revenue stamps, making 37 varieties in all that are handled at a first-class office. The letter and parcel stamps run from 1 cent up to 12 cents, inclusive; then 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 cents. The 25-cent stamp is a very recent issue, put out with the new series. The postage due stamps are of 1, 2 and 4-cent denominations. The revenues run from 1 cent up to 10 cents, inclusive; then 25, 50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

Some new faces and designs appear on the new postage series. The 1-cent stamp is a portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The 2-cent is of Washington, printed in red, the present standard letter stamp color. Four of the series have not been officially announced or issued—the 3-cent, the 7, the 8 and the 12-cent denominations. The 4-cent has a portrait of Martha Washington printed in brown. The 5-cent is Theodore Roosevelt in blue; the 6-cent is President Garfield in orange. The 9-cent shows Thomas Jefferson in pink, and the 10-cent has James Monroe done up in yellow—"yellow" for a brave soldier of the Revolution, and the founder of the Monroe Doctrine of the western world.

The 11-cent stamp has a dark green portrait of President R. B. Hayes; the 15-cent is the Goddess of Liberty statue in New York harbor in dark gray; the 25-cent has Niagara Falls in green, and the 50-cent has a lay order picture of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington cemetery.

KEENAN CASE SHIFTS AGAIN

Interest Focused on Man Who Attempts to Blackmail D. Daugherty

NEW YORK, March 28.—The limelight of public interest which was shifted from character to character in the Dorothy Keenan murder case tonight, was focused on the identity of the man, who Major Draper M. Daugherty, son of the United States attorney general, today said had threatened to blackmail him because of his acquaintance with the model, unless he got him a job with the department of justice.

Daugherty, appearing voluntarily before assistant District Attorney Pecora discussed at length with him his acquaintance with the slain girl and left after giving the prosecutor the name of the alleged blackmailer.

This name Mr. Pecora kept to himself, but he told newspaper.

GLORIA SWANSON SUED FOR DIVORCE

Husband Charges Desertion — First Hubby Divorces on Same Grounds

LOS ANGELES, March 28.—Gloria Swanson, motion picture actress, was made defendant in a divorce suit filed today by Herbert K. Somborn, her husband. The complaint charges desertion. Miss Swanson was married to her present husband in December, 1919, just a year after her first husband, Wallace Beery, actor, obtained a decree of divorce on the ground of desertion. Persistent rumors that their married life was troubled culminated finally in an announcement by Miss Swanson in September, 1921, that the "report that my husband and I have separated is true." Mr. Somborn later verified this announcement but said a divorce was not contemplated.

Heiress To Wealth Weds Newspaperman

Miss Dellora Angel Inherits \$40,000,000 Then Quietly Marries Cartoonist

PASADENA, Cal., March 28.—The wish of Miss Dellora Angell, heiress to the \$40,000,000 fortune of John W. (Bet-a-Million) Gates, for a quiet wedding was fulfilled at noon today when she plighted her troth to Lester Norris, newspaper cartoonist of St. Charles, Ill.

The Altadena home of R. F. Angell, father of the bride where the ceremony was performed, was surrounded by guards who kept out such of the public as professed a desire to view the marriage. Although the time of the wedding was not announced to newspapermen until this morning, several scores of persons got wind of it in season to gather about the Angell gates. But only relatives of Miss Angell and Mr. Norris and a few chums were admitted.

Mr. Norris and Mr. Angell drove to Los Angeles, 10 miles away, in the morning and obtained the marriage license, returning a short time before the hour set for the ceremony.

BERNHARDT IS LAID TO REST

Body of Singer Taken From Bed and Placed in Rosewood Casket

PARIS, March 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The body of Sarah Bernhardt tonight rested in the famous rosewood casket lined with white satin which was made with her order 30 years ago and in which she was frequently photographed while on her famous tours.

Abbe Louill, cure of the Church of St. Francois de Sales where the funeral service will be held tomorrow noon, said the last prayers over the great artist today. She was tenderly lifted from her bed and placed in the coffin, which was taken to the ground floor of the home where a room has been transformed into a chapel.

Still Wears Locket. Bernhardt is still clad in her white satin dress. Over her face and hair a fine lace veil has been drawn. On her breast is pinned the cross of the legion of honor and around her neck is a ribbon.

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HERE IS PIGGLY WIGGLY MAN WHO MADE SPECULATORS JUMP



Clarence Saunders, head of the Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., has been making the New York financiers stand on their heads, figuratively speaking. The Piggly Wiggly stock was sold short and the price went up like a sky rocket. Trading was suspended on the Stock Exchange. Saunders served notice on "short sellers" that he would settle for \$150 a share, and after March 22 those that did not settle would have to pay \$250 a share, "even if it takes the courts to decide." A few years ago Clarence Saunders was an eighteen-dollar-a-week clerk in a grocery store in Memphis.

OFFICER ACCUSED

DUBLIN, March 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Fran Teeling, an officer in the national army, was held responsible today for the killing of a member of the civic force during a performance at the Theatre Royal last evening. The verdict of the coroner's court was that Teeling had fired the fatal bullet but did so in self-defense.

FIRE CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE

Loss of \$750,000 Sustained When Beach and Amusement Park Ravaged

HULL, Mass., March 29.—Fire, which laid waste much of Nantucket Beach last night, was brought under control at 1:15 this morning. Paragon park, the amusement center, was almost entirely overrun by the flames and about 75 houses and cottages were destroyed. All the hotels and the new town hall were saved. The loss was estimated at about \$750,000.

Firemen said that it was improbable that any buildings would be saved in Nantucket Beach, Green Hill and Center Hill, all sections of the town of Hull. Residents were piling their furniture in the streets.

All Cyclops Ku Klux Convention Is Planned

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 28.—The exalted cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Washington will meet in what will be known as the first all-cyclops convention at Walla Walla April 2, 3 and 4, according to information received here tonight.

CHURCH DELEGATES ARRIVE

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 28.—Delegates from 20 churches arrived here today for the 20th annual convention of the Walla Walla Presbyterian society. Several nationally known speakers also were in attendance. The sessions will continue all day tomorrow.

SUGAR PROBE WILL BE OF WIDE SCOPE

Inquiry Into Effect of New Import Duty on Prices by Commission to be Thorough

MORE SUPPLY, LESS DEMAND DUE, HOOVER

Comprehensive Study of Production Costs May Take Six Months

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Outstanding developments here today in the sugar situation were the announcement by the tariff commission that in compliance with instructions from President Harding, its inquiry into the effect of the new import duty on prices would be more far reaching than originally was intended, and the prediction by Senator Hoover that present prices would result in decreased consumption and increased production.

When the tariff commission met today it had before it the president's telegram sent Tuesday night from St. Augustine, Fla., directing that it establish whether the new tariff was keeping the retail price of sugar at high levels. The commission which already had initiated an investigation at the request of Cuban producers to determine whether a reduction in the sugar duties was advisable under the provisions of the tariff law, decided at once to increase the scope of its inquiry.

To Take Line. Members of the commission predicted it probably would be six months before a comprehensive study of production costs in Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii, as well as the United States and of local stocks and world supplies on various dates could be completed and recommendations submitted to the president, who has authority to alter the tariff rates.

Mr. Hoover's prediction was made in a letter to Representative Dullinger, Republican, Massachusetts, who had asked for information as to the present situation. Sugar consumption and production, said the commerce secretary, "respond very quickly to action. It would be normal to anticipate that estimated consumption would decrease as the result of the present over-high price."

CEMETERY WILL BE IMPROVED

Odd Fellows Make Extensions of Water System in Salem Burial Tract

It is understood that work has already begun on a new, complete water system for the Odd Fellows cemetery south of Salem. Four thousand feet of pipe for the mains and the laterals has been delivered, and the work of laying is to be carried on steadily, so that water will be available for sprinkling this season.

Some re-plating is to be done, or rather is to be asked for, before the county authorities. As the place was platted and dedicated to the public, it cannot be changed except through legal sanction. It is planned to remove the fence from the south side, put in a curb and open the street for easy access. This is the road that is taken to the City View cemetery, adjoining and farther up the hill to the west.