

MANY PERISH IN EXPLOSION

7500 NOBLES VISIT SALEM ON SATURDAY

More Persons at Dinner in Tragio Building Than Ever Sat Down at One Meal in State's History

SALEM HOSPITALITY WILL CONTINUE TODAY

Parade Splendid Affair; Neophytes Number 144—Who They Are

There were 10,000 automobiles on the streets of Salem Saturday according to the count of the state traffic officers.

There were at least 7500 Shriners and their families; perhaps a lot more; but that many were counted at once.

The biggest sit-down dinner in the history of Oregon was served in the Tragio building Saturday evening; 2300 people dined at one time, and they hardly waited a minute for their service.

But apart from all these who were fed in the one place, were at least 3,000 who were served as the Shrine guests at the churches and the hotels, and many found it convenient for business reasons, to go to the restaurants, or with Salem friends, or even to drive home before the evening meal.

Decorations Are Gorgeous The finest decorations in the history of the Oregon Shrine, outside the international convales at Portland three years ago, greeted the visiting Shriners.

The biggest and the blithest and the happiest bunch of neophytes that ever crawled and fought and begged their way into the Shrine in Oregon, will date their "making" from the Salem ceremonial.

The finest weather that ever lay out of doors, marked a new record for weather behavior for any great event in the Willamette valley. The weather god was ineffably kind.

They thought the Ceremonial would be all over Saturday night; but it isn't. Instead, there will be several thousand Shriners left in the city this morning—tired but happy Shriners, glad to accept the hospitality of Salem, anxious to see more of the wonderful dream city that has captivated them with its hospitality.

The committee wants a lot of autos at 9:30 this morning; hundreds, thousands of autos, to take the visitors out over the city and country. It is the day originally set for "Blossom day." Most of the blossoms are gone, but the country still lives, and the Shriners from abroad want to see it all.

The original obligation to show 'em around for Blossom day still stands. The call is urgent, insistently for these miles of Salem auto guests. Don't wait; don't phone; come on with your car, at 9:30, and the committee will find a load of enthusiastic guests.

The Ceremonial itself has passed into history; most of it is a dark secret within the lodge walls and the walls are dumb and the victims are speechless and the perpetrators are sworn to secrecy. But the outside trappings of Shrine royalty have interested thousands who don't know why it is a Shrine, or where they got it.

The parade at 1:30 was a splendid novelty, in that it started exactly on time. It was many blocks long. There was the wonderful Al Kader band, the Chanters, the brilliantly garbed patrol, the officers in carriage, the long line of common Shriners, and the

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair Sunday; moderate westerly winds. (Saturday)

Maximum temperature, 83. Minimum temperature, 44. River, 2.7 feet, stationary. No rainfall.

Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest. Saturday was the highest temperature yet recorded this year; the next highest, 82 degrees, being back in March.

BUILDING BONDS ARE VOTED BY RESIDENTS OF AUBURN DISTRICT

By a vote of 35 to 41 the Auburn school district, just east of Salem, yesterday voted to bond in the sum of \$5000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new two-room school building. The election is said to have been very warmly contested throughout, bringing out practically a 100 per cent vote of the qualified electors in the district.

Tentative plans for the new building, which it is hoped to have ready for occupancy in time for the next school term, call for a modern two-room affair so constructed that it can be thrown into one large room for assembly purposes.

The Auburn district at the present time contains the largest enrollment of all one-room schools in Marion county, according to Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent, with an enrollment of 59 at the present time which is larger than many of the two-room schools now have.

WHEAT KING IS CHARGED

Joseph Leiter Is Accused of Mismanagement of \$100,000,000 Estate

CHICAGO, May 5.—Charges of mismanagement of the \$100,000,000 estate of the late David Z. Leiter, former partner of Marshall Field, were made today in court by a bill filed against Joseph Leiter, famed for his reputed wheat "corner" which cost him more than \$5,000,000.

The charges involving a sum estimated at more than \$1,000,000 were made by Lary Marguerite Hyde, widow of the Earl of Suffolk, who before her marriage was Marguerite Leiter, a sister of Joseph. The bill asks that the management of the Leiter estate be taken from the hands of the former wheat king.

Trustees Crowded Out Lady Hyde charges that she, as one of the trustees of the estate, was "crowded out" by the two other trustees, Mrs. Nancy Lathrop Carver Campbell, of Santa Barbara Cal., a daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter, and Mr. Leiter. Fifteen other heirs, most of them residents of England, are named in the bill.

Lady Hyde charged that her brother has engaged in extensive farming in Clear Creek and Platte valleys and suffered heavy losses there. In the purchase of stock of the Universal Fuel company, she alleges, there was a failure to account for in the manner required by the will, for \$982,000.

Leiter gained fame from his plunge in the wheat market in 1898. He began buying wheat secretly as early as April, 1897, when the price was around 72 cents. At one time he had 18,000,000 bushels of cash wheat and his holdings altogether were around 40,000,000 bushels.

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WARDEN ASKED TO HOLD MEN

Governor Directs Smith to Be More Cautious to Avoid Escapes

Governor Pierce last night addressed a letter to Warden Johnson S. Smith of the state penitentiary directing him to use greater caution to prevent the escape of trustees from the prison. The letter is the result of a number of trustees walking away from the wood camp near Marion and other outside places in recent weeks.

The governor's letter backs up the warden in his policy of economy which has caused the latter to use many trustees outside, but he adds that the penitentiary was built to keep criminals away from society.

"It is, of course, my policy to save all money possible at the penitentiary," says the letter. "I want the inmates of that institution to work. I want them to work so far as possible and advisable in pursuits that will afford sufficient revenue to help pay for the prisoner's keep. It is my hope to make the penitentiary as nearly self-sustaining as possible.

"However, I have not forgotten that the penitentiary was built to keep criminals away from society. It is after all a prison in which men sent there are to be kept. Although, I am not greatly exercised over the few escapes that have been made, it is my judgment that it is necessary for the warden to use greater caution to the end that further escapes will be eliminated.

"I, therefore, direct you to take immediately whatever measures are necessary to prevent further escapes from the Oregon penitentiary."

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PIERCE AVERS HE DIDN'T HIT SCHOOL BONDS

Governor Denies Statements Made By Two Newspapers Relative to Purchase of Oregon Securities

SIGNED DENIAL MADE BY OTHER MEMBERS

Hoff, Marshall and Sever Declare Executive Is Misrepresented

Governor Pierce, upon his return from southwest coast counties last night, issued a statement denying that he said, at meetings of the state bond commission, that Oregon school bonds were lacking in value and would never be paid.

In support of his statement, the governor also obtained a statement from O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, and W. A. Marshall, accident commissioner, the other two members of the bond commission, and also signed by D. S. Sever, secretary of the commission, who declare that the governor did not make the statement about Oregon school bonds attributed to him by certain newspapers. The governor conceded that he favored the purchase of liberty bonds with the state funds.

WALLY REID FOUND BEST LIKED STAR

Late Motion Picture Player Topped All in Popularity With N. Y. Students

NEW YORK, May 5.—Wallace Reid, who died recently in California, was the most popular motion picture player, male or female, among high school students according to a report made public today by Clarence Arthur Perry of the Russell Sage foundation, and chairman of the national committee for better films of New York.

Mary Pickford, Norma Talmadge and Constant Talmadge are the favorite actresses, with Rudolph Valentino and Douglas Fairbanks following Reid in male popularity. With the girls, Richard Barthelmess ran ahead of Fairbanks.

Mr. Perry said it had taken a year to tabulate answers received from 17,000 boys and 20,000 girls in high schools of 76 cities and towns in various parts of the country.

According to the returns, high school boys attend movies on the average of 1.23 times a week while the girls go 1.05 times.

WANT COLLEGE BRED LAWYERS

State Bar Association Moves to Make Five-Year Training Necessary

PORTLAND, Or., May 5.—The initial step to make the legal profession in Oregon one entirely of college graduates, was taken by the State Bar association at its first convention session. As the culmination of a move to raise the standards of their profession the lawyers endorsed a memorial to the supreme court asking that five years of academic training be made one of the requisites for admittance to the bar.

Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles was named president of the association; Albert Bridgeway was re-elected secretary and Hall S. Lusk, re-elected treasurer. R. W. Montague, W. M. Davis, J. Roy Riley, George Wilbur and O. D. Eby were named as the executive committee.

Vice presidents elected were Frank W. Calkins, G. F. Skipworth, Percy R. Kelly, George W. Stapleton, J. U. Campbell, Gilbert W. Phelps, R. R. Butler, Gustav Anderson, Dalton Biggs, J. W. Knowles, D. R. Parker, Harry H. Belt, D. V. Kuykendall, J. M. Bartholdey, T. E. J. Duffy, George R. Bagley and James E. Eakin.

REFERENDUM IS TWICE INVOKED

Another League Files Completed Petitions—Kozer Has Problem

Whether two identical referendum measures against the state income tax act passed by the 1922 legislature shall be printed in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot for the special election in Oregon next November is a problem now before Secretary of State Kozer and which he will refer to Attorney General Van Winkle for directions as to procedure.

This developed Saturday when the State Income Tax Referendum filed with the secretary completed referendum petitions containing 10,500 names. Earlier in the week the Oregon Just Tax league also filed completed petitions to invoke the referendum on the measure and these have been approved and filed by Secretary Kozer. The petitions received Saturday will be held pending an opinion from the attorney general, the object being if possible to avoid duplicating the measure in the pamphlet and on the ballot.

NEW GREEK LETTER FRAT IS INSTALLED AT U OF O

EUGENE, Ore., May 5.—The 13th women's Greek letter fraternity on the University of Oregon campus was installed this afternoon. It is the Alpha Sigma chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi. The national organization was founded at Barnard college at Columbia university, New York, January 2, 1897. Mrs. Lucille Curtis English, district superintendent of Portland and active members from the University of Washington attended.

SOLON ACTION IN N. Y. HELD WET VICTORY

Repeal of State Enforcement Code Said to Make Task of Federal Officers More Difficult

SERIOUS BLOW SEEN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Supreme Court Edict Likely to Lead to Diplomatic Exchanges, Belief

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Although Prohibition Commissioner Haynes declared today there would be no let down in prohibition enforcement in New York state, the general view here was that the action of the New York legislature in repealing the state enforcement code would make far more difficult the task of federal forces.

Mr. Hynes' view was that the action of the legislature would mean only that the federal government would have to provide in the largest measure possible, agencies to make up the loss of "whatever cooperation may have been provided by the state." He said sufficient funds were available to increase the field force, but indicated that a survey to determine upon the extent of the increase would await an actual withdrawal of the state forces upon the signing of the repeal act by Governor Smith.

A chief concern of enforcement officers was that with the state border patrol withdrawn, the "rum fleet" which has been active off the New York and New Jersey coasts might transfer their operations to Canadian waters in the hope of finding easy access for their cargoes into New York across the international border.

Meantime another phase of the prohibition question—the supreme court ban on bringing liquor into American waters—is regarded as likely to become a subject of diplomatic exchanges. French Ambassador Jusserand discussed this subject with Secretary Hughes today at the state department, but with what result did not appear.

The embassies of all of the foreign governments still were without instructions today.

PLANS DRAFTED

NEW YORK, May 5.—Federal enforcement officials in New York, facing the necessity of drying up the state unaided if Governor Smith affixes the expected gubernatorial signature to the bill repealing the Mullan-Gage state enforcement act, today began drafting plans for spreading their attenuated lines over the territory which has been largely covered for them by state and municipal forces.

Palmer Canfield, enforcement director for New York state, said he had about 200 men at his command to cover the entire state, including the Canadian border, now largely patrolled against rum runners by state police. He expected assistance from Washington for a great increase in his force, but declared he expected the police to go on aiding in prohibition enforcement as far as they were able.

WHITFIELD CASE IN HANDS OF JURY

Defense Does Not Consume One Hour All Told; Night Session Held

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.—The late George Edward Whitfield, charged with the murder of 11 year old Anna Nosko, was given into the hands of the jury tonight after a brief defense, which aside from the examination of Dr. W. E. Cass, a local physician who offered expert testimony regarding the possibility of distinguishing human from animal blood, did not consume an hour all told. A night session of court was held in order to complete the argument by opposing counsel.

No attempt was made by the defense to account for the accused youth's movements on the day of the murder, the entire testimony offered having to do with the credibility of the state's witnesses. The defendant took the stand today and testified that statements made by A. Roy Moore, alleged circus bandit regarding a reputed confession of the murder by Whitfield in the Clarke county jail were false.

ONLY THREE BODIES ARE LOCATED, SEVEN MEN STILL ENTOMBED

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 5.—Three bodies had been recovered and seven checked as missing in the explosion which wrecked the north slope of the Southwestern mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company at Southwestern camp near Aguilar early tonight which increased the number of men entombed by the explosion to the original figure of 10.

Bodies taken out by the rescue crews late today were of two Greeks, John Konistakis and John Soupaginis.

At 10:25 tonight the third body was recovered from the slope of the Southwestern mine. Seven other men are missing. It was stated at the mine office that the remaining bodies may not be located tonight owing to the great amount of wreckage.

Reports from the mine said the belief is strengthened by conditions encountered by the rescue crews that all in the mine have perished. Several of the rescuers were overcome with gas.

That the explosion was caused by a set-off of gas was stated at the mine office. The north slope was badly wrecked. Between 45 and 70 men are normally employed in the mine on regular working days but today was an idle day and only 13 men were in the workings cleaning up some loads.

Hampered by huge heaps of wreckage in the north slope of the southwestern mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, near Aguilar, rescue men were tonight struggling to reach the bodies of seven men entombed either dead or alive by the explosion that swept through the slope early this morning. At 11:25 o'clock tonight the bodies of three Greeks had been recovered and seven more were numbered as missing bringing the total of the possible dead to 10. It was the first disaster in the Trinidad coal fields since arch 19, of last year.

Rescue crews of the United States bureau of mines, aided by crews from nearby camps in the Aguilar district and from Colorado Fuel and Iron company camps were engaged tonight in the task of exploring the wrecked slope. A statement issued at the Southwestern mine office said that the rescue work was making good progress but that no more bodies had been sighted.

GERMANS TO APPEAL CASE

Legality of French Commander's Order Questioned in Higher Court

WERDEN, May 5.—The German directors of the Krupp works plan to carry the case to the highest court of appeal in France if they are convinced by the present court martial it was announced today by their Swiss attorney, M. Morlaud, chief counsel for the defense. The appeal he said, would be based on international law and would raise the question of the legality of the French commander's order, which the Germans are charged with violating.

The appeal also would contend that the French have no right in the Ruhr, and will plead, as in the present trial, that the directors are not criminally responsible for the acts of the Krupp workmen. The defendants apparently are hopeful that they will have a better chance on appeal, should the court martial find them guilty, than the Thyssen, whose conviction at Mayence was quickly confirmed by the high court of Cassas.

CASE TO CONTINUE

M. Morlaud, whom the Germans regard as the highest Swiss authority on international law will be reinforced in such appeal by Dr. Grimm of counsel for the defense which pleaded for Thyssen; he is professor of international law at Muenster.

The court-martial's progress on the second day of the trial indicated that the case would continue until Wednesday without the holding of a Sunday session. The prosecution tried to bring out the menacing attitude of the workmen prior to the firing by

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SILVERTON MAN KILLED BY TRUCK

Cornelius Froland, Employee of Lumber Mill, Fatally Injured

SILVERTON, Ore., May 5.—(Special to The Statesman)—Cornelius Froland, 21, was killed here late today when he was run down by a wood truck at the mill of the Silver Falls Timber company.

Froland, who was employed at the mill, was leaving the gates after working hours, when he was hit by the truck, knocked down and crushed. He was rushed to the Silverton hospital where he died 10 minutes later.

Froland was a native of Norway and came to Silverton about two years ago. Two sisters live in Montana, and all other relatives are in Norway. He lived at the C. J. Rosheim home in Silverton.

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AUTOS ARE WANTED FOR SHRINERS TODAY

Judge Issues Decree in Nixon Against Brown et al

That the plaintiff has no equity in the property of Eva Nixon, which he was purchasing on contract but later defaulted on, was the sense of a judgment handed down by Judge George G. Hingham in the circuit court yesterday in the case of Eva Nixon vs. J. A. Brown and Guy O. Smith.

The original complaint filed by the plaintiff alleged that the property which consisted of several lots in Highland Annex addition was owned originally by Martha Pate who, in June, 1920, contracted to sell them to the defendants for the sum of \$750, of which \$10 was to be paid down and the balance at the rate of \$10 per month until paid.

Payments were satisfactory for four or five months, then became delinquent. Today is the original date set for "Blossom day" and

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Archie Holt of Salem Files Amended Complaint

An amended complaint in the case of Archie Holt against H. Kuntz was filed by the plaintiff in the circuit court yesterday.

On October 26, 1922, the new complaint alleges, the plaintiff was operating a Buick car on the Pacific highway near Barlow in a southerly direction while the defendant, who was operating a 13-ton truck, was proceeding in a northerly direction. The defendant was operating in a careless and negligent manner at an excessive rate of speed, it is asserted, and at the time of the accident was operating on the wrong side of the road. Behind the truck was a trailer which it is claimed by the plaintiff was swerving from side to side. The two machines hit, with the result that the car owned by the plaintiff, which was valued at \$1000, was so wrecked that it was impossible to get more than \$200 for it. The cost of salvaging amounted to \$30. The plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant for damages incurred in the sum of \$820.

Don't wait for initiation into the Shrine order; don't wait to phone for orders. Don't wait for anything but for approximately the hour of 9:30, or a little earlier, and come and help show these visitors what they came to see—the most beautiful city in the west, and the most hospitable people anywhere.

This morning, 9:30; 1000 cars, Ford or what not; a smile from every driver, for every guest.