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CORN SHOW OPENS TODAY IN ARMORY

Best Exposition in History of Willamette Valley District Scheduled for Rest of Week

INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS BETTER THAN USUAL

Governor Pierce and A. S. Dudley Speakers—Orchestra Music Planned

With stage settings complete and everything in readiness for the opening of the three-day Marion-Polk County Corn Show and Industrial exhibit at the Salem armory, the largest and best exposition of its kind in the history of this district will be officially launched today. Carle Abrams, chairman of the agricultural committee, Chamber of Commerce, will give the welcoming address at 2 o'clock and officially close the exposition Saturday night. The show is being conducted under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce and through the cooperation of the Marion County Community federation. No admission charge is made.

Entries Are Numerous

Nearly 40 industries and manufacturing plants will be represented, varying from dairying and horticultural to finished articles. When the entry list closed at 6 o'clock last night there were 75 entries of corn, including some that took first awards at the recent corn show in Independence, the finest raised in the two counties. One of the most elaborate of the individual displays was prepared by A. E. Hughes, Woodburn, who has been exhibiting his product since 1916, a large number of ribbons testifying to the quality of his grain. Another attraction is offered by J. E. Crothers, Liberty, who is showing the various uses to which the loganberry can be adapted.

In addition to the corn growing contest which is of great interest to adults, many of the boys' and girls' clubs have entered displays, both for the grain and for baking bread.

Communities Lead Way

Much interest in the show is taken by the five communities which have provided excellent booths featuring the products of each center. A great amount of care has been taken in the decorating of these. Above each is a slogan. Rivalry, of a friendly nature, promises to be keen. Booths, creditable to a large fair and comparing in a favorable manner with those of the state fair, have been erected by Salem Heights, Brush College, Labish Center, North Howell and Liberty.

Governor Walter M. Pierce will speak tonight with A. S. Dudley, of the State Chamber of Commerce, as the headliner Friday night. Saturday, the final night, will be given over to a musical program. Music is being furnished by the Oscar Steelhammer orchestra. All of the night programs will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Short talks will be made during the afternoon sessions by experts in various lines from Oregon Agricultural college.

Judging Starts at Once

Judging of the corn entries will get under way this morning, and will be made by Professors Hyslop, E. R. Jackson and C. L. Long, members of the extension department, OAC, with Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state boys' and girls' club leader, naming the prize winners in the bread baking department.

All day Wednesday a crew of carpenters was busy with saws and hammers, constructing the display booths. As fast as these were in shape, representatives of the industrial plants began to

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy Thursday with rain north portion; moderate southwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 55. Minimum temperature, 42. River, -1.5. Rainfall, .03. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southeast.

NAVY COURT FINDS DAVIS NOT GUILTY

Sixth Commander to Be Tried Is Acquitted By General Court Martial

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 21.—The general court martial trying officers on charges growing out of the Point Honda destroyer disaster this afternoon acquitted Commander Louis P. Davis, the sixth defendant to be tried. He had been charged with negligence in permitting a vessel of the navy to run up on the rocks. The Woodbury, which Commander Davis had commanded was a total loss as a result of the disaster. The seventh trial, that of Lieutenant Commander Herbert O. Roesch, who commanded the destroyer Nicholas, was begun as soon as the judge advocate had read the verdict of acquittal in the Davis case. The charge was identical with the charge in the case of Commander Davis and the specification differed only in the naming of the Nicholas instead of the Woodbury as the vessel wrecked. Five witnesses were examined before the court adjourned at the end of the afternoon.

COUNTY TAX ROLL FULLY COMPILED

Assessed Valuation of Everything From Dogs to Orchards Given

The total assessed property valuation for Marion county for the year of 1923 is \$37,962,330, according to County Assessor Oscar Steelhammer. On this the tax levy of 1924 will be based. This figure does not include the public utilities which is compiled by the tax commission. Public utilities were valued last year at \$4,793,989. The 211 dogs on the county tax rolls are worth \$2,775 or an average of \$13.15 while the average sheep or goat, of which there are 20,024 head, is worth \$3.65 and the total valuation of the sheep and goats is \$73,070. The 13,744 cattle are worth \$431,085 or an average of \$31.37. The swine of the county are worth \$34,525 and there are 4,720 of them which makes each one worth an average of \$7.31. The average horse or mule is worth \$58.03 and there are 5,951 of them with a total valuation of \$345,325. Farm machinery in the county is valued at \$212,870 and other machinery has a valuation of \$559,865. The valuation of the 512,000 acres of land in the county is valued at \$19,429,000 while the value of improvements on land held under deed or patent is placed at \$3,062,080. City lots within the county are valued at \$4,862,695 while the improvements on city property is valued at \$5,826,585. Improvements on land not held by deed or patent are valued at \$270,430. The value of 11,600 shares of stock is placed at \$814,940 while money, notes and accounts are valued at \$105,120. Hotel and office fixtures are valued at \$206,245. Merchandise is valued at \$1,633,050.

Officer Lant Declares Facts Misrepresented

What he declares is misrepresentation of facts is beginning to get the name of H. H. Lant, state prohibition officer, and he desires to set himself straight with the world. "I engaged Troy Wood, of the Salem Taxi service, to take me to Silverton and told him he would receive his regular charges for the trip," says Lant. "It has been my custom when working in a county to send the bill to the district attorney for his ok. Without giving the matter further thought, I sent Mr. Wood with the bill to District Attorney John Carson. He, having no knowledge of any prior arrangements, naturally refused to approve the bill. When Wood reported the matter to me I paid him in full for his services, which money will be reimbursed to me through the state prohibition division. Through a minor misunderstanding all parties concerned have been receiving some publicity that none of us enjoy." Mr. Wood substantiated Officer Lant, saying he had received \$10.40 for mileage and an additional \$2 in waiting charges.

14 YEAR TERM IS SENTENCE GIVEN COOK

Former Arctic Explorer Is Found Guilty on 12 Counts—Given Term in Federal Prison and Fined

ONLY ONE OF 14 MEN FREED OF CHARGES

Former Explorer in Jail Pending Appeal—Bail Set at \$75,000 by Judge

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, oil operator who was found guilty in federal court here this afternoon for the alleged misuse of the mails in connection with the operations of the Petroleum Producers' association of which he was sole trustee, was sentenced to 14 years and nine months in the federal prison and fined \$12,000 by Federal Judge Killitts. Fred K. Smith, treasurer of the company, was sentenced to seven years in prison and was fined \$12,000. S. E. J. Cox was sentenced to eight years and fined \$8,000. Other co-defendants of Cook who were found guilty received the following sentences: A. K. Eckman, seven years and \$12,000 fine; W. L. Braddish and W. P. Welby, two years each and \$1,000 fine; J. S. Rooks, C. W. Sleete, S. L. Hess, T. O. Turner, B. S. Henninger, E. J. Bowen and R. L. Maxwell, each one year and a day and fines of \$1,000; L. A. McRacher was given six years and a fine of \$1,000. O. L. Ray, G. A. Demontmond, H. E. Robinson, Harry Bleam and J. E. Burmeister, all of whom had previously entered pleas of guilty, were fined \$500 each. H. O. Stephens, who also entered a plea of guilty, was fined \$7,000 and sentenced to serve 90 days in jail.

Cook Denounced

Judge Killitts passed sentence on Dr. Cook after a scathing denunciation of the methods said to have been practiced by the former Arctic explorer. Cook made no statement after being sentenced but his attorney, former United States Senator Weldon Bailey, declared that he would have a statement to make within the next two or three days. Cook's bond was placed by

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UNLOADED GUN GETS BIG SUM FOR ROBBER

Los Angeles Bank Loses \$2,000 in Currency When Bandit Calls

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—A lone bandit entered the Hellman bank at Sixth and Main streets here this afternoon, held up John French, a paying teller, and escaped with \$2,000 in currency. It became known tonight. So quietly did the bandit work and so calmly was the situation handled by bank employees and officials that pedestrians in the street outside suspected nothing, and news of the holdup did not leak out until several hours after the bank closed its doors for the day.

The bandit entered at about 2:30 p. m. It was revealed late tonight by Irving Hellman, vice president of the bank. He approached the case occupied by French and shoved a check through the window. On the check was written: "Shove over \$2,000 or you are a dead man." French saw the barrel of a revolver peeping out at him from the bandit's coat sleeve, and accordingly began shoving over the \$2,000, a few bills at a time, meanwhile pressing a button which should have summoned a special officer.

Remodeling operations had disturbed the wiring connected with this button, however, Mr. Hellman said, and the bandit was able to escape with the money. Outside on the sidewalk he dropped his weapon, a .45 caliber revolver. It was unloaded.

Musical Comedy Makes Unusual Hit at Grand

"Irene," a musical comedy with a strain of pathos running through it, was presented to a crowded house at the Grand theatre last night. Irene O'Dare, the title role, was taken by Dale Winter, an actress of unusual parts, who thrilled, entertained and inspired her audience. From the first moment she appeared on the stage until the last she was the center of interest and her strength was equal to that of all the company. Miss Winter had strong support. It is seldom that the dancing has been equalled in the theatre here and never surpassed. While there were no outstanding musical numbers, the music through the evening was vivacious and appropriate. Miss Winter in the title role scored an unusual hit, and her supporting company did full justice to the occasion. Salem theatre goers received a treat last night, and they were out in great numbers.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR PIERCE CITES CAUSES FOR GRATITUDE OF PRESENT YEAR

Governor Pierce yesterday issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation of the executive office. The text follows:

DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER and further recommend that the people of this great commonwealth assemble in their accustomed places of worship to give thanks for all the blessings and pleasures that we enjoy. We should ever remember and be ever thankful for the fact that we are living in the most eventful, the most bountiful, the most wonderful period of human history. We are just beginning to discover the secrets of nature that have been locked up for so many centuries. The deeper we penetrate into the mysteries of nature the more firmly are we convinced that there is a Divine Hand governing, guiding and shaping all human effort.

On this Thanksgiving day let everyone make a new allegiance to the Divine Ruler that in every way possible we will do everything in our power to keep unimpaired all the freedom and the blessings that we have and enjoy and do everything in our power to give them to our children, unimpaired, so that they may have and enjoy the fruits of the most bountiful land and the most beneficent government that ever existed. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed. Done at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1923.

WALTER M. PIERCE, Governor. By the Governor. (Attest) Sam A. Koser, Secretary of State.

LADY ASTOR FINDS WINDOW CONVENIENT

Uses It For Entrance to Overcrowded Hall Where Speech Is Made

PLYMOUTH, England, Nov. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lady Astor tonight carried her preliminary campaign into a corner of her constituency which is regarded as a hotbed of socialism. To reach the speaker's platform she had to climb through a window with the aid of a policeman, the dense throng which was vainly trying to enter the already overcrowded hall having made it impossible for her to approach the regular entrance.

As soon as she gained the platform, the Socialists began to heckle her. To their remarks and jeering she retorted: "If you want to turn all political meetings into comedy, it is easy enough to do so. Any ass can do it. If you really want to hear me rip up the Labor party, be quiet. If you're going to try to be funny, you are not going to be funny at my expense. I'll have a lot of you turned out, and will go myself. If you can't rule yourselves, how can you rule the country?" After this Lady Astor received a fairly quiet hearing. The meeting finally closed noisily, part of those present singing the national anthem and the others the Red Flag. During the noise, Lady Astor quit the building through the window by which she entered. Lord Astor, who failed in his attempts to get into the building where his wife was speaking, addressed thousands assembled outside the building, speaking from the top of his automobile.

VESPER SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING

Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Taylor, Missionaries, Will Be Speakers

Salem churches will observe Thanksgiving with a union vesper service at the First Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon, Nov. 29, at 4 o'clock. This is a departure from the customary hour of 10 o'clock in the morning. No services will be held by the other denominations. The committee in charge consists of Rev. W. W. Long, chairman, Rev. J. J. Evans and Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick. Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Taylor, of the China Inland Mission will arrive in the city in time to speak at the Thanksgiving service and to give an address Friday.

F. Howard Taylor, M. D. (London, Eng.) MRCP, FRCS, BS, is the son of the late J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland mission. He has served in regular appointments upon the mission field since 1890. Mrs. Howard Taylor is a daughter of the late H. Grattan Guinness, DD, FRAS, evangelist, Bible teacher and prophetic writer, and she went to China as a missionary of the China Inland mission first in 1888. She and Dr. Taylor both labored in the province of Honan for a number of years. Of late years they have given much time to literary work.

Mrs. Howard Taylor, who as Miss Geraldine Guinness, was well known both as a writer and speaker on this continent as well as in Great Britain, has contributed gifted service in the missionary cause. Together with Dr. Taylor she has written the "Life of Hudson Taylor," the two-volume biography of the founder of the China Inland mission, which is as remarkable for its spiritual helpfulness and inspiration to the reader as for its interesting tracing of the personal experiences of Hudson Taylor, and the "Growth of the Work of God"—the China Inland mission—which he was privileged to found and direct.

In the last three years Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have visited many stations of the China Inland mission. In doing this they have often cooperated for the time being in the work of the local missionaries, so becoming familiar in the most practical way with present conditions, problems and successes of the China mission field. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor are at present on an extensive journey through Canada and the United States in the interests of the work in China. Both are gifted speakers and their services are greatly in demand.

AIRMEN GET OFF SEAPLANE JUST IN TIME

Craft Is in Flames Within Seconds After Bomb Explodes in Chemicals—Five Make Escape

ABILITY TO SWIM IS WHAT SAVED 5 MEN

Pilot Brix Succeeds in Getting Men Into Water Before Explosion

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 21.—Five officers and enlisted men of the aircraft squadron, battle fleet, crew of an F-5-L seaplane engaged in spotting torpedoes 25 miles off Point Loma, had a miraculous escape from being blown to pieces or drowned when their aircraft caught fire, exploded and sank in 50 fathoms of water shortly after noon today. The crew of the F-5-L, composed of Lieutenant Earl Brix, pilot; W. Osterman, seaman, first class; C. D. Forsight, chief aviation rigger; E. B. Thornton, radioman, first class, and E. W. Nelson, chief electrician, were rescued by the destroyer Kennedy after they had been swimming for more than 20 minutes. Nelson was the only man injured.

Mishap Peculiar

The mishap was one of the most peculiar in the annals of aviation. The seaplane at the time of the accident was flying at a speed of 70 miles an hour at an altitude of about 100 feet when Chief Electrician Nelson rose in the bow of the ship and started to hurl a smoke pot or bomb to mark the spot where a spent torpedo, fired by a destroyer, was resting on the surface of the sea.

Nelson had just raised the bomb to drop it over the side when a terrific blast of air carried it out of his hands and smashed it against his chest. Nelson dropped like a log, the impact knocking the wind out of him and slightly injuring his chest.

The bomb, carried by the wind, flew against the starboard propeller, shattering it into kindling wood and sending splinters flying in all directions. The bomb, or what was left of it, was hurled into the bilges of the seaplane where the chemicals, mixing with the water, ignited. In less than a fraction of a second the seaplane was a mass of flames. Brix, exhibiting masterful airmanship, nosed the blazing ship downward and shouted for the bluejackets to jump overboard. The seaplane's life preservers in the middle of the fuselage, were a mass of flames and Brix's first concern was to see whether all his men could swim. They could, and it was this fact that saved them.

Two minutes after the flaming seaplane hit the surface of the sea one of the gasoline tanks exploded, sending a shower of burning struts and section of the fuselage over the men who were swimming away.

State Employees Buy Cow For Children's Home

State officials and employees of the state in the state house have contributed money for the purchase of a dairy cow for the new farm home for children in Benton county recently established by the WCTU. The subscription was started from the office of the state labor commissioner, and about \$100 was subscribed.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Nov. 21.—Fifteen persons are dead and about the same number were injured as the result of a double boiler explosion at New Iberia, La., according to a telephone message received here tonight.

Yes, We Have No Bandits Today

EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 21.—Two men held here on the theory that they were Roy and Ray d'Autremont, who are sought in connection with Southern Pacific train holdup at the California-Oregon state line October 11, were found not to be the men wanted, county officers announced tonight. This conclusion was reached, it was said, after a check with photographs of the d'Autremont twins. The men still are being held on local charges.

LIQUOR STOCK IS CAPTURED IN NEW YORK

Officers While Raiding Place Get Orders for Stock—Few Make Personal Calls

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Prohibition agents seized about \$100,000 worth of liquor in a raid this afternoon on the West Broadway warehouse of Baird & Daniels company. The seizure includes 3,000 gallons of Italian and French vermouth; 700 cases of gin; several thousand cases of wines and several cases of whiskey. The firm of Baird & Daniels had a large liquor trade before prohibition, dry agents said. While the raiders busied themselves collecting the liquor in the large warehouse about 15 persons telephoned asking for liquor, according to Agent Brennan. He took down their names and told them they would get what they wanted. Brennan said a number of customers also came in person to the warehouse seeking liquor while the raid was going on.

FEUD IS REVEALED IN MURDER TRIAL

State's Witness in Yakima Killing Case Says Man Shot With Warning

YAKIMA, Nov. 21.—Grey haired and pale, Mrs. Alice Edmunds of Bellingham took the stand late today as the first witness for the defense of her son, J. F. Pearce, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Marshal W. J. Hillyer of Zillah on July 30. Defense counsel outlined a family feud, which he said existed for more than a year prior to the fatal shooting, while making his opening statement. The love affair between the son of the dead man and the daughter of the defendant, both high school students, caused the ill feeling which culminated in dire threats on the part of Hillyer and induced Pearce to shoot first, the statement by the defense alleged.

D. C. Bartley, owner of the drug store in which the shooting occurred, was star witness for the state today and was subjected to several hours of cross examination by the defense. He recited his observations up to the killing and enacted the positions of the principals as he saw them, for the benefit of the jury. According to Bartley's testimony Hillyer was shot from the rear and without warning.

FINAL FLASHES

SHANGHAI, Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—E. W. Schmalzreid, American missionary attached to the Reformed church in the United States, whose mission is at Chen Chow-Fu, Hunan, has been kidnapped by bandits while on his way from Changteh, Hunan to Tunjien, Kweichow.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 21.—Thomas Walton was today sentenced in superior court by Judge E. C. Mills to be hanged on December 28. Walton will die for the murder of S. P. Burr, a fellow convict in the Washington penitentiary. The crime was committed on October 7, 1923.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 21.—Senator James E. Watson of Indiana may become a candidate on the Republican ticket for the nomination for president "if for no other reason than to win the Indiana delegation from Hiram Johnson," he announced here tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 21.—Robert McGee, a special deputy sheriff and former policeman, was shot to death here tonight by a burglar whom he surprised in the act of ransacking a residence.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 21.—Three armed bandits late tonight held up and robbed two young men of \$10,000 in cash, which they had gotten in the afternoon at a Peoria bank as their share of their grandfather's estate which recently was settled.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—A move to bring together the Democratic and Farmer-Labor party organizations in South Dakota was made today in at least two instances.

ALLIES AGREE FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS

Ambassadors' Council Will Notify Germany That Inter-Allied Military Mission to Resume Work

ENTENTE SAVED WHEN NATIONS COMPROMISE

Spirit of Give and Take Regarded as Good Omen for Future Settlements

PARIS, Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allies through their representatives in the ambassadors' council tonight agreed to notify Germany that the inter-allied military control mission will resume its functions in the reich and that the Berlin government is bound to afford it facilities and protection. They also decided upon a second communication in which they note the former crown prince's letter renouncing the throne of Prussia and voice expectations that the German government will see to it that Frederick William faithfully observes the promises made therein. Under those conditions the allies will not insist upon laying hold of the prince, but they declared the German government must rigidly adhere to its assurance that the return of former Kaiser William to Germany will not be tolerated. This is the first time the allies have agreed on a question relating to the execution by Germany of the treaty of Versailles since the partition of Upper Silesia was referred to the league of nations two years ago.

Concessions Made

The agreement was reached by mutual concessions on the part of France and Great Britain. The former withdrew from its stand that the notes should take the form of an ultimatum and indicate to the German government the measures to be taken by the allies if the demands were not met. The British government consented to a change in the wording to satisfy objections on the part of the French cabinet. The spirit of give and take which resulted in saving the entente is regarded as the best augury for the settlement of the other questions on which France and Great Britain are divided, although there appears to be some apprehension in French circles as to how parliament will receive the ambassadors' conclusions.

Significance Attached

In this connection significance was attached to today's debate in the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies where Premier Poincare's policy toward Germany was censured as too mild, with General Viscount De Castelnau, former chief of staff, among the chief critics of the government. Speculation as to the impression the notes will make in Berlin tends toward the belief that Chancellor Stresemann will find them as mild and conciliatory as it could be possible to expect. The general opinion among diplomats is that the German chancellor will find it advisable to do all he can to comply with the allied demands rather than risk another note harsher in tone and terms, though some believe the great delay in reaching a decision will weaken its effect.

THE LIBRARY AND EDUCATION

"There must be some way to continue the educational growth of American citizens. And there is a way. That way is the public library—America's contribution school—the most democratic of American educational institutions. It is free to every person—color, race, nationality or creed make no difference. It is free to every person who wishes to read, and who is willing to read. The public library is free from party politics, religious intolerance and prejudice. It provides information on all sides of every important question, so far as its funds will allow. While the library is useful and helpful, it has still not reached its maximum of helpfulness and it cannot do so until the people themselves realize what it has to give them." —William Allen White