

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SHANTY BOOM IS LAUNCHED BY LEGIONERS

Capital Post Makes Move to Select Site and Raise Funds for Erection of Building

ACTIVITY IS YET IN TENTATIVE STATUS

Officers Elected Last Night—Small Elected to Adjutant's Post

Busy little building bee, buzzing around the city, stung Dr. C. B. O'Neill last night and rapidly spread to members of Capital Post No. 9...

No definite action will be taken concerning the building of even a rough structure until after the building committee has had an opportunity to look over available sites...

The investigating committee consists of Dr. O'Neill chairman; Carl Gabrielson, George Griffith, Clifford Brown and Dr. Roy Byrd.

Carl Gabrielson, commander; Clifford Brown, vice commander; Brazier C. Small, adjutant (third term); Leo Page, finance officer; Don Higgins, quartermaster; Dr. C. B. O'Neill, chaplain and C. K. Logan, historian.

Progress in the canvassing of the business district, with the objective of having all eligible men enrolled in the American Legion, was reported by the various chairmen of committees.

All eligible ex-service men are invited to attend the next meeting of Capital post on Tuesday night, December 18, when a feed will be served at the armory.

PREMIER OPPOSED

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—For the first time since Premier Poincare assumed office in January, 1922, the chamber of deputies today pronounced against his expressed wish when it threw out from the electoral form the absolute majority clause by a vote of 290 to 275.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Wednesday occasional rain; fresh to strong westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 52. Minimum temperature, 37. River, 2.5, falling. Rainfall, .34. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southwest.

ARMISTICE IN HOUSE MAY BE DECLARED BY TWO PARTY FACTIONS

Organization of Sixty-eighth Congress May be Effected Today if Insurgents and Regulars Reach Agreement—Longworth Announces Agreement After Long Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—An armistice, under which the sixty-eighth congress may be organized tomorrow was agreed upon tonight by leaders of the Republican insurgent and regular organizations in the house.

WALNUT GROWERS CONVENE TODAY

Western Association to Hear Interesting Addresses at Chamber

Members of the Western Walnut Growers association will gather in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce at 9 o'clock this morning for the opening of a two-day session of the ninth annual meeting.

C. A. Reed, horticulturist from the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., will give an illustrated talk covering his investigation of conditions in China, having spent considerable time in the Orient going over the entire field.

Two addresses will be given during the afternoon, the session reconvening at 1:30 o'clock. A. L. Lovett, representing the entomology department, OAC, will discuss the various insects that attack walnuts and filberts.

The public is invited to attend the meetings of the association which are to be held both morning and afternoon. Mr. Reed's talk will take place this morning.

FRANK MINTO TO BE SALEM CHIEF

No Other Changes Likely to Be Made in City Offices, Says Mayor

Mayor Giese yesterday announced that Frank Minto, present night desk sergeant, would be the next chief of police. He is the choice of 11 of the members of the city council.

It was announced last night that other city officers would be retained for the coming year. Those serving by appointment are Ray Smith, city attorney; Walter Low, street commissioner; Hugh Rogers, city engineer; Harry Hutton, fire chief and Betty Cooper, sanitary inspector.

APPOINTMENT HELD UP WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Appointment of an ambassador to Mexico will await senate ratification of the two claims conventions negotiated recently at Mexico City.

MODERN WELL NOT COVERED WITH MOSSES

Liquor Charge Placed Against Owner—He Promises to Keep Out of Well

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 4.—Prohibition agents discovered today in a "visit" to an abandoned well near Maltby, 16 miles southeast of here, that it wasn't an "old oaken bucket, a moss-covered bucket" or old-fashioned well water that was in the bucket when it was lowered and raised with suspicious frequency from the "well."

As a result of their visit, the agents arrested Willis Miner, a rancher, who was found in a tunnel that led off from the "well" 30 feet underground, where, according to the officers, he was conducting a modern moonshine distillery.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced by the court to 60 days in the Snohomish county jail and fined \$200. Sentence was suspended, however, on the promise of Miner that he would remain out of the well.

ENGLISH LIQUOR REACHES PACIFIC

Shipping Board Tanker's Crew Arrested for Smuggling 20 Cases of Rum

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Five officers of the shipping board tanker Hoxbar, in port here since November 30, were arrested by federal agents late today on charges of smuggling liquor and failing to have it on their manifest. Twenty one cases of liquor were seized.

Those arrested were the master of the Hoxbar, Captain J. S. Hallings; O. Byrnes, first mate; Fred W. Kelline, second mate; P. Daniels, third mate, and W. L. McGuinness, chief steward.

Rum smugglers off the New Jersey coast sold liquor to the Hoxbar's officers, agents alleged; after which it was loaded on the vessel at New York and carried through the Panama canal, one of the few shipments of smuggled English liquor to reach the Pacific coast.

The five men were arraigned before United States Commissioner Stephen G. Long in Los Angeles and held in ball of \$2500 each, pending their hearings December 11. They were unable to make bond and were taken to the county jail.

There was nothing spectacular about the fight. While there were some expectations early in the day that a break might come, it soon became apparent that all the contending forces were strongly entrenched.

At times less than half the members of the house were on the floor but they always remained within call. Groups assembled here and there in the cloak rooms and lobbies to discuss seriously or get a laugh out of the situation.

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GIESE-POWERS FIRM HAS OPENING TODAY

The formal opening of the Giese-Powers Furniture company which has just moved into the new sales room on Court street, will take place today.

The affiliation with the Portland store gives the patrons of the local store an opportunity for a much larger stock as well as the increased buying power of the combined stores.

No copods will be sold today and the visitors will be shown throughout the building. An orchestra will furnish music and flowers will be given away to the women visitors.

A large stock of gift furniture is included in the present stock. Among the special lines of goods carried by the local store are the Karpen, Kroehler bed furnishings, solid mahogany mission furniture, the Empire solid walnut furniture, the Widdicomb, Luce and William Berkeley furniture.

First class women's dressing rooms are provided in the store and these are fitted up with permanent fixtures in the way of first class dressing tables and other accessories.

NEILL AUSTIN CASE RESUMED BY OFFICIALS

Seattle School Teacher on Recovering Consciousness Says She Was Kidnapped By Two Men

REMEMBERS NOTHING AFTER ATTACK MADE

Seattle Police Department Expresses Disbelief But Will Investigate

NEILL AUSTIN, Seattle school teacher, today recovered consciousness in a hospital here sufficiently to talk, and declared that when she vanished Sunday evening after leaving her home to sing in a church choir, she was kidnapped by two men.

The following statement was given out as having been dictated by Miss Austin to police officials and to her sisters, Misses Lella and Georgia Austin, who came to this city when she was found in a suburb here Wednesday night:

"I left home at 8:30 Sunday night for church and on my way, within two blocks of the church, two men rushed after me and caught me by the arms. They threw me into a motor car. I tried to cry out, but they kept their hands over my mouth. From that time until I regained consciousness in the Vancouver hospital I remember nothing.

"I cannot account for the clothes I was wearing. When I left home I was wearing my black velvet dress. How I came to have my hiking suit on is a mystery to me."

Miss Austin was too weak after making the foregoing statement, it was announced, to talk further but it was hoped that she would be able to reveal more of her experiences tomorrow.

Miss Austin's sisters had strenuously denied assertions of the Seattle police, including Chief Severns, that she left home voluntarily while she was in a nervous condition because of disputes among the three about money.

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—Miss Neill Austin's statement that she was kidnapped by two men in an automobile on the night of November 25, reopened police investigation of the case here, Chief of Police W. B. Severns announced tonight on receiving the young woman's statement from the Vancouver, B. C., authorities.

"We must either find the alleged kidnapers or prove her statement is false because the case has now been reopened here," Chief Severns said.

"Miss Austin's story is so preposterous," continued Chief Severns, "that it does not warrant much more effort on the part of the Seattle police department. We think her story about kidnapers is purely imaginary."

"Some days before her disappearance, one of the girls living in the house where she resided with her sisters, bobbed her hair, giving it a fashionable girl's 'bob.' Shortly after that she made the remark that her hair was 'too long' and a day or two before she left Seattle she went to a barber shop and had them cut 'boy style.'"

"There are a few things revealed in our investigation of the case and the reasons for not believing the statement she made today in the Vancouver, B. C., hospital. However, we will try to find the alleged kidnapers."

Company M Banquet to Take Place December 12

Plans are now under way for the fourth annual banquet of former members of Company M, 182nd Infantry, which will be held at the Gray Bell, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The banquet is arranged each year as nearly as possible on the anniversary of the departure overseas of the Salem outfit. It is expected that between 50 and 60 men will be present for the banquet.

Several prominent men are expected to attend the function, among these to be Chaplin Gilbert, Colonel John L. May, Bill Logus, regimental adjutant, and Captain Roy Neer, who will preside. The banquet is in charge of a committee consisting of Paul Wellace, Jake Fuhrer and Guy Young.

BATTLING SIKI GIVES THRILLS TO BROADWAY

Pugilist Uses Only Wrinkled Dress Suit, Gin, Pair Expensive Shoes

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Batting Siki, the Senegalese who achieved pugilistic fame by knocking out Georges Carpentier, provided Broadway with a thrill today with the aid of a quantity of synthetic gin, a wrinkled dress suit and a pair of expensive patent leather shoes.

He obviously had made a night of it and part of the day when he appeared on Broadway at 44th street. He craved a mention. So he emitted one of his native war cries. He got attention. The crowd that blocked traffic formed a ring and the singular one executed as nifty a war dance as ever was trod upon the hot sands of his native Senegal.

He moved up a block to 45th street, taking his audience and his enthusiasm with him. He repeated his performance at each cross-town street until he reached 48th, when he was told that the police were on his trail. He disappeared in a taxicab, bound for the black belt in Harlem.

It was Siki's first escape from his manager in a week. His last adventure occurred when he fled his training camp with \$1,000, which rolled away in a flood of alcohol. His manager was still looking for him tonight.

FIREMAN INJURED AT GRANTS PASS

Southern Pacific Trains Held Up When Engines Go Off Track Tuesday

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 4.—When two Southern Pacific engines went off the track two miles north of Hugo, shortly before noon today, James Kendall, fireman, was seriously injured. Two freight trains were wrecked in the accident, but Kendall was the only person seriously injured. He was brought to Grant's Pass on a special engine and taken to the hospital where it was reported that chances for his recovery are good.

His arms and legs were badly crushed when he was caught in the gangway of his engine and held down by the wreckage.

The cause of the accident was not known here. All passenger traffic was held up, the northbound Shasta being held here until late afternoon. A wrecking train was brought from Ashland to clear the track, but it was not indicated how many hours it would take. One engine is said to have been demolished.

The northbound Shasta which was due into Salem at 8:36 last night did not arrive until this morning because of the wreck at Grants Pass yesterday.

ENGLISH ELECTION SET FOR THURSDAY

Last Minute Speeches are Made Over Nation—Lloyd George Tireless

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—With only one more day available for campaigning, today reached a climax of intensity. There was a perfect tornado of speeches, manifestos, statements and counter statements, accusations and counter accusations on all points calculated to influence the voters on Thursday.

The principal figures in the campaign hurried from constituency to constituency, making last hour orations and appeals in behalf of their respective candidates.

Most remarkable in this test of physical endurance are Lloyd George and Winston Churchill and the most striking exception is Herbert Asquith, who, having a stiff case to meet, has confined his efforts to his own constituency, Paisley. Somewhat noticeable is that, whether through lack of necessary funds or through progress but few press organs, the labor campaign appears to be conducted with less noise and stress than either the Conservative or Liberal congress, but nevertheless the labor leaders all have full confidence that their party will gain in strength in the new parliament.

COOLIDGE IS WINNER OVER HIRAM JOHNSON FOR REPUBLICAN VOTE

Majority Nomination by President Over California Senator—Vote Made Unanimous—Senator Capper of Kansas Gets Nomination for Vice President.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—President Calvin Coolidge tonight was given the majority nomination for the presidential primary by the South Dakota proposal convention, winning over Senator Hiram Johnson of California by a vote of 50,379 to 27,340. Later, on a rising vote, the endorsement was made unanimous for Coolidge, Coolidge and Johnson were the only names before the convention.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas was unanimously endorsed for vice president. A tumult of applause and prolonged cheering greeted the announcement of the vote on the presidential poll.

BIBLE SCHOOL IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Week Day Instruction Draws Large Attendance Through-out Period

Proof that the week day Bible school plan met with approval in the Salem schools is contained in a report of Mrs. John O. Humphreys covering the period from October 15 to November 23, during which time pupils representing 32 church affiliations with a total enrollment of 666, of which 379 had perfect attendance, and 137 with no church preferences attended the school.

In view of the showing this year over that of 1922 it is probable the plan will be adopted again next year. All of those primarily interested in the idea are highly gratified with the showing this year and the amount of attention that has been given by the pupils and teachers.

Methodists Head List Enrollment, by denominations, for this period was headed by the First Methodist church with 71. Other denominations in their relative position were Baptist and Central Congregation, 41 each; Presbyterian, 40; First Christian, 38; Leslie Methodist, 35; Highland Friends, 34; Bungalow Christian and Jason Lee Methodist, 29 each; First Congregational, 27; Yew Park Brethren, 25; Evangelical, 19; United Brethren Castle Chapel, 16; South Salem Friends, 13; Christian Science and Free Methodist, 11 each; Christian Alliance and Nazarine, 9 each; Salvation Army, 6; Catholic, Episcopal and Church of God, 5 each; German Reformed and Adventist, 4 each; Lutheran, Glad Tidings Mission and Mennonites, 3 each; Church of Christ and International Bible student, 2 each, with one each for the Fifteenth street Methodists and Norwegian.

During the six week period there were a total of 69 enrolled at the Englewood school, representing 15 denominations, with six pupils having no church connections. Of the 69 there were 32 with perfect attendance.

Teachers were Mrs. John Humphreys and the Misses Ruby Keller, Myrtle Barham, Bernice Allan and Rose Wetherall, pianist. Fifteen denominations are represented at Lincoln school, with a total enrollment of 112 and 14 expressing no affiliations. Of this number 67 had perfect attendance. Teachers were Mrs. John Humphreys, Mrs. Grant Teter, Mrs. W. H. Hertzog and Mrs. Mason Bishop.

Grant school, with the second grade only, had an enrollment of 25, of whom 19 had perfect attendance. There were 9 denominations represented, with four having no church connections. Mrs. John Humphreys was the teacher. Garfield had an enrollment of 113, with 80 having perfect attendance. There were 17 denominations represented, with 29 having no church affiliations.

Each week brought out more pupils than the corresponding week of the previous year. Teachers were Mrs. John Humphreys, Mrs. Walker Barkus, Miss Lucile McClean, Miss Wynn and Miss Rose Wetherall, pianist. One hundred and thirty two pupils were enrolled at the Highland school, representing 17 denominations, while 23 students had no church preference. Perfect attendance was recorded from 60 pupils. Teachers were Mrs. John Humphreys, Miss Lucile McClean, Mrs. McAllister and Miss Jean Croskey, pianist. Richmond, with an enrollment of 113, had

On the roll call vote by delegates, each ballot represented one third of the Republican vote in each county. Senator Johnson was first placed in nomination by A. C. Hingrud of Union county. Mr. Hingrud's remarks were few, merely calling the convention's attention to "that great man of the far west, Hiram W. Johnson."

McMaster Nominated President Coolidge was characterized as "the farmer boy who had done everything in his power for the farmer, largely the result of his practical experience in that profession," by S. H. Elrod of Clark county, submitting the president's name.

Senator Capper was likened to President Coolidge as a "big brother of the farmers who should make an excellent running mate for our esteemed executive."

Governor William H. McMaster won the majority senatorial endorsement by a vote of 40,200 against 37,837 for Senator Sterling, incumbent. Prior to the vote, the Republican convention had approved a platform endorsing Governor McMaster's state administration and approving his gasoline price war.

The McMaster endorsement came as a great surprise to political observers. McMaster in declaring for the senatorial race, had publicly endorsed the candidacy of Hiram Johnson for the presidency and was generally regarded as the leader of the Johnson forces in the convention. While Senator Sterling had never declared his presidential choice, he was in all quarters regarded as a Coolidge supporter.

Charles A. Christopherson was re-nominated for Republican congressman from the first district and Royal C. Johnson was re-nominated for congressman from the second district.

Representative William Williamson of Custer county, was re-nominated from the third district. All three congressmen are incumbents and were re-nominated without contest.

McAdoo Nominated William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, received the Democratic presidential endorsement with a total of 39,916 against 5,073 for Henry Ford.

Ford and McAdoo were the only candidates placed in nomination. Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, was given the Farmers-Labor presidential endorsement by a vote of 31,999 against 7,247 for Henry Ford. Tom Ayers, chairman of the state central committee, won the senatorial place by a large majority over Mark Bates, former leader in the Non-Partisan league.

There are only four more days in which to win one of these valuable diamond rings, and I am just wondering if you are going to sleep and just going to let it slip away from you. Go down to Harbison, and he will be very pleased to show you these beautiful diamonds. After that I am sure there will be no question as to just what you will do. So don't fail to look into this matter a little. Just a few weeks left and the whole game.

RAYFORD ELY IS LEADER IN RACE

Four Days Left to Win Diamond Ring in Statesman's Unusual Contest

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