

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WHITE CHOSEN AS PILOT FOR COMING YEAR

New Board of Directors Goes in at Annual Election of Chamber of Commerce Last Night

YEAR'S ACTIVITY IS REVIEWED BY PERRY

Indebtedness Wiped Out and Neat Balance Is Turned Over As Nest Egg

Harley O. White was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the annual election held last night.

Mr. White served as mayor of the city in 1915 and has been active in a civic matters for the betterment of the city.

Other officers elected were: Vice president, E. T. Barnes. Secretary, T. M. Hicks. Treasurer, H. V. Compton.

Social Department, Dr. Henry E. Morris. Civic Department, John H. Farrar.

Agricultural Department, George Grabenhurst. Legislative and Taxation, Dr. E. E. Fisher.

Industrial Department, Fred E. Erickson. The new directors will assume their duties January 1, 1924.

Debt Wiped Out. The annual report of J. C. Perry, retiring president, follows: "When the present board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce assumed office January 1, 1922, it found an indebtedness of close to \$6,000 and the club was without credit.

During its first year, the board worked especially to reduce the indebtedness and as a result, at the end of 12 months, the club owed only \$1,332.

"During the year 1923, the directors have not only maintained the activities of the club, but have paid off this \$1,332, and will leave the incoming board a bank balance of more than \$900.

Slate Now Clean. The credit of the Salem Chamber of Commerce has been re-established by the present board and the new board given a clear slate for its 1924 activities.

"In addition to paying of the heavy debt, the activities of the board the past year have been principally as follows: "Putting over the \$500,000 school bond election, which will insure to the city, school buildings and improvements worthy of the capital of Oregon.

Held the annual corn show and with it an industrial exhibit, attended by more than 5,000, bringing to the attention of all the fact that Salem is rapidly becoming a great industrial city.

Statistics Distributed. "Issued 11,000 copies of a new Salem booklet, based on late statistics, giving condensed information regarding Salem and its trading area. The Chamber of Commerce has co-operated with members of the Marion-Polk County Realty association in giving property distribution. During the year, 10,000 of these Salem booklets have been sent out in publicity matter.

"Secured for Salem an appropriation for the establishment in Salem of a United States employment service. This was done through the cooperation of Senator Charles L. McNary.

"Voted \$200 for the Cherrian organization last October and November. In 1915 the Cherrian organization was promised \$200 a year if it would become part of the Chamber of Commerce. Until the

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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair east; rain in west portion Saturday; increasing southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Friday) Maximum temperature, 51. Minimum temperature, 40. River, 4.7 feet; falling. Rainfall, .03 inch. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southeast.

WARM CLOTHING BADLY NEEDED BY POOR PEOPLE

Warm clothing of all kinds is desired by the Associated Charities to supply the needs of many who are said to be in distress.

Any one who has clothing which they have no use for and would like to contribute to the Associated Charities for the needy are asked to leave it at the office in the Reed Cross headquarters or if they can not bring it to call Mrs. Young, phone 332, and it will be sent for.

BANKS ATTACK NEW STATUTE

Mandamus Against Tax Supervising Commissions Comes From Yamhill

Several banks of Yamhill county are plaintiffs in mandamus proceedings filed in the supreme court last night against the Yamhill county court to compel the court to levy taxes sufficient to cover several proposed expenditures that were removed from the county budget by the tax supervising and conservation commission, composed of Roy W. Stockton, George Foster and E. L. Ballard, and its secretary, S. P. Timberlake, are joint defendants with the county court.

The case is the second of this nature to be filed in the supreme court this week, the first being from Umatilla county.

Among the complainants in the Yamhill county case are the First National bank of McMinnville, United States National bank of McMinnville, United States National bank of Newberg, Williams State bank, Bank of Amity, Bank of Dayton, Yamhill State bank, and Oregon Fire Relief association, having offices at McMinnville. These institutions are interested in the case as holders of bonds and warrants and also as taxpayers.

The complaint is based mainly on the action of the commission in cutting out of the budget one item of \$32,500, and another of \$40,205 intended to pay off road bonds and interest during 1924. These items were approved both by the county court and the county budget committee.

The complaint declares that the general fund of Yamhill county, which now contains \$71,305, is needed to pay warrants that are outstanding against the county at the present time, and to compel the payment of these warrants it is said that another mandamus proceeding may be filed in a few days against Nellie Dodson, county treasurer. Personal proceedings may also be brought against her, it is said.

Another allegation in the complaint is that the commission unlawfully omitted from the budget the following amounts: \$1000 to pay the salaries of the county judge and commissioners; \$340 from the county clerk's office; \$500 from the sheriff's office; \$825 from the recorder's office; \$2000 from the assessor's office; \$300 from the office of the school superintendent; \$2500 from the mothers' pension fund, and \$7400 from a fund set aside for the care of widows, orphans and indigents. It is alleged that as the budget now stands only \$1900 would be available to care for the county's poor. While making these slashes the commission is alleged to have increased the county treasurer's allowance by \$265.

The constitutionality of the act creating county tax supervising and conservation commissions will be assailed on the charge that it delegates to the executive the sovereign power of legislation and violates the constitutional power of taxation that is vested with the county court.

Chief Justice McBride has ordered the defendants to show cause on December 21, the same date that the Umatilla county case will be heard.

The Yamhill county court has intimated that it may not make the 1924 tax levy until the constitutionality of the act is decided upon.

CABINET OUT WARSAW, Dec. 14.—The Polish cabinet, headed by Premier Witos, resigned tonight.

WORD MORON HOLDS FATE OF COVELL

Mental Deficiency of Defendant Admitted But Doubt of its Being Legal Defense Exists

MEDICAL TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY EXPERTS

State Admits Boy Undeveloped But Would Hold Him Responsible for Crime

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 14.—About the word "moron" centers the fate of 16 year old Alton Covell, on trial here for the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Ebba Covell at Bandon, September 3.

Medical men testified today that the youth is a moron, the state admitted it, but whether this mental condition is a defense to the charge of wantonly killing a defenseless woman is a point on which the jury must pass tomorrow.

The trial of the youth was practically completed today when the defense had its inning in the morning. A few rebuttal witnesses—medical men—were called, the attorneys made their arguments and tomorrow Judge John C. Kendall will give his charge to the jury and deliver the case into its hands.

The trial of Arthur Covell, broken backed mystic and star gazer, who was convicted here a month ago on a charge of instigating the murder, dealt altogether with material facts. This trial of young Covell is one in which medical jurisprudence comes to the fore.

The defense is insanity, mental aberration, and undeveloped brain power. Young Covell, it has been said by various physicians, has the mental development of a youth ranging from 9 to 14 years though he is actually 16 years old.

The particular point at issue is the ability of the youth to distinguish between right and wrong. Dr. C. S. Joseph, Portland alienist, pronounced young Covell a lad of the mental age of 12 years and classed him as one suffering from retarded mental development.

Other physicians told practically the same story; but retarded mentality, according to these witnesses, is not regarded in medicine as insanity and the state of Oregon recognizes insanity, and not mental deficiency, as a legal defense, it was pointed out.

Aunt in State Hospital Covell's defense argument was delivered by his attorney Grant Corby of this city. The lawyer traced the history of the lad, dwelt on the malevolent influences under which he had been reared, the occult inclined uncle who is now awaiting hanging at the state prison and an aunt who is in an institution for the insane at Salem.

DIES IN CHINA LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Adelaide Hughes, wife of Major Rupert Hughes, was found dead at Haipoon, China, today under circumstances indicating suicide, according to a cablegram received by her husband here late tonight.

Lorne Knight's Family Entertains Son's Nurse

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BIG OFFER CLOSES TONIGHT; EVELYN CUMMINGS LEADING

The end of the largest vote offer in the history of the Statesman's Big Contest is only a few hours off. During the last few hours the contest will be the most interesting yet. There will be the hardest work, the most subscription and the heaviest voting. At this time in the contest is a very serious time. It is time that contestants wake up. Keep as near the top of the list as possible.

Tonight, at 9 o'clock sharp, the biggest vote offer of the whole contest will come to a close. All subscriptions from the outside

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TWO HOBOES SLUMBER IN FINE BERTH

Victor Evicts Them From Depot — They Board Sleeping Car and Scare Porter

Perhaps no man in Salem has a greater opportunity to witness amusing incidents than has Officer Victor, whose beat takes him around the Southern Pacific station.

After running two men dressed in logger attire out of the station, with the suggestion that they depart henceforth upon train No. 18, California Limited, then in the yards, he watched them, as he thought, start around the train.

To his amazement the pair climbed aboard a Pullman car. Officer Victor, chuckling at them and at the same time admiring their display of nerve, continued to attend to routine affairs.

Today the two loggers are in the Eugene city jail, according to information furnished by Officer Victor yesterday by railroad men. Boots and all, the pair crawled into a spare berth and went to sleep. The porter, seeking to take a nap, was nearly frightened to death when he attempted to get in the supposedly empty berth and found the men. They were taken from the train at Eugene and placed in the city jail.

Hobbes are now traveling in both directions, Officer Victor has observed. The first grand march was toward the south, but this has been reversed during the last few days, and a great many of the wanderers are again heading north. Men are stealing rides on all freight trains, whether these are north or southbound.

EUGENE, Dec. 14.—The two men who gave their names as William H. Hobbs, 23, and Wesley J. Hobbs, 19, today were sentenced by the local justice of the peace to serve 30 days in jail each on a charge of stealing a ride on a railway train. The men were taken from the train here. They said they had no money and were trying to reach California.

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MOVIE ACTOR WANTS A JOB CUTTING WOOD

Jack Russell of Hollywood in City—Needs Work—Knows All Screen Stars

How would you like to have a real movie actor—direct from Hollywood—do some odd jobs around your premises today? He knows 'em all—Doug Fairbanks and Little Mary, Bill Hart, Theodore Roberts, Milton Sills, Charley Chaplin, George Hackathorne and the whole bunch. He is chummy with Chaplin and often has slipped the famous comedian on the back in a good-humored way, and as for the girls, Mary Pickford, Agnes Ayers, May Murray and a dozen more of them, they call him Jack.

Jack Russell is in town, registered at the Bligh hotel—and he wants a job. He needs it, for things haven't gone very well with him at Hollywood for some time, although he has been in some big plays, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," for example.

Mr. Russell says he will do anything, just so it's work. He will split your wood, or wash your dishes, or rake the leaves out of the yard. "And I'll do the work right," says Mr. Russell.

"There are thousands of young men and women in Los Angeles and Hollywood looking for jobs in the movies," says Mr. Russell. "Ninety per cent of them never even get to see a casting director. Of the other 10 per cent a few of them get work so much as two days out of the week. I know one beautiful girl in Los Angeles who is washing dishes in a restaurant. She comes of a good family, and is ashamed to write home and tell them she didn't get into the movies. I know another who is making beds in a hotel and I paid the fares of some of them to go back home, for Los Angeles isn't safe for stranded girls."

"I was in Hollywood three years. I have worked around all the studios and I am well known, yet in the three years I had only three solid weeks of work—by that I mean six days a week. Of course I have worked many shorter periods."

Mr. Russell says he appeared most frequently in sailor, old men's and mob parts.

He talks interestingly of Hollywood. He doesn't want to be quoted about the "wild parties," of which the world has heard, because he says he attended none and cannot speak with absolute knowledge. "I guess there were some parties, all right," says Mr. Russell.

With reference to Bill Hart he declares: "Bill Hart stands as high with everybody in Los Angeles and Hollywood. The trouble he got into was framed against him. You will remember that was finally admitted."

UNIQUE DECREE IS HANDED DOWN

Bingham's Decision Changes Form of Property Left By Soules' Will

"The best laid plans of mice and men. "Gang aft a-gley." That even a man's last will and testament is not proof against this truism of Robert Burns is made evident by the decision handed down yesterday by Judge Bingham in the matter of the will of Tunis P. Soules who lived near Woodburn. The court decree is unique in the west, and only twice before has there been a similar one in the United States, once in Chicago and once in a Wisconsin court.

The 90-acre farm was set out to loganberries and gave promise of being a good paying investment. The will left the farm to the widow for her lifetime and the proceeds from the farm were to be used for her support. A provision of the will said that she should pay the taxes on the property. The Woodburn city property was left to her also. On her death it was to be divided among the nine children by a former marriage.

The years passed, the loganberry industry burst like a balloon. Last year the taxes on the farm amounted to \$280 and the net proceeds from the farm were \$153. The widow had no funds to pay the taxes and these are delinquent. She is 63 years of age "without means of support except occasional roomers although she worked as a tailress in Woodburn for years following her marriage.

Judge Bingham says: "The court comes to the conclusion that it has the power to convert the property from one

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COMMITTEE MAKEUP ROW CONTINUES

Norris Announces That Insurgents Will Support Howell Monday—Willing to Consider Couzens

MAY UPSET SENIORITY RULE OF COMMITTEES

Howell Is Last Man in Time of Service on Interstate Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A row over the makeup of the committee which directs the legislative program prevented house ratification today of the personnel of its standing committees. At the same time another effort to break the senate deadlock over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee failed and the situation there apparently was exactly where it was when the senate quit balloting last Wednesday.

Opposition by both Republican insurgents and Democrats of the house to the plan of the Republican organization leaders to have eight of their number on the rules committee, developed to such an extent that it was decided not to present the committee list to the house for approval as had been planned. Whether there is to be any change in the fixed ratio of eight majority and four minority members will be discussed at a Republican conference called for tomorrow. The Democrats will hold a caucus Monday to consider that question.

Meantime action on the committee personnel by the house has definitely been deferred until next week. This will delay organization of the ways and means committee which had planned to begin consideration of tax reduction legislation next Monday. Representative Green of Iowa, who has been selected as chairman will call the members together as soon as the house has disposed of the committee question.

The announcement, which was issued by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, said that of Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, was more satisfactory to other Republican senators than Senator Howell, the insurgents, "would be glad to unite on him."

Republican leaders and Senator Cummings, Republican, Ia., has been endorsed for the chairmanship by a regular party conference and that they would continue to vote for him until the conference had formally decided on some other senator.

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CARSON NOT TO BE DISLODGED IN CASE AGAINST WRIGHTMAN

Hosmer of Silverton Admits He Was Given Wrong Information and Writes Letter to Governor—to Make Change Would be Very Unjust, Says Justice of the Peace Kuntz.

District Attorney John H. Carson is not to be dislodged by the attorney general's office in the prosecution of the case against Dr. A. E. Wrightman, who is accused of a violation of the prohibition law.

This, at least was the indication last night, when information came from Silverton that J. E. Hosmer, who started the move against Carson, had said that he had been further enlightened on the status of the case and would write a letter to Governor Pierce, asking the executive to disregard the representations to him by Hosmer yesterday, when Hosmer requested the governor to take a hand in the case.

Hosmer apparently changed his mind about the case after he had a conversation with Justice of the Peace P. Kuntz, in whose court the Wrightman case is pending. This was after Hosmer had seen Governor Pierce.

CAR FUEL OIL LOST BY STATE

Faulty Disconnection Causes Loss of 9,000 Gallons of Oil

The State of Oregon lost a carload of fuel oil last night when a steamer failed to properly disconnect the pipe couplings. The oil which leaked out was valued at approximately \$500.

The driver disconnected one pipe but failed to disconnect the second which hit upon the rail when the car was moved. When the leak was discovered the car was moved back on the siding where the remainder of the oil was drained out through a four inch pipe.

The police department was notified and red lights were placed on the street to warn motorists since the street was unusually slippery following the oil bath.

The car originally held 12,000 gallons but four or five loads had been removed before the accident occurred. Part of the oil was reported to have leaked on the log fuel pile of the PRL&P.

The accident happened on Trade street between Church and High streets and the depressions in the street contained considerable oil early this morning.

PORTLAND POLICE ARE EXONERATED

Men Accused of Accepting Bribe are Cleared at Mayors Hearing

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Herman Oelsner, police sergeant, and William Draker, a patrolman, were cleared today of charges of accepting a bribe out of other irregularities and ordered back to duty at the close of a hearing held by Mayor George L. Baker. Four other patrolmen who had been accused similarly were also exonerated but could not be restored to their places by the mayor because they had been discharged outright. The mayor announced that he would recommend their reinstatement by the civil service commission.

The officers were working on the vice squad and the women witnesses had told the mayor they had accepted money. Today the accusers recanted their charges.

The defense petitioned for return of the liquor on grounds that it was seized illegally. The prosecution answered and the de-

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Sunday's Oregon Statesman

Those who have been looking for each issue of the Oregon Statesman to be better than its predecessor will not be disappointed in the paper Sunday morning. There will be numerous interesting features, a number of special articles on timely subjects and an unusually interesting collection of society news. In addition to the usual interesting local and state news the events of today will be attractively set forth.

The Oregon Statesman is not the largest paper in the state, but no paper surpasses it as a newspaper. It functions fearlessly for the public good, publishing all the news while it is news, with intelligent comment when such is illuminating.

The Oregon Statesman Sunday will be a real newspaper such as the constituents have come to expect from this publication. Sunday's issue of the Old Home Paper will be worth watching for.