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PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS TO BE INCREASED

People to Vote on Raising Maximum Fine and Stretching Out Period of Jail Sentences

CITY DUMP WILL BE TREATED TO SPRAY

Uniform Tree Planting Ordinance Undergoes Change By Council

Raising the maximum fine for violation of city ordinances from \$100 to \$500 and the maximum jail sentence from 20 days to six months is provided for in an ordinance introduced in the city council last night. The ordinance, which passed first and second reading last night, provides for the submission of a charter amendment to the city voters at a special election to be held at the same time as the state primary, May 16.

The uniform tree planting ordinance was reported back from the committee last night with recommendations for two amendments, changing the per cent of petitioners required for calling an election and changes in the street divisions. It was recommended to the ordinance committee for the inclusion of the two amendments.

Bonds Are Sold
The street improvement bonds, to the amount of \$27,755.91, were sold to Ladd & Bush. The C. K. Spaulding Logging company was awarded the contract for cement, the Salem Sand & Gravel company the bid for sand and gravel, and the Salem Iron works the bid for man hole covers.

The city recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for spray with which to treat the city dump. The mixture is the same as that used by the Seattle city department. It is said to be highly effective in destroying all germ or rodent life as well as destroying odors, and will be used on the Salem city dump grounds following plans of the city council on the recommendation of a special committee appointed to investigate.

Will Pave Fifteenth
A resolution to pave North Fifteenth street between Marion and D streets was adopted upon recommendation of the street committee. A group of residents from the district appeared and personally appealed for the paving. A remonstrance was read from other property holders of the district but none of them appeared in person. The remonstrance was referred for checking.

An auto park fund will be maintained by the city treasurer following the adoption of a resolution by the city council last night. All money received will be put in that fund and that paid out for the auto park will be taken from that fund. In the past the auto park bills have been paid by the park board. The city attorney recently ruled that the money should be voted by the city council in the regular manner.

Object to Trucks
It was decided to have the traffic ordinance amended to prohibit "trucks from using the streets for garages during the night." Alderman George Thompson made the motion for such ruling and it was decided to make it in the form of an amendment to the present ordinance.

Former Weed Banker Is Arrested at Ashland

ASHLAND, Ore., March 17.—Webster J. West, formerly cashier of the First National bank in Weed, Cal., was arrested here today on a warrant from a Sacramento grand jury which had indicted West on nine counts in connection with alleged falsification of checks to the bank.

BERGDOLL AGREES TO COME BACK AND DO HIS SENTENCE

NEW YORK, March 17.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted during the war as a draft evader, has agreed to return to America to serve his sentence in a federal prison, it was announced tonight by Norman Haggood, editor of Hearst's International magazine.

Bergdoll will return at the invitation of the American Legion which through John Quinn, national commander, issued a statement tonight declaring the legion had been accused of attempting to kidnap Bergdoll and it was time to "show the world" that the organization stood for law and order.

ANOTHER JONES IS NOW UNDER ARREST

Third Brother Taken Into Custody for Alleged Robbery

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—Milton Jones, 28, and his wife Frances, 23, were arrested here today for authorities at Jacksonville, Ore., on telegraphic warrants charging Jones with robbery and his wife with receiving stolen property.

Jones has two brothers who are serving sentences for a robbery in Oregon, according to the sheriff's office, and Jones is alleged to have participated with them in the crime.

GEORGE L. BAKER TO TAKE TIME OFF

Candidate for Republican Nomination Plans to Take Leave of Absence

PORTLAND, Or., March 17.—Mayor George L. Baker today announced that he would take a leave of absence without pay beginning April 1, to conduct his campaign for the republican nomination for United States senator from Oregon. He will be absent from the mayor's office until May 6, when the primary election is held, he said.

During his absence, City Commissioner C. A. Bigelow, president of the city council will serve as acting mayor.

Montana Cowboy Sheriff Is Visitor in Salem

On official business at the governor's office yesterday was the genial, broad-shouldered, six-foot-tall Sheriff James Smith of Bozeman, Mont., who procured extradition papers for the return to that state of one William Matthews, held at Haines, Ore., on a charge of larceny.

In chatting with Mr. Smith it was disclosed that from early boyhood he was bred to the cowboy's saddle, to which he is still strongly addicted, when official duties permit. Though still a young man, he has held successively, prior to his sheriffship, the offices of chief of police at Bozeman and penitentiary warden. He was also a driver on the picturesque four-horse stage coaches in Yellowstone park until auto stages were installed.

Sheriff Smith gives some most interesting personal glimpses of Senators Walsh and Wheeler of Montana, whom he knows well. Asked by a former Mautanen here regarding the present weather in his locality, he loyally responded, "All right, but—Oregon is simply wonderful."

Increased Wage for Bus Drivers Is Announced

EVERETT, Wash., March 17.—A wage increase of from 5 to 7 cents an hour to bus men was announced tonight by the Puget Sound International Traction company. The bus system replaced street cars in this city. The increase was considerably less than the 19 per cent asked by the bus men, but twice the 3 per cent offered by the company and was retroactive to February 1. A settlement was effected through arbitration.

2 RECEIVERS ARE NAMED IN OIL EMBROGLIO

First Day of Battle Between Government and Doheny Interests Brings Clash at Los Angeles

ATLEE POMERENE IS ELOQUENT IN SPEECH

Rear Admiral Rosseau and J. C. Anderson are Appointed By Court

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—The first day in the legal battle between the government of the United States and the Doheny interests over the Elk hills naval reserve oil leases closed after two court sessions which resulted in the appointment of two receivers to preserve the status quo in the debated territory.

Rear Admiral Harry H. Rosseau was named at the suggestion of Atlee Pomerene, government counsel, and J. C. Anderson, president of the Pan-American Petroleum company, a defendant in the suit, was appointed by the court at the suggestion of Frederick R. Kellogg, general counsel for the oil company.

Pomerene Waives Objection
Mr. Pomerene objected mildly to the appointment of a second receiver as "unnecessary" but agreed to waive his objection if the court thought it better to name Mr. Anderson. This closed the morning session and at a brief session in chambers in the afternoon the court named the two joint receivers, deferring for a few days the naming of a depository for the funds they will handle.

Government counsel announced that an oil expert was coming from Washington to go over the Elk hills field and determine whether permits would be granted to drill wells to offset drainage from the outside. Baldwin legal phraseology, decorous court procedure and a general air of dignified debate characterized the first splash here in the stirring of the Elk Hills Oil pool in contrast to the resounding splutter that featured the hearings in Washington.

Former Senator Pomerene of government counsel made his statement, alleging in impassioned tones that there had been "certain frauds" in granting the leases and "irregular and illegal" procedure in awarding the contract for drilling offset wells.

He continued "the government claims no authority for granting the leases nor for the execution of the contracts because of lack of authority to make them." He remarked that "there was no competitive bidding in the naval reserve leases" and characterized the agreement for 1,500,000 barrels storage capacity in Hawaii as a "provision whereby certain preferential rights were attempted to be granted by the government to the defendants."

His statement concluded, Mr. Pomerene placed in the record affidavits by Secretary of the Interior Work and Acting Secretary of the navy Roosevelt expressing the belief that the present suit was necessary.

Mr. Kellogg rose in his place to assure the court and the government that the defendants would not avail themselves of a technical defense involving voluminous answers and other tortuous methods.

Mr. Pomerene said tonight that he and his associate counsel Owen J. Roberts would leave tomorrow for Washington, D. C.

STICKER BALLOT FOR LAFOLLETTE

North Dakota Primaries to Show State's Presidential Choice Today

FARGO, N. D., March 17.—North Dakota's political vane will point out its presidential preference in a state wide primary election tomorrow.

Eleventh hour interest has been added to the contest for the republican endorsement by a "sticker" campaign for Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. Opposing La Follette as the only candidates on the official ballot in the republican contest are Coolidge and Senator Hiram Johnson of California.

William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury has the democratic field to himself.

EUGENE SMITH IS SENATE CANDIDATE

Republican Aspirant Against Klan and for Prohibition Program

Eugene E. Smith, former Oregon labor leader and who served a term in the Oregon legislature as a labor member from Multnomah county, has announced that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator. His platform will be similar to that proposed by the late C. N. McArthur, and he strongly opposes the Ku Klux Klan and the anti-parochial and private school bill.

Mr. Smith declares himself strongly for law enforcement and prohibition, and says he will vote right down the line for the program of the Anti-Saloon league, holding it practicable in all respects. He also is for an adjusted compensation measure for ex-service men.

TREASURER HOFF IS NEAR DEATH

Demise of State Official Expected Hourly in Portland Hospital

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, who has been ill for a year or more, was in an extremely critical condition in Portland yesterday and his death is expected at any time. A transfusion of blood was resorted to by physicians last Friday, but no benefit was apparent, according to reports received here. Mr. Hoff is said to be suffering from cancer.

RIGDON WILL ERECT NEW MORTUARY SOON

The Rigdon Mortuary plans the erection of a modern and up-to-date undertaking establishment during the coming year on the southwest corner of the intersection of Cottage and Chemeketa streets.

The property is located just north of the Court apartments, just across the street from the corner on which the Unitarian church plans to build within a short time and on the opposite corner from the location of the present Catholic church.

While Mr. Rigdon would not say how much the proposed building will cost he said it would be a modern equipped building and such as would be a credit to the city and to the firm. The firm is composed of W. T. Rigdon and his son, Lloyd Rigdon, who is county coroner.

FINE DINNER PROSPECT AT ELKS TEMPLE

Home-Products Meal to Be Served By Woman's Club Friday Evening

Products of Oregon, with those of Marion county predominating, will be featured by the Salem Woman's club who are arranging a special dinner at the Elks' temple Friday, to be served between 6 and 7 o'clock. Various merchants of the city will cooperate and contribute a majority of the menu. A small charge will be made to cover the actual expenses as the women are not seeking to raise any money by the dinner, only to offer an opportunity to exploit Oregon products.

Mrs. C. P. Bishop, chairman of the home products committee of the state federation of clubs, will have an active part in the dinner, with Mrs. F. A. Elliott, chairman of the local committee having direct charge of the affair. Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, now residing at the state fair grounds, who has managed 54 similar displays throughout the United States will act as manager and supervise the details.

Following the dinner, at which Mrs. Seymour Jones, president of the Salem Woman's club will preside as toastmistress, there will be an hour's program, with short talks by Mrs. Weathered, H. J. Dunn, of Portland, and other local people. The details of the program are now being arranged and will be completed at a committee meeting this afternoon.

Printed menus will be used for the dinner, with the names of merchants whose generosity is enabling the women to arrange the dinner, placed in prominent positions.

GEOGRAPHY IS SCORED BY HART

Washington Governor Says He Has Learned New Things About State

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 17.—Governor Louis F. Hart, of Washington, has received verification of a recent statement in a public address that geographies used in many parts of the United States grossly misrepresent this state.

A geography sent out by an eastern publishing house devoted two and one half pages to the state of Washington, half of that being illustrations. On perusal of the book, Governor Hart declared that he learned the following: "That western Washington's 'mountainsides are covered with splendid forests of pine and redwood.' I am sure that our timber cruisers have been withholding a great secret from us.

"That salmon is the chief river fish, and that halibut is obtained in Puget Sound. Also that eastern Washington must be irrigated to bring good crops.

"Seattle has also lost two of her five transcontinental railroads since the geography gives only three. Illustrations of Seattle show that the vehicles in the street are horse drawn."

MILLIONS COME FROM INCOME TAX

Stream of Money Pours Into Federal Treasury From Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The American people in filing their income tax returns this month poured \$377,848,840 into the federal treasury and nearly \$100,000,000 additional is expected before the end of the month.

The total of \$377,848,840 augmented by payments in the mails and by others yet to be sent in is expected to amount to approximately \$475,000,000 as compared with total payments of \$465,772,015 received last year up to the end of March.

Actual and estimated collections as reported today at the treasury by districts included the following: Oregon \$1,691,124; Washington \$4,092,358; Idaho \$497,836.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, Or., March 18.—The condition of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, was reported to be very grave early this morning, by his physicians. Blood transfusions were said to have given no apparent beneficial results.

AIRMEN START ON LONG TRIP 'ROUND WORLD

First Leg Takes Fliers to Sacramento—Adventurers Will Pass Over Salem Some Time Today

PONTOONS WILL BE PUT ON AT SEATTLE

Planes to Cross Pacific Ocean From Puget Sound to Orient

Airplane pilots of the United States army, who yesterday began their flight from Clover Field, California, around the world, will pass Salem some time today. It is impossible to estimate the hour, but it is expected to be late in the day.

CLOVER FIELD, Santa Monica, Cal., March 17 (By The Associated Press).—Airmen of the United States army started around the world from here today to chart the first globe-encircling airway. Eyes of 23 nations will be upon the skies between now and August as the American aviators wing their way on the 30,000 mile voyage in an effort to accomplish that in which recent attempts of French and British airmen failed.

The flight started at 9:32 o'clock this morning when, amidst acclamation of thousands, Major Frederick L. Martin of Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., zoomed. His take-off was followed immediately by that of Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith, of Los Angeles, and Lieutenant Leigh Wade of Cosmopolis, Mich.

Nelson to Join Flight
A score of army and civilian airplanes followed as an escort, and soon disappeared into the clouds to the northward, which for more than two hours had raised doubts in the minds of the flight commanders as to whether they should attempt to dart through them over the Tehachapi pass.

The fourth world cruiser delayed in delivery by the manufacturer here today was in Rockwell field, San Diego, perfecting compass installation.

Lieutenant Erik H. Nelson, engineering officer of the flight and pilot of this fourth craft after watching the take off of his companions, sped to San Diego by army airplane in hopes of getting his cruiser in the air tomorrow. He will join the three world cruisers either at Portland or Seattle.

Problems Begin Early
America's attempt to map the first world air way will be carried out in a series of flights ranging from 135 miles to 860 miles. The first jump was from Clover field to Mather field, Sacramento. The second, scheduled for tomorrow, will be from Sacramento to Vancouver barracks, Wash., across the river from Portland, Ore.

Wednesday the world cruisers are scheduled to fly to Seattle, where pontoons will be installed for marine landings until the fliers reach Calcutta, India. The beginning of the flight, expected by many to be but a simple dash of four and a half hours of ideal weather conditions, proved to be a beginning of the many problems that the intrepid airmen will be

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SENSATIONAL LETTER SENT TO COMMITTEE BY H. M. DAUGHERTY

Attorney General Tells How Roxie Stinson Offered to Sell Documents and Her Silence for \$150,000—Widow of Jess Smith Stayed at Hotel With A. L. Fink as His Wife

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Attorney General Daugherty notified the senate committee investigating him tonight that he expected to prove that Roxie Stinson, one of the star witnesses in the inquiry, had shown a willingness "to sell" documentary evidence in her possession and her "silence" for \$150,000.

Witnesses whose appearance he has requested, Mr. Daugherty said, would testify that such negotiations were entered into in Cleveland on February 21 last by Miss Stinson and a companion, A. L. Fink of Buffalo.

Price Was Reduced
They would testify further, he said, that later the price was reduced to \$50,000, but that the friends of the attorney general who were approached on the subject refused to pay her "anything for the alleged evidence."

The attorney general's announcement was made in this letter to Chairman Brookhart of the investigating committee:

"Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Committee: We some time ago requested the issuance of subpoenas for James W. Holcomb, 3400 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel Ungerleider, Leader-News building, Cleveland, Ohio; Henry T. Ellis, Cleveland, Ohio, and M. S. Daugherty, Washington Court-house, Ohio. Your committee advised us that a statement of what we expected to prove by our witnesses must accompany this request for subpoenas.

Posed as Man and Wife.
"Complying with that rule, we allege on information and belief that said witnesses, if called, will testify that on the 21st day of February, 1924, Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Jess W. Smith, deceased, and A. L. Fink of Buffalo, N. Y., were in Cleveland and had a conference with the above named witnesses; that on the 18th day of February, 1924, Roxie Stinson and A. L. Fink, registered at the Hollenden hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of A. L. French and wife; that they occupied room 456 in said hotel; that the next morning they paid their bill and departed from the Hollenden hotel, Roxie Stinson going to the Statler in Cleveland and A. L. Fink going to the Cleveland hotel, in Cleveland; and on the 21st day of February 1924, in a conference with the above named witnesses, A. L. Fink, acting as agent for Roxie Stinson, represented to the above witnesses that the said Roxie Stinson was at the Statler hotel and had letters and documentary evidence which would be greatly embarrassing to H. M. Daugherty if given to the public at this time; that the said Roxie Stinson was ready and willing to sell said documentary evidence and her silence to the attorney general for \$150,000 and would deliver said documents to the above named witnesses and leave the country so that they could not be subpoenaed to testify in any investigation that might be had of the department of justice at Washington.

Threat Is Made
"That if the above named witnesses would not purchase for the attorney general this evidence for \$150,000, Fink and Roxie Stinson were going to New York to sell said evidence to other persons.

"The above witnesses were in conference with the said Fink, acting as such agent for the said Roxie Stinson for several hours. That the said Fink said he was a married man and stopped at the Hollenden hotel in the said city of Cleveland on the 18th day of February 1924, with the said Roxie Stinson and registered under the name of A. L. French and wife, and said Roxie Stinson occupied the same room with him.

"The witnesses will also testify, that later, during a conference the

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LAFOLLETTE MAY RUN INDEPENDENT

Definite Plans for Third Party Movement Disclosed at Washington

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Definite plans for a third party movement were disclosed here today by friends of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin.

Supporters of the Wisconsin senator, who is confined to his home by illness, said he had indicated a willingness to head an "independent" ticket in the event the republican convention nominates President Coolidge and adopts what he may consider to be a reactionary or ultra-conservative platform.

So far has the movement proceeded that investigation already has been concluded in the different states to ascertain feasible methods for placing a third party ticket, headed by La Follette upon the ballots next November.

Those behind the movement now are looking for a running mate for the Wisconsin senator and their choice seems to be Associate Justice Brandeis of the United States supreme court. The fact that democrats are under discussion for the second place is pointed to as indicating the non-partisan character of the movement.

BREMNER TAKES BARBER'S PLACE

Former Deputy Game Warden Becomes County Deputy Sheriff

Roy Bremner, who has been with the state game department for a number of years, yesterday assumed his duties as Marion county deputy sheriff under Sheriff Oscar Bower.

Deputy Sheriff Bremner takes the place of Deputy Sheriff Walter Barber, who resigned Saturday night to take a place with an automobile firm in Portland in the capacity as salesman.

Children to Have Good Time at Salvation Army

More than usual interest is being manifested in the promised treat for the children and the young people's afternoon meeting at the Salvation Army hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. There is to be some lively singing and amusing stories for the children.

In fact there will be everything that will make the children's service interesting to the children.

All the young people who come will be given a substantial treat. The meeting is to be led by Colonel John Cousins who has charge of all the young people's work for the western territory of the Salvation Army. He will be assisted by Staff Captain West.

At 8 o'clock tonight an evangelistic meeting will be led by Colonel Cousins and at this time he will preach an old time, gripping evangelistic sermon. Staff Captain West will speak and sing and tell some amusing incidents.

Cranberry Corners

At Grand Opera House Tonight

A great play, by Salem, Heights talent. You will enjoy every minute of it.

Tickets: Down stairs, 75c; up stairs, 50c. No reserved seats.

Proceeds to go to Soldiers' Monument fund.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Tuesday; heavy frost; moderate northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 54. Minimum temperature, 33. River, 1.4; falling. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, north.