

**The Weather** — OREGON — Cloudy and unsettled followed by rain; moderate temperature; fresh east to south winds—Max. 59; Min. 47; River, 11.2 rising; Rainfall, none; Atmosphere, part cloudy; Wind, Northeast.

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## POLICE HAVE NEW DATA ON FURNACE CASE

County Prosecutor Says He Has Important Information Towards Solution of Strange Death

## SUICIDE THEORY IS HELD STRENGTHENED

Family of Dead Woman is Questioned; Simple Funeral is Held

CANTON, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Important information toward a solution of how Mrs. Addie Sheatsley, 50, wife of C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ's church in Bexley, an exclusive residential suburb of Columbus, Ohio, met her death, was obtained here tonight by Prosecutor John R. King of Franklin county (Columbus), the prosecutor announced following two hours of questioning of Charles and Harry Sponseller of Canton, brothers of the dead woman. Mrs. Sheatsley's charred remains were found in the furnace at their Columbus home Monday by her husband.

When King returns he is expected to find on his desk a sealed report of the analysis of the lungs of the dead woman made by an analytical chemist. This report, it is hoped, may aid materially in establishing whether Mrs. Sheatsley was alive when her body entered the furnace or whether life was extinct, and that the body had been placed in the furnace by unknown hands. Officials having the lungs examined believe that if Mrs. Sheatsley was alive, the lung cells will contain traces of gases from the burning coal which she would have inhaled before death ensued.

Prosecutor King did not disclose what new angles he had discovered, but announced he would remain here tomorrow in an effort to determine whether Mrs. Sheatsley was a murder or suicide victim.

The possibility of Mrs. Sheatsley having taken poison from a bottle which authorities said was missing from the kitchen place in the Sheatsley home, and that the woman's dead body was placed in the furnace by some one who did not want it to appear as though she had committed suicide seemed strengthened tonight, the authorities said.

Paris, Ohio, the girlhood home of Mrs. Sheatsley, turned out en masse this afternoon for the simple funeral and burial services for the victim.

## LUMBER FIRM TO BUILD RAILROAD

Willamette Valley Southern to Connect With Heart of Timber Land

Construction of 21 miles of standard logging railway by the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland from Molalla, on the Willamette Valley Southern railway, into the heart of the lumber country timber holdings in southern Clackamas county, will be undertaken at once by James F. Clarkson, who has the construction contract.

It is estimated that it will take two years to build the line, which will be electrically operated, as is the Willamette Valley Southern. The plan is to bring the logs to a dumping and rafting site on the east bank of the Willamette river.

According to F. H. Ransom, manager of the Eastern & Western Lumber company, the recently acquired timber tract contains about 1,000,000,000 board feet of logs, and the mill, at the foot of Twenty-first street, which has been equipped for electrical operation, will consume 100,000,000 feet of logs yearly.

In recent years the Willamette Valley Southern railway has been operated at a loss, but the new traffic to be carried by it will avert the necessity of the Portland Electric Power company having to make up operating deficits. The construction bonds of the Willamette Valley Southern were guaranteed by the larger company. F. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the Portland Electric Power company, says the traffic furnished by the Eastern & Western Lumber company will avert the approaching necessity of scrapping the Willamette Valley Southern railway.

**FACE PAYMENT**  
SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—Paving a payment of \$1,145,525 March 1 for bond interest and redemption, Seattle's municipal street railway is to go on a warrant basis December 25, railway officials announced today.

## Sisters Ranging in Age From 80 to 91 Hold Reunion, Give Secret of Youth



Left to right are Mrs. Henry E. Ford, 80 years old; Mrs. Samuel T. Rooney, 91, both of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Amelia Smalles, 84, of Seattle, Wash. This photograph was taken at a reunion of the aged sisters at the home of Mrs. Ford's daughter in Syracuse, incidentally the cat Mrs. Ford is holding is 15 years old and the collie is 12. The sisters attribute their longevity to hard work and quiet living.

## COOLIDGE TO SEND MESSAGE

Pending Study of Tax Bill, Reduction is Not Expected For Time

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Coolidge today began writing his message to congress in which he will set forth recommendations for legislative action at the short session which convenes December 1.

The message is expected to include a definition of Mr. Coolidge's position on national problems, already stated to some extent in speeches and in his message to the last session of congress.

In view of the administration's present intention not to ask for further tax reduction, pending a study of the new tax bill just now going into effect, and to await the report of the special commission on agricultural questions it is not believed the president will make any recommendations for outstanding general legislation, devoting his remarks along this line to numerous pending proposals before congress, among which are the departmental reorganization bill, the naval reconstruction measure, reclamation proposals and some railroad legislation.

Mr. Coolidge has indicated he will send the message to congress to be read, establishing a custom of many years, changed first by President Wilson and followed since his administration.

## TEACHERS ASKING COUNTY HEALTH AID

Calls Are From Districts Which Voted Down the Measure at Election

After a conference with members of the state tuberculosis association in Portland yesterday, the president of the Marion county health association is able to report that the health work now carried on will be continued. In addition, the state association will advance funds on the Christmas Red Cross seals, which will allow the health work to be continued until the establishment of the five year health program. These funds will be available until about January 15.

Many calls are coming in from the teachers concerning children in districts, where the county health measure was voted down. Other calls for assistance are coming in from school districts that went on record as being against the measure, but nevertheless are asking for the work of the county nurse.

The teachers are at a loss and do not know what to do. The cold weather has brought on a greater danger from epidemics and the cooperation of the health authorities is necessary.

## Council Inspects New Fire Equipment and Accepts it

Final inspection by the Salem fire and water committee of the city council was given the new aerial truck Thursday and it was found to come up to all specifications. A thorough test and try-out in various parts of the city was given the new piece of fire apparatus before its acceptance. The steep slopes of Fairmount hill and the various drives of the state hospital were used in testing the truck. As a final tryout the piece was brought to the front of the court house and the ladder run up to its entire length.

The committee is composed of W. H. Dancy, A. F. Marcus and George Thompson. Several members of the council were also present for the final inspection.

## RECORD CROWD AT CORN SHOW OPENING NIGHT

Attendance Surpasses Best Night of the 1923 Exposition; Displays Attract Much Attention



SALEM HEIGHTS, BOY BAKES BEST BREAD

First Prize is Awarded to Kenney Hulsey; Other Awards Made Today

Attendance for the opening night of the Marion County Corn Show and Industrial Exhibit was larger than any night of the exhibition last year. Special interest is being shown in the eight community displays, and much attention was paid to the 23 industrial exhibits. People are realizing the great possibilities of the Marion county corn show and industrial exhibit.

Harley O. White, president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce officially opened the big industrial and corn show for 1924, and launched what is to be known as the greatest exposition of its kind in Salem.

"Spirit is Greater" "The community spirit," he said "is growing greater and greater throughout the county, as shown by the wonderful displays of the eight communities.

"People are beginning to realize the possibilities of the Oregon country and especially of Marion county."

Kenney Hulsey, from the Salem Heights district, won first prize for the best loaf of bread made by any member of a cooking club in Marion county. He is 13 years of age and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hulsey. Kenney is a student at the Salem Heights school, and is a member of the Salem Heights cooking club in Marion county. He exhibited corn at the recent Pacific International Livestock Exposition and captured a prize. At the Oregon state fair he won a second prize for corn and a fourth prize for the best loaf of bread.

Second prize at the Marion county corn show went to Joan Evans of Fruitland; third prize to Esther Girod, also of Fruitland; fourth place to Frances Friend of Broaddus; fifth to Cora Bales of Salem Heights; sixth to Ruth Carlson, Salem Heights; and seventh to Grace Carlson of Salem Heights.

The judge was Miss Lucy A. Case of the Oregon Agricultural college.

"The corn and community exhibits will be rated today. Miss Case will rate the canned goods exhibited and in the rating of the community exhibits two other experts from OAC will pass judgment upon the exhibits. They are Professor R. L. Long, and W. M. Leutsch.

These three judges will make the final rating in the community exhibits in the morning in order to be announced during the afternoon. The prize winner from among the eight community exhibitors will be announced.

**Governor Speaks**  
The address of the opening night was made by Governor Walker M. Pierce and the address for Kay M. Music will be furnished by the Schubert octette.

Governor Pierce in his address complimented Marion county, having such a splendid corn show. "Marion county is a wonderful productive place," he said, "and everything for the care of man and beast can be produced. The growing population will demand produce of the farm and the growing cities of Salem and Portland will soon demand the products of the soil from Marion county."

## Prominent Newspaper Man Is Dead at Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 20.—Jack Guyton, local national state newspaperman, 51, died in harness last night shortly after leaving his duty at the Coos Bay Times office. Mr. Guyton was a member of a prominent Chicago firm and had been an Oregon newspaper man since 1906.

## YMCA Building Fund is Now Being Underwritten

The YMCA building fund is being underwritten here and there is every reason to believe that by noon today that all of the deficit will be cared for. The board of directors are to meet at noon and are fully expecting to have the fund completely raised in order to have all the pledges binding.

**PRUNES IN DEMAND**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Evaporated apples quiet; prunes more demand; apricots and peaches quiet; raisins firm.

## H JACKERS MAY HAVE CUT SHIP ADRIFT AT SEA

Booze Buccaneers Believed to Have Disabled London Schooner Drifting

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A tale of piracy on the high seas and of the disabling of a ship by modern buccaneers of the liquor trade was "put on the air" today by the United States liner President Harding, Hamurs to New York, which reported the schooner Veronica of London found drifting at sea without instruments to determine its position.

First reports picked up today by the East Moriches station of the Independent Wireless Telegraph company on Long Island from the President Harding reported the finding and condition of the Veronica and included the words "raiders, pirates" which led to the belief that the schooner had fallen prey to a band of hijackers.

## TO FIGHT TAX RETURN BILL

Smoot to Lead Contest in Senate to Stop Income Tax Publicity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The publicity case of the income tax law here promises the basis for a lively fight at the next session of congress.

Coincident with the indictment today of the Baltimore Daily Post in a test case by the department of justice on the publication of income tax lists, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississipp, issued a statement declaring that, although he voted for the publicity section, he now was opposed to it. He asserted it was harmful to business and to the general welfare and he would cooperate with republicans to change the law.

The statement added to the smoldering discontent of a number of senators who are displeased with the results of the publicity. Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee declared he would lead in a fight in the senate to repeal all publicity to income tax returns.

## REPUBLICANS MAY DUST INSURGENTS

Believe Attempt Will be Made to Eliminate Progressives From Party

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Possibility of some concerted action by republicans to "dust out the party" in the newly elected congress the insurgent group which has been privately favored by some, became more sharply focused today with an open declaration on the matter from members of both groups. Representative Treadway, republican, Massachusetts, declared after a visit to the White House that he favored elimination of the insurgents in important republican committee assignments in organizing the new congress, but unless called in special session a year from next month. Asserting that he thought the republicans would be "too wise" to attempt such action, representative Nelson of Wisconsin, leader of the insurgents, later asserted his group neither feared expulsion from the republican ranks nor did they care about it or welcome it.

## MAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD BY MAILS

Alleged to Have Tricked Mothers Into Sending Money for Sick Sons

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—J. F. Williams, said to have numerous aliases, has been arrested by postal inspectors on a charge of using the mails to defraud after being traced through a dozen states over a period of three years. Williams' accent occurred recently in Sapulpa, Okla. He will be returned here for trial.

Williams is alleged to have used the advertising columns of newspapers to play on the heartstrings of people who were seeking lost relatives. For instance, it is alleged Williams would read an advertisement of a mother seeking her lost son. He would, inspectors said, write the mother saying the son was ill, in his care, and that he would soon be restored to her, but that money would be needed. It is charged that Williams would ask that the money, usually about \$75, be sent by wire with identification waived.

By the time the person who mailed the money sought the aid of the authorities Williams would be gone, it is alleged.

## LUMBER WASTE WILL BE CUT BY COMMITTEE

First National Conference on Utilization of Forest Products Maps Out Program of Work

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The first national conference on utilization of forest products, called under the auspices of department of agriculture to consider elimination of wood waste late today concluded its two sessions after mapping out a permanent program and entrusting it to the central committee on scientific utilization of wood waste, which has been cooperating with the commerce and agriculture departments for uniform methods in the industry is representative of the lumber manufacturers, distributors, wood using industries, architects and engineers.

## BOARD TO ENDEAVOR TO ELIMINATE WASTE

Prevention Methods to Stop Decay of Logs and Lumber Are Discussed

The program of activities as adopted called for completion and general adoption and application of lumber standards as recommended by the central committee; development of the application of scientific principles to the problems of piling, storing and drying lumber in all its forms; wood preservative treatments; extension of use of decay prevention methods for arrest and prevention of decay in logs and lumber; encouragement of surveys with the object of utilizing waste products through diversified operations; development, improvement and unifying of building codes; improvement designs of boxes and crates and other economic and encouragement of improvements and economies in organized industrial units consuming forest products.

## POST OFFICE CASE SPRINGS SURPRISE

List of All Registered Mail Said to Have Been Requested by Fahy

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The defense in the case of William J. Fahy, former postal inspector who, with James Murray, Chicago politician, and Walter McCormick on trial for the \$2,000,000 robbery at Rondout, Ill., last June, today received a surprise when a postal official testified that at Fahy's request he had furnished the inspector with a list of all registered currency packages leaving the city.

The witness was Louis A. Wegat, night superintendent of the registry division of the Chicago postoffice. In May he said Fahy ordered him to submit each day a list of all currency packages to important points, particularly Indianapolis and Milwaukee, he said, the postal inspector explaining that he had information that made him believe a raid was contemplated on the mails anywhere between Milwaukee and Chicago.

On cross-examination Wegat admitted that Fahy did not ask for the amounts of money in the currency packages.

## KILLED BY ASSASSINS

CAIRO, Nov. 20.—Major General Sir Lee Stack, governor general of Sudan and sirdar of the Egyptian army, died at midnight tonight following wounds which he received yesterday at the hands of assassins.

## Large Savings Made to Industries; Bureau of Standards Makes Report

Experiments Being Conducted Jointly With Agricultural Department to Produce More Effective Insecticide for Crops

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Scientific research which has brought about important saving to the government and private industry through improvement in processes, fixing of uniform standards and similar developments was reported today as an accomplishment of the bureau of standards in the annual report of Director George K. Burgess.

The principal investigations of the year, Dr. Burgess reported, have resulted in great improvements in gas meters, automobile brakes and bridge construction, and have added to knowledge of corrosion of underground pipes.

Among the more interesting devices perfected at the bureau was the radio beacon, which enables a ship or aircraft to follow a specific course with the aid of a simple radio receiving set. In this connection, radio beacons also were developed for use on buoys which the bureau believes will become an important aid to navigation. Dr. Burgess also reported on an investigation being conducted jointly with the agricultural department on the effect produced when electrified insecticide dust is sprayed over a field. The tests have indicated that the electrified condition of the dust may increase its effectiveness and thus materially reduce the amount of poisonous substance required per acre.

## REGON SHEEP OFFERS CHOPS FOR PRESIDENT

Prize Winning Shropshire Belonging to Silverton Man Received in East

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Coolidge and his family will have the best mutton chops on the market. The White House cooks Thursday received the carcass of a Shropshire champion sheep, raised by Eldon Fox of Silverton, Ore., and awarded first prize at the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland.

It will be the chief meat course at the White House dinner Saturday. Senator McNary explained to the president that the mutton was the gift of the boys and girls of the Western country who were interested in raising livestock. The prize awarded young Fox was for champion club work. Wilbur Freeze, an Oregon butcher, took special care in preparing the mutton for shipment and the consignment was nicely decorated.

## MRS. HARDING FAILS FAST

Condition Changed Markedly; Pulse Weak and Breathing Labored

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 20.—(By the AP.)—Mrs. Florence Kling Harding's condition has changed "markedly" since 6 o'clock this evening, a bulletin issued at 12:30 o'clock this morning by Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, her physician, said. "She is failing rapidly," he added.

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## VETS TO INITIATE CLASS SATURDAY

Portland Drill Team Coming to Stage Ceremonial for 75 New Members

Veterans of Foreign Wars are to have Johnnie Walker, state commander, and the famed Portland drill team for the ceremonial Saturday night at the IOOF hall. At that time a class of nearly 75 men will be taken into the local post of the VFW. Following an open meeting of the Salem post of the veterans last night eight new members were pledged and efforts are being made to secure additional members.

The Portland drill team initiated a class of candidates for the VFW recently and their work was so fine that they accepted the offer to have the work repeated. Nearly 100 men are expected down for the occasion.

During the same meeting 14 charter members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will be initiated into the order by a drill team headed by Mrs. W. H. Walker. Plans for the organization of the post auxiliary were formulated at the open meeting and the members will be initiated on Saturday night. The wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of men who served overseas in foreign wars are eligible for membership. The women are to meet at 7:30 Saturday night.

Refreshments will be served and an entertainment has been arranged.

## Gallant Ship Withstands Bombarding by Navy Guns

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 20.—Twice withstanding bombardments today by 14-inch shells and bombs from the battleship Texas, the uncompleted dreadnaught Washington still was afloat tonight about 30 miles off the Virginia capes. Tomorrow it is planned to subject her to an aerial attack with nine bombing planes taking part, it is said, and should she survive this attack the Texas gunners again will try their hand at sending her to the bottom.

A Dispel All Fear  
No difficulty in disposing of prunes at a higher price is anticipated as eastern buyers are beginning to realize the scarcity of the fruit throughout the entire world. The crop in Germany was almost an entire failure this year, and while the quality of the French prunes is above the industry standard, the output is also quite small. This scarcity of foreign fruit has been the impetus for a tremendous import by foreign buyers of Oregon and California prunes to meet the needs of their consumers, and from all indications the supply of prunes will not be sufficient to meet the general demand. Before the season is over an unusually high price is expected.

Local packers yesterday sold several cars of prunes at the regular price, and this is a fair indication that there is a strong demand, and that the attempted price-slashing on the part of California firms a few days ago has not materially affected the market.

## BOZELL HEART BALM CASE IS HELD NON-SUIT

Complaint in \$10,000 Damage Case Against Miss Celia Bollman Invalid; New Papers Are Filed

Previous to the declaration of non-suit the lawyers representing the plaintiff introduced a motion to amend the complaint to include other causes. This matter was argued at length, with the result that Judge Kelly ruled that since the complaint was without cause of action in the first place there was nothing to amend.

## DISAPPOINTMENT SHOWN BY WOMEN SPECTATORS

Temporary Halt in Proceedings Not Appreciated by Large Audience

A new complaint was filed Thursday afternoon by attorneys representing Mrs. Fred Boszell in the \$10,000 damage suit instituted by her against Miss Celia Bollman, after the case was brought to a temporary halt in Judge Kelly's court earlier in the afternoon when the court sustained a motion of defense attorneys that the complaint as filed held no cause for action.

The original papers filed merely stated that Mr. and Mrs. Boszell were intermarried. The new complaint contained the required clauses "were intermarried and lived together as husband and wife in a peaceable, happy and harmonious manner." Judge Kelly stated the law did not presume that because a couple were married they lived in complete harmony. The latest complaint also alleges that "the defendant did maliciously attempt to alienate the affections of Fred Boszell."

The court rooms and adjoining corridors were crowded with people interested in the proceedings, and women were much more in evidence than men. The disappointment of the audience was very evident as the court addressed the jury, saying that the case was halted, at least temporarily. It is not known when the trial will be continued as it has been its place on the calendar and will be superseded by other cases.

Eight men and four women were on the jury. They were W. H. McKay, Everett Cone, J. A. Glatt, Veda Cox, Charles Gilbert, P. A. Kester, E. E. Fink, E. E. Smith, T. W. Fisher, Gamble Beshart, W. D. Horner and Grace Chesnut.

## PRUNES SELLING; WILL BE HIGHER

There is a World Shortage in the Prune Supply, and Market Outlook Fine

A rise in price of Oregon prunes rather than a decrease is anticipated as a result of advice received here yesterday from California that certain packages there were contemplating an advance in every grade of prunes. Since the price on prunes from this state follow closely those quoted in California, a price increase there would affect prices here, local packers declare. The surge caused by California firms questioning inferior prunes at a lower price a couple of days ago has had no damaging effect on the market, and the optimistic reports received from that section yesterday has tended to dispel all fear.

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