

SCHOOL SOCIETIES BANNED

OREGON TAXES ARE TOPICS AT MEETING

Governor Pierce Declares Demand for Schools and Roads Prevents Cut

BUDGET IS SAID SLICED

Reduction of Two Million Made During Last Year; Fewer Schools and Less Roads Impossible

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—

(By Associated Press.)—Careful scrutiny of all proposed governmental expenses before the obligations are incurred is the sole hope for the curtailment of taxation in the opinion of a majority of the delegates attending the western states taxpayers' conference which opened its two day session here today.

The budget system or the forecasting of expenses and then the rigid adherence to the accepted program will assure progress and efficiency in the handling of public funds and reduce to a minimum the levies on the people for governmental purposes, several delegates participating told the conference.

The conference was opened by Paul B. McKee of Medford, Ore., president of the conference who introduced Governor Pierce of Oregon.

Governor Pierce, after extending an official welcome to the visiting delegates, launched vigorously into the subject of tax reduction. The unwillingness of the people to say "stop" in the matter of building more schools or providing for higher education in more of the school and in developing highways, was ascribed by Governor Pierce as the reason for high taxes and their tendency to increase rather than to lessen.

"The people are not willing to say 'stop' declared Governor Pierce in his address to the conference. "The public demands more and more in the way of schools and in the way of highways and so long as this demand is evident it will be impossible to reduce taxes."

The Oregon governor, hurling a challenge at the delegates to the conference, demanded to know who would take the floor and advocate the curtailment of education or the abandonment of highway development.

"Fewer schools?" the governor challenged. "More children every year to educate, and the people demanding the extension of higher learning in the public schools makes it impossible to cut down

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GAS PRICE CUT IN EAST

COMPETITIVE WAR CAUSES MOTORISTS TO REJOICE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Gasoline prices tumbled in many Atlantic seaboard and middle western states today, giving widespread joy to motorists. A general reduction of one half cent a gallon by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was the fourth to be initiated by that company this month and it brought the tank wagon quotations in its territory to 16 and 17 cents a gallon. The Gulf Refining company the Sinclair Oil and Refining company and other competitors met the cut.

In New York City, Yonkers and points in Long Island, a cut of three cents a gallon by the Tidewater Oil Sales corporation and the Gulf Refining company, brought the tankwagon quotation to 17c a gallon.

A price of 16 to 18 cents prevailed in most upstate cities and in New England. The same level was established in Pennsylvania and Delaware through a one cent cut by Atlantic refining company.

Competitive conditions in the midwest which caused the standard oil of Indiana to lower its gasoline price two cents a gallon, also forced the Sinclair corporation to make a similar cut.

YOUNG STRIBLING WINS

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Young Stribling knocked out Red Fitzsimmons of San Francisco in the third round of a scheduled 12 round bout at Fort Bliss tonight.

CHINESE TONGS CLAIM VICTIMS; WAR OPENED

DOORWAYS HOLD DEATH FOR RIVAL CLAN MEMBERS

Tong Hatched and Gun Men Prepare for Killings in Many Eastern Cities

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The pistol shots which early today struck down three men, two of them Chinese in Boston, echoed half way across the United States as Chinese tong men, after a six months peace, renewed their warfare.

H. Yen-ung, a Hip Sing man; Yee Yip, a member of the On Leong tong, and Joseph D. Crowley, a bystander, were wounded in the burst of gunfire in Boston's Chinatown. Yee Yip, who was most seriously injured, disappeared after the shooting but was later found and taken to a hospital.

Almost immediately after the Boston outbreak Ho Kee, a member of the rival On Leong tong here, was found dead on a cobbled Chinatown street with three bullets in his back. It is believed he was a victim of Hip Sing revenge.

In Pittsburgh, Shing Sun, a laundryman, was killed and shortly afterward Lou Sney, in Minneapolis, was slain. In St. Louis, Long Choey, former "king" of Chinatown there, was seriously wounded by enemy tongmen, and in scores of other cities where the great Chinese tongs have outposts police found the tong hatchet men preparing for their battle.

News of the Boston attack spread over the country as quickly as telegraph wires could carry it. Yee Yip was obscure, but he was a member of the Hip Sing tong, and the shots which felled him destroyed the gossamer threads holding together the armistice arranged six months ago between the Hip Sing and the On Leong tongs.

Warned by code messages, the gunner of the rival tongs slipped from dim doorways to avenge the new blood debt and to settle accounts held over from the peace conference last March.

The new outbreak followed by only a few hours the burial of Lee Kue Yung, the foremost citizen of New York's Chinatown, who was most influential in arranging the truce. Members of both tongs sat side by side in his funeral cortege as all Chinatown paid last respects to him.

"HELL SHIPS" PROBED

RUMORS OF ILL-TREATMENT ON BOARD INVESTIGATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The state labor commission today began an investigation into what are described as "hell ships" of the Alaska fishing fleet, now returning to San Francisco from the northern Salmon canneries. The commission is investigating ship hands' complaints that they were virtually "shanghaied" on the fishing vessels and held prisoners under guard. Persons attending today's hearing before State Labor Commissioner Matthews, included cannery laborers from the Star of England, Star of Iceland, and Star of Holland, all of the Alaska Packers' association.

In connection with the investigation, the commission is inspecting the books of Young & Mayer, who the laborers complain, signed them for fishing trips and then forced them to buy clothing from their store at exorbitant prices, threatening to hold back their wages if they refused to buy. The firm's books were turned over to the commission today.

Affidavits charging illicit sale of liquor and drugs on the vessel were sworn to by 60 members of the crew on the Star of Holland yesterday and filed with the department of justice.

OLD LINE IS USED

SOUTHAMPTON.—Having abandoned this port nearly 50 years ago because of lack of accommodation, the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship company intends using it again for almost all its services. The authorities take this as a compliment to their efforts of late years to make Southampton the chief passenger port of the United Kingdom.

GERMAN PUBLISHER DIES

MUNICH.—Lothar Megendorfer, founder of the humorous weekly, Megendorfer Blaetter, died recently. He was 77 years old.

MURRAY VISITED BY HIS PARENTS

Father Appears Reconciled to Son's Fate But Will Stand By Until End

CRANKS WRITE LETTERS

One Would Sent Convict Back to Farm; Governor's Committee Apparently Ends Investigation

Though apparently reconciled to the probable fate of their son, Mr. and Mrs. James Murray of Fort Blakely, Wash., will not desert Tom Murray, convict facing death on the gallows for his participation in the killing of two guards during an escape from the penitentiary August 12. The parents of the desperado, accompanied by a daughter, were granted two interviews with their son yesterday and left late in the afternoon by automobile for their home.

"Tom was not a bad boy and never been in trouble until the Florence bank robbery," Mr. Murray said. "He attended school until he was 14 years old and was a bright boy. One day he and a companion were throwing rocks at a squirrel in a tree and one of the stones rebounded and struck him on his forehead. You can still see the scar."

"Tom went to work in the shipyards while too young and received too much money. I believe that the injury to his head had much to do with his falling in with evil companions. We would have attempted to have him committed to the state hospital after the bank robbery but we believed that he might straighten up in the prison."

Mr. Murray said he could trace back the family history directly for 100 years and no one had ever been in trouble. His tone indicated that he held little hope that his son might escape death by hanging but remarked that "while there is life there is hope." The last 27 years has been spent in raising his family of five children on a farm on an island near Seattle.

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FORTUNE BEING MADE IN MINT BY LABISH FARMER

GROWER OBTAINS 80 POUNDS OF OIL FROM AN ACRE

Ten Acres Planted; Peppermint Oil Now Selling at \$11.50 Per Pound

The Slogan man of The Statesman has two items for Thursday's paper that will not keep for even one day. So they are appropriated, as follows:

E. C. Nafziger, about ten miles north of Salem, his postoffice address being Gervais, Route 1, put out ten acres of mint in April. He is now harvesting his peppermint oil, and it is going 80 pounds to the acre. He brought a sample of the mint to the Statesman office yesterday. It may be seen here. The land is Lake Labish beaverdam.

He has sold the peppermint oil for \$11.50 a pound. The reader may figure that up. The Slogan man makes it \$9200 for the ten acres—

And Mr. Nafziger has the hay left; the mint hay. And it is good hay for his stock. He has also some fine stock too. He has also some red clover seed to thresh, and he will be in luck with that, this year, with the high prices ruling.

Manning & Meisner got from their still, a few miles southeast of Brooks, on Lake Labish, on Saturday last, 110 pounds of peppermint oil. They think that is a world record.

Dan J. Fry paid \$11.05 for the first lot of peppermint oil, from the cooperative association. He has paid \$11.50 for a second lot, and Mr. Nafziger's lot is included in this.

The second item is about red clover seed. A grower near Salem yesterday sold 200 bushels of red clover seed for 26 cents a pound; it being very fine. This seed came from 50 acres of land; that is, it made four bushels, or

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MINING MAN HELD

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 25.—

James B. Scoles, mining man of Mullan, was arrested here today on a charge of assaulting a 14-year-old Warden girl. He was arrested after the prosecutor had obtained a signed statement from the girl. Bond was set at \$2,500.

YEGGS AND POLICEMAN DUEL ON SALEM STREET

THREE MEN FRUSTRATED IN ATTEMPT TO ENTER DAIRY

Shot by Officer Wintersteen Being Answering Volley From Prowling Trio

Nearly a dozen shots were exchanged between Officer A. Wintersteen and three men attempting to burglarize the Fairmount Dairy station at 919 South Commercial shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. No casualties are reported.

According to Officer Wintersteen, he was about a block and a half east of the dairy when he saw three men cross Kearney, pausing near the dairy to watch one of the truck drivers leave. His suspicions were aroused when tools were dropped.

When his command to halt was not obeyed and they started to run, the officer opened fire with the artillery while the frustrated robbers replied.

Police reserves were summoned by Officer Wintersteen who used the dairy telephone. Officers Edwards, Victor, Olson and James responded to the alarm. Officer Wintersteen, after telephoning for assistance, saw one of the men across the street and fired another shot. The trio were last seen going south.

The tools carried by the prowlers, dropped when halted by the officer, consisted of two small crowbars of the "jimmie" type, and a short-handled sledge. These were reported stolen from a tool house at the J. Fisher home, oak and South Commercial.

The safe at the dairy contained about \$75.

GERMANS LAUD TALKS

BERLIN—The German press

makes favorable mention of a series of illustrated lectures given throughout Germany by George F. Bauer, of the American National automobile chamber of commerce. He spoke on "Highways, the Production of Safety Campaigns."

MRS. GIBNEY DIES

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 25.—

(By The Associated Press.)—Mrs. Barney Gibney, wife of Barney Gibney, pioneer salmon and hotel man who died here a month ago, died here tonight. Mrs. Gibney leaves a daughter who is in a parochial school in Seattle.

SWAMP IS DRAINED IN MURDER SEARCH

Young Oakland Nurse Is Declared to Be Victim of Gruesome Assault

TWO PHYSICIANS SOUGHT

Woman Doctor and Man Wanted For Questioning; Portions Of Head of Girl Victim Are Found

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—With the partial draining today of the El Cerrito river swamp, a few miles north of this city and the discovery of additional portions of a human head identified as Mrs. J. (Bessie) Loren, Oakland nurse, the search for the suspected perpetrators of Contra Costa county's second murder mystery within the month switched today to San Francisco.

Two San Francisco physicians, one a man and the other a woman, were being sought for questioning. The woman physician, barred from practice several years ago was missing from her apartments here. She is said to have quitted her offices early last week. The telephone had been disconnected.

No trace has been found of the man physician sought. The names of both are being withheld.

Discovery of a third section of human scalp and the finding of a third section of a black walrus hide traveling bag, constitute the results of today's search of the swamp. A woman's ear, two sections of scalp with long, blonde hair attached and a lower jaw bone previously were picked up near the same spot. A man's leather belt with the letter "E" on the buckle, two sections of the same black bag and a blood-stained newspaper comprise the balance of the exhibits thus far.

Mrs. Loren was reported missing on August 19. She registered at a San Francisco hotel on August 17 as "Mrs. J. Loren, Seattle, Wash.," and checked out on the night of August 19, investigators learned. She spent Wednesday afternoon August 19, with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Ferguson of Oakland. That was the last Mrs. Ferguson saw of her daughter alive. Identification of portions of the body found as those of Mrs. Loren was made today by her brother, William Ferguson of Oakland.

Relatives of Mrs. Loren disclaimed knowledge of any trouble in which the missing nurse might have been involved.

Mrs. Ferguson is quoted as telling Under Sheriff W. M. Veale of Contra Costa county that her daughter parted from her with the expressed intention of calling up

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CONCERT SEASON ENDS

FINAL PROGRAM BRINGS LARGE CROWD TO PARK

One of the most successful concert seasons of the Cherrian band was brought to a close last night with the finest program offered this year. A large and appreciative crowd filled Willson park for the final program.

Special request numbers were offered by Director Oscar Steelhammer with Oscar Gingrich appearing in three splendid vocal selections which offered a pleasing variety in theme.

The concerts this season were held on the scheduled Tuesday and Friday nights without a miss on account of inclement weather. In the past it has been necessary several times, because of weather or special attractions, to play one or more postponed concerts at the close of the season.

NEWS POLICY UNCHANGED

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—

(By The Associated Press.)—The Chicago Daily News one of the largest and most successful newspapers on the continent will be continued under its present policy and management under provisions of the will of the late Victor Fremont Lawson, owner and publisher, opened today.

KELLEY ACKNOWLEDGES DEFEAT IN HIS QUEST

MISSING SHOTGUN NOT LOCATED BY CONVICT

Officers Led to Place Where Captives were Bound; Murray's Dirk Found

After three hours of fruitless search, Ellsworth Kelley, one of three convicts who made a successful escape from the penitentiary August 12, admitted late Tuesday afternoon that he was confused and could not find the shotgun he is said to have hidden beneath a log the night of the escape. The shotgun, officers say, is the one with which J. H. Holman, guard, was killed.

Kelley was handcuffed and in charge of Captain W. E. Golden and Jack Edwards, guards. He led the officers straight to a place four miles east of the Willard school where the convicts had tied Z. J. Zinn, taxi driver and C. V. Ivitts, state hospital attendant, who were kidnapped. The place was some distance from the road and surrounded with dense brush with over hanging boughs. Here the officers found strips of shirts, some of them prison manufacture and a portion of a silk shirt evidently belonging to Ivitts, bits of shoe strings and portions of suspenders. The dirk which Kelley is said to have brandished in intimidating several unarmed guards, was also found.

The shotgun, hidden after dark, remains in the woods as far as the official party is concerned. Kelley appeared sincere in his effort to locate the weapon, but after several hills had been climbed and innumerable logs inspected, he was forced to admit that the gun might have been hidden "over the next hill," all of which looked alike to him.

Three days are estimated for the examination of witnesses before the special grand jury which convenes at 10 o'clock this morning. An effort will be made by District Attorney Carson to have it report Friday afternoon. Separate indictments of first degree murder will be asked for Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos for the killing of both J. M. Holman and John Sweeney.

Besides the two guards Kelley was accompanied by Sheriff Oscar D. Bower, District Attorney Carson and several newspapermen.

OREGON PIONEER CALLED

MRS. F. A. WHITE CAME IN FIRST WAGON TRAIN

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 25.—Mrs. F. A. White, 84, of Hermiton, who crossed the plains in the first wagon train to come to Oregon, died last night at her home.

Mrs. White was one of a group of pioneers that aided in unveiling a monument to pioneers at Emigrant Springs in 1923 when the late President Harding was present. She was one of the guests who had dinner with the president on July 3 at the celebration held on the Blue mountains.

Mrs. White was born on the banks of the Missouri river while her parents were en route to the west.

Marcus Whitman, the missionary, was a member of the party. The Lennox family settled first at Oregon City. Mrs. White's husband was an Indian fighter and was known in later years as "Uncle Billy" White. He served for a time under Phil Sheridan.

Mrs. White was the mother of 13 children, of whom the following survive: Mrs. A. A. Hammer of Seattle; Mrs. W. E. Estes of Wenatchee; Millard White, Portland; L. O. White, Hermiton, and Mrs. J. Means of Stanfield. A number of grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.

RAISE PER CAPITA TAX

LABOR COUNCIL SEEKING TWO CENT INCREASE

An increase in the per capita tax from 5 to 7 cents per month per month is proposed in an amendment to the constitution of the Salem Trades and Labor council. The raise, it was announced last night, is necessary to finance the present needs of the organization.

All active locals affiliated with the central body will be notified of the proposed change and delegates expected to attend the next regular meeting of the council.

SECRET CLUBS TO DISAPPEAR

Seven Organizations Affected by Ruling of School Board Last Night

ACTION IS UNEXPECTED

Bomb Hurled at Meeting Without Warning; Controversy of Four Years Standing That Ended

All social organizations of the senior and junior high schools of a secret or semi-secret nature were abolished in an order of the Salem school board last night which authorized suspension or expulsion as the penalty for failure of any student to comply with the edict. The order was embodied in a resolution which received the unanimous vote of the board and which was passed immediately after it had been presented.

The resolution orders that "the superintendent and principals be and are hereby directed, instructed, and authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the abolition of these organizations." At least seven organizations, and possibly others, will come under the ban ordered by the board, including the J. C. K. O., K. C. Fjar, Phoenix, T. N. T., and T. A. clubs, according to Superintendent George W. Hug. Four of these are girls' and three boys' organizations. The J. C. boys, was formed in 1916.

The bomb was exploded last night without warning culminating more than four years of controversy over the continuance of the organizations. The subject was introduced by Superintendent Hug who declared that the intense feeling aroused last year over the questions had temporarily subsided and that now would be the auspicious time for the board to reconsider the question.

A motion was first made instructing a special committee composed of Chairman H. H. Olliger, and Directors P. M. Gregory and Frank Neer to draw up a resolution to be presented at the next meeting of the board offering such an edict, but this action was later withdrawn in favor of a motion to adjourn for ten minutes to give the committee time to draw up the resolution for immediate action. The second action also nullified a previous motion calling a special board meeting for next Tuesday night at which time Principal J. C. Nelson of the senior high school and the principals of the junior high schools would be instructed to be present for the purpose of "discussing methods of enforcement" of a prohibitive order.

The resolution passed last night follows: "Whereas, The school laws of Oregon make it an offense subject to expulsion or suspension for any public school student as such to

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FRUITMAN FILES SUIT

RANCHER RESISTS ACTION OF STATE IN SPRAYING

SPOKANE, Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Another chapter in the refusal of D. E. Lakin, a fruit grower of the Spokane valley, to spray his apple trees or permit the state to do so, was written here today when he filed suit in the superior court for \$20,000 damages against Frank C. Nielsen, district state horticulturalist on allegations of false arrest.

After Mr. Lakin had refused to spray his trees with an oil preparation early last spring, he brought suit to prevent the state from doing so. After the time for using the oil spray had passed, the action was dropped but later in the season Mr. Nielsen broke a lock on Mr. Lakin's orchard and had the trees sprayed with a lead solution. It was not accomplished, however, until after Mr. Lakin and two others had been arrested on a charge of resisting an officer.

The action filed today is an outgrowth of this incident.

