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UNIFORM DRESSING IS URGED FOR GIRLS

Persistent Rumors Abound but School Board Not Favorable to Movement

PLEDGES TO BE ASKED

All Students Must Forswear Membership in Secret Societies Before Being Enrolled This Year

Following close upon the abolition of social organizations local school board came persistent rumors that efforts will be made in the near future to compel uniform dress among the girls of the senior high school. Substantiation to the rumor that the question would soon receive the consideration of the school board was given by Superintendent George W. Hug in the admission last night that at the direction of the board directors he had written to the superintendent of schools of Sacramento, Cal., asking for information on the operation of dress restrictions there.

Hug further gave indication that the matter is a live question with the declaration that he had heard indirectly that a prominent local women's organization had appointed a special committee for the purpose of drawing recommendations to be submitted to the board.

Informal discussion among members of the board has thus far indicated that the proposal if urged upon the board will there find strenuous opposition. Two arguments have recently been prominently urged against it, first, that the attention of school authorities during the coming fall term will be too greatly occupied with enforcement of the rule abolishing social organizations in the high school and junior highs, and second, that enactment of the two somewhat radical restrictions on both the social organizations and personal dress would result in the arousal of intense feeling among students and possibly among parents.

Several members of the board broached with the subject last night declared that they had only heard rumors of the possibility that the question may be brought before the board and denied that they had been interviewed personally by those who are leading agitation for the movement. The name of the women's organization that is said to be supporting the plan was not made public.

Restriction upon social organizations of the high school again came up for brief consideration at the meeting of the board last night when Superintendent Hug suggested that the board pass a rule prohibiting objectionable organizations similar to that enacted by the Portland city school board. The latter, it was pointed out, was more inclusive than the resolution taken at the past meeting of the Salem board. The matter was closed when Hug was informed by the board that he, together with the high school principals, had sufficient authority to make whatever rules were necessary to carry out the action of the board.

Indication are that all students of the high school will this fall be required to sign pledges carrying besides their own names the names of their parents or guardians, subscribing that they are not members of any organization prohibited by the board and that they will not become members of such organizations during their study in the public schools here.

PRUNE CROP NOT LARGE

FRUIT HAS GOOD SIZE AND FLAVOR, REPORT SAYS

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The North Pacific Prune Growers association today estimated the prune crop of Oregon and Clark county, Washington, at approximately 25,000,000 pounds. While the crop is not so large as last year, the prunes are of good size and flavor. Future sales are being made around 11 cents on 30-40's and 8 1/2 c on 40-50's in 25 pound boxes, FOB Portland. The Clark county, Washington, crop is reported about forty per cent of normal. This section is expected to produce about one fourth of the entire Pacific northwest crop.

The prune harvest started in the southern part of Douglas county, Oregon, hastened by heavy rains. That county expects to produce about six million pounds, slightly less than half a crop, this year. The sizes, however, are running larger than usual. Prices quoted today in Roseburg were 10 3-4 cents base on petites and 9 3-4 cents base on Italians.

CONFESSED MURDERER HELD TO GRAND JURY

W. R. LLOYD WAIVES FORMAL HEARING TUESDAY

Polk County Jail Inadequate; Prisoner Is Confined in Multnomah County

Formal hearing was waived at Independence Tuesday by W. R. Lloyd, confessed slayer of C. I. Baun, taxi driver, and he was bound over to the Polk county grand jury without bail by R. W. Baker, justice of the peace. A special session of the grand jury is expected to be called next week.

Because of the intense feeling against Lloyd, the prisoner was taken from the Multnomah county jail in secrecy though a large crowd had gathered at Independence before the hearing was completed. Talk of taking the law into their own hands by the people of Independence caused the officers to take every precaution against a possible lynching. Owing to the condition of the county jail at Dallas, Lloyd will be kept in the Multnomah county jail until his trial.

C. R. Ellis, of Independence, was appointed to represent the accused man.

Lloyd confessed to officers at The Dalles that he had killed Baun the night of September 1 for the purpose of stealing his automobile. The crime is believed to have been committed between 9 and 9:30 o'clock and Lloyd was apprehended in the railroad yard at The Dalles late the following night.

Baun lived in Independence about 12 years and was a World War veteran.

POLICE OFFICER OUSTED

FATAL ACCIDENT LEADS TO SUSPENSION BY CHIEF

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Patrolman Fred Mills, who was seriously injured early today when his automobile skidded off the road near Sylva, killing Tom Korouess, and injuring J. W. Clark, both of Seattle, was indefinitely suspended by Police Chief Severns tonight.

Korouess was a cook. He was thrown against a pole when the automobile left the road.

Although Clark insisted that Korouess was driving when the accident occurred, Police Captain Mason, who investigated the death, declared he believed Clark was the driver. Mills was too seriously injured to make a statement.

The trio had been visiting a brother of Korouess, in Bellingham, Clark declared.

An empty bottle was found near the wreck, but Captain Mason said he was unable to find evidence in the car that the party had been drinking.

PENSION FUND SOUGHT

PHILLIPS WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 28 YEARS

Feeling that any city employee who has been faithful in his service for 28 years, the city council last night became interested in the question of providing for pensions when it was pointed out that in 1897 Peter Phillips joined the fire department as driver and for years never enjoyed a week's vacation and is still employed by the city. The council has no funds available at present but according to sentiment last night will try and provide a fund that will provide recipients with \$50 a month when the budget requirements for 1926-27 are listed.

One week's vacation for salaried city employees who have been on the payroll six months or over was authorized after it was pointed out that under the present system a man is forced to work for the city a year and a half before he receives the allotted two weeks. The new ruling will affect only two or three men in the police and fire departments, it is said.

Fire Chief H. H. Hutton will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs at Seattle September 21 to 24 with all expenses paid, according to action taken by the council last night.

DAMAGED FRUIT GRADED

APPLES HARMED BY WENATCHEE STORM WILL BE SOLD

YAKIMA, Sept. 8.—Wenatchee's apples which were damaged by hail last Saturday will go to market under special grades, according to I. J. Griner, state supervisor of horticulture, who was in Yakima today. Mr. Griner will go to Wenatchee tomorrow to inspect the damage done and will then announce his specifications for the special emergency grades, he said tonight. Mr. Griner pointed out that it is within the powers vested in the state department of agriculture to arrange for emergency grades to take care of the crop.

MITCHELL CHARGES DRAW OFFICIAL FIRE

Investigation Is Under Way to Call Former Air Chief to Account

BUREAU'S IRE AROUSED

Special Officer Is Detailed to Question Mitchell Formally With Regard to Statements

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Proceeding was initiated today at the war department to call Col. William Mitchell to account for his public declaration that administration of the army and navy air services had been "criminally negligent, and almost treasonable," by direction of Major General John L. Hines, chief of staff. Major General Eli A. Helmick, the inspector general, began an investigation with the assignment of Col. George A. Nugent of his department as special investigator. Col. Nugent immediately prepared to proceed tomorrow to San Antonio, Texas, where Colonel Mitchell is stationed, to ask him in person if he did not make the statement attributed to him in published articles. No further action will be taken by the war department until Col. Nugent returns and submits his report. Directions given General Helmick by General Hines, however, call for recommendations as to action in the event authenticity of the statements is established. Since it is not doubted at the department that Colonel Mitchell will admit having made the statements under investigation, the preliminary move is merely a necessary routine step paving the way possible for trial by an army court.

Secretary Wilbur plans meanwhile to make no representations in the matter to the war department on behalf of the navy administration. Such action would be necessary only if the army officials overlooked some important detail.

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HURD PURCHASES PAPER

CORVALLIS NEWSPAPER MAN TAKES CALIFORNIA DAILY

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Sale of a half interest in the Santa Rosa Republican, the evening newspaper here, to G. L. Hurd, former owner of The Times Gazette of Corvallis, Ore., was announced here today by Postmaster J. Elmer Mobley, owner of the Republican. The paper is 47 years old. Mobley has owned it for about ten years.

BOAT BURNS AND SINKS

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—An unidentified craft believed to be a fishing boat or yacht, burned and sank four miles off the breakwater here tonight. No survivors were picked up by the fire boat which raced to the scene.

TOURISTS SEEK DAMAGES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

BURNS RECEIVED WHEN COFFEE POT SPILLS, CAUSE

Defective Table in City Auto Camp Declared Responsible for Mishap

Hot coffee spilled by a defective table at the auto camp ground seriously scalded Allen J. Mitchell, of Ohio, and as a result of the accident the city received a bill for \$564.90 last night. The specific damages are \$30 a day for 18 days, representing salary; bandages and ointments, \$7.40 and \$17.50 for doctor bills.

Mrs. Mitchell appeared before the council last night. The accident occurred August 21 after the coffee pot had been placed on a table that tipped, cascading the hot fluid over her husband's abdomen and legs, resulting in second degree burns and missing the necessity of a skin grafting operation by a slight margin, she declared.

With her husband, who is an advertising man making more than \$30 a day, she was on her way to California. After the accident they stayed in camp for a few days and then went to Portland, returning to Salem August 27. Mrs. Mitchell, she said, is still confined to bed. They want to go back home but on account of the lateness of the season, will have to make the trip by the southern route.

When the Mitchells arrived at the camp ground they were greeted by a crabby caretaker, identified as Mr. Purvine, she told the councilmen. After the accident she inquired for a doctor and a drug store and he was very abrupt, she declared. Mr. Purvine, according to her statements, is not qualified to welcome tired tourists and he has not given the Mitchells a pleasant smile or spoken to them since they arrived. Mr. Polsal, Mrs. Mitchell said, is pleasant and has done everything for them that he could. Though they were given a tent that was quite holey and they were forced to use umbrellas whenever it rained, it was better than using their own emergency tent, she said. The Mitchells want to leave Saturday.

The matter was turned over to the city attorney and H. H. Smith, chairman of the park board, for settlement.

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FORMAL MURDER CHARGE PLACED AGAINST YOUTH

CONFESSED CHILD KILLER FACES DOUBLE CHARGE

Insanity Expected to Be Plea of Defense; State Is Pressing Case

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Authorities in two counties tonight were preparing to prosecute Harrison W. Noel, former insane asylum inmate who confessed to kidnapping and murdering six-year-old Mary Daly, on four major charges on the assumption that he is sane until otherwise proven by defense counsel.

Indictments in Essex county for the murder of Raymond Pierce, negro taxicab driver and for the kidnapping will be sought soon, possibly tomorrow.

A formal charge of murdering Mary was made against Noel today by Passaic county authorities at Newark. A charge of atrocious assault on John Sandin, whom Noel is alleged to have shot in the head when Sandin sought to save Mary Daly, was being withheld pending action by Essex county officials. In recorder's court yesterday Noel pleaded not guilty to the murder of Pierce, whom he had told the police he killed so as to get an automobile for the abduction. In charging Noel with the child's murder, Passaic County Prosecutor Deyoe said:

"I do not expect to place Noel on trial in this county as the Essex county authorities have a prior claim to him and it is likely that by the time the Pierce murder charge is disposed of it will be unnecessary to bring him to trial here."

YOUTH KILLED IN LIFT

CAUGHT IN ELEVATOR, SEATTLE BOY DIES INSTANTLY

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—Caught between the cage of a freight elevator and the sixth floor of a building here today, E. R. Lowenstein, 22, was killed instantly. No one witnessed the accident but it is believed by the police that he tried to step on to the elevator while it was in motion and missed his footing.

ANNUAL FAIR SOUGHT

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—The Western Washington fair may become a permanent year round exposition if plans announced here today by George Osborne of Puyallup, one of the 12 directors of the fair association are carried out.

ALASKA WILL ENTER

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Alaska has accepted an invitation to participate in the Pacific northwest industrial exposition scheduled to be held in New York next spring.

RAIL OFFICIALS SAY RETURNS ARE SMALL

Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission Draws Statements

RATE INCREASE SOUGHT

Operators of Rail Lines Declare Return on Investment Is Insufficient to Merit Expansion

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Dealing in terms of millions and billions a railroad president and statistician today offered the first evidence in support of the application of western railroads for a five per cent increase in freight rates.

President Fred W. Sargent of the Chicago and Northwestern railway company described the plight of his road as the common plight of all western lines. "The Chicago and Northwestern railway company," he said, "has in every year since the end of federal control furnished its service to the public at a return of less than four per cent upon its investment, and the experience of the Northwestern railway is typical of the western railways."

Clyde B. Atchison, chairman of the interstate commerce commission before whom the hearing opened, turned a critical ear toward the witnesses and demanded explanations in four instances, clearing the interstate commerce commission of what he described as unfair inferences, by "suppression of fact." He drew statements from President Sargent and L. E. Wetling, manager of the statistical bureau of the western railroads qualifying their testimony until he got a direct admission from Sargent that the commission has always given the railroads a full and complete hearing.

When Sargent expressed the opinion that the Western Trunk line territory is suffering from depression of rates, due both to rulings of state and interstate commissions, the chairman asked what relief he would recommend. He asked particularly if special treatment for any particular companies would be satisfactory. "No," Sargent replied. "The only action that could provide the relief we need is action by the interstate commerce commission granting us a five per cent increase in rates."

Previously the chairman had asked why the Chicago & Northwestern had not increased its rates in Minnesota, inasmuch as the supreme court had held it was proper. "Because," the railroad president responded, "we cannot have and do not want relief that does not go to all companies equally."

Operation of the Chicago & Northwestern at a return of less than four per cent, Sargent said, "is caused by the great increases in the cost of railway operation in (Continued on page 7)

TEMPERANCE WORKER IS SHOT TO DEATH IN HOME

WCTU PRESIDENT BELIEVED KILLED BY BOOTLEGGER

Shot Fired Through Window Takes Life of Anti-Liquor Crusader

VINTON, Iowa, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Shot down as she was writing a paper she intended to read today before the Benton county WCTU of which she was president, Mrs. C. B. Cook was killed in her home last night, the victim, her friends believe, of one of a number of liquor violators, against whom she had been active.

One shot, fired through a rear window as she sat writing her paper, entitled "Looking Forward," caused her death an hour and a half later. She was unconscious most of the time until her death and was unable to supply any information that would aid authorities in their search for her assailant. "Oh, save me; save me," were the only words she uttered to her aged mother, Mrs. E. Underwood, when the latter hurried downstairs upon hearing her daughter scream following the shooting.

Testimony to this effect was given by Mrs. Underwood at the coroner's inquest this afternoon. She also expressed the belief that "some of those drunks who hang around the streets near our home," were responsible for the crime.

Belief that Mrs. Cook was killed by a liquor law violator was strengthened by word from Cedar Rapids that Mrs. Cook had made two trips to that city to consult Roy R. Slade, a prohibition enforcement officer, relative to condition in Vinton. Mr. Slade said that on her last visit she furnished the names of several persons suspected of being engaged in rum running and illegal sale of liquor. Later Slade said he received a letter from her in which she spoke of going before the Benton county grand jury.

MEDFORD HEARS DAWES

VICE PRESIDENT ASKS SUPPORT IN SENATE FIGHT

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 8.—Although notice that he would speak briefly from the train platform on his way south to San Francisco was only received here two hours before the train's arrival this afternoon, 1,000 Medford people assembled at the station to hear Vice President Charles G. Dawes deliver a speech of twenty minutes, which was only concluded as his train started moving on southward. He vigorously urged the people of southern Oregon to aid him in his fight to sweep the filibuster from the United States senate and said in part:

"This is a nonpartisan issue. It concerns the republican party, of which I happen to be a member, no more than the democratic party, but it does concern the people of the United States and the promotion of efficiency in administration of affairs of the United States."

OFFICIALS ARE CHARGED

ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS FOR PERSONAL WORK HELD

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—The county commissioners here today directed the prosecutor to investigate charges that J. E. Mullane, superintendent of the courthouse, and Robert Nemitz, chief painter for the county had worked done on their homes at public cost.

Herman Schack made affidavit that he did 16 days cement finishing on Mullane's home in November and was paid with a county warrant that covered also 15 days on public property. C. L. Steele swore that he built a stairway in Nemitz's home at a time when Mullane stated Steele was working for the county. Steele's affidavit declared that Nemitz closed in a porch of his with glass taken from public stores.

OREGON MOTORISTS HIT

AUTOISTS FROM THIS STATE BLAMED BY WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Charging that the workmen's compensation act was being "grossly mismanaged" and practicing a movement toward optional insurance at the coming session, Representative Pliny Allen addressed the King county legislative delegation here today. Numerous auto accidents in southwest Washington were caused by Portland motorists, "who fill their cars with gas and then come to joyride on the Washington side," Representative E. E. Shields told the meeting. He predicted that federal action would probably be needed.

Compulsory insurance on automobiles to protect traffic victims and their dependents, was also urged before the legislators.

PROPERTY HOLDERS FIGHT OIL STATION

Proposed Building on Center and Capitol Streets Is Strongly Opposed

PETITION IS PRESENTED

City Council to Act; Drunken Driver Bill Passed at Tuesday Session; Plumbing Code Argued

Erection of another service station in the heart of the city's fashionable residence district will be accomplished only over the dead bodies of property owners in the immediate vicinity, according to the tone expressed in protests to the city council last night after the petition of G. J. Berger for the station had been read. The proposed station is wanted for the southeast corner of Center and Capitol on an expensive lot purchased for this purpose.

Remonstrances from all property owners within two blocks were presented while H. R. Worth and Ira Jorgensen appeared in person. The written petitions were signed by D. Samuel and 19 other property owners. The question was finally referred to the street committee and an effort will be made to hear Mr. Berger's side of the controversy.

Before any action is taken relative to the re-routing of the North Seventeenth bus operated by the Salem Street Railway company, residents of that street will be given a hearing before the council according to action taken last night. Thirty-two petitioners of the Englewood district want the bus to continue east on Market from Seventeenth to Eighteenth, thence south to D, west on D to Sixteenth and then north to Market.

The "drunken driver" ordinance made its appearance last night and was read for the first time. It provides that bail of not less than \$500 be fixed for all drivers arrested for driving while intoxicated; that they be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and sentenced to not less than 60 days nor more than six months in jail and lose their license for one year. In the event of a violation of the sentence and the driver is found operating his automobile again a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 and not less than 90 days nor more than six months in jail may be imposed. The annual increase in the tax license prior to the state fair made its appearance. The proposed ordinance increases the fee from \$25 to \$100 for the remainder of the year.

So many amendments were offered to the new plumbing code that the engrossed measure was ordered sent to every member of the council and action will be taken at the next meeting.

A quit claim deed from the Western Paper Converting company was received and is being held until efforts are made to have the company include that portion of the Division street ditch between the dam and North High so that the city can go ahead with the filling in of the ditch and the elimination of the present bridge.

After discussing the petition of Robert T. Stalcup for a service station on the east side of Commercial near Belmont, the matter was laid on the table. Petitions for street improvements approved by the council included the paving of Hood from Capitol to the Southern Pacific right-of-way; an alley in block 53; Shipping from Church to Cottage; McCoy from Trade to Hunt; and an alley in block 7, Rural from High to Summer will be graded and graveled. Other street improvements petitions were received and referred to the street committee.

WILL USE FORD PLANES

MAIL LINE TO BE ESTABLISHED, POSTMASTER SAYS

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Airplanes of the Ford Motor company will carry United States mail between Detroit and Chicago, beginning within the next two weeks, it was announced here tonight following a conference today between Postmaster General Harry S. New, Henry Ford and William J. Mayo of the Ford company.

PLANE IS FORCED DOWN

SEWARD, Alaska, Sept. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The first commercial plane to operate westward from here met grief off Chugach island when a planned gas line necessitated landing through a dense fog on a storm swept sea.

