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SCHOOL BUDGET IS HELD INADEQUATE

Estimated Requirements Are \$20,000 Over Amount Allowed for Year

SALARY INCREASE ITEM

Several Teachers Are Added and Payroll Jumps \$17,000; Special Election May Be Necessary

The school board is confronted with the proposition of an increase in the budget that is extremely out of proportion to the amount of money that can be obtained this year by taxes. The estimates for the coming budget call for about \$20,000 more than last year, while the six per cent tax limitation will allow only \$8000 more to be obtained through taxation.

The biggest item in the increase is the increase in the total amount of teachers' salaries. Ten new teachers have been added to the Salem school system and several teachers who have stayed over two years automatically obtained an increase in pay of \$5 a month. This makes a total increase in the payroll of the Salem school teachers of \$17,000. In last year's budget \$216,750 was allowed for teachers' salaries.

Not only will the school board be able to get but \$8000 increase in taxes over last year, but it is understood that the money coming from the state will be less this year while the tuition income will remain about the same. Various improvements and maintenance account for the remainder of \$20,000 needed.

It was intimated at the meeting that a special election might have to be called to raise the extra money needed to complete the budget. One of the members suggested that an attempt be made to induce the legislature to lift the six per cent limitation, but to this George Hug, city superintendent, replied that "I don't think there is any hope of abolishing the six per cent limitation."

If a special election is called to obtain the needed money for the budget, the teachers have expressed the desire to put the matter of a general rise in pay before the public. Frank Neer reported that he had met with a teachers' committee and had suggested that they meet with Superintendent Hug for the purpose of drawing up a definite schedule to propose to the public.

Director Gregory declared that there is no question but what the teachers "are working for ridiculously small salaries, and that we are asking too much of them for the salaries we are paying them." He declared that if the public would give a thought to the life and living conditions of the teachers, "they would not hesitate a moment to vote them the increase they are asking." As for himself, he declared that he is willing to be taxed additionally in order that the increase might become a reality.

"A teacher is foolish to stay here at the present salary," declared Mr. Hug, stating that they can obtain jobs elsewhere for much more money. Mr. Neer reported that business men with

WRONG MAN IS DETAINED

MURDER SUSPECT RESEMBLES THE MAN WANTED

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 27.—William Charles, held on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Marshall La Plant of Eatonville is not the man wanted in Paintsville, Ky., for the murder of Jess Caudill November 5, 1924. H. B. Adams, deputy sheriff from Kentucky, said after he interviewed Charles today. Adams was sent to Tacoma with extradition papers to get Charles. Charles bears a remarkable resemblance to Henry Cook, the man wanted in Kentucky, and admits that he is from the same county in Kentucky and knew Cook slightly, and had heard of the crime for which Cook is sought.

MAN IS KILLED BY SAW

RESIDENT OF HILLSBORO, 64, FALLS INTO WOODS

HILLSBORO, Ore., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Bernard A. Fegelde, 64, of this city, was killed today by a wood saw. Fegelde and George Flete were sawing wood when a stick fell from the pile and knocked Fegelde backward onto the revolving saw which cut deep into the base of the brain and into the spinal column. Death was instantaneous.

LIFE TERM AT STATE PRISON GRANTED PARDON

MAN CONVICTED THREE TIMES FOR MURDER, FREED

A. J. Weston, Found Guilty of Killing Robert Krug, Gets Clemency

A. J. Weston, three times convicted for second degree murder in connection with the death of Robert H. Krug, an aged resident of Sisters, Deschutes county, in 1919, and a life term at the state prison, was granted a full pardon by Governor Pierce yesterday. Weston, it is said, will probably be released from the penitentiary today. The governor refused to comment on the pardon other than to say that he had investigated the facts connected with the case and believed Weston was innocent.

Evidence introduced by the prosecution during the three trials indicated that the crime for which Weston was convicted was one of the most brutal killings recorded in Oregon. According to the testimony, Krug was first struck over the head with a club and later tortured in an attempt to force him to reveal the place where he was supposed to have a considerable sum of money hidden. After Krug had died his body was placed on a bed and the house was fired in an attempt to cover all traces of the killing.

Weston was arrested in connection with the murder about 18 months after it had been committed. His detention was brought about by information furnished by Joe Wilson and George Stilwell, two men employed with Weston at a logging camp not far from the scene of the crime.

The first two trials took place in Bend. In each case the case was carried to the supreme court and both times the decision of the lower court was reversed by Justice Brown. The next trial was held in Wasco county under a change of venue, and was again convicted of second degree murder in connection with the killing and was sentenced to a life term in the state prison. He has served about a year in the penitentiary since his third conviction.

Stillwell, in his testimony, de-

DOOLITTLE AGAIN WINS

AERIAL SPEED DEMON OF ARMY MAKES NEW RECORD

BAYSHORE PARK, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Another laurel rests tonight on the brow of Lieutenant James H. Doolittle of the United States army.

Lieutenant Doolittle late today catapulted his black Curtiss racer across a three kilometer course in the fastest time ever made by a seaplane—245.713 miles per hour. The world's record for maximum seaplane speed when recognized by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

It was made on a special speed test which Lieut. Doolittle entered alone. The dashing army pilot made his premier mark under conditions that were by no means ideal, with a quartering wind raking the course. He drove the same Curtiss racer in which yesterday he won the 350 kilometer Jacques Schneider trophy race in 56:06.36—an average speed of 232.573 miles per hour—and in which he turned in a speed of 235.036 miles per hour for his last and fastest lap.

CROP DAMAGE IS FEARED

UNHARVESTED SUGAR BEETS MAY SUFFER FROM COLD

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—With southern Montana under eight inches of snow and the temperature hovering at nine above, \$500,000 worth of unharvested sugar beets, 30 per cent of the season's crop, was in danger of destruction by the cold tonight, while low temperatures in northeastern Colorado caused business men and school children to leave desk and school and rush to the aid of farmers attempting to save the beet crop there.

The unseasonably cold wave struck Colorado today and the weather forecaster said tonight it threatens to reach down into the northern portions of New Mexico and Arizona tomorrow or Thursday. About ten inches of snow was recorded at Helena, Mont. Continued cold is forecast for the entire mountain region tomorrow and Thursday.

18 DIE WHEN FAST TRAIN IS WRECKED

Recovery of Ten Others of Over Fifty Injured Regarded as Doubtful

RAIL DEFECT IS CAUSE

Invisible Fissure in Track Declared to Have Derailed Train; Cars Topples Into Ravine

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The death list as a result of the derailment near Victoria, Miss., early today of the Sunnyside, fast St. Louis-San Francisco railroad passenger train, tonight stood at 18. A total of 54 persons still were in hospitals, 18 reported in a critical condition.

Of the injured, 37 are white and 17 negroes. Hospital reports indicate that the condition of eight of the white injured was critical. Recovery of 10 of the negroes injured was also regarded as doubtful.

Railroad officials tonight reported the wreckage cleared from the right of way and traffic resumed. Four Pullman sleepers, a chair car, a combination negro coach and smoker, with the baggage, express and mail cars hurtled down the embankment and into a ravine, telescoped and pounded by the impact into a mass of tangled wreckage.

The three day coaches were a tangled mass of wreckage. One of them dived headlong into the clay bank by the side of the track and the others rolled and jammed as they struck the bottom, piling the occupants into the tops and ends of the cars.

Few of the passengers sleeping in the last three Pullmans suffered serious injury, and it was these who directed the rescue and first-aid work before relief trains arrived.

J. H. Fraser, general manager of the St. Louis-San Francisco system, who was in Memphis when news of the wreck was received here went to the scene in his private car and directed relief work and made an investigation as to the cause of the derailment. R. E. Buchanan, general executive agent of the road, accompanied Mr. Fraser.

Their investigations determined that an invisible defect in the rail, a transverse fissure, caused the derailment. They stated that any report that it might have been due to a spread rail was shown

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NAVAL HEROES HONORED AT 150TH ANNIVERSARY

ENTIRE FORCE OF UNITED STATES GOES ON PARADE

Fitting Ceremonies Are Observed For Former Leaders of Sea Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The 150th anniversary of the navy was observed throughout the country today with special exercises at which appeals were made for public support of the service and its spirit and traditions were extolled by numerous speakers.

Falling upon the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, vigorous exponent of an efficient navy, the service celebrated today by being "at home" to the public, with its ships at a score of ports on all coasts in full dress and its yards and other establishments thrown open to inspection.

At civic meetings and over the radio addresses were made by Secretary Wilbur, high navy officers and prominent civilians, outlining the achievements of the service and bespeaking the nation's continued support. The aircraft controversy also occupied a prominent place in some of the speeches. Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, retired, president of the navy general board at Philadelphia and Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, at Des Moines, Iowa, especially contending for retention of aviation as a branch of the navy and opposing a separate air force as advocated by Col. William Mitchell.

Navy heroes of the past were not forgotten, the statues of John Paul Jones and Commodore John Barry of Revolutionary fame, together with those of Admirals Farragut and Du Pont in Washington, being decorated with wreaths. At Oyster Bay, Long Island, a wreath was placed on

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COLD SPELL CONTINUES

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN MID-WEST WEATHER

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The cold weather which has spread over the middle west in the last 48 hours will continue for another day at least, weather forecasts tonight indicated.

Some snow and colder weather was indicated for tonight with temperatures below freezing. Thermometers in the extreme west early today hovered near the zero mark and snow was general in the Rocky mountains region. Snow was reported over Iowa, and in Billings, Mont., 70,000 tons of beets were endangered by the cold weather there.

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MITCHELL COURT ACTION IS TO BE OPENED TODAY

STORM CENTER OF US ARMY FACES COURT MARTIAL

Nature of Disciplinary Action Against Colonel Is to Be Decided

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel William Mitchell of the army air service, will face a general court martial tomorrow on charges growing out of his use of such phrases as "criminal negligence" and "almost treasonable" in statements he issued shortly after the Shenandoah disaster criticizing the conduct of army and navy aviation affairs.

Charges specifying violation of the 96th article of war by Col. Mitchell tonight were in the hands of Col. Sherman Moreland, who as trial judge advocate, will present them tomorrow to the court martial which was appointed by direction of President Coolidge to decide whether the air officer is guilty of "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline" and determine what, if any, disciplinary action shall be taken against him.

Most of the 13 officers selected to serve as members of the court had reached Washington tonight but none was willing to discuss the case they had been called from various sections of the country to pass judgment upon. Neither Col. Mitchell nor his counsel had anything to add to their previous statements beyond the assertion that they were prepared for the trial.

A wide divergence of opinion prevailed, however, regarding the procedure the court will follow after it disposes of the organization and other preliminary duties. There were indications that, when the actual trial began, Major General Charles P. Summerall as president of the court would conduct it with a view to determining by direct processes whether Col. Mitchell had made the charges set out in the specifications and whether that act constituted conduct to the prejudice of military discipline.

Such a course would set aside evidence which might tend to prove whether Col. Mitchell's statement concerning the war and navy department policies and administration of the national defense with special reference to aviation were true or false.

The truth or falsity of such statements were not made part of the accusations against the air force.

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SUSPENSION ORDER UPHELD BY BOARD

Action Taken by Principal Nelson Given Unanimous Approval Last Night

DELAY REINSTATEMENT

Members of Secret Club Will Be Barred Until Organization Is Known To Have Been Dissolved

The school board at its meeting last night voted unanimously to ratify the action of J. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school, in suspending members of the Friars' club which was reorganized this week at the high school in violation, according to Mr. Nelson and the board, of the board's order that all secret societies be prohibited at the high school. The motion further instructed that the suspension of the boys be prolonged until the principal and the city superintendent are convinced that the matter has been satisfactorily cleared up, or in other words, until they are satisfied that the club is completely disbanded.

Two offenses were committed by the boys, according to Director Frank Neer. First, violation of the pledges signed by them to refrain from entering such an organization, and second, open defiance of the board's order. He said "They are either trying to kid themselves or to kid us, and it looks as if they were trying to kid us." He suggested that the suspension be prolonged enough to give the boys proper punishment for the offenses.

The warm discussion as to whether or not the present Friars' club is legitimately organized under the new order of the board that was anticipated for the meeting failed to mature, as the boys who were present to speak on behalf of the action of their organization were not granted a hearing. The board was unanimously of the opinion that the organization is "not" and that Mr. Nelson was right in taking the action he did. The whole discussion, which was indulged in only by the board members, covered a period of only about five minutes.

It was brought to light that the members of the club have been contending for right to exist on the argument that the club is not dissimilar to the DeMolay organization. It is understood that some of the boys belonging to the Friars are also DeMolay members, and it was intimated at the meeting of the board that these boys would be called onto the carpet at the next meeting of the DeMolay and asked to give cause why they brought that organization into the discussion.

The boys present, led by Dick Schei, declared that Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the board, had given them permission to be present at the meeting and that they thought they would be allowed a hearing although it had not been promised to them.

The resolution adopted by the school board prior to the opening of school this fall abolishing secret societies and making it illegal for a student to belong to any such society while he is in high school was read by the board last night. It was brought to light that Mr. Nelson was acting within his authority in suspending the students, numbering 17, as he did, and bringing the matter to the school board for ratification.

At the first of the present semester every organization in school voluntarily disbanded, and it was thought by the board and by Mr. Nelson that the trouble was settled then and there. Mr. Nelson however, predicted that such an evasion as now attempted by the Friars' club might be looked for, although he at that time expressed the opinion that such an evasion would be contrary to the purpose of the school board, and would be frowned on by the public. At the meeting it was revealed that neither the members of the board, the city superintendent nor the principal have received one word

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OLD FORD MOTOR USED

NO. 958 NOW PROVIDES POWER FOR MOTORBOAT

More than 10,000,000 motors have been turned out from the Ford factory at Detroit, Mich., since No. 958 made its appearance, yet the old reliable is still working for Al Christensen, owner of a motorboat on Lake Siletcoos. In fact, it has outlived two other motorboat engines and is still faithfully performing its duty.

"The old No. 958 never fails to respond to the throttle," declares its owner, as he proudly points to the primer on each of the cylinders.

HUNDREDS VISIT NEW HOME OF SALEM ELKS

PUBLIC RECEPTION IS HELD FROM 7 TO 11 O'CLOCK

Interior of Building Said Architectural Triumph of Willamette Valley

By AUDRED BUNCH

The new \$175,000 Elks temple was the city's social mecca last night from 7 to 11 o'clock when members of the order were hosts for the pleasure of all townsmen, who have awaited with great interest an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the interior of one of the architectural triumphs of Willamette valley.

Flowers,—not too many,—and music by the Elks' orchestra provided festive touches for the reception without detracting from what the public came to see—the lodge hall itself.

Arriving over a mahogany entrance, the guests were notably surprised at the sound-absorbing qualities of the floor, finished with a rubber tiling, set in diagonal squares. One of the most beautiful grand stairway entrances imaginable features two choice pieces of Italian statuary, feminine figures by Balchi, the one on the left with eyes open and questioning as the dawn, symbolizing the Goddess of Day; the one on the right, with sleeping eyes, the Goddess of Night.

Leaving the vestibule, one arrives upon the billiard and card rooms, on opposite ends of the building from the bar, while on the right the main lounge room is fitted with a matchless mingling of simplicity and grandeur. The coloring in the walls, the draperies, and the Imperial Bundarch Wilton rug on the floor all combine the warm neutral shades. The massive fire place and fixtures called forth a wealth of approving comment. The dining room, also on the lower floor, combined utility with a charming scheme of decoration.

To the lady visitors of last night there was probably no room quite so appealing as the beautifully appointed ladies' waiting room adjoining the dining room. The entire finish is tiffany gold. One of the most attractive features of all was the lighting scheme for the full-length mirror—one light glowing at the base.

The lighting system throughout the temple proved one of the most interesting as well as practicable installations of fixtures ever noted. The whole effect is brought about by high-lighting, by which means no direct rays ever strike the eyes.

A second room that delighted the feminine eye was found on the second floor. This waiting room is a study in fiber work and Italian fixtures.

The main lodge room is a strikingly pleasing auditorium, with stations and tables in carved mahogany and a special balcony at the back. The sun-burst center ceiling fixture won many comments of admiration. The whole feeling was one of splendidly achieved massiveness and ease.

The decks of opera chairs are of carved mahogany, as are the stations.

The lodge auditorium was a revelation to the most discriminating. Nothing has been left undone toward the making of this spacious part of the hall the equivalent of a ballroom. English inlaid linoleum fits this floor admirably for dancing, while the stage curtain is a handsome thing of green velvet velour. The walls are an artistic achievement in a stippled treatment of soft green and buff. A beautiful frieze of fruits and flowers in natural color border the walls.

In the broad, lower hall the beautiful piece of imported tapestry, depicting an English hunting scene, must not go without mention. No more must the handsome grandfather's clock, which has

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GIRL MEMBER OF GANG

ROSE CULVER CONFESSES TO BAD CHECK OPERATIONS

SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Rose Culver, arrested here Sunday as a burglar and check suspect, confessed to police today that she had participated in the operations of a gang of burglars and had assisted them in passing twenty worthless checks in Seattle.

The girl's confession implicated Elsie and Alfred Trimble and Ben and Melvin Lowery in the passing of the checks and in some twenty burglaries committed in King and Yakima counties. The four men, three of whom are declared to have confessed, are being held in Yakima pending trial. The girl was recently given a suspended sentence in the Yakima court following her conviction on a burglary charge. A charge of first degree forgery is to be filed against her in superior court tomorrow.

FRENCH NATION NOW AT CRISIS

Premier and Cabinet Present Resignations; Reliable Majority to Back New Ministry Is Lacking

CAILLAUX CAUSES BREAK

Policy of Finance Minister Results in Downfall of Government; Condition Said Serious

PARIS, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—M. Painleve's ministry which was constituted April 16, last, and took up the administration of France's complicated affairs to succeed the Herriot cabinet, ended its career today when the premier submitted his resignation and that of his colleagues to President Doumergue.

The fall of the ministry was due to M. Caillaux' financial policy, his resistance to a capital levy, to which M. Painleve rallied after the radical convention at Nice had adopted a resolution favoring it. One of the most difficult political crisis in its history now faces the French republic. President Doumergue has the task of picking a man to form a new government without a reliable majority to support it. The president hurried formalities incident to the formation of the new cabinet, conferring this afternoon with most of the persons usually consulted in a cabinet crisis and dwelling chiefly on the financial situation in his talks.

M. Caillaux was the first to be received by M. Doumergue after the cabinet resigned—a most unusual procedure. The minister of finance, however, was not summoned for the purpose of consulting with him regarding the new ministry; he was received at his own request, taking with him a voluminous file of documents.

The presidents of the senate and chamber, M. Desclaux and M. Herriot and the chairman of the financial committees of the senate and chamber were later connected before the president and questioned him regarding the financial situation and expressed the hope that the situation would be cleared quickly.

The president will see M. Cassin, president of the radical group tomorrow morning after which it is expected he will summon the man chosen to form the new government. The general impression is that it will be M. Painleve.

The premier, in the new combination will likely have the collaboration or active support of M. Herriot, and M. Briand probably will be asked to remain as minister to foreign affairs.

The meetings held by the different political groups of the chamber this afternoon developed a wide divergence of views as to the solution of the crisis and showing that the new cabinet, however constituted, will have to maneuver delicately to find a majority. There was much talk of a political statement, which would require dissolution of the chamber and new elections in order to bring out a majority to support a stable government.

The socialists are charged by other groups with maneuvering to force new elections under the present proportional representation system in the hope of gaining enough seats in the chamber to make them the predominant group and enable them to take power. They are now numerically the second party in the lower house with 105 seats as compared with 145 for the radicals, and 104 for the national bloc. They count upon electing 180 members if new elections occur under the present system.

VANDEBILT, JR., IS ILL

WEALTHY PUBLISHER SUFFERING FROM INFECTION

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., wealthy newspaper publisher and nationally known business man, is confined to his room at a local hotel suffering from an infected jaw bone. His condition is not believed serious, physicians said.

It was learned today that Mr. Vanderbilt had been under the care of Atlanta surgeons for the past week because of the infection, which is said to have been caused when he was gassed during the World war. Although his condition showed improvement today, it was said that it would probably be several days before he could leave his room.