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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS FEES LEGAL

Justice Court Claims, Contested by Judge McMahan, Declared Regular

QUESTION NOW SETTLED

Opinion Handed Down by I. H. Van Winkle Puts Stamp of Approval on Salem Docket Entries

Failing to uphold the contention of Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan that certain claims by the Salem justice court to collect fees were illegal, I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, yesterday handed down an opinion declaring that the claims were legal and that the county court is empowered to pay them.

In his public statement made on November 21 when he contested the claims, Judge McMahan picked 28 items at random, representing a total of \$117.25 in fees claimed by Brazier C. Small, Salem justice of the peace.

In presenting the matter before the attorney general, the district attorney picked at random one representative claim, consisting of docket entries and transcripts. The items are all identical, merely varying as to the number of entries and transcripts.

The attorney general's opinion clears up the matter which has been brought up before but never definitely settled. In his statement to the county court, Judge McMahan declared that in his action he was not aiming at Mr. Small, present justice of the peace, who, he said, "was only following precedents hoary with age."

Under Mr. Van Winkle's ruling, the county court will now pay the claims presented by the justice court. There are 14 justice courts in Marion county. The total amount paid by the county in fees to all the courts during 1925 was \$2300.

LAD IS TRUCK VICTIM

BOY, 12, LADEN WITH CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, KILLED

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—His arms laden with Christmas packages for his small brothers and sisters, George A. Vreeland, 12, roller-skated to his death in front of a motor truck here this afternoon. The truck was driven by Walter Arden, who told police that the boy lost control of his skates and crashed into his machine. He was the oldest of eight children.

POLICE RESERVE CALLED

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Armed with riot guns, the full strength police reserve was called out tonight following seven holdups in three of which cases the victims were either slashed with knives or beaten.

BUY STAMPS



CHRISTMAS SEAL STAMPS are now offered for sale at booths in the post office, Miller's Mercantile Co., Kafoury Brothers, Stiff Furniture Co. and the Bank of Commerce. Total receipts to date from booth sale, \$225.50, received in mail, \$675.00.

DAWES, "GAGGED" IN SENATE, HOLDS SESSION AMONG PAGES

Vice President, Forced By Unwritten Law to "Hold Peace," Gives Fund of Advice to Young Lads in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.)—"Gagged," in the senate, Vice President Dawes today found a forum in the "little senate," an organization of the pages.

Unwritten law decrees that the vice president shall hear senators talk but shall make no speech in the chamber himself at his inauguration. Consequently the vice president has been hearing senators talk about his proposed changes in the rules and has been unable to talk back.

Today however, the "little senate" had a session. It adopted the vice president's proposed amendment of the rules by a vote of 14 to 2, and heard Mr. Dawes speak on the subject at a luncheon later. The vice president, however, did not confine himself to the rules. He dispensed some of the homely philosophy for which he is famous among the kids of his own home town.

WILL OUTLINE LINEN MILL PLANS TODAY

WIRE STATES BUDGET WILL MEET ALL DEMANDS

Withdrawal of Canadian Interests Expands Scope of Local Production

A telegram from a high, though unnamed authority, was received yesterday, stating that the budget adopted at the last meeting of directors of the new Oregon Linnen Mills, Inc., was adequate to construct and equip the plant outlined in that report.

Items covered by the budget include the purchase of a site, the building of a strictly modern plant for the preparation of flax and conversion into linen crash toweling and fine linen textiles.

Docketers have been sent out requesting all stockholders to be present for the meeting called for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Monday, when the program has been held open to the linen mill officers for a thorough explanation of recent developments, particularly those since the withdrawal of Canadian interests.

"The reason we are asking the stockholders to be present at this meeting is that 10 days would be required to give notice for a regular stockholders meeting and we consider this a speedy and easy way of getting the information to them concerning the situation."

"Under the original plan it was agreed to give 1000 shares of stock to the Canadian interests in return for their skill and knowledge in development of the industry. In addition it was the understanding that only lower grade stuff was to be manufactured out of tow, this tow being procurable in this country under a 1 per cent duty. Under the new plan high class fiber will be used for production of high class linens. This and the high class linens are what fiber is protected by a heavy duty produce the money."

"Withdrawal of the Canadian interests, therefore, does not handicap the mill in any way. We have been particularly fortunate in securing the services of J. J. Aldred for development of the new project."

"Our plan is to order the machinery immediately after the meeting Monday. The budget provides for machinery with 100 looms, 1235 spindles, and we will be able to buy the machinery and site, erect a building and pay all expenses in connection with this work and have \$100,000 left for working capital."

TAX RAISE CONSIDERED

FRENCH PEOPLE MAY GET BILL AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Government bills demanding of the taxpayers several billions more francs annually will be one of the Christmas presents of the French people, if M. Doumer, the finance minister, succeeds in his present plans. He is exerting himself to get financial restoration scheme ready to present to the cabinet Friday morning in order to have his bills introduced in the chamber before measures which are being prepared by the radical-socialist coalition see the light of day.

The total amount of additional revenue the government will ask for remains a secret as well as the principal details of the scheme. It is affirmed in circles close to M. Doumer that the minister still sticks to the idea of doubling the tax on the business turnover, but it is asserted in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies of the left that he has made concessions on that point to the radical members of the cabinet.

CHRISTMAS BONUS GIVEN

BEND, Or., Dec. 23.—Twelve thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars in crisp new five-dollar bills were distributed today by the Brooks-Seaton Lumber company and Sheelin-Hixon company, to employees of the operations as Christmas bonuses.

CONFERENCE IS HELD ON LEAGUE PROBLEM

President Seeks to Determine Views Held by Leaders in Congress

BORAH SAID IN ACCORD

Congressional Sanction Sought for Participation in Preliminary Arms Conference at Geneva

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge in working out a plan to accept the league of nations invitation to a preliminary discussion of an armament conference, has sought the views of congressional leaders as the best methods of procedure.

He conferred today with Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee and Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, and Lenroot, republican of Wisconsin, as to whether congressional sanction should be given in advance of participation in the preliminary Geneva meeting at which an effort will be made to draw up an agenda for the projected world arms conference.

The request for such sanction would take the form of a bill carrying an appropriation to defray the expenses of American participation. Opinion at the capitol as to the admissibility of this course appears now to be divided, but Senator Lenroot told the president that most senators favored acceptance of the invitation. Senator Borah and others of the irreconcilables in the league of nations fight hold that acceptance should be conditioned upon a very thorough understanding that the proposed disarmament conference would not consider European security pacts and that the country would not enter into any kind of agreement in which the league of nations would be called upon ultimately to put into force.

ARMORY PARTY TONIGHT

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM SET FOR 7 O'CLOCK

Program of Elks, Salvation Army and Bligh theatre Christmas tree at Armory Thursday night, starting promptly at 7:30. By pupils of Mrs. R. L. White: Dance from Holland, Zoe Daniels, Margaret Bell. Russian Duet, Cynthia Delano, Maxine Meyers. Indian Slave Dance, Elizabeth Waters. By pupils of Sacred Heart Academy: Reading, Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Christmas Carols, By Chorus of Girls. Violin Duet, (Jesu Bambino), Claudine Gerth, Esther Birch. Piano Solo, (2nd Mazurka—Godard), Gladys La Forest. Doors to Armory will be open at 7 o'clock.

EXPORT CORPORATION IS WANTED BY FARM GROUP

COOPERATIVE MARKETING IS SAID INSUFFICIENT

Surplus Crop Problem Taken Up; Government Agency Is Sought By Bloc

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The congressional farm bloc will not be content if the administration confines its program for solving the farmer's difficulty to the cooperative marketing measures.

Leaders from the western farming belt are preparing to wage a fight for some direct means of disposing of farm surplus through an export corporation.

Their plan apparently goes much farther than any either President Coolidge or Secretary Jardine has been willing to approve. Both have expressed opposition to proposals involving price fixing or the buying and selling of surplus crops through a government agency. That the administration is considering the surplus crop problem, however, was disclosed last night with the announcement by Mr. Jardine that he intended to call a series of conferences with leaders in agriculture and economics to seek a solution through cooperative organization of farmers.

Before any move is made in congress by the farm bloc, efforts will be made to get the support of President Coolidge for their idea. Senator Capper, republican of Kansas, one of the recognized leaders of the movement declared today that they still hoped to get President Coolidge "behind legislation" to create an export corporation.

Several bills have been prepared to set up a government corporation to handle surplus crops and the McNary-Haugen bill, which failed of passage at the last session has been reintroduced in the senate and house.

GIVEN HOLIDAY PARDON

F. C. SCHULTE IS TO BE MARRIED IN VANCOUVER

Fred C. Schulte, former constable at Reedsport, Douglas county, who was released from the state prison here yesterday after receiving a full pardon from Governor Pierce, has left for Vancouver, Wash., and will be married there to Mrs. Winnie Drews, it was said here last night.

The marriage will be the culmination of a romance in Reedsport started years ago, it is said. They were to be married in December, 1923, but the wedding was postponed when Schulte was sent to the prison. Mrs. Drews visited him a number of times while he was here.

He was received at the prison on December 15, 1923, following conviction on a charge of accepting a bribe. It was said that the bribe was accepted by Schulte in connection with a liquor violation.

MUST PROVE TITLE TO CAR OWNERSHIP

Officers Told to Demand Proof of Title Before Issuing Permit

AFFECTS 1926 LICENSES

Holder of Temporary Permits Which Expire Must Comply With State Law if Located Permanently

Sheriffs and other peace officers of the state of Oregon were requested in a letter prepared by the secretary of state yesterday not to issue temporary license plates to motor vehicle owners whose machines have not heretofore been licensed.

Copies of the letter will be sent to all officers in Oregon, according to announcement made at the state department.

"When an applicant for a 1926 motor vehicle license presents himself to the sheriff with his application for such license," reads the letter, "he must exhibit to the sheriff either a certificate of title or the certificate and receipt of registration issued at the time and in conjunction with such certificate of title as evidence that such motor vehicle owner has complied with the law requiring him to secure certificate of title for his motor vehicle."

"In those cases where no such evidence is presented by an applicant for a 1926 license such applicant must make application for certificate of title thereto at the same time and attach it to his application for a 1926 license. The sheriffs are asked to include all such cases in separate group of transactions from those for 1926 licenses for which certificates of title have already been secured by the owners of the vehicles described in the respective applications."

Information obtained by him here, he said, would be used to facilitate the investigation into restriction of crude rubber production authorized by the house.

WARD TOTS MADE HAPPY

MRS. COOLIDGE BRINGS CHEER TO TINY CRIPPLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Coolidge on a just before Christmas visit to children's hospitals today, ended a tiny cripple who had become frightened at a photographer's flashlight, kissed away his tears, made him about the happiest youngster in town.

Santa Claus was giving a party for the children and the wife of the president went from ward to ward spreading cheer and admiring their Christmas tree and gifts. She stopped at the bed of a little red headed girl and a group of photographers suggested it as a setting for a picture with several other children forming a background.

The preparations for a flash light frightened a three year old boy and as two big tears welled out on his cheeks he timidly whispered to Mrs. Coolidge: "I'm scared; won't you take me in your lap?" She did, kissed away the tears, and brought an ear to ear smile on his face when she urged him to "look at the funny man taking the picture."

GRANT WALDESPER TIME

INJURIES WILL KEEP DEFENDANT IN HOSPITAL

Trial for Carl Waldespel, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, has been indefinitely postponed by City Judge Poulsen. Postponement was granted upon motion of Guy Smith, attorney for Waldespel.

Reason given is that Waldespel is physically incapable of attending the trial. Recently, it is said, he was struck by an automobile and sustained a broken hip.

According to the affidavit submitted by Smith, Waldespel is still at the Willamette sanitarium. Following is an excerpt of the affidavit:

"I have this morning conversed with one of the nurses in said institution above named who states that she is familiar with the Waldespel case and familiar with his condition and she believes that it will be at least six weeks before he is able to leave the hospital."

While date has not been set again for the trial, Judge Poulsen states it will not be held until Waldespel is able to leave the hospital. This makes the fifth postponement of the trial.

SIMPLE LIVING LAUDED

SOCIETY REVIVES MEMORY OF "OLD PARR," 152

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The memory of Thomas Parr, who set England's standard of longevity by living to be 152 years old, is being invoked in a campaign by the Long Life society in favor of simple living.

"Old Parr" lived under ten English monarchs, from 1482 to 1635 and the authenticity of the record is attested by a slab in Westminster Abbey, where England's great are remembered.

Until nearly the end of his life he lived on the simplest fare, wholegrain bread, milk, cheese and fruit and at 120 he was hale enough to marry a second time. But when he reached 152 his fame reached the ears of King Charles I, who invited him to London and feasted him so that he died.

CONGRESS IS TO ASSIST AMERICAN RUBBER FIRMS

PROTECTION FROM FOREIGN COMBINE IS SAID NEED

Restriction of Output by British Interests Brings About High Prices

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives, after a tour of Akron rubber plants and conferences with officials of the companies today, said tonight that congress is seeking every means to help American rubber manufacturers meet British restrictions and competition.

"There seems to be a combined effort on the part of every foreign nation producing rubber to restrict its output, thereby increasing the price of rubber products," he declared.

Information obtained by him here, he said, would be used to facilitate the investigation into restriction of crude rubber production authorized by the house.

In an address tonight, Mr. Longworth described restrictions imposed by foreign nations on production and exports of rubber as an international swindle.

The recent artificial and unfair increases in rubber prices are handicapping a great industry and robbing the public of millions of dollars, he said.

"While there is a question as to what power congress may have in this matter," he continued, "it is going to bring before the American people, who don't like to be suckers, the situation as it exists today."

"We have placed the investigation in charge of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, one of the most important committees in congress because we consider the problem a serious one."

Harvey S. Firestone, P. W. Litchfield, Jacob Pfeiffer, W. O. Rutherford, William O'Neil and other rubber officials are expected to testify before the house committee during the hearings on the question.

CRASH VICTIMS INJURED

Washington Man Is Semi-Conscious Condition

Lawrence Dupree of Carson, Washington, was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon when his car collided with one driven by Carl Johnson, route 2, Gervais, near the Chemawa Road and Pacific highway, about five miles north of Salem.

Dupree was rushed to a local hospital by the Golden Ambulance where, last night, he was said to be in a semi-conscious condition. He received severe injuries about the head, and his car was demolished. Johnson was cut and bruised.

YAP IS HIT BY STORM

NO CASUALTIES REPORTED WHEN WAVE STRIKES ISLE

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The navy department reports that the island of Yap experienced a tidal wave and storm on December 15. Buildings along the coast were severely damaged but there were no casualties. The wireless station was not damaged.

OFFER IS ACCEPTED

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Telegraphic acceptance of Seattle's offer of facilities and assistance in outfitting the Wilkins expedition for the proposed non-stop flight from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen next summer was received by the Seattle chamber of commerce today.

GENERAL BUTLER IS OUSTED FROM POST

Scrappy Marine Officer Dismissed From Philadelphia Department

QUITS OFFICE FIGHTING

Mayor Kendrick Accused of Lack of Moral Courage; Letters Thrown Open to Public Inspection

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler today was dismissed as director of public safety of Philadelphia and the scrappy marine officer went out fighting.

Before he quit his office, General Butler released for public inspection a mass of correspondence from Mayor W. Freedland Kendrick in which he accused the chief executive of lack of moral courage in enforcing the prohibition law.

General Butler asserted in a memorandum he gave out that the mayor ordered him to "lay off big places."

"There is a difference between a \$7,000,000 investment and a cheap place which blackmailed people," the mayor is quoted by General Butler to have said.

Mayor Kendrick made no comment on the correspondence, but earlier in the day issued an appeal to the people to support him in interfering with the law.

"My friends I know, will support me and the other citizens will be compelled to do so," he said.

Assistant Director George W. Elliott succeeds General Butler as the head of the department. The latest developments in the two days of dramatic occurrences at the city hall bring into the battle between the mayor and his ousted director, the names of the Ritz Carlton, Bellevue, Stratford and Walton hotels. General Butler said he wanted the Ritz Carlton padlocked for liquor law violations and the dance license of the Bellevue, Stratford and Walton revoked also for infractions of the prohibition law, but the mayor refused to consent.

Two rooms in the Ritz Carlton where a private party was being given, were raided recently by Police Magistrate Edwin P. Carney, who has been insisting that the "big fellows" be made to obey the law as well as the "little fellows."

A quantity of alleged intoxicating liquor was seized and other evidence obtained such a character that General Butler decided to proceed against the hotel. Edwin M. Abbott, counsel for the department, prepared padlocking papers and they were presented to the mayor. General Butler's memorandum states that he, Abbott and Elliott called on the mayor on December 7 in reference to padlocking the Ritz Carlton. The memorandum further says:

"The mayor stated he did not feel like proceeding against the Ritz, that it was a big hotel, that he needed room space for the Sesqui-Centennial; that Joe Widener had threatened to close the hotel anyway; that it was not necessary to padlock it; that there was a big difference between the treatment of a place like the Madrid (a local cafe) who go in off the street and have a party, and a big hotel like the Ritz where the people give private parties. All

PADLOCKING CONTINUED

FORTY-ONE NEW YORK CITY PLACES TO BE CLOSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—A holiday "padlock parade" with scheduled stops at 41 cabarets, night clubs and restaurants, including some of the most widely known in New York's white light district, was begun tonight under the direction of United States Attorney Buckner. Four deputy marshals each armed with ammofuses and complaints and each accompanied by prohibition agents and policemen, set out to institute padlock proceedings against the resorts on the basis of evidence already obtained by Buckner's aides and the local prohibition forces.

The drive is the largest yet undertaken by Buckner, although in two previous drives since he took office he proceeded first against 14 and then against 30 alleged violators.

The service of the padlock complaints is expected to be completed within a few days and each of the resorts will have 30 days in which to answer the charges. Buckner said the cases would be brought to trial as soon after the New Year as possible.

IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND

